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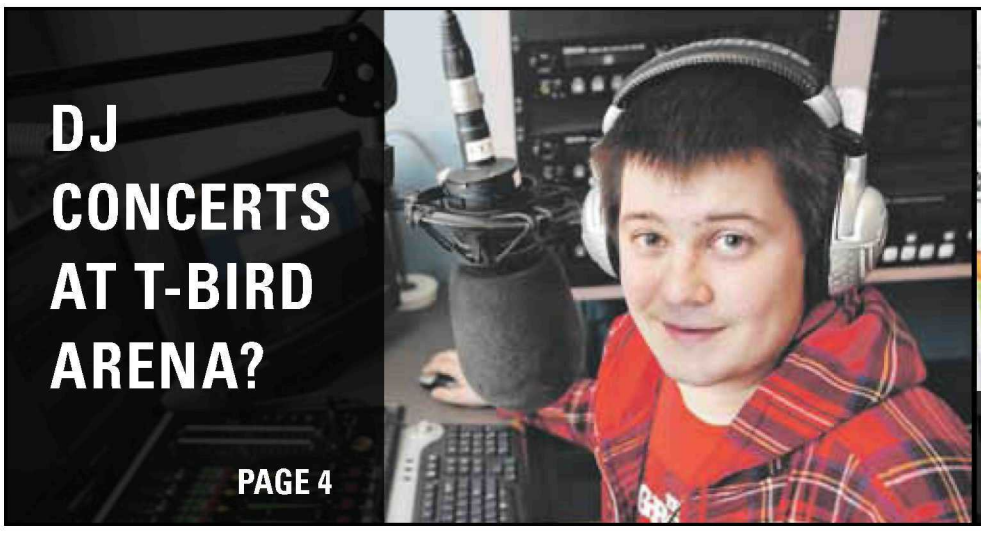

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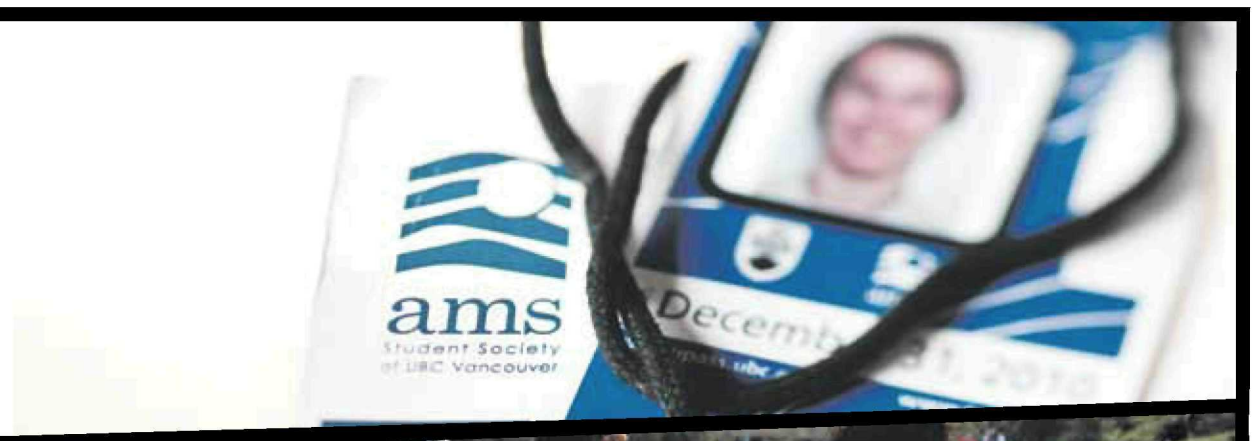

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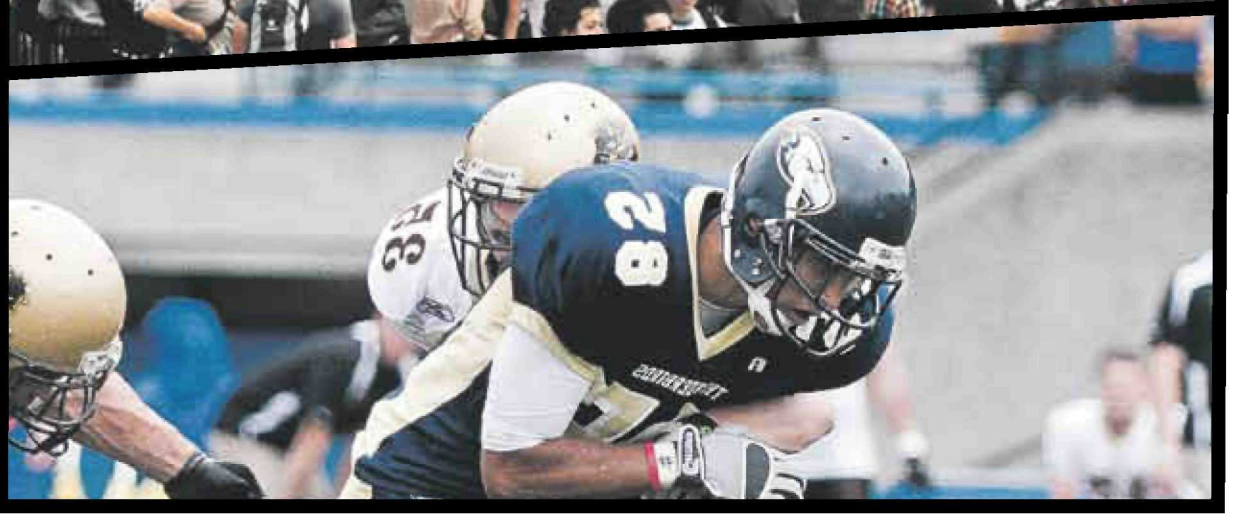

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MONDAY, SEPT. 20

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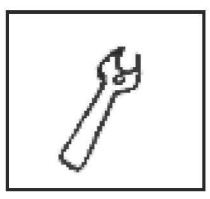
SECOND FRATERNITY RUSH

A chance for those who missed the first Rush to come check out the Greek system. Campus fraternities will host an open house for any interested people to learn about who they are and what they do. • *9:30pm, at the Greek Village (2880 Wesbrook Mall), Beta Theta Pi (2140 Wesbrook Mall), and Hillel House (next to the SUB).*

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21

DISSOLVE: SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

Dissolve is a one-woman show promoting sexual assault awareness. This performance contains information about sexual assault and/or violence against women which may be triggering to survivors. A Q&A with the performer will follow the show. • *8pm, Izzy Mac Lounge at Walter Gage Towers.*



BIKE REPAIR

Volunteers needed to help maintain the fleet of community bikes. No experience is necessary and new volunteers will learn how to do repairs by being paired with more experienced volunteers. Pizza is provided! Please wear something that can get dirty. • *6pm–9pm, the Bike Kitchen in the SUB.*

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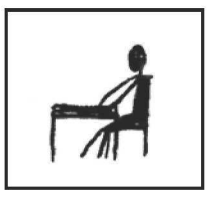

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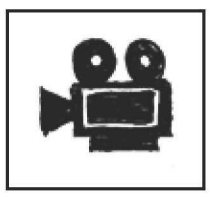

FILM SOCIETY SCREENING: KICK-ASS

The UBC Film Society will be showing *Kick-Ass*, an ultra-violent superhero comedy based on the hit comic book by Mark Millar. The film tells the story of an ordinary teenager, Dave, who sets out to become a real-life superhero, calling himself Kick-Ass. • *Sept. 22–26, 9pm, Norm Theatre, SUB, $2.50 Film Soc. members, $5 non-members.*

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AMS says no to October referendum

Linking questions to UPass vote seen as more politically feasible

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After months of planning and meetings, there will be no October referendum on student fees.

At Wednesday's AMS meeting, council decided not to bring forward any motions for a referendum, instead opting to wait until the new year in order to synchronize it with the UPass vote.

The planned questions for the October referendum included tying AMS fees to the Consumer Price Index, a number of fee increases that totaled $23 a year and various by-law changes.

In a presentation to council, VP Finance Elin Tayyar and VP Academic Ben Cappellacci argued to councillors that while a referendum will be necessary in the near future, it was in the AMS's best interest to hold off.

"We've hit a bend in the river, a fork in the road," said Cappellacci. "And we'd be shooting ourselves in the foot by doing it now."

The AMS will hold a referendum early next year over whether or not to renew the UPass at a new $30/month rate. In previous referendums for the UPass in 2005 and 2008, other questions on the ballot achieved quorum with ease because of the overwhelming number of students who voted. The proposed October ballot initiatives will now likely appear alongside the UPass referendum.

Despite being the strongest proponent of an October vote for several months, AMS President Bijan Ahmadian is confident that postponing the referendum means the questions are more likely to achieve quorum.

"I think it was the right decision," he said.

"We need to do some more market research on this to see what it is students want and what is of value to them and [we] need to look at brand awareness a little bit more."

The delay in the referendum also reopens the question of whether the AMS will ask students to increase their fees in addition to tying them to CPI.

"The CPI question is the minimum question we should tie in and the [increased] fee is...a question for market research," said Ahmadian.

"The by-laws [are] also something we should tie in, because the by-laws are really out of date and incompatible with the Society Act and we need to change that."

According to Tayyar, the executive made the decision to not pursue an October referendum only the night before Wednesday's council meeting.

Cappellacci still believes that a referendum is essential to the financial survival of the AMS.

"If we don't want to face a bunch of cuts and if we want to keep the budget, we need to face a referendum," he said.

> "We've hit a bend in the river, a fork in the road...we'd be shooting ourselves in the foot by doing it now."
> **BEN CAPPELLACCI**

The AMS hopes that tying their fate to the UPass will be a winning strategy. **DAVID ELOP PHOTO**/THE UBYSSEY

CUS to decide fate of conference tonight

Chair and founder abruptly resigns, leaving event in doubt

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A conference overseen by the Commerce Undergraduate Society (CUS) is in jeopardy following the abrupt resignation of its chair and founder last week under mysterious circumstances.

Khalil Kassam, a second-year Commerce student who was the driving force behind the Canadian Investing Conference (CIVC), stepped down. Members of the CUS and the CIVC have declined comment as to the why he left the position, with CUS President Connor McGauley telling *The Ubyssey* that it was a police and UBC matter. He said the CUS would release a statement on Monday.

It is unknown at this point whether CIVC will be retooled, or cancelled altogether.

"We're going over a speed bump right now, but like any speed bump, we'll get over it," said Dylan Callow, a member of the Board of Directors.

The CUS Board of Directors will meet Monday evening at 6pm to discuss the future of CIVC, which was scheduled to take place November 12-14 at the Fairmont Pacific Rim.

They had committed $49,000 towards the conference, which promised to offer "high profile professionals the opportunity to share perspectives, experiences and technical skills amongst the top business students in graduate and undergraduate [programs]."

Callow added that while no decisions had been made on the viability of CIVC, he was confident in the revamped team organizing the event.

Kassam, whose voicemail still identifies him as CIVC chair, resigned on September 14, hours before the CUS had an emergency meeting regarding the conference.

At that meeting, Ethan Gold, formerly Vice Chair and Corporate Relations of CIVC, was named acting chair until Monday's meeting.

"[Kassam's] out of the picture," said Kriti Dixit, Director of Marketing for CIVC. "I haven't been speaking to him."

She added that the CIVC website had been taken down "because we didn't want students to register when we couldn't promise them anything at this point."

"There's a lot of uncertainty at this time," Gold added. He declined further comment until after the meeting that will decide CIVC's future.

In July, CIVC was admitted as an official CUS event, making the organization financially and legally responsible for the conference. At a Board of Directors meeting on August 30, their budget, which included a $49,000 contribution from the CUS, was passed.

However, McGauley was adamant that the CUS was not in any financial risk, and that the society was focused on salvaging both the conference and the reputations of the organizers—Kassam excepted.

"I feel for what Khalil's going through as a human being right now, but he has his own problems to deal with," said McGauley.

Dixit hoped that a compromise could be reached that would see the conference continue, albeit with a smaller budget than before.

"There are a lot of people who put a lot of hard work in this and will try and deliver," she said.

"The hope is that the hard work we put into it doesn't go to waste. Instead of scrapping this whole thing all together, we can come to consensus.

"A lot of people's reputations are in jeopardy."

Tonight's meeting is at 6pm in the Henry Angus Building.

NEWS BRIEFS

AUS HOLDS BY-ELECTIONS THIS WEEK

Voting for an Arts Undergraduate Society by-election begins on Tuesday, September 21. Over 29 candidates will be fighting for the 15 positions that are up for grabs. These include AUS president, VP internal, VP finance, four AMS reps, three general officers, two first-year reps, one second-year rep, one third-year rep and a fourth-year rep. Voting opens 8am on Monday and closes Friday, September 24 at 4pm. You can vote online at WebVote or at one of the several voting stations in Buchanan. For information on voting and a list of candidates, visit *www.ubcvotes.ca/arts*.

UBC MOVES UP IN WORLDWIDE RANKINGS

The University of British Columbia is ranked the 30th best university in the world, and the second best in Canada, according to the Times Higher Education's World University Rankings. Canada ranked as the fifth best performing country with eight other Canadian schools in the top 200 of the British-dominated list.

U of T was the highest ranked Canadian school at 17, dethroning McGill, which came in at 35. This year's version sees research heavyweights Waterloo, Calgary, Western Ontario and Queen's fall out of the top 200 entirely. In contrast, one relative underdog, the University of Victoria, was celebrating after being promoted into the global elite for the first time.

BC RESEARCHERS GAIN $3.1M FOR CANCER RESEARCH

A team of researchers from UBC, the BC Cancer Agency and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute have received a $3.1-million grant from the Terry Fox Foundation to study genetic aspects of rare cancers.

The team is one of four in Canada receiving a total of $14.8 million from the foundation under a new partnership with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for the Terry Fox New Frontiers Program Project Grants at CIHR.

The team will use DNA sequencing technology to study 12 tumours that currently lack effective diagnostics and treatments.

PRESIDENT TOOPE HOLDS TOWN HALL ON MONDAY

On Monday, September 20, UBC President Stephen Toope will hold a UBC Vancouver Town Hall at the Chan Centre. The event will run from 11:30am to 1pm. Toope will be giving an update on *Place and Promise: The UBC Plan*, and other important initiatives at the university. Q & A opportunities with the UBC community and senior administration will be available.

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UNA and Athletics divided on DJ shows

Will the streets be filled with techno? **DAVID ELOP PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

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UBC Athletics wants to host DJ concerts in Thunderbird Arena. One small catch—they need the support of their neighbours in the UNA and RCMP.

Representatives from Athletics, the AMS, the RCMP, and the University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA) will be meeting with UBC VP Students Brian Sullivan on Wednesday, September 22, to discuss the possibility of hosting up to eight DJ shows throughout the year.

"I honestly think it would be amazing," said AMS VP Academic Ben Cappellacci. "I'm confident that it's going to be a great thing for UBC Athletics and a great thing for students at UBC."

Alnoor Aziz, the associate director and Chief Financial Officer of UBC Athletics, believed the shows would be enjoyed by UBC students and would improve a tenuous financial situation for UBC Athletics with regards to the arena.

"The concert business has dried up," he said. "The biggest promoter, Live Nation, is not doing mid-level concerts anymore."

Aziz went on to say that because Thunderbird Arena is not attracting the medium sized concerts it was intended to, Athletics needs these shows to help pay for the maintenance of the arena. They are asking for two trial shows to see whether or not events would work well on campus.

Mike Feeley, the outgoing Chair of the UNA, expressed some concerns about the proposed events.

"If it is supported by AMS students, this is something we would very strongly support," he said.

"But we never know with Athletics if it's something they're doing in their role to provide services to students, or something they're doing in their role to maximize revenue."

At a UNA meeting in August, RCMP Staff Sgt Kevin Kenna worried that DJ shows could attract unsavoury characters, including gang members and drug dealers.

Cappellacci, however, didn't believe this would be an issue.

"I think given trends of music and the culture of DJ shows, they're a lot more constructive, a lot less violent," he said.

"I've thought about it quite a bit and the only thing that I can see as a problem would be if the police started doing huge crackdowns."

UBC library goes live with a personal touch

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Irving K. Barber is set to get alive and kicking this week with the first ever "living library," a unique project that rents out people, as opposed to books.

The aim of the living library is to allow students to engage with people with interesting and different experiences in a respectful environment. It will take place on Wednesday, September 22, from 10am to 1pm.

The first of its kind at UBC, the idea is that people are, "lent out like books," and given the opportunity to share their experiences with students.

Glenn Drexhage, one of the event organizers, said he is excited for the big day to come.

"This is a unique way to engage with members of the UBC community that can provide students with an open-minded comparison to their own lives," he said. "If people aren't interested, that's completely fine. This may not be the sort of event that suits everyone. But if they are interested, all the better.

"The idea is to reach out to staff, students, faculty, and the broader community and encourage them to get involved and meet some candidates who come from very different backgrounds," he said.

"We certainly don't want to reinforce stereotypes or cliches. Rather, we want to encourage open conversation and an exchange of ideas."

Drexhage hopes that this event will attract a lot of interest, so as to become a regular fixture on campus.

Joanne Ursion, one of the participants, is an equity officer at UBC and a campaigner for queer unionists.

"Having my voice shared with students will not only bring a new and creative way to share conversation, but build connections between faculty and students," she said.

"I think that during these tough times economically, we need to not forget our creativity. We need to be aware of social justice within the UBC community, and how to respond to it creatively together, and this is my offering."

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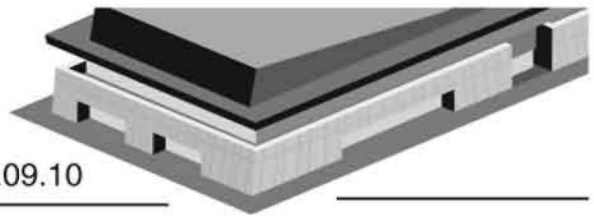

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Over 1000 attend FarmAde

Despite success, future of farm still uncertain

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People sipped locally brewed beer from compostable cups. Kids played around a chicken coop as the twangy sound of the Agora String Band reverberated across the open field. It was a perfect fall day.

For many who attended last Friday's FarmAde, the threat of development of the UBC Farm is a thing of the past. Others warn that there is no reason to relax just yet.

FarmAde is an annual fundraising festival held at UBC's 24-hectare learning and research farm. The festival is organized by Friends of the Farm, a club that coordinates action and advocacy around the farm, and is sponsored by the Alma Mater Society (AMS). The event began eight years ago as an attempt to raise awareness about the Farm, nestled deep in south campus and not often frequented by students. In 2008, the farm was thrust into the spotlight by an aggressive publicity campaign led by Friends of the Farm over the lack of clarity surrounding its future.

When options discussed with Campus and Community Planning, the body responsible for development on campus, failed to produce results preserving the farm's current size, Friends of the Farm turned to the student body. Friends of the Farm collected 16,000 signatures in favour of keeping the farm at 24 hectares. Two thousand students marched across campus in the Great Farm Trek in 2009, and 1000 people attended FarmAde in 2008 to help 'save the farm.'

These actions resulted in a statement from UBC's Board of Governors promising not to develop the farm as long as housing density could be transferred to other parts of campus. With last year's event drawing fewer than 500 supporters, some felt the farm was no longer in danger of development. But Andrea Morgan, then president of Friends of the Farm, stressed that the area was still zoned for future housing. "We are winning the fight to preserve and secure the future of the Farm, but the process could drag on," she said.

This year, the mood has changed. Anelyse Weiler, current president of Friends of the Farm, believes that things have come a long way. "[The farm] is a lot better as far as the land security," she said. "Right now it's still designated as a future housing reserve/academic reserve. What Campus and Community Planning and the Board of Governors are proposing is to change that designation to green academic.

"We are pleased with the dynamic of discussion that we've had with them."

AMS president Bijan Ahmadian shares Weiler's optimism, "I have full confidence that the farmland is completely secured, so it's not something that is on our radar as something that is in danger any more."

According to AMS Food and Beverage Manager Nancy Toogood, one of the event's organizers, this year's FarmAde broke records. While there is no official count, Toogood estimated between 1100 and 1500 people were in attendance. Most people said that they had come to have a good time and enjoy the music. "This is definitely the perfect time to have FarmAde, on a Friday," said one Forestry grad. "It's nice, the weather's awesome, the music is good, although it could be a little louder."

Toogood remarked that holding the event on a Friday was part of the reason for the bigger crowd. FarmAde 2009 was held on a Thursday. "Thursdays just aren't the party days, so we've gone back to a Friday," she said.

"It was spectacular. It was the best FarmAde we've ever had."

Revellers at FarmAde. More than 1000 people attended this year's fundraiser. **MICHAEL THIBAULT PHOTO/** THE UBYSSEY

Peace, love, laser tag and hippie parenting

LIFE WITH KRISTY DINDORF

My mom was a hippie. This meant that throughout my childhood, while other children got to play *Grand Theft Auto* and shoot guns at various Playstation characters, I was playing the Sims on my mother's ancient Dell laptop. The most violent I ever got was building a metropolis in SimCity and then completely destroying it by alien attack (is there any other reason to build a city in that game other than for the pleasure of using the "destruct!" button?). The main thread of my mother's teachings were: violence is bad. Guns are bad. Peace, love and all that. So, the other week, as I strapped on a suit of body armour and hoisted my laser tag gun for the first time, I knew I was about to be slaughtered.

Laser tag is basically running around in war gear shooting people in a darkened room. Intellectual stimulation? Naught. Encouraging violent tendencies involving weaponry? Quite possibly. I doubt my mother would approve. As I ran into the room, I was immediately shot by an evil-looking eight-year-old girl with pigtails. Yet another example of how children are being corrupted by violent games. By the end of the first game, I was drenched in sweat and dead last in the round.

The main reason I lost? Little children. We should all love little children. They are the future, and they will provide us with peace once The Man is dead and gone. In laser tag, though, they're evil personified. That eight-year-old girl with pigtails shadowed me the entire game, shooting me in the back. My fellow teammates, all of us university students, were being massacred by tiny minions of doom, who we hated with a burning passion. If that little girl ever brings peace to Earth, it will because she has killed everyone else on the planet.

That being said, laser tag is the most fun anybody could ever have. Ever. There is nothing more amusing than shooting your friends and running away. (Do not shoot your friends in real life. That would make you a bad friend.) Particularly fun is shooting your boyfriend repeatedly from various sniper positions. I suppose this makes me a terrible hippie child, because I enjoyed the whole shooting experience.

However, it has inspired a brilliant International Diplomacy plan. Instead of real war, we build a giant laser tag stadium in Geneva and have our best soldiers battle it out in three rounds. And we unleash eight-year-old children into the ring as well. How much fighting can world powers do when they're all trying to fend off evil moppets from Hell?

Yes, laser tag will end war as we know it. And that is definitely in keeping with my upbringing. Peace, love, and laser tag.

ALBUM REVIEWS

PHIL STOREY
Contributor

BLACK MOUNTAIN—*Wilderness Heart*

Black (insert-noun-here) is a popular name in the indie world. Black Angels, Black Keys, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, Black Francis, Black Lips and Black Mountain. Someday soon I hope to see a band with a less hard-core colour/shade name (perhaps Pink Mountain—oh, wait). Black Mountain have been around for years, and though they seem to have a lot of talent, I'm not sure they know how to use it. Generally, each album starts out with an amazing song, before retreating into banality. *Wilderness Heart* is no different.

After "The Hair Song," a top-notch opener, the band loses steam. The second and third tracks are nothing worth mentioning. The album picks up again somewhat with "Rollercoaster," an epic rock song that goes on too long for my liking. There are a few more flashes of brilliance with "Buried By the Blues," "The Way To Gone" and "Wilderness Heart," an excellent song that reminds me of my favourite track off of their self-titled album.

While Black Mountain's schizophrenic style is a credit to them, I always wish that their albums were better put together. I would, however, heartily recommend *Wilderness Heart*, especially if you think that indie rock has become boring and formulaic.

NO AGE—*Everything In Between*

While No Age haven't lost much of their explosive energy, it does seem that they have gotten older. Where *Nouns*, their previous album, started out with a bang, *Everything In Between* is more laid back.

"Glitter," a noisy but beautiful soundscape and their first single, is probably the most accessible they have ever been. This isn't to say that No Age has lost all of their intensity. It's almost as if they were afraid of their newfound approachability, as the next song, "Fever Dreaming," once more transports the listener to a *Nouns* era rock out. It's a mixed bag of everything in between their old grungy, out-of-control rock, and a new, much more controlled or polished sound.

I have a feeling that old No Age fans might not get what they are looking for, but for what it's worth, I enjoyed their new complexity—even as the band struggles for identity.

Arkells on Hugo Chavez, Canadian financial system

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The hook? Pizza. Line? Rock concert. And the sinker—some good old aggressive marketing. While the Toronto Dominion Bank-sponsored Arkells show last Thursday was probably dreamed up in a boardroom, the golden boys of Hamilton, Ontario managed to bring some honest to god rock 'n roll to an audience that actually seemed excited about what they were seeing. Take that, you suits! *The Ubyssey* caught up with keyboardist Dan Griffin after the show.

UBYSSEY: How did you guys start playing together?

DAN GRIFFIN: We met in Hamilton [Ontario] and we were all kinda looking for other people to play with. We'd been going to school at McMaster, and we came together through a lot of different ways. I think we were all really happy that we found a band finally.

U: What was McMaster like? Was it hard to form a band there?

DG: We were out playing open mics, and hanging around at the Casbah, which is a local club, just trying to meet as many musicians as possible. I think it was only a matter of time before we came together.

U: You guys won the Juno award this year for New Group of the Year. Can you tell me a little about this experience?

DG: The coolest part was the amount of emails, support and love we got from family and friends and fans of the band. It was one of those moments where you stop and look back on the past couple of years.

U: Has anything changed since you got this award? For example, how you think about the band or the sort of gigs you've been getting?

DG: It's hard to say. We just sort of stick to our plan, which has always been to put on the best shows we can and write the best songs we can. It's a really nice thing, but at the end of the day, it's not why we do it. Whenever you get some sort of recognition like that, you sort of stop for a moment, then you get back to work, back to rehearsals, back to doing what [you] love.

U: Do you guys play Vancouver often? Have you ever gotten into anything wild in Vancouver?

DG: Vancouver has always been a really supportive place for us and we've met a lot of great people out here. Tonight we're gonna go see the Said the Whale guys, Mother Mother, there's so much great stuff out here. So we've never felt Vancouver [is] too far away—even though it really is. We played a strip bar that had been turned into a club for the weekend. It was one of our first introductions to Vancouver.

U: What bands are you listening to these days?

DG: Right now we're listening to a lot of Spoon. We love a lot of Canadian stuff that's going on: Joel Plaskett, Tokyo Police Club. We're all over the place. We listen to a lot of 60s music. A lot of Motown, Stevie Wonder. We love the Constantines. They were a really inspirational band to so many Southern Ontario bands.

U: I was wondering if you could talk a little bit about the song "Ballad of Hugo Chavez"?

DG: We did a lot of PoliSci in school, and some of us read his biography. From a songwriting perspective, we love writing songs about real people and using their stories to relate back to us and things around us. Hugo Chavez has such a weird history. This song takes place in the early 90s when he was in jail and lost his eyesight. A lot of the songs on *Jackson Square* are based on true stories. "Champagne Socialist" is about a relative of ours.

U: Do you guys identify as lefties?

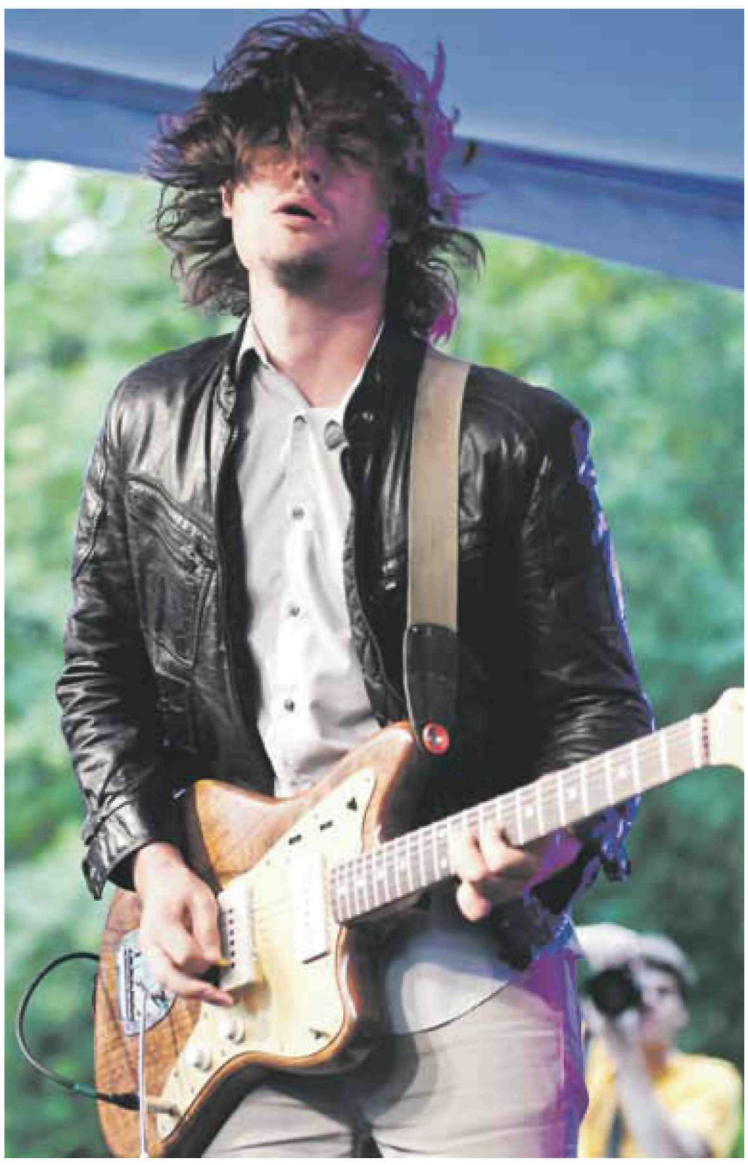
DG: We're not involved a lot in politics. What's most important for us is writing good songs. We try to take care, if we're doing a biographical song, to approach it with as much honesty and compassion as possible.

U: I have to ask: does anyone in the Arkells bank with TD?

DG: (Laughs) I think a few of us bank with TD. There's only a handful of banks to choose from in Canada.

U: At least they don't need bailing out.

DG: They're all staples of the Canadian economy. The cool thing is when a place like TD wants to step up and put on a concert outdoors, I think it's really cool. I thought they did a good job. We love any chance we get to play a university. It reminds us of back when we were in school.



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UBC loses homecoming

30 unanswered points give winless Bisons a victory

DRAKE FENTON
Contributor

Last weekend, the Thunderbirds shocked the CIS by travelling to Saskatchewan and beating the No. 2 ranked Huskies, 31-12. The win generated a lot of confidence and swagger within the 'Birds locker room. They had proved to themselves that they could play and beat anyone in the Canada West.

Fast forward one week to UBC's homecoming: the scene is a dejected T-Birds squad retreating from Thunderbird field to their locker room after suffering a 40-17 defeat at the hands of the visiting Manitoba Bisons.

Are these Birds Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde? Coach Shaun Olsen doesn't think so. In fact, he wasn't even shocked with the outcome on Saturday.

"I thought Manitoba was a good football team. I was wondering how our guys were going to respond. Our team lacks a lot of experience, and people think games are won on Saturdays, but they are won every day, and I think we lost this one through the course of the week."

Olsen felt like his squad didn't have a great week of practice, and came into the matchup mentally unprepared to challenge a winless but hungry adversary.

Manitoba proved this point in the second quarter. After UBC established a 17-10 lead, Manitoba's offense responded. Bison Khaleal Williams threw a pair of touchdown passes to catapult the Bisons into the lead. One of these was a 69-yard bomb to receiver Quincy Hurst. Hurst, a former track star, blew past the 'Birds' secondary, en route to the touchdown that marked the beginning of Manitoba's dominance over UBC.

Thunderbird Victor Marshall had one catch for eight yards on Saturday. **JON CHIANG**/THE UBYSSEY

At half time, when Manitoba led 24-17, the game was still up for grabs. The third quarter was decisive and exposed the lack of experience and maturity that Olsen felt was his squad's downfall.

It was not until the very last play of the third that UBC generated a first down. The offence was out of rhythm and unable to move the ball up the field. 'Birds' quarterback Billy Greene had made eleven completions for 238 yards in the first half, whereas in the third quarter he only had two completions for 37 yards. The defence wasn't much better. At times it was stingy and aggressive and at other times it was tame and uninspired. The Bisons were able to pile up 283 yards rushing, with roughly 200 of those yards coming in the second half.

Though it was a tough loss, moving UBC to 1-2, Olsen felt there was no need to panic.

"It doesn't mean we are out of the playoffs...I hope our guys learn from this. We need to bring it every single play and in every single rep [in practice]... so much of this game is mental, and comes down to execution. I don't think our guys had that mental edge this week."

GAME NOTES

Star running back Dave Boyd left the game with a high ankle sprain. His return is undetermined...Fifth year middle linebacker Nathan Kanya sat out the game with a neck injury...Receiver Spencer Betts tallied 4 catches for a game-leading 133 yards....UBC quarterback Billy Greene completed ten more passes, 19, than his Manitoba counterpart, Khaleal Williams...UBC plays at home next Friday night against the University of Regina.

SCOREBOARD

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The number of goals Vickie Pearson, who missed last season because of a knee surgery, scored in the second half of the women's season opener against the Calgary Dinos.

2

Final standing of the men's cross-country team at the Sundodger Invitational in Bellingham, Washington.

3

Consecutive games UBC men's soccer has scored the winning goal on a penalty kick.

3

Number of UBC varsity teams that will set foot in Asia this month.

30

Unanswered points by Manitoba's football team against UBC in Saturday's homecoming game

2746

Number of people at Thunderbird Arena for Saturday's football match against the Manitoba Bisons.

Women's basketball hopes to capture Fu Gong Cup

MICHELE HELMECZI
Contributor

When you think of Asia, you usually don't think of tall, athletic basketball players. But that is exactly where UBC's women will be traveling this Tuesday to take on some of Asia's top universities in the Fu Gong Cup. They will return on October 2.

"I had no idea that we were going until I was already attending UBC," said rookie Kristjana Young, who thought she wouldn't be going on a trip any time soon because the team went to Cuba last December.

Held in Taipei, Taiwan, the eight-team tournament is invitation-only. The T-Birds were able to secure a spot because of long-time supporter and Taipei-native, John Wong.

Abroad, the veterans will have a chance to better get to know the team's three rookies. "Every year brings new faces, and this tournament will allow us to bond as a team on the court and off," third-year Lia St. Pierre said.

"China and Taiwan will be very cool. It's the beginning of the season... I'll get to know my teammates a little better... that's what I'm looking forward to most," Young said.

Flying to Beijing after Taipei, the team will have two days to see some of the Far East's gems.

"A big part of [the trip] is the cultural experience... It's a big emphasis in our recruiting efforts to get some international travel experience.... the girls get to see some sights they may never see. We're going to try and get to the Great Wall. We're going to try and get to Tiananmen Square. It'll open their eyes," Watts said.

But the athlete's academics won't be forgotten. Even though these girls are missing school to travel and play basketball they will not get a scholastic break, women's head coach Deb Huband said.

With their regular season starting on October 22, the coaches wanted to get a chance to play against some foreign teams. "We always try and plan some exhibition travel in early October just to see where we're at against other people, other teams," assistant coach Carrie Watts said.

Recognizing and being able to counter different playing styles and learn from them, St. Pierre said, was something that Huband has stressed frequently in the past few weeks.

Huband has had the women training over 10 sessions per week, including on-court practice, weight sessions and early morning sessions, to give her team a fighting chance in Asia.

Last season ended early for the T-Birds. They did not make it out of the first round of the playoffs. "I want to see us take what we ended off with, and what we have added in the off season and build on it going into the preseason," St. Pierre said.

—with files from Ian Turner

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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NATHAN KANYA Football

Nathan "Congo" Kanya is a linebacker on the football team. Back from a season-ending injury last year, the fifth year was a defensive powerhouse against the Saskatchewan Huskies. He made an impressive nine tackles, helping pull off the 31-12 upset in the Prairies. UBC's first win against Saskatchewan in ten long years. Kanya's consistently strong and key plays earned him Canada West and CIS defensive player of the week.

— Amelia Rajala, Thunderbird Athletic Council

Working out on campus

HENRY LEBARD
Contributor

BIKING
For road cyclists, pedalling along Marine Drive and down to Spanish Banks can be a delightful activity any time of day, but don't forget that the return to UBC is quite a demanding, steep climb on Tolmie Street from the beach to West 10th Avenue. For those who prefer mountain biking, the endowment lands provide a pleasant and somewhat serene path through tall coniferous forests, where coyotes roam. Unfortunately, the rainy season makes for muddy paths, as the sun rarely seeps through the canopy.

BASKETBALL
The most popular place to play basketball is at the Recreation Centre, adjacent to the Student Union Building. Unfortunately for basketball enthusiasts, basketball is not the only activity reserved at the gymnasium. For drop-in hours and schedules, visit *www.rec.ubc.ca*. When you go, remember to bring your student identification card. For outdoor ballers, there is one full-length outdoor court across from Osbourne Centre on Health Sciences Road, and Place Vanier's tennis courts have two hoops installed for use.

TENNIS
Place Vanier and Totem Park residences each have their own courts on their respective south corners that are available year-round. For indoor tennis, the Tennis Centre on the corner of East Mall and Thunderbird Boulevard is available. Unfortunately, the cost to play there is quite whigh.

SWIMMING
For you first-years with no fear and a hunger for pain, Wreck Beach's waters await. Note that controlled substances may play a role when you and Wreck Beach meet. Sane citizens who prefer more comfortable conditions can enjoy the pool at the Aquatic Centre, in addition to the other soothing amenities such as the sauna or jacuzzi.

SKATEBOARDING
The multi-level parking lots are a great, yet dangerous place for long boarders looking for high-speed rides. Cruising through campus on a long four-wheeled board can be very soothing. For regular skateboarders, there aren't great places on campus as many of the rails and benches are skater-proof. But then again, the world is your playground, so you can make it work. And remember, don't piss off campus security—they've got nothing better to do than tell off college kids. Oh, wait, that's their duty. My bad.

FRISBEE
Take a Frisbee anywhere with you on campus with hopes of tossing it around, and if the sun comes out, you're bound to get some takers. If you're looking for a proper game of Ultimate Frisbee, your best bet is playing in an intramural league, or finding a decent playing area such as MacInnes or Thunderbird Park Sports fields. If you're new to Frisbee, join quickly because it's one of the most popular outdoor activities.

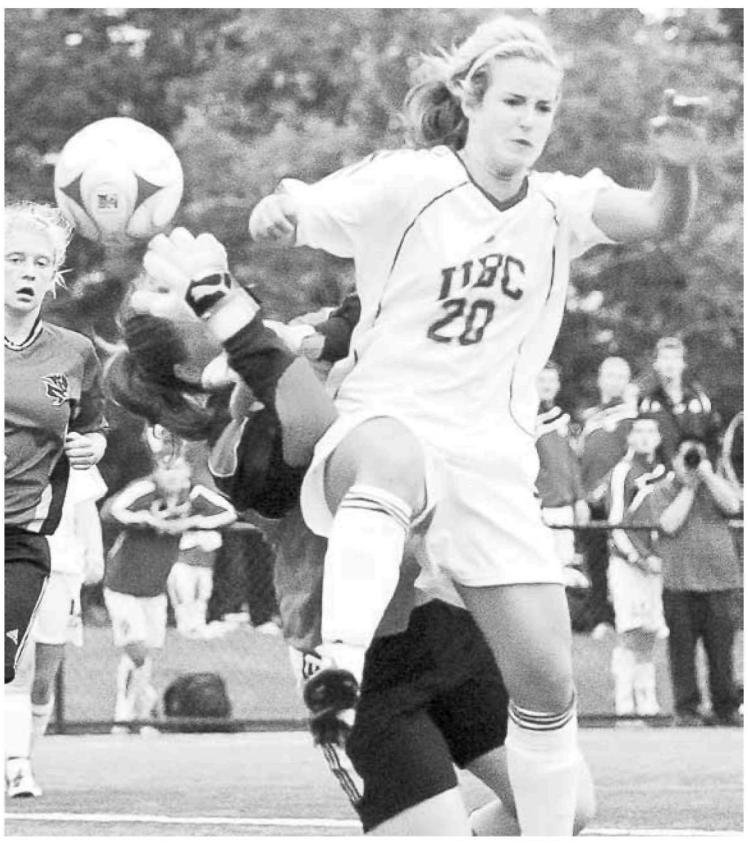
FOOTBALL
The same goes for football as Frisbee—except with football you can make yourself look like a hunk.

HOCKEY & ICE-SKATING
Father Bauer arena is the place to play if you're looking for a pick-up game. Otherwise, intramural leagues are your best bet for more competitive games. If you're just looking to skate, there is a small fee to rent skates at the same location. Check *thunderbirdarena.ubc.ca/vcalendar/index.php?category_id=1* for drop-in hours and information. The rink is a great place to make friends.

SOCCER
The intramural leagues are what you're looking for. Well-organized games with great fields make for a fun, yet competitive environment. Indoor games are also available through the recreational leagues. If you just want to create your own game with some buddies, find any field. The turf pitches at Thunderbird Park Sports Fields are often not in use, and the goals aren't chained up.

GOLF
The University Golf Course is just a few hundred yards from the University Village. If you join the UBC Golf Club for $10, range balls at the course are half-off. Unfortunately, rounds of golf aren't quite as cheap as the average student might like, but there are several chipping and putting greens around the course that are open to the public.

Women's soccer team still undefeated



UBC Thunderbirds' Janine Frazao. **JON CHIANG PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

On Friday night, the women's soccer team played in a scoreless home opener against the Manitoba Bison.

Women's head coach Mark Rogers was impressed with his defence, which is adapting to his new system, as well as the new goaltender, Meghan Best.

He said his offence could have improved, however.

"It's one thing to play with a strong work rate but it's another thing to play with good quality," Rogers said.

Striker Natalie Hirayama had one of the more lethal shots of the game. With less than three minutes remaining in regulation time, Hirayama hit the crossbar off a corner kick by teammate Rachel Sawer.

On Saturday night, the women's team won 3-0 against the Regina Cougars.

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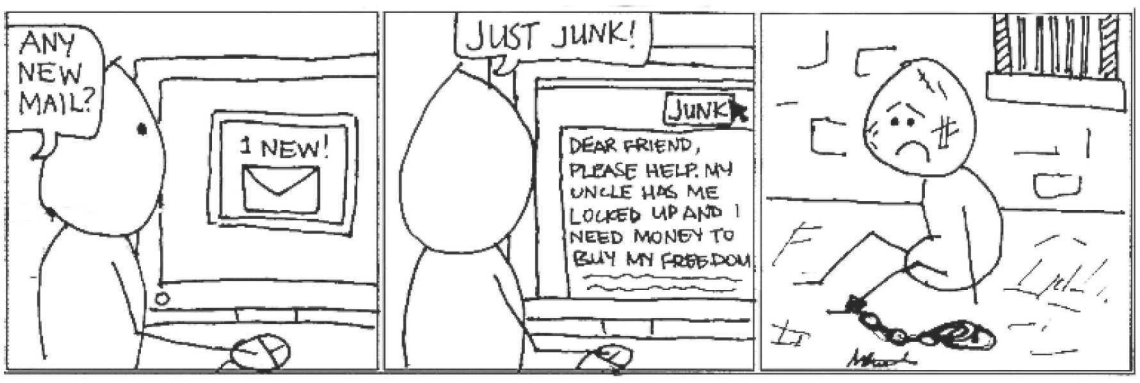

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EDITORIAL

REGARDING THE REFERENDUM: GOOD RIDDANCE

From passionate CPI-thumping speeches by executives to a number of fancy powerpoints, *The Ubyssey* has been hearing a lot about the AMS referendum over the past month. The problem was, we were pretty much the only ones.

The vast majority of students hadn't heard a thing. Maybe you read an article we published two weeks ago about the proposed October referendum. But the much-vaunted publicity campaign for September never materialized.

No expensive banners were unfurled, only a few of the meetings with student leaders went through, and the AMS remained as (in)visible as it is during times when it's not planning on asking students for more money. So it was a wise decision made by the AMS Executive not to push for an October referendum.

Many councillors have been as skeptical as *The Ubyssey* about the decision to pursue an October vote. Why place so much political capital into a referendum removed from elections or UPass, when reaching quorum—over 4000 yes votes—is incredibly difficult? Especially when a UPass vote, a magical thing that makes certain every initiative on a ballot reaches its quorum, is slated for early 2011?

The answer, of course, is ego. The executive thought they were supremely competent. If they would just explain to everyone why the AMS needed more money, people would agree, right? Not to mention get some extra money for their personal projects, and extend their terms in power by another two months.

Ah, the sweet, frothy smell of comeuppance. In order for the October referendum to reach quorum, it would have required a superhuman effort on the part of the executives, something they discovered over the past two weeks. They rightly came to the decision that at this point in their term, their time is better spent on issues that require immediate attention: land use plan negotiations, advocating for a better student loan program and moving forward on the new SUB project.

No doubt, the AMS suffered some severe whiplash in this flip-flop. But they deserve credit for coming to their senses.

CONCERNING THE "SERVICE" AT WHITE SPOT

A full-service restaurant in the middle of campus, with a well-known brand name and reasonably priced drinks? Putting a White Spot on campus should have been a slam dunk. But a year into service, their performance is still—pardon the wince-inducing pun—spotty.

Most of this has to do, frankly, with service, or lack thereof. We held off writing this editorial simply because the service at the Spot is so predictably bad we began to delight in it. Finding out what exactly what new and horrible way our dining experience was going to be inconvenienced became the reason to go.

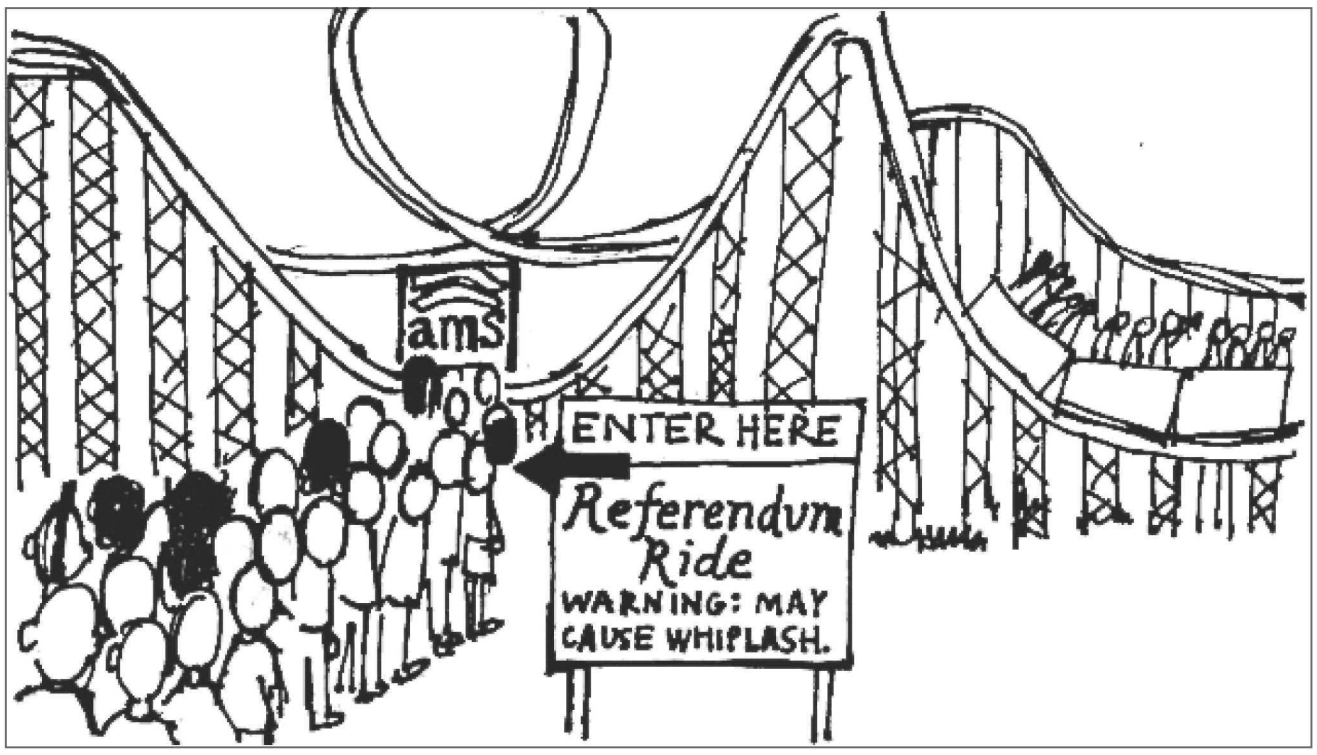
Of course, being hilariously bad at satisfying customers is never an excuse. If you've ever waited far too long to be seated, or to get your food, or to get your bill, you're not alone in your fruststration. Reviews on *Yelp*, *DineHere* and *UrbanSpoon* also note the service you get isn't what you would normally associate with the chain.

That's because UBC White Spot is operated by UBC Food Services. While UBC Food Services is perfectly competent at operating cafeterias and catering companies, they still haven't figured how to manage restaurants that aren't self-serve.

Aside from the ultra-swank Sage Bistro, Food Services didn't operate a full-service restaurant until last year, when they opened both White Spot and Point Grill over at Marine Drive. Crafting a fully satisfactory customer experience takes time, but shouldn't a year be more than enough?

Food Services, being part of the university, doesn't have a large economic incentive to improve. Not to mention that "change" and "customer service" aren't terms usually associated with being part of a large bureaucracy.

So we're not terribly optimistic things will change in the short-term. Still, perhaps in the coming months UBC can find that secret ingredient to make its White Spot feel like, well, a White Spot.



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FREDERICK: BRING LOCAL DEMOCRACY TO UBC

BLAKE FREDERICK
Columnist

Would anybody care if Vancouver were run by a board of appointed property developers instead of elected representatives? I suspect that citizens would be furious, and demand control over their local government. This hypothetical scenario is the reality at UBC, but no such fury is anywhere to be found.

The UBC Board of Governors, which consists of a surprising number of unelected property developers, is responsible for collecting taxes, administering municipal services and deciding what gets built where on campus. This leads to a number of clashes, most recently one over the UBC Farm. The Board wanted to develop a large portion of the farm into high-end condos despite unanimous opposition from residents, students, staff and faculty.

This conflict exposed quite clearly that when your "representatives" are unelected—as 11 of the 21 are—it becomes incredibly difficult to hold them accountable. The Board finally caved on their initial plans, but it was only after they received immense political pressure from the Metro Vancouver Board and Premier Gordon Campbell and were faced with 16,000 petition signatures and a 2000-person rally.

The AMS, your student government, doesn't seem to care about the democratic deficit at UBC. AMS President Bijan Ahmadian said new provincial legislation that takes UBC land use planning control away from elected representatives and puts it in the hands of unelected appointees is "a promising first step." A promising first step towards oligarchy, perhaps.

The University Neighbourhoods Association (UNA), which in large part represents the thousands of wealthy residents on campus who have no affiliation with UBC, wants to maintain the status quo at all costs. Their president, Mike Feeley, is mad as hell that Metro Vancouver wants to infuse genuine local democracy in the only area of Metro Vancouver where it still doesn't exist. Don't expect much fury from the UNA. They won't entertain any new governance proposals because they are fearful it might affect their comparatively low rate of property tax.

UBC has responded to criticism by claiming that adopting democratic reform would compromise the University's academic freedom. They know very well, however, that local governance would only democratize decisions related to the non-academic areas of campus. UBC's defence is nothing but a fine piece of rhetoric fabricated by the public relations department in order to win over public support.

The university now claims to be running a consultation process to gather feedback from the community about the manner in which UBC should be governed in the future. This consultation process is non-binding and will merely result in the Board of Governors choosing the option it preferred in the first place anyways. If you're thinking that maybe we should just give the consultation process a chance, remember that the people responsible for administering it are the same people who brought you the meaningless consultations on the UBC Farm, the results of which the Board blatantly ignored.

UBC is run by a board of politicians who make political decisions that dictate nearly every facet of campus life. Until they are elected or replaced by an accountable governance system, UBC will remain one of the very few places in Canada devoid of local democracy.

LETTER

COUCHSURFING IS SAFE

Where am I coming from when I say that CouchSurfing is a great way to travel? Well, this summer I CouchSurfed my way through Argentina and Uruguay. In two months I met over 30 people in more than 10 different cities through this network. Putting it all together I stayed in apartments, in houses and farms, in cities and in tiny towns. I slept in small beds, big beds, bunk beds, rooms for myself, floors, tents and, of course, couches. I met families, students, professors, doctors, cooks, bartenders, farmers, kids and many more.

If I had stayed at youth hostels while backpacking, yes, I would have met a lot of people from different places and I would have liked the parties and enjoyed the landscapes. But with CouchSurfing, I got to truly live Argentina and Uruguay. I was able to immerse myself, for a tiny little while, in the lives of the wide variety of people with whom I stayed. I got a taste of what Argentina and Uruguay mean for the people that were born there, live there, work there and, in some cases, can trace their ancestors to their fights for independence. I experienced these countries for what they mean to their people and was thus able to see much more than what I would have with another way of traveling.

CouchSurfing, I believe, is a very creative and effective way to connect like-minded people. It is a network of people that believe in sharing and trusting other human beings—people who want to build relationships that will help them grow and understand the world in a more holistic way. It also gives people the opportunity to experience the world even if they cannot afford to travel, while at the same time showing off their countries and cultures. It brings people together and helps them understand and celebrate differences, and I am a firm believer that from understanding comes peace.

I know that there are risks, as in everything that we do on a daily basis. Yes, people should be warned and aware of them, but they should not be discouraged. They should rather be encouraged to be part of movements that give rise to change, such as CouchSurfing.

CouchSurfing believes in people's good nature. As present and future leaders, we have to give ourselves a space to trust, taking on the challenge of destabilizing the status quo of "not being allowed to talk to strangers."

— *Valentina Ricca*

OUR CAMPUS

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Saturday saw the usually serene UBC Farm overrun with visitors, as FarmAde kicked off its 8th year. Burgers, corn on the cob and greens from the Farm fed the masses, while small-batch beer quenched their thirst. Of special note were the laying hens, who milled around their pen more or less unaffected by the hustle and bustle surrounding them, fighting over invisible pieces of food or resisting the advances of the rooster. The efforts of the local honey bees were mildly disappointing—they were mostly docile, and even when taunted, failed to swarm into a giant arrow and pursue their aggressors—but that could be attributed to the overcast skies and the lateness of the season. Attendees were serenaded by old-time stylings from the Agora String Band and the almost unbearably cute Gina Loes.

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2. New Members
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4. WPNCUP Update
5. NASH Fundraising
6. Staff Retreat

Meeting time: Tuesday @ Noon

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