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NAYLOR RUNS FOR ELECTORAL DISTRICT A

STUDENT VOTER TURNOUT WILL PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE

BY REBECCA TEBRAKE
News Writer

Students who live on campus may actually have a local race that matters this election. UBC student Matthew Naylor will run for director of Electoral Area A in the municipal elections set for November 15.

"I am running because I love UBC and I love the community that we have the potential to create," said Naylor. "I am experienced and capable enough to make a real difference."

UBC and the University Endowment Lands (UEL) are unincorporated land not part of the municipality of Vancouver. The director of Electoral District A is the only elected representative of students living on campus in the federation of Metro Vancouver. The director is one of the only checks on UBC's power over the UEL.

The fourth-year political science student kicked off his campaign at the Meekison Arts Student Space last Thursday. Naylor has been involved with student politics and advocacy at UBC since 2005, notably in the role of VP External in 2007-08.

Naylor's platform focuses on governance. Naylor says the current system of governance is not working for UBC or the assorted Islands that make up Electoral Area A. As director, he would undertake a consultative gov-

MATTHEW NAYLOR

HEREWARD LONGLEY PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

ernance review, an initiative he was involved with as Alma Mater Society VP External in 2007-08.

Governance is the foundation for Naylor's short-term goals. Naylor wants to see UBC represented at the Translink Council of Mayors, the UBC Farm protected in perpetuity, a vibrant community, and more student housing.

"South campus is governed by restrictive zoning by-laws that stop the development of student housing and prevent building community," said Naylor.

Naylor will push for a one-to-one policy to ensure that every unit of market housing is matched by a unit of affordable housing. In all development, Naylor wants to see consultation.

"Under Stephen Toope, the UBC leadership is more willing to come to the table. We need someone to bring together the different viewpoints," said Naylor. "We need to compromise on campus and develop a way to govern so that we are not constantly at each other's throats, which is how it seems now."

One of Naylor's four competitors is Ben West, a long-time Vancouver resident and BC Green Party organizer. In addition to running for Vancouver-Quadra in 2006, West is a Healthy Communities Campaigner for the Western Canada Wilderness Committee, where he works on issues like air quality, land use and the protection of farm land. He says it makes sense for a Green to represent Electoral District A because of the environmentally focused issues at the local and regional levels.

Vision Vancouver and COPE will not run candidates in the district as part of an electoral accommodation deal with the BC Green Party.

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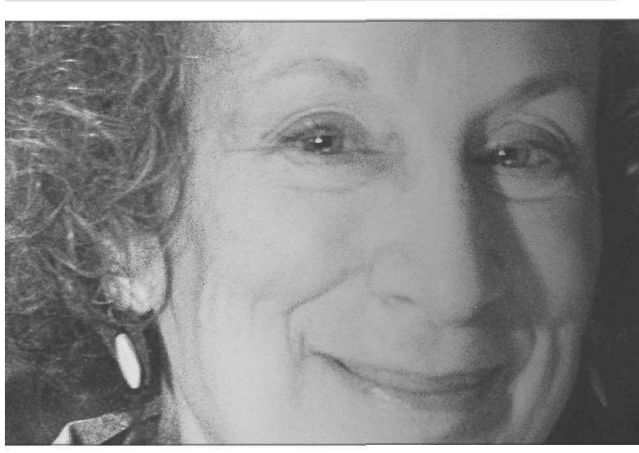

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Potters House of Horrors • Come and be terrified in a haunted house featuring five themed rooms and more. • *Tix $12/10, Oct 15-31 6-10 pm. www.pottershouseofhorrors.com* •

Green Drinks • Interested in environmental and sustainability issues? Come to Steamworks Pub this Wed. • *Third Wed. of each month, 5:45 pm, Steamworks Pub (375 Water), www.greendrinks.org*•

Fall Book Sale • Thousands of books on sale to the public ranging from 25 cents to $2.25. Oct. 16–19 at the Vancouver Public Library. Cash only. • *More information at www.vpl.ca/* •

Fright Nights At The PNE • Featuring five new haunted houses, the Nightmare Maze, four shows, and access to Playland rides. Warning: definitely not for ages 12 and under, seniors 65+, people with sensitivity to strobe lighting, people with high blood pressure, heart conditions, pregnant women, or scaredy cats. No guest costumes allowed. • *Playland, Oct. 16 to Nov. 1, 6pm* • More information at www.pne.ca/ •

The Bible for Beginners • The Bible for Beginners is an informal, no pressure examination of one of the most famous books in the world. Meet over lunch (Mondays 12–1pm in SUB @ tables near Starbucks) or coffee (Wednesdays 2–3pm @ Ike's Cafe in the Irving K. Barber Center) to learn about this strange book. • *revnathanwright@mac.com* •

Stanley Park Halloween Ghost Train • Mortal Coil Performance Society presents a pirate-themed adventure featuring actors, dancers, performers, puppeteers, swordfighters, hat-making, painting, storytelling, and the Haunted Children's Farmyard. • *Oct. 10–Nov. 21, Stanley Park Miniature Railway (Stanley Park). Tix $9/5.50 (plus service charges and fees) at www.ticketmaster.com More info at www.vancouverparks.ca/* •

CiTR SHiNDiG • UBC's own CiTR Radio's battle of the bands. Hosted every Tuesday at the Railway Club • *Ongoing every Tuesday until December 9, Railway Club (579 Dunsmuir) More info at 604-681-1625* •

Haunted Vancouver Trolley Tours • Two-hour trolley tour visits locations like the Mountain View Cemetery and the Vancouver Police Museum's autopsy room. • *Oct. 17 to Nov. 1, 6-9:40pm. More information at www.vanmuseum.bc.ca.*

UBC Apple Festival • A family event for all, UBC Apple Fest celebrates one of BC's favorite fruits. One of the most popular events would be the apple tasting, with over 60 different varieties to try from for just $3. Buskers provide musical entertainment throughout the day • *Oct 18–19, 11am–4pm. UBC Botanical Garden. $2 entry fee. Free for under 18* •

October 17

The Black Hole Of Empire • Professor Chatterjee speaks about British India and modern empires. This talk is a part of the UBC Political Science Distinguished Speaker Series, and is co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science; the Workshop to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Isaiah Berlin's "Two Concepts of Liberty"; the Department of Asian Studies; the Centre for India and South Asia Research (CISAR); and the Department of Anthropology. • *Friday October 17, Irving K. Barber Learning Center, Lillooet 301, 12–1:30* •

BZZR GARDEN • The Sociology Student Association and UBC Golden Key are pleased to present our FIRST bzzr garden of the year. Please join us for a wonderful night of mixing and mingling. Take this opportunity to meet fellow majors and have a good time while you're at it. Location: • *Abdul Ladha Centre @ 6pm, October 17* •

Citizen Kane •"I always gagged on the silver spoon." • *Wed Oct. 15 - Sun Oct 19 @ 7:00pm. Norm Theater in the SUB, $4 general admission, $2 for members* • More information at www.ams.ubc.ca/clubs/filmsoc •

Wanted • "So, bending bullets. Can you do that?" • *Wed Oct. 15 - Sun Oct. 19. Norm Theater in the SUB, $4 general admission, $2 for members. More information at www.ams.ubc.ca/clubs/filmsoc* •

Women's Volleyball • After losing to Trinity Western last week, the squad hopes to bounce back to its original form. • *Oct. 17 7pm, War Memorial Gym.* •

Men's Hockey • The hockey team will host its season opener, but unfortunately they will have to play in the Bauer Arena due to circumstances. • *Oct. 17 7:30pm, Father Bauer Arena.* •

October 18

Men's Soccer • The team has not lost a single conference game this year and hopes to extend its lead by beating Victoria. • *Oct. 18 12pm, Thunderbird Park* •

Women's Field Hockey • After qualifying for the nationals, the team will finish up their season against Alberta and head to postseason. • *Oct. 18 2pm, Wright Field* •

Women's Soccer • The squad clinched their playoff spot, but hopes to beat the Victoria Vikes this weekend as UBC trails three points behind the Vikes in Canada West. • *Oct. 18 12pm, Thunderbird Park.* •

Explore Your Planet • The Pacific Museum of the Earth at UBC hosts a Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences open house featuring museum tours, short talks by departmental scientists, and demonstrations of earth and ocean sciences concepts. • *Oct. 18, 10am-5pm. More information at www.eos.ubc.ca/resources/museum/.* •

Pop Culture Collectibles Fair • Featuring comic books, DVDs, books, records, toys, and magazines. • *Oct. 18, 10am to 4pm. More information at www.geocities.com/turnbuckle99/.* •

Explore Your Planet Open House • The UBC Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences and the Pacific Museum of the Earth invite you to celebrate National Earth Science Week with us. In addition to guided tours of the Museum's permanent exhibits, you will also be able to participate in special hands-on activities and demonstrations.Why not combine Explore Your Planet with a visit to the Botanical Gardens famous Apple Festival! • *Everything is free and gets started on Saturday, October 18 at 10:00am in the Earth and Ocean Sciences Main building on the UBC.* •

October 20

'Get in on the Plan!' Vancouver Campus Plan Workshop • Looking ahead to the next 20 years, how do we create a UBC Vancouver campus that supports a world class community of scholars? Attend one of the open houses or workshops hosted by Campus and Community Planning to get an update on the Campus Plan review process and review three options for how the campus can grow and change. • *Oct. 20, 23. More information at www.campusplan.ubc.ca.*

October 21

Vancouver International Writers & Readers Festival • The Vancouver International Writers Festival is one of North America's premiere literary events, held annually over 6 days in late October, and attracts the world's best writers to Vancouver. Internationally renowned and undiscovered authors mingle with 12,000 readers of all ages in intimate, interactive and informal settings on Granville Island. • *Oct. 21-26. More information at www.writersfest.bc.ca.* •

October 23

Pit Night with CiTR 101.9 • CiTR DJs Spinning Electro, House & Indie Rawk • *Thursday, Oct. 23. $3 cover, members free* •

"Afghanistan After the Federal Election: Prospects & Challenges" • Public forum • *Thursday October 23, 7:00pm at the Mount Pleasant Community Center (3161 Ontario Street – near 16th ave.) Org' by Mobilization Against War & Occupation. More info@mawovancouver.org* •

UBC Symphonic Wind Ensemble • Avi Jacobus, Tuba solist: Strauss Horn Concerto for Tuba • *October 23, 12–1pm, Chan Centre. More information at www.music.ubc.ca.* •

Rave on UBC - DJ Arias at the Pit • International DJ sensation Arias will be coming all the way from France to perform at the Pit! • *Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 8:00pm, tickets will be $20* • Contact mayssn@gmail.com

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Jorge Amigo and Keegan Bursaw faced tough questions, posed by Justin McElroy, in yesterday's debate. Rebuking Drew Thompson and Michelle Silongan's plan to excommunicate Maayan Kreitzman, long entangled in the Vivian Luk affair. Tony Tsang scoffed at Kenneth Dodge's new "Choose Joe Rayment" platform, and added that Kerry Blackadar, Rufus Endo and Claudia Richard were against it. Meanwhile back east, Hereward Longley and Stephanie Findlay bemoaned the loss of popular Henry Lebard, who had joined Kathy Yin Li in opposing Reecca Tebrake's decision to cut funding for Alia Dharssi's new initiatives. Pundits Trevor Melanson and Ricardo Bortolon agreed it was a dark day for Goh Iromoto's regime, which included Shun Endo, Paul Bucci and Tara Martellaro. Dan Haves refused to comment on Esther Demonteflores-Werner's insensitive remarks about Kellan Higgins and Stephanie Fung.]

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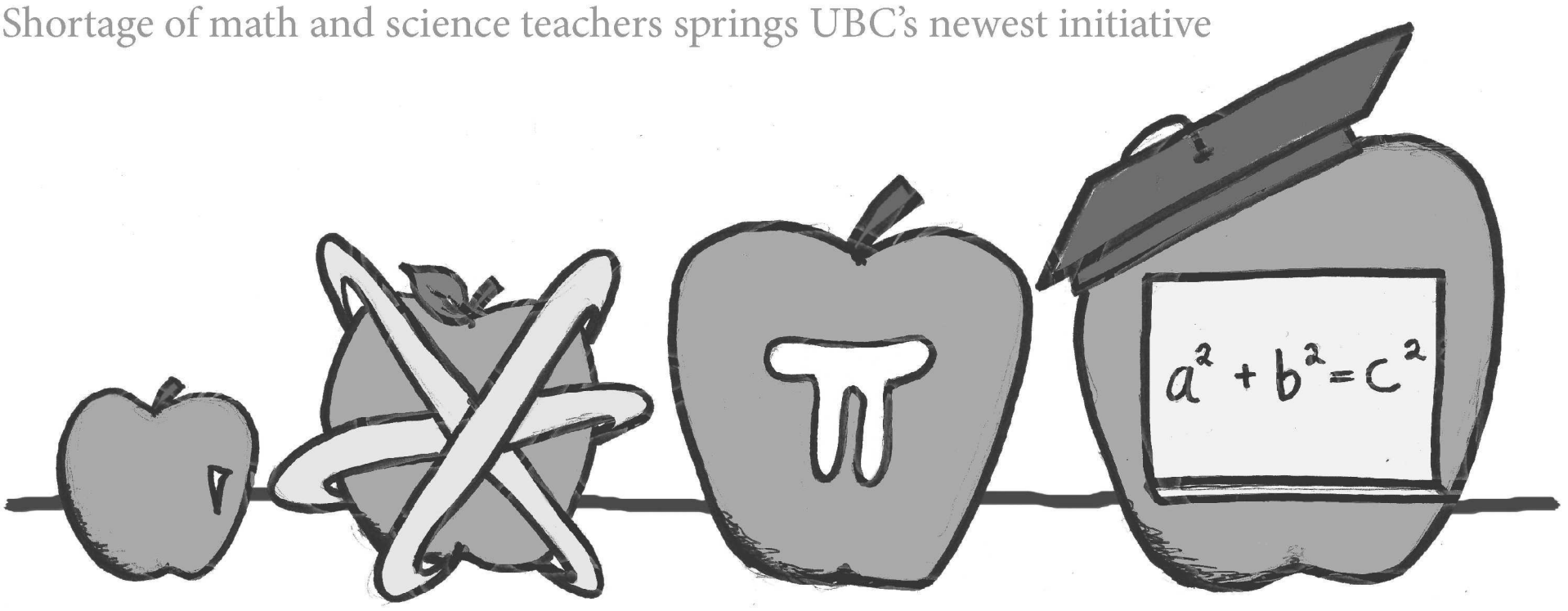
Dual-degree program starts up next spring

Shortage of math and science teachers springs UBC's newest initiative



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BY KERRY BLACKADAR
News Writer

Do you have dreams of teaching trigonometry to teenagers? Starting next spring, physical sciences and math students hoping to pursue teaching can apply for UBC's brand new combined bachelor of science and bachelor of education degree.

The idea for the latest dual degree program developed out of conversation between faculty members in the physics and math departments. Currently "there is a dearth of qualified science and math teachers in high schools," said Associate Dean of Science Paul Harrison. "We want to encourage more science and math students to consider teaching as a good career option."

This year, 316 (of 645) applicants were accepted into UBC's secondary teaching program. Of these, only 32 were from math and physics. "If there had been more qualified [science and math] applicants, we would have taken them," said Gary Rupert, program coordinator with UBC's Faculty of Education.

Many math and science students currently complete their undergrad before ever being exposed to any form of teaching. As a result, some "don't have a very realistic view of teaching," said Rupert, who hopes that under the new program students will consider how they could one day teach the mathematical and scientific concepts they learn to high school students.

The program will require students to explore teaching opportunities at an early stage. In their second year, physical sciences and math students will attend a teaching seminar and have a brief experience at a school. During the third and fourth years, students will enroll in education courses and gain more extensive experience in classroom settings. McGill University and the University of Calgary offer similar degree programs, but, on the whole, few Canadian institutions offer such an opportunity.

UBC's program is shorter, requires fewer credits, and is less expensive than obtaining undergrad and teaching degrees separately.

Amelia Landon, a science and math student who plans to go into education next year, was enthusiastic about the chance and mentioned that if it was around when she started her degree, she would have enrolled.

"I am already in my fifth year and now I have to tack on an extra year and a lot more money," Landon said. She remembers choosing a career teaching over a career in dentistry in her second year of studies. Over the past year, Landon has been helping with a math program at Churchill Secondary in Vancouver in order to complete volunteer hours that are a prerequisite for getting into UBC's 12-month teaching program.

"I want to teach kids that math is not something that is scary," Landon said.

Official applications for the BSc and BEd dual degree are not being accepted yet, but based on conversations Rupert has had with students, he expects around three to six individuals to apply this spring.

In the future, the pattern of dual degree programs will likely be expanded to other faculties.

"We are making every effort to say we don't want people to stick to their traditional boxes of learning," instead, "we want them to think across academic backgrounds," said Rupert.

UBC talks and walks towards increased sustainability

More communication and collaboration vital messages at UBC Climate Action Symposium

BY STEPHANIE FUNG
News Writer

Students and teachers alike joined the Climate Action Symposium at the GSS lounge. KELLAN HIGGINS PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

UBC planted a major seed by updating the public on sustainability and igniting interest and enthusiasm. The Climate Action Symposium emphasized how vital it was for communication and collaboration to exist between people and the university. The conference, held at the Graduate Student Society, drew over 200 people.

In his opening remarks, UBC President Stephen Toope said the symposium was "almost" a dream come true. Although he praised the university's progress in sustainability, he challenged the campus to do better and to "try collectively to move in the right direction."

The audience questioned connections between UBC's sustainability development and the public. Naoko Ellis, assistant professor in chemical and biological engineering, was unsatisfied, wanting to see showcases of certain researches.

Organizer Jeca Glor-Bell said it demonstrated real energy and enthusiasm around climate action and was "exactly what UBC needs." There was also strong interest from students, who were the highest registered group, including a 50-person waitlist.

However, she was disappointed with the "no-shows" from expected participants, and it seemed students were part of that category.

The plenary session featured a diverse group of speakers with different climate agendas at UBC.

Warren Bell, executive director of the Climate Change Policy, described economic opportunities that climate change actions would bring. Bell stated the "benefits [outweighed] the cost of not acting."

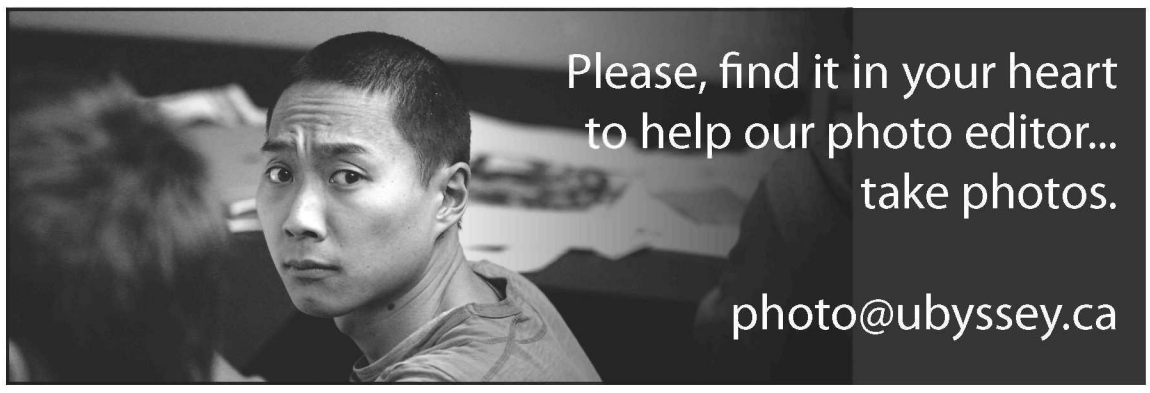
Both Charlene Easton, director of the UBC Sustainability Office, and Jack Saddler, dean and a professor of Forestry, stressed that UBC should act as a community through the value of sustainability. Spencer Rasmussen from the Go Beyond Project encouraged people to make collective solutions.

Next were four concurrent panel discussions profiling UBC climate change research: building knowledge; accelerating solutions; using the campus as a "living laboratory"; and moving from science to policy.

In the third panel, Dave Woodson, director of utilities for Land and Building Services, envisioned UBC as the world's first net positive energy and water campus. Tristan Markle, VP Administration of the Alma Mater Society, saw the new ecologically designed SUB as a living building.

The seminar ended with presentations from keynote speakers Jaymie Matthews, mission scientist of Microvariability & Oscillations of Stars Project and UBC astrophysics professor, and Dr. John Robinson, professor in the Institute for Resources, Environment, and Sustainability.

Lectures from the symposium will be available online next week at www.sustain.ubc.ca/climate.html.



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West has not announced his platform, but it will be something people can get excited about.

"You hear a lot that young people are apathetic and don't vote, but the reality is they are not necessarily apathetic, but they realize the choices they have are not very meaningful," said West.

He plans to focus on issues including the Metro Vancouver zero-waste strategy, land use, transportation planning, smart growth, saving the UBC farm and taxation without adequate representation.

Both candidates face a real campaign challenge. Only 434 people out of a population of over 10,000 showed up to the polls in 2005, according to the official results issued by Metro Vancouver. 320 of those votes were cast on the UEL.

Darren Peets, a former BoG representative, ran for director of Electoral Area A in 2005. Peets received 18 per cent of the vote (78 votes.) Peets said Naylor's biggest task will be informing people of the election and why it is important.

"You can't get elected if nobody knows they can vote, knows what you're running for, or realizes it's important," said Peets.

Rebecca Coad, a UBC philosophy student, faced the same problem as the federal candidate for the New Democratic Party in Vancouver—Quadra in the 2008 by-election.

"I found the big challenge is motivating people to participate," said Coad. "If every student that could vote did, we could have thrown the election."

With 8000 of the 11,050 residents in Electoral District A living on the UEL, the potential impact of the student vote on November 15 is substantial.

"My campaign strategy is about profile. That means getting my name out there, but also getting this election on the agenda and letting people know why it matters." said Naylor. "Even if I lose to another candidate, I will count it as a win if I can raise the levels of engagement."

The race looks to be wide open, as Gary Gibson, who has served as director for six years, has decided not be seek re-election. In addition to Naylor and West, three other candidates are running to succeed Gibson: Charles Menzies, a UBC Professor and member of the University Neighborhoods Association; Maria Harris, a member of the UEL Ratepayers Association; and Fred Pritchard, former Associate Vice-President of Campus and Community Planning at UBC.

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>
> —*Matthew Naylor, Candidate*

What am I voting for on November 15, 2008?

Residents of UBC and the University Endowment Lands (UEL) have the opportunity to elect the Director of Electoral Area A on Saturday November 15, 2008. The director is a representative of Metro Vancouver.

The director is the only representation residents of UBC and the UEL have at the local level. UBC is not part of the City of Vancouver and its residents cannot vote in the City of Vancouver municipal election.

WHAT IS ELECTORAL AREA A?

Electoral Area A is the unincorporated lands of UBC that includes the UEL, the west side of Pitt Lake, the northern portion of Indian Arm, a portion of land between the District of West Vancouver and Squamish, Lillooet Regional District, and Bowyer, Passage and Barnston Islands. There are 11,050 residents in the district. More than 8000 of those are UBC residents.

WHAT IS METRO VANCOUVER?

Metro Vancouver is an intermunicipal body responsible for regional governance and coordination on regional resources and services including land use, water, sewage, transportation, drainage and housing. It is made up of 22 different areas from Bowen Island to Langley Township, including Electoral Area A.

WHAT DOES THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTORAL DISTRICT A DO?

The director represents the interests of his/her constituents to Metro Vancouver on issues including:

- general government
- labour relations
- regional parks
- strategic planning
- building permits and inspection
- local planning
- responding to needs that arise in all communities and assisting them by conducting studies, facilitating aid agreements, and working with the residents to address their concerns

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

You! If you:

- are a Canadian citizen
- are 18 years of age or older on November 15
- have lived in BC for at least six months on the day of voting
- have lived in Electoral Area A for at least 30 days on the day of voting

You must bring two pieces of ID containing your name and address to the polling station.

WHEN AND WHERE DO I VOTE?

You can vote on Saturday, November 15 from 8am to 8pm at the following locations:

- University Hill Secondary School,
2896 Acadia Road, Vancouver
- SUB Room 212

There are advanced polls on November 5 and 8. For information on locations, visit *www.metrovancouver.org/boards/Election/VotersGuide.pdf*.

After election, housing issues still persist

All-candidates meeting brings out stark differences in approaches

BY ALIA DHARSSI
News Writer

Karl, who is homelesss, at a Tent City protest for the increase of low-income housing. GOH IROMOTO PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

On Saturday, October 4, about 200 Vancouverites and activists gathered with local politicians at the mostly vacant Little Mountain Social Housing Complex for an all-candidates meeting on housing issues to demand that federal, provincial and municipal candidates make housing an important element of their political agenda.

"Only by putting this issue in the public face and putting attention on it, are we going to get action. It's one of the reasons why when Elizabeth May, my party leader, came to Vancouver recently, I took her into the Downtown Eastside," Adriane Carr of the Green Party said to a cheering crowd that had gathered on the lawn amidst the homes of Little Mountain. "It's gotten worse because the governments that have been in place, both federally over the last couple of governments and, even provincially, under the NDP and the current government have made the wrong choices and have not made housing a priority ...The crisis that exists now is not an easy one to solve. And I think everyone across party lines has to recognize this."

Despite the rain, the crowd was enthusiastic as they cheered on candidates that made promises to deal with housing issues. Activists and politicians alike sported turquoise scarves. Banners rippled against a grey sky to represent the ongoing silent stand for housing.

The event, which was organized by various organizations, including the Citywide Housing Coalition and Community Advocates for Little Mountain (CALM) Housing, was the most recent in a series of weekly silent province-wide stands for housing. The stands have been inspired by an association of Argentine mothers who used silent stands to protest the disappearance of their children under the military dictatorship of Argentina between 1976 and 1983. "They stood in a city square every week for years and their white scarves became an international brand for peaceful protests," CALM Housing explains on their website.

"What we're trying to do is to say that homelessness is something that we can't tolerate in a civilized society. There's no need for it. It's the simplest problem in the world to solve. You simply build more housing," said Mel Lehan, the Kitsilano Organizer for the Citywide Housing Coalition, in an interview.

Advocates also expressed frustration with a variety of housing problems not limited to homelessness. "I think there's a whole range of needs from homelessness to children who can't afford to live in Vancouver," said JoAnn Sheps, a 62-year-old Vancouverite who began participating in stands about a year ago. Penny Perry, a 69-year-old who has lived in Vancouver all of her life, said that she was concerned that the lack of affordable housing in Vancouver might be problematic in a major disaster, because it has pushed many of the city`s emergency workers to live outside of the city.

"Basically our hope is to reinstate the national social housing program that was pulled out in 1993 that has had negative impacts, especially in Vancouver, where homelessness is increasing," said Tanisha Salomons, a second-year UBC student in the First Nations studies program and a member of CALM Housing. "It's unacceptable that in a world class city like ours, there are people sleeping on the streets."

CALM was formed in response to the provincial government's plan to redevelop Little Mountain, Vancouver`s oldest social housing complex. The provincial government is selling the land to the highest bidder, who, CALM argues, will want to build expensive market housing. Residents were forced to vacate earlier this year, but 20—25 families have remained behind in protest. The families who vacated from Little Mountain were placed at the top of the waiting list for housing, pushing approximately 200 families farther behind on that list.

"This is BC's oldest public housing project," explained Tommy Thompson, a graduate student at UBC who is writing his thesis on Little Mountain. "It was an army base and veterans broke in and squatted and occupied the empty huts because they were dealing with a housing crisis then. That was in 1946. People think that housing is a new issue, but housing has been a political issue in Vancouver ever since at least the '40s when that happened. So, this is the heart of housing activism."

Thompson also indicated some deception on the part of the government with regards to Little Mountain. "What BC housing has done is that they've put sheets in the windows to make it look like people are still living here, so that if you walk by and you don't know anything about what's going on here, you think people are still living here. That's because they don't want regular everyday people to know that there are all these empty homes here because that would be embarrassing for the government."

The organizers requested that all federal candidates present sign a pledge committing them to propose and support a "permanent national housing program that annually allots an additional one per cent of the federal budget to the construction of new non-marker housing, affordable to people with low and modest incomes." NDP MP Don Davies signed the pledge. He, along with other members of the NDP and Green Party, criticized Conservatives and Liberals for their cuts to federal housing programs.

Although Hedy Fry, a Liberal MP who has been re-elected to represent Vancouver—Centre and who grew up in social housing, told the crowd that housing "is still very much an important core of the Liberal platform." She and Ujjal Dosanjh, who has been re-elected to represent Vancouver—South, failed to sign the pledge.

Conservative candidates did not even bother to show up. "[The Conservative] candidates have been absent from many of all-candidates meetings," said Kia Salomons of CALM Housing. "I think it means that they don't want to be confronted by the public." If this is the case, the prospects for a national social housing program under the newly-elected Conservative government seem dim.

"[The politicians] have no clue how desperate the situation is and how hard it is for somebody to sleep on the streets at night. You know, I come here as a voice speaking from the people and speaking from someone who has lived and the streets before and has been beaten up by cops at night and been beaten up by other homeless people and been kicked out of safehouses and, you know, who has not had a place to live and tried to find places to live when there is nothing out there," said Lauren Emily Gill, a 19-year-old student at Douglas College who spent a significant part of her childhood on the streets.

Gill, like many other activists present, expressed frustration about the policy of provincial and municipal governments toward the Olympics. The Citywide Housing Coalition, a key organizer of the event, was formed in response to the failure of all three levels of government and the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Committee to keep the promised commitments on social housing when bidding for the Games.

Gill expressed a sense of frustration that her hard-earned tax money was going toward building housing for Olympic athletes instead of people suffering on the streets. "The gentrification and displacement of people in our community is tearing apart any hope for social housing."

She also said the situation might worsen in the time leading up to the Olympics because of certain by-laws created by a Vancouver City Council initiative called Project Civil City. "Basically what they're doing is making it illegal to be homeless. So, you can't sit down, you can't lie down and this is all in preparation for the 2010 Games."

A simple walk through downtown Vancouver makes it clear that housing issues, especially those directly linked to homelessness, are something that our municipal, provincial and federal governments need to deal with more effectively, regardless of their political inclinations.

There are very few youths "that stand strong in this movement that I've seen so far and it's really disappointing," Gill said. "I think we need to have more youth out there because it's our future, right?"

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Freeze for global hunger

On October 6, at 12:40pm, time stood still in the SUB, as approximately 100 students froze as a part of a campaign to raise awareness towards global hunger. The event, organized by the Commerce Community Program of the Sauder School of Business, was inspired by New York-based Improv Everywhere's "Frozen Grand Central." Students froze for three minutes, at which point, they held up signs that read: "In the past three minutes, 50 people have died from hunger-related causes. Don't just stand there. You can do something to help. Make a donation to 'Freedom from Hunger."

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Are female faculty disadvantaged?

By Vivian Luk

News writer

Mira Sundara Rajan of the UBC Faculty Association suggests that the university administration has not done enough to ameliorate the disadvantaged position of the female faculty on campus, evidenced by gender pay inequity.

"Not much publicity has been given to the issue before," said Rajan, the committee chair of the Status of Women Committee. Rajan holds a Canada research chair in intellectual property law in the Faculty of Law, and was elected in 2007 to lead the committee for a two-year term.

"Many female faculty members do not feel quite welcomed," according to Rajan, describing the reception of new female faculty members under the partner/spousal hire condition.

Other issues such as lack of daycare facilities and maternity leaves preventing difficult promotion-to-tenure track positions are pinpointed for placing female faculty in a disadvantageous position.

Tom Patch from the Equity Office proposed that Rajan is painting a skewed picture, arguing that faculty statistics don't necessarily speak to a larger trend of gender discrimination. Such an example would be engineering, which according to Patch simply "attracts small numbers of female graduate students."

He said he has not observed "any complaints from the female faculty about gender-related pay issues."

AMS VP External Stefanie Ratjen does not share the same view. She brought up a harassment case in 1995, when then-UBC President Strangway closed down UBC's political science department's graduate program after a report claimed to have found systemic racism and sexism within it. Ratjen attests that unfairness of this kind has been a part of ongoing history in some departments at UBC.

"The lack of adequate childcare on campus for both students and faculty demonstrates a systemic bias against the inclusion of women and families into the education system," Ratjen said.

Rajan expressed concerns regarding the bureaucratic system of the administration that she reproves for impeding progress with regards to the issue.

Nevertheless, she holds a positive outlook in terms of solving the issue of gender-based discrimination between the faculty. She says that the administration should be more "pro-equity," given President Toope's experience with human rights issues.

An analysis of the current financial crisis

On October 21, experts from the Departments of Economics and Political Science will form a panel to discuss factors leading up to the current global financial crisis. What went wrong? What went right? What do we need to fix?

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World financial crisis: UBC experts weigh in

by Vivian Luk

News Writer

The financial crisis has shaken the foundation of the economic world. Corporate giants like Lehman Brothers are bankrupt, Merrill Lynch was bought out by Bank of America, and the US Congress has approved a bail out package worth $700 billion. It's all very depressing and frightening, considering the US is Canada's biggest trading partner and consumes 30 per cent of its exports.

So the question for us students is should we be worried?

Kim Pavao, a sociology major, isn't. "I don't think it's as serious as they make it out to be. My parents are conservative investors, their mortgage hasn't been affected, and I have their financial support for tuition. So far, I haven't had to apply for a loan." Still, Pavao, who is graduating in May, thinks we need to be conscious of what's happening. "It's scary when they say this crisis parallels the Great Depression. I think there's probably going to be a huge downslide in employment."

Robert Farkasch, professor of international political economy, agrees. "I wouldn't be too worried right now. Economic crises happen all the time and it could be a positive thing for graduates. With the housing bubble deflated a bit, young people can actually afford to live in Vancouver, and buy a house like the one their parents did 20 years ago."

Fred Cutler, another political science professor, thinks there is reason to be cautious. "Canada was going into a recession anyways, which is natural, but combined with an American banking crisis, it would make our recession worse."

Economics professor Henry Siu, who specializes in international monetary policies, observes that Canada is "in better shape than the US." Nonetheless, he adds, "We're certainly not in good shape. Our lending practices are strictly regulated, so subprime mortgage lending wouldn't occur here."

However, there is cause for concern, especially for students graduating soon. Sui said, "If you look at the typical recessions of the last 50 years, empirical evidence would show that people in their twenties are hit the hardest. The unemployment rate for those in their forties usually increases half to one per cent. For people in their twenties, it's three or four per cent."

When employers have to tighten their belts, they'd rather axe those with less work experience—which is why Mik Yung Lim, an economics major, is worried. "I'm graduating in two years. If things don't improve by then, I think I'll have a really hard time finding a job, especially in finance."

Similarly, Siu says graduates would have a tougher time applying for credit. "Banks will tighten lending requirements. Young people have less credibility than their parents and most have no credit history to go on."

The economic turmoil will set new patterns for creditor-debtor relationships. Students must, and will, adapt to a financial system where creditors are more accountable to their debtors.

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Atwood speaks on student debt and the world's economic future

Stephen Harper given no grace at CBC Massey Lecture

BY STEPHANIE FINDLAY
Culture Staff

There was Margaret Atwood backstage at the Chan Centre half an hour before her second Massey Series lecture, singing "You Are My Sunshine" in harmony with her assistant. There was Margaret Atwood, the 69-year-old literary giant who, with her white afro, luminescent red glasses and colourful pink shawl, looked like a q-tip on fire as she excitedly continued singing before being ushered to her dressing room.

Last evening was Atwood's second stop of five cross-country destinations for the 2008 CBC Massey Lectures, a prestigious annual Canadian speaker series that has featured the likes of Doris Lessing, Noam Chomsky and Martin Luther King Jr. In her opening words, Atwood said she missed UBC. She recalled an early-career experience teaching grammar to engineering students at 8:30 in the morning—using Franz Kafka.

Atwood, titled the Queen of CanLit, has won the Booker Prize, the Giller Prize and the Governor General's Literary Award, among many other honours. As well as releasing her eerily timely book, *Payback (Debt and the Shallow Side of Wealth)*, Atwood has recently attracted attention for her vocal opposition of the Conservative government.

With the election fresh on the minds of audience members, in a packed Chan Centre, UBC President Stephen Toope took a jab at Harper in his opening remarks. "Even so-called ordinary Canadians seem to like ideas," he said. The audience erupted in applause.

CBC *Ideas* host Paul Kennedy introduced the series as a "great Canadian treasure." Kennedy said that Atwood, an obvious choice for the Massey Lectures, had been on the shortlist for many years, and that there was a "brilliance in that you would have never guessed about her talking on economics." But "lo and behold: boom, down comes the world economic crisis and it is intensely relevant."

Margaret sat down for a book signing before her presentation on Wednesday night. JORGE AMIGO PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

UBC journalism student Tracy Fuller spoke for many students who have currently found themselves in debt. "Personally, debt dictates how I live my life—what I can and cannot do.... The people I know are chained to their debt."

In her book, Atwood says credit card companies that target college students are committing a crime that ought to be considered child exploitation.

"It's very hard to resist that [money], especially when you are under 25, you have not developed that part of the brain that calculates long term processes—it just looks like a lot of fun and people therefore get into that because they can.

"However, as a species we are very much programmed to take the low-hanging fruit, and if it's there 90 per cent of people will take it—it's very hard to resist the temptation."

Concerning student debts, which may be considered "positive" debts because they ultimately contribute to society, Atwood remained skeptical. "Sometimes it contributes to society and sometimes it doesn't.

"Currency is currency because it has to keep flowing," she continued. "The flow is stopped because we don't trust the system." Just like the fairies in Peter Pan, if people stop believing the banks will die.

In her typical macabre fashion she clarified that she was optimistic about the future. "If there is a car on fire coming towards you, usually you will jump out of the way....We're very adaptable, we're very creative. That's our big plus. We're very good at thinking stuff up. So we hit a crisis and it brings out the best in us, we get very nimble, we stop being lazy, we think of a way around it, we think of something new—we are very quick to realize dangers and to react to them.... I'm not pessimistic. I think we have what it takes to do it; what we need is the political will."

As for Harper, Atwood said that he has a "bit of a tin ear." She laughed at his recently unveiled six-point plan, which includes a first ministers' meeting—the very thing he made fun of Dion for. "We are in a situation where none of these people actually know what to do," Atwood said. She remained confident that, eventually, the situation will sort itself out because our impetus for survival will take ascendancy.

"There's no obligation on their part to listen to me whatsoever," she said in respect to her recent economic and political comments. "But I've been right before," she continued with a smirk.

"If only they understood that I'm never wrong."

Travelling with eyes wide open

BY MICHELLE SILONGAN
Culture Writer

If you're a fan of American public television or travel shows, chances are you recognize Rick Steves. Most known for his PBS show *Rick Steves' Europe* and his guide books to Italy and other European destinations, he visited Vancouver last Sunday as the part of the "open house" for KCTS-9, the Seattle public television station. Speaking at the Vancouver Convention Center, he discussed the intrinsic value of travel and experiencing diverse cultures abroad.

Though globalization and interdependence are the new realities of the modern world, Steves sees a danger in devaluing the unfamiliar and believing in the innate supremacy of our own values. Thus, a common theme of the afternoon was how we do ourselves and the world a disservice by holding reductive world views.

"The world is a complex state," said Steves. "Recognize the valiant struggles going on, poignant and difficult, and find the truth in honest travel....Every country has its own dream, its own Nathan Hayes, its own Fourth of July." He challenges travellers to "go out there in the world and embrace things that are unfamiliar...and find different truths that seem just as self-evident and God given."

Smart travelling is more than air-conditioned tour buses on a day trip through famous landmarks and tourist traps. Creating and sustaining dialogue is crucial, especially in the current global climate, and travel takes on a whole new definition when you learn about how other people live and their values behind it. For instance, he explains that a recent trip to Iran allowed him to look beyond the harsh political rhetoric of both sides, and by meeting ordinary people, sense a common humanity while recognizing the trust they place in their own national destiny.

Steves has been a familiar face to both travellers and armchair travellers alike for decades, and he's grateful for "the platform to amplify" the things that he's learned. He's especially proud of working in public television's non-commercial arena, where he doesn't feel pressure from advertisers for a specific type of content. "I don't want to stay away from important issues, even on a travelogue. I want to grapple with it. I don't want to be simplistic."

At the end of the presentation, he also gave some advice for those of us preparing to study abroad: "The value you're going to get outside the classroom is going to be at least as good as the value you get inside the classroom, so enjoy it from the teaching in the classroom point of view, but take the time to really get the local people and have that kind of broadening experience." Wherever you plan on going in life, he wishes happy travels.

Join Hands for Justice Rally

The gay community and its allies marched down Davie Street on Sunday afternoon. KATHY YAN LI PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

BY KATHY YAN LI
Culture Writer

The Join Hands for Justice Rally was held on Sunday in response to the attack on Jordan Smith, a 27-year-old man who was assaulted while walking hand in hand with another man. Hundreds of people from the gay community along with allies showed up at English Bay, where they marched down to the very site that Jordan was attacked.

Throughout Davie Street, people held hands with rainbows flying high above their heads. People joined the march from the sidewalk as the parade of colours moved down the street.

The decision to hold the rally was an organic one: the members of the community came together informally. The rally brought attention to the many untold homophobic hate crimes committed against the community. The assault on Smith was not an isolated case, and far too often, these crimes go unreported.

Jim Chu, the chief of Vancouver Police, was at the rally with a team of officers to show support.

"We are happy to join you because we are also your friends and neighbours as well," Chu said in his speech, which elicited applause. Many police are also now actively advocating for stricter anti-hate legislation.

Displays of encouragement from the community leaders encouraged the audience. Jim Deva from bookstore Little Sisters gave a roaring speech, talking about the right not to be afraid of expressing oneself and the strength and courage of the community. His proclamation, "Stop the violence!" brought about heartfelt chants.

Smith was unable to join the rally, but he wrote a letter that was read aloud.

"Vancouver is one of the most tolerant cities in the gay world for lesbians and gay people," the letter stated. "My response was why do we have to be tolerant?"

What we need to be is accepting. If we just continue to be tolerant, the minority we're tolerating will never be part of our community—they'll dwell on its edge.

Jordan's courage to report his attack has brought more awareness to the untold stories of violence that the gay community faces. Yet despite the grave situation, hopeful chants of "Stop the violence" and rainbow flags still bring hope and show that people still do care.

Rock out with your cock out

Out of your kilt, that is

BY KENNETH JOHN DODGE
Culture Writer

Songs about liquor and lassies pulsed through the thin walls of Vancouver's Anza Club when local Celtic legends The Real McKenzies landed in Vancouver at the weary end of their tour on October 2. I approached this little venue with caution, this being a school night and me still bruised and stiff from a couple of punk shows the week before. But as soon as I passed by the clutches of punks dressed in kilts and entered the cavernous Anza Club, the smell of scotch let me know that this would indeed be a memorable and savage night.

Opening acts Jones Bones and Wednesday Night Heroes were noteworthy. About halfway through the first band's set, several punksters could be seen swimming across the floor on their bellies, plastic beer cups suctioned onto their faces like the beaks of crippled penguins.

Although the sound was poor for the openers, the crowd got right into it. One female friend of the band ("Tara") pulled her shirt inside out and pounced on stage to share vocals with the lead singer of Jones Bones. The venue was perfect for these acts. It felt as if I was witnessing these bands' practice sessions in an intimate Surrey garage.

When The Real McKenzies took to the stage they looked like weary Scottish warriors of yore. Lead singer Paul McKenzie led the most violent and brutal Irish-jig contest that South Vancouver has probably ever seen, kicking off the evening with the war anthem "Scots Wae Hae," pouring whiskey down the throats of the filthy masses lined up at the stage front.

The McKenzies dedicated two songs to Robbie Burns and flashed their bare Scottish arses and balls to the crowd, eliciting many a cheerful response. During "Dropping Like Flies," bagpipes blazed into the night like sonic banshees howling through this humble wooden club, as many a wasted fan dropped like the mighty West Coast rain that fell torrentially outside. In the midst of "Thistle Boy," the crowd linked arms and jigged around in drunken circles as two beautiful women, annoyingly, tried to stage dive so many times that McKenzie had to kick them off the stage twice.

The night's music echoed with a barbaric air of immortality, foreign to all other genres of rock but Celtic punk—an attitude that harkens back to the marshes and meadows of the Old World. The sound of bagpipes colliding with electric guitars haunts the mind like the brazen Gaelic chants of warriors marching to their death, thinking only of dear old Saint Andrew. For they can take our lives, they'll never take our freedom!

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Team sends Wilfrid Laurier reeling after 29- and 58-point victories

BY HENRY LEBARD
Sports Staff

After their victory in the first leg of a doubleheader on Thursday by a score of 96-67, the Thunderbirds kept Laurier at bay in the second game, winning 95-37. UBC committed only 11 turnovers on Saturday, compared to 22 by Laurier—16 of those coming off steals by the Birds. Thirty-three UBC points were scored off of Laurier turnovers.

"We want to score off of our defense," said UBC Coach Kevin Hanson. "We did a good job on defense, pushing the ball up every time we got a turnover."

Laurier was never able to get to the rim—they seemed to be putting up poor quality outside shots over and over again.

"Something we really stress is more ball pressure, which gives less time to make decisions and doesn't allow them to run their offense," commented Hanson.

To say that UBC dominated the boards would be an understatement—they out-rebounded their opponents 63-30 (22-7 in the offensive end). Along with rebounding domination, UBC took 38 free throws, making 24 compared to just ten attempts by Laurier, who made seven of those.

Throughout the game, coach Hanson ordered his players to "Execute! Execute! Execute!" It would be simplistic to say they were executing well.

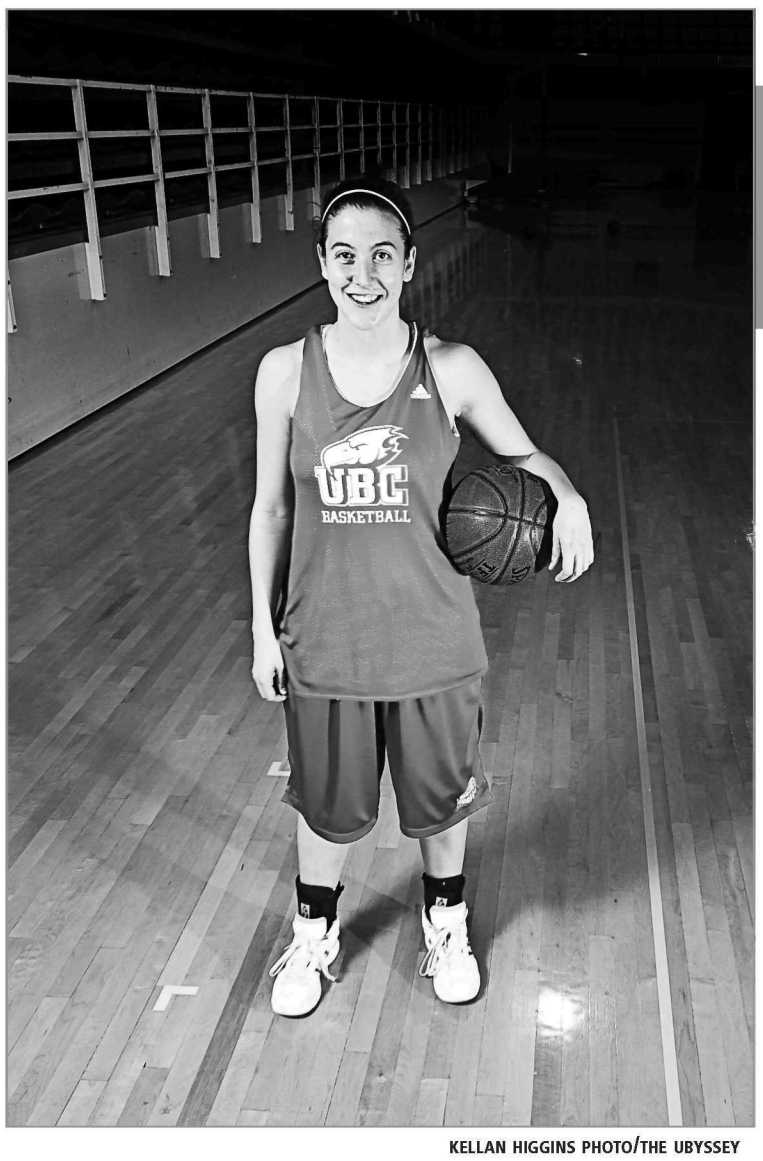
"We try to emphasize execution in the front court," said the coach. "There comes a time when you are trying to win a championship when you are going to have to score in the front court."

Josh Whyte led the way with 17 points in just 19 minutes (on six for nine shooting) for UBC. Every player was given at least 11 minutes of playing time and contributed to the offense either with points or assists.

The Thunderbirds shot 44 per cent from the field, doubling the 22 per cent shot by the Golden Hawks. Conference play for the Men's Basketball team starts at Saskatchewan October 24, five days after they play Lakehead at War Memorial Gym.

Josh Whyte led the Birds in the domination against the Golden Hawks. SHUN ENDO PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

Athletes of the Week



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BY CLAUDIA RICHARD
Thunderbird Athletic Council

CANDACE MORISSET, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Candace wins the Athlete of the Week title for her performance over the weekend at the annual pre-season Helen Campbell tournament in Fredericton, New Brunswick. She had a buzzer beater to win against the tournament hosts, the University of New Brunswick, and averaged 13 points and four assists per game. She was named to the tournament all-star team and played with leadership and consistency over the tournament.

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CORY RENFREW, MEN'S GOLF

Men's Golf captain Cory Renfrew had an impressive showing this weekend at the UVic Turkey Shootout in Sequim, Washington, shooting three sub-par rounds of 71, 66, and 70 to win the tournament by two over teammate Andrew Robb. The Men's Golf team is looking strong again this year, coming off last year's NAIA Championship win.

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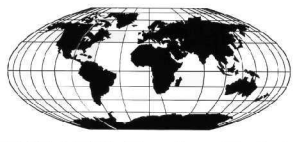

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At 90, hanging with 20-year-olds

It was 90 years ago tomorrow...

Okay, so it doesn't have quite the same ring as "20 years ago today" from Sgt Pepper's. All the same, tomorrow's a big day for us at *The Ubyssey*. As you probably guessed, on Saturday we turn 90 years old. While we may be old enough to be John McCain's dad, that won't stop us from having a wicked party in celebration.

In the past two decades we've marked our important birthdays (75th, 80th, 85th) by devoting the majority of an issue to our accomplishments—a history of our early years here and a nostalgic letter from an old editor there. We decided against that route this year. Let's face it, as gratifying as it is to publish a giant love letter to ourselves, we're betting most of you would prefer to know what's happening on campus, rather than what is the rough equivalent of a great uncle's slideshow of his road trip across Canada.

Instead, we're putting out a retrospective magazine in limited print, focusing on the 13 years since we were reborn independent from the AMS (and publishing a less-giant love letter to ourselves, here). If you're interested in how the scurrilous souls of your student government nearly destroyed us, what's been driving this campus since then and a few fun stories from our past, feel free to pick up a copy. And if you're not, we understand: odds are we couldn't care less about the history of your club either.

But while we read through back issue after back issue of "The vilest rag west of Blanca," as a church minister dubbed us in the 1950s, we realized a few things. Namely, once upon a time, we actually had an office on the top floor of the SUB—with windows and everything. But beyond that, there have always been problems with AMS elections, students have always complained about the rate of construction, and every year we get letters that claim the paper sucks compared to the year before.

So as we enter our ninth decade, two thoughts come to mind. One, we think of those who put this paper together for the 89 years before us, and the tradition we uphold. More importantly though, we think of the responsibility that you give us year after year. We're grateful that you continue to read, continue to fund us, and occasionally send us a letter. It makes the days where we spend 14 straight stress-filled hours putting together something approaching a quality newspaper worth it.

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Don't blame apathy for low turnout

Well, we did it again. We elected a minority government for the third time in a little over four years and we once again chose Stephen Harper to be the person to lead this country. The word "we" must be used cautiously since "we" didn't exactly run to this polls this year. Or even walk. Canada saw the lowest voter turnout—59.1 per cent—in recorded history. Failing to hit the 60 per cent mark for the first time ever inches us closer to territory usually owned by our southern neighbours; the US repeatedly struggles to get even half of its population to get out and vote.

Why aren't we voting? We're the first western nation to face an election after the start of the global financial crisis. The Conservatives and the Liberals had two distinct plans to deal with the economic issue, so why didn't we stand up and say how we want our country to spend the little money that we have left?

The earth is falling apart at the seams and each party had their own ideas for meeting—or not—Kyoto protocols. Why didn't we get out to the polls and decide how we want to treat our planet?

There were issues, but they weren't enough to galvanize us as participants of the democratic process.

Voter apathy is a complicated issue. Is it the system or the people we have to choose from?

The electoral system is definitely broken and needs to be fixed. Canadians feel their votes are weak—they can't influence change. If a staunch left-wing Canadian lives in an historically Conservative riding, his or her Liberal/NDP/Green/Leninist-Marxist vote means nothing. Not only will that vote not put any of those parties in power in the particular riding, it won't doing anything to change the national political scene.

But what about the people? Stephen Harper is doing his best to make Richard Nixon look like a fuzzy teddy bear, Stephane Dion doesn't appear to be able to even pack his own lunch let alone lead a country, and Jack Layton is increasingly coming off as a used car salesman who doesn't quite know what he's selling. Oh, and Elizabeth May.

There's simply not a lot of positive choices out there for the Canadian would-be voters.

There's no easy answer to the problem of low voter turnout. Electoral reform is becoming a hot topic and, who knows, maybe it will bring about change. Unlikely. Dion looks like's he done whether he wants to sneak out the back door quietly or get dragged out through the front, kicking and screaming. Maybe the new Liberal leader can offer up an attractive alternative to the status quo. Hopefully.

The only guarantee is that until Canadians feel confident that their votes matter, and until we're given a wealth of options, we're going to see turnout that reflects our apathy. And that's going to lead to, well, more of the same.

by Trevor Wolf

Internet Comments

CHARLES MENZIES POSTED THE FOLLOWING ON "WHO IS THE BIG BAD WOLF?" ON OCTOBER 10, 2008 AT 1:48PM.

This is a timely and effective account of some of the problems that lie at the base of development on campus. That is, development is being guided and propelled by a development company. Even though this company is owned by UBC, the fact that it is a limited company means that it is outside the gaze of public inquiry. Try getting an [Freedom of Information] request processed—unlikely.

There needs to be some sort of effective, local control over what UBC does as a development business. One hopes that Properties Trust is not too far extended in terms of credit or otherwise UBC students, staff, faculty and community residents will end up paying for it as markets and real estate values fall.

—Charles Menzies

JEWKES SZETO HIGGINS POSTED THE FOLLOWING IN "LIBERALS BLAME NDP FOR POOR SHOWING" ON OCTOBER 15, 2008 AT 8:24PM.

It's the Liberals who need to decide at the end of the day whether there's any use for their federal party anymore. If everyone who voted liberal voted NDP or Green, we'd be looking at a left-of-centre gov't right now.

Anyone notice how stupid Dosanjh and Fry's logic is now? That's why I can't stand the Liberals. Either win on your own merits or lose with dignity, don't blame the NDPs and Greens for your loss.

Whatever you do though, please don't advocate for a two party system, because we all see how well that works in the US, where people get to choose between right-wing or slightly more right-wing.

As an NDP supporter, I'm glad we took seats from the Liberals, but I'm also glad the Conservatives did as well after hearing comments like these.

—Jewkes Szeto Higgins

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Jennifer Weng
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"Yes I am, because a lot of my friends are [graduating]... and I'm kinda worried for them coming out with jobs and stuff."

Mohammad Sadeghi
Engineering 4

"Yes, because I put a lot of money in the stock market and I've lost a lot of money. It's painful... We have to go through it."

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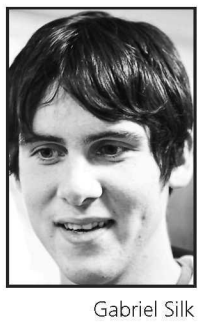

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"I think it'll affect our economy. We'll lose a lot of the things that we have, that we take for granted... They could just vanish."

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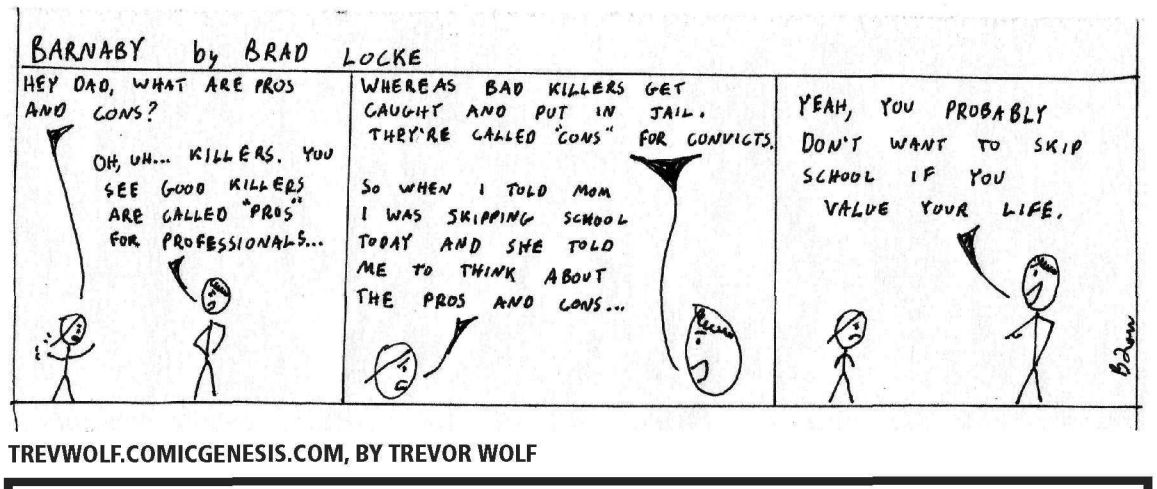

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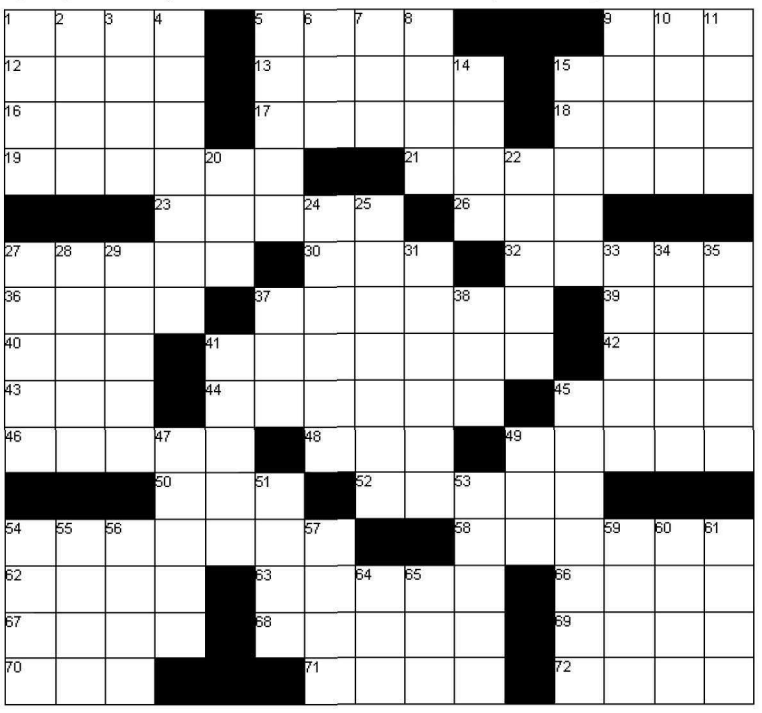

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The Education Insider

After the election: Any hope for post-secondary education funding?

BY MAAYAN KREITZMAN

Columnist

Before I snap the gloves on for the education-focused post mortem on this election, I need to unload some serious bile. Apparently, Canadians are dumbasses. We were presented with an intelligent, passionate, and upstanding leader with an integrated and bold (though deeply un-radical) plan for the environment and the economy. It was the most substantial and well thought out platform from a mainstream party in years.

Instead of learning it, we Canadians bitched about how "complicated" it was. Instead of explaining it, the media howled about how it hard it was to explain. Instead of steering forward, we bailed. We bought into substance-free stereotypes of father figure "leadership" on the one side and hoaxy populism on the other side. This election was supposed to be fought over Canadians' supposed number one issue: the environment.

In rejecting Stéphane Dion, whose plan has been lauded by economists and environmentalists across the board, we instead chose...nothing. A resounding silence was in fact the conscious strategy from Stephen Harper's Conservatives, who only released a cobbled-together platform a week before voting. Why were Canadians so lulled into complacency by reassuring sweet nothings about the economy, and the floaty feeling of safety in the familiar? The strong silent types always turn out to be jerks. It's a burning shame that a bit of tough-on-crime pandering, misinformation about the green shift, and personal targeting of Stephan Dion's character could actually constitute a successful campaign.

The fact that Stephen Harper is still confined to a minority is of little comfort when we were within reach of a real leader, a real vision. Now we're left with a prime minister whose idea of progress is taking half a point off sales tax every couple years, and his cabinet of dunces (though who knows, they're never allowed to speak). Yes, we're a centrist country, but why do we have to be a mediocre one? Is taking a bold stance on the environment actually a terrifying "shift to the left" as *The Globe and Mail* so backwardly analyzed it? Add our flawed voting system, and this is just how the cookie crumbles.

Whew. A post-mortem on education issues, shall we? What does this election result mean for students? Most funding for post-secondary education comes from the provincial government but much financial aid and all public research funding is supplied federally.

This election the Tories didn't release a post-secondary education platform. Education is not listed as a Conservative "key issue" (though crime is. Bah.). And searches on their website come up blank. Their record from the last couple years is all we really have to go on: the Conservative government has renewed the funding levels from the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, though eligibility for these awards has been expanded to be more need based than before. They've created the Vanier Graduate Scholarships, a new funding award for PhD students worth 50 grand a year. That's a lot of money for not very many students. They've also instituted a repayment assistance plan (RAP) to ease the burden of debt repayment after graduation. In addition, the Conservatives have instituted some tax credits for text books that most students don't make enough money to actually benefit from.

Both the Liberals and NDP have more lavish post-secondary education plans. Last year, the NDP put forward a bill in the House of Commons, which mandates a dedicated transfer to the provinces for post-secondary education. This means that the federal government gives the provinces money specifically for education, making the money supposedly more transparent. They also want a $1000 grant to go to anyone who qualifies for Canada Student Loans, and an overhaul of the loan system. The Liberals also have fairly universal financial aid offerings, with a guaranteed $5000 loan to anyone who goes to college or university, and an increase to two years no-interest grace period for paying back loans after graduation. They also promised to increase funding to the three research granting agencies (NSERC, CIHR and SSHRC) by 34 per cent to $3 billion a year, and increase funding for the indirect costs of research, as well as establish a fund for sustainability-related research.

With a minority government, it's possible that movement is possible on some of the pressing post-secondary education issues. The Liberals' focus on research funding is important. Compared to the Chrétien era, the Harper Conservatives have come across as anti-science, and that needs to change if Canada wants to produce world class research. The NDP's commitment to a dedicated transfer and reform to the piecemeal Canada Student Loan system is great. The Conservatives have been willing to move toward need-based financial aid. All this could produce good results if a functional minority government accepts input from the other parties. Some policies are less of a great idea. Both the NDP and Liberals seem to be advocating untargeted grants (to all students with a student loan, and to all students, respectively). This strategy is a waste of money. Funding should go to those that need it.

This election was so short that many important issues including education and healthcare barely got discussed. Luckily for us, with a minority government, advocacy can take place with the different parties and actually make a difference. Harper can no longer get away with making every bill in parliament a confidence motion, as threatening the other parties with an election is now out of the question. Hopefully that means we'll see some progress of some of these important post-secondary education issues. Bits of the three parties' education plans together would make a great improvement for students.

Maayan Kreitzman is taking down her lawn sign with a sigh of regret and blogging at ubcinsiders.blogspot.com.

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