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Political Science

Grace lifts graduate suspension in senate shocker

Decision "a slap in the face" students say

by Sarah O'Donnell and Matt Thompson

In a surprise move that elated some and shocked others, UBC's Dean of Graduate Studies John Grace has reopened graduate admissions to the political science department.

Senators and spectators arrived at last Wednesday's senate meeting expecting a heated debate, but instead were greeted with a memo outlining the terms of a deal Grace had struck with acting Department Head David Elkins.

Grace said he was satisfied the department had demonstrated sufficient evidence of "progress, process and sustainability"–the three criteria he and his advisory committee insisted be met for the suspension to be lifted.

"As dean of graduate studies my first concern has to be for graduate students current and future," Grace said. "I appeal to everybody to make this agreement work."

Grace suspended graduate admissions in political science after lawyer Joan McEwen reported a basis for allegations of widespread racism and sexism in the department last June.

But while Grace says he is satisfied the department has cleaned up its act, many students at the meeting remained unconvinced.

GRACE'S DECISION sparks student protest after last wednesday's senate meeting PHOTO: SARAH O'DONNELL

"It's just a slap in the face to the people who worked really hard to bring about some kind of equity in that department," graduate student Kim Williams said.

"It will be business as usual if not worse."

Robyn Cox, a member of the Alliance of Feminists Across Campus, shared William's frustration.

"I'm not surprised; I'm very angry," she said. "I'm disgusted that it's once again become about a gentlemen's agreement–and I use the term 'gentlemen' purposely. It's a gentlemen's agreement to make sure that this gets out of the press and that everyone agrees in public with no substantial change."

Angry students responded to Grace and Elkins' remarks with boos and jeers, and hanged a stuffed dummy from the senate chamber balcony as a symbol of the university's disregard for women.

The agreement struck between the department of political science and dean of graduate studies reportedly includes the political science department's commitment to "strengthen mechanisms whereby input is sought on a regular basis from graduate students" and to "commit itself to deal promptly with any allegations of harassment and discrimination."

The department will also be required to issue regular written progress reports to graduate students, deans and faculty.

The agreement also states that the Dean of Graduate Studies could reimpose the suspension if the department fails to live up to its commitments for reform.

"We have the ability and the power to reimpose the suspension if we had to do so," Grace said after the meeting. "We don't expect to have to because...we expect the department to get on and do what it said it plans to do."

Acting Political Science Head David Elkins said he was "committed to continue the reform process" and told Senate it was time for the university to put the McEwen Report controversy behind them.

"I hope...that we will begin to turn our attention away from the controversy and work more effectively," he said.

"To respect opinions and to operate in an environment of mutual trust and respect is what the academic enterprise is about."

Cox says the administrators who brokered the deal have missed the point.

"There are women and people of colour being pushed off this campus every day, every week, every year," she said.

"What we end up with is a lot of white men agreeing that it is a great place for them because it is, because no one else can stand being here."

UBC President David Strangway said he was aware there were "a small number of students" who had "very strong feelings" about the decision to reopen admissions, but said he was confident their concerns had been adequately addressed.

"No one can claim that they did not have input into the process because they had many opportunities to do so," he added.

The president also announced that the university administration has no further plans to investigate allegations raised by McEwen's report.

UBC profs may have to make the grade

by Alison Cole

Students may soon have an easier way to weed out the bad profs from the good, as the AMS plans to publish UBC's first-ever "anti-calendar" this Spring.

Still in the early stages of development, the AMS-organized anti-calendar will publish the results of instructor evaluations filled out by students at the end of each term.

AMS Vice President Namiko Kunimoto says the project is a response to widespread demand from students.

"The purpose of the anti-calendar is basically to improve the learning environment for students, to give students more choice on which professor they are taking and let professors know what they can do to improve how they teach," Kunimoto said.

UBC is currently without a university-wide instructor evaluation guide, with instructor evaluation data being left to individual faculties and departments. Whether the planned anti-calendar will, in fact, become a comprehensive university guide remains to be seen.

The decision to participate in the project will still be left to individual faculties, and according to anti-calendar coordinator Trevor Presley, some faculties have proven more cooperative than others.

While science and engineering seem willing to share their teaching evaluation data, Presley says arts "looks like it might be a little tricky."

In previous years the arts faculty has insisted that individual professors sign a voluntary release form before the results of their instructor evaluations can be made public.

The number of arts professors that sign the waiver is traditionally low, hovering around approximately ten percent.

Dr. Graeme Wynn, associate dean of the faculty of arts, said the issue of whether to turn over instructor evaluation data from the university's largest faculty is still "under discussion."

Presley believes teacher evaluation data should be made public to motivate instructors to focus on teaching.

"[The university] is a public institution–it's accountable to the students [and] the public in general. It should be a part of their job to hand over all their statistics."

The AMS plans to have the anti-calendar ready for publication by March 1996.

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AMS Update

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The next Your UBC Forum will focus on the pressing issue of campus safety. Maria Klawe, UBC VP Student and Academic Services, will moderate a question and answer session between concerned students and university administrators. This month's panel includes: David Griggs, Campus Planning; Meg Gaily, UBC's Personal Security Advisor; John Smithman, Parking & Security Services; Christy Doyle, Safewalk Coordinator; Yvette Leung & Cheng-Han Lee, AMS Safety Commissioners; Brenda Li Pakton , Women Students' Office; and Janet Cox, Totem Park Residence Life Manager.

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BoG serves students with $40 tennis racket

GAME, SET AND MATCH: BoG wins $40 - love. PHOTO: SAORI INADA

by Allison Dunnet

Tennis, everyone?

Whether you're a tennis enthusiast or not, chances are you have already contributed $40 to the construction of a $750,000 covered tennis centre at UBC.

Surprised? You're not alone. According to Board of Governors (BoG) student representatives Michael Hughes and Heather Hermant, the university failed to adequately inform students of the $40 refundable "donation" included in last fall's tuition fees.

"The only notification that students were given was in the form of a two sentence blip sent out in May with the calendars, which neither said how much this fee was nor where to get a refund," Hermant and Hughes told AMS Council in an October 16 report.

The two BoG reps say the university assured them notice of the $40 fee would be posted on Telereg prior to registration for the 1995-96 Winter session. The notice was never posted.

"Students are still coming to the AMS asking where to collect their refund when the deadline passed ages ago," they said.

To recover their contribution, students had to fill out a form at the intramurals office before the fifth week of school.

The $40 optional fee was originally collected to pay for the recently-finished Student Recreation Centre (SRC) and was supposed to expire last year. But the Board of Governors extended the fee for another two years last January to finish construction of the SRC and pay for the five court tennis centre.

Hughes questions the demand for the tennis centre and says he is concerned of the potential risk for athletics in constructing a building before all the money necessary to complete the project is actually collected.

If students were sufficiently angry at the spending policies of the university, he said, "one very good way to make the university listen would be to have a boycott campaign."

Bob Philip, director of athletics, says he has received "express demand from the students" for an improved tennis facility.

Philip says the previous tennis bubble on campus was in poor condition and was shared between the university and Tennis Canada. The minimal court time allotted to students was always full, and athletics hopes UBC students will get top priority by owning the bubble outright.

Court time will not be free for students, and unlike the SRC where the provincial government matched student contributions dollar for dollar, students alone will pick up the tab for the tennis centre's construction.

Toshiko Kamei, a second year arts student and tennis enthusiast said, "If it was free I'd use it, but if I have to pay I'll just wait for good weather and use the outdoor courts."

If more people feel like Toshiko and student opt-outs increase or the bubble goes over budget, it is within the Board of Governors power to extend the fees past the 97/98 school year. An individual student's donation to recreation facilities on campus over a four year degree could reach as high as $160.

Canadian schools don't suck

by Simon Rogers

Charges that Canadian universities are "mediocre" in the quality of education they offer are unfounded, say representatives from three BC universities.

"For a country of our size and relative age, the quality of our system and some of our programs are absolutely first-rate," SFU president John Stubbs said.

Stubbs was responding to accusations made by Peter Godsoe, chair and chief executive of the Bank of Nova Scotia, that a lack of funding for programs and lax entrance requirements has made Canadian universities mediocre in comparison to their US and international counterparts.

Godsoe compared Canadian public universities to privately-funded US giants like Harvard and Oxford, warning that if schools in Canada fail to create "centers of excellence," Canada will lose its brightest lights to these renowned ivy league schools.

"UBC has very high entrance standards, attracting students with high marks from within Canada and the world," UBC's Manager of Media Relations Stephen Crombie said . "It does not follow that the level of education we provide is mediocre."

"Where we differ with some of our American counterparts such as Harvard or Stanford is in the graduate field," said George Pedersen, newly appointed president of the Royal Roads University.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Alex Usher was taken aback by the criticism. "It is a bit farfetched to assume schools in as young a country as Canada can be expected to excel in both undergraduate and graduate educational programs. A very definite tradeoff has to be made."

Nonetheless, Canadian graduate schools attract a large number of international students, many coming from the US. Graduate students in research fields at UBC do 60 percent of the research conducted in British Columbia.

"If you look at the standard of graduate level education as it is spread thinly across Canada, as a whole, you are bound to find it somewhat deficient in comparison to some of the strong grad programs offered in certain American schools," Crombie said. "Many institutions in Canada, however, offer excellent graduate programs."

Andrew McElheran, BC director of CASA, says Canadian universities have a right to pride themselves on their accessibility as well as excellence. "To this end, we have been successful. The consequent benefits of having a financially accessible system are marked."

America's tradition of boasting prestigious and privately funded institutions stands in contrast to Canada where universities are publicly funded and have more moderate tuition fees, according to David Borins, AMS coorindator of external affairs.

"I hope that Canada will continue to reject the kind of elitism presented by the American Ivy league schools," Borins said.

"Canadian universities provide an excellent education and an undergraduate program that educates people as critical thinkers. I have studied in Canada and in England. Canada's universities have a good reputation and command respect internationally and from people in the working world."

IS UBC being swallowed up by the Coke deal? PHOTO: CHRIS NUTTALL-SMITH

AMS rejects a Coke deal plebiscite

by Matt Thompson

Students will not have the opportunity to vote on the controversial Coke deal, AMS Council decided last Wednesday.

Council defeated a motion forwarded by AMS Vice President Namiko Kunimoto and Board of Governors (BoG) representative Michael Hughes to hold a plebisicite on the AMS's plan to sign an exclusive beverage contract with Coca Cola.

The deal would give Coke a monopoly over the university's cold beverage market in exchange for a $100,000 premium paid yearly to the AMS for ten years.

Kunimoto told Council she had been contacted by at least a hundred students concerned about the deal, and argued a non-binding plebiscite would ensure Council was acting with the support of its constituents.

Commerce Rep. Mike Richards agreed with Arts Rep. Andy Ferris' claim that a plebiscite would be "an abrogation of Council's responsibility," and further argued that only "a disgruntled few" would bother to vote in the plebiscite.

"This is a business decision. We are blowing this out of proportion," he argued.

Planning representative Gretchen Ferguson said it was more than "just a business decision.

"It is a policy move, and students' perception of it is important." she said.

Ferguson also said rejecting the motion could further alienate students who already felt "powerless and ignored"

"If we turn down this motion, we are saying we don't care what students have to say."

The motion was eventually defeated when only nine coucillors voted in favour of the plebiscite.

Kunimoto said afterwards she was surprised by Council's decision, since the plebiscite would not be binding and would serve only as an informal opinion poll.

Last Wednesday's vote does not necessarily mean an end to student protest over the deal, she says, urging students with questions or concerns to contact their AMS councillor.

A final agreement between Coke, the university and AMS is expected by December 1.

CiTR plans 'All Day All Gay' radio protest

by Chris Mauran

CiTR radio will join campus and cooperative radio stations across Canada this Friday with an 'all day all gay' broadcast to protest the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) censorship of gay radio programming.

The CRTC, the agency responsible for regulating Canadian radio broadcasts and for granting broadcast licenses, received a complaint about "disgraceful and tasteless" gay programming on Halifax's Dalhousie University station CKDU.

The CRTC renewed the station's broadcast licence on the condition that CKDU programmers provide on-air warnings about potentially offensive material and meet "community standards" in their programming. The station was also told to broadcast any objectionable material only after 10 p.m.

As part of its "all day all gay" broadcast, CiTR plans to air some of the same material.

"What bothered us was that the CRTC used a homophobic complaint as the basis for their decision," said Miko Hoffman, program director for UBC's CiTR and the station's 'all day all gay' organizer.

She observed that the NCRA did not find the material, which included a poem and a comedic skit exploring lesbian and gay sexuality, to be sexually explicit.

"We are doing 'all gay all day' to try to support CKDU and to make sure that the same thing doesn't happen to us," Hoffman said.

Hoffman says CiTR has never received complaints about broadcasting sexually explicit material, although a few listeners have filed complaints about offensive rap music and comedian Sam Kinnison. But Hoffman says most listeners know what to expect when they turn to 101.9 FM.

"We are an alternative media and most of our listeners know not to expect the same material as the mainstream stations. But there are always the people who are just flipping the dial and hear explicit material on CiTR."

The broadcast, which CiTR is billing as "programming by, for and about lesbian and gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgendered, two-spirited and straight-but-not-narrow folks," will take place Friday, October 27.

Cuts may pull plug on student radio

by Alison Cole

UBC's student radio station is facing a major financial crisis and sees student generosity as its only hope for survival, according to CiTR station manager Linda Scholten.

Cuts to the AMS budget left CiTR with just under $75,000 this year–$8,000 short of the radio station's request.

Scholten says the amount is simply not enough to keep the organization running.

"We can't afford to do the same kinds of things anymore," Scholten said. "You just can't operate a radio station on that kind of money."

To make up for the lost funding, CiTR plans to ask students for a $5 yearly contribution in a referendum to be held in conjunction with the AMS executive elections in January.

The station is currently collecting the 1,000 signatures required to get the referendum question on January's ballot, and Scholten says the radio society is using the petition to gauge student support.

"If the support isn't there, then we're not going to go through with the referendum, because there's no point in doing a lot of work just to get a 'no'-vote. But we hope that since the students supported *The Ubyssey*, they'll see that it's the same sort of idea and they'll come out and support CiTR as well."

AMS Director of Finance Tara Ivanochko says the AMS is sympathetic to the station's situation, but was forced to make cuts to CiTR's budget out of fiscal necessity.

"The cuts hit [CiTR] pretty hard," Ivanochko acknowledged.

"But we were faced with a $200,000 deficit–we made cutbacks to pretty much everybody."

Ivanochko (who hosts the CiTR program "Radio Free Women") agrees the station is at a "critical juncture" financially and encourages students to support the $5 levy proposal.

If the referendum doesn't pass, Scholten says the station's future will be uncertain. "We can't operate on 75,000 [dollars]," she said, "It's just not possible."

UVic student "misses point" of lesbian assignment

by Chris Chiarenza

A University of Victoria women's studies student "got the point" when she felt uncomfortable participating in a ten minute "lesbian walk" assignment, according to Lisa J. Lander, coordinator of UVic's Lesbians Gays and Bisexuals Alliance (LGBA).

Kathleen Westergaard, a women's studies student at UVic, filed a complaint with the university's sexual harassment office over an assignment requiring students to hold hands with a female classmate during a brief walk around campus. Westergaard refused to continue the assignment after a few minutes and filed a sexual harassment complaint with the university's harassment office–a complaint the office rejected October 6.

Lander says the university's decision supports her claim that the point of the assignment was to teach an understanding of how lesbians are perceived on campus by making students feel uncomfortable.

"For me it's very frustrating, because I feel like she got the point and then she missed it," Lander said.

Westergaard, a former women's studies major, is not satisfied with UVic's handling of her case and has filed a complaint with the BC Human Rights board.

"I don't think any prof should be asking students to do anything sexual," she said.

Westergaard says she felt if she did not participate she would be labeled and cast out by the rest of the class.

She also says she has found the climate at UVic hostile since her complaint. "They are trying to silence me through whatever means possible."

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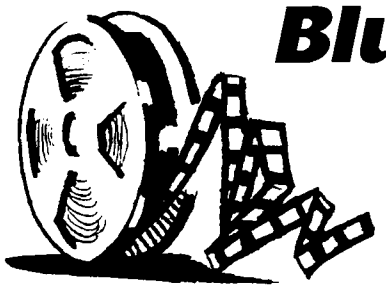
Blue in the Face breathes life into *Smoke*



Blue in the Face
at the Caprice

by Maura MacInnis

In *Smoke*, director Wayne Wang and writer Paul Aster gave audiences an affectionate glimpse into the unlikely friendships formed by the customers of a neighborhood smoke shop. These disparate people were united by their relationship with the store's manager, Auggie Wren. The role was an excellent showcase for Harvey Keitel, whose understated acting style provided *Smoke* with its continuity and brought out the best in an excellent ensemble cast.

Wang, Auster and Keitel wisely decided that more remained to be said about this Brooklyn neighborhood, and *Blue in the Face* is the result. This loosely termed 'sequel' is different in style and substance from the prior production. It retains the same setting and many of the same characters, and like its predecessor rarely flirts with anything vaguely resembling a plot. Keitel reprises his role as Auggie, and much of the supporting cast of *Smoke* returns to expand their roles.

The script, however, is largely improvised, and the dialogue is therefore fresh and richly uneven. The neighborhood's 'characters' are brought to life by a large and diverse case including cameo performances by Lily Tomlin, Jim Jarmusch, Michael J. Fox, Madonna and Roseanne.

Blue in the Face is a tribute to community, the forces that generate it, and the people that live in it. It is also an endearing portrait of Brooklyn, devoid of big-city trauma and endowed instead with a reverence for the human bonds of friendship and familiarity.

Smoke offered a detailed glimpse into the lives of its characters, but only from the vantage point of a passive observer. *Blue in the Face* invites the audience into the story, to walk through a Brooklyn neighborhood and hang out at the cigar store with the locals. The actors improvise the small exchanges of friendship that bind the characters to each other and to their community.

These vignettes are interspersed with video clips detailing the facts and statistics that describe Brooklyn to outsiders. This open and enthusiastic style works better in the comic scenes than in the more darkly emotional moments, and some scenes fall short of their potential. Mel Gorham gives a wild and enthusiastic performance as Auggie's passionate girlfriend, while Roseanne's discontented housewife is allowed to whine past the point of sympathy. But this occasional unevenness does little to detract from this warm celebration of Brooklyn life.

Lily Tomlin competes for your attention with the John Lurie Orchestra in **Blue in the Face.**

Now & Then
at the Granville 7

by Peter T. Chattaway

Saying that Demi Moore, Rosie O'Donnell, Melanie Griffith and Rita Wilson (Rita who?) are the "stars" of *Now & Then* is like saying *Stand By Me* was a vehicle for Richard Dreyfuss.

Now & Then's marketing strategy speaks volumes for the challenges faced by 'chick flicks'; *Stand By Me* did quite well as a movie for and about boys, but *Now & Then* requires the extra push of established female celebrities. Apparently no one expects a movie about *girls* to rake in the masses.

Once you're inside the theatre, though, you begin to notice a conspicuous similarity between the two films. Both are awash in 'classic rock' hits, dysfunctional families, and secret clubs that meet in treehouses. Most significantly, both are about four twelve-year-olds who learn to cope with death by going on a journey.

In this case, the journey is prompted by a seance in the cemetery where, the girls fear, they may have let loose the spirit of a boy their age who died some 25 years ago. To learn more about the boy, and perhaps find a way to send him back to the spirit world, they need to visit the library in a neighbouring town, so off they go on their bikes.

Naturally, the journey becomes an opportunity for reflection. Samantha (*Uncle Buck*'s Gaby Hoffman) must cope with her parents' impending divorce, while Roberta (Christina Ricci), the tomboy who tapes her breasts down, has never quite come to terms with the death of her own mother. Less ponderous are Chrissy (Ashleigh Aston Moore), the prudish one who has never French kissed because "I don't want to get pregnant," and Teeny (*Patriot Games*' Thora Birch), the budding starlet who stuffs her bra with pudding-filled balloons ("Which flavour?" Chrissy asks).

The performances are all quite good, though they are hemmed in a by-the-numbers script. The seance feels especially familiar, if only because Ricci's worked with spooks before in the *Addams Family* movies and in *Casper* (Vancouver's Devon Sawa, who played Casper opposite Ricci, here gets to share a first kiss with her). The friendship between Ricci and Ashleigh Moore is one of the film's most compelling elements, in that lump-in-throat sort of way, particularly in the moments after Ricci's "accident" in the shallow end of a lake. Moore proves that she's *not* just the film's comic relief.

The grown-up actresses seem to be working in a different movie altogether. Demi Moore, as the adult Hoffman, is the only one who bears an even remotely convincing resemblance to her younger self. In addition, the separation of friends that typically follows childhood — and which served to make *Stand By Me* so wonderfully poignant — is undone by the framing narrative, in which the friends reunite after a decade's separation to recommit themselves to their pact. I'm not sure which offends me more: that the grown-ups should steal the young actresses' thunder, or that a nicely bittersweet story should have such an artificial happy ending tacked on.

FACETIOUSLY and ABSTEMIOUSLY have all 6 vowels in order.

Breathtaking *Fire* better than *Road* trip

Breathing Fire
at the Writers Festival

by Gillian Long

The Writer's Festival presentation of *Breathing Fire* served as the official launch of the book by the same name.

An anthology of young poets, *Breathing Fire* is a celebration of Canada's new generation of writers. Edited by two of Canada's foremost poets, Lorna Crozier and Patrick Lane, it promises to be a fascinating read.

The event consisted of readings by seventeen B.C. poets represented in the anthology, as well as Calgary's Karen Connelly. The poets, all under 30, exhibited an energy and a passion that was certainly promising for the future of Canadian literature.

The poets all spoke with a distinctly Canadian voice, but coming from such different backgrounds, this Canadian voice diverged into many distinct voices.

Sioux Browning described her perfect man as "a man who's not afraid to let his Molson muscle hang over the front of his Speedos." Gregory Scofield sang 'Grandmother' in Cree. Mark Cochrane expressed an interesting take on gender in 'Boy am I.'

The poets approached the podium with attitudes ranging from ebullience to discomfort, but to a one they read their poems with pride and poise.

Breathing Fire proved to be a beautiful and exciting presentation.

Writers on the Road
at the Writers Festival

by Gillian Long

Karen Connelly, Stephen Dunn and Philip Salom are three poets from three different corners of the world — Calgary, New Jersey and Perth, Australia respectively.

They came together, ostensibly to discuss traveling and the effect it had on their writing, but the event became a platform for the unabashed "travel guide," Ken McGoogan, to hawk his new book, while the other participants for the most part merely read from their work, past and present.

While the readings were excellent, and the quality of the writing was undeniably wonderful, there was a disappointing lack of discussion. A ten-minute space at the end of the event was allotted for a question period, which was utilized by the extroverted members of the audience to detail their own travels, much to the boredom of the rest of the audience. An interesting opportunity for discussion between three different authors was supplanted by an unfulfilling advertisement for their writing.

An intra-panel debate would have made this event stand out in a festival of readings, but these writers chose to take the well-traveled, much abused road instead.

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Grace, too?

Did Grace sell out under pressure?

That's the question on everyone's mind since Graduate Studies Dean John Grace announced he was lifting the suspension on graduate admissions in UBC's now infamous political science department.

Students who once threw their support behind the dean have been left feeling confused and in many cases betrayed.

Both the Faculty Association and Faculty of Graduate Studies had come out in support of the dean, and there were strong indications that Grace was about to receive the support of Senate as well. Just when Grace finally appeared to get the public support from faculty he deserved, he lifted the very suspension he had earlier deemed vital to safeguard the fragile process of reform.

Grace's decision raises a number of unanswered questions.

If the dean did, in fact, cave in under intense pressure, why didn't he do so weeks or even months ago?

If Grace was acting under pressure, who was exerting that pressure?

If the decision to lift suspensions were, as many students maintain, premature, why did Grace's advisory committee (which made up of both faculty *and* students) approve the deal?

Some have suggested that Grace feared the climate created by a rapacious news media and embittered faculty was an even worse environment for students than the chilly climate that prompted the suspension in the first place, and that he compromised for students' sake.

Others claim they've been sold out, pure and simple.

Regardless of Grace's rationale, the decision comes at an opportune time. The media has been looking for an excuse to drop a story the public views as over-reported and repetitive, and UBC's administration is more than happy to finally get the university out of the McEwen spotlight.

But while the public regards the decision to reopen admissions with a sense of closure, we are inclined to view it as an uneasy beginning. The real and much less public battle will be fought in the months ahead as graduate students test the department's professed commitment to equity and tolerance.

After Grace's about-face last Wednesday, students are left wondering who they can count on to ensure that political science pays more than lip service to the reforms it claims to be committed to.

Perspective

by Kevin Dwyer, M.A. candidate, Dept. of Political Science

The eleventh hour "deal" reached between Dean Grace and the political science department comes as a complete and total surprise to those graduate students who strove for an inclusive, tolerant and equitable reform process. Dean Grace, as late as Thursday October 12, reassured me that the political science department had to establish a process in which "the most aggrieved students had an active participatory role." Grace stated that this was one of the key conditionns that had to be met before his Equity Advisory Committee would reopen graduate admissions to Pol. Sci. Yet this condition was curiously absent from the three requirements that Grace cited had been met by poli. sci. at the senate meeting of Wednesday October 18. Prior to the Senate meeting, Grace accepted the so-called "substantial results" of the dept.'s committee process and allowed the suspension of admissions to be lifted. This is a disturbing turn of events.

The department's committee process involved approximately 31 individuals. Each member was allotted one deciding vote on the reforms that were to be adopted. That 25 faculty members (who continue to emphatically deny any acts of racism and sexism), four undergraduates(!), one MA, and one PhD are deciding on the reforms to this dept. and its graduate studies programme is a clear sign to me of the degree of equity, toleration and inclusiveness that will be embraced.

It is of tremendous significance that those male and female students who are now frozen out of reform support the allegations of pervasive racism and sexism and constitute the full demographic range of race in this dept. In contrast, and reflected in the student petition to reopen admissions, those students who are critical of the McEwen Report and support the department are white and predominantly male. As a white male, I am disgusted with this closing of ranks among privileged white students and the faculty in poli. sci. It sends the wrong message to all visible minorities here. It sends the message that whites, particularly male whites, count and minorities don't. Thus, any calls to "rebuild" the poli. sci. community are as hypocritical as they are absurd. Now that the suspension is lifted discrimination has been given institutional credibility. Indeed, with the intervention of Dennis Pavlich in this affair, the highest levels of administration are now implicated in the sordid business. Given this, there will be a clear reluctance on the part of the university to conduct any further investigations into sexual harassment and racism in the future.

With Grace's capitulation, the Faculty of Graduate Studies now joins the Equity Office on the list of ineffective institutions that are mandated to deal with substantive student complaints. For those students, like myself, whose departments lack a moral core there are now *no external and effective means to address serious complaints*. We are now subject to the whims and fancies of our departments. This is a condition that effectively crushes our academic freedom.

Dean Grace has much to answer for. His capitulation comes at a time when faculty are awakening to the need to address the issues of equity, tolerance and inclusiveness, when the Senate was prepared to follow the example of the Graduate Council and support and retain the suspension of admissions to poli. sci., and when we, as students of poli. sci., had risked so much to further the cause of genuine reform. His capitulation is despicable, if only for the fact that he lead us to believe that he, alnoe among all the administrative heads of this university, would forge ahead on a path that creates a level playing field for all students, regardless of their gender, race, age, religion or intellectual perspective.

Wednesday October 18, 1995, marks a turning point in the history of this institution. When presented with the occasion to become a world leader in issues of race and gender, this university chose not only to reinforce privilege and prejudice, but chose also to allow violations of Section 15 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to go unchecked. For all people of good conscience, these are dark times at UBC.

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"Pass the smarties," begged Scott Hayward. Joe Clark's party had just gotten underway when Matt Thomson started gulping the ice cream. Simon Rogers didn't bring enough cupcakes, and this made Alison Cole and Chris Chiarenza fight over the crumbs. Gillian Long came in dressed as a clown, and tried to settle the kids down. Maura MacInnis brought nanaimo bars for Ben Koh, who gave them to Saori Inada and Wah-Kee Ting. When Chris Nuttall-Smith started making balloon statues of Peter C. Chattaway, even Jenn Kuo was quiet. In the other room, Sarah O'Donnell and Chris Moran tried to pin the tail on Allison Dunnet. Finally Ron Eichler brought out the loot packs and everyone went home.

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letters

Name calling condemned

To the UBC Campus Community:

The GSS formally condemns any reference to the Political Science Department as a systemically racist organisation. Potentially libelous name-calling, such as comparing the department to the KKK, is not only in poor taste, but is also untrue and inappropriate. I urge all members of the community to remember that the closer we move to resolution within (and the restoration of) the Poitical Science Deparment, the more counter-productive such comparisons become.

Heidi Peterson,
GSS President

Senator quits over Poli Sci decision

Dear President Strangway,

In light of the recent events regarding the Political Science Department, I regret to inform you that I am resigning my position on Senate. Lifting the Suspension on graduate admissions to Political Science department, at the October 18 Senate meeting, cut short a very constructive and needed process. The issues of sexism and racism, dealt with in the McEwen Report, need to be examined not only in the Political Science department, but campus wide. The deal struck between Dean Grace and Dr. Elkins was done behind closed doors and failed to address some major student concerns. The concessions made by the Political Science department were for the most part minor and cosmetic in nature. It seems hypocritical that the Political Science department claims to be seeking stronger student input, yet just recently it dropped student membership on all three reform working groups. In addition, most of the faculty named in the McEwen report are still teaching in the department. The compromise sends the wrong message to students, namely: Don't you worry your silly little head about sexism and racism, we'll take care of it behind closed doors, without student input. Although I appreciate that many of the faculty in the Political Science department are sincerely committed to reform, I think lifting the suspension will slow if not stop the reform process. However I hope this is not the case, and I hope the Political Science Faculty will now live up to its end of the deal. I would like to remind the department members that, as always, actions speak louder than words.

Trevor Presley,
Student Senator for Arts

Law students show support

Open Letter to our sisters in Political Science,

We, a group of women students at the UBC Faculty of Law, recognize the obstacles faced by those who confront sexism and racism. We support the graduate students in the Political Science department at UBC who are now being blamed for speaking out. Their strength and courage provides a stark contrast to those unwilling to acknowledge the experiences of women and minorities. Open discussion about sexism and racism must be fostered. These women must not be silenced.

UCS Law,
Women's Caucus

RE: AMS Open Mike Coverage

To the editor,

In your Tuesday October 17th issue, Simon Rogers covered the most recent of the AMS' Open Mikes. Rogers quoted me out of context, resulting in what appeared to be an affront on my part to UBC students. My point was that because of the sheer magnitude of this campus, it has traditionally been difficult for the student government to reach the student body. I like to feel that this sheer magnitude is largely responsible for what many perceive as general student apathy on campus.

The Trek for Education held last Friday was advertised for over a month and required several months of planning. The massive turnout despite the awful weather is itself an illustration not only of the effort required to reach students, but that once students are reached, they are quite certainly NOT apathetic. I like to have faith in student mobility on issues that will affect us enormously.

With regard to the AMS Open Mikes, we hope that once students recognize them as a regular monthly activity, the turn-out will increase, as it has steadily since we began hosting them in the Conversation Pit at SUB. The next forum will be held in conjunction with the University admistration on Friday October 27th from 12:30 and 2:30 in the Conversation Pit. The topic will be Safety on campus.

One final clarification: Namiko Kunimoto was misqouted. Her statement was that the Open Mikes are an attempt to "foster a communicative link between the student government and the student body" (i.e. not the Board of Governors, which is an entirely different body).

Heather Hermant,
Student Representative
UBC Board Of Governors

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Football Birds lose critical game to Dinos

by Scott Hayward

The UBC Thunderbirds football team fought to overcome an early 24 point deficit, but lost 34-31 to the Calgary Dinos with their playoff hopes on the line.

Their record now stands at 2-4 and they have only an outside chance of making the playoffs. To do so, UBC must top the Manitoba Bisons next week and then beat the Saskatchewan Huskies by at least eight points the week after. They also need the last place Alberta Golden Bears to beat the Huskies next week.

Once again the T-Birds started slowly, and allowed Calgary to build up a 31-7 lead by midway through the second quarter of the game. "I don't think that we were that prepared to play, I don't know why. Offensively we couldn't seem to move the ball," said Head Coach Casey Smith.

In their last meeting, UBC dug themselves a hole giving Calgary a 31-13 lead early in the third quarter. The Birds came back strong and made that game close, but still lost a 45-43 decision.

UBC was unable to make a first down in any of their first four possessions this week. Calgary's Don Blair scored two TD's in the first quarter, one on a 23 yard pass and one on a 40 yard run. Brian Mlachak kicked two converts and a field goal to give the Dinos a 17-0 lead.

Mark Nohra's 75 yard touchdown run at the end of the first quarter was UBC's only bright spot early in the game.

Calgary scored two more quick touchdowns in the second quarter on passes to Blair and Kevin Klein, to put the Dinos up 31-7. On UBC's next possession, quarterback Adrian Rainbow was intercepted and it looked like a Dino rout.

However UBC regained their composure and dominated from that point on. The defence shut down the Calgary offence, and UBC scored two touchdowns on passes to Grayson Shillingford and Andrew English to go to the dressing room at half time trailing 31-17.

In the third quarter UBC scored a touchdown on a short pass to Bob Beckow and Mlachak kicked a second Dino field goal. A late third quarter drive by the Birds resulted in English's second TD reception of the game early in the fourth quarter, narrowing the Dino lead to 34-31.

SCOTT HAYWARD PHOTO

CALGARY RECEIVER Don Blair evades T-Bird tacklers after catching a pass. Blair, who leads Canada West in receptions and total yards receiving, scored three touchdowns.

Shouts of "this is the season, fellas" from the T-Bird bench spurred the defence, which kept the Dinos scoreless in the fourth quarter. However, despite several chances UBC was unable to put any more points on the board.

A sure TD pass to Shillingford was thrown just beyond his reach, and Simon Beckow had a pass knocked away deep in Dino territory. Receiver and kicker Andrew English missed two long field goal attempts. Coach Smith noted after the game that English may have made the kicks earlier in the game when he wasn't as tired.

"They were pretty disappointed and upset, but I told them it never comes down to one play, it's not whether you catch a pass or make a play," said Smith.

Team	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Calgary	5	2	280	201	10
Saskatchewan	4	2	138	156	8
Manitoba	3	3	184	165	6
UBC T-Birds	**2**	**4**	**199**	**168**	**4**
Alberta	2	5	123	231	4

SCOTT HAYWARD PHOTO

UBC RUGBY player carries the ball while pursued by several Brittania Lions in a 64-12 slaughter this Saturday. Canadian team wing and UBC full back led the team with a three-try afternoon.

Bird droppings— UBC's sport shorts

Soccer

UBC's women's team, undefeated until losing a pair last week, came back this week to win 4-1 over UVic to stay in first place. Lianne McHardy had a pair for the Birds, while Denyse Kuhn and Zoe Adrian each had singles.

The men's team beat UVic by a 2-1 margin on goals by Filippo Zaurrini. The win raised UBC's record to a fourth place 5-3.

Hockey

UBC dropped a pair of games this weekend to Brandon by scores of 7-2 and 6-4. The Birds will try to improve their 1-4-1 record when they host Lethbridge this weekend.

Field Hockey

The Birds came second with a 2-0-2 record of in the last of three Can-West tournaments in Victoria this weekend. UBC finishes the year in first place overall with a record of 10-0-2. Captain Ayra Davy's led the league in scoring 14 goals ahead of teammate Laura Prellowitz who was seond with 10.

The Birds beat Calgary 2-0 Saturday, followed by a 6-0 win over Manitoba 6-0 in which Davy scored four goals.

Sunday they tied Alberta 2-2 and, in the final game of the season, played to a scoreless tie against tournament winner UVic.

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Your UBC forum 1

"Registration and Admissions"

held Wednesday, September 27th in SUB

Moderator: Maria Klawe

Panelists: Namiko Kunimoto, Richard Spencer, Gaylea Wong, Sham Pendleton, Pam Lim, Mary Cooney, Susan Peters and Dawn Tymo

Summary of Questions and the Responses from the Panel:

Q **When I call Telereg, I enter the information faster than the system can manage. Is there anything you can do to speed up the system?**

A We have already made the necessary changes to allow the system to keep up with the entries. You shouldn't have that problem in the future.

Q **I wanted to take a course in second term but at the time I registered the course was only available in first term. Sometime after I registered a second term section was added. Couldn't Telereg let me know somehow?**

A Telereg will usually tell you if a section which is not listed in the Telereg Guide has been added, but in your case it sounds like it was added after you registered and so it had no way of knowing what you wanted or letting you know.

Comment: Telereg is really limited by the technology available to a telephone handset. We are working actively to provide better forms of access. We have recently provided students with access to certain parts of their records through special kiosks with touch screens. Down the road we hope to be able to use the World Wide Web which will provide a much better interface and will also more powerful search and find options.

Q **I spend the summer working out of town. If I have a Telereg problem is there an 800 number I can call?**

A We have looked into having an 800 number but have not implemented it for financial reasons. We would rather use the resources to solve the problem.

Q **I'm an international student and it is difficult to access touch tone phones. In addition, the time difference makes it hard for me to use Telereg.**

A Allowing students to register via a modem and a computer will eliminate some of the problems caused by reliance on the telephone system. We need to have students tell us that moving towards computer access to Telereg is a high priority.

Q. **Why isn't Telereg available 24 hours a day?**

A We were able to increase the periods that Telereg was open this year.(8am-9pm Monday to Friday; 8am-4pm on the weekends, and 8am-8pm throughout September).
We are looking at rescheduling our use of the University mainframe computer, but it is a shared system and other users need to have access too.

Q **I'm supposed to be at work during the day and rather than redialing all the time, is there some way to put calls into a queue?**

A We could put in a queue, however that might not work well for students who are calling long distance and would have to pay while they are in the queue.

Comment : Telereg calls now come through BCTel's high volume exchange. Many of the problems were caused by a call blocking at BCTel which resulted in a busy signal at the Castle exchange so calls never actually got through to UBC's Telereg lines.

Q **There seem to be waiting lists for many courses. Sometimes the waiting list gets dumped and I have to line up to get into the class. Why can't Telereg handle the waiting list?**

A There is a problem when the faculties don't open up enough sections and students have to go on waiting lists. The registration system really has no control over that problem. All parts of the University need to work more effectively and as an institution we need to do better.

Q **Graduate Students (who are working as teaching assistants) sometimes have problems communicating with their class because of their language skills. What does UBC do to ensure that teaching assistants have adequate language skills?**

A Two years ago UBC's English language standards were increased. Although international students must meet UBC's TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) requirement of 570 for Science and 580 for Arts, this still does not guarantee proficiency.

Comment: A course designed for TAs who are new to North America and who do not speak English as a mother tongue was offered for the first time this fall. The course was funded through the UBC Teaching and Learning Fund and will be repeated in January.

Q **I had an interim mark but it didn't get processed and at first I wasn't able to get into Science. It got sorted out when I got to UBC. How does UBC treat interim marks?**

A In BC, the Ministry forwards interim grades to UBC in May, and we make early admission offers. We have applications from about 5600 Grade 12 students and about 20% of the students have grades with some kind of problem. The problem can arise for many reasons. Where the grades we receive are missing or incomplete, we have to follow up manually in each case, and it is very time consuming.

Q **I came from Alberta where the system is a little different, and I found that Admissions was quite backed up. It would help if you provided a check list of critical pieces of material. I had a transcript that wasn't properly signed and I ended up not being able to register by Telereg.**

A In the near future we will be getting grades electronically form Alberta so that will help. We were using a new admissions system this year and although our staff went to extraordinary lengths to help, it didn't work as well as we hoped. We owe many of you an apology for not giving you the service you deserved. We may need to clarify our information and will add a checklist next year. We are also gathering information from a student survey and will use information from that to improve the system.

Q **I made a number of long distance calls during the first few weeks of registration and found the Registrar's Office system quite fragmented. Is there any way of having one person or a single point who could field most of the inquiries about registration or admissions?**

A That's a great idea and one that we have been trying organize for some time. Its really useful to know that "one stop" information would be helpful to you.

Comment: I'm a grad student in Zoology and I would just like to commend the registrar's Office. You do a great job!

Thank you. We are trying hard to provide the service students expect.

Q **I understand that students can opt out of the $40 fee for the Student Recreation Centre. I thought the information was confusing and not very clear. Can you put the information on Telereg next year?**

A The message is really too long for Telereg but we sent it out as a bulletin to all students. The information is in the Calendar. We also posted it on the UBC general newsgroup and also ran it as an advertisement in the Ubyssey.

Q **If a student or a group of students wants to have a new course offered, how would that happen?**

A You could approach a faculty member to see if he or she would be prepared to offer the course as a seminar. Alternately you could approach the department to see if they would make funding available for the course. If the course was to be offered on a regular basis, the department would need to work with the Dean and the Vice President Academic to secure the continuing funding.

Q **Is there any flexibility regarding late payment of the $100 registration deposit?**

A There is no easy answer. If there is some kind of emergency we are certainly prepared to make exceptions and our staff are always able to deal with genuine hardship cases. We can usually get a student back into their courses but if a course is full and the department won't take the student back there isn't much we can do.

Having said that, we need to be fair to the students who have paid the deposit to hold their class and not allow the class to be held by someone who is not really serious about carrying through and taking the class. Some universities actually charge a student $100 to register.

Q **Last year I called Telereg and instead of getting the welcome message I went straight into the system without being asked for a PIN number or anything. I could have changed someone else's coursed or cancel their registration. Can you ask for the PIN number before the system does something critical like canceling a registration? What are you doing to improve security?**

A This problem occurred when a student hung up without using the # key and we didn't get a signal from BC Tel that the caller had hung up. Another student could call in on the same line and link to the previous caller's record. This happened very infrequently but we were really concerned nevertheless. With the change to the new BC Tel exchange we are now on digital equipment and we hope the problem is fixed. Incidentally we have implemented the change requiring a PIN before a critical transaction can occur.

Q **Is there a strategy to getting into Telereg? Am I better to just keep redialing? Do long distance calls receive any priority?**

A Telereg is busier at certain times of day. It is easier to get in late in the day and on weekends. Long distance calls go into the queue like everyone else. BCTel's new phone exchange does provide fairer access since it distributes calls from across the province more equally. UBC is moving towards installation of more phone lines. This has been made possible from the revenue the University receives from the ACC long distance plan that we implemented last year. The AMS and the University share the revenue and the UBC share is being used to improve access to student systems in the Registrar's Office.

Q **The Telereg system was down on the day I could register. Is there anything you can do about that? Is there any way of providing an estimate of how long the system will be down?**

A No matter how hard we try, the systems do crash periodically. The problem most likely occurred with the mainframe computer so it affected all of the University users and not just Telereg. We just don't know how long it will take to get it back up. It can be as little as 15 minutes. There was one time this summer when it went down for nearly an hour.

Q **I received one of the OSI (Outstanding Student Initiative) scholarships which covers tuition, but the disbursements don't always match the fee amounts. I had to pay money in the first term even though I'll get a refund in the second term. Can't you balance the disbursements?**

A We don't know in advance what a student's course load will be so we split awards in half. That way the student will know exactly what each disbursement will be. For major awards, we could look at making the first disbursement equal to the first fee installment.

Your UBC forum 2

Oct. 27th • 12:30pm

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