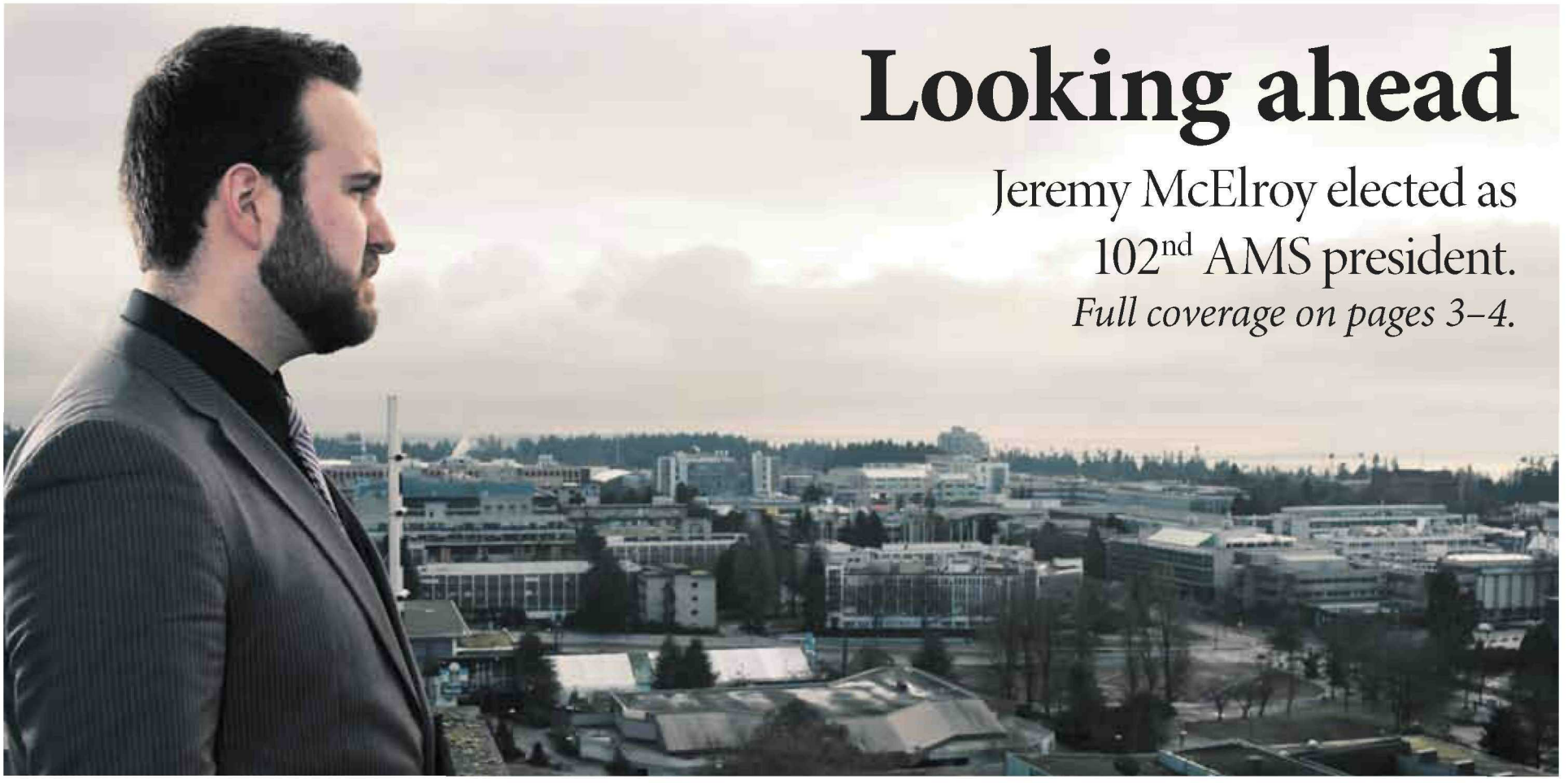

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FRIDAY, JAN. 28

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COLD FUSION • Celebrate the end of Science Week by winding down and having a few drinks. Featuring Jokers of the Scene and California's best to come DJ at UBC: LA RIOTS. • *19+, 9pm–1am, Ladha Centre, $10 at Ladha.*

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McElroy resoundingly elected President

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Jeremy McElroy has been elected the 102nd President of the Alma Mater Society (AMS). But it was a bittersweet victory.

McElroy won the Presidency by more than 1000 votes over 2nd place Michael Moll. This is in contrast to the last two Presidential races, which were decided by around 40 votes.

But the bitterness came with revelations that McElroy had, along with VP External candidate Mitch Wright, been a contributor to the anonymous blog *ithinkubc.wordpress.ca*, a site aimed at attacking current AMS President Bijan Ahmadian.

Although his actions could be construed as him running in a slate with Wright, with neither of his opponents planning on filing complaints and the Elections Committee stating that he should not be disqualified, McElroy will almost certainly succeed Ahmadian as President.

McElroy and Tayyar celebrate at The Pit. **GEOFF LISTER PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

"I'm feeling great that everyone put so much faith and trust into me, but I'm also feeling terrible that I betrayed that," said McElroy.

"I said it in my apology and my statement to the elections committee; this is not a sign of things to come. If anything, scandal is out of my system."

Despite the scandal, McElroy said he is looking forward to working with all of the new executives in the upcoming year.

"Every single person in this race was running for the right reasons," he said.

According to McElroy, running for President was much more difficult than his campaign for VP External last year.

"It was way harder...[last year] I was on the ground [and] I had a fantastic campaign team," said McElroy. "We were doing classroom announcements every day, doing flyering every day."

This January however, he had a much smaller team to work with.

"It was pretty much just me and my word against the Bijan machine, if you will. It was one of the most difficult, emotionally and physically debilitating things that I've had to do with my life."

When asked after his victory what he would say to Ahmadian, who was his most vocal opponent this election, McElroy, after a long pause, praised what he believed to be Ahmadian's legacy.

"Bijan did a lot of great things this year in terms of repairing the relationship between the AMS and the university. As well, he tried to get the AMS to act and think and perform in a much more professional manner when dealing with all the organizations, so for that I would say thank you."

Moll, who came 1109 votes behind McElroy, said that although he was disappointed he didn't win, he felt he ran a good campaign.

"It was a good race, a great learning experience," said Moll. "I definitely started to engage a lot of students and saw that I had the ability to lead a big group, just not big enough to win the election."

Of the 1650 votes that McElroy had over ther third place finisher Omar Chaaban, one of them belonged to Chaaban himself.

"I voted for Jeremy," he said. "I voted for myself second."

Chaaban said that he genuinely believes that McElroy will make an excellent President.

"When there was the possibility of him being disqualified, I was against that," he said.

Chaaban said that he plans on staying involved with AMS politics and is considering running for AMS Council.

Wright and McElroy implicated in anonymous blog

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AMS President-elect Jeremy McElroy and former VP External candidate Mitch Wright have admitted to publishing *ithinkubc.wordpress.com*.

The blog was aimed at disparaging current AMS President Bijan Ahmadian and promised to show students "the real Bijan."

The blog, which existed for a mere two days, was allegedly created to combat allegations made by Ahmadian in a video endorsement released on January 17 in which he specifically attacks McElroy and endorses McElroy's and Wright's opponents.

The blog's release was accompanied by pamphlets promoting the site on campus. The pamphlets displayed a photo of Ahmadian on the front and a list of endorsed candidates, including McElroy and Wright, on the back.

On January 20th, a set of similar, but not exact, endorsements appeared on the website. Once again, both McElroy and Wright were amongst those endorsed.

The Ubyssey has obtained a screen-capture via *UBC Insiders* that shows McElroy as the registrar for the domain name *ithinkubc.com*, which he registered on Thursday, January 20.

The participation of both McElroy and Wright in the blog, alongside the endorsements, could be interpreted as slate-like behaviour.

Banned from AMS politics for six years, slates are when candidates either share resources or run on a similar platform for mutual advantage, either intentionally or unintentionally. Candidates who are found to be in slate can be disqualified.

"In our defense, it was our only option," said McElroy. "Bijan in his video and [his campaign] was too much.

"We were so, so angry. And [Election Administrator] Erik MacKinnon was not having any of it. He was so loath to even comment on the idea of slating by anyone else as well as to even speak to Bijan as his involvement as a third party. So we felt that there was nothing we could do.

"His website was getting traction. His exceptionally defamatory slander, a video depicting myself, wasn't disappearing. So all we could do was try to put some information out there for people," said McElroy.

Before these allegations against McElroy and Wright had surfaced, Erik MacKinnon told *The Ubyssey* that such candidates posting endorsements on an anonymous blog would be considered slating.

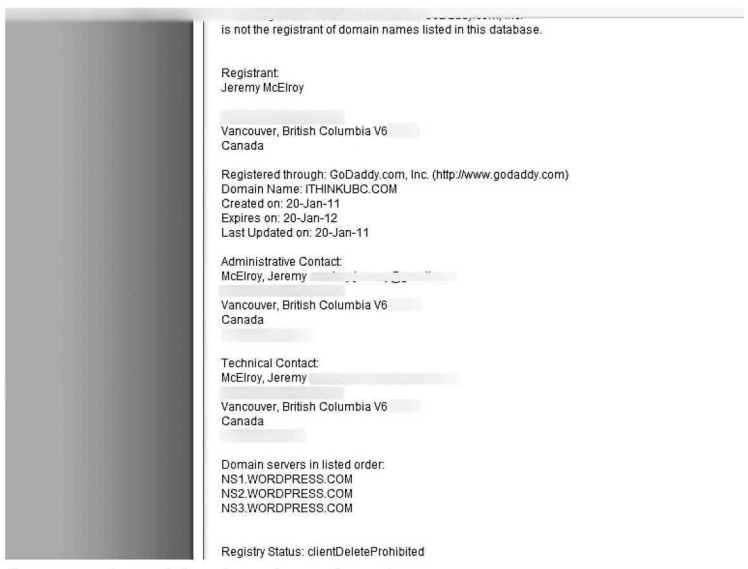
"That's something that we've warned the candidates repeatedly that we will throw the book at that. I can't tell you that I would disqualify them for it, that's an elections committee decision. But I can tell you that we'd be extremely harsh in our penalty."

McElroy said that he recognizes how his actions might be construed as slating.

However, in a January 22 elections committee meeting, MacKinnon said that they will likely not be disqualifying McElroy and Wright and will instead only penalize them financially.

"How many of our voters could have had their minds changed by this two day pissing contest on the internet?" said MacKinnon.

McElroy said that if the elections committee decides to disqualify him, he will appeal that the candidates Ahmadian endorsed were also slating and should be similarly penalized.



A screenshot of the domain registration. **PHOTO COURTESY UBC INSIDERS**

"If I'm disqualified, I'll take that. I did break the rules. But I will appeal it and essentially call out Bijan and those involved."

MacKinnon, however, has maintained that there are no limitations to what third parties such as Ahmadian can do on behalf of candidates, as long as those candidates are not directly involved.

"Nothing that third parties can do can make anyone a slate, and that's just been the message that I've been sending back to candidates that complain," said MacKinnon.

McElroy argued that previous Elections Administrators were not as lenient when it came to third party involvement.

"[2009 elections EA] Sarina Rehal was kind of the big one. She said that you are responsible for all third parties. You are responsible for their materials, you are responsible for their content, and she disqualified Blake Fredrick on those grounds."

On his elections site, McElroy has said that he is ashamed he was involved with the blog.

"In the past two days, I've been trying to make up for my mistake by disavowing the blog, taking it down and endorsing all candidates here. I'm both grateful for the support I've received for these actions, and ashamed of myself for not having the courage to admit my involvement sooner.

"And I'm even more sorry for waiting until being 'outed' before owning up to my actions."

According to McElroy, Wright's campaign manager, Maria Cirstea, as well as a nameless third party that has only been identified as an AMS staff member, were also involved in the creation of the website.

McElroy and Wright claim that neither of them put up the endorsements onto the site.

"The endorsements were actually done by somebody else, because they thought that with the traffic [the site] was getting that this could be good. So I am guilty of allowing that to happen," said McElroy.

"I didn't really want to put [the endorsements] up. That was not my decision," said Wright. "I thought it was a slippery slope."

Wright claims that he helped create the posters associated with the site, and was present when the WordPress account was created, but did not contribute any of the content.

McElroy said that he was himself responsible for creating the shortened *ithinkubc.com* domain after the WordPress site began receiving visitors, as well as writing some of the content.

"I contributed the section on the strategic planning, essentially in defense of what Bijan had said about me and I'd also provided the information about the first years involved in *ithank.ca*," he said.

Ithank.ca is a website that Ahmadian alleges was spontaneously created by three first year UBC students in which they thanked Ahmadian and AMS Council for a variety of accomplishments.

According to Wright, *ithinkubc.wordpress.com* was taken down on Thursday after Neal Yonson, Editor of VFM blog *UBC Insiders*, contacted McElroy when he had discovered McElroy's name on the registration for *ithinkubc.com*.

McElroy said that they took the site down when they realized how "childish and immature" it was.

The site, however, returned on Friday morning with a number of changes, including the removal of the endorsements and of the names of first year volunteers who were working for Ahmadian.

It went down again later on Friday and has not returned since.

—With files from Neal Yonson, Jonny Wakefield and Paul Bucci.

Parson surprises in Academic race

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Parson enthusiastic after victory. **GEOFF LISTER PHOTO**/THE UBYSSEY

Matt Parson is the new AMS Vice-President Academic and University Affairs. In sorted majorities, he defeated Jennifer Wang with 2366 votes against 1550, and Justin Yang with 2318 to 1632. Yang came in second place, with 1810 votes against Wang's 1766.

The strength of Parson's victory over Yang surprised many observers. With his significant political experience and numerous endorsements, Yang was widely considered to be the favourite.

"Coming into this, it was a win for students. Whoever took office was going to be doing the job great and that's all students can really ask for," said Parson.

Parson suggested that accusations regarding slates were largely media-created. "Everyone ran separate campaigns. No-one was flyering, postering [or] going to classes together," he said. "It seemed to be something you could see, but there wasn't much substance to it."

In regards to near future, Parson said he'd spoken to previous VP Academics, and that "it seems like a lot of your time spent in the first month, two months, is wrapping up old business. And I hope to make sure that a lot of Ben [Cappellacci]'s old projects are seen to completion."

Ultimately, though, his priorities are clear. "I'm just excited to make this campus a better place."

Yang expressed disappointment about the controversial actions of some candidates. However, he noted that he was "relieved" the race was over. "I think all candidates were going to be amazing," he said in regards to the race for VP Academic.

"I thought it was a really close race," said Wang. "Both [the] other candidates, Justin and Matt, impressed me a lot."

In regards to the alleged slate-like behaviours in this year's elections, Wang noted that it was "surprising, how shitty everyone has gotten. But I mean, I guess that's part of the elections. I think that there should definitely be an investigation taken into the slate-like behaviour.

Silley will succeed Dovjenko as Admin. **JOSH CURRAN PHOTO**/THE UBYSSEY

Silley new VP Admin

DRAKE FENTON
Contributor

Following the announcement at the Pit Pub that Mike Silley would be the new VP of Administration, he immediately went from the accessible and personable candidate to the hardest person to get a word with at the elections party. It was no fault of his own; it was simply because he had so many people offering congratulations, his chief rival Gordon Katic included, that he had no time to pause for breath.

"It has been a nerve-racking couple of days leading up [to the elections]. I was counting down the seconds to the polls closing," said Silley. "But when the results finally did come in, it was surreal."

Throughout Silley's campaign, he maintained a level of respectability that was not always apparent in the other elections races. Post-victory, Silley spoke of his respect for Katic, and expressed that Katic's voice and ideas would not be silenced during his term as VP Admin.

Katic was understandably upset at not winning, but for his part, he conceded that Silley had the necessary qualities to be a good VP Admin. Katic described his and Silley's relationship as "amicable" and was glad that they both avoided the "mudslinging" going on in the other election races.

Mike Silley's first action as VP Admin was to express his gratitude and thanks for being elected to this position.

"The fact that the students spoke and they want me to serve on the executive... it means the world to me. I'm prepared to put my heart and soul into this job."

Elin Tayyar stays on as Finance

Tayyar enjoying his re-election. **GEOFF LISTER PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

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Incumbent VP Finance Elin Tayyar has won another term in office, with a 601 vote margin over opponent Arash Ehteshami.

Tayyar was somewhat reserved after his race was announced at The Pit last Saturday. He said he had been somewhat disillusioned by what many are characterizing as a very nasty campaign atmosphere.

"I didn't really have a preference, I kind of wanted to leave after all this elections shit. But [there's] lots of work ahead. I'm looking forward to bringing us back up."

Ehteshami said that Tayyar ran a good campaign, and that he was overall satisfied with the result.

"It was a good race. I'm happy that Elin won and I think he's going to do a good job in this position," he said. "He does have the skill it takes and he does have the experience."

Ehteshami echoed Tayyar's concerns about the civility of the campaign. He said that he was attacked personally in anonymous blogs. Ehteshami also said outgoing President Bijan Ahmadian's contentious endorsement of his campaign probably hurt him. "I didn't ask for it, so it hurt my own campaign which I put a lot of blood and sweat into."

Tayyar said he is optimistic and excited to work in particular with McElroy.

Three new and two incumbent Senators

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Two UBC Senate incumbents, Justin Yang and Spencer Rasmussen, were re-elected this past Saturday, while Thomas Brennan, Imran Habib and Ryan Bredin will be filling senate seats for the first time this year, defeating AJ Hajian, Matthew Campbell and Eric Distefano.

Yang said he was looking forward to another term, despite losing the VP Academic race to Matt Parson.

"I'm really excited, there's a lot of work I've been doing there and I get to continue doing that, and I'm really excited to work with the new student senators," he said.

Habib was the only candidate who was at Saturday's election announcements event available for comment.

"I feel pretty good. I think my platform definitely related with student population a lot so I think that's definitely why I got the votes," he said.

Habib is happy about working with the other elected students, and said he was relieved to find that his competitors seemed like-minded.

"During the debate we had last week, I felt pretty good that we were on the same level with a lot of our issues so I think it's definitely going to be a good team for the upcoming year."

When asked the following day, Justin Yang was feeling optimistic as well.

"I'm ecstatic, I think we have a really good team, a good mix of old and new," he said.

Tyson takes down Wright for VP Ex

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Tyson interviewed by *The Ubyssey*. **GEOFF LISTER PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

Katherine Tyson was elected to the position of VP External by a significant margin this weekend, making her the only woman amongst the elected executives for 2011.

"The campaign was a bit rough but I'm glad that different people won and I hope that any issues that are outstanding will be resolved," said Tyson.

She also hopes to see more gender diversity in future electoral races. "We need more women in Council. There were only three women really running, so that's a problem in itself," said Tyson.

Overall, Tyson is happy to be working with the rest of the elected executive. "They're great people, I'm friends with all of them."

Mitch Wright, a contender in the VP External race, was disappointed with the results. Over the weekend, his blog was reviewed by the elections committee for possible slate behaviour with presidential candidate Jeremy McElroy. Elections Administrator Eric MacKinnon did not disqualify the candidates.

His campaign manager, Maria Cirstea, expressed relief that they wouldn't have to deal with the website issue now, and that she's confident Tyson will do a good job as VP External.

"I felt a little bummed because I think that student politics gets really dirty sometimes," said Wright. "It's a stressful time, you're selling yourself to a lot of students and...it's just kind of crazy, it was like the weirdest two weeks of my life."

Sharma and Heisler handily take BoG seats

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Sean Heisler and Sumedha Sharma have been elected to UBC's Board of Governors (BoG).

Both Heisler and Sharma enjoyed a strong lead over AJ Hajian and SuperSexySass Sangsari, who received roughly 14 per cent of the vote each. The BoG is UBC's final decision-making body, responsible for the management and administration of the university. Heisler has sat on the BoG before, comes from a background in EUS politics and has sat on Senate. Sharma is the current SUS president, and has also served as the SUS VP External and Social Coordinator. Heisler said that he was "pretty elated" when he heard the news, although he said "elections were a bit frustrating. It's difficult to compete when somebody can throw a lot of money at them." Heisler also expressed a desire to see the maximum spending cap enforced more. Sharma could not be reached for comment by press time.

Allegations arise over Ahmadian's campaign

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Students claim Ahmadian recruited them. **GEOFF LISTER PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

After a month of videos, pamphlets and denials, new details are emerging about AMS President Bijan Ahmadian's campaign to see his six chosen candidates elected to office.

Two first-year students who have been intimately involved with the running of the campaign are alleging that Ahmadian has been directly funding and controlling the campaign and asking students to lie on his behalf.

David Huynh, a first year Sauder student, said that Ahmadian approached him and his friend, Roshak Momtahen, a first year Arts student, and asked them to help him drum up support for Ahmadian's picks for President, the vice presidents and the Board of Governors representatives.

This goes directly against Ahmadian's assertions that it was first year students who started this campaign of their own volition.

"Right away Roshak and I knew that it's got to be illegal, it's got to be wrong. So he told us that if anybody ever asked, it was our idea, and that we approached him. That we originally thought of the whole concept," said Huynh.

According to Huynh, Ahmadian wanted them to say that they were intrigued by the election, wanted to support Michael Moll and decided to launch their own campaign.

"But that was his fabrication. That was what he told us to say."

"[Ahmadian] did play a role facilitating the creation of the campaign," said Momtahen. "In every aspect of which way the campaign's going to go, he obviously [played] a leadership role."

Huynh said he first became uncomfortable when Ahmadian's campaign materials arrived on the evening of Jan. 17. He said that Ahmadian gave him 10,000 half-page double sided flyers.

However, Ahmadian maintains that he has provided no material support to this campaign.

"There was someone who, independent of me, gave me notice, made those flyers and decided he wanted to promote my endorsement," said Ahmadian.

Huynh and Momtahen both said Ahmadian repeatedly said that he was funding the flyers out of pocket. In addition to the flyers, they said that Ahmadian also purchased 7,200 mint patties from Costco, many of which are still in Huynh's room in residence.

Momtahen maintains that the money was coming from Ahmadian.

"That's a really essential point. The money was his," he said.

"He was going around the system," Huynh said of Ahmadian's third party role. "Cheating."

"He didn't give us the detail of the financials, didn't tell us where the money was coming from, he didn't tell us exactly what was going on. He just told us to do this."

When Huynh asked about the finances for this campaign, Ahmadian presented him with receipts, which Huynh believed to be faked. Huynh claimed that the receipts for the mint patties showed fewer flats than were actually there, and that the receipts for the flyers were hand written.

Momtahen also said that, to him, the entire project felt like a slate.

"This is really, obviously, anyone can tell you, extreme slate-like behaviour," he said.

Momtahen went on to say that "the volunteers that each individually campaigned and the volunteers for this larger campaign are synonymous."

Moll denies that he was in any way involved with Ahmadian's campaign.

"I had no involvement in this. I personally ran my own campaign. I had my own flyers and I definitely had my own volunteers. I definitely have no involvement in this and I have no knowledge of this."

Huynh said that from the beginning, Ahmadian presented the campaign not as helping certain candidates win, but ensuring their opponents lose.

"Right away he told us politics is dirty," he said.

Huynh said Ahmadian frequently voiced his support for Michael Moll and his desire for Jeremy McElroy to lose the presidential race. "We sat down and he told us that he has a list of candidates that he wants to endorse."

Momtahen also said Ahmadian would very often vocally express his disdain for McElroy.

"His main concern [was]...his personal feud with Jeremy McElroy," he said.

By Tuesday night, Huynh became increasingly disillusioned by what he saw as shady financials and increasingly negative campaigning. "He just kept on taking shots at McElroy," he said of the few classroom speeches they gave together.

The next day, he met with Ahmadian and told him that he wanted out. "I said, 'Bijan, I'm really uncomfortable with this and I don't want to do this anymore. It kind of conflicts with my values.' Those were my exact words."

"I knew what I was doing was wrong."

Huynh said he and his friends involved with the campaign felt used by Ahmadian and disillusioned by his tactics.

"[He was] slandering the name of opposition to support the candidate he thinks he wants in the presidency," said Huynh. "[He was] using his power position to manipulate young individuals.

"He's been in politics long enough to understand what he was doing is wrong."

Huynh said that, at the end of it all, his involvement doing groundwork for Ahmadian amounted to only a few hours. Momtahen is also no longer associated with the campaign.

Elections Administrator Erik MacKinnon said many candidates have complained that Bijan's endorsements are a slate, a term used for a group of candidates with similar political views who campaign together.

Slates are illegal in AMS elections, and slate-like behaviour is grounds for disqualification. MacKinnon said that he does not see Ahmadian's endorsements as constituting a slate. Some, most notably VP Finance Elin Tayyar, have publicly accused Ahmadian of slating.

"It's just ridiculous that candidates feel that," said Mackinnon. "If they don't like Bijan, or if they don't like the Israel Awareness Club or the IFC or whoever, then all of a sudden it's a slate because they're not on it. There's been a lot of whining."

MacKinnon said he has told the candidates who were endorsed by Ahmadian not to worry about being disqualified for slate-like behaviour.

"I let them know that I know what's going on and everything's fine so just relax. Continue to campaign under the rules and everything's fine."

—With files from Neal Yonson and Paul Bucci

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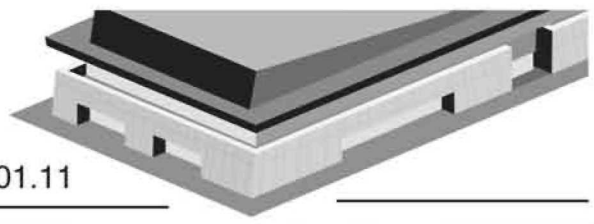

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UBC Lip Dub takes shot at school spirit

These UVic students are deliriously happy to hear Michael Bublé. **PHOTO COURTESY OF UVIC LIPDUB**

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"It was mid-October, midterm season. I was studying diligently for my Geo test..."

Fourth year student Andrew Cohen talks of the genesis of the UBC lip dub like it's a superhero's origin story. While taking his "requisite five minute Facebook break, as all responsible students do," Cohen stumbled upon a video some of his friends had posted.

It opens on the top floor of a double-decker bus. A bespectacled student presses play on his iPod. The music starts and the camera moves forward as the other passengers bob their heads in tune with Michael Bublé's "Haven't Met You Yet." "Within the first 30 seconds I was like, 'This is the coolest thing I've ever seen,'" Cohen said.

The video was a lip dub by the University of Victoria. A lip dub is a single-shot video in which a group of people lip synch along to a song. There are costumes, dancing and zany antics. The first university lip dub came in 2008 from Furtwangen University in Germany. The video was set to a song called "257 Weeks" by Nine Days.

Since then, videos have been produced by universities in Columbia, Poland, Chile, Italy and India.

Cohen was inspired by the UVic video, and what started as a study break grew into a campus-wide project.

University lip dub is a community event and Cohen is taking every possible step to get volunteers involved in the project. He hopes to get 1000 students in his video, 100 more than in UVic's lip dub.

Cohen's second task was to find a well-connected administrator to help raise funds. His search led him to AMS President Bijan Ahmadian who "pledged his full support," though the AMS is not officially sponsoring the event.

Following the lead of UVic, the video will raise money for several yet-to-be-decided charities. Companies will pledge between one cent and one dollar for every time the video is viewed within the first 30 days. "It seems like a nice way to bring the community together...and give people incentive to watch the video," said Cohen.

"As a commuter student, I've felt like I've missed out on some elements of university. I figured this would be a really cool way to bring people—because I'm sure I'm not the only one—together, even if it's just for an afternoon."

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> ANDREW COHEN, UBC LIP DUB

An artist's conception of the atrium of the new SUB, which is set to include a blackbox theatre capable of seating 100 people. **PHOTO COURTESY OF HBBH+BH**

Thinking inside the box sets the stage for new SUB's theatre

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UBC theatre lovers won't have to go far for a show after 2014. Plans for the new SUB include a transparent black box theatre that overhangs the main atrium and is accessible from a second-storey walkway.

"If it was made out of concrete it would be a huge eye sore," said James Basnett, student rep on the new SUB committee. "Having something where the contents are visible, it really changes the experience of the whole building."

"The black box theatre came out of all the surveys that were done a couple years ago," said new SUB Project Coordinator Andreanne Doyon. "It wasn't something that the AMS or the architects or UBC were like, 'Argh! There needs be another theatre somewhere!' No, the students asked for it."

The new theatre is an improvement over the Norm Theatre, which currently houses the VOC climbing wall, and is used nightly for FilmSoc screenings. Theatre students regularly complain about the Norm's lack of accessibility.

"There's a lack of theatre space on campus period. There's a lack of theatre space in Vancouver. Even students in the theatre department don't have access to all their theatres," said Doyon. "The Player's Club, one of the oldest clubs on campus, doesn't have places to put on performances. The UBC improv group performs in a classroom auditorium in Scarfe."

Nick Harvey-Cheetham, co-president of UBCimprov, decried their current space. "Though it serves our purposes, at the end of the day it is still a classroom with very limited lighting, poor sight lines and a large immovable block full of computers and projector equipment prominently featured on the stage."

"A few stage lights on ceiling racks, cabaret-style or raked seating for 70 - 100 people and a sound dampening curtain behind the stage are more or less all you need...Having a centre of performance in the SUB would help make the building the centre of student culture on campus."

"It'd be cool if we had something continually going on [in the black box]," said Doyon. "If we could always have something going to bring it to life; that would be great."

"I think you could look at this as a really interesting place in the heart of the student union building," said Basnett. "We would benefit from always being able to walk in there...I think it would make everything between classes more fun. You'll think: 'I don't know what's happening there, I'm going to grab some food and see what is happening in the black box.'"

Basketball courts electric eclecticism

Vancouver band's energetic performances border on the Bacchic

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Carnival has descended early in Vancouver this year. The abandon and excitement are not inspired by parading elephants or public masquerades. Rather, at the epicentre of this madness are Vancouver's prodigal sons, the musical quartet Basketball. They have returned after a long exodus.

Sitting in a bowling alley on Commercial Drive, vocalist/banjoist Tome Jozic departs on metaphor-laden tangents, yet he does so without a hint of pretense. Whether speaking of music or a rainbow that appeared earlier that day, his body is in perpetual motion—hands dancing across the table, shoulders rocking back and forth. This barely-contained energy is hardly surprising given the nature of their live performances. They invite their audience to partake in "celebration, catharsis": an urban Bacchanalia. Bodies writhe and convulse as if possessed by spirits.

Jozic describes their genre-warping sound as "a Hummer crashing into a Turkish bathhouse." Folk music from the band's Bosnian heritage, electro, trance and African is only a small slice of their musical palate. The project of Basketball, he says, came out of the desire to "fuse what we grew up with and what we are inspired by currently."

A Basketball performance is a truly communal experience because of the band's attempt to "bridge the audience and performer." Jozic recounts a Lisbon show where a man in his 60s was at the forefront of the crowd, dancing wildly with his crutches.

Basketball cut through the haze. **PHOTO COURTESY OF BASKETBALL**

Basketball has spent much of the last two years touring. All that time spent together hasn't frayed relations in the band. He explains, "We are like brothers... even when we are not together we are on each other's minds." Darting a sidelong look, he added, "It's almost incestuous." Jozic's one complaint is the stench from the crow and seagull carcasses collected by drummer-guitarist David Rogers, who likes to examine their insides.

Meandering across continents has left an audible mark on their music. Basketball samples songs heard in the streets of South Africa and remarks on the catastrophic earthquake in Chile. Their new single, "Suspiros de Chile," while drawing its main inspiration from the Chilean spirit, expresses frustration with the relief effort. The disaster, Jozic laments, "was overshadowed by the fucking American drama [in Haiti]."

Basketball recently left Vancouver to perform at SXSW, followed by a tour of the American East Coast and Europe.

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T-Birds chase the Cougars out

Saturday night shootout win seals the sweep

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On a weekend where Jordan White was faced with the possibility of stepping in against names like Sedin and Kesler, UBC's first-string goalie still managed to keep his focus mentally, stopping 50 out of 54 shots in UBC's weekend sweep of the Regina Cougars. In two hard-fought, physical battles, UBC outmuscled the Regina defense to jump out to leads of 3-0 and 1-0 in Friday and Saturday's third periods, respectively. The Cougars, however, seemed to forget their last-place standing in the CIS West and battled back in both games, making for two very interesting third periods.

"I give Regina a lot of credit. They played really hard [this weekend]," said UBC head coach Milan Dragicevic. "They were physical, they were first on the pucks and they played very strong. I give them full credit for taking us to the limit. They got us back on our heels."

While Friday night's scoring was spread out among the Thunderbirds, Saturday night's offensive attack can only be attributed to forward Brendan Sonne, who scored UBC's lone regulation goal as well as the shootout winner.

With weekend sweep, the UBC hockey men are still looking ahead to the playoffs. **GEOFF LISTER**/THE UBYSSEY

The Thunderbirds should be pleased with the two wins they came out with this weekend, as UBC went 1-10 on the power-play, a percentage that must be improved if they hope to make a serious run at a playoff spot.

"If you would have told us at the start of the weekend that we're getting four points, it doesn't matter how we're getting it at this stage, we'll take it," Dragicevic said, clearly relieved to be done with the feisty Cougars.

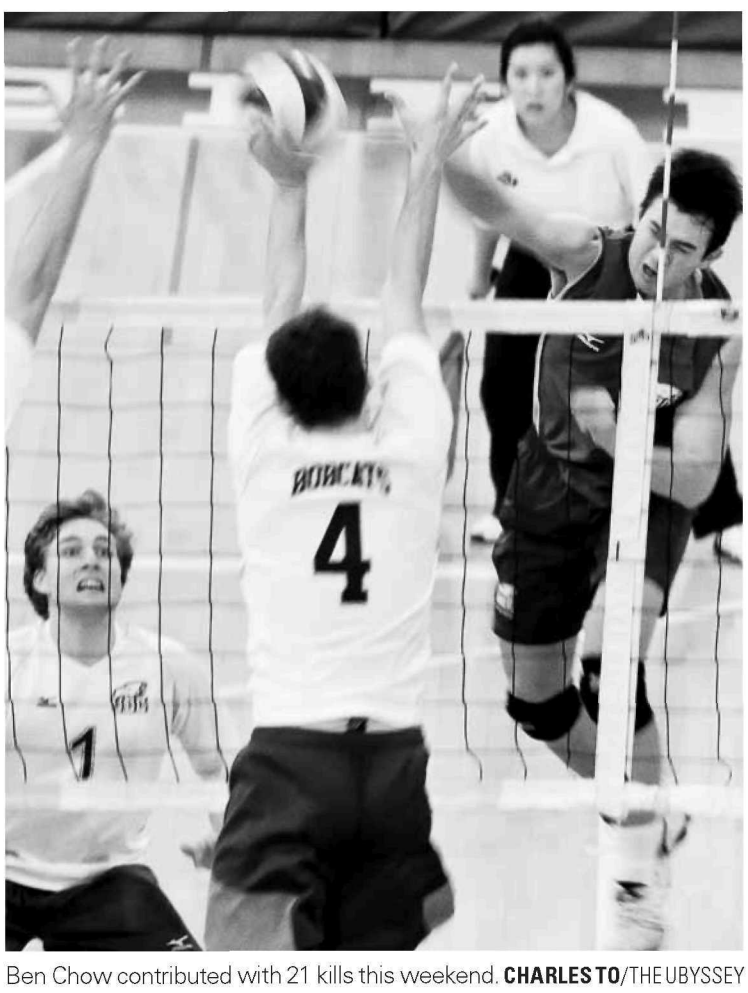
The real hero of the weekend was, of course, White, who not only stepped in to serve as the San Jose Sharks emergency backup goaltender on Thursday night, but also managed to backstop UBC on both Friday and Saturday. White was solid on Friday night, but truly shone in Saturday's shootout win, allowing only one goal and closing the door repeatedly during Regina's shootout attempts.

"I thought Whitey was huge tonight, not only in the shootout, but he kept us in there when we had to kill some penalties at the end," Dragicevic said proudly after Saturday's game. "He was the difference. It's great to see Jordan step up, be a team leader, carry the team on his back and get us two points tonight."

With these wins the Thunderbirds sit tied for fourth in the CIS West, a mere six points out of first place. With the playoffs looming large, UBC will head to Lethbridge, Alberta next week to take on a struggling Pronghorns team in an attempt to pick up four more crucial points.

'Birds and Bobcats split at War

Record-setting Sanderson too much for UBC



Ben Chow contributed with 21 kills this weekend. **CHARLES TO**/THE UBYSSEY

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This weekend, a Canada West conference record was shattered at War Memorial Gym. Unfortunately, the new record was not claimed by a Thunderbird on home turf, but by Brandon Bobcats' Paul Sanderson, who shut down UBC's hope of a weekend sweep.

The action was bittersweet for the men's volleyball team this weekend, who fell to seventh place in the conference after a two-game split with the Brandon Bobcats. The 'Birds beat their opponents 3-2 on Friday night, but they struggled to replicate that on Saturday, falling victim to a straight-set loss led by Sanderson's performance for the CIS record books.

UBC (5-9) faced a tall, offensive team in the Bobcats (5-7), who have two of the most dangerous players in Canada: Paul Sanderson and teammate Jonathan Sloane. Sanderson leads the conference in both kills (5.44) and points per game (6.05), entering the weekend within reach of smashing the Canada West 1,252 career kills record, while Sloane boasts the most reliable hitting percentage of the conference at 0.489.

Friday's match saw UBC come from behind, overcoming a two-set deficit to win the match in an exciting fifth set. After trailing the Bobcats 19-25 and 22-25, the T-Birds turned the tables in set three by learning to navigate the Bobcats' 6'9" giants. Demijan Savija led UBC's comeback with 22 kills, while rookie Ben Chow continued to make an impact by adding another 14 kills to edge the Bobcats.

"We don't have the guys who are going to hit over the top [of the block] and hit sharp angles. We have to be crafty," said UBC head coach Richard Schick, attributing Friday's win to his team's smart plays.

Going into Saturday's match-up, T-Birds' captain and star libero Blair Bann warned that his team was going to have to get off to an earlier start if they wanted to win. "Obviously coming off a big comeback win the team is feeling pretty good, but if we want to sweep the weekend we won't be able to start like we did on Friday."

Unfortunately, Bann's assessment couldn't have been more correct for the T-Birds on Saturday, who suffered a harsh 3-0 Bobcat backlash. The 'Birds started off slowly again on Saturday, committing a sloppy eight errors to hand Brandon an easy 25-15 victory in the first set. The second set saw the 'Birds bring a little bit of the perseverance they showed on Friday night, but it wasn't enough to match the Bobcats' offensive. Sanderson contributed nine kills in set two alone, leading his team to a comfortable 25-19 outcome. This time, UBC was unable to make a comeback in the third set. Sevija pounded five kills to lead the T-Birds to a 19-15 advantage, but a UBC error gave Brandon the chance to return three Sanderson kills, fueling the team to a 25-22 victory.

After the game, Schick was disappointed with his team's level of consistency. "We were very lethargic and we have to know that if we want to be a team that can compete for a championship, we have to put three of those matches together like last night back-to-back-to-back," he said.

The 'Birds get a break from play next weekend, which will give them time to recharge before they take on the eighth place Regina Cougars, where two wins would clinch a playoff berth. Perhaps the team can gain some consistency in time to overtake the next set of matches.

BIRD DROPPINGS

Rookie Sarah Casorso with a presence on the blueline. **DAVID ELOP**/THE UBYSSEY

UBC WOMEN'S HOCKEY SPLIT WEEKEND WITH REGINA COUGARS

Two powerplay goals a minute apart enabled the 'Birds to lift themselves above the Regina Cougars on Saturday night earning their first win of 2011.

Tamara Pickford scored first on Saturday with help from Lauren Ruggiero and Kirsten Mihalchean, to be followed by a goal from Emily Grainger a minute later to put UBC up by two. Melinda Choy stopped 35 shots to secure the 3–2 win.

The previous night, the Thunderbirds ran into a hot Regina goalie who stood on her head stopping all but one of their 27 shots to earn her team a 2–1 win.

UBC head coach Nancy Wilson gave full credit to the opposing keeper. "Lisa Urban played exceptionally well. She was the first star tonight."

Second year forward Kelsey Kirkham notched the lone Thunderbird goal. Melinda Choy chipped in a solid 18 saves in the one goal loss.

With the weekend split, UBC is now tied for sixth, 12 points out of a playoff spot.

UBC MEN'S RUGBY LOSES FIRST LEG OF BOOT TO UVIC

The University of Victoria scored ten quick points in the first five minutes to pull away early, winning the first leg of the Wightman Boot Competition, 41–20, in Victoria.

The Boot is a two-game series, with the combined point total over the two games deciding the series. UVic has won the past 13 two-game competitions.

UBC had tries from Jon Hill, Nick Philippson, Harry Jones and Sean Ferguson, but their kickers left 11 points.

UBC will host the second leg of the Boot in March with the date and time to still be announced.

Living the dream

UBC's Jordan White signs one-day NHL contract

NOAH BURSHTEIN
Contributor

In the net: Jordan White in warm-up with the NHL San Jose Sharks. **JEFF VINNICK**/NHLI VIA GETTY IMAGES

If you had asked Jordan White for whom he'd be cheering during Thursday night's NHL game between the San Jose Sharks and Vancouver Canucks, you'd be shocked to hear the Surrey, BC native's answer as he was given the opportunity to live his dream for a day.

"I can be a Canucks fan every other night but tonight's I'm going to rooting for the guys on the bench with me," said White.

Of course, to ask him that question, you'd have to find him on the Sharks' bench. After backup goalie Antero Nittymaki suffered an injury in a practice early on Thursday morning, San Jose was left with few options for a backup, as a call-up from an AHL affiliate would never have made it to Vancouver in time for the game and NHL rules require a team to dress two goalies.

Thus, UBC's starting netminder, who has enjoyed success this season despite a mediocre talent level around him, was summoned into his UBC coach's office just before practice.

"Coach called me into his office and told me the situation. At first, I was just trying to put it into perspective," explained White before the game.

"It was a great experience, all the moments exceeded everything I thought they'd be," White gushed after the game.

While he didn't see any actual game action, White was able to stop some shots and be out on the ice with all-stars and gold medalists like Joe Thornton and Danny Heatley, a definite thrill for a college goalie with big dreams.

White has started every game this year for the Thunderbirds, posting 3.25 goals against average in the 20 games he's played. White has often been the T-Birds' best player on the ice.

Perhaps more impressive was the manner in which White managed to handle the media and excitement of his short NHL career, seemingly taking it all in stride and keeping his focus on his UBC season.

The former Shark enjoyed his night in the spotlight, yet still managed to start and win both of UBC's games this weekend against the Regina Cougars, stopping 50 of 54 shots in two heroic efforts. The Saturday night game went into a shootout and not a single shot got passed him.

"All weekend, for a guy to be the Vancouver media darling for 24 hours and how he approached each game and prepared, it's a real credit to Jordan White. He was the difference. It's great to see Jordan step up, be a team leader, carry the team on his back and get us two points," crowed UBC head coach Milan Dragicevic.

While White certainly enjoyed the NHL spotlight for a night, the four points he managed to help UBC accrue during the weekend are even more important, as they propel the Thunderbirds towards the postseason.

"But tomorrow I'm focused on playing for my team and getting us into the playoffs," he said after the NHL game.

UBC has a long and arduous road ahead and remain outsiders looking in at the playoffs as the standings currently sit. But with a NHL experienced goalie and talented anchor Jordan White at the helm, the Thunderbirds can feel more confident about their chances to continue play after their schedule ends.

Thunderbird Athletic Council

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
MATTHEW SCHNEIDER

The Vernon, BC native is leading his squad on and off the ice. **JOSH CURRAN**/THE UBYSSEY

AMELIA RAJALA
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Matthew Schneider, captain of the UBC men's hockey team has earned Athlete of the Week status for his impressive performance last Saturday which lead to an important 5–3 win over the Calgary Dinos. After a loss the previous evening, Schneider came on strong, scoring his first two goals of the season along with two assists to lead the T-Birds to this key victory. Due in large part to a great play from their captain, the team split the series, allowing them to remain only two points from third place in the standings.

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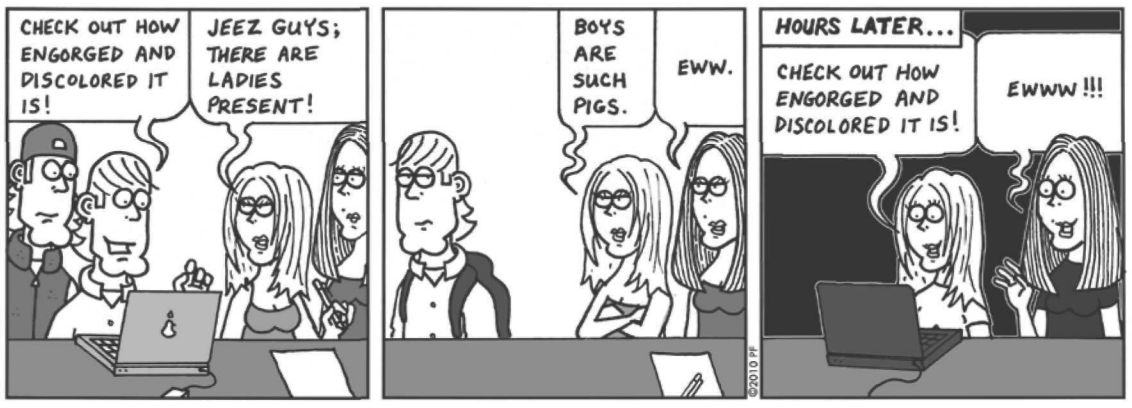

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EDITORIAL

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CAMPUS LEFT

The AMS elections results are in, and as we review the candidates and the executive-elect, it seems as if the campus' left-leaning contenders were, well, left out. So what happened? Did they advocate the wrong issues? Did they not reach enough people in their campaigns? Perhaps. But it's more likely that there's something fundamentally wrong with the way the visible leftists have approached both students and politics on this campus in recent years.

While it may be safe to say that UBC can give off a whiff of conservatism, a good portion of the student population believes in the same issues which the campus left has been advocating: affordable housing, minimal debt, lower student fees and tuition that maintains academic standards—the list can go on. Of course, not every student feels the same fervour for each of these issues. But if tuition were cut in half tomorrow, it's doubtful that there would be student protests, and if the number of student housing units on campus came to exceed those of private condos, it's hard to imagine mass demonstrations taking over our university.

So why did this year's leftist candidates not garner the support that it seems they surely deserved, given their adamant push for these exact issues? For one, campus left, your exclusivity is showing. Yes, some have previously addressed it, citing it as protection for those who have been discriminated against by the "rest," but let's not forget that if you want to be able to bring adequate results to students, you are going to need more than a small group of the disenfranchised to support you in your elections run. If you're constantly oppositional and alienating students with angry rhetoric, you're going to push supporters away! Be inclusive, and show students that your concerns are all of our concerns. In the end, results will prove more valuable than ideological purity. This may require that you show a willingness to compromise. Activism is fine when there is actually a chance of gaining ground through numbers and momentum, where one can really create pressure for change. Mass demonstration around the UBC Farm and South Campus can serve as an example, and old executives and BoG members like Darren Peets, Stefanie Ratjen and Tristan Markle had been able to work with student groups and campus organization to find solutions that simultaneously pushed for change but allowed for dialogue on contentious issues.

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There are upcoming discussions around international student tuition, for which there are currently no guarantees in place that a student will be paying the same amount in their final year as their first. Governance at UBC will be coming to the fore, and land use has caught the eye of students across the political spectrum.

This is not to say that the visible left does not know what's going on, and is somehow ignoring reality. The fact is these students are even involved in central governing and media bodies on campus, clearly aware of the main tenets of crucial issues plaguing UBC. But if you want the UBC administration, Properties Trust, the UNA and Campus and Community Planning to stop and give you the time of day, be bold in your voice but show that you are professional enough to sit down with them and act a role while holding onto your agenda.

We are not by any means trying to tell you to retire radical beliefs or leave minority concerns in the dark, but remember that the rest of campus will have their eyes and ears open to your leadership when you are willing to give a little to get a lot.

Original phrase courtesy of Justin Yang's Facebook status. **BRYCE WARNES GRAPHIC**/THE UBYSSEY

EDITORIAL

Throw these elections out

Another election has come and gone, but has anyone come out of this looking better?

Certainly not Elections Administrator Erik MacKinnon. Considering the amount of slime and slating that has clearly taken place this election, the fact no one has been disqualified has made a mockery out of AMS rules, and has lessened the political capital of every winner before they even step into office.

Certainly not newly-elected President Jeremy McElroy. He created a website with Mitch Wright which endorsed the two of them, while pamphlets were printed promoting both the website and endorsements. The only reason he wasn't disqualified is because the elections committee trusted McElroy's word that he had nothing to do with the endorsements themselves. Which, considering he denied his involvement in the site until he was caught red-handed by the media, was awfully generous of them. What can best be said of this episode is that McElroy's sense of entitlement and infallibility seems to be tempered, which isn't a bad thing.

And this certainly doesn't look good for Ahmadian himself, who decided to further destroy his reputation by slandering McElroy, beginning a pathetic legacy campaign borne on the backs of first year students that manipulated people into running against those he had grudges against. It was his rhetoric and behind-the-scenes work that set the tone for this campaign.

But you know what? The people running in this election, the actual candidates, didn't help themselves at all. Instead of trying to rise above the moral morass, candidates at best stood silent and at worst jumped right into the filth themselves.

People Ahmadian endorsed, rather than refuting his harmful rhetoric, stood by quietly, continuing to let what was, in the words of one of Bijan's campaigners, "obviously slate-like behaviour," continue unabated.

And rather than turn the other cheek, McElroy and Wright created their own slander-laden site against Bijan, endorsed each other on it and then pretended someone else was responsible—until they were caught in their own lie.

The tricky thing is that McElroy was always the most qualified for the presidency, and 'Bijan's candidates'—Silley, Tyson, Parsons and Sharma—all campaigned hard and have their own established ideas and brand outside of Ahmadian's shadow. And while the lack of progressive candidates elected isn't ideal, most on Council will see this as an acceptable result, attempt to tweak election code and move on.

But these elections have been a joke, and unless you want the rules of the AMS elections to merely become suggestions, having a new campaign with enforced rules seems to be the only way to go. Politically and practically, it will be difficult for people to accept, but ethically, there is only one real solution.

Cancel it. The whole thing.

There are options. The elections committee could, after further investigations, strike down the entire elections and have by-elections. Council could refuse to accept the results, necessitating a do-over. We're sure other creative minds have propositions that would work as well.

And while those on AMS Council, having gotten close to a desired result, may want to do the politically expedient thing and move on, they can't just turn the page on this sordid episode.

They need an eraser.

Let's keep it classy, folks

This is the part of the newspaper where we argue for civility in political discourse. It's the part where we get to go all "old media" on your blogger asses, and turn up our noses and haughtily dismiss those of you who've engaged in rabble-rousing. You see, we find such behaviour unsightly and petty, because *we have standards*. That's right, ethics. This column will continue, we will reference some sort of journalistic golden age, Watergate etc., and conclude by linking the behaviour of some anonymous VFM blogs to the shootings in Arizona.

You'll have to forgive that heaping pile of cynicism. It just seems that this—the plea for people to calm down and be nice to each other when it comes to politics—is a call that everyone has been making lately, and it usually comes across as hyperbolic and just a little bit lame.

These elections have had their share of nastiness. There were anonymous blogs like *Blackbox Theatre* attacking candidates on their character, there were other students risking their candidacies by creating blogs to defend themselves against other blogs and, of course, there were Voter Funded Media blogs that posted only once, taking a couple hundred dollars of student money, but that's a whole other rant.

While Bijan's conniving did a lot to set the tone of this election, he's not doing anything wildly different than most bloggers, councillors or anyone else who chose to make comment or observation. He just brought it to the next level.

Think about it. Here is a man who has spent much of his adult life in student politics, a culture where it's normal to call candidates "a cohort of disciples" and accuse them of being puppets controlled by "one man's naked and awkward attempt to build an artificial legacy in the wake of his own nuclear fallout from student affairs." Or like last year, when executives sometimes referred to their opponents as "war criminals."

Is it really surprising that after years and years of this (not saying that that should be the case, but it is what it is), it might seem okay to, you know, spend almost a grand to promote some candidates you like and recruit a bunch of first-years to your campaign to lie on your behalf?

And we wonder why we only have 11 per cent of students turning out to vote? For a bunch of people who talk like they're storming the Bastille, stab each other in the back online and maybe manage to produce a balanced budget if they try really hard?

Until you've earned it, take it down a notch.

OUR CAMPUS

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