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UBC Farm does not exist

Distraction to activists as Toopé constructs death ray

President Steven Toopé lords over his model deathray, like a modern day Mr Burns. GOSIPHER ARIGOTO PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

BY SMELLAN PIGGINS
Snooze Staff

UBC students were shocked today when president Steven Toopé announced that the UBC Farm does not exist. After months of farm protests and petitions, it was revealed that Toopé created the so-called farm as a fake issue to distract students as he built a massive death ray.

"I was shocked when I learned about it" said Mistran Trarkle, AMS VP Admin, "All along I had been petitioning to save a farm that I truly thought existed. To know that I was easily swayed into caring about a pristine 24-hectare farm that isn't actually there is disheartening. I only wish I had actually bothered to head down there myself to discover the truth."

We now know that above ground, the "UBC Farm" area contained a few husks of corn and pumpkins—to keep up the appearance of a farm but underneath the soil a huge death ray was being built to keep the rest of Vancouver under the watchful eye of Toopé.

In a press release earlier today, the UBC president stated that, "I am sorry to have misled all the residents of the university and of the University Endowment Lands," but added that it was necessary to build in order to protect UBC from terrorists, so that UBC would "remain a world-class university."

Toopé, known to be a "good friend" of Batman, is not facing criminal charges. Since UBC sits under the juristiction of Electoral District A, no bylaws prevent the president from building a giant death ray. Mamamia Harass, recently elected Electoral District A director said that she would not be bringing up to the government that Toopé has created a giant death ray on our campus.

"There is no way that the death ray will affect student life," said Harass. "The fact that we have one on campus is nothing to be worried about. I am not interested in changing the status quo of anti-death ray sympathizers on campus."

Mo Slott, director of Campus, Collective and Community Planning (CCCP) said that he was unaware that a death ray had been built.

"I believed that the money going towards both market housing and luxury condominiums. I never thought that the president would authorize a huge death ray." Slott claims that although he is in charge of planning the campus, he often doesn't look over every detail of plans presented to him.

"There are a lot of things going on around campus. I am not surprised that a little thing like a death ray that could destroy the entire city of Vancouver might slip by the CCCP."

The population that feels most cheated are those which signed the 16,000 person petition to save the farm. Fifth-year Arts major, Alex McTreehugger felt just that way.

"I can't believe that I signed to save something that didn't exist. I just thought that the farm existed because people told me so," he said. *The Ubyssey* interviewed 30 students for this article and none had bothered to find out if the UBC Farm existed. Though McTreehugger is disappointed, he is optimistic the death ray will be a source for good.

"I just hope that the death ray is as sustainable as the farm was supposed to be," said McTreehugger.

Arts to bail out box maker

Faculty ensures stable housing market for philosophy students

BY NAGEM HEIST
Snooze Writer

Dean of Arts Nannie Fellini announced yesterday that the UBC Faculty of Arts plans to fund a $70 million bailout of BA Estates, Canada's largest cardboard box company. The deal comes at a time when BA Estates, known for its remarkable success in constructing affordable housing for recently graduated liberal arts students, struggles to keep afloat in the face of the current global economic meltdown.

"The financial crisis has taken a comparatively lesser toll on BA Estates, but last year's philosophy and history graduates need start-up homes that they can afford. We cannot run the risk that this company will go the way of Fannie Mae," said Fellini at a press conference held in Buchanan D. "The stakes are too high, and we must have our students' best interests at heart," she said, pointedly adding "even if their interest in 19th century German music over financial security is what got us into this mess in the first place."

If BA Estates were to fold, Fellini warned, severe repercussions would be felt across the entire cardboard box industry, perhaps even spilling over into the paper plane trade currently drawing concerns from the Faculty of Applied Sciences. "If the cardboard box industry collapses, and we could have taken action to prevent that, how could we look into the eyes of our Arts One students? They need to know that they have a future after Foucault."

In the past month alone, BA Estates has seen the price of its standard 18" x 18" x 24" corrugated cardboard model drop from $11.99 to an unprecedented low of $8.54. Post-doctorate history student Martin Lessaut has watched helplessly as the value of his upscale split-partition, recycling-friendly home disintegrates before his eyes.

LONGNAMETOFILL FRAME PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

"I thought I'd be ahead of the game, placing my down payment in July—you know, while all the political science majors were still distracted by the Canadian and US elections. Before this crisis happened, you had to be fast; there are just too many of us," Lessaut sighed, as he turned back to scrutinizing a handwritten grocery receipt from 1922.

As part of the $70 million bailout plan, the Faculty of Arts, in conjunction with the AMS, would inject a much-needed cash flow into the real estate market, allowing creditors to continue selling mortgages to the most ambitious of UBC students and alumni.

Tsar Summer, real estate professor at the UBC Sauder School of Business, expects that Fellini's bailout plan will boost the housing market slightly, but questions its long-term merit. "While no one can doubt the importance of sustaining the cardboard box market in light of UBC's significant Arts population, I'm concerned that this government bailout will lead us down the road to socialism, even if every arts student would be fine with that."

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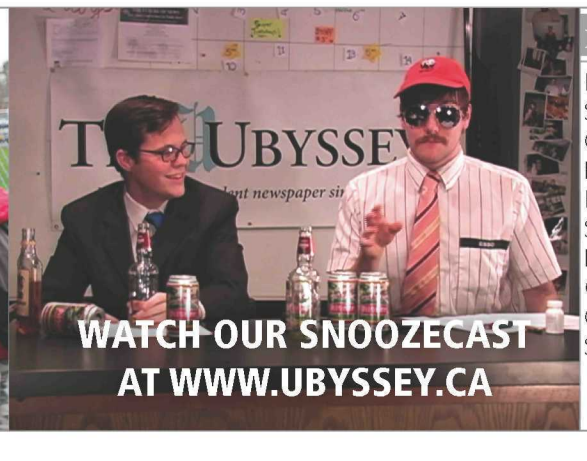

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Events

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Ongoing

Build a Bong • Come learn how to smoke the marijuana and be a huge stoner. We provide the materials, you provide the pot and bongo drums. Please don't tell anyone about this event • *Every Thursday at the Knoll. 7pm–9pm. For more info go to www.holyshit-thisgoodstuff.ca* •

The Necronomicon for Newbs • The Necronomicon for Newbs is an examination of one of the most infamous books in our plane of existence. No blood sacrifice necessary. Meet over absinthe Mondays at the Pit during the witching hour to learn about this diabolically wondrous book. • *Each Monday, Pit Pub, For more info: contact learning@antichrist.com* •

November 29

Free Fencing lessons • Come out and play with swords. Warning, some participants have expressed concern that we do not provide protective covering, but that is a plain lie. We provide a very sturdy shirt which can often stop the piercing of a human heart. If you wish to be a wimp, and I pray you don't, please come with fencing gear. • *Nov. 29–Dec. 2. 7pm–8pm SUB 433. Call 604-555-5555 for more information.* •

Party like a fucking rockstar • Do you like to party? You bet your ass you fucking do. Come party like you have no pants on and its 1999 with Prince in the background at the SUPER KEGGER AWESOME SHITSHOW TIME at the Caprace. It'll be hella tight and hella sick witted. Tix $30, gets you in before the line, and 10 free drinks • *Nov. 29, 9pm, Caprace. For more info contact hellathugsickthug@hmail.com*

November 30

Celebrate the last day of November • Hate December, and love the way that November always puts out a cold, but not too cold vibe? Well why don't you come hang out with the Novemberists and ensure that the last day of November is the best damn day of November that has ever happened. • *Nov. 30, all day. Ike 200, for more info www.awesome=november.com*

December 1

Thank god December is here • Are you tired of those damn Novemberists fucking up your life with their high and mighty November and their fancy, smancy, pantsy November holidays like Thanksgiving (if you are from the states) and Remembrance Day (if you are from Canada). • *Dec. 1, all day. Ike 200, for more info www.awesomer=december.com.* •

December 2

Two Turtle Doves sale • For the second day of December, you can buy two turtle doves. We also have a partridge in a pear tree on sale since they are now out of fashion. • *Dec 2, 8am-5pm. SUB Conchord.* •

December 3

Scorcher 6: Global Meltdown • The Normad Theatre presents *Scorcher 6: Global Meltdown*. When the world stopped turning, they turned to one man, when the world stopped again, they once again turned to that man. Third, forth, fifth time, the world once again turned to that same man. Now a whole new problem has struck the earth, the world will call on that man once more. "Someone left the fridge open." • *Dec 3–10 7:30pm, Normad Theatre SUB. for more info see www.UBSEEfilm.ams.ca*

My White Momma • The Normad Theatre presents *My White Momma*. A comedy about what happens when a black mom from the inner city has to become a white upper-class lady from some ritzy town. Crazy shenanigans happen when it happens that the same black mom has to take care of some asshole kids from the upper-class. Now crazy stuff happens and everyone goes home a little more brain damaged from the repetitiveness of the same actor (yes the white momma is played by a dude) doing the same old jokes. • *Dec 3–10, 9:30pm, Normad Theatre SUB, for more info see www.UBSEEfilm.ams.ca* •

December 4

Festival of Happiness and Joy • Life have you down? Come join the joy mongers at Fifth and Main Street for a day of magical experimentation. In fact, if you like to swing that way, we also have group orgies. Group orgies which, dare I say it, always end in a happy explosion for people all around. • *Dec. 4, 5pm, Fifth and Main, for more info email happinessandlove@hmail.com* •

December 5

SAVE THE FARM TREK • Save the Farm. Sure you haven't ever been out there to see what it looks like. Nor to see what grows there or understand how it makes UBC and the Vancouver area sustainable. Anyways we HAVE TO SAVE IT at all costs. No matter what happens. No matter how it damages the university financially. No matter if it robs poor defenseless multi-millionaires of an awesome home that they have always wanted. Even if students can no longer live on campus because all the student housing is filled to the brim with students from international schools, we shall SAVE THE FARM with a walk • *Dec. 5, From the Farm to Old Administration Building 12-1pm. for more info go to www.friendswithbenefitsofthefarm.ca.* •

December 6

Sustainability Rally for more sustainable rallies • We demand that rallies for sustainability be more sustainable. There is too large of a carbon footprint being expelled each time a person raises a flag of protest on how no one is being sustainable. Therefore we are going to have a protest in order to raise awareness for this cause. There will also be the ceremonial burning of the American flag in protest of their shameful burning of oil. • *Dec. 6, 3pm, at the Vancouver Art Gallery. For more info see www.fuckyouunsustainablepeople.com* •

Beer Run • Why is it called Beer Run? Well that's because after running for five miles and feeling horrible, you will get one free beer from the pit. Sure you might be dehydrated, and sure if you were running for alcohol you probably aren't the healthiest person alive. Also if you tend to drink a lot, your body is probably pretty wrecked from all that alcohol and won't respond well to having to exert itself strenuously. Wow I think this editor has to go for a run and burn off all that fat. • *Dec. 6, noon, Outside the SUB.* •

December 7

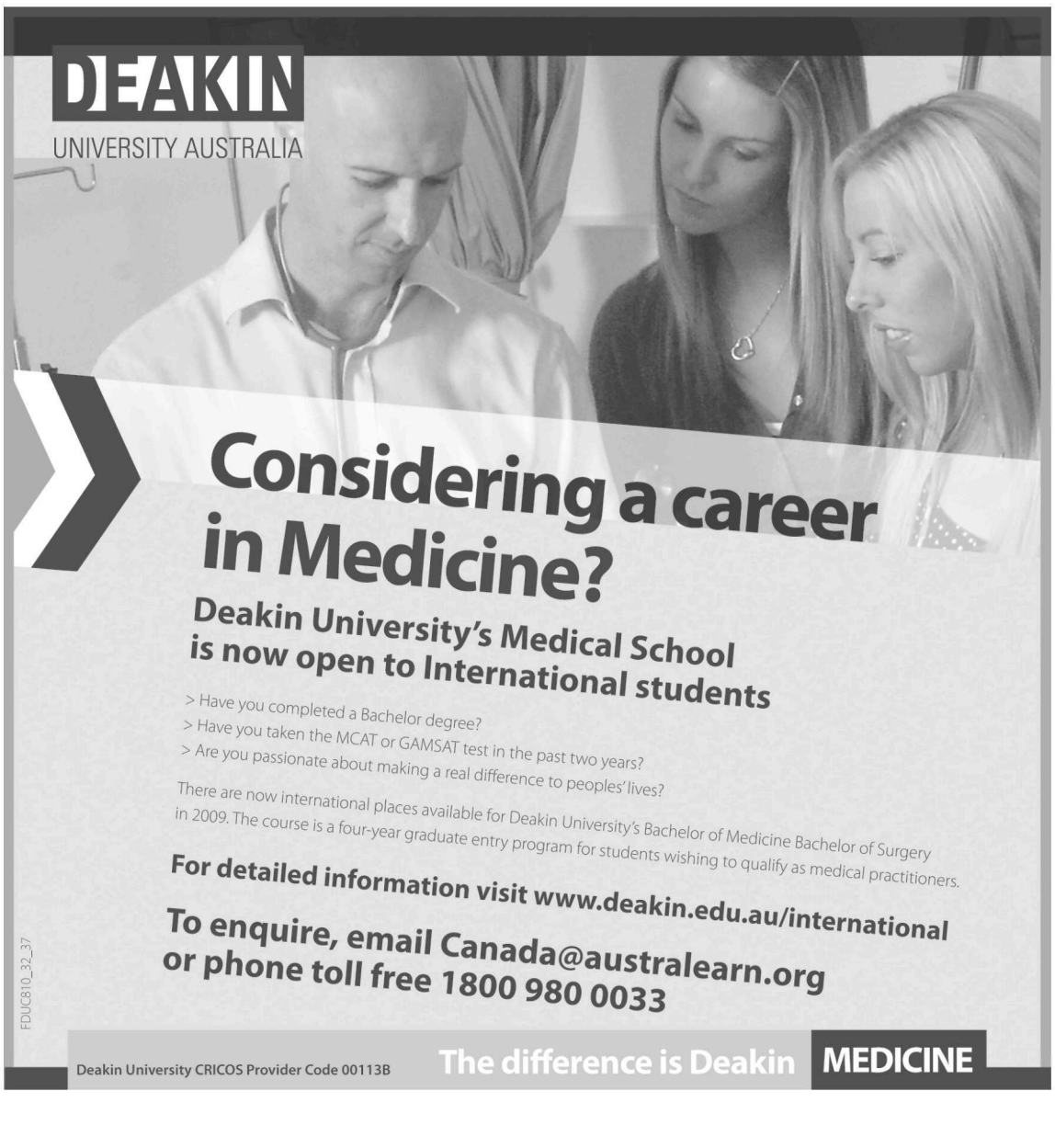
Theatre at UBC • Theatre at UBC presents "Theatre at UBC" a gripping tale of how people at UBC develop theatre. Put on at the Freddy Wood Theatre, this is a once in a life time opportunity to experience the harrowing highs, and depressing lows that Theatre at UBC does in order to produce shows on campus. We apologize for the name "Theater at UBC" if it caused any confusion in articles *The Ubyssey* may have run. • *Dec. 7-21, 8pm, Freddy Wood Theatre, for tickets go to www.tricketmaster.ca*

Volunteer for the Children • Yes there are children out there, and yes they need someone to care and nurture them. Do you have what it takes to make sure that each lovely child has the same nurturing upbringing that you had as a child and make sure everyone is happy and content? If you do not volunteer, you are basically a horrible person and should never be happy ever! • *Dec. 7, UBC Hospital. For more information www.letsvolunteerformanychildren.com.* •

UBC Vampires Unite • Feel like a lonely traveller of the night? No one understands your affinity for the noble colour of black? Struggling to restrain yourself from sinking your teeth into jerks who poke you with your umbrella? Come meet like-minded individuals. A bootfang recording of Twilight will be playing. Pizza served (no garlic). • *Dec. 7 @ sunset. SUB 24 (in the basement), For more info: contact vampiregroup@nosferatu.com.* •

December 8

Backstep Bzzr Garden • Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) presents their first ever bzzr garden. Promoting awareness of the growing problem of alcoholism, come join some serious drinkers for serious drinking and admit you have a serious problem. 25-cent highballs. 50-cent shots. Free 12-step program.• *Dec. 8, 12pm to whenever you pass out, Corpses Christine Campus, UBC. FREE ENTRY.* •



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Charity Arts and Crafts Fair at Regent College.
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Umbrella police storm campus

BY BRYDON BLOOMGOLD
Snooze Writer

In a radical step to combat umbrella fatalities on campus, the UBC Senate has passed a motion to employ the Seattle-based policing group DRIP (Department Rain Inspector Police) to enforce umbrella etiquette on campus.

The issue came to a head last week when three students, one faculty member and a resident squirrel were hospitalized all in separate umbrella incidents. The issue was further compounded when an AMS report titled "Umbrellas: the UBC student population's biggest threat," was inadvertently released to the public.

"We are looking forward to having DRIP on campus to patrol the streets and arrest students who are in violation of the Umbrella code as mandated by the UN," announced UBC president Steven Toopé. Anyone on campus who is caught violating the rules will have to attend a mandatory rehab course as well as do community service.

DRIP, an auxiliary of the CIA special operations unit, has been recruited after successfully transforming the once near fatal streets of Dublin, London and Seattle by rigorously enforcing street etiquette. They are infamous for their stealth tactics to catch offenders.

"The situation has grown out of control," said paramedic Moe Yuen, who believes that employing the DRIP police is the only way to combat the problem. "These accidents could easily be avoided if people simply started following the fundamentals of rainy day life." Yuen explains that his Vancouver contingent has had a dirge of injuries, ranging from torn corneas to gouged throats.

The police agency DRIP violently arrest a student for violating the umbrella code. MATT LASTLAUGH PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

"We are in support of the DRIP police after consulting with the student body who feel that UBC is one step away from anarchy," announced Almost Matters Society president Michael Drunkan earlier this morning after an emergency student council meeting.

Additionally, the AMS executive has committed itself to the publication of one million umbrella handbooks. "These handbooks will be distributed across Vancouver and we hope to put an end to umbrella fatalities and casualties for once and for all," said Drunkan.

However, Bob Cloudsky, notable sociologist whose recent book *Umbrellas: the New Facist Mechanism* which recently has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, feels that the introduction of the DRIP to campus is just another VANOC scheme to have total police surveillance across Vancouver.

He explained that UBC, though sustaining an unusually high rate of umbrella injuries, is not more at risk than any other suburb in Vancouver and warned that the DRIP comes one step closer to a Big Brother State.

"They say this: the way you know a Vancouverite is that they don't have a rain jacket or a rain umbrella," said Rom Drisle, assistant to the Rain Gear commissioner at UBC.

"When international students come by and have a fit about the rain they just get in our faces. They don't know how to deal with the strange new technology of rain jackets and umbrellas."

Drisle, who has held his post for ten years, believes that foreigners to Vancouver are unable to adapt to the climate and thus abuse the tools they are given. Unfortunately, the main culprit is the most lethal. Drisle suggests that UBC should put in place a mandatory umbrella ediquette class.

"I get hit in the face so often," said UBC arts student Karen Baine. Baine has mapped a 15 kilometer route through campus to avoid errant umbrella users.

UMBRELLA CODE

1. Umbrellas are not to be raised until the bearer of the umbrella can visibly see rain drops on his article of clothing.
2. Umbrellas should not extend past elbows on horizontally extended arms.
3. If walking on a sidewalk follow the rules of the road: walk on the right.
4. If you are walking with a friend share the umbrella (i.e. one umbrella for two people not two umbrellas for two people).
5. Keep your eyes on the road: be aware of the traffic around you and fellow travellers.

Construction workers diagnosed with an atrocious new disease

Unable to build anything other than luxury condos

BY RAEF THOMPSON
Snooze Writer

While attempting to build an athletic field, construction workers accidentally built a 17-story luxury condo.

"Damn," said a construction worker on site. "I could have sworn we were going to build a nice field that students could play on, but habit just kicked in, and before you knew it, the drywall started coming in."

The crew had a clear blueprint of the new athletic field. Construction of the stadium—designed to seat 30,000—was to take two years. Hence, both ReachHigh Construction manager Joe Pirelli and the UBC president Steven Toopé were shocked to find out that the stadium had been completed one year ahead of schedule. When the two men rolled up to the construction site a pristine 17-story luxury condo surrounded by a garden of blue and yellow flowers was all they could see.

Jefferson Stogalini, building manager, responded to criticism about the direction that the multi-million dollar investment took. "Until now, ReachHigh Construction has never failed us. I was there throughout the entire building process of Marine Drive 5, Marine Drive 6, and even the new West Point tower, all at least 17 floors high. These buildings are of a high standard and this gave me no reason to believe that the new athletic field would be any different."

Construction workers chronically build condos. MATT LASTLAUGH PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

"I don't think this says anything about my competency as a building manager," he said.

After construction workers agreed to take psychological tests, local psychiatrists diagnosed them with Compulsive Tower Building Disorder.

"They are at no risk to the community," said Dr. Newfield. "They can certainly build a 17-story luxury condo, but tell them to build anything else and you haven't got a chance. I don't believe their jobs are in danger, however, because that is all UBC seems to be interested in these days."

Campus, Collective and Community Planning (CCCP) have been slow to respond to the crisis. Despite the construction workers condition, the organization has not investigated other sites under development. Director of CCCP Mo Slott said that there is no reason for concern.

"Development is going according to plan, we have consulted with the community extensively, and Trek 2010 is going according to plan," he explained.

"Seriously, just fuck off. And by the way, stop questioning us about the fucking farm."

The construction concern has proven to be a real boon for the real estate industry, despite the flailing economy.

"We're just ecstatic," said Meryll Strike, a local real estate agent. "We've been searching for condos overlooking the ocean for months now. The nudists at Wreck Beach are an additional selling point to our property: we're calling them a sociological treasure."

TRIUMF a breeding ground for an army of darkness

These troops are made for marching, and that's just what they'll do

BY CELLA OLD
Snooze Staff

The Ubyssey has learned that one of the experiments being done at TRIUMF is to breed a master race of ultra-healthy super-soldiers. The project is funded by the UBC Excess Athletics and Recreation Fees Grant.

"What we're aiming for here is muon-infused students that can be first generation X-Men," said TRIUMF public relations representative Dave Smilie. "We're quite pleased with the progress we've made, and believe that we're really going to have an unstoppable juggernaut that everyone on the project can be proud of."

The new troops are described as "Chuck Norris-like." The first test subject successfully ran fast enough to travel around the world and punch the back of his own head, and is currently in the process of counting to infinity for the second time.

"How strong are they?" asked one UBC researcher rhetorically. "Well, picture infamous 'juicers' like Barry Bonds or Mark McGwire. Now imagine grinding them into a fine dust with your nutrition-fueled, manhole cover-sized hands. That's the kind of strength we're talking about."

The first crop of experimental soldiers were disguised as physics students to shield them from public attention. "The process of infusing these troops with rich isotopes and proton beams on a constant basis is difficult. We had to find a way to pass off visiting TRIUMF for 20 hours a day as normal, unsuspicious student behaviour," said one scientist on the project. When asked for comment, one soldier said "Woo! Running laps! I love breathing heavily. Everything is freaking awesome. Who wants a shot?"

The AMS expressed "mild concern" over the weaponization of campus through particle accelerators. "This is the latest issue of on-campus development to be added to our agenda, and we will absolutely be discussing the presence of ruthless killing machines on campus at an upcoming meeting," said AMS president Michael Drunkan.

Phallex Blowheed disagreed, saying that AMS leadership is incapable of handling this crisis. "Michael Drunkan is not the Michael Drunkan we need. We need Michael Clarke Drunkan, he's the type of badass we need to lead us out of this mess. The man healed Tom Hanks' prostrate with just his hands! Which is why I will be writing many, many letters in a write-in vote to have Michael Clarke Drunkan made next AMS president," said Blowheed. In completely unrelated news, Matthew Nailher changed his name to Michael Clarke Drunkan shortly after this announcement.

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- Introductions
- Staff admittance to the dark lord of the Ubyssey
- Board meeting this Friday, wait it is Friday today
- Nash Shenanigans, holy shit we are going to die in the snow as we drive all the way there.
- Old Business such as Justin McElroy
- New Business like Maria Cirstea????
- Edit design critiques - None
- Overall aim of the paper - None
- Post-mortem, the most hated part
- Wrap up! (Seriously, you don't want to get VD)

Graaah! Oh God, oh God, please kills us! Let it end—arrgh. For the love of Gaaugh! LANCE LEIBNIZT PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

Plant Operations releasing zombie gas into atmosphere

Behavior modifying chemicals pose problems on campus, students question true nature of operations

BY JEREMIAH GETZLAF
Snooze Writer

During the four years of Seth Brady's undergraduate degree at UBC he would walk around campus between lectures and be puzzled by what he saw.

"Everywhere I looked there seemed to be hundreds of Plant Ops employees driving around in all those ridiculous-looking vehicles," said Brady. "After seeing that every day I became increasingly aware of the fact that none of them ever seemed to be working. They're just driving around with all this landscaping equipment and staring at students. It really started to creep me out."

During the summer after his graduation, Brady decided to join the Plant Ops crew in order to find out if anything fishy was going on. The following account is the horrifying details of what he learned while on the crew. He has risked his life to share this important information with students and his real name cannot be revealed as he is being hunted by those he betrayed.

On Wednesday, November 26, 2008 a vicious assault occurred near the south entrance of the SUB. Friends who were with Amy Grey, a third-year commerce student, said she suddenly burst into a fit of rage, charged at a group of students seated on a bench nearby, and started clawing and biting Ben Sullivan, a second-year forestry student.

By the time the RCMP arrived at the scene, students had managed to restrain Grey, who with blood-shot eyes and gnashing teeth kept screaming, "I hate you all!" Grey is currently being held in custody at the RCMP detachment on Wesbrook Mall, while Sullivan is at the university hospital with multiple wounds to his face and neck.

This assault resembles at least four other instances of student aggression that have required police intervention since September 2008. Furthermore, John McCoy of UBC Counselling Services reported that in the last year, there has been a 500 per cent increase in the number of students seeking counselling related to issues of controlling personal anger.

"I don't feel safe at UBC any more," said Wendy Chang, a second-year forestry student and friend of Sullivan. "Lately it seems like students are so pushy and rude with each other. What are they so angry about?" She added, "What makes it worse is there seems to be a greater presence of Plant Ops workers driving around and watching students than UBC Campus Security."

Reports from Campus Security describe other strange behaviour on campus involving Plant Ops workers. Randy Moore, who patrols the campus on weeknights from 10pm to 6am, said, "On a few occasions I've seen a Plant Ops crew spraying the plants around campus with this substance that smells like vinegar. I don't know why they've got to do that in the middle of the night."

Seth Brady was a psychology student and volunteer research assistant in Dr Catharine Winstanley's laboratory of molecular and behavioural neuroscience. Today, he draws a link between student aggression and the Plant Ops workers. In order to study aggression in rats, Winstanley has developed a chemical agent called TA1. Once inhaled, TA1 permanently binds to and stimulates the limbic system, a part of the brain that controls anger.

"When I first heard about Winstanley's research I was very interested in getting involved," recalls Brady. "But after four years of volunteering in that lab, I realize what a mistake I've made. TA1 reeks like vinegar and it turns those poor rats into zombies. Plus I don't trust Winstanley. She seems to have this weird, secret relationship with John Metras, the director of UBC Plant Operations."

Brady's suspicions began when one evening in February 2005 he made an unscheduled visit to the lab. "I went to the lab because I forgot one of my textbooks there," explains Brady. "When I got there I overheard Winstanley in her office, sweet-talking Metras on the phone and telling him about how she'd like to try TA1 on humans."

What Brady fears is that Winstanley is using UBC Plant Ops to execute a behavioural experiment, using students as her subjects. By night Plant Ops crews have distributed TA1 around campus, and by day they drive around campus observing the effects of TA1 on student aggression.

"I've seen what TA1 can do to rats over the long term," warned Brady. "If students really are inhaling this stuff, then its probably too late. It's going to be a blood bath."

Plant Ops refused to directly comment on these accusations, only acknowledging that they need just two vehicles to operate on a daily basis. When asked what the other vehicles were being used for, Plant Ops spokesman Robert Gibbs was elusive.

"No comment," he said. "All will become clear in time." U

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Joel: SRS didn't start the fire

For months, speculation has run rampant over who lit the infamous bonfire at KnollAid 2.0 that eventually resulted in the arrest of 20 students. Many have accused members of Students for a Republican Society for the incidents that evening. However, at a press conference yesterday, SRS spokesperson Billy Joel denied the charges, telling reporters "We didn't start the fire," adding that, from a neoliberal international capatalist perspective, "It was always burning, since the world's been turning." When asked who he thought was most responsible for the fire, Joel accused "Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon, studebaker, television, North Korea, South Korea, and Marilyn Monroe."

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Homeless man, or communist spy?

19 years after fall of Cold War, secret spy "ChairBo" still at work

BY CANADIAN ROB
Culture? Writer

It has been 19 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall; still, remnants of those tumultuous times serve as a reminder of those tense Cold War years. From the mid-1940s to the early 1990s, a secret network of spies called the "наблюдатели тех молодых ничтожеств" (literally translated as "Watchers of them Young Whippersnappers") existed in great secrecy. Sent out to universities worldwide, these top-secret agents embarked on a mission to discover the cultural likes and dislikes of students in an attempt to better understand—and manipulate—potential future targets.

The memo ordering the recall of all Watchers was sent out a day after the fall of the Berlin Wall. To the great consternation of both the Russian government and the KGB, most of the Watchers never returned to Moscow.

What happened to the missing Watchers?

A multitude of things, it would seem. One such missing Watcher is Vladimir "ChairBo" Ivanakov. Widely believed by UBC students to be a homeless man who spends his days in the SUB eating biscuits and soup, Ivanakov was sent on a very particular mission involving a study of Canadian popular culture in the early 80s. Seeing this far northern idea of popular culture as a yet unexplored frontier, Ivanakov undertook a mission that none of the other Watchers dared. Plunging headfirst into a world where Jim Carrey was but a fledging wannabe, he watched from the sidelines, learning more and more as the days went by.

"People were curious, you know? Guy with accent asking questions, wanting to know what was good on the radio, what was the 'in' thing to do. They always thought I was a bit sad, a bit pathetic. But hey, I got the answers I needed," he said, laughing.

His laughter turned to bitterness as he recounted that after 15 years of sending information to the KGB, including detailed reports on poutine, Bryan Adams and a young up and coming Canuck named Trevor Linden, all communication stopped.

"I don't understand," Ivanakov said, "I slaved away, listening to those records and watching hockey games and then boom, one day, they never replied. Said they'd call me back when it was all over, but they never did. Ungrateful bastards," he snapped, and then scarfed down a slice of pizza.

When asked about his current plan of action, Ivanakov pointed out that his orders were to pass on any relevant cultural information, and technically, his orders had not been officially stopped. Thus, he continues to note down his daily activity in extremely detailed letters, sending them in a hope that he might return in a wave of glory. With an adamant shake of his head, he said, "You see people like Igor Gouzenko? I'm not like that. Not going to leave 'till it's done."

And Ivanakov believes that his reports are having some effect. "I've been reading the papers, and Putin reminds me of a young Breshnev," he said, adding "Russians aren't defecting out of the NHL for no reason."

RCMP have "final solution" to the "fraternity issue"

University attempts to cleanse campus of many "undesirables"

BY TREVOR TAPEDECK
Fecures Writer

Attempting to rectify the ongoing "fraternity issue" once and for all, local RCMP have drafted a mystery-shrouded plan described as "the final solution." Although they have remained tight-lipped on the specifics of the plan, an RCMP press release delivered Wednesday stated that once the plan is in effect "the question of the fraternities will be erased from the pages of history. It will be our final solution."

The Greeks have remained mostly silent with regards to the plan, primarily as a result of the dutifully enforced local law that forbids fraternity members from speaking to journalists, politicians and clergymen.

"In no vay do ve vish to stop ze fun from happening on campus," staff sergeant Eichmann-Worsley said while directing a crew of policemen erecting a massive barbed-wire fence in front of one of the fraternity houses. "But with all fun zere must be law and restraint, or ve are no better than ze simians. If ze fraternities would return to their hovels by precisely 7pm, remain quiet and orderly while zere, and never stray from their designated section of ze bus, none of this vould be necessary."

The Final Solution will be the last in a long line of measures taken against the fraternities, which date back to 1933. Then, the university published a study that categorized potential community members and ranked them in terms of desirability. "Herrenvolk," or desirables, were placed near the top and included faculty members, private citizens, dollar bills and researchers. In order of descending desirability, they were followed by graduate students, undergraduates (non-arts), arts undergraduates, transfer students from SFU, and finally the Greeks. The study led to the great relocation of the 1950s, when fraternity houses were placed in ghetto leased land at the south end of campus, in attempt to isolate the fraternities from the general campus population. But when the development of south campus to house more "desirables" began, the fraternities had to be relocated next to Greenwood Commons, which led to an intensification of what is now known as the Fraternity Issue. When asked about the decision to move the fraternities next to the market housing, UBC Properties Trust chancellor Al Potter was evasive.

"This is clearly a gestap—I mean RCMP—matter. I am only able to control zoning, not see to the well-being of the community," said Potter as he stroked the head of a panther chained to his fireplace. "I cannot control the police, and if they have not managed to get the fraternity issue under control, it is their failing and not mine."

A series of countermeasures meant to stem a perceived tide of uncontrolled fun having and beer drinking were directed toward the Greeks. Fraternity members were soon made to wear armbands bearing a beer insignia at all times while in public, be inside by 7pm, and were prohibited from holding jobs on campus or gazing upon women not belonging to sororities. By 2006, social events for fraternities were permitted only when a "special occasion license had been procured, and massive signs were erected outside of fraternity houses that outlined rules for drinking, which clearly state no minors or visibly intoxicated people were allowed on the grounds. RCMP action against the fraternities has only intensified in the last year, leading up to the infamous "Kristallheinekennacht," or Night of the Broken Beer Bottles, last month.

A spokesman for the UBC Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), who requested his name be withheld for fear of arrest, says that the fraternities are a scapegoat, and that police actions are part of a larger scheme. "Only a handful of noise complaints in the area have actually been traced to the fraternities. Most of us can't even drink very often any more, since most liquor stores won't serve us when they see the band around our arms. The Final Solution is just an excuse to round us up and get rid of us. We haven't heard from some of our brothers who were caught out past curfew in weeks, and for the last few days the RCMP's new 'industrial oven' has been spewing out a thick black smoke."

"Ah, so ze IFC thinks they can hide behind anonymity," staff sergeant Eichmann-Worsley said when informed of the IFC representative's statements. "Hauptmann Bachmeier! Prepare ze jeep at once, ve must conduct another roundup of ze animals."

Despite the RCMP's continued assurance that they treat fraternity members with "exactly the respect and handling [the Greeks] deserve," rumours persist amongst conspiracy theorists that the Final Solution amounts to a large-scale slaughter of the fraternities, often referred to as a "Beer-ocaust."

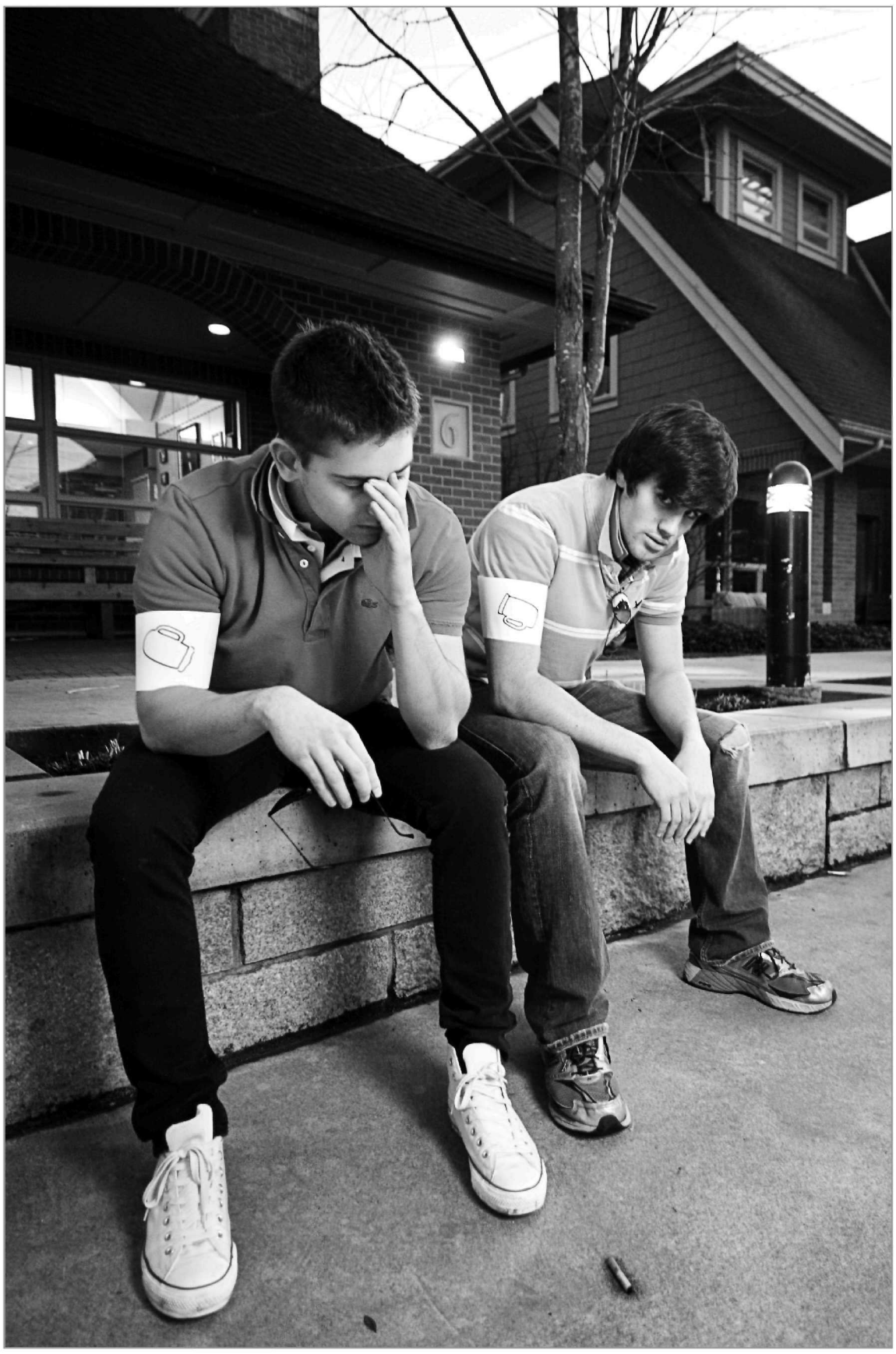
The Radical Beer Faction, a secretive group of terrorist rebels who promote the uncontrolled use of alcohol, have posted multiple YouTube videos urging world leaders to step in to put a stop to what they described at a "brutal administration of death and sobriety." But, many more respected members of the UBC community have dismissed these accusations.

"There is absolutely no evidence that points to the mistreatment of frat members in the UBC endowment lands." said Jasper de Gaulle, a resident of Greenwood Commons and vocal Beer-ocaust denier. "At best, these allegations can be considered the result of overactive imaginations, at worst an intentional hoax meant to divert discourse over the real matter at hand. The issue is the violence that the Greeks perpetrate, which has caused UBC to drop in international rankings, and not the countermeasures taken by respectable members of this community."

Although the true intent of the Final Solution is still uncertain, our benevolent dictators have repeatedly insisted that it is nothing for the common resident to worry about.

"The kind of community we have planned, which we are calling 'the third community to last a thousand years,' will not include the debauched shenanigans of the lower-class humans which make up the fraternities." Führer of Campus and Community Planning Mo Slott said, "Although I'm not sure if they can be truly considered human. But rest assured, soon this nightmare, along with all of your confusion, will be a thing of the distant past, along with the dust, vomit, and discarded bottles of the fraternities."

Slott has recently come under criticism for a persistent rumour that his biological father was a fraternity member who had broken the ancient law of Greek-non Greek mingling with Slott's mother, a frequent patron of "Ye Olde Mine Shafte" (Pit Pub predecessor). If true, it would mean he is half-Greek.



Two fraternity residents popping their colars in solidarity with their oppressed brothers. MAX POWER PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

> In no vay do ve vish to stop ze fun from happening on campus. But with all fun zere must be law and restraint, or ve are no better than ze simians.
>
> —*Staff Sergeant Eichmann-Worsley*

Smarter-than-you page

What you should think

Three cheers for the AMS!

We here at *The Ubyssey* want to congratulate the Almost Matters Society (AMS) for finally having the balls to stand up and do something meaningful: pass a meaningless motion.

Now some critics, like the Students for a Republican Society (SRS), claim that this is a waste of time and money, and that they should be focusing on things like transit and the Farm (even though we now know the Farm was a lie).

The Ubyssey, however, believes this is the best thing that the AMS can do. The AMS has been wasting their time away with fancy policy but this new move is one pointed in the right direction: apathy. The AMS is very much like an alcoholic (something we know plenty about), and for an alcoholic to cure himself, he needs to admit his problem first. Or something like that—we've been missing our AA meetings lately. Ahem.

But back to the AMS. Students know what they want: they don't really want anything. Look at the last election. Less than 4000 people showed up to vote in the AMS election, and we believe that not doing anything for the students simply represents what the AMS should be.

AMS president Michael Drunkan lead this meaningless motion confidently and we should be very appreciative. Leading the entire AMS in circles will be remembered long after he departs for whatever political pink-hat hackery he pursues. Same with Matthew Nailher. Though he lost to Mamamia Harass, he still helped pass this meaningless motion.

Unlike the claims of Whorey Mean, we believe that the students are well represented by this waste of time. Whorey Mean claims that the students are more interested in defending refugees and making sure nothing offensive comes out of the mouths of our dear councillors—but, looking at the history of this campus, we disrespectively disagree. No, students are not interested in campus politics, or making sure the AMS represents them. They are more interested in their GPA, fucking their fellow classmates and recreational drinking.

Accordingly, we believe the AMS is not doing enough by just being meaningless. They should perform actions that directly relate to students.

Fridays, the AMS should collectively get really drunk and wreck campus monuments. Wednesdays, we want to see the councillors try and hook up with each other in awkward fashion. Thursday mornings, we want to see councillors doing the walk of shame back to their respective dorms—dressed in their finest clubbing attire wrinkled and stained.

But, for now, the best that we as students can hope for is that the AMS continues to do nothing for the student body. Hopefully, their lack of commitment and vision, coupled with the fact that, each year, there are brand new unexperienced councillors, will help maintain this agenda. A meaningless body should support meaningless motions—it just makes sense.

Mamamia Harass represents students

Two weeks ago, Mamamia Harass was elected as Director of Electoral Area A, narrowly beating out a host of other candidates, most of whom we believed would better serve students. Since her election, however, Mamamia Harass has demonstrated a commitment to students that was, quite frankly, unexpected. Harass has displayed a more serious commitment to the student body.

Let's take a look at the most pressing issue: the UBC Farm. While we frankly couldn't give a crap as to what happens to that 24-hectare dump, we hear that the Farm has not been demolished, which, we assume, is because our elected representative went to the Board of Capitalist Gluttons and championed student concerns. Fight the system, Mamamia! Save the fire, save the farm!

Harass, thinking that the status quo works perfectly on this campus, has done nothing to facilitate a positive relationship with the RCMP and the student body. Good. Honestly, we need the RCMP to crack down on campus drinking. Otherwise, we would have to come up with new stories to cover. But thanks to the lack of action on Harass's part, we still have stories to report on, such as tasers, police brutality, the War on Fun, the War on the War on Fun, the War on the War on the War on Fun, and Phallex Blowheed.

The Vancouver Olympic Committee's (VANOC) ever growing infiltration on campus is set to spread. Harass said during the preliminary debates that VANOC presence on campus was "a given," and that we should "all enjoy the spirit of the event." We here at *The Ubyssey* sure will. Kudos, Mamamia!

But where she really shines is being relatable to students. General apathy is truly a student characteristic, and Harass uncannily reflects students in her disengagement with campus. Take 30 years off, and she could be an everyday undergrad. Even though her residence is within the University Well-Endowed Lands, she has taken it upon herself to mirror the majority of the student populace that commutes. In the morning she drives to Surrey, then heads to work.

No, Harass has not been spotted at rallies; no, she has not been spotted picking produce at the Farm; no, she has not been seen at the Old Barn Community Centre speaking to University Neighbourhoods Association residents, and no, she has not been doing anything to show her commitment to improving this campus community. But it's not like you would have been there to see her. You have better things to do, and so does she.

Lastly, we respect that Harass doesn't open herself up to gossip fodder. We wouldn't want a leader that took a stand anyway. That'd mean students might have to become engaged, to care, to respond. And frankly, that's the last thing any of us need.

by Maria Maria Westside Story

Obligatory commentary

IN RESPONSE TO THE IAC ATTACKS

I have been following the online responses to "Shameful display by the IAC," which ran in the letters section in the paper November 25, 2008. What is shameful is that while the views of the Israeli and Palestinian sides have been aired, the discussion has completely ignored the Ukranian perspective on the dispute, perpetuating the Israel-Palestine hegemonic influence on the debate.

This hegemony completely ignores the interests on the region's other border, specifically of the Greek island of Crete. The island was the proud home of the Minoan civilization before it was cruelly incorporated by the Greeks. If not for the influence of the Greeks, a massive volcanic explosion, and a tsunami that swept away the island's coastal cities and ships, it is likely that the nation would have expanded its borders east and become a modest trading empire.

Crete, therefore, has a debatable claim on both Cypress and sections of the sections of the West Bank that would remain 3000 years after an empire controlled it, and it's time the powers that be recognize the legitimacy of the island's right to argue. We demand a three-state conversation!

—Hoe Lightment
Arts 15

IN RESPONSE TO PLANT OPS

There is no conspiracy. If you value the appearance of your campus, you will stop digging.

—Anonymous

IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL SOLUTION

It's irresponsible to state that these events you described have happened unless you have been in the fraternities' houses or in the RCMP building and seen it with your own eyes. People continuously make statements like this based solely on rumour and conjecture rather than seeing it themselves, only to find later that it isn't true—such as with the Chupacabra, the g-spot, or 9/11.

I've been researching Greeks for many years, and their association with the "PanHellenic Society"—"Pan" which is Latin for "all" and "Hellenic" which is Latin for "of Satan"—clearly illustrates their deviant beliefs in support of Satanism, communism, and evolution.

—Dr Ricardolus Bartopolous
Professor of Greek History

Skeeters

What was your first time like?

Ricky Bordom
Arts 3

"It was the wrong hole...it was dark, how was I supposed to know?"

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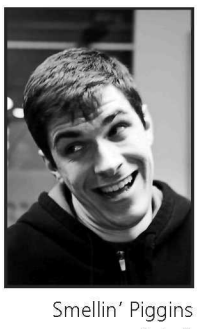
"We were doing it in a leaky boat. After a while I realized we were sitting in a pool of water. I told him I was wet, and he said, 'It's about fucking time.'"



Smellin' Piggins
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"I'm still waiting for Miss Right. But, uh, what are you doing later? Tomorrow? No? Okay, well, I'll call you next week. Hey, where are you going? I thought chastity was sexy."

Señor Havéz
Med 2

"I'll tell you in about three minutes."

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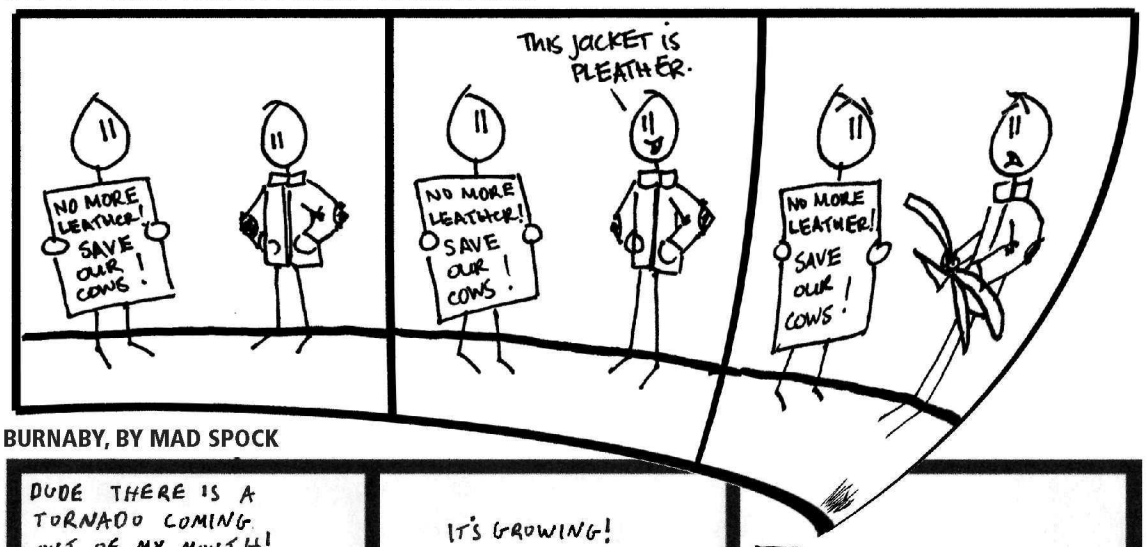

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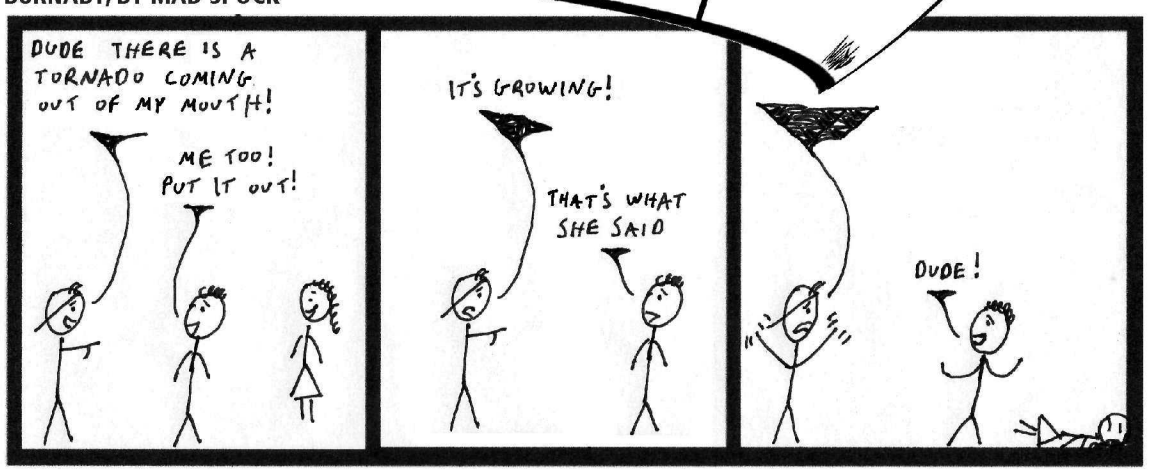

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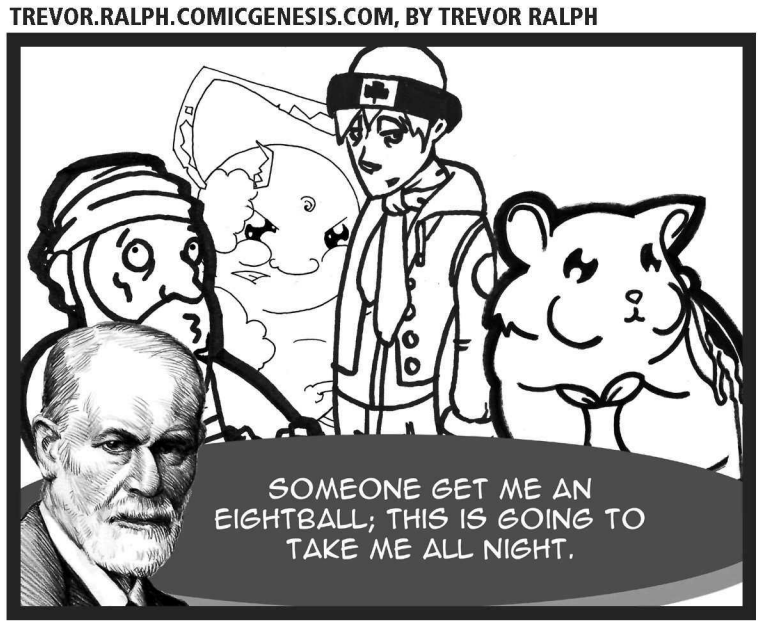

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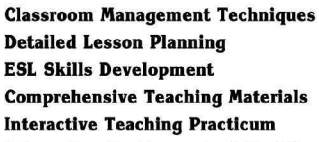

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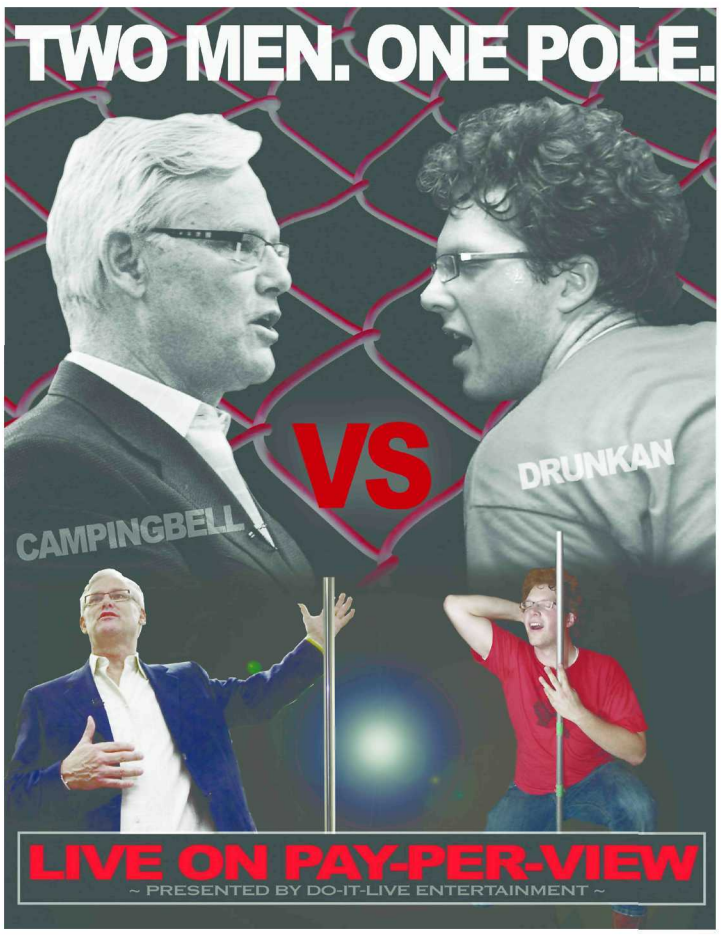
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