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More government cuts

Financial aid and work programs for students hard hit on 'Black Thursday'

by Sarah MacNeill Morrison

They've named it 'Black Thursday': On January 17, the provincial government began announcing the results of its Core Service Review, cutting thousands of jobs, chopping some ministries in half, and leaving many worried about the future of education in BC.

Financial aid programs for students suffered a significant blow. The government halted funding to programs like Work Study—which funds jobs for students with student loans—as well as programs such as Skills for Employment, Institutional Based Training Support and Graduate Assistantships.

The Student Summer Works program, which subsidizes businesses that hire students over the summer, and the Youth Community Action program, which provides tuition credits for students who volunteer, were also eliminated.

Provincial Minister of Advanced Education Shirley Bond said the government was forced to re-examine every program because of the current provincial financial crisis.

"I have been given a protected budget for three years. However, that does not mean that there won't be challenges in meeting student demand," she said.

Bond says the province is trying to give post-secondary institutions more autonomy by cutting programs and increasing funding without attaching conditions to transfer fees.

"In essence, we're trying to take the dollars that we have, which have to go as far as they possibly can, and allow institutions to decide what they're going to offer at their institutions," she said.

Instead of having a provincial

Work Study Program, for example, Bond sees each university developing its own programs.

"Institutions do need to make those decisions themselves. We, as government, provide student financial assistance, and we believe that that's important, and then institutions make decisions on how they choose [to spend] the dollars that they have," she said.

But not everyone buys this argument, and UBC's Alma Mater Society (AMS) for one, worries about an education system, where universities are too autonomous.

"It's an off-loading of responsibility back onto the students and the university," said AMS President Erfan Kazemi. "Because the university is going to have to make up those programs, they're going to have to increase tuition."

Kazemi also questioned the government's choice of programs to cut.

"With the elimination of the Work Study Program, students who need the money the most, to pay off their student debts, will be unable to have good jobs," he said.

"It puts education at an uncertain level," he said. "The government made promises that there would be no more cuts to education, but in my mind, this is a cut to education."

Josh Mitchell, senior advisor of UBC's Student Financial Assistance Program, says the elimination of government programs will also put more stress on UBC's bursary programs.

"It's a very big blow. It's a very big program. It's a good opportunity for students and employers on campus," he said. "There will certainly be a lot more pressure as a result that will be put on the Student Loan Centre and there will obviously be more pressure put on UBC's own

scholarship and bursary programs."

But Mitchell said that students currently participating in the Work Study Program would not be affected. Practically speaking, the cut to the Work Study Program will not go into effect until August 1.

Byron Hender, UBC's executive coordinator of the Students' Office, agreed that the elimination of the program puts more pressure on UBC's own programs. He said that he expects the UBC program which provides jobs for out-of-province students to shoulder much of the blow to student financial aid programs.

But Hender said programs like Work Study are more than just financial aid programs.

"It gives students real work experience that many times they just don't have the opportunity to do elsewhere," he said.

Also hit in the government's cut-backs were theological colleges. Government funding for St. Mark's College, Regent College, and the Vancouver School of Theology (VST)—associate colleges at UBC—was scrapped last Thursday.

Regent College formerly received a \$238,000 annual grant, four per cent of its revenue, from the provincial government. The rest of the school's money comes from tuition and donations, and Rod Wilson, president of Regent College, says that unless one of these revenues increases, the school will have to cut back its programs.

"We really only have three options in the presence of this kind of cut, and in the post-September 11 climate, philanthropy is taking a bit of a beating," he said, "and we certainly don't want to have the students carry this on their back by increasing tuition."

VST will also lose a \$238,000 annual grant. The school's communications co-ordinator, Kelly Duncan, says the cut will make already tight conditions much

tighter.

"It's about seven per cent of our budget, and so obviously we need to look at that and find where we can either cut or move things around," she said.

One area that did fare well in the government Core Service Review was medicine. The government plans to expand medical schools in BC, and Bond hopes to secure \$110 million to build a Life Sciences Centre at UBC, and \$25 million for satellite centres at UVic and the University of Northern BC.

Still unknown, however, is whether the government will maintain BC's six-year tuition fee

freeze. In a document released last week, the government said it would "develop an approach that balances the appropriate costs of education among the government, students and their families."

Barry McBride, UBC's vice-president, academic, said that while the university hasn't received any announcement from the government, judging from the wording of government documents, a tuition-fee thaw can be expected.

"They've signalled pretty strongly that they're going to remove the tuition

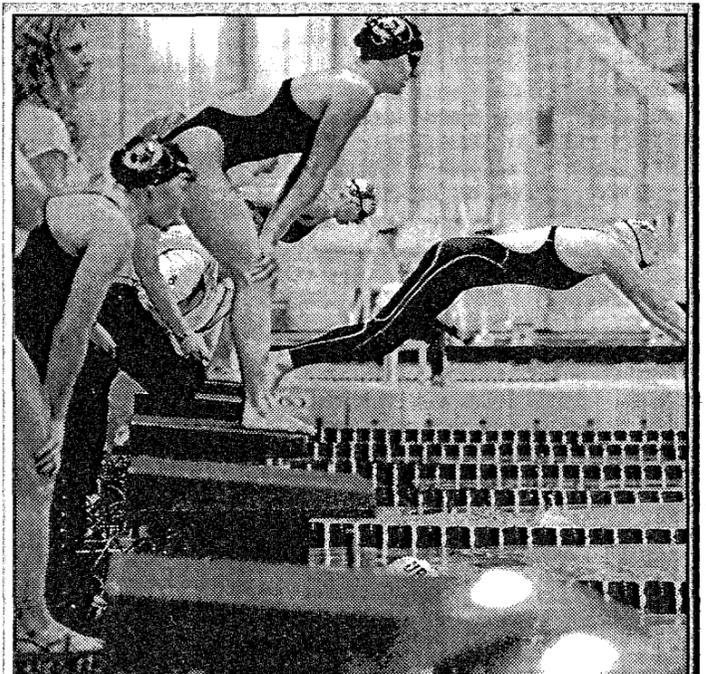


MCBRIDE

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KAZEMI



The best in the West
SPECTACULAR: The swim teams took home the gold from Edmonton last weekend, winning 26 out of 38 possible medals. See pages 4-5. CORY WANLESS/THE GATEWAY PHOTO

New penalties for outstanding parking fines proposed

by Ai Lin Choo

UBC students with unpaid parking fines could have their transcripts withheld and access to registration blocked if UBC's Board of Governors (BoG) approves a proposal designed to increase the collection rate of parking fines at UBC.

If the proposal is implemented, students with three or more unpaid parking tickets will be blocked from registering for classes and collecting transcripts, academic records or graduation diplomas. Two letters of notification will be sent to each student owing money before the penalty is enforced.

The academic penalty comes as a solution to UBC Parking Services' current—and dismal—42 per cent parking-fine collection rate. According to Danny Ho, director of Parking and Access Control Services, one of the main purposes of the proposal is to target students who repeatedly ignore parking regulations.

"21 per cent of all licence plates that have

had fines issued to them account for about 56 per cent of outstanding tickets. That means that there is a core group that continually challenges the system," said Ho.

And Ho said that he feels enforcing parking regulations is not just a matter of fairness to those who do pay fines.

"More and more development is happening on campus, and [parking] space is starting to shrink," said Ho. People who park for long hours without paying prevent others from finding a space, he said.

But the current proposal, to be decided by UBC's BoG at its next meeting in March, has met with disapproval from some Alma Mater Society (AMS) councillors.

"While presented as a revenue collection measure, the policy amendment in essence seeks to tie academic privileges to a non-academic service," wrote AMS President Erfan Kazemi last week in a letter to the BoG. "Imposing academic sanctions for a non-academic ancillary service like parking is wholly

inappropriate."

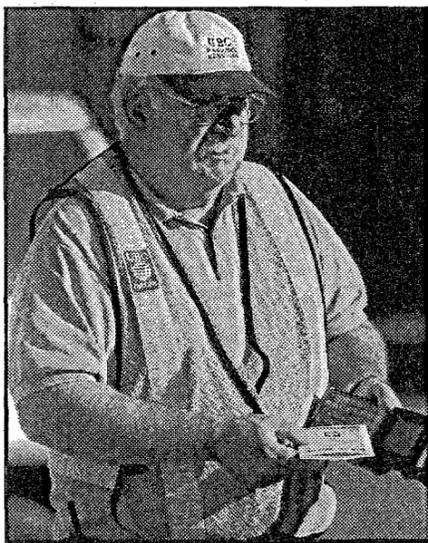
Currently, a similar academic penalty is imposed on students who do not pay their library fines, but many feel the two plans are different.

Dave Tompkins, a Graduate Student Society representative to the AMS Council, said he feels that misuse of the library is an academic offence, whereas parking offences are not. Tompkins also added that he questioned the priority UBC seems to be placing on the collection of parking fines as opposed to what should be UBC's primary focus—student learning.

But at the last AMS meeting, BoG student representative Tieg Martin expressed his support for the proposal and stressed that, although many questions still surround the plan's implementation, he fully supports the principle behind the proposal.

"Where debt is owed, it is understandable that there should be reasonable ways of

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freeze," he said. "Our position is that we want to make sure that we can provide students with the best possible education, and that's been tough during the freeze."

McBride said that while it was too early to speculate what this will mean for UBC, he was sure that tuition increases would be channelled to student services. He added that increasing money available for scholarships and bursaries is a very

high priority for UBC.

But Kazemi said that without government regulation, the AMS will have to find new ways to ensure that the university remains accountable to students.

He said student representatives at UBC—the AMS, the Graduate Student Society and student representatives on the Board of Governors (BoG)—will lobby the BoG to make UBC regulate tuition increases if the provincial government does not regulate tuition itself.

The provincial government will announce its plans for the tuition freeze on February 19, when it releases its budget.

Student groups around the province are organising events to highlight the importance of advanced education. The Canadian Federation of Students is organising a National Day of Action on February 6, when students in BC will protest in Vancouver and at Victoria's legislature to show support the tuition freeze. ♦

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collecting it," he said. "I'm willing to support any solution that applies equally to all people."

"I'm satisfied that by March, we'll have a policy that I can fully support," he said.

Martin said he was concerned, however, that the system would only target students. He said he wanted to know how fines would be collected from UBC staff and faculty.

According to Ho, more than 70 per cent of parking fines are generated by students. He said that while the current proposal solely targets students, impounding will still be carried out if the proposal is implemented, affecting staff and faculty cars as well.

"If compliance increases, not that many cars will end up on the impound list. So for faculty and staff that do not pay, the chances of impounding their cars increases," he said.

Parking Services currently has 11,295 licence plates on its impound list. Last year, 2,558 cars were impounded.

Before March 1995, the university had a similar policy where all students with outstanding parking or library fines were prevented from registering. But that policy was amended in 1995 with the adoption of a telephone registration system, Telereg. Telereg limited the registrar's control over student access to the system but, according to Ho, improvements in online technology have made the implementation of such a proposal possible again.

There remain several other issues surrounding the plan's implementation. During the last AMS meeting, one councillor noted that it would not be possible to track and penalise students driving their parents' cars.

"There are no ways of fully addressing that," Ho said, but added that notices would still be sent to the address to which ICBC has registered the licence plate.

In his letter to the BoG, Kazemi also expressed concern over the appeal process. He said that the current proposal "lacks an accountable and transparent appeals mechanism" since the process remains internal to UBC Parking Services

with the Parking Services director as the sole reviewer of a contested fine.

According to Ho, 14 per cent of parking fines are appealed. He promised, however, that student input on the appeal process would be considered. He said that whether the appeal process remains internal or becomes a committee with student representatives has yet to be decided.

"We have a remarkably high appeal rate. Our focus is to convey the right message. We prefer students to understand why regulations are in place and the requirements to follow up on that," he said.

Ho expects the proposal to be implemented by September 2002, if it is passed by the BoG in March. He said Parking Services will ensure that the proposal is communicated effectively to students and included in the online calendar.

Ho plans to meet with Kazemi and Martin to discuss the proposal and gain further student input. The AMS will be adopting an official position on the parking proposal at this Wednesday's AMS Council meeting. ♦

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Candidates stand alone

Candidates outnumber onlookers at election forum

by Deborah Santema

In an impressive display of disinterest, students ignored the second Alma Mater Society (AMS) election all-candidates' forum, which proved so uneventful that some candidates spent more time discussing their experience than what they would actually do if elected.

Few students, other than some friends of the candidates, stayed at the forum until the end. Student disinterest was so high that the forum was nearly brought to a close without any student asking a question after the candidate's speeches.

It gave the candidates a lot of time to talk about themselves. Especially those from the Students for Students slate—which has held every AMS executive position for the last two years—emphasised their experience.

"I have been on the AMS executive for the past two years," said Board of Governors (BoG) candidate Mark Fraser, currently the AMS vice-president, administration. "What's definitely important is experienced candidates."

But candidates from other slates said the experience of Students for Students candidates might not necessarily be a good thing.

"We need a fresh perspective on important issues," said Joel MacLachlan, a UBC for U candidate for one of the BoG positions.

"So many [AMS] governments have come and gone and done nothing," said Sari Abdel, UBC for U's candidate for vice-president, finance, adding that he thinks the AMS's finances are "in shambles."

Kristen Harvey, running for president on the Students For Students slate, also emphasised her experience and stated that her team would take a "strong stance against differential tuition."

But candidates from other slates attacked the current AMS executives' performance in office last term. Rob Nagai said that beyond just taking a strong stance, his slate would be "fighting any increases to tuition."

Nagai also questioned Students for Students' commitment to transportation, which falls into Harvey's current portfolio as vice-president, external. Last year, Translink cut all bus service to campus after 2am.

Megan Cassidy, Students Voice candidate for vice-president, external, criticised Students for Students

ty on campus.

Chris Lythgo, Students for Students candidate for vice-president, academic and university affairs, said that as a residence advisor, he receives numerous complaints from students who feel unsafe on campus, and added that not enough is being done to improve safety.

All candidates agreed that the campus needs more lighting.

"The problem is funding," said Aidan Forth, UBC for U's vice-president, academic, candidate.

Some candidates also brought up the issue of exam hardship.

Students Voice Senate candidate Scarlet Yim said she wanted to redefine the university's exam hardship policy to make it easier for students to change their exam schedule. Currently, students can change their exam dates only if they are scheduled to write three exams in 24 hours.

By the end of the forum, few students remained. But while the turnout was dismal, Stephanie Royston, a third-year Science student, felt that

the all-candidates' forum was helpful.

"You get a personality feeling not on posters that helps you with your decision," she said.

Jehan Alnajim, a fourth-year Science student agreed that the forum was useful.

"One of the goals I liked was to limit university fees and to fight against an increase in parking fees. Security is also important to me. Improving the calendar, however, is not an important issue." ♦

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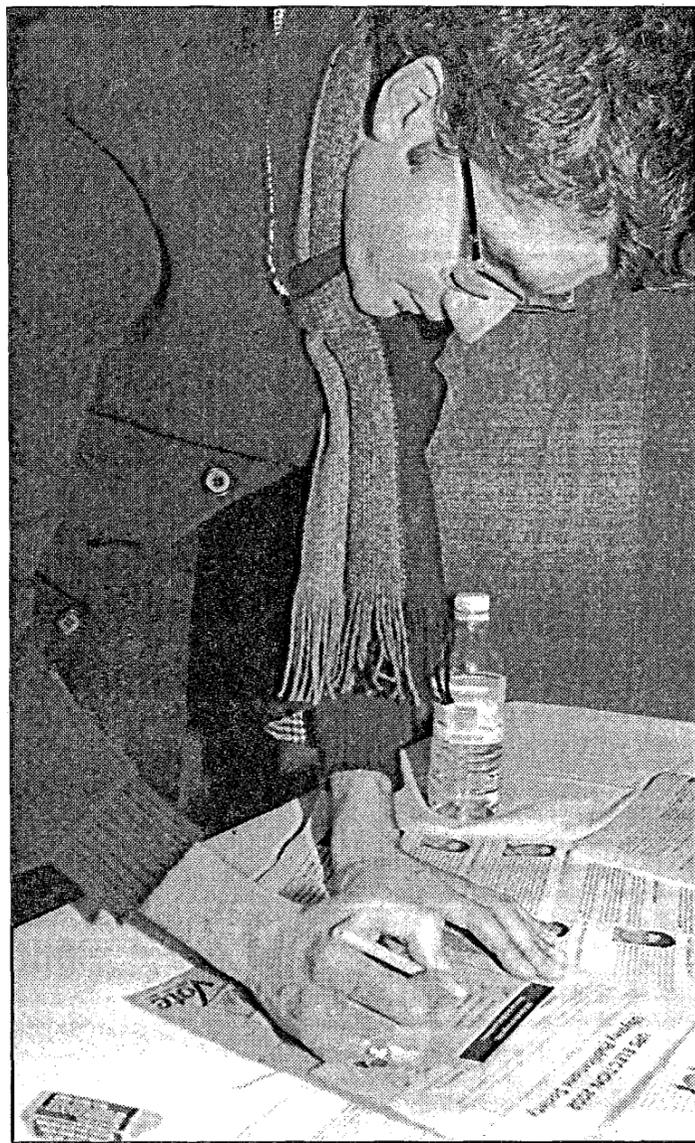
**—Joel McLaughlin
BoG rep candidate**

for failing to secure a universal bus pass for UBC students, a project that Harvey and her predecessor, Graham Senft, lobbied for over the last two years.

Nagai said that, if elected, Students Voice would be "picking up a lot of issues that have been dropped, such as transportation."

Beyond the tuition-fee freeze and transportation, other issues addressed included, inevitably, safety.

Dani Bryant, a second-year Science student asked how the candidates would work to improve safe-



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UBC students unsure about plagiarism procedures

by Lorna Yee

After 47 SFU students were accused of cheating on an economics assignment at the end of last year, many UBC students are finding themselves unsure of what exactly plagiarism is.

The UBC Calendar defines plagiarism as "a form of academic misconduct in which an individual submits or presents the work of another person as his or her own," but this definition is subject to interpretation by UBC professors.

"UBC students are sometimes unclear about what cheating is," said Alma Mater Society (AMS) President Erfan Kazemi, who was recently approached by a group of UBC students confused about why they were accused of cheating on their December exams.

"Many students don't understand what the university defines as plagiarism, because faculties have a different tendency on what it is and how they deal with it," he said.

A full list of UBC's academic regulations can be found on pages 51 and 52 of the UBC Calendar, available online. Additionally, the Student Discipline Report, which lists student offences and the discipline imposed, is published regularly by both *UBC Reports* and *the Ubyssy*. The list of offenders does not include the offenders' names or other personal information.

According to AMS Policy Analyst Jared Wright, 58 students appeared before the committee and were disciplined between September 1, 2000, and August 31, 2001. Of those, 18 were disciplined for plagiarism.

Kazemi encourages any student involved in a plagiarism dispute to speak with the AMS Ombudsperson.

"The Ombudsperson is there to help students resolve these issues and inform students of their rights," the AMS president said.

He added that, in severe cases where suspension

or expulsion may result, the Ombudsperson may refer the student to the AMS Advocacy Group. A student-funded and student-run organisation, the group represents students called before the President's Advisory Committee, the body which deals with both academic and non-academic misconducts at UBC. Addressing a plagiarism accusation usually takes 20 to 25 hours in total.

"The most important thing this office does is to provide support and advice for students who find themselves in difficult situations," said Toireasa Jespersen Nelson, a coordinator at the AMS Advocacy Office and a third-year Law student.

"Our job is not to obtain a more lenient sentence for the student [if the student is found guilty], but to ensure that the student's story is heard, and everything that the student has to say in defence gets out there."

"Approximately eight per cent of the cases we worked on last year were with students accused of plagiarism," she said.

Punishment for plagiarism at UBC varies according to the severity of the case.

"A professor might give a first-year student, who might have been unclear on the proper citation of sources, the option of a failing grade or a re-write," said Kazemi. "However, a student found guilty of more serious cheating may be suspended or expelled from the university."

To combat the growing number of students who plagiarise texts available on the Internet, UBC recently subscribed to a service called TurnItIn. The TurnItIn software, created by a University of California at Berkeley professor, scans students' essays and gives them originality grades based on comparisons with material on the Internet. The software can then compile detailed reports for essays with low-originality scores to help professors determine whether they were plagiarised. ♦

Bikini site misuses the UVic trademark

by Sarah Glen
the Martlet

VICTORIA (CUP)—A University of Victoria student is refusing to remove the university's name from a website he set up to sell a calendar featuring pictures of bikini-clad women.

Jordan Clarke, a second-year Social Science student, says he has no plans to change the address of the website, www.uvicgirls.com, even though the name directly violates trademark laws.

"I haven't done anything wrong. [The university has] no control over me," he said.

Clarke uses the [uvicgirls.com](http://www.uvicgirls.com) site to sell his self-produced calendar, which stars university women in bikinis posing around Victoria and on campus. Neither the student's website nor his calendar are registered to use the UVic name.

University Information Officer Patty Pitts and Mary Anne Waldron, the associate vice-president of legal affairs, have met several times with Clarke since December, when he first started selling the calendar in the university's student union building.

Businesses using the UVic name without prior permission are asked to destroy their product or to cover the name or logo. According to Pitts, Clarke changed the name of the calendar from UVic Girls to Girls of Victoria and promised to change the website as well.

But now, Clarke says he is "tak-

ing a stand" and will not change the site.

He said the site is registered in the United States and uses the moniker [uvicgirls](http://www.uvicgirls.com) as a single word, so it does not infringe on UVic's trademark, which covers the use of the UVic name.

Waldron said she is surprised at Clarke's shift and that the student did not tell the university he would not change the website.

"We've tried to be cooperative, but if he chooses to end this cooperation, I guess we'll have to take it to another level," she said.

If Clarke's website is found to be an infringement of the university's trademark, the university could sue both Clarke and his company, Campus Calendars.

Waldron emphasised, however, that the university will not step up legal action until Clarke informs UVic directly of his new decision to keep the website address the same.

"We didn't find out about this until now," she said. "I can't really make any decisions about this until we get more information."

Clarke is going on an international exchange to Australia at the end of January. He is planning to stay for two years and to produce a similar calendar while he is there.

"This company is just beginning. It will be a huge media mogul," said Clarke.

Clarke has already made a profit from the sale of the campus-based calendar. He has sold 650 calendars, most of them to men. ♦

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Swimmers kick ass

by Parminder Nizher

When you're as good as the UBC swim teams, anything less than the best is a disappointment. And last weekend at the Canada West Championships in Edmonton the Thunderbirds did not disappoint. Walking away with both the men's and women's titles for the fifth consecutive time, UBC swept the competition off its feet. The women beat Calgary by 159 points while the men had an even more impressive 246.5 point margin over the Dinos.

The women won a total of 23 medals and broke four records this weekend with two-time Olympian Jessica Deglau leading the pack. Deglau contributed to two relay records and swam a Canada West record-breaking time in the 800m free, earning her the honour of female Canada West Athlete of the Week.

Angela Stanley, the co-captain of the women's team, was thrilled with T-Birds' success. "I knew we were going to do well, but I was pleasantly surprised by how well we performed. The level of performance was a lot higher than I thought it would be."

"A couple of people had amazing swims, including Liz Collins, Jessica Deglau and Kelly Stefanyshyn," she said. Olympian Kelly Stefanyshyn won gold in the 100m back, breaking the Canada West record she set last year in the event. Stefanyshyn also won another gold in the 200m back, and silver in the 100m fly.

"It feels really great, but I was not sure I was going to be able to do it. I figured I would be really tired and at that point—I was swimming for points," Stefanyshyn said.

The women's only weakness was the breaststroke events, where they did not have any top three finishes.

Stanley blamed the women's poor showing in the breaststroke on second-year swimmer Amira Twashy's knee injury. "Twashy's knee is injured and she's the only one who swims that event. Kelly Doody will perhaps swim a couple at [CIS Nationals] and she usually does quite well."

The Canada West Championship was UBC's first varsity meet of the year, save November's Colleges Cup. Fourth-year swimmer Roland Bauhart said UBC showed excellent team spirit.

"We pulled together as a team and our team spirit was great. Knowing that [we] were representing UBC felt great on the podium," Bauhart said, who won his first varsity gold in the 100m back over the weekend.

19-year-old Brian Johns stood out among his elite teammates. Johns won first place in all four of his individual events and contributed to three relay golds. Johns also broke the Canada West record of his idol, Curtis Myden, in the 400m individual medley and beat the regional record for 200m back. Johns was named the male Canada West Athlete of the Week.

"It was a pretty difficult record to break, but that is not what the meet was about for me. It was about helping get points on the board for the team," said the modest Johns. The men won a total of 26 medals, 15 of them gold. The results even surprised men's captain, Kevin Johns.

"I didn't think we would be this successful at CanWest, but we had some outstanding performances. I thought Calgary would give us a bit more of a run for our money."

Calgary, normally the Bird's toughest competition, was weakened by a flu epidemic that ravaged the team during training in Hawaii. Their captain, Olympian Richard Say, did not even compete.

According to fifth-year swimmer Mark Johnston, UBC was missing the competition on the last day of the meet. "It was tough for us to get to those top performances we were looking for because we needed some kind of motivation. Our coaches [Tom Johnson and Randy Bennett] told us to compete against each other."

The Birds won't have to worry about finding competition at their next meet, the CIS National Championships. Both UBC teams are gunning for their fifth consecutive CIS title, a record of achievement unmatched in the history of Canadian university sport. Fortunately, they'll be doing with the support of a home-town crowd. The CIS Nationals will be held at UBC, February 22 to 24. ♦

V-ball Birds stun Pandas

by Scott Bardsley

T-Birds win every set against ninth-ranked Alberta

Long after fans and officials went home Saturday night, Alberta's women's volleyball team sat stunned in War Memorial Gym. The nationally ninth-ranked team just couldn't come to grips with what happened: they did not win a single set all weekend—the UBC women took them all.

To make matters worse for the Pandas, their first Canada West playoff game on February 8—the divisional quarterfinal—is also going to be against UBC in War Memorial Gym.

But what makes Albertans grimace makes British Columbians cheer. Momentum is on our side—the Bears have won nine of their last ten matches, defeated the previously undefeated Calgary Dinos and welcomed back star middle Kaley Boyd from the national team. With a healthy top-tier starting line-up, UBC has a chance to bring back its first national title since 1978.

"We know we can do it; we know this is our year. Every year we talk about it, you know, but it's just a great positive feeling," said right side Kathryn Peck.

"Our defence has improved a lot. We're usually a pretty good offensive team, as are most of the teams in the CIS. The team that's going to win has the best defence because every team can hit well. It's just a matter of digging."

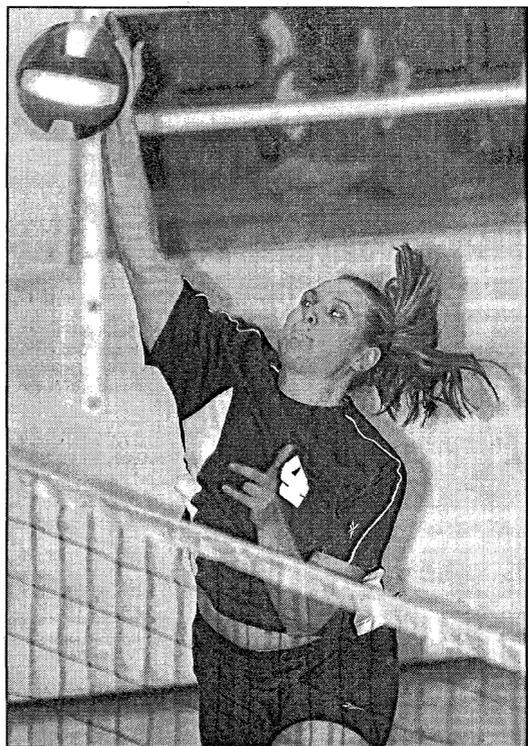
If this weekend's two matches were any indication, the dream of a championship could come true. Employing its starting line-up to full effect, UBC quickly cleaned house Friday. The Birds grabbed the lead in the first set and never gave it up, finishing 25-17. UBC went on to take the next two sets easily, 25-18 and 25-16, and walked away with two points.

"We came out so strong that it was tough for them," left side Leah Allinger said. "They didn't play a horrible game; it just looked pretty bad because every player on our team played well."

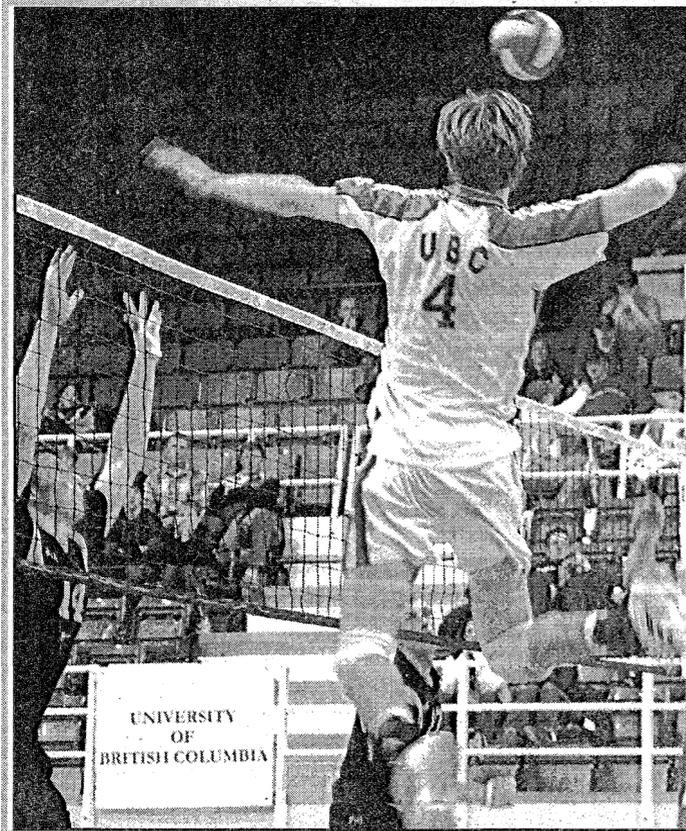
Coach Doug Reimer considered the game one of the Birds' most consistent efforts of the year. "The challenge is to maintain that high level of performance week in and week out," he said.

Missing Saturday's match because of meetings in Switzerland, Reimer predicted that the second match would be closer. He was right.

The Birds took the first set 25-20, but the second



WOMEN'S PLAYER #4: Fourth-year left side Izzy Czerveniak rocked on the court last weekend, leading UBC in kills on Friday and digs on Saturday. RICHARD LAM/UBC ATHLETICS PHOTO



MEN'S PLAYER #4: Yet another Ryan Cawsey picture in *the Ubyssy*. SURITA BAINS PHOTO

Golden Bears eat Birds

by Mary Ann Rozance

The UBC men's volleyball team's playoff hopes got a little fainter this weekend as the Thunderbirds conceded two matches to the nationally third-ranked Alberta Golden Bears, dropping UBC to a 4-12 record. But Trinity Western—the team

the Birds are chasing for the last playoff spot in their division—lost a match to Calgary, leaving the Birds two wins short of a tie in the standings.

On Friday, the T-Birds edged out the Bears 25-23 after conceding the first set 25-19. But Alberta took the next two sets 25-17 and 25-22, winning the match with them. As usual, captain Chad Grimm led the Birds for the night, this time with 17 kills.

Saturday night the Birds started out slowly and couldn't catch up to the Bears. Despite the combined efforts of power Mike Tuckwood and Grimm, two play-

ers who added lots of points with their kills, the Birds quickly lost 25-17. In the second game that evening the Birds were more alive and kept the score close until the very end, but the Bears pulled ahead and won 25-21.

The Birds put on an outstanding performance in the last game of the night. The Birds were scrappy and enthused and, for the first time that evening, they looked like a team that really had everything together. Middle Ryan Cawsey had an awesome game, ending several plays in a row with a kill. In the end though, the Birds bit the dust after missing four serves at the crucial end of the match.

For the team's two star seniors, Grimm and libero Mark Yuen, Saturday's last home game of the season was the last home game ever. Over the

course of this season, Grimm has accumulated a massive 220 kills, dwarfing his teammates' stats. Yuen leads the Birds in digs with a huge 129 for the season. These two will definitely be missed next year, and will leave big shoes to fill.

The Birds still have one last chance at making the playoffs. If, when the Birds play away at Trinity this weekend, they can string together two wins—something they've only been able to do once this season against the hapless O-16 Regina Cougars—they'll tie the Spartans with two matches left in the season.

And even though they now have just a faint glimmer of hope of making playoffs, the Birds are optimistic, particularly after their excellent play in the final set this weekend.

"We have a chance if we can keep playing like how we did in the third game," setter Dave Belezmay on Saturday. "It was fun. We were all together playing and having a good time." ♦

turned into a dead heat with both teams tied 21-21. Each side would score, only to have the other answer back on the next serve. Deadlocked at 25-24, the play was extended until one side could get a two-point advantage. The audience watched with baited breath as each team jockeyed to string together the two points in a row that would decide the set.

But, in the end, UBC prevailed, 29-27. The disheartened Pandas returned for a third set, but the wind had been taken out of their sails and the Birds took a 11-2 lead. The Pandas tried to fight back but conceded a 25-20 loss.

"[Saturday] was a little slower than [Friday], but

we pulled through at the tough times and that's really important for us—to be able to come back and win three straight when we were down in the second," Boyd said.

Leah Allinger, who was playing her last regular season home game, was a force to be reckoned with Saturday, amassing a phenomenal 14 kills, 13 digs and an ace serve.

The Thunderbird women are now 11-5, securing their second-place spot in the Canada West Mountain Division. The Birds will have two more games before the playoffs. This Friday they'll be playing the hapless 2-14 Trinity Western Spartans. ♦

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Lorna Yee owned an old Remington Rand. It sat in the corner of the living-room she shared as a bedroom with Debra Santema. She used to share the place with Kavah Emmanzadeh, but the relentless kicky-think of the huge late into the night drove him nearly bumpy. She'd nearly bought a Smith Corona portable off of Duncan McHugh for 60 bucks. It was in wonderful condition, needed a little oil and a little love, but Sarah MacNeill Morrison bought it first. Really, the machine she lust after like no other was Laura Blue's little Olivetti Letra 22. Nic Fensom had painted it for her, and Hywel Tuscano'd fixed the case, which had suffered the ravages of time very poorly. Even Kat Single-Daine and Pam Nizer, avowed haters of the old tech could see how wonderful it was. Jesse Marchand owned one in better condition. It had belonged to her grandmother, Niem Meulenbacher, but she never used it. A total waste. Sara Young and Ron Nurwisah had started up a "fix-'em-up" shop in the back of their house. They were having difficulty getting parts for some of the more obscure models, but could fix everything Brother ever made, and had most of the parts for the big tabletop Underwoods. Strangely enough Tab keys were the hardest to come by, or so Scott Bardsley said, and Ai Lin Choo backed him up on it. Legend had it that Mary Ann Rozance had a drawer full of the things. She and Suria Bates had been collecting the Tab off of every machine they could find. Julia Christensen had dared them in 1963 to get 225 of them, a number they'd long surpassed, but kept it out of habit. With them stealing keys and Alicia Miller and Graeme Worthy buying up everything in sight, it was hard times in the Typewriter-collecting business.

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Prepare to be fucked over

The people of British Columbia wanted a change and a change they got. Only now is it becoming clear what this means. Premier Gordon Campbell has made it clear who he's looking out for: the wealthy. It would seem that, in many ways, his Liberal government have made expendable all that is important to BC students.

Take employment. If you don't have a job, it's going to be tougher to get Employment Insurance. If you're trying to find a job, you'll have to do so without the benefit of the recently cut Work Study and Student Summer Works programs, programs that help fund good-paying jobs for thousands of students every year. How about if you're starting your first job? Well, you may have to cope with earning \$2 less than minimum wage, thanks to the recently created training wage.

How does education fare? Not much better. Making elementary and secondary education an essential service may sound like a good idea, until you understand the ramifications. It means teachers aren't allowed to strike and when they've tried to use other means to stand up for their rights as employees, when they cut

extra-curricular activities and refuse to complete report cards, they're vilified.

Back to cuts to programs like Work Study, a program that provides jobs to people with student loans: After eliminating these programs, the BC government has also said that it will look at reducing student loan default rates, so that if you take out a loan, they will use tougher means to ensure you pay it back. Even if you are working a \$6-an-hour training wage job to pay your massively increased tuition bill.

Most disconcerting of all is the cap that the Liberals have put on education spending. It's a move that almost certainly spells the end for the tuition freeze in this province. Since deregulating tuition in 1996, Ontario has seen fees increase by 125 per cent for undergrads and 472 per cent for grad students. It's anyone's guess what might happen after six years of fixed tuition in BC.

Minister of Advanced Education Shirley Bond tells us this is part of the government's plan to give more control to university administrators, to allow them more control over their own institutions. But our question is, why would we want that? Why would we want a democrati-

cally elected, theoretically accountable body to give over power of our universities to administrators who have been desperate to raise tuition for years.

In 1996, UBC tried to circumvent the tuition freeze by forcing students to pay an extra \$110 in ancillary fees for—amongst other things—sewage removal. Students fought back and the provincial government found that those fees were in contravention of the tuition freeze.

Despite protests from administrators, the NDP government was determined to keep tuition affordable for students in BC. Their ten years in power were far from flawless but, despite enormous pressure, the NDP maintained the cap on post-secondary fees and kept their promise to BC students. Don't expect anything of the sort come February 19, when the Liberals announce their new budget.

In 1996, Premier Campbell, then a newly elected MLA, criticised the NDP government's tactics telling the Ubyssy that "tuition freezes don't last." It's taken six years, but it looks as though Campbell's about to prove his point. Be afraid, be very afraid. ❖

LETTERS

Senate: no longer immune to slates

At times, student politics can be a frustrating passion. Months ago, after speaking with a number of my colleagues, it became abundantly clear that the slates would be fielding candidates for the Senate—more candidates than ever before. In the past, the Senate has generally been immune to the politicking of rival Alma Mater Society (AMS) factions. There always existed a chance for independents—for varying views and perspectives—as the slates thankfully took little interest in Senate.

This year, there are four Students Voice, two Students for Students and one UBC for U candidates vying against Chris Eaton and me for five Senate positions. Mr Taylor, even though I'm an incumbent, these prospects are nonetheless intimidating ("It seems to me that Mr Eaton is part of a slate," Letters [Jan. 18]). Since 1996, only three independent candidates have ever won election to the AMS executive over slate opponents. As disgusting as that is, it would be even worse if this trend were extended to the Senate.

I simply stand before students asking for approval to continue as one of their representatives on Senate. No more, no less. My campaign is not about delivering a particular block of voters or garnering more campaign financing; I'm run-

ning on experience and a vision. Against their seemingly infinite walls of indistinguishable propaganda, my message—indeed my very existence—tends to get lost.

—Ryan Morasiewicz
incumbent UBC Senator

Student government in complete shambles

This letter is a call to all UBC students to give up their apathetic attitudes and pay attention to this election. Who you elect will be your voice in a time of drastic transition in the university system. We need to get real!

As the only independent candidate running for vice-president, external, in the Alma Mater Society (AMS) elections, I may have atypical ideas on differential tuition and the current discrimination that prevents many from accessing student loans, but this election shows me that student apathy and the slate system crush any attempt to allow unique voices to flourish.

The three all-candidates' forums hardly had any attendance and we will be lucky to have ten per cent of students come out to vote. This is pathetic and the whole campus should be ashamed of this fact.

Over the past week, I have privately heard candidates from each of the three semi-serious slates wish that they could run independently, and still have students listen,

but the truth is far from it. Has the tuition freeze damaged our education system so greatly that UBC students can no longer use critical thinking skills?

Whatever students do, when and if they go to the elections, I encourage them not to waste their votes on a single slate. Everyone knows the problems of having a single party take all the seats. (Does 77 out of 79 sound familiar?) Each slate has a few really decent candidates, but I hope students use their votes wisely.

Remember, the president needs leadership, finance needs competency, academic needs empathy, administration needs well-rounded involvement and external needs to be realistic and professional. A single slate will not provide them all.

On Wednesday, the last all-candidates' debate takes place, at 11:30am in the SUB conversation pit, and as an overwhelmed independent, I hope to see more students at least pretend to care.

—Dan Grice
candidate, VP External

Wassap dawgz?

Greetingz. Upon reading da Ubyssy and visiting da Ubyssy website, I have come up with a very important conclusion: your newspaper and your website both suck. Feeling sorry for the lousiness of your paper, I took da liberty of jotting down a few tipz,

which if followed correctly, could dramatically increase the success of da Ubyssy. Enjoy!

How 2 make da Ubyssy (newspaper and website) a grade 'A' government-approved newspaper (according 2 a high skewl kid):

1. Nic Fensom has 2 stop trashing good bandz like Swollen Memberz. (Da fact dat Nic is clearly jealous of Mad Child'z hotness is no excuse 4 him 2 trash Swollen Memberz.)

2. Scott Bardsley has to start bribing all da athletic teams with Safeway mintz in order to get them to win their gamez—thereby increasing the interest level of fellow UBCerz. As a result, UBCerz will actually read the sportz section.

3. More nudity will be required.

4. More nudity of hot people will be required.

5. More nudity of hot malez will be required.

6. More nudity of hot male v-ball players will be required.

7. Pix of editorz should be on da Ubyssy site. (C'mon! Show your sexy selvez 2 da world! Play sum Coldplay durin da fotoshoot!)

8. Duncan'z got 2 learn 2 chill 2 American music.

9. There should be a weekly sex column. (Hywel should write it.)

10. Da Ubyssy staff should fill their wardrobez with Gapwear.

—Tiff Kan
Grade 11
Churchill Secondary

Further debate on slates and democracy

In response to the comments of Messrs Rob Nagai, Paul Dhillon and Brett Taylor (Letters [Jan. 18]), and the lack of comment by Ms Kristen Harvey to my letter of January 15, 2002 ("An open letter to the candidates in this year's elections"):

To start: Mr Taylor, I believe strenuously in everything I've said, and my call was for everyone to stop using slates, not that I wouldn't respond to their strategies in kind. I don't like it. I wish it didn't have to be, but life isn't always as uncontrarian as one might like. I detest slates and all they stand for, but their trappings are incredibly effective. I have no desire to become a political martyr, thus I have to use some of their tactics myself as it's become painfully clear in recent years that any candidate running without the cost- and promotion-sharing benefits provided by slates is at an enormous—and unfair—disadvantage.

Back to the matter at hand. Thank you all for responding. Mr Dhillon, I appreciate your support; Mr Nagai, although I do not agree with you on all points, I am still delighted in your response in itself, although you never actually did answer my challenge yes or no. I would note that the most respected member of Students Voice argued against slates before he retracted his comments on the Alma Mater Society (AMS) elections web page. Slate groupthink at its finest, I suppose. That said, anything is better than Ms Harvey's response at the Graduate Student Society meeting last Thursday of "I have no opinion on the matter." Ms Harvey never struck me as a coward before. I hope she's taken note of her opponents' valiancy and replied on this issue, but if not, she can still prove me wrong. There's a forum tomorrow; all I ask is for her to tell us where she stands.

I think I understand her reason-

ing of course: She doesn't want to alienate voters, so it's safer to say nothing at all. She's not unique in this. Pretty well everyone is saying the obvious this year: "We need smaller classes and more courses." "Tuition shouldn't go up." "Differential tuition is bad." "The AMS should be more accountable to students." No one has successfully explained to me how they plan to blend the first two concepts into a coherent stance, nor gone into detail on anything really, but it sounds good, and it's what you all want to hear, so they say it.

PERSPECTIVE opinion

I've been told slates aren't "a big issue" and my timing has been questioned. Well, big issue, small issue, it doesn't matter to me. I just want to know people's stance on it; I hope other students do too. Why did I bring it up during elections? Simple, it's the best time of year to make the point, as it's the only time that slates are outwardly visible. Really, it's rather disadvantageous for me to make this an issue right now, as I myself have to run for re-election at the same time. In any event, at least I'm a fan of irony.

Mr Nagai, you asked me why I never brought the matter of slates forward to Council to be debated. Well, the fact of the matter is, when I bring the matter up, my committee (Code and Policies) is equally divided on the issue. As such, I would imagine the current Council's mindset to be similar. As you know, it takes a two-thirds vote of Council to approve a Code matter. I doubt two-thirds of Council would vote to abolish slates right now; in the same light, I doubt two-thirds would vote to formally recognise them either. Thus, we're stuck with this awkwardly informal and democratically unsound slate sys-

tem that we have now.

Sir, you talk about democracy in your letter. Are our elections as fair as I would like? No. Is Council as democratic and effective as I would like? Not even close, but I'm working on it. I've done a lot to try and make the AMS more democratic, from reforming our nominating procedures, to revising elections rules. There's still a lot of work to do though. If you honestly want more democracy, I'll stand with you. Don't just throw the word around as rhetoric though; suit up or step down. If the AMS is truly to become more democratic, we'll need the support of its president to make it so. The unresolved question is this: Which candidates have the courage to do it? For the sake of the AMS that I think we both want, I sincerely hope our next president does.

Last time I presented rules to Council, I was criticised for—and openly admitted to—being an idealist. In a way, this is about ideals. The generalisations, sound bites, *GQ* photos and alliances of demographics that slates uphold disgust me. Mr Taylor, it disgusts me even more that this system forced me to compromise my ideals to try and survive on Senate. If that invalidates what I have to say to enough people, then I suppose they'll all vote accordingly. You know what? I'll still be saying it though. I want you all to vote, but more than that, I want you all to vote with knowledge of the issues and where the candidates stand on them. I want everyone's voice to be heard and for no one to be at an unfair disadvantage. Slates stand in the way of that. Some call my goals impractical; I call them ideal, and although they may never be attained, I'm not about to stop striving for them now. ♦

—Chris D. Eaton is a third-year Arts student running for re-election as a UBC senator.

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Suite checks in Fraser checks out

by Nara Mehlenbacher

SUITE

at the Belkin Satellite Gallery
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A blank, fleshy, featureless face stares out from a detached head, cradled in the stubby fingers of a man's hand and lurking curiously within a canvas which hangs on the wall opposite the front door. As I enter, I hesitantly let the door close behind me and a small whisper of wind tickles my ankles. I am unable to remove my eyes from the invisible face on the canvas. Eyes somehow scrutinise my every move and the expression 'keep your eyes peeled' suddenly seems appropriate. A small shudder erupts through my backbone. I like it. I want more.

Suite offers a small collection of multimedia works by a talented group of UBC MFA students. No two pieces are the same, and the viewer never suffers from lack of stimuli. Sean Alward, who masterminded the "Head" that vigilantly watches over the front door, is also exhibiting a pair of oil-on-wood paintings as part of a piece titled "Ventriloquism." Alward's thick, juicy lines and attention to the detailed grain of the wood made me return to the pieces several times.

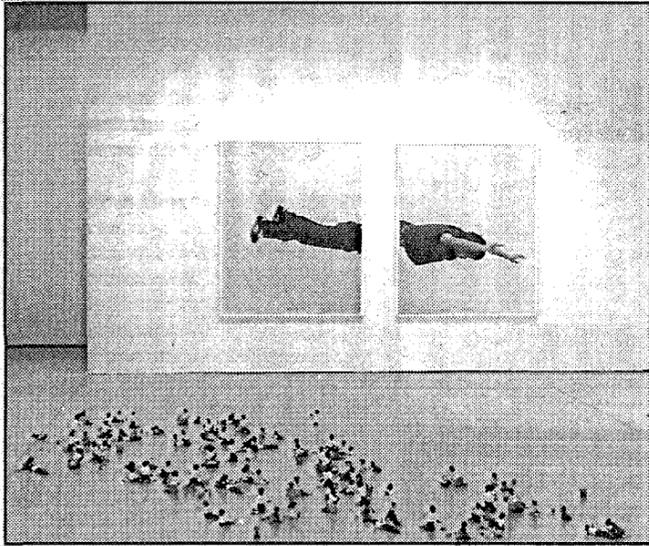
Ann Shelton's pair of large photographs tries to portray the Parker/Hulme crime scene (remember Peter Jackson's 1994 movie, *Heavenly Creatures*?). The work attempts to show the dark duality of its subject matter, but misses the mark and comes off as disappointingly and irrevocably dull. Tim Lee, however, impresses with his two photographs, positioned so that it feels like the entire wall is hovering several feet above the ground.

I particularly liked

Gavin Hipkin's "The Mill (farm)" and "The Mill (river)." Ribbons of photographic paper ornamented with tiny snapshots unite candy and farm animals. This piece kept me hopping back and forth, and zooming in and out. At each different angle, I was smacked with a fresh perspective on this meticulously organised visual story.

At the very least, Natasha McHardy's work, "Picnic," with its miniature sculpted characters, elicits a sincere, "Awwwww, cute" from those who see it. Poised adorably on the gallery floor, each set of picnicking figurines tells its small, insignificant story and begs a good two or three rounds from the viewer to take it all in.

Even taken out of the university context, the works presented in *Suite* are undoubtedly highly professional and energetically thought-provoking. My only complaint would be that, considering the gallery's location and the effort it takes to wade through the burdensome and chaotic downtown hubbub to get there, *Suite* could have been a more extensive exhibit. ♦



EXHIBITION

at the Belkin Gallery
until Mar. 3

One of the strangest moments in Andrea Fraser's exhibition at the Belkin Gallery comes in her video "Little Frank and his Carp." In the video, Fraser is in the Guggenheim Bilbao listening to the guided audio tour, narrated by a crusty upper-class Englishman who describes the gallery—one of the world's finest—as "a gothic cathedral."

Like churches, galleries do have a sacred, spiritual feel. Silence and quiet introspection is demanded. The works are supposed to be uplifting and give insight into artistic genius. Visitors are to commune with the artistic god-force.

What Fraser does in her video is equivalent to desecrating holy ground. Told by the audio tour to examine a curved limestone pillar, she proceeds to touch and stroke the pillar's "powerfully sensual" curves. It doesn't stop there but I'm sure you can imagine where this goes, and I won't ruin the work for you.

American performance and video artist Andrea Fraser has been questioning the role of galleries for decades. One performance work at the Philadelphia Museum of Art had Fraser acting out the part of a volunteer tour-guide. In the piece, she gave a detailed tour of the museum, but things broke down. She made sarcastic comments about the art, referring to a cafeteria as an example of fine American design and mocking the practise of naming the gallery's hall and wings after donors and patrons.

Works like "Little Frank" and Fraser's Philadelphia performance question the very nature of galleries. The sterility of white walls and polished concrete floors, and the removal of works in a gallery from their artistic and social roots are points that Fraser isn't afraid to raise.

She also isn't afraid to blur boundaries. "Soldadera" is a pair of videos inspired by a film on Soviet director Sergei Eisenstein. The work has two screens, side by side and angled slightly; both screens show strange scenes of the Mexican countryside and a woman riding a horse, contrasted later with scenes of a movie audience. But just what is each screen's audience watching? The film on the other screen? Why does Fraser play both a Mexican peasant and wealthy American Frances Flynn Paine, a friend of the Rockefellers who worked in Mexico in the 1930s? When we include the observer, the work creates an unstable triangle of viewership. We're never quite sure what we're watching, but then again neither is anyone else.

Slightly less confusing is the title piece of *Exhibition*, a work based on the artist's participation in a Rio de Janeiro samba school during Carnival. The video is projected on to the Belkin walls to make an interesting point. Andrea Fraser has donned a colourful dance costume and as the projections dance on a blank background without music, one can't help but laugh at the absurdity. When the video briefly shows us the dancer's surroundings in the parade, the context seems to give viewers a moment of clarity. The shortcomings of art galleries become quite clear.

Fraser's work has earned her a reputation for being difficult. After all, what kind of gallery wants to invite an artist whose artistic mission is to critique galleries? Fortunately, the Belkin isn't afraid to take a chance. Fraser's works aren't always crystal clear, but they are those of an artist unafraid to take risks. Her works, like others that reveal the absurdity of everyday institutions, are often quirkily funny. In the end, that is what makes this show worth watching. ♦

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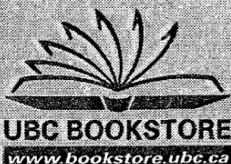
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