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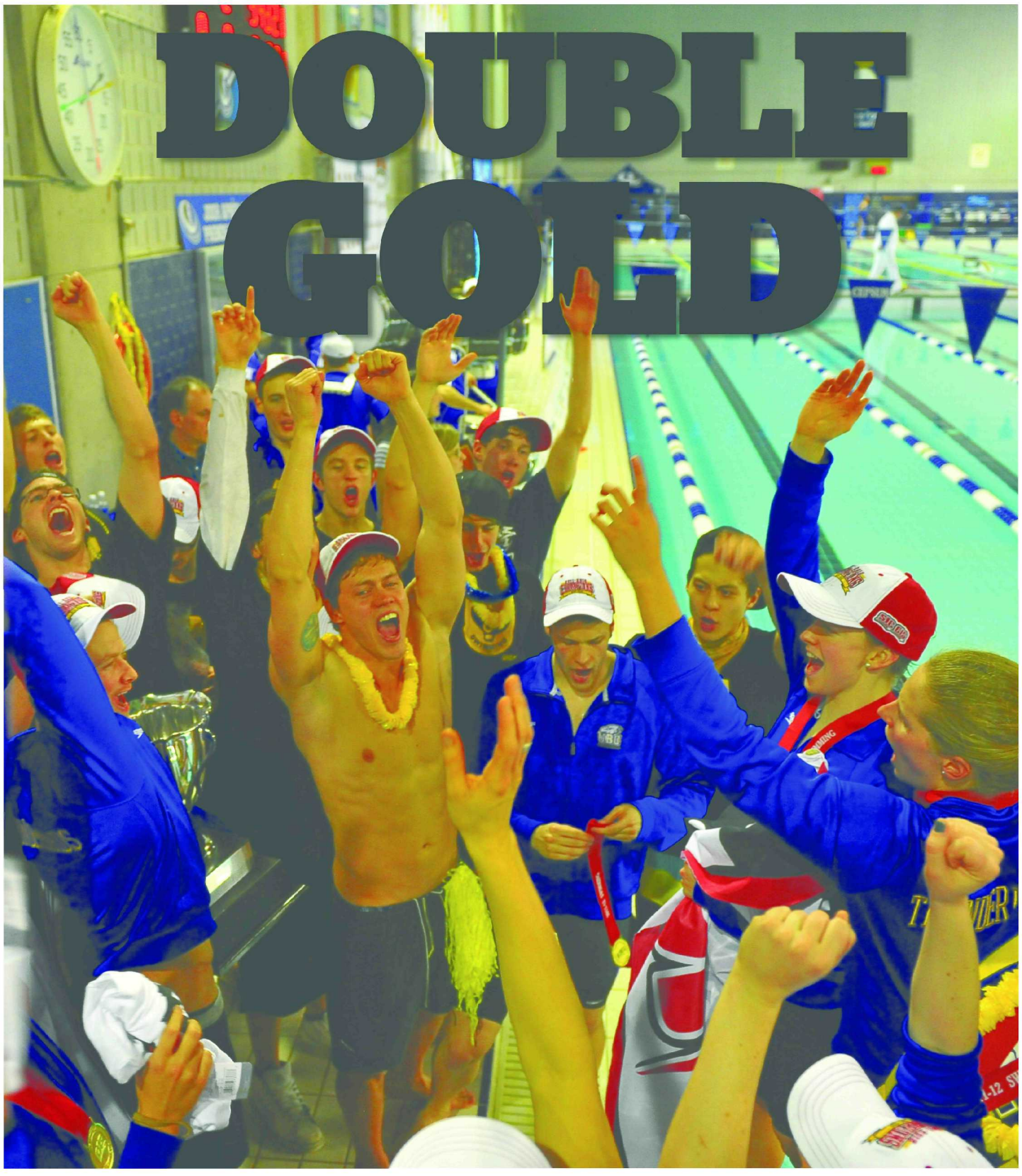

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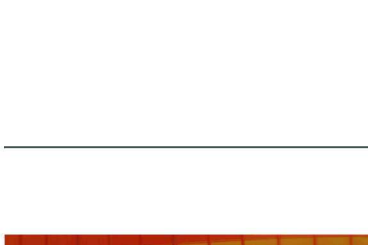

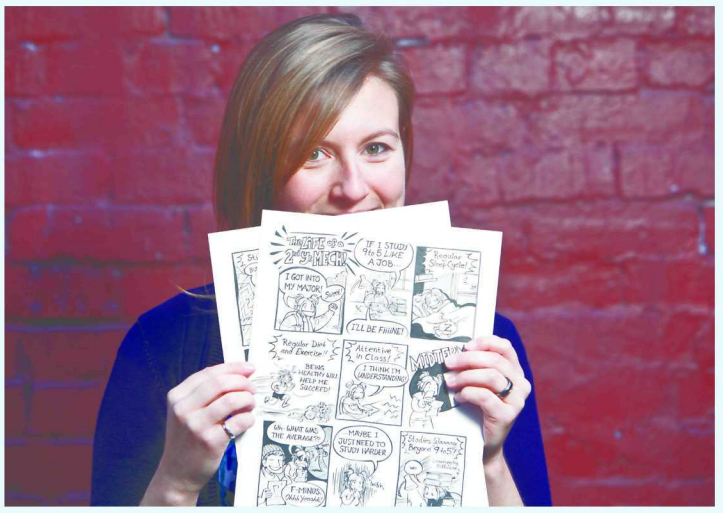

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TA STRIKE»

No strike vote yet for TA union, negotiations continue

CUPE 2278 wants UBC to match wages offered to U of T teaching assistants

Andrew Bates
Senior Web Writer

Teaching assistants (TAs) at UBC have not called for a strike vote, but instead want to continue contract negotiations with the university.

In a closed meeting in the Woodward building on Wednesday evening, the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 2278 (CUPE 2278), which represents TAs at UBC, met to discuss negotiations on a new collective bargaining agreement.

"We're pretty much in a position to wrap up all of the non-monetary stuff," Roger Clarke, chief negotiator for CUPE 2278, said in his presentation, a recording of which was obtained by *The Ubyssey*. "There's a few loose ends, we've told them they're not important. What we care about right now is money."

"Right now there's a pause in the negotiation so that both parties are assessing how we're going to move forward," said Lucie McNeill, director of UBC Public Affairs. "We're not negotiating in the media. It all depends on what happens at the table."

The union is looking for the same wage as TAs at the University of Toronto, who earn $39.92 per hour versus UBC's $28.42 per hour. U of T's TAs are also renegotiating their contract, but voted against a strike vote last week.

On February 8, in the second of three bargaining sessions since the union met with members in January, CUPE 2278 presented all of its wage proposals to UBC, which also include tuition waivers and other benefits.

According to Clarke, UBC has adopted a "lecturing" tone in bargaining since the first meeting, where the union criticized the university for an increase in salaries for some staff making over $75,000 a year.

ANDREW BATES/THE UBYSSEY

In a February 15 meeting, UBC TAs decided to continue negotations instead of proceeding to a strike vote.

"They're really angry," Clarke said in the meeting. "They're mad at the things we've been saying. They're trying to explain away some of the numbers."

According to McNeill, the wage proposals by the union would cost $22.78 million over the four-year contract period, with $8.47 million going to tuition waivers for TAs. "What they're asking for, the way they're asking for it, it does not conform with the provincial government's net zero mandate," she said, referring to the fact that the province has set a 0 per cent increase in pubic sector employee wages.

"They came to the table knowing full well that we're held by that, so all I can tell you is that our negotiating team was surprised by that," said McNeill.

The union now is in the position of continuing to escalate until they have something they can bring back to their members. No bargaining sessions are scheduled before February 29.

The Graduate Student Society (GSS) has had an eye on the situation, according to Jamie Paris, VP Academic and External. "From the GSS perspective, we walk out of this feeling like this is a very cautious union who is not going to rush people to strike."

CUPE 2278 refused a request for comment. "We're in the middle of bargaining, and bargaining is really tight right now. So we don't want to comment," said Peter Lane, the union's general manager. "They [UBC] have actually said to us that we should not be talking to the media."

McNeill would not confirm that claim. "I don't have any information on what exactly was requested of them, in what terms exactly," she said. "What we don't talk about in the media is we don't negotiate in the media because not much is gained by that. You really want to have things happen at the table."

TAs in the audience seemed supportive. "I have a feeling that the guys here in the front know where they want to get to," said Carmen Emmell, a PhD student in atmospheric science.

"They want to put more pressure on the employer, they want to get some more money for us, and I have the feeling that people in the room were very enthusiastic about doing something about it. They're going in a good direction."

McNeill said she was optimistic about the situation. "At the end of the day, there is going to be an agreement, people are going to have to sign on the dotted line and shake hands, and they're going to have to work together and be part of a similar enterprise," she said.

"That's what we keep in mind, right? Wise people on both sides of the table, that's what they have in their minds when they're there."

By the numbers

$28.42 Current hourly wage for UBC TAs

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Public Consultation

Gage South & Environs Public Open House – March 1

During the Land Use Plan amendment process, **students asked UBC to revisit the future land use for the Gage South area** (location of the current diesel bus loop), which consequently became an **'Area Under Review'**.

On March 1, UBC will hold a public open house to present the preferred layout for the Gage South & Environs area, based on public feedback and further technical analysis. This larger area will be home to a new aquatic centre, a transit diesel bus facility, and an open air recreational space like MacInnes Field. Consultation will also include further discussion on the possibility of non-market rental housing for faculty, staff and students in the area.

Date: Thursday, March 1, 2012 **Time:** 4:00PM – 6:30PM
Place: Ponderosa Centre, 2071 West Mall

During the open house, the public will have an opportunity to learn more, offer feedback and ask the planning team questions.

Online consultation will run from February 27 to March 7.

For more information or to participate online, please visit: www.planning.ubc.ca/gagesouth

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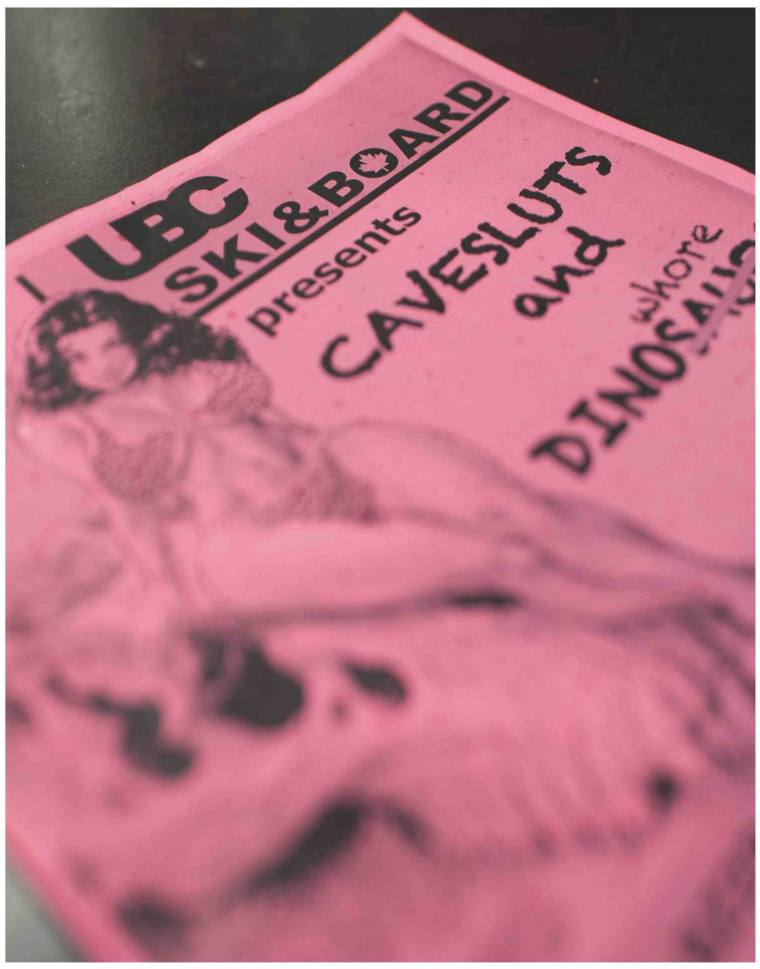

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The UBC Ski and Board Club was told to take down all remaining event posters.

Kalyeena Makortoff
News Editor

After complaints about inappropriate content, one AMS club has been asked to remove all posters advertising a beer garden.

Created by the UBC Ski and Board Club, the poster advertised a prehistoric-themed beer garden called Cavesluts and Dinowhores. The drawing on the poster was of a busty, scantily clad woman leaning against a dinosaur skull.

A complaint about the poster came from a permanent staff member of the AMS. The Student Administrative Commission (SAC) said the staff member asked for the posters' immediate removal.

"The posters were offensive, but by the time we got the complaint the event date had actually passed, so we weren't actually able to get them to change the name of the event," said SAC vice-chair Alannah Johnston.

It wasn't meant to be at all degrading, but I guess we didn't think it through enough.

Charlott Johansen
Ski & Board Club President

"We just said, if you've got any remaining posters, please take them down...Be considerate of the variety of people and students that come through the Student Union Building every day."

While SAC has the ability to go as far as disbanding a club for misconduct, Johnston said that it's very rare since most clubs follow the rules.

"Generally I find that student organizations and AMS clubs are very considerate with their wording on posters and socially conscious and politically correct, so this is quite rare."

Ski and Board Club President Charlott Johansen said this is the first time a complaint has been made about an event poster they've made in her four years on the club's executive.

"I think the exec team got a little too excited," she explained. She said the intent was to have a dinosaur party, and the details were hashed out two weeks before the February 3 event.

"Our execs got a little excited about 'dinowhores' and 'dinosluts.' I don't know, we sort of just came up with some funny names for it," said Johansen.

"It wasn't meant to be at all degrading, but I guess we didn't think it through enough...Then we made a poster with a woman, barely clad.

"But honestly we didn't mean to offend anyone, and I understand why they'd get offended but that wasn't our intention at all. I understand, in retrospect," she said.

The event went off without a hitch, Johansen explained, and hosted about 300 people in the SUB Ballroom.

"[At] this point there isn't any further actions," said Johnston, adding that the file was closed.

"It's sort of a warning, respect it in the future. It's on record, so if something like this happened again, they'd know it wouldn't be a first-time event."

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BASKETBALL»

'Birds start playoffs with a bang, eliminate U of A

After being ousted by Alberta the last two years, UBC prevails in Canada West quarterfinals

Colin Chia
Staff Writer

The UBC Thunderbirds women's basketball team erased two years of elimination pain at the hands of the University of Alberta Pandas with a two-game sweep in their best-of-three playoff series, booking their place in the Canada West final four.

A dominating 85-51 win in game one on Thursday was followed by an intense Saturday afternoon game where UBC fell behind in the first half but came out on top 82-71. The Thunderbirds stormed out of the gate on Thursday, grabbing an early lead and dominating both ends of the court. Alberta never posed a threat all night as UBC's stifling defence stymied the Pandas from gaining any momentum.

Alberta responded to the tough loss by coming out with a big start of their own on Saturday. After UBC fell behind 17-13 with 1:10 remaining in the first quarter, Kristjana Young rescued the 'Birds by scoring 2 layups in quick succession to tie the game at 17 going into the break.

A three-pointer from Alberta's Sally Hillier set the tone for the second quarter and UBC fell behind 28-22. But with 5:33 to go, a monstrous block by UBC's Leigh Stansfield helped stem the tide. Young carried the team again with some big plays, including a spectacular hook shot with three seconds left to keep the game close. UBC went into halftime trailing 34-33.

JOSH CURRAN/THE UBYSSEY

UBC's Cassandra Knievel streaking down the court on Saturday night at War Memorial Gym. UBC swept Alberta, winning 85-51 and 82-71.

The third quarter started off scrappy and UBC's Zara Huntley went down from an elbow in the neck area with 5:28 left in the quarter, prompting a stoppage in play as she was helped off the court. The incident—which went uncalled by the referees with the score 44-40 in Alberta's favour—lit a spark for the T-Birds and they responded with a 17-4 run. Cassandra Knievel nailed two clutch three-pointers during the run and UBC exited the third quarter with a 57-48 lead.

UBC was able to hold off Alberta in the final quarter and Young came up huge again with 5:51 left, scoring a smooth turnaround jumper to beat an expiring shot clock and put the score at 59-54. Kristen Hughes added some big three-pointers in the final quarter, finishing with 21 points while Young led the team with 26.

UBC head coach Deb Huband was pleased with how the team bounced back after being on the back foot in the first half. "I think they came out with a lot of intensity and they set the tone. It took us out of some things, our timing was off, we struggled with handling their pressure initially, and then I think we adjusted to that in the second half and did a much better job executing and scoring some points."

The momentum shift when Huntley caught an elbow played a role too. "Any time you see one of your all-star type players go down, it's certainly going to draw some attention and people are going to want to rally around her and step up their game," said Huband.

After beating the team that eliminated them the last two consecutive years, Huband said it was fantastic to get over the hump.

"This team's a special team, the chemistry's outstanding. It started the day after we got eliminated last year with the commitment, dedication and hard work the girls have put in. It's very fitting and rewarding that we got to the final four.

"Today we had to work a lot harder for it and find different ways to get it done. It's the sign of a good team that you can find ways to win regardless of what the situation is on any given day."

The Thunderbirds will travel to Regina for the Canada West final four next weekend.

HOCKEY»

Game three playoff loss ends men's hockey season

Snap Shots

Alison Mah

The weekend began with a bang, but it was all for naught.

In their first playoff appearance since 2009, the UBC Thunderbirds men's hockey team split the first two games of their best-of-three quarterfinal against the Calgary Dinos before dropping the rubber match by a score of 3-2 Sunday afternoon at Father David Bauer Arena in Calgary.

UBC began the series opener by eking past Calgary 4-3 on Friday in a spirited back-and-forth affair. The Thunderbirds scored two shorthanded goals and added another power play marker to fight off a furious rally from the Dinos, who outshot UBC 12-1 in the third period alone.

Captain Justin McCrae added two goals, including a shorthanded one-timer that tied the game 1-1 midway through the first and added another tally to give UBC a 2-1 advantage.

Saturday's match was a complete turnaround from the tightly contested atmosphere of the night before. In what shaped up to be a costly habit in the final stretch of the season, UBC gave up the first goal of the game for the fifth straight time, after a shot from Tyler Fiddler found the back of the net 5:30 into the first period.

The Dinos would then go on to score three more unanswered goals, winning 4-0 to even the series at one game apiece. Calgary managed to pot two goals on five power play chances, while the Thunderbirds were an abysmal 0-7.

Sunday's series tiebreaker remained scoreless after 20 minutes, until Calgary's Luke Egener netted a loose rebound at 9:18 into the second frame to open the scoring. Three minutes later, the Dinos pulled ahead 2-0 after Brett Bartman wristed a shot past UBC netminder Jordan White.

The Thunderbirds would finally get on the board after Ilan Cumberbirch ripped a shot from the left point to pull UBC within a goal with 2:43 left in the second.

Midway through the third period, Marc Desloges jumped on a loose puck and snapped it past Dustin Butler to even the game at 2-2.

However, only minutes later, Brock Nixon stole the puck just inside the blue line and whipped it by White to give Calgary a decisive 3-2 advantage. The goal stood as the game winner.

UBC was 4-1-1 in the regular season against Calgary, including a road series sweep, but the Thunderbirds could not stop a Dinos power play that converted at only 17 per cent in the regular season, but was 5 for 16 against UBC's penalty kill in the playoffs.

The Thunderbirds end their season sputtering down the stretch, struggling on special teams and registering just 2 wins in their last 11 games, playoffs included.

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VOLLEYBALL »

T-Birds lose Canada West final

Volleyball loses in five-set battle, heads to nationals next week

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Lisa Barclay playing defence in Saturday's Canada West final. UBC would lose in five sets.

Drake Fenton
Sports Editor

Momentum is a funny thing. One bad serve or one missed dig can change the course of a game. You can't predict when it will happen, but it's inevitable in any victory. Momentum swings in favour of one team. You can see it in the posture of the players—crouched low, muscles tense, ready to strike with kinetic physicality. They patrol the court with confidence, and even from the nosebleed section, that confidence almost seems tangible.

At the Canada West women's volleyball championship, momentum eluded UBC when it mattered most.

"In the fifth set...we were up at [technical timeout] 8-5 and then we were down 10-8. We gave up five straight points, so if you do that in the fifth set you don't give yourself a lot of time to come back," said UBC head coach Doug Reimer.

UBC lost the Canada West championship to the University of Alberta Pandas in five sets (25-18, 21-25, 22-25, 25-20, 15-13). While the win was a heartbreaker for the 'Birds, they did clinch their spot to nationals the previous night with a three-set sweep of Trinity Western (25-17,25-12,25-20).

In the first set of the final, momentum was decisively in UBC's favour as they jumped to an early 19-7 lead. The 'Birds dominated at the net, with the tandem of Canada West MVP Kyla Richey and last year's CIS MVP Shanice Marcelle blasting kills through Alberta's blockers.

Yet Alberta refused to succumb to UBC's offensive assault. In a preview of things to come, the Pandas rallied and closed the gap, going on a 12-4 run to bring the score to 23-19. The T-Birds managed to retake control as a Richey strike was hit with such velocity that Alberta's dig attempt sent the ball skyrocketing all the way to the ceiling, touching the roof to give UBC the point. An ensuing attack error by Alberta clinched the set for UBC.

In the second set, UBC began to slip and Alberta went on an 8-2 run to start the match. The T-Birds battled back into the set, but the Pandas were playing with a confidence UBC couldn't match.

"[Alberta] came to play, battled back when they had to and they got us out of rhythm a little bit in the second set," said Reimer. "I think as a group they played very well."

After losing the second and third set, UBC came out flat in the fourth. But the T-Birds' experience in pressure moments became a factor, and they slowly began to take control of the set. Outside hitter Rosie Schlagintweit came off the bench with the game tied at 18, giving the 'Birds an offensive spark by providing multiple ferocious kills en route to the 25-20 decision.

After starting strong in the final set, UBC's offence stagnated and Alberta took control of the game, dictating the action and forcing the T-Birds to react to them. While UBC looked dejected when Alberta claimed the final point to claim the Canada West title, Reimer was not only impressed with his team, but was able to find the silver lining in the defeat.

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> **Doug Reimer**
> UBC volleyball head coach

"I was really impressed with the amount of battling and fight [we showed]. I think it was a great match and you don't always come out on the top end of it, but we'll have to make a couple adjustments next week," Reimer said. "I think it is very good to have this match the week before the national championships rather than in the [CIS] semifinals."

UBC will be travelling to Hamilton this week for the CIS finals, which begin Friday. They go in ranked No. 2; Alberta goes in ranked No. 1.

If the stars align, UBC will meet Alberta again with CIS gold on the line. Undoubtedly UBC will do everything they can to play with momentum in their favour.

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BASKETBALL »

Men's basketball exits playoffs early, swept by Alberta

Rocking the Rim

CJ Pentland

If the UBC men's basketball team played all their games at home this year, they would have undoubtedly been in serious competition for the CIS title. They were a perfect 9-0 at home during the regular season.

Playing on the road has been a completely different story. The change of scenery turns the T-Birds into a completely different team, one that often struggles to keep up with teams below them in the standings. This resulted in a 4-5 record on the road, and ultimately led to the 'Birds having to play their opening playoff round in Edmonton against the University of Alberta Golden Bears.

If UBC wanted any chance of making it to the Canada West finals and nationals, they were going to have to put their road woes behind them.

But even when it mattered most, they weren't able to reverse the trend.

The Thunderbirds were overmatched this past weekend by aggressive sharp-shooting from the Golden Bears. They were swept in a best-of-three series, losing 79-69 and 91-68.

Apart from a few scoring runs on Friday night, UBC was never able to get much going on offence during the series. Alberta played a tough perimeter defence that the 'Birds struggled to break down. UBC failed to get to the rim for layups or create open shots from the outside.

Nathan Yu was the only T-Bird on Saturday to really get anything going, scoring 23 points in the loss. On Friday, Kamar Burke did his best to carry a team that was hampered by foul trouble, but his 17 points were not enough to help pull out a victory.

Alberta's tough defence also forced 20 turnovers in each game.

It is not uncommon for UBC to commit that many turnovers during a game, as they averaged about 19 turnovers per game during the regular season. However, it was common for UBC to play stifling defence to make up for it.

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But this past weekend, the T-Birds had no answer to Alberta's sharpshooting. The Golden Bears shot 49 per cent from the field over the weekend and drained 18 three-pointers in the process. Even switching to a zone defence because of foul trouble provided no relief from the barrage of threes.

It was a disappointing weekend for UBC, as a season with so much potential ended abruptly when their strong play failed to make the trip with them to Edmonton.

SWIMMING »

UBC reclaims their throne, takes CIS gold

After a five-year break, both T-Bird swim teams national champions at the same time

Drake Fenton
Sports Editor

"I can assure you if you blink once you will lose that championship, and that is what happened in 2007–08. They didn't lose it by much, but they have been second ever since."

That is what UBC swim coach Stephen Price said earlier this season about the program's historic ten straight CIS title victories coming to an end.

But this past weekend, UBC didn't blink.

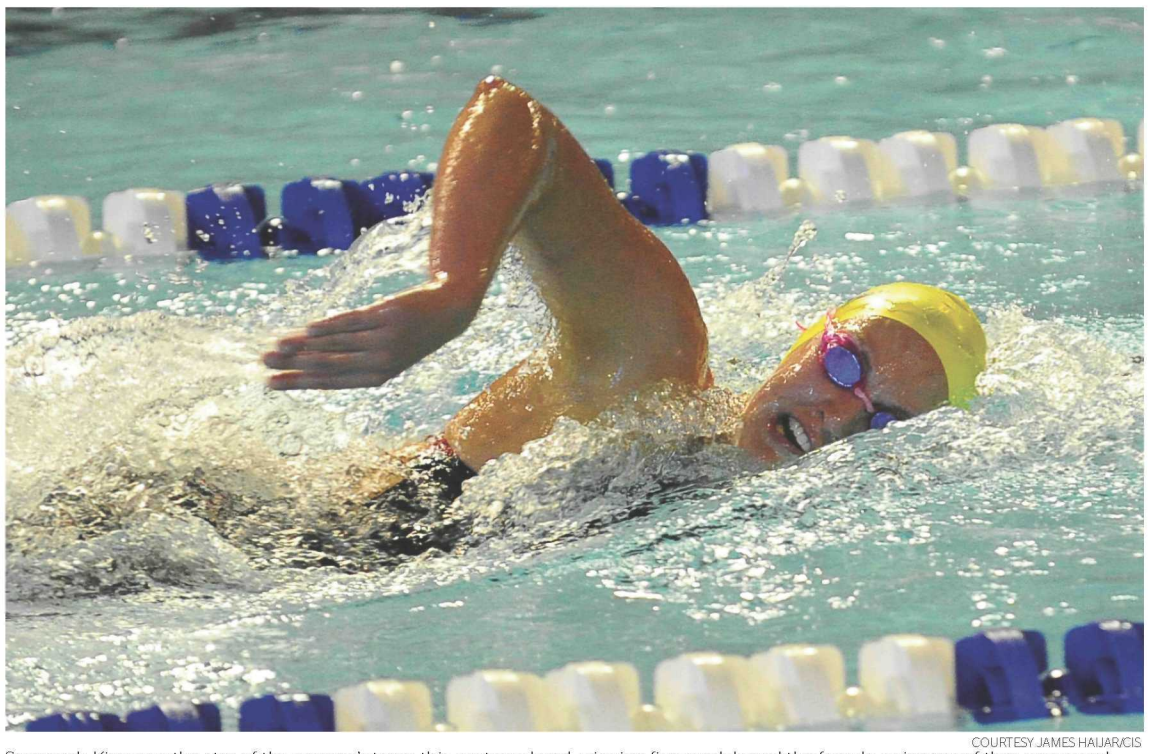
At the University of Montréal's CEPSUM Pool, the T-Birds men's and women's teams won CIS gold and swept the MVP awards.

The women's team stormed through the three-day meet, dominating from beginning to end. They finished the competition with a championship record of 811.5 points, outstripping the defending champion, the University of Calgary (605.5), by a remarkable 206 points.

UBC Olympian Savannah King was spectacular in the pool, winning five medals: gold in the 800m and 400m freestyle, silver in the 4x200m freestyle relay and bronze in the 200m backstroke and 200m freestyle. Her performance in the 400m set a new Canadian record, finishing with a blistering time of 4:02.76. Her 8:25.68 time in the 800m freestyle also set a new CIS championship record.

King's record-breaking performance garnered the female swimmer of the year award.

"I'm on top of the world," said King on Saturday. "Winning a team title is even more thrilling than winning an individual gold medal. To experience something like this with all my teammates, I'll never forget this moment.



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Savannah King was the star of the women's team this past weekend, winning five medals and the female swimmer of the year award.

"Of course, winning swimmer of the year is very nice as well. When you look at the list of athletes who have won the award, it's an honour to be part of that select group."

UBC's women also swept the rest of the individual awards. Tera Van Beilen earned top rookie honours, Price was voted coach of the year and Hayley Pipher won the student-athlete community service award.

While the women thoroughly dominated, the men's side had to scrap through the final day of the competition before claiming gold.

Midway through Saturday night, the University of Toronto moved ahead of the T-Birds in the standings. But in the 100m freestyle, UBC catapulted back into the lead with flair, placing four swimmers in the top six spots, including gold and silver.

In the final event, the 4x100m medley, UBC and Toronto were still neck and neck, with the 'Birds leading by only seven points (524-517). With the championship on the line, Toronto blinked. They finished the medley in fourth and UBC's second place finish was good enough to secure the national championship.

"All we needed to do going into the [medley] was execute. We knew the title was right there, and our four swimmers did what they had to do," said Price. "I'm really proud of both [of our] teams....It was a memorable experience. Our school has a storied history in swimming and all the credit goes to the athletes who gave everything they had to win the two titles."

I'm on top of the world. Winning a team title is even more thrilling than winning an individual gold medal.

Savannah King
UBC swimmer and CIS female swimmer of the year

Fifth-year Tommy Gossland led the men's team with five gold medals and was named male swimmer of the year. He finished first in the 50m, 100m and the 200m freestyle, and helped secure victory in the 4x100m freestyle and 4x200m freestyle relays.

"I couldn't have imagined a better way to wrap up my university career," said Gossland. "Our teamwork was impeccable and that's the result of hard work by everyone, including [Price], who really helped us throughout the season.

"As for the MVP award, I wasn't expecting it, so it's a nice surprise."

It took five years and a lot of blinking for UBC to reassert itself as the dominant swim program in Canada. They last swept the competition in Gossland's freshman year, and he summed up the feeling of once again being the nation's best succinctly.

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On the men's team Tommy Gossland dominated, winning five gold medals and one silver.

The Sports Panel

With playoff season upon us, *The Ubyssey* answers pressing questions about UBC teams on the hunt for CIS gold.

Who's been a surprise? Who's been a letdown? Our esteemed panel of scotch-drinking, chew-spitting intellectuals has the answers.

	Drake Fenton *Ubyssey* Sports Editor **Sports Knowledge:** Washed-up athlete	**Bryce Warnes** *Ubyssey* Stallion **Sports Knowledge:** Sports games expert	**Justin McElroy** *Ubyssey* Coordinating Editor **Sports Knowledge:** Former sports editor and general man of knowledge	**Jonny Wakefield** *Ubyssey* Print Managing Editor **Sports Knowledge:** Now 3 episodes into season 5 of *Friday Night Lights*
The swim team brought home gold this weekend. Can we expect a CIS title from anyone else?	Well, women's volleyball should, but the dark horse is women's basketball. I wouldn't be surprised if they came out of nowhere to win.	I think all the other sports teams are doing really good, and probably every one of them will win gold at CIS Titles.	There's this women's volleyball team you may have heard of. They've won four straight national championships. Yeah, let's go with them.	I will build a time machine. Make the football team win. Then get Billy Greene to sign the poster hanging on my fridge.
Biggest surprise of the playoffs so far?	That the men's basketball team didn't make it the final four. I would have bet $10 million that they would have qualified.	I was really surprised by how, like, athletic the sports teams' players were. They were really fast and strong, and lots of them got good scores at the sports games.	The women's basketball team has gelled together better than anyone could have foreseen, and are now a legitimate title threat.	The spread on the volleyball teams in the February 16 issue of the newspaper. I skipped way too many classes to make that.
Biggest disappointment of the playoffs so far?	I was disappointed men's volleyball didn't advance. They deserved to. As they say, "Class is permanent, but form is temporary."	My biggest disappointment was how some of the sports teams' players weren't as fast or strong as I would like. But everyone made a good effort and effort is important.	The men's basketball team had six seniors, a No. 3 ranking, and first place in the division just three weeks ago. Now? They're gone.	Would have loved to see the men's basketball team crush Alberta in game one of the quarterfinals. Yu and Burke lit it up, but too little, too late.
Women's volleyball is to UBC as...	1973 Californian pinot noir is to a crystal decanter.	Doing your best and believing in yourself are to sports games!	Jennifer Aniston is to the front cover of tabloid magazines.	The Royal Navy was to British imperialism in the 18th century.
Billy Greene was the most dominant player in CIS football last semester. Do any of UBC's playoff teams have a player of that calibre?	Kris Young on women's basketball and Shanice Marcelle and Kyla Richey on women's volleyball are the biggest x-factors right now.	I think some teams probably have high-calibre sports players but I think that Billy has lots of calibres so it's like hard for other sports players to compete, you know?	UBC does not have a student of Billy Greene's calibre.	Kyla Richey on the women's volleyball team has been absolutely killing it. SPORTS JOKES!

Don't play sports. Drink beer and write about them. SPORTS.

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Know Your **Presidents**

Did you know that 100 years ago this month, the provincial government installed UBC's first president?

It's true! But despite the importance of these leaders, their accomplishments are generally unknown to the public. Coordinating editor Justin McElroy, determined to rectify this situation, explored the annals of *The Ubyssey*'s archives and *UBC: The First 100 Years*, to compile little-known but fascinating facts about the 12 people who have led UBC.

Frank Wesbrook
1913–1918

For an annual salary of $10,000, this son of a Winnipeg mayor was tasked in February 1913 with turning the provincial government's dream of a university into reality. He successfully hired all of the faculty and led UBC for its first three years of classes. His term was cut short by his death in 1918, which was caused partly due to exhaustion from overwork.

PM Doppelganger: John A. MacDonald—for it was he who started it all.

Leonard Klinck
1919–1944

This former dean of Agriculture spent his first year on the job in 1915 living in a tent on UBC's future campus, conducting research. Succeeding Wesbrook after his death, the government regularly refused his pleas for more money, the Senate once gave him a vote of non-confidence, and he once suspended a *Ubyssey* editor for publishing true but unflattering information about the university. Few loved him, but he survived two decades during a time of great uncertainty for UBC.

PM Doppelganger: Mackenzie King—Not an exciting leader, but integral to the building of this university .

Norman MacKenzie
1944–1962

MacKenzie gave an admissions guarantee to veterans, drank with students and was named one of the "Ten Best Dressed Men in Canada" in 1951. During his term, student enrolment jumped from 2500 to 18,000. He loved both the practical and symbolic duties of his job. His ashes were scattered on the waters next to campus in 1986.

PM Doppelganger: Wilfrid Laurier—A statesman who oversaw tremendous growth for his time, but has faded into history.

1908: *The University Act is enacted by the provincial government, establishing how a provincial university should be governed. UBC began offering classes and admitting degrees in 1915, but they were located at buildings which previously housed McGill University College of BC, which provided students the first few years of study towards a McGill degree. Only in 1922 was money advanced to build the university at Point Grey.*

John Macdonald
1962–1967

Recruited from Harvard, Macdonald wrote a report advocating the creation of UVic and SFU. He pushed UBC to adopt more rigourous entrance requirements and emphasized graduate research. He was so devoted to academic pursuits that he took out the bowling alley in War Memorial Gym.

PM Doppelganger: Lester Pearson—Five incredibly influential years as leader.

Douglas Kenny
1975–1983

Like Gage, Kenny was a mild-mannered university insider. Formerly the Arts dean, he established the modern administration structure at UBC. Much of his time was spent ensuring that cutbacks by the government would not overly harm the educational experience for students.

PM Doppelganger: Paul Martin—An altogether unremarkable era where the status quo reigned.

Martha Piper
1997–2006

Aside from telling students about her imaginary friend "Bort" (Google it), Piper largely continued Strangway's development policies, and pushed UBC's efforts to new heights on the international stage.

PM Doppelganger: Jean Chrétien—steady, albeit uninspiring, growth.

Stephen Toope
2006–Present

Toope has continued Strangway and Piper's path of growth, while looking to improve UBC's record on sustainability, Aboriginal student outreach and the undergraduate learning experience.

PM Doppelganger: TBD

A student in 1921, Gage returned to teach math a decade later, and stayed for four decades. He was known as "Mr UBC" for his many roles on campus, and was even known to personally give money to students tight on finances.

PM Doppelganger: Louis St Laurent—Everybody's favourite uncle, and a man who safely steered UBC for many years.

Walter Gage
1969–1975

David Strangway
1985–1997

Strangway dealt with decreasing provincial funding by selling off land for market housing, pushed the university to become more research intensive, oversaw the raising of hundreds of millions of dollars, and initiatied the internationalization of UBC. He once told McElroy one of his biggest regrets was not building a high-class hotel on campus.

PM Doppelganger: Pierre Trudeau—UBC is what it is today because of his stubborn vision, but it's one that some people decry.

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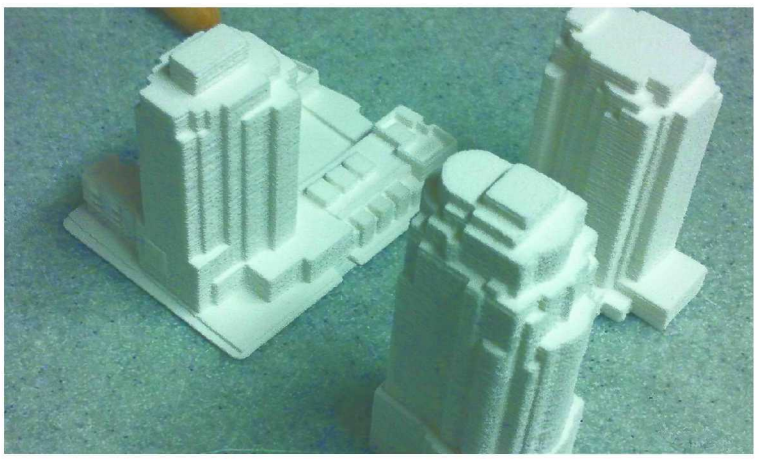
MACDONALD	HARE*	GAGE	KENNY	PEDER-SEN*	SMITH*	STRANGWAY	PIPER	TOOPE

***SHORT-TERM PRESIDENTS**

Kenneth Hare (1968–1969) was president for just eight months and was away on sick leave for half of that time. He resigned because he didn't feel he had the temperment for the job during an era of riots and student unrest. George Pedersen (1983–1985) was the president of five different Canadian universities, but resigned at UBC in protest of the provincial government's cutbacks to post-secondary education. And Robert Smith (1985) spent six months as interim (or "pro tem") president, overseeing the gutting of a number of departments to make due with UBC's reduced budget.



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Ubyssey Elections

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This March, *The Ubyssey* will begin elections for next year's full-time editorial staff.

Applicants must be *Ubyssey* staff members and plan to be a registered UBC student during the 2012-2013 academic year.

Applicants must complete a test and answer questions from staff members at *The Ubyssey*'s Annual General Meeting in April.

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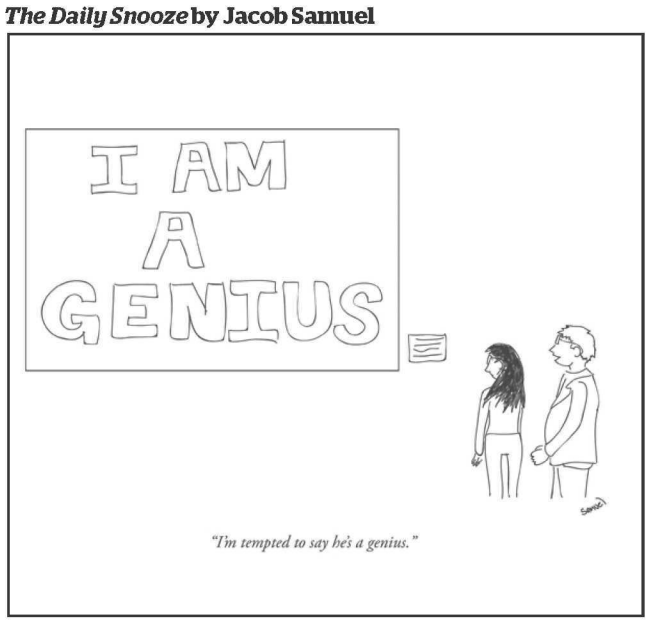

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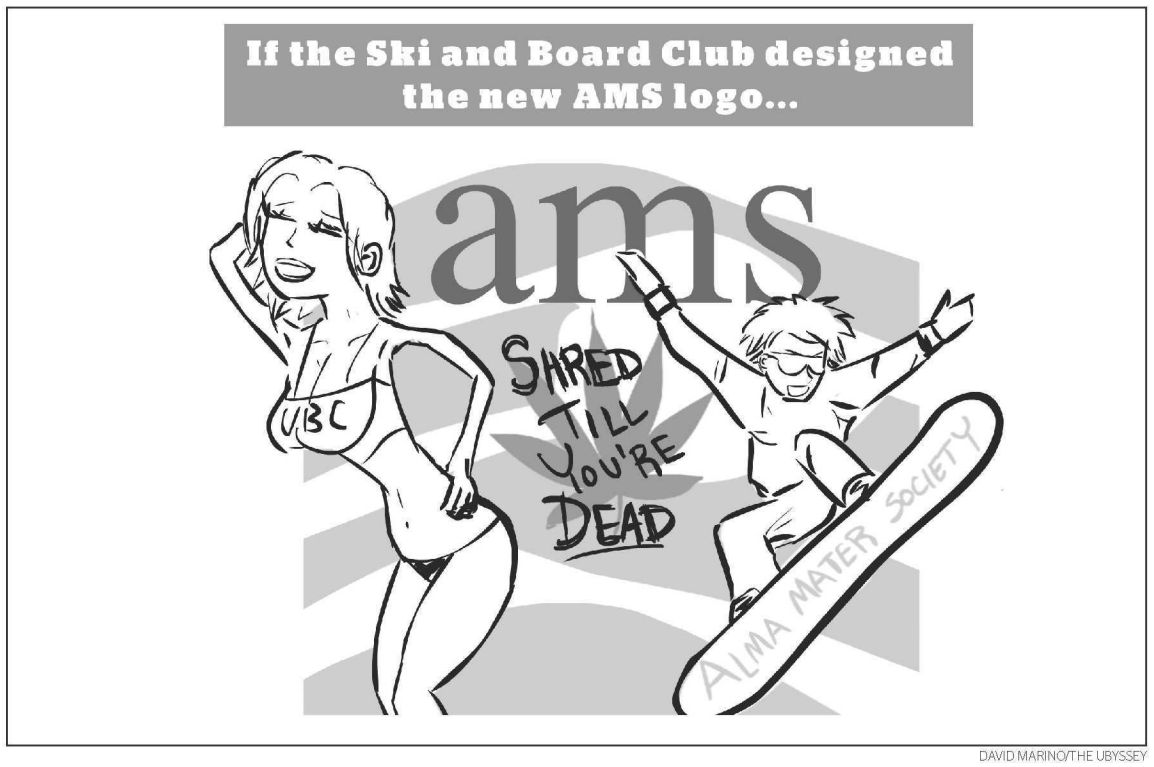

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The Last Word

Parting shots and snap judgments on today's issues

UBC's worthy contribution to fighting homophobia

Last week it was announced that UBC will be taking part in a $2 million, five-year study to examine the effectiveness of anti-homophobia policies in schools. The study will look at how measures can stop LGBTQ students from being bullied and the bullying of heterosexual youth who are presumed to be gay.

It is very good that UBC is taking this project on. Not only does it show that the university is doing its part to combat the tragic problem of bullying in schools, but it will hopefully ensure that the policies being instituted are actually capable of achieving their goals. Many schools are now recognizing the need to do something to keep LGBTQ students safe, but that doesn't mean that all policies are equally effective.

Metro Vancouver gets serious about UBC's governance

Regular readers of this rag will know that if you live at UBC or in the Village, you live in the most populated urban area in Canada without any form of municipal government.

Regular readers will also know that we find this to be a problem.

So we were quite pleased last week when Metro Vancouver announced they were going to poll campus residents about the need for local governance.

As you may recall, two years ago the provincial government took over control of UBC's lands, and said that a long-term governance plan needed to be addressed. UBC couldn't go on being the regulator, owner and developer of all land on campus without some form of democratic accountability.

Except now, the provincial government says that the so-called "interim" solution is working fine, mainly because the people in charge of the existing institutions at UBC don't want a change.

But as a rule, people in charge of institutions live by two credos: they don't like change they can't control, and they don't like their influence being reduced. Which is why all existing institutions with power like the status quo.

UBC is one of the fastest growing regions of the Lower Mainland, with unique transportation, policing and demographic issues. When it comes to non-academic issues, it needs to be part of an integrated regional strategy—not operated as a fiefdom by certain UBC bureaucrats.

We know that's a message the university doesn't want to hear. We know that's a message that the UNA doesn't want to deal with right now.

But it's a fact abundantly clear to most who live or study here. We hope that Metro Vancouver will work hard to uncover that silent majority and give them the voice they deserve.

Block Party lineup has something for everyone

The lineup has been announced for this year's AMS Block Party, and there is good news and bad news.

The good news is that we will get to see some live music, as opposed to a steady lineup of DJs armed with computers. Two local bands will grace the stage at this year's event: Maria in the Shower, a jazz-infused cabaret folk group, and Mother Mother, a five-piece indie-rock band.

The move to DJs in recent years has been partly due to their increased popularity with students, but it has also been a cost-saving measure as the AMS tries to break even on its outdoor shows. So for those of us who prefer to see actual instruments being played, this year's lineup is refreshing.

But don't worry: Block Party will still have DJs. The highlight is MSTRKRFT, a well-known Canadian electro house duo that people seem excited about—though one of MSTRKFT's members, JFK, has played the Pit before.

While we appreciate Block Party's more diverse lineup, we still lament the fact that our university, one of the largest in the country, is apparently incapable of bringing in big bands to play for students. You don't have to resurrect Arts County Fair in order to host a band that's not a smaller local one—but after the AMS lost over $100,000 on Block Party two years ago, nobody on the student life committee is willing to think big anymore.

In the end, what will ultimately determine the success of Block Party is the weather. Last year was a miraculously beautiful afternoon; when that happens, it doesn't matter what music is on the stage, students will be happy to drink and dance outdoors.

But without a big name to keep students' attention, here's hoping that the weather isn't rainy—otherwise it may be a long time until we see rock and roll back at UBC.

Wimble's memorial will be a fitting one

At the last AMS Council meeting, the AMS approved plans to create a memorial bench and plaque for Travers Wimble, a homeless man who had been a fixture in the SUB for years until he died two weeks ago.

After a few rather execessive ideas were floated—such as bronzing his entire chair—students and the AMS seem to have got this exactly right.

The funds for the bench will be raised through student donations and, hopefully, the bench itself will be built by Forestry students.

This means that Wimble's memorial will be a student initiative, paid for by the students who cared the most for him, and will be a subtle and non-instrusive presence in the new SUB for years to come. One imagines that Wimble, who never liked to draw attention to himself, would approve.

The precarious health of the high achievers

Editor's Notebook

Justin McElroy

"Wouldn't it be nice," said a UBC executive to me once in his office when we were discussing school spirit, "if we could be like that?" He pointed to a picture of students of Stanford University, wildly cheering on their Cardinals.

Now, this vice-president was specifically talking about athletics. But if you're looking for a school that UBC would like to be one day, it's Stanford. West coast, academically rigorous, internationally focused, a strong athletic program, an Ivy League reputation—UBC would like elite high school students from around the world to think of our university in the same way.

You look at the $1.5 billion fundraising campaign UBC has embarked upon, you look at this campus becoming the first major school in Canada to make full use of broad-based admissions, you look at the increasing efforts to branch out internationally, and it's very clear that our university wants to start admitting a more elite level of students.

This is good. Students who strive to continually push themselves in areas outside of academics are, for the most part, more well-rounded people.

But there's a catch to all this. Those students, the ones UBC is trying to woo, are increasingly giant baskets of anxiety and stress before they even get to university.

The culture of high school students who spend their days fretting over university applications, SAT scores and whether they have enough extracurriculars to satisfy admission officers has exploded in the last decade. A rise in cheating, illegal use of prescription drugs and depression has followed.

It's best explained in Alexandra Robbins' book *The Overachievers*, which goes over the litany of ways our culture forces high-achieving teenagers into being the best and brightest without any regard for their long-term sanity. They get into elite universities—but once there, they are faced with the pressures of continuing to overachieve, without the safety net of long-term friends or supportive parents.

Let's go back to Stanford for a moment. There, in 2006, the university created the "Student Mental Health and Well-Being Task Force" to address the growing problem of mental health. They issued a report two years later that *The Stanford Daily*, the student newspaper, said was met with a "chorus of disappointment." In 2009, National Public Radio did a story that focused on Stanford being emblematic of universities failing to fully meet the challenge of caring for their students' overall wellness.

Late last year, the *Daily* reported that there had "been a steady increase in the amount of students using Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and other similar services offered by the University, which [was] attributed to a decreasing stigmatization toward mental health on campus."

The administration at Stanford must be gratified. But it's important to note that a university with an endowment 15 times the size of UBC's has spent 5 years seriously combatting the issue of mental health, and only now is really starting to see its work pay off.

That's the challenging news. The good news is that UBC is saying the words "mental health" and "student well-being" almost as much as they say "sustainability," which means that it's something they truly care about. It's outlined as a priority within the university's strategic plan. As Stanford indicates, it takes a long time to go from strategic plans to tangible results at any university, regardless of the initiaitve. But UBC deserves credit for the start.

Earlier this month, the university rolled out a series of initiatives to better respond to short-term and long-term wellness concerns students face. Incoming AMS President Matt Parson has pledged to work with the university to increase awareness of the issue and resources for students.

What UBC is starting to do now is a welcome step. But as the university continues to evolve and attract more overachievers, the odds of students needing these services will only increase.

Caring for our own

Letters

I was disappointed recently to see an older woman who collects bottles and cans on our campus (many students may recognize her as a regular fixture here), treated with what I took to be undue harshness by a staff member in the SUB. I understand that UBC Security generally allows this woman—whose name, I'm somewhat ashamed, I haven't tried to discover—and others to collect recyclables, though strictly speaking does not allow them to do it inside buildings on campus.

While they have a right to their policies, I happened to notice this week that she was told to leave the SUB by a security guard who then followed her to an outdoor garbage can, ran ahead of her and removed a plastic bottle from the rim, throwing it into the can, presumably to stop her from taking it. He was visibly frustrated—perhaps even for good reason—but I hope this sort of incident is an exception rather than a rule.

We saw an outpouring of love for Travers Wimble, who passed away earlier this month. I hope we can offer the same respect, dignity and kindness to other members of our community who, while perhaps marginal, are for many of us no less a part of UBC than its faculty, staff and students.

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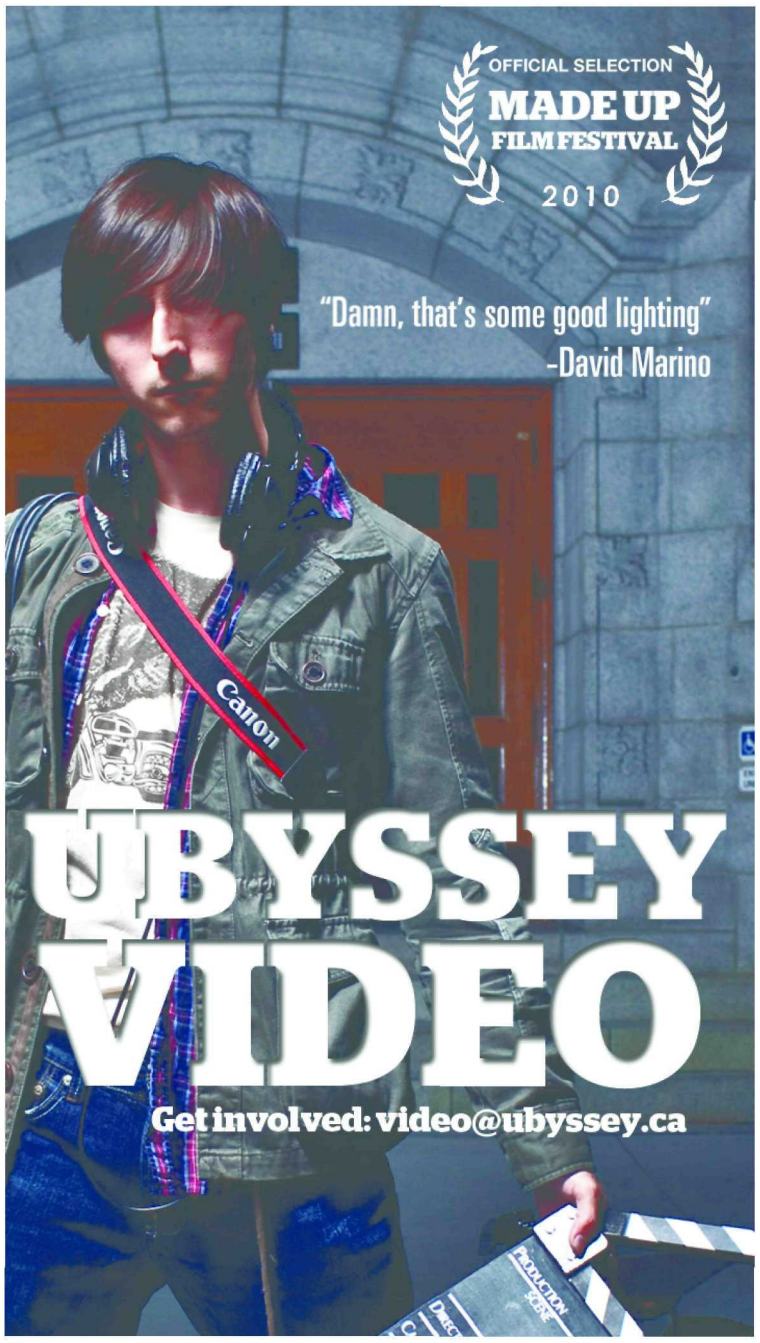

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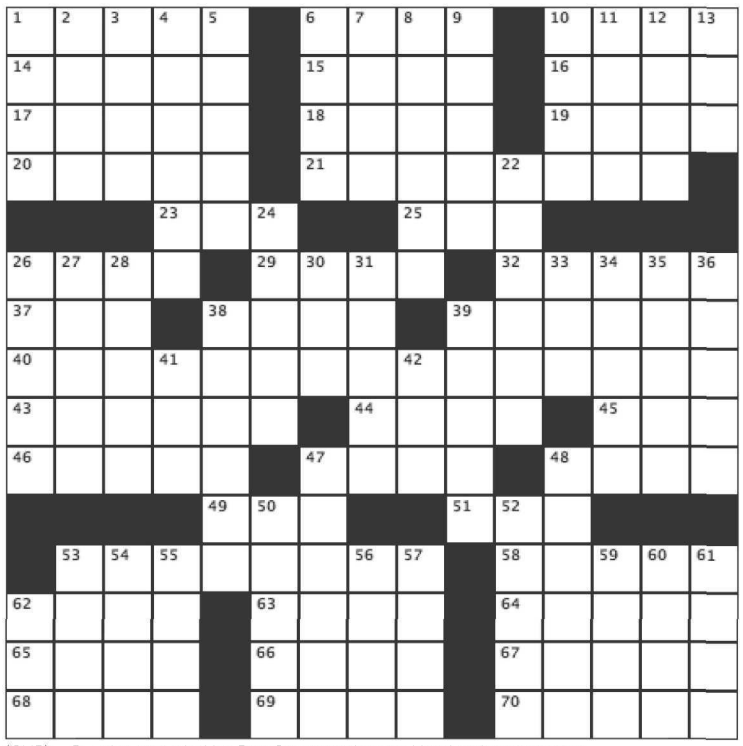

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Across

1— Accumulate
6— Blind as ___
10— Dirty Harry's org.
14— Smooth transition
15— Lecherous look
16— "...countrymen, lend me your ___"
17— Common person of ancient Rome
18— Ethereal: Prefix
19— Civil disturbance
20— Swagger
21— Norm
23— Aussie hopper
25— Thrice, in prescriptions
26— Swedish auto
29— Thick cord
32— Bridge positions
37— FedEx rival
38— Insult
39— Capital of Zimbabwe
40— Hallucinatory
43— Land, as a fish
44— Ages and ages
45— Aardvark morsel
46— John of "The Addams Family"
47— Diary of ___ Housewife
48— Black cuckoos
49— "As if!"
51— Family card game
53— Carved female figure used as a column
58— Regular course
62— Celebrity
63— Norse god of thunder
64— Author Calvino
65— Not much
66— Mandlikova of tennis
67— Glossy fabric
68— London district
69— Bouillabaisse, e.g.
70— First name in cosmetics

Down

1— Cairo cobras
2— Dissolve
3— Antiquing agent
4— District adjacent to a city
5— Handle
6— Exclamation to express sorrow
7— Sugar source
8— Add fizz
9— Triple
10— Antitoxins
11— Free from bias
12— Goad
13— Summer hrs.
22— Visions
24— Synthetic fiber
26— Above
27— Church areas
28— So far
30— Escape
31— Introduction
33— 100 square meters
34— Old Nick
35— Singer Lopez
36— Religious offshoots
38— Simple variety of hockey
39— Caste member
41— Second-century date
42— Extinct bird, once found in New Zealand
47— Besides
48— Main arteries
50— Vows
52— Racket
53— Roman censor
54— Eastern nanny
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56— Actress Skye
57— No-win situation
59— Inner layer of a quilt
60— Netman Nastase
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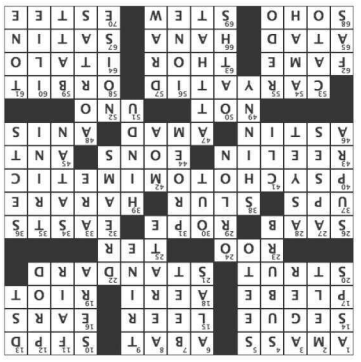
62— Scale notes



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