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Our photo editor found an out of order emergency phone on West Mall. Campus Security said the phone was inspected on Thursday and was operational. The phones are inspected twice a week. Photo by Geoff Lister and Carter Brundage.

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OUR CAMPUS // ONE ON ONE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UBC

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For Steven Taubeneck, existentialism isn't scary. In fact, quite the opposite — it's comforting.

Steven Taubeneck is a joyful pessimist

Jenny Tan
Contributor

Steven Taubeneck picked up his first copy of Nietzsche when he was 12 years old.

Enthralled by the text, he gave his 15-year-old girlfriend a copy. The relationship, as he put it, quickly ended. But philosophy stuck with him.

At UBC, Taubeneck teaches existentialism in the department of philosophy. Difficult to define, existentialism is a branch of philosophy that focuses on the individual finding meaning in a meaningless world. According to Taubeneck, being happy is not the goal of life. Searching for so-called "happiness" only leads to disappointment and — no disrespect to those with inspirational quotes on their wall — we as a human race will never know the meaning of life.

If existentialists don't advocate searching for happiness, would Taubeneck call himself happy?

"I'm a joyful pessimist," he chuckles. "I'm pessimistic about conventional goals."

Taubeneck's academic career is as unconventional as his philosophical views. After pursuing multiple majors at multiple universities over the span of 11 years, he finally earned his bachelor of arts at the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1981. He chose to take only two or three courses a term and refused to stay in courses or universities he didn't like.

Taubeneck is concerned about our "culture of compulsory happiness." Any perspective or idea that questions the "don't worry, be happy" motto is considered suspicious in society. "Happiness itself," he said, "is a big part of the problem."

> **Our culture of compulsory happiness ... is a big part of the problem.**
>
> **Steven Taubeneck**
> Philosophy professor

Talking about how to live life makes for a lively class. In a regular lecture of 80 people, more than a third will engage in discussion during class. Reactions from students tend to be strong and disagreement is encouraged.

The class isn't just for Arts students, either. "I get many [students] from the natural sciences," said Taubeneck. "Right now, I have a student from computer science and I think she's happy to talk about some of these issues in a [more] open way than she would otherwise."

So given the gloomy semblance of existentialism, why is this particular type of philosophy appealing to college students?

"People [of college age] often find themselves torn," Taubeneck said. "Torn into the outside world, into a future they can barely see.... There's a great deal of anxiety, of despair."

Taubeneck knows a thing or two about using the teachings of dead philosophers to make sense of life. As a child, he started reading Nietzsche when he was trying to make sense of his family life. Through Kant and Nietzsche, he realized there were alternatives to the conventional views of family as presented on television and in church.

"Existentialism tells you that you are not alone," he said. "You not only can cope with it, but [you] have to ... as part of being in this world."

PHIL 385A: "Existentialism" will be offered again in the Fall term of 2014. Taubeneck is also supervising several student-directed seminars that he highly recommends.

Know someone at UBC who's done something interesting? Think they deserve to be profiled in Our Campus?

Email all candidates to printeditor@ubyssey.ca

CORRECTIONS

In "Funk Dirty spits fresh university rhymes," published in our Oct. 17 issue, FunkDirty was incorrectly referred to as Funk Dirty, and web links were posted to a different band by that name. Francis Arevalo's name was also spelt as Aravelo, and Maneo Mohale was incorrectly credited as the President of the Africa Awareness Club, not AfricaCanada.org. *The Ubyssey* regrets these errors.

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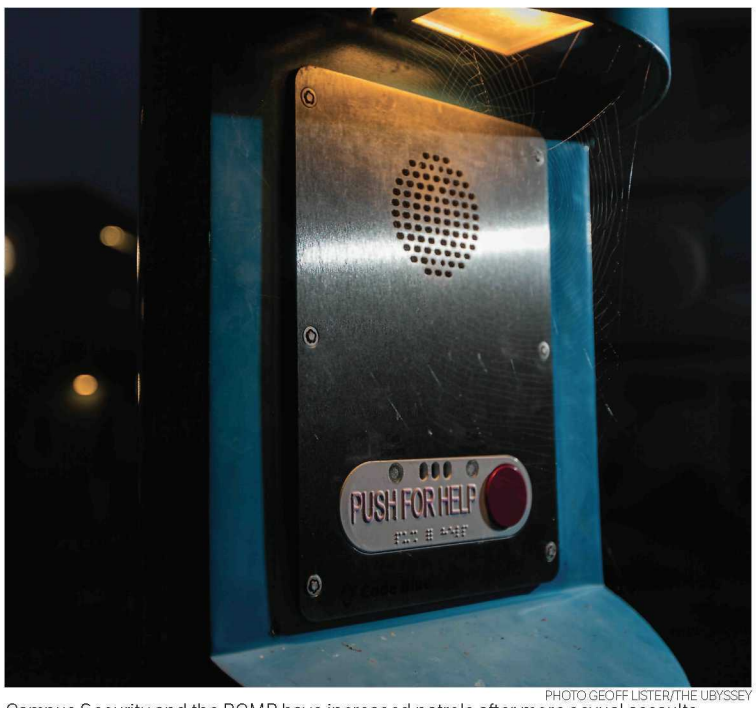

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Campus Security and the RCMP have increased patrols after more sexual assaults.

Sexual assaults continue

Sarah Bigam
News Editor

Two more women were sexually assaulted on campus this weekend.

Just after midnight on Saturday, Oct. 19, a 17-year-old woman was assaulted while walking from Totem Park residence to Place Vanier residence along the 2500 block of West Mall, close to Totem Park. Another woman was attacked later that night.

According to the RCMP, the first woman to be attacked that night was walking alone when a man emerged from a wooded area behind her near Totem Park and tried to drag her back into the woods.

The assailant ripped at her clothing and groped her under her skirt. The woman was able to fight him off and screamed for help, causing the man to flee on foot. She then made it back to her residence and immediately called 911.

The man punched the woman in the face, giving her a black eye.

Sgt. Drew Grainger of the UBC RCMP described the suspect as Caucasian, in his late 20s to early 30s, approximately 6-foot-2 and of thin build. He had short cropped hair and was wearing blue jeans and a dark hoodie, and was reported to possibly have an American accent.

Grainger said that while the descriptions of the assailants vary, similarities between the recent reported sexual assaults on campus are disturbing.

"What is most striking is the method of the attack," Grainger said. "It's been a woman alone, she's been approached from behind and tried to drag into an area while the attacker tries to get his hands under the woman's skirt. What's disturbing about this one is that the level of violence has increased, where clothing has been ripped and the girl was punched in the face.

"We're very, very concerned about this," Grainger said. "This is our top priority, to try to resolve these attacks,"

The RCMP have no leads so far, but according to a media release, the they will partner with local law enforcement agencies to identify the suspect or suspects responsible for the assaults.

"We're activating a number of strategies," Grainger said. "Some of them are very sensitive [in terms of] how we are going to try to identify and apprehend this person."

Barry Eccleton, director of Campus Security, said Campus Security, in conjunction with the RCMP, has increased the number of people doing patrols at night.

"We believe it will make a difference," Eccleton said.

Grainger urged students to take extra precautions in light of the recent assaults.

"Students and faculty and staff who walk at those hours, they need to always be vigilant of their surroundings, and take every precaution available to them to keep themselves from becoming a victim, and ensure their own personal safety," said Grainger.

"The buddy system [is] probably the best defense," he said. "Take a cab. If you can get a ride from a friend, take that ride." He also recommended that students take advantage of Safewalk, or ask campus security to walk them home.

Campus Security met with students in all seven residences to ensure they are aware of tools such as emergency blue phones and AMS Safewalk that students can take advantage of to ensure their safety.

"We are trying to look at ways of trying to make the campus offer more services as well to keep people safe," Eccleton said. "It's really making people aware that these incidences have occurred and that we all have a responsibility to look out for each other."

The blue phone on Main Mall and Thunderbird Boulevard is currently out of order. Eccleton said it stopped working sometime between Thursday and Sunday. He said fixing it was a priority. However, he said these phones are not often used.

"We have had the odd emergency call but that's going back sometime now. I can't recall the last time we've had a true emergency call come through [on the blue phones]."

According to Matthew Duguay, AMS executive coordinator of student services, Safewalk usage has increased since the attacks began, though the official numbers won't be known until the end of the month. Safewalk is considering extending its hours of operation and increasing the number of people doing walks at night in light of the situation.

Eccleton said that since the assaults began there has not been an increase in the number of requests for Campus Security escort.

Laura Harrison, a first-year Arts student, heard about one of the sexual assaults on Saturday.

"It's just kind of creepy that we walk around here every night," Harrison said. "Like, I run track here, I come back when it's dark every single night alone."

Harrison said she and her friends have been taking more precautions at night since the attacks began.

Some students living in the new Ponderosa West residence are particularly concerned. A key card system, where residents swipe their cards and enter a code to open the door of the building, is going to be installed, but for now, there is no door separating the residence portion of the building from the publicly accessible area.

"I'm very scared to leave the apartment after sundown because anyone can just go up the stairs, anyone can go up the elevator," said Dina Yacoub, a Ponderosa resident and second-year psychology student.

Andrew Parr, managing director of Student Housing and Hospitality Services, said the door was supposed to be installed this week, but was delayed by the vendor.

"I am hopeful that this week, before the end of the week, we'll have that security in place," Parr said.

In the meantime, Ponderosa West is being monitored by the external security company Polo Security. Four security guards arrive around 3:30 p.m. when construction workers leave and are there until the workers come back in the morning.

Anisa Mottahed, manager of UBC's Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC), said SASC dealt with 134 cases of sexual assault during the 2011-2012 school year, though not all of these occurred during that year.

Less than 10 per cent of sexual assaults that occur are actually reported to the police, according to Mottahed. This includes sexual assaults committed by people known to each other as well as by strangers.

"From our knowledge, a lot [fewer sexual assaults] are actually being reported to the RCMP than are actually occurring on campus," said Mottahed.

Mottahed was skeptical of safety tips such as not walking alone at night, which she said amount to victim blaming.

"There's the notion of 'don't get raped' or 'don't get sexually assaulted,'" she said. "We need to switch that around and think about 'don't sexually assault' and 'don't rape.' [We need to] speak to the greater community in terms of not exerting power and enforcing control over another person."

Mottahed said she would love to see anti-violence ally training being made available to everyone on campus. She also wants to ensure people are aware that SASC can be used as a resource.

"SASC is always available for emotional support for survivors of sexual assault, their friends, their family, [and] other people who are feeling emotional triggers or traumatized as well."

VP Students Louise Cowin said the RCMP news release of the third incident was slipped under the doors of all residents in UBC housing. Notifications of the attacks have been posted on social media and broadcast email was sent to all students.

According to Cowin, administrators are meeting on Monday morning to discuss further preventative actions that could be taken.

"I think that this incident really does create the need for us not only to think about what we must do given the present situation," Cowin said, "but also I think gives us opportunity to look at our regular structure on a go-forward basis [and] whether we have the appropriate number and measures in place at all times, and this is not to say that we don't.

"Police simply can't be on every street corner of every intersection 24-7."

Anyone with information that could be used to identify the suspect is asked to contact the UBC RCMP detachment at 604-224-1322 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Safewalk runs from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. and can be contacted at 604-822-5355. After Safewalk hours, Campus Security can be contacted at 604-822-2222 or from a blue phone to accompany you home.

–With files from Will McDonald, Geoff Lister and Arno Rosenfeld

BUILDINGS »

Space tentatively approved for Arts Student Centre

RJ Reid
Contributor

The grass area south of Brock Hall has been tentatively approved as the location for the proposed Arts Student Centre.

UBC's Property Planning Advisory Committee has allotted the Faculty of Arts space for a 9,700-square-foot building next to Brock Hall, near the old SUB and across from Irving K. Barber, that would serve as a multipurpose community space for Arts students.

Ilana Shecter, the Arts Student Centre community engagement coordinator, is excited about the allotted space. "It's going to be a good core for student activity and student engagement," she said. "There's Irving, there's Ladha, there's Brock Hall which has the [Centre for Student Involvement and Careers], there's going to be the New SUB, there's Hillel House — everything is really catered toward students, especially in that area, so I think it works really well to have Arts represented there."

Michael Kingsmill, AMS designer, said UBC was initially hesitant about giving away such prime space, but was persuaded the location matched the need. "We made a case to them that it was a great site and they were reasonably convinced that there was some merit to it," he said, summarizing the lengthy site selection process.

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In a few years' time, Arts will have their own building on par with Science's Abdul Ladha Science Student Centre.

Now that a definite space has been designated for the building, the Arts Undergraduate Society and Faculty of Arts will move forward with further approval and the collection of funds. Arts students agreed to fund half of the student centre in annual instalments in last year's referendum, which leaves the Arts Student Centre in need of $2.75 million.

AUS President Sebastian Silley is hoping a donor will step up to fund the space, but acknowledges that it may be difficult. "That's our next major obstacle," he said, "because once we get the funding we can move forward with everything else."

This includes approval from different levels of UBC executive branches, ending with the Board of Governors, as well as a design plan and construction timeline.

According to Shecter, "Every approval process is more and more detailed, and as it becomes more detailed it becomes more and more clear what exactly will be happening."

"We're not trying to rush through [the approval process]," said Silley. "We're trying to hit each step and make sure we're hitting each mark effectively and fluidly, which is why this one thing about the site is so huge right now and it is propelling us to the next step."

Elle Clark, a fifth-year Arts student, was skeptical that the lot will provide adequate space for the building, but saw a definite need for the Arts Student Centre. "We're always wondering, where do we go? There's not a lot of places for computers, hanging out — even indoor seating is hard to find in Buchanan, so I think that it is necessary," she said.

Moving forward with the centre, Silley and Shecter are both interested in student feedback and open communication. "This year, we're going to work twice as hard to really get the communications out there and get the input and tell people where we're at and what the thought process is," said Shecter, who is organizing focus groups on the centre in the coming months.

"After all, it is a student centre, so student feedback and asking what students want in there, that's what it comes down to," Silley said.

The AUS would like to see the Arts Student Centre open in five years' time, but even with obstacles, they are committed to the project.

"We need a student space because we're such a diverse faculty and we don't have a centralized location where people can come hang out," said Silley.

The AUS and Faculty of Arts hope to meet with UBC executives later in the month as they continue working towards the construction of the new Arts Student Centre.

SUSTAINABILITY »

B.C. forests on the chopping block

Report finds 2 million hectares of forests not satsifactorily restocked

Julie McIntosh
The Martlet

VICTORIA (NUW) — B.C. forests may not be restocked in a timely manner for future timber crops and wildlife generations, according to a recent report from the B.C. Forest Practices Board.

On June 26, the board reported that approximately two million hectares of B.C. Crown land designated for timber harvesting is not satisfactorily restocked (NSR).

While timber harvesting companies plan to restock about half a million of those NSR hectares, the government only plans to restock another quarter million hectares. According to the report, this means that "the total area of B.C.'s provincial forests that may need to be restocked with healthy young trees could exceed current reforestation efforts by more than one million hectares."

Concerns about timely restocking efforts come from the chair of the B.C. Forest Practices Board, Al Gorley, in the same report.

"Decisions about whether to replant areas where mountain pine beetle and fire have killed most of the trees will have an impact on the future timber supply in the B.C. interior," said Gorley. "At a minimum, if nature is left to take its course, the eventual crop of timber in those areas will be delayed.

Brian Fawcett, cultural analyst and author of *Virtual Clearcut: or, the Way Things Are in My Hometown*, said the effects of the delay are already apparent.

FILE PHOTO JOSH CURRAN/THE UBYSSEY

B.C.'s forests, like Pacific Spirit Park near campus, are not being properly maintained, according to the B.C Forest Practices Board.

"The pine beetle infestation and chronic over-cutting, particularly in the northern part of the province, has created a 50-year shortfall, and the seedling stock simply doesn't exist," Fawcett said.

In the 18.1 million hectares that have been affected by pine beetle — some of which is designated for timber harvesting — it is unclear what actions need to be taken.

"They could replant beetle-killed areas with spruce and other species," said Fawcett, "and there's a strong possibility that the trees would die. On the other hand, they could replant with pine and find that the beetles will simply kill them. Which way that will go isn't going to be clear for about 10 years."

The B.C. government focuses limited efforts on restocking mature, beetle-affected Crown land, as it hopes that industry will still harvest those areas. Wherever a logging company harvests timber, it has a legal obligation to restock the land, relieving the government of that responsibility. If neither party acts soon, the depletion of B.C.'s forests will likely harm biodiversity and long-term crop growth.

In spite of the growing number of NSR forests, the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovations released a notice on July 5 stating that over $2.3 million will be invested this year in a program called Wood First. The program focuses on using more B.C. wood products in commercial and government buildings.

"Increasing the use of wood in British Columbia is a priority," said Pat Bell, minister of jobs, tourism and innovation.

Ken Wu, executive director of the Ancient Forest Alliance, said the Wood First program is not a good idea when much of the wood harvested in B.C. is not harvested sustainably.

"The amount of NSR land in part is because the logging industry has creamed out the biggest, best trees that grow in the valley bottoms and lower slopes," said Wu. "It's the industry's unsustainable activities that drives the growth of NSR lands."

Fawcett said B.C.'s robust export industry also plays a part in the NSR forest issue.

"Currently, B.C. exports large quantities of raw logs, which is frankly crazy when you've got a 50-year shortfall," said Fawcett. He added that B.C. should be modifying its wood products in Canada in order to add more value to them.

Jess Ketchum, chair of the Wood First advisory committee, said the Wood First program is good for B.C.

"This is a group of best-in-class leaders from their respective industry sectors, and the first set of recommendations will enhance the ability to grow the appropriate use of wood products in B.C. and beyond."

Gorley said the issue of NSR forests in B.C. boils down to a single question.

"Should we invest money now to ensure a healthy timber supply into the future, and, if so, how will we raise and invest it? But if action is to be taken, it must be taken quickly," Gorley said.

Fawcett believes a different question must be asked.

"The right question is whether it is viable to harvest trees at the scale we have," said Fawcett, "and the answer is no. We've cut down too many trees, and the issue is the level of the cut, not how much you reforest."

QUEBEC »

Panel talks Enbridge pipeline in Ontario and Quebec

Environmental, land use concerns associated with Enbridge Line 9

Mark Tartamella
The McGill Daily

MONTREAL (NUW) — On Oct. 10, CKUT 90.3 FM and the McGill Sustainability Projects Fund hosted the second installment of "Under the Weather," a monthly series focusing on climate change.

This month's panel focused on Line 9, a pipeline owned by Enbridge that runs across Ontario and Quebec. The panel came a day before National Energy Board hearings on Enbridge's proposal to reverse and expand the flow of Line 9 wrapped up in Montreal.

Line 9 was originally built in 1976 and flowed eastward to Montreal, but was reversed in 1998 to flow westward. It was built to transport traditional crude oil, but the proposed reversal will include the transportation of bitumen from the Alberta oil sands.

"[Bitumen] is already even more corrosive than traditional oil [and] the superheated pipeline system used to transport it makes it unconventional," said Cameron Fenton, director of the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition. Fenton also pointed out the allegedly elevated cancer rates in citizens living near the pipeline.

Reports have found that Line 9 is prone to spills, a fact that Amanda Lickers, a member of the Onondaga nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and an organizer at SwampLine 9 – a project that aims to stop the construction of Line 9 – said is an act of "genocide and climate change" against indigenous people. The pipeline is primarily constructed within and around indigenous lands in Canada.

Cindy Spoon, campaign director for the Texas Tar Sands Blockade against the Keystone XL Pipeline, offered similar concerns, arguing that pipelines "disproportionately affect people of colour." Spoon said companies reach out to poorer communities in order to achieve what she called a "facade of consent" in order to legally seize communities' property to build pipelines.

These communities are less likely to resist such actions, said Spoon. She also designated the actions of Canadian and American oil companies – toward indigenous people and minorities, respectively – as environmental racism.

According to Fenton, the environmental impacts of the pipeline will be immense – a statement that the panelists agreed on. "It could hold upwards of 400 gigatons of recoverable carbon, which is almost the planet's entire carbon budget," Fenton said, adding that this was over 25 times Canada's carbon budget. "[Enbridge's pipelines] have already spilled and broken over 800 times over the past decade, which comes out to about 10 spills per month."

Fenton also raised concerns about the nature of bitumen spills. "There is actually no proven way to clean up a bitumen spill, especially in a body of water," he said.

The panel discussion shifted from condemning the pipeline to condemning the oil and tar sands in general, and how energy is acquired in a capitalist society. According to the panelists, the current method simply secures too much profit to be changed.

"Oil and everything that is supported by oil is so ingrained in our lives that we don't realize all the ways that we pay for it," said Melissa Fundira, a McGill student and programmer at CKUT. "When we keep saying that oil is just more convenient, I think we are disconnected from the fact that we're all here to increase our well-being, but oil is not it."

PHOTO KOA DOAN/MCGILL DAILY

The panel on Enbridge's pipeline discussed the dangers of bitumen transporation.

Aother student, Marie Dageville, was optimistic. "We can come together and find a solution [but] it is just a matter of making that first step," she said.

Lickers said mobilization was the way to divest from oil usage. "Direct action costs them money, and the more expensive we make it for them, the closer we get to winning."

The panel was also broadcast on CKUT. The next event of the series will be held on Nov. 14.

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FOOTBALL »

Football 'Birds firing on all cylinders

With a playoff spot secured, Thunderbirds blank Alberta for the largest winning margin in team history

CJ Pentland
Managing Editor, Web

If you had a bingo card made of football game feats, you wouldn't have had much trouble getting five in a row on Saturday afternoon. That's what happens when a team wins 60-0, which is what UBC did against the University of Alberta Golden Bears to give them their largest margin of victory in school history.

Interception. Recovered fumble. 48-yard punt return (although not for a touchdown — that's one blank spot). Rushing touchdown. Passing touchdown. 40-yard-plus field goal. Fake punt for a first down. Forced safety. Player with more than 100 receiving yards.

Bingo.

At the start, it seemed as if the only spots on the card that would be filled were "two-and-out" and "incomplete pass." Neither team recorded a first down during their opening drives, even with UBC's Brandon Deschamps back on the field after missing the last game with a knee injury. Quarterback Carson Williams couldn't keep up his stellar play from two weeks ago, being pulled in favour of Greg Bowcott after just two series.

From that point on, there was no looking back for Bowcott and the 'Birds. It started with four completions to David Scott that led to UBC's first touchdown, and ended with Bowcott completing 20 of 26 passes for 262 yards and two passing touchdowns that went along with two rushing scores. Scott had his second straight 100-yard receiving game, hauling in 11 catches for 167 yards. In his last two games, he's caught 18 passes for 337 yards.

Bowcott has looked solid during his playing time this year, but his only letdown has been his ability to close out games. In the previous three games where he played more than 50 per cent of the game — all at home — he shone early on but failed to deliver victories come crunch time. On the other hand, UBC's three victories on the road came when Williams stepped up in the fourth quarter to deliver big plays at key times.

While this game wasn't exactly a nail-biter, Bowcott had a chance to put the game out of reach at in the third quarter when the 'Birds exited the locker room with a 19-0 lead. He promptly did just that, leading his team to 21 points in under 12 minutes to put the game away.

So with playoffs on the horizon, the biggest question is whose number will be called to lead the team come the must-win games. Williams has delivered big wins on the road, but Bowcott has looked like the more complete QB most of the time.

"I believe in both of those young men. I believe they're both good, I think they both get hot and cold at times," said UBC head coach Shawn Olson. "I think our team reacts well to them. There's no competition.... They're just trying to do everything we can to get a win on any given week, and they bought into that team mentality.

"Carson is our starter — he's the guy that's started every game for us. But we've got two quarterbacks who can play, and if one guy's hot, then we'll ride him a little bit more than the other guy."

However, with the way UBC's defence played, it didn't really matter who was behind centre. In a season where they've been fantastic all year, this performance will take the cake. Yes, Alberta hasn't won a game since 2010, but they've also scored between 17 and 41 points in each of their previous six games this year. They also scored 36 against the 'Birds in their previous meeting in September.

In their first shutout win since 2008, UBC gave up just 169 yards on offence, while they earned that many themselves in the first half alone. Alberta had 14 first downs and punted 13 times. Alberta didn't even get far enough into UBC territory to attempt a field goal. UBC now has the best defence in the league, allowing an average of 415.1 yards per game. This defence is the main reason for the T-Birds' success this year, and they can't be praised enough.

The T-Birds headed into this contest having already clinched a playoff berth due to a Regina loss to Calgary on Friday night, but there was still a matter of positioning. At the moment, they look poised to finish fourth, but there is also a distant possibility of leap-frogging over Manitoba and Saskatchewan, both 4-3 as well. This is key for the simple reason that they would avoid playing Calgary (7-0) in the first round.

To finish higher than fourth, UBC needs to win the point differential battle with Manitoba if they still have the same record, a team they've gone 1-1 against this year. This 60-point victory will go a long way for aiding that causes. Losses by Manitoba and Saskatchewan would also help, because if this happens and UBC wins, they'll jump into second place, which would give them a home playoff game.

At this point, UBC is still in a favourable position. They've shown they are a legitimate contender, hanging tough with each team in the conference. This team has surprised all season — who knows what else they might have up their sleeve.

PHOTO GEOFF LISTER/THE UBYSSEY

Above: quarterback Greg Bowcott completed 20 of 26 passes for 262 yards.
Below: running back Jeff Effah made a 26-yard reception.

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RUGBY »

Coach Gallo's award shows hope for women's rugby

Just like last year, UBC won only one game — but the team's improvements haven't gone unnoticed

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New jerseys, new players, new head coach — but an almost identical result for the UBC women's rugby team this season.

There seems to be a predictable pattern for a squad that even their head coach acknowledges lacks size and strength. They get decimated by the better teams in the conference for the first three games of the season, and then pull off the one victory they need to qualify for playoffs against their rivals in Victoria in a do-or-die final regular season match up. This gives them the worst possible scenario for the semi-final game, in which they have to face Alberta, the top-ranked team in the country. Another blowout follows, but in a conference with so few teams, UBC gets a chance to battle for bronze regardless.

Again, they fall short.

However, based on scoring margins, you could argue that UBC made improvements this season.

In a valiant effort, the squad lost their Canada West bronze medal match 33-22 to the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns. Last year, the same team crushed them 60-7. Similarly, UBC squeezed into the playoffs last year with a 10-5 edge over Victoria, but this year they put the game away with a 46-point advantage.

While the overall result is the same, the improvements made this year have rewarded new head coach Maria Gallo with the Canada West Coach of the Year award.

It seems a surprising choice given that her squad won just one of six games, but it should also be noted that Gallo was hired in late June, meaning she had no recruiting season and a relatively short time to shape her players. The women's rugby team also has one of the lowest budgets of any varsity team at UBC — so low that Gallo paid her assistant coaches out of her own salary. (In previous years, assistants were unpaid volunteers.)

A former national team captain and a current UBC kinesiology instructor, Gallo brings high hopes for the future of this team. They made strides this year, but ultimately, those improvements were not big enough.

This recognition as coach of the year, however, shows that the rest of the conference has taken notice of UBC, and that they could be a team to watch out for next season. Here's hoping that Gallo will agree to renew her one-year contract.

FILE PHOTO GEOFF LISTER/THE UBYSSEY

Maria Gallo serves as both the head coach of the women's rugby team and a kinesiology instructor. She was named Canada West Coach of the Year on Sunday.

SOCCER »

Women's soccer 'Birds fall in extra time

First defeat comes in last regular season game, costing UBC the conference title

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After a 2-0 win Friday night against Mount Royal University, the women's soccer 'Birds could have clinched the division title on Saturday with a win against the University of Alberta Pandas. The three points would have put them ahead of Victoria in Canada West and given them an undefeated season.

However, the women fell 3-2 in a game that, in the final moments, could have gone either way.

The game didn't start off well for the 'Birds. Attacking pressure by the Pandas saw the ball remain in their defensive third for the better part of the half. Alberta struck early; Kelsey Mitchell rang a 20-yard shot off the crossbar only to be followed up by Laura Kautz. She put her shot to the left side of the net, forcing UBC keeper Alyssa Williamson to make a diving save.

From there, the pressure didn't relent. After UBC striker Nicole Sydor took a shot from afar, the ball stayed in Alberta's possession until they finally converted. In the 37th minute, the 'Birds failed to clear a free kick from outside the box, and in the ensuing chaos, Alberta striker Shalla Kadima put the ball into the back of the net for a 1-0 lead.

Near the end of the first 45 minutes, UBC pushed hard to reply but came up short — Jasmin Dhanda's shot off a free kick from the corner was sent inches wide.

At the half, two different teams came out. The tone of the game changed completely and became surprisingly entertaining in contrast to the first. Chances were created and converted at both ends.

In the 74th minute, Janine Frazao scored a penalty shot after an Alberta handball in the box.

Reinvigorated, the 'Birds pressed on and, although they created some good plays, conceded a goal off a header from a corner to put them back down 2-1.

Then, with five minutes to go, rookie Aman Shergill fired a dipping laser from distance that no one, including the Alberta keeper, saw coming. Her shot sprang the audience to life as the ball glided into the back of the net to make it 2-2.

With Shergill's goal, the 'Birds seemed to have gotten themselves a point out of a game they didn't deserve to win. However, Kadima, Alberta's striker, had other ideas. With two goals already in the game, she rounded out her hat trick in extra time. A heartbreaking header into the bottom corner of the net gave Alberta a 3-2 lead and left the 'Birds with no time to reply as the final whistle blew almost immediately after.

Heads and shoulders dropped on the field and in the stadium as the Pandas celebrated their win. But after a tough loss, the only thing to do is learn from your mistakes and move forward.

"It is what it is and credit to them. I think at the end of the day you have to go through whatever team in the next game," said coach Andrea Neil after the match. She seemed confident that, although they were thrown off their game today, it won't happen again.

"Compliments to the [Alberta] team. We got stretched, and lesson learned," said Neil.

Hopefully that's true, because the 'Birds will play the University of Calgary next Saturday, Oct. 26, at Thunderbird Stadium for their first leg of post-season playoffs. Calgary, a strong team, will be a challenge, but not one that the 'Birds aren't ready to face.

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With five minutes remaining and UBC down 2-1, Rachael Sawer (11) sent to ball to Amen Shergill, who put it top corner to tie the game.

HOCKEY »

Men's hockey splits home opener against Regina

After a thrilling comeback in Friday's 5-4 victory, Thunderbirds come up empty in Saturday's rematch

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After a thrilling comeback Friday night against the University of Regina Cougars, the Thunderbirds dropped a hard-fought defensive battle 1-0 against the same team on Saturday.

Both goalies were outstanding. Matt Hewitt got his first regular season start for UBC, stopping 27 of 28 shots. He previously played against the University of Calgary Dinos on Oct. 12, coming in during the second frame after Steven Stanford was chased.

"Hewie was really good," said UBC head coach Milan Dragicevic. "He gave us an opportunity to win."

Regina's Andrew Hayes was perfect, however, stonewalling all 30 shots he faced. Dragicevic thought his team could've made life a little harder for him.

"I think we didn't put enough pucks on the net," Dragicevic said. "We were too pretty. We weren't gritty enough in the tough areas, and in the end, it cost us."

The Thunderbirds seemed to control most of the play in the first period, generating some good offensive chances, although a few didn't count as shots on goal. Two power plays generated nothing for the 'Birds, but they held off Regina during their lone first period opportunity.

Clean passes were hard to come by for both sides, as the defensive systems worked hard to clog up the neutral zone and the slot. The Thunderbirds started the second period on the power play, but the scrambling nature of the game meant nothing came of it.

Dragicevic said special teams were the difference maker. "Our power play didn't shoot, it didn't generate anything for us," he added. "It's one of those things – the power play can cost you the game, and tonight [it did]. We didn't execute."

UBC couldn't take advantage of any of the six penalties called against Regina on the night. On the bright side, the T-Birds' penalty kill was strong, forcing the Cougars to go 0-5 on the power play.

Troy Hunter scored the unassisted game-winning goal for Regina 2:33 into the third period, giving them the only goal they would need to take the game.

The T-Bird power play looked better at 9:56 when Regina's Christian Magnus took a tripping call in the offensive zone, but the Cougars' man-on-man penalty kill kept the play mostly to the outside. Once again, the slot was clogged with bodies, making tight passes nearly impossible.

With 8:10 left in the final period, T-Bird Brendon Wall took an interference penalty, making UBC shorthanded once again. A minute and change later, Neil Manning high-sticked a Cougar, resulting in a four-minute double minor, putting the team down two men. Luckily, the PK prevailed, beautifully killing the 42-second five-on-three.

Dragicevic was understandably upset with the fact that his team was in the position of killing a two-man advantage late in the third.

"I was really disappointed with the lack of discipline that we had — you're not going to win hockey games killing penalties," he said. "For the last two years, we were the most disciplined team in Canada, and now we're taking bad penalties."

Hewitt was pulled with approximately a minute left in the final frame, allowing the 'Birds to generate a few more chances with the extra man. With 34 seconds left, however, they found themselves with a faceoff in their own zone, forcing Hewitt to come back in for the draw.

At this point, Dragicevic took a timeout, allowing him a moment to compose his players and draw up a plan for the waning seconds. After a scramble in their own zone, the Thunderbirds got the puck and took off down the ice for one final rush. The crowd's gasp was audible as Regina's goaltender was bowled over, the net knocked off, and the puck slid just past the outside post.

A few inches to the right and the 'Birds would've made a last-second comeback for the ages, but it was not to be. UBC fell to 1-3-0 on the season, while Regina improved to 3-3-0.

UBC plays the University of Alberta Golden Bears next weekend, who are seeded number one nationally in this young season.

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Nate Fleming scored his first goal of the season on Friday to start a UBC comeback.

LIFESTYLE »

Smoke fumes, students fume

Students chime in on campus smoking culture after September Butt Count

PHOTO WILL MCDONALD/THE UBYSSEY

Although many students have expressed interest in having a smoke-free campus, cancer sticks remain a popular exam-stress reliever.

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Would you take part in a butt count?

Dorri Mahdaviani, a 2013 combined sciences graduate, has worked in health promotion for the Canadian Cancer Society for four years. She was one of 15 volunteers who collected 5,000 cigarette butts and randomly surveyed 700 students at UBC about their attitudes towards smoking at last month's Butt Count.

"It's great to know that 72 per cent of the students that we interviewed were in support of a smoke-free campus," she said. "Personally, I think it would be great [if] UBC would become smoke-free, because university is a place for learning and a healthy environment."

The topic is personal for Mahdaviani, whose father smoked casually when she was young.

"I was the reason that he stopped smoking when I was five," she said. "I had put up [anti-smoking] signs across the house ... so it was great for me to be involved in this initiative and help my peers think about smoking, or quitting smoking."

In 2011, the University of Victoria moved all designated smoking areas outside of Ring Road. The street circles the majority of the school's classrooms, and encompasses the centre of the Vancouver Island campus.

Rishabh Rekhade, a third-year political science student at UBC, said a smoke-free campus would be a turn-off for students who come to the university from around the world.

"You'd certainly lose a lot of international students," Rekhade said. "[The university] would just have to think about the cost."

According to Kathryn Seely, the Canadian Cancer Society public issues director for B.C. and the Yukon, there have not been issues with smoking restrictions in municipalities with higher international populations, such as Richmond, Whistler and Surrey.

"They aren't finding problems with enforcement in those areas, nor are they finding complaints being a problem. So it seems that the international community, in fact the entire community, is welcoming of a ban," she said.

After survey results from B.C. high schools were released recently, the Canadian Cancer Society called for the provincial health minister to ban flavoured tobacco products that were shown to be popular among teens.

Seely said she is surprised to discover a lack of knowledge about flavoured cigarettes while working with young people.

"[Youth] are often unaware that the fruit and candy-flavoured tobacco products are as harmful as tobacco products, or that they even contain tobacco products."

B.C.'s smoking rate among 19- to 34-year-olds exceeds the provincial average by more than six per cent. Reports indicate that as education level increases, the smoking rate decreases. So what factors contribute to students smoking at UBC?

Maddi Dellplain, a third-year international relations student, said the social aspect of smoking makes it a popular tendency for university students.

"Smoking in college is what a lot of young people do. It's a young person's unfortunate habit," she said. "Even people who aren't smokers smoke when they're drunk."

Rather than making UBC a smoke-free campus, Dellplain advocated for support methods instead.

"It would make more sense to have better prevention, like having nicotine patches or support groups," she said.

Nicole Gehring, a fourth-year combined sciences student, agreed that the social aspect of smoking is a powerful reason for university students to light up.

"A lot of it has to do with the party scene. That's how it started for me," she said. "And once you're there, you're addicted."

Gehring said stress management is another contributing factor for smoking while at university.

"When you're smoking, it feels calming, and then it becomes a habit. Like when you're studying, 'I need a minute to take a [smoke] break.'"

With the exam season at hand, students might feel the urge to smoke to relieve stress.

Despite the various reasons for UBC students giving in to nicotine, Gehring maintained that the attraction of smoking is not as powerful as it once was.

"It's not really seen as something that's cool anymore."

Those who are looking to quit smoking can call HealthLink BC at 811.

FOOD »

Student Cooking: microwave sweet potatoes

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Believe it or not, microwaved sweet potatoes can make for a satisfying, healthy, delicious meal for those short on both time and energy. During the cold, rainy winter months, everyone is in need of some good quality comfort food, and there is nothing better than this quick, easy, microwavable meal.

There are numerous toppings that can fit with sweet potatoes. This autumnal recipe gives a great mix of sweet and spicy, certain to satisfy a hungry student after a long day. The best part about it is that the sweet potato does all the work for you. The outer skin actually retains the moisture of the potato as it microwaves, so it steams the inside of the potato to perfection every single time.

Microwave sweet potato

Ingredients (serves one)

1 sweet potato
1 tsp butter
½ tsp cinnamon

Equipment

1 fork
1 knife
Microwave-safe dish/plate
Microwave

Instructions

1. Rinse or scrub the potato under water to remove any dirt.
2. Stab the potato all over with your fork between eight to 10 times. This allows the steam to escape when cooking so that it doesn't explode all over your microwave.
3. Microwave the potato (under a paper towel, to be safe) for four to five minutes.
4. Flip the potato so that the other side is facing upwards, then repeat step 3.
5. If you have a larger potato, you may need to microwave it for longer. You can judge when the potato is ready when it feels slightly squishy to the touch.
6. Allow the potato to cool a bit, the cut an "X" shape across the middle.
7. Dot the potato with butter, then sprinkle with cinnamon.
8. Mash the potato with your fork so that the cinnamon and butter melt together into the potato. Serve immediately.

Notes: There are many ways to turn a sweet potato into a delicious, filling food for any meal. Some more unusual favourite toppings include maple syrup and walnuts, chicken and peanut sauce, black beans and fried onions, salsa, cottage cheese, applesauce, chilli, or even simply salt and pepper.

BOOKS »

From the page to the stage

World-famous authors to lecture at UBC and Granville Island for International Writers Fest

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The Vancouver International Writers Festival will feature a variety of lectures and round-table discussions designed to help you put words onto page.

GRANVILLE ISLAND

If you're an avid reader, keep reading — you probably don't want to miss the 26th Vancouver International Writers Festival (VIWF), beginning this week.

Set for the week of Oct. 22–27, the festival comes at a time of glory for the writing community. Literary achievements of the past few weeks include Alice Munro receiving the Nobel Prize in Literature for her short story works, and Eleanor Catton becoming the youngest winner of the Man Booker Prize for *The Luminaries*. These Canadian-born authors are just two of the talented writers that the VIWF tries to highlight each year.

With events ranging from readings and discussions to spoken-word and musical performances, the VIWF celebrates work from every literary genre, including fiction, poetry, graphic novels and non-fiction. Throughout its six-day span, this year's festival will bring over 100 writers to Granville Island, where most of its 81 events will be held. Some events will also be held at UBC's Frederic Wood Theatre, in collaboration with the UBC creative writing department.

Hal Wake, the festival's artistic director, is responsible for organizing events in ways that unify common ideas between individual writers. He hopes his work will allow the events to create interesting conversation.

Titans of Canadian Theatre, featuring Cree playwright Tomson Highway and Quebecois playwright Michel Tremblay, is one event Wake enthusiastically recommends. "Between them, they have done a great deal to shape contemporary Canadian theatre," he said. "That's definitely going to be a highlight."

Wake also suggested Fantasy@Six, which will host Maureen Johnson and Maggie Stiefvater, both of whom write fantasy fiction for young adults. "They have a substantial audience of twenty-somethings and are both prolific tweeters and really engaged in social media," Wake said. "We haven't done many events, perhaps, [as] we should have that appeal to that kind of audience, so we're certainly hoping to see a good crowd out for that."

Other notable authors include Margaret Atwood, here with her latest novel *MaddAddam*, the aforementioned Eleanor Catton, and Eric Schlosser, with his new book *Command and Control*. Self-published writers will also feature at events this year, a first for the festival. These writers and the rest of the extensive lineup all contribute to the diversity of the festival, which is a quality Wake appreciates in Vancouver's own literary community.

"That's one of the most important characteristics," he said. "You can always find an event somewhere that's going to have a writer that you know or care about." With this in mind, Wake encourages people to explore the festival.

"Access to books and reading is vital for any healthy community," he said.

"We as a species are hard-wired to understand the world through story.... It's the way we make sense of the world. Until we stop caring about that, there'll always be a place for narratives and books."

–Kaitlyn Fung

FREDERIC WOOD

The VIWF carries on its annual tradition of stimulating creative conversation this year by collaborating with UBC's very own creative writing department. Often touted as one of the top creative writing programs in the world, the department is also celebrating a major milestone this year: its 50th anniversary.

Special programs have been incorporated as part of the VIWF lineup in commemoration of the anniversary. One of the main focuses in the programming is a showcase of three high-profile non-fiction American writers: George Packer, Alan Weisman and Eric Schlosser. These acclaimed writers will be tackling provocative and radical discussions about American culture, nuclear weapons and apocalyptic situations. Their individual discussions will be held from Oct. 24 through Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. each night in the Frederic Wood Theatre on campus.

The VIWF has always been popular with UBC students, and its popularity is not restricted to those within the creative writing and English departments. In fact, in previous years, a considerable number of students have been known to cut classes in order to attend events spearheaded by their favourite graphic novelists or fantasy writers.

Approximately 300 student volunteers – a majority of whom are UBC students, due to the festival's close ties with the university – help to ensure that this six-day-long collection of events runs smoothly. These volunteers have the opportunity to gain a backstage point of view of the ambitious operation of the festival.

Celebrating 50 Years of Stories is another highlight of the collaboration between UBC and the VIWF. This dialogue session — between recent graduates Théodora Armstrong, Amber Dawn and Kathryn Para, as well as two esteemed faculty members, Keith Maillard and George McWhirter — promises to be an articulate and thoughtful centrepiece experience chock full of anecdotes and insight. Curious students can engage in learning how to hone their skills and raw talent as each of these seasoned writers tackle a tough topic: "How do you teach creative writing?" The dialogue session will occur on Friday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Waterfront Theatre.

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There's also an afterparty planned — a Creative Writing Birthday Bash, where students can interact with these professional storytellers and many more besides.

So for all logophiles out there, be sure to heed the words of festival artistic director Hal Wake: "Take a chance and explore."

–Iman Ghosh

LAST WORDS: STAFF OPINIONS »

Make our campus safe

Campus Security and the RCMP must stop the violent attacks — and no one should ever be afraid to speak up about sexual assault

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We believe Campus Security and UBC RCMP take their work seriously and are good at their jobs, but more clearly needs to be done.

Campus needs to be safe for students. Period.

We spend a lot of time opining on these pages about university policies, AMS foolishness and our pet peeves about campus life, but all those issues pale in comparison to the sexual assault of at least four women — all UBC students — at night on campus over the past three weeks.

When it comes to campus, the university's number one priority must be to make sure students are physically safe at all times — including alone at night.

While nobody is to blame for these repulsive, cowardly attacks other than the attacker or attackers who have been trying to molest women, those responsible for security on campus must be able to restore and maintain a sense of safety for students.

We believe the RCMP and Campus Security are basically good at their jobs and committed to protecting students. But as the attacks have gotten progressively more violent, with the attacker punching the last woman in the face and tearing her clothing, law enforcement's apparent impotence could well be empowering the criminals behind these attacks.

UBC released a statement following the last attack telling students not to walk alone at night and not to let their friends walk alone.

The RCMP also advised caution. Students "need to always be vigilant of their surroundings, and take every precaution available to them to keep themselves from being a victim," UBC RCMP spokesperson Sgt. Drew Grainger told *The Ubyssey*.

That shouldn't be true.

While our campus is not small, UBC RCMP and Campus Security have a set area within which they are expected to keep students safe — even at night. The repeated statements from the university and the RCMP essentially telling students to be more careful is a form of admitting failure at this task.

The RCMP said they are taking "sensitive" measures to put an end to these attacks, and we hope those succeed. But releasing clues such as "the attacker spoke possibly with an American accent" makes it seem like law enforcement is far from identifying suspects — and in fact they've said they have no leads in any of the cases they are investigating.

The reality is that even in the face of good police work, bad people will often find ways to do bad things. UBC's campus is sprawling, often shrouded in fog, poorly lit and deserted late at night. Construction can obscure paths and force strange detours. For the moment, students should heed the calls being issued to exercise caution at night on campus.

But Point Grey can't become known as a place where rapists come to prey on women. All the women who were attacked showed courage in fighting off their attackers and forcing them to flee. If the attackers thought UBC's women would make easy victims, they were sorely mistaken.

But we can't rely on the strength and resolve of those being attacked to stop the sexual assaults. If the violence continues to escalate, weapons are introduced or the attackers become more brazen, it will become increasingly impossible for anyone other than law enforcement to truly fend off these attacks.

We aren't law enforcement experts, and we recognize those tasked with protecting Point Grey have a tricky job. But more must done. Point Grey is not Tijuana, Karachi or Detroit.

While we don't want to see UBC turned into a police state, a serious show of force by the RCMP and Campus Security might help send the message to that Point Grey is no place for criminals.

Temporarily flooding campus on weekend nights with RCMP officers, strategically parking additional patrol cars around campus and installing temporary lighting and surveillance cameras on dark paths would no doubt aid in scaring off the clearly cowardly attackers.

These measures should only be taken temporarily — they're not financially sustainable, and we don't want floodlights illuminating campus every night or surveillance cameras tracking our every move in the long term. But over the next few weeks, pulling out the big guns would demonstrate law enforcement's presence on campus and, equally importantly, show students legitimately frightened by recent attacks that they aren't going unheard.

We all know there are certain places you shouldn't walk alone at night. Our campus shouldn't be one of them.

ALL SEXUAL ASSAULT MATTERS

Someone jumping out from bushes at night and grabbing women is terrifying— but let's not forget that according to Statistics Canada, 75 per cent of sexual assaults are perpetrated by someone the victim knows.

Because these attacks don't conform to the standard image of sexual assault — as the recent attacks on campus do — victims are often left with little support.

For women (or men) who feel they've been sexually assaulted, understand that you are never too drunk or too high, and the police should not care what you were wearing or how you were acting. Report all sexual assaults immediately.

Everyone else should remember that even if you aren't jumping out of bushes late at night and violently grabbing women, getting consent is still essential — even if you don't mean any harm, even if you're in a proper setting to hook up with someone and even if they seem interested.

Is UBC admin as serious about assaults as CUS FROSH?

In response to the Sauder rape cheer scandal earlier this year, the university undertook an investigation, the president and other university administrators made public appearances to condemn what happened. A task force was formed.

This was all done over a song.

The university needs to respond as robustly to the recent sexual assaults as they did to the Sauder FROSH events. They need to show they're as serious about stopping any more women from being assaulted as they are about stopping any more first-years from hearing an offensive cheer.

There's a tendency in the academic world to embrace attempts to tackle the complex and deep-seated problems in society. The rape cheer fell into that category, at least to the extent that pundits — and eventually administrators like UBC President Stephen Toope — saw it as a sign that our upstanding young people were behaving like vulgar misogynists.

The university was forced to take on the cheer due in part to the national media attention. But their response can also be seen in the context of academics striving to right a societal wrong.

"I think that we ... [can] seize this moment, to strike at the casual indifference to sexual violence and intolerance which still marks pockets in our society," Toope said at the time. He added that the task force would "outline broader actions to support the kind of transformative, robust change we do believe is necessary on university campuses."

For Toope, this wasn't just about a handful of first-years on a bus. This was a chance for the university to lead on one of the pressing issues of our time. But while it might be a fun intellectual exercise, curriculum tweaks and consent awareness campaigns alone will not destroy rape culture at UBC, and whatever success they do have will be hard to measure.

Here's something that's not hard to measure: every weekend since the end of September, at least one woman has been ambushed on campus and violently sexual assaulted. Police have no suspects, nor a clear, public plan to improve security.

There are no deep moral quandaries to face and no earnest soul searching to be done. Everyone agrees that these attacks are wrong, that the person or people behind them are bad and that the correct remedy is to throw them behind bars. Sexual assaults don't ask "big" questions of the university.

But here's a question: how much money is UBC willing to devote to hiring new security personnel, or to issuing a report on how to improve security on campus? How much money is UBC willing to devote to installing better lighting or more blue emergency phones around campus?

The university had the Commerce Undergraduate Society pledge a quarter of a million dollars to fight unclear "systemic issues" following the rape cheer. That money is going to, among other things, hiring a new professional position with a similarly unclear job description.

If an offensive cheer about sexual violence warranted hiring new full-time staff and creating a specialized task force, what does the actual violent assault of over three students warrant?

It's time for the university to show they take these actual assaults as seriously as they took the rape cheer — even if the assaults lack those hip intellectual questions, and even if the national media isn't breathing down their neck.

The ball is in the administrators' court. It's time to make campus safe again.

IN HER OWN WORDS »

I was attacked on campus

I entered "UBC sexual assault" into the Google search bar.

"UBC student assaulted on campus."

"Sex assault at UBC sparks police warning."

"RCMP looking for suspect after second assault at UBC."

Reading the online headlines was when it hit me. Those articles were talking about me — I was now a news story.

I am telling my story so that "the second sexual assault" can start being seen as what it should be: a warning, and a hard-knock glimpse into a serious reality on our campus.

Last week I arrived home at Fairview Crescent. As I got to the door, I turned around to fetch my keys from my bag and saw a man standing behind me.

Call me naive, but I actually waved and was about to wish him a good night — I thought he was a neighbour I'd yet to meet, or another student waiting to get inside. It never occurred to me that he intended to harm me.

If you want to know what happened after that, you can read one of the dozens of news stories published about the attack. I know I have. I've been forced to relive the attack over and over again as friends and family, unaware that it was me who was attacked, send me news story after news story about the attack.

An attack like this one is personal. I feel violated as I walk around campus overhearing conversations about "that girl who was attacked," or sitting in class within earshot of classmates discussing my attack.

Imagine sitting in class and having the professor bring up your sexual assault. I wanted to stand up at say, "Yo, this is my story. Who are you to talk about how I could have prevented this? Don't I have the right to walk home alone?"

What nobody seems to understand, and no newspaper article has so far reflected, is how your perspective changes following something like this; how you become angry. Every time I see myself referred to as a victim, I get angry. I was attacked, but I am OK, or I will be. The connotations surrounding the word "victim" make me feel weak, and suggest that somehow this man will stop me from being me. It makes me see myself as a weak, Cinderella-like character, dependent on others.

I have never been that woman and I never will be.

It makes me angry that we don't live in a society where I can walk home free from fear. Instead, I have to fear men because I am a woman. Instead of ending rape culture, we perpetuate it through television, through music and through our own words.

"Dude, I totally raped that midterm."

Dude, I'm pretty sure that's not what you did.

Despite the anger, the best I can do now is adapt. This happened to me, and it could happen to anyone reading this. Please do not let your friends walk alone at night. Please. Please. Please.

I am OK, but it doesn't mean the woman after me will be, or the woman after her.

This piece was written by the woman attacked on Oct. 13, 2013, the second of the recent sexual assaults reported on campus. When contacted by The Ubyssey *for comment, she said she preferred to tell the story herself. In line with standard journalistic practice to not identify non-perpetrators in cases of sexual violence and the woman's request for anonymity, we have withheld her name.*

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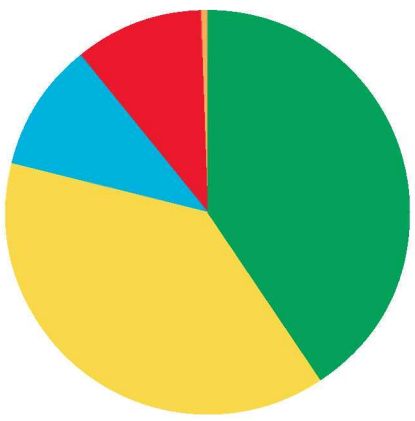
What I'm eating now

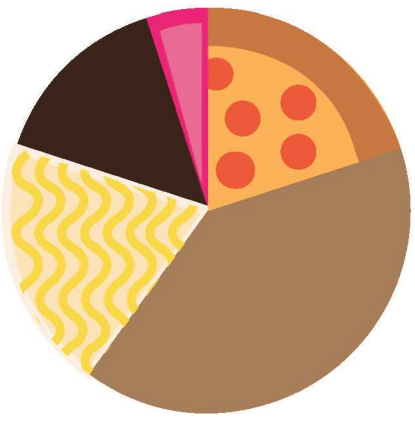
Source: the everyman's college experience

Canada's food guide*



- **Grain products**
- **Vegetables and fruit**
- **Milk and alternatives**
- **Meat and alternatives**
- **30–45 mL of unsaturated oils and fats**

College midterm studying food guide



- **Pizza**
  It's a vegetable, right?
- **Instant noodles**
  MSG!
- **Caffeine**
  Coffee by day, Red Bull and Monster by night
- **Nutella**
  You used to put it on toast — now you just eat it straight from the knife
- **Cough drops**
  You *would* be sick during midterms season

College post-midterm food guide

- **Alcohol**
  You realize why alcohol is a depressant
- **Lucky's Doughnut**
  You deserve it
- **Jujubes**
  Reverting back to childhood pleasures when things were easy
- **Reruns of *Boy Meets World***
  Devour all the TV you want — again, childhood
- **One celery stalk**
  At least you're eating better?
- **A bite out of your mediocre midterm paper**
  Gah

*our interpretation of the guide

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Engineering Bike Shelter

You are invited to attend an Open House on **Wednesday, October 30** to view and comment on a proposal for a new bicycle shelter to be located west of the Wayne and William White Engineering Design Centre.

Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2013 **Time:** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
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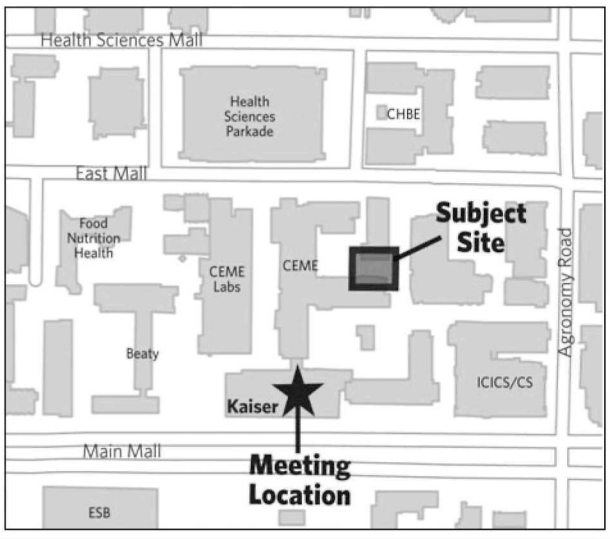

Representatives from the project team and Campus + Community Planning will be available to provide information and respond to inquiries about this project.

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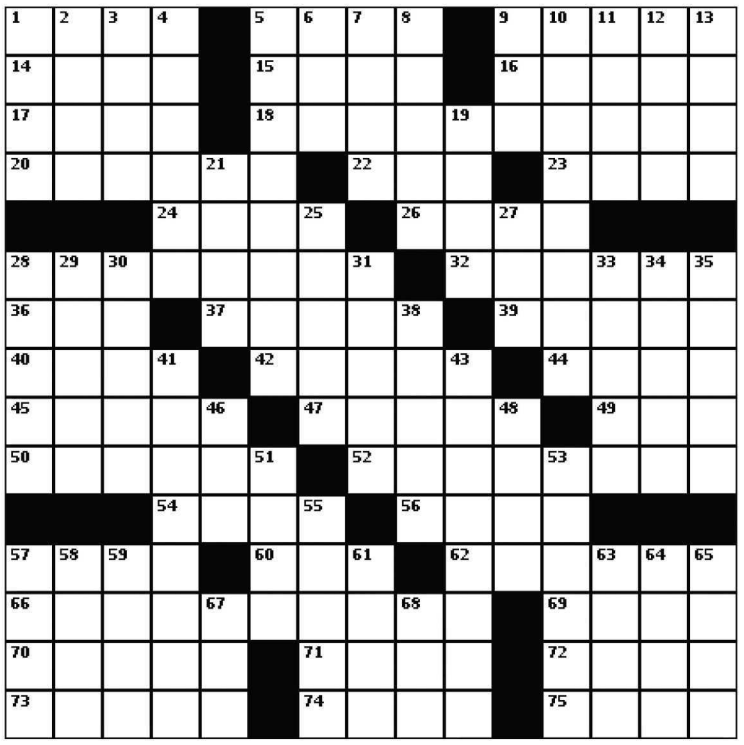

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ACROSS

1- Hole-making tools
5- Spahn teammate
9- Swagger
14- Worry
15- Man-eating giant of popular folklore
16- Jazzy Chick
17- Wedding cake feature
18- Pertaining to fractions
20- Precise
22- Go downhill fast
23- Cupola
24- Young deer
26- Word that can succeed dance, foot and door
28- Feudal overlord
32- Familiarize
36- Mao ___-tung
37- Rare delight
39- Killed
40- Applies friction to
42- Inventor Howe
44- This, in Tijuana
45- Keep an ___ the ground
47- Mawkish
49- Nevertheless
50- Lament
52- State in the E United States
54- Numbered rds.
56- Japanese rice wine
57- Sorry sort
60- A mouse!
62- African fly
66- Post of duty
69- Blockhead
70- Device with 88 keys
71- As to
72- Canal of song
73- Coniferous evergreen forest
74- Fly
75- X-ray units

DOWN

1- P.M. times
2- Sealed document
3- Lustful look
4- Bitter conflict
5- Computer programs
6- Cabinet dept
7- Some nest eggs
8- Head supporters
9- Biol. or chem.
10- Stack of firewood
11- Florence's river
12- Thin stratum
13- Patriot Nathan
19- Bandleader Puente
21- Wagon
25- Nobelist Bohr
27- Hesitant sounds
28- Throat problem
29- Run-of-the-mill
30- Horselike African mammal
31- Nymph presiding over rivers
33- Snap course
34- Gunpowder ingredient
35- Govt. security
38- Ribbons
41- Rousing
43- Deep-fryer's concern
46- Toronto's prov.
48- Tibetan oxen
51- Adolescent
53- Garden device
55- Big rigs
57- Spellbound
58- Voice of America org.
59- Morales of *NYPD Blue*
61- Game of chance
63- When said three times, a 1970 war movie
64- Lost traction
65- French summers
67- ___ few rounds
68- Heston's org.

Oct. 17 answers

Sudoku

7			3				6	
				5		2		
	6			4	1		3	
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