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# Students getting bamboozled?

by Irfan Dhalla

Six-figure salaries, trips to Cancun, and glamorous conventions with paid speeches from Hollywood actors do not fit the description of most non-profit organisations.

One exception to that is the Golden Key Honor Society, an Atlanta-based non-profit organisation that signed on UBC as a member last fall.

At the time, about 3200 of UBC's top academic achievers received invitations from UBC president Martha Piper to join Golden Key—an organisation that promises scholarships and contacts to high academic achievers. Over 800 UBC students paid \$80 each to join the society, a total of more than \$64,000.

In her letter to students Piper strongly endorsed the honour society, writing that she was "pleased to lend [her] support to an organisation which shares many of the goals of the University of the British Columbia."

UBC brings the number of Golden Key affiliates up to 271, among them are Canadian chapters at the University of Toronto, McGill, McMaster and the University of Alberta.

But Golden Key's submission to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), obtained by *the Ubysssey*, shows Golden Key spent just \$289,461 (US dollars) on scholarships, less than 5 per cent of their total expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

And in this recent investigation of Golden Key's spendings, *the Ubysssey* discovered the organisation would not provide the Atlanta Better Business Bureau with its financial statements. According to Valerie Maclean, general manager of the Vancouver Better Business Bureau, this is a secretive tactic highly unusual for a non-profit organisation.

Maclean, as well as the president of the UBC Golden Key chapter, Fahren Dossa, expressed concern over the Golden Key's lavish practices.

While Golden Key literature makes no specific promises regarding the amount of money dedicated to scholarships, Dossa said she had expected scholarships would be "around 60 per cent" of total expenditure, and she called the high salaries paid to Golden Key directors "ridiculous."

The society spent \$1,822,837 (US) on salaries and other employee benefits. executive director, James Lewis, received \$247,600 (US) in compensation.

"Holy smokes. That's a lot of money...certainly substantially more than most directors of non-profit agencies," said Maclean of the salary.

But Golden Key's representative in Vancouver feels that Lewis's salary is not extraordinary. Kari Sivam, a former UBC student who is now Golden Key's Assistant Director of International Development, said that a recent study of for-profit as well as non-profit organisations revealed that the



**THE GOLDEN HANDSHAKE:** Golden Key Honour Society representative Mark Herndon and UBC awards and financial aid director Carol Gibson at inauguration ceremony in the Chan Centre last term. RICHARD LAM PHOTO.

average salary of a CEO in the US is \$225,000.

She added, "[Mr. Lewis's] salary is reviewed annually by the Board of Directors," a group of university professors who are not paid for serving Golden Key.

While salaries are a large expense for Golden Key, conferences and initiation ceremonies are even more costly—over half of the society's budget is spent on these ceremonies which Dossa described as "a lot of glitter, a lot of gloss."

Dossa and the other members of the local executive have already had disagreements with Golden Key headquarters, the most serious of which is the \$80 fee, only \$12 of which is kept by the UBC chapter.

Petty disputes have also erupted over the spelling of the word "honour" and whether or not to have a head table at the UBC inaugural membership ceremony. The initiation, held at the stylish Chan Centre, used up over half of the UBC chapter's budget.

Still Dossa stood by the organisation. "On the one hand, you can say that UBC students got ripped off. On the other hand, it wasn't forced or highly recommended."

But the letter from Piper, along with strong support from university administration, helped create the UBC chapter.

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# UBC spinoff company jumps the gun

by Douglas Quan

An announcement last week by QLT PhotoTherapeutics of a potential breakthrough in the battle against vision loss in older people was premature, say investigators who are conducting clinical trials for the UBC spinoff company.

The investigators told *the Ubysssey* this weekend that while the 12-month analysis of the two-year study on verteporfin thera-

py is encouraging, there is still a lot more testing that needs to be done before the treatment will get regulatory approval.

Even so, QLT's claims that the therapy has been shown to preserve the vision in a "significant number" of patients with severe age-related macular degeneration (AMD)—the leading cause of blindness among people over 50—was enough to send the company's share price skyrocketing last week.

QLT's president and CEO, Julia Levy was quoted in *the Vancouver Sun* as saying "[the positive results] vindicates us from any doubters about the role of photodynamic therapy."

AMD is characterised by the formation of abnormal leaky blood vessels on the centre of the retina. The therapy works by injecting the patient with a photosensitive dye which collects in the vessels. The eye is exposed to a laser light, activating the dye,

and destroying the bad vessels.

Vancouver is one of 22 centres worldwide that are testing the therapy on 609 patients.

According to QLT, vision was stable or improved in 61.4 per cent of patients treated with the therapy, compared to 45.9 per cent of patients administered with placebo.

But Allan Maberly, one of the project's

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Indeed, Carole Forsythe from UBC's Awards and Financial Aid Office recruited the first few students after being approached by Golden Key. Forsythe expressed disbelief when told of the scholarship disbursement figures in the IRS return, but said she wasn't surprised by Lewis' quarter million dollar salary.

According to UBC director of Awards and Financial Aid, Carol Gibson, members of the UBC committee charged with giving the green

light "reviewed all information available about Golden Key.

"Certainly the claims that they have made to what the money is used for are up front," she said.

She said material available included an audit by the accounting firm Smith and Hart. That audit clearly shows the scholarship figure and Golden Key conference expenses, but does not give a list of salaries.

Piper is not alone in her endorsement of the academic honour society. According to Golden Key literature, US

Presidents Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan, Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel and American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole "are proud of their association with this dynamic organisation."

Former US President George Bush even anointed Golden Key with a "Daily Point of Light" award.

Golden Key directors were unavailable for comment. The receptionist who answered the telephone told *the Ubyssy* that "all the directors are at their mid-year meeting in Cancun." ♦

**QLT continued...**

five UBC-based investigators, called Levy's reaction to the results "unduly optimistic."

"The shares will go up and then it will settle down. There will be people who benefit from this treatment, but it's not the panacea that they're talking about," Maberly said.

While he says the research methods are sound, he is troubled by the fact that QLT and its project partner, CIBA Vision Corporation, publicised the early results before they underwent any peer review.

"The results should have been collated, submitted for publication [in an academic journal], and then it should have been released to the public," he said.

Other members of the UBC team of investigators were also critical of last week's announcement. Patrick Ma said QLT officials came off sounding "over[ly] enthusiastic."

And William Ross said, "I think we need to wait for an objective opinion."

Even Michael Potter, the chief investigator of the Vancouver team, admitted that there may have been a rush to get the positive results out.

"When we look at data, we need to look at it carefully. We need to analyse it fully, and we need to see that it's accepted for publication in a peer review journal. None of that has occurred on my part," said Potter.

Neither Potter nor any of the other investigators had access to the complete results at the time of last week's announcement.

QLT's Levy was unavailable for comment on Monday. Company officials were in San Francisco attending an investment conference.

But Elayne Wandler, a spokesperson for Levy said that the Securities Exchange Commission requires all public companies to disclose to its shareholders any "significant material event."

"The minute we knew what these topline results were, whether good or bad, we were required by law to put out a press release or announcement," she said.

Wandler admitted that investigators were upset last week because they were receiving calls from patients anxious to know more about the therapy.

"If we had a choice, both ourselves and our partners would have chosen not to announce at this time, and to wait for the [journal] publication," she said. "But you know you have to, and you try to manage expectations as best you can."

"It's very standard among biotech companies. They all do it," she added.

But just because this is happening more often, doesn't mean it's right, says UBC research ethicist Iain Taylor.

"Over the last few years...when ever something really great happens, the solution has been to call a press conference," he said.

"There's nothing wrong with that. [However], this presumes the work is in fact, if presented to the peer community, would be acceptable as a reasonable statement of the universe." ♦



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# Zamboni emissions create air scare

by Douglas Quan

UBC hockey players and figure skaters can breathe easy.

That's the message being sent out by managers of the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre following the release of studies pointing to the dangers of exhaust from ice resurfacing machines (Zambonis).

But can UBC do more to keep the air clean?

The studies found that natural gas and propane-powered ice resurfacers produced high levels of nitrogen dioxide, and that prolonged exposure to those levels could lead to respiratory problems.

Bob Carruthers, head ice maker at the UBC facility, says rink users don't need to worry. He says emission levels are checked regularly to ensure they fall below regulations set by the Workers Compensation Board (WCB).

"The air quality is fairly good," Carruthers said. "We do our best to maintain a good quality at all times."

His statements are supported by the findings last year of a group of students in UBC's Occupational Hygiene Programme. The students found that all levels of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen dioxide were below WCB exposure limits for the period tested.

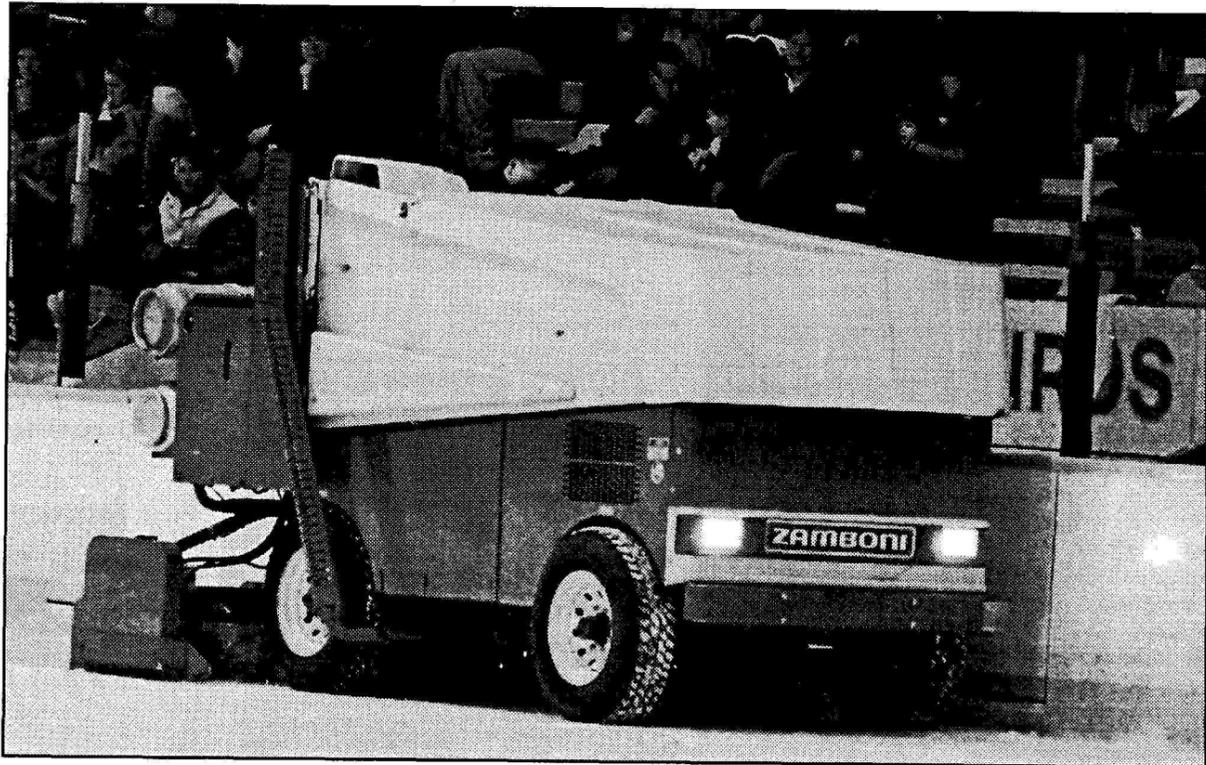
However, the UBC professor who oversaw the study and who has led research into air quality in ice rinks, says UBC isn't completely in the clear. Michael Brauer says there are a number of ways UBC can reduce these harmful emissions even more.

The most simple and cost-effective method, Brauer says, is by installing three-way catalytic converters in the ice resurfacers, similar to those found in all automobiles. He says they can reduce the level of pollutants by 90 per cent.

Currently, only one of UBC's three ice resurfacers has a catalytic converter. But even that one only reduces carbon monoxide, and not nitrogen dioxide.

Brauer points out that every year in Canada and the United States, there are "a number" of cases where "something goes really wrong." A number of people — even whole hockey teams — end up in hospital emergency rooms complaining of severe chest pains. Some even pass out on the ice.

"It's kind of a problem that people aren't aware of, but it's probably affecting their health in ways that they wouldn't



**IT'S GOOD ON ICE:** Zamboni emissions have been blamed for the air scare in the UBC ice rinks. While the air quality falls within WCB guidelines, a study suggests that more should be done to limit the release of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and nitrogen dioxide. RICHARD LAM PHOTO

expect," Brauer said.

But Pat Logan, manager of the Winter Sports complex, says she just doesn't have the money right now to upgrade the ice resurfacers. She says it's difficult enough coming up with a couple of thousand dollars for a new ice edger, let alone \$130,000 for an electric ice resurfacer.

The Winter Sports complex is ancillary to UBC, so it doesn't receive any subsidy from the university.

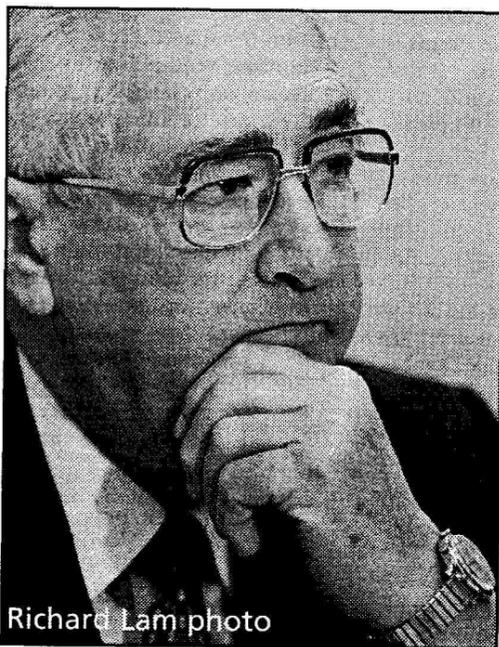
That said, Logan insists that the ice resurfacers are tuned regularly. She adds that UBC's ice rinks are better ventilated because of the numerous passageways and doors.

Still, that's little comfort to Sherisse Pham, a UBC student and recreational figure skater.

"When you're working out or you want to do some sort of physical activity, obviously you're going to be breathing harder, and you need better air out there."

Juri Oja, an occupational hygiene officer with the WCB, says more stringent emissions regulations came into effect in April of last year.

He said inspectors will be out this year to ensure ice rinks are meeting the new standards, and said they could face penalties for not complying. ♦



Richard Lam photo

## APEC inquiry gets new chair

by Douglas Quan

**"I approach this assignment with an open mind, without any baggage from the past,"**

**Ted Hughes  
Chair of the  
APEC inquiry**

Call him Mr. No-Nonsense.

Ted Hughes, the man appointed by the RCMP Public Complaints Commission (PCC) to chair the APEC inquiry, told reporters Monday that he is ready to take on the "formidable challenge."

But the silver-haired, bespectacled, retired judge and former conflict-of-interest commissioner for BC was careful not to offer any opinions about how the inquiry has gone thus far.

Nor would he address complaints that the scope of the inquiry is too narrow and that it won't be able to deal effectively with allegations that the Prime Minister played a direct role in the quashing of student protest at the November 1997 summit.

"I approach this assignment with an open mind, without any baggage from the past," Hughes said. "I

hope to be seen as a reasonable person who's fair to all sides."

Hughes, who has previously headed three judicial inquiries, was appointed last month by Commission chairwoman Shirley Heafey. The original three-member panel resigned over allegations that its chair Gerald Morin was biased against the RCMP.

At yesterday's press conference, student complainant Jonathan Oppenheim said Hughes' appointment was a "good choice."

But he added: "The PCC is clearly not the right venue, and Mr. Hughes can't change that."

Hughes first order of business will be to hear complainants' applications for legal funding from the federal government at the end of this month.

The actual hearing of evidence won't begin until March. ♦

## Experts warn of 'black market' in sale of internet addresses

by Julian Dowling

'Black market' activity on the information super highway could pick up in the wake of changes to the application process for Canadian websites.

Starting this year annual fees of \$30 to \$50 will be charged to any individual or organisation in Canada applying for a CA domain (CA is Canada's two letter country code that appears at the end of some Canadian-based website addresses). But many former application constraints have been lifted.

Applicants will no longer be required to include their provincial location as part of their web address (ie. the inclusion of bc in

www.ubyssey.bc.ca). They will also be allowed to buy more than one domain name at a time and may use the names of other people or organisations in their web address.

Some experts warn that this first-come, first-serve system will inevitably lead to a rise in the illicit trade in domain names.

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Westrom, an assistant professor in UBC's Curriculum Studies department. "It will create a black-market."

Marilyn Hay, acting co-manager of Network Engineering for UBC's IT Services, says she already knows of a number of people in the Lower Mainland who make a living applying for desirable domain names, then re-selling them for a profit. "It's all part of free market enterprise," she said.

In fact the person in charge of assigning domain names for the last ten years admits

the new system is not perfect.

"Real life being what it is, some people will try to abuse the system," said John Demco, the UBC Computer Facilities manager who helped create the new Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA).

But Demco says the changes were the result of growing demand among local organisations and businesses for CA domain names that were short and catchy.

Demco also said it was necessary to start charging people for domain names because of the increased complexity of managing the network.

Both Demco and Westrom agreed a formal process is needed to resolve contested domain names. ♦

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## Few students say 'Nay' to barn renovation

by Jo-Ann Chiu

An abandoned horse barn out by B-lot could become a new student hangout.

The barn renovation proposal—an initiative of the Forestry Undergraduate Society (FUS)—received \$9,500 from the AMS Innovative Projects Fund.

Part of the money has gone towards a structural survey of the building. If the building is deemed safe, the remaining money will go towards a building code check and the hiring of a contractor.

If the barn does not meet safety standards, the FUS might look at building a brand new site.

"There is no hang out spot for students on the south end of campus," said FUS president Sarah Fraser. "Forestry students now go to the atrium of the Forestry building

to study."

The barn currently houses the geology department's rock collection and other odds and ends.

There were previous attempts in the 1980s to renovate the barn. But they all failed because, each time, the student who initiated the project graduated before it ever got off the ground.

Fraser says even though she will graduate this spring, there is enough interest in this project to keep the momentum going.

UBC architect Tom Liewellin confirmed that the barn could be turned into study and social space, but considers it a long-term project.

Part of UBC's new Trek 2000 vision statement emphasises the need for more social space.

The structural survey is expected to be complete by January 22. ♦

## Dope growing prof suspended

by Darren Stewart  
the Martlet

VICTORIA (CUP)—Sociology students at the University of Victoria were met with a shock last week when they returned to classes to find out the university has suspended one of their teachers.

Following a recommendation from university president David Strong, the school suspended professor Jean Veevers and relieved her of her duties.

Effective immediately, the interim suspension follows Veevers' recent conviction in British Columbia Supreme Court of cultivating marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

Veevers has been on medical leave since April 1997, when police raided her home and found an elaborate marijuana-growing operation.

She pleaded guilty to the charge of growing the substance for the purpose of trafficking last October.

Her Dec. 4 sentence included a \$15,000 fine, a one-year conditional sentence that she can serve at home and 60 hours of community service.

In a prepared statement, Strong said the suspension was based on evidence submitted to the court during Veevers' trial.

While Veevers declined to speak to the media herself, her legal counsel, Mel Hunt, said she was surprised by the suspension.

"She was quite astonished," he said. "She certainly didn't expect anything like that."

Hunt said Veevers plans to fight for her career by invoking the university's arbitration process to challenge the suspension.

"If the arbitrators decide there is no just cause for dismissal then that will be the end of this," said Hunt. "But if they decide there was just cause, the case goes to the board of governors to decide. One would expect them to follow the president's recommendation." ♦

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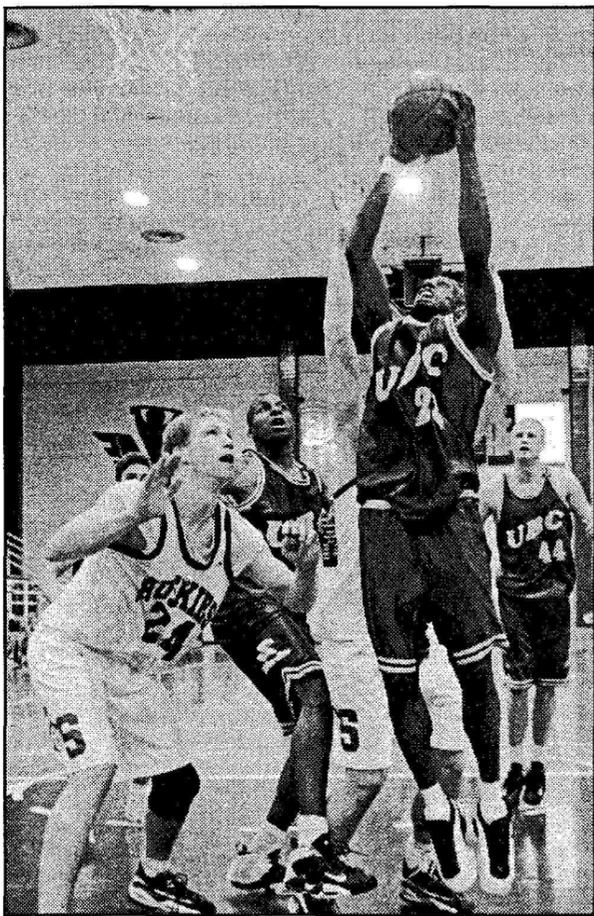
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# Birds do the Husky two-step



by Bruce Arthur

Maybe the offence isn't running hot, but the defence never cools off.

The UBC men's basketball team opened the New Year with a pair of offensively lackadaisical but defensively strong victories over the 0-8 University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

"We haven't gotten past that Christmas turkey and New Year's cheer, and we were just a little bit out of sync," grinned assistant coach Ross Tomlinson. "But we're just missing by fractions now, and when we start to click it's going to be really nice."

The T-Birds (4-4) came out Friday looking for a blowout, but were unable to shake the young and hard-working Huskies and led only 34-27 at the break. And if not for Saskatchewan's horrid free-throw shooting (three of nine at the half, a sickening 29-for-61 over the weekend), the game could have been closer. But in the second half, the Birds trot-

ted out their now-trademark thumbscrew-tight defence and limited the Sled Dogs to 4-of-22 shooting. If not for Husky forward Ryan Kazakoff's lunchbucket-style 15 points, it would have been even uglier than the final score of 72-48.

"We played well enough to win," said Sherlan John, who led the Birds with 15 points and six rebounds. "We were on cruise control most of the game. There were a lot of spurts and windows [where] we turned it on."

Head coach Bruce Enns, obviously frustrated while still recovering from a nasty bout of holiday illness that forced him to miss two games, cheerfully grouched at his team's performance.

"I'll be proud of them by the end of the season," he said, waving away questions.

UBC had even more of a tussle Saturday night, although it didn't start out that way. The defence again blanketed the Huskies, John made all of his five shots for 11 first-half points, and the T-Birds sailed into the intermission with a comfortable 45-27 lead.

"I've never played on a team that was so strong defensively," said UBC forward Jon Fast.

But Saskatchewan refused to be buried. UBC's lead stretched to 20 before Husky guard Muhammed Wilson started firing away, hitting three quick three-pointers for 11 points in only six second-half minutes. Suddenly the Birds' advantage was whittled to six points, but they were saved by Stanleigh Mitchell. As he has done so often this season, Mitchell picked UBC up and carried them, scoring 14 of his game-high 20 points after the break, and UBC ran away 79-65.

"We played real well defensively, but we had lapses on offence," said a low-key Mitchell. "I'm disappointed in the way I played, but I'm pretty proud of my teammates."

UBC is now 4-4 and solidly in possession of fourth place in the brutally tough Canada West conference. Saskatchewan and the University of Calgary are both hopelessly mired in the basement at 0-8, while Lethbridge, Victoria, and Alberta are all shaking up the national top ten. And UBC travels to meet Lethbridge next weekend for the first time this year before returning home for a rematch with the Vikes. But the Birds, now stronger with the return of 6'5" forward Jason Bristow from injury, are confident.

"I'm excited about Victoria because I know we can beat them," said Fast. "Lethbridge, I'm confident we're going to steal one from them at their place—looking at tape and stuff, we match

up really well."

John is also looking forward to UBC's brutally tough stretch drive, as he feels the Birds are coming together nicely.

"We can play with all of them, and we can beat all of them," he enthused. "So we've just got to put the pieces together." ❖



STAN THE MAN: down the stretch Saturday against Saskatchewan, Stanleigh Mitchell (above left and above, with ball) geared up a notch, finishing with 20 points. RICHARD LAM PHOTO

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# Puck 'Birds split series

by Sara Newham

It was a hockey lover's dream weekend.

The UBC men's hockey team wanted to get off on the right foot to start the New Year this weekend as they faced off against the Saskatchewan Huskies for a rematch of the Valor Cup final. A sweep would have been ideal, but the Birds split with a 3-2 victory on Friday, and a 4-1 loss on Saturday. The result keeps UBC in contention for a playoff birth.

"We got two points against a good hockey team," said new forward Jason Deleurme. "But we didn't rise to the opportunity."

Friday, both sides came out hard, playing fast, hard-hitting, two-way hockey. Former junior sensation Deleurme opened the scoring midway through the second period, firing a bullet into the back of the net after UBC had set up on the power play.

"Getting the lead was really key, getting that first goal, that was a big relief," said head coach Mike Coflin.

Nils Anton made it 2-0 less than three minutes later after some great stick-work behind the Huskies' net.

Troy Dalton made it 3-0 UBC just 25 seconds into the final frame after he came out of the penalty box. The Thunderbirds continued to play well in the third period, but were unable to preserve goaltender Dave Trofimenkoff's shutout as Saskatchewan finally got on the board four minutes into the period. The Huskies scored again with two seconds remaining on the clock, making Dalton's goal the game-winner.

"I think that goal by Dalton early in the third period was a huge goal for us to have that cushion, and then to just hang on," Trofimenkoff stated, "I think it was a pretty interesting game. They're a pretty good, strong team and we tried to match them with playing physical."

Saturday, though, was a different story. The Birds were penalised two seconds into the game, but killed off the penalty and

drew first blood as they were able to slip the puck past goalie. When they converged on the net, after a great Lynch and Tom Mix knocked the puck in. Lynch, I injured his wrist, and was examined by doctors for a

ture. "I thought the first period was one of our best years," said Coflin after the game. "The tempo was high [but] our ability to play at that pace seemed to die game went on."

The wheels started coming off for UBC in the second period. They couldn't carry over their early momentum and allowed the Huskies to tie it up six minutes into the middle period, and the go-ahead goal just four minutes later.

In the third period UBC had several scoring chances, but Saskatchewan didn't give the Birds much room to work. The Huskies' third goal took the wind out of UBC's sails, and the Huskies added one more goal to make the score 4-1. Not surprisingly, the Birds weren't pleased with the way they played on Saturday night.

Deleurme was visibly upset with how the team played. When asked what was missing, he said, "Doing the little things. Five feet inside your blueline, five feet outside their blueline. You've either got to get it in, or get it out, and we didn't do that tonight."

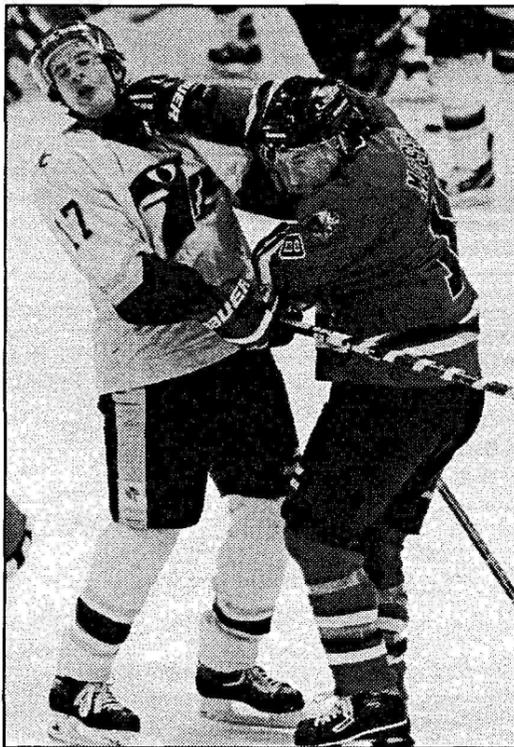
"It was a tough, well-fought hockey game. It was a challenging hockey game and some people didn't pass the test," added Coflin.

UBC's defense once again played strong throughout the two games, but the player of the weekend has to be Trofimenkoff, who earned

## UBC has a new star in the stable

by Sara Newham

**OUCH:** UBC captain Troy Dalton (left) says Jason Deleurme is already the best player on the team. RICHARD LAM PHOTO



Out with the old, in with the new.

That is the theme of the UBC men's hockey team as the Thunderbirds' roster has undergone some key changes since the beginning of December.

Probably the most significant development with the hockey team, other than Jon Sikkema's sudden departure to the WHL, is the signing of 5'8" 180-pound right winger Jason Deleurme from the WHL.

Deleurme has created a whirl of excitement around the team. He started by netting 6 goals and 4 assists in just four games. He was named Canada West hockey player of the week without a goal and an assist during his first two regular season games.

"He's great," said team captain Troy Dalton, the team's best player in my estimation and it shows. It's an honour to play with him.

His decision to play for UBC was based on several factors, but he didn't want to end up without either an education or a hockey scholarship. "It was a tough decision," explained Deleurme. "I started with mates of mine that were 26, 27 with no education and I thought, 'I'm going to school.'"

The decision to start halfway through the season is due in part to the Kelowna Rockets are footing the bill—expired on December 31st. If he had stayed at Kelowna, he would lose the scholarship and his school.

Asked about what Deleurme will add to the T-Birds, head coach Mike Coflin said, "He's a goal scorer. He plays tough, [and] he's a leader."

And with all that on his resume, Deleurme knows what he's doing. "I've come here to win and I've come here to definitely make a lot of potential. Let's start a winning tradition here at UBC."

# Lady Birds into the

by Bruce Arthur

The drought is over for the Birds.

The UBC women's basketball team broke through for their first Canada West wins of the season with a key weekend sweep of their likely rivals for the fourth and final conference playoff position.

"It's nice to get wins at this point of the year," said fourth-year forward Jessica "Boa" Mills. "Back-to-back proves to us that it wasn't just a one-night thing, it wasn't just a flash in the pan."

UBC (2-6) started this year the hard way—they measured themselves against the three nationally-ranked Canada West heavyweights (Victoria and Alberta, the top two teams in Canada, and Calgary, another top ten team) and came out oh for six. So the young UBC women's basketball team desperately needed to sweep the visiting University of Saskatchewan Huskies this weekend at War Memorial Gym to prove that the Birds are, in fact, a playoff-calibre team.

"They're going to be the people we're going to be playing for," said second-year point guard Charmaine Adams. "She's got 10 assists and five steals. It's really important to have her."

The Birds again leaned heavily on their focal point as she piled up a combined 45 points in the two games.

Friday, the Birds started slowly but found their rhythm through the first half, as Mills led a strong inside club defensively. Averaging only fifty points per game in their last two West losses, the Birds rolled to a 46-30 halftime triumph.

"That's probably our nicest lead game," said Coflin. "Saturday, UBC's resurgent offence again showed its sizzling 72 per cent from the field on the advantage, and set another season high in points per game."

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his first win of the season Friday. The team's new number one goalie played superbly all weekend, facing ninety-six shots on goal during the two games, and letting in just six goals.

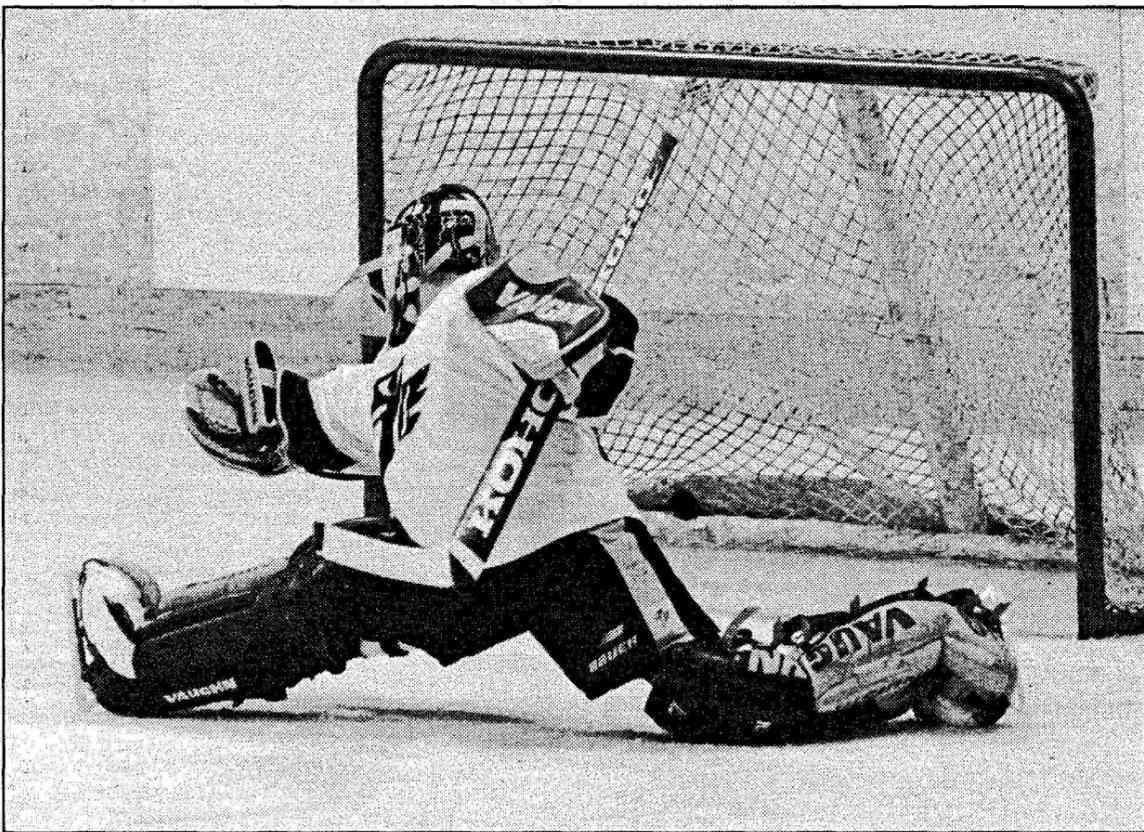
"I'd say Dave was the star. He's seizing the opportunity to be number one and he's just proving to everybody that he is good enough to do it," said Dalton.

After opening the year with an 8-0 bombing at the hands of these same Huskies, the Birds have come a long way. In the teams' four meetings since late December, UBC has taken two games.

"We should have beat them," said Shoaf after Saturday's loss. "I think we're a better team than we showed tonight." ♦

**ONE OF THE FEW** shots that UBC goaltender Dave Trofimenkoff let through this weekend, as the UBC keeper stepped into the number one spot by turning away all but six of an incredible 96 shots.

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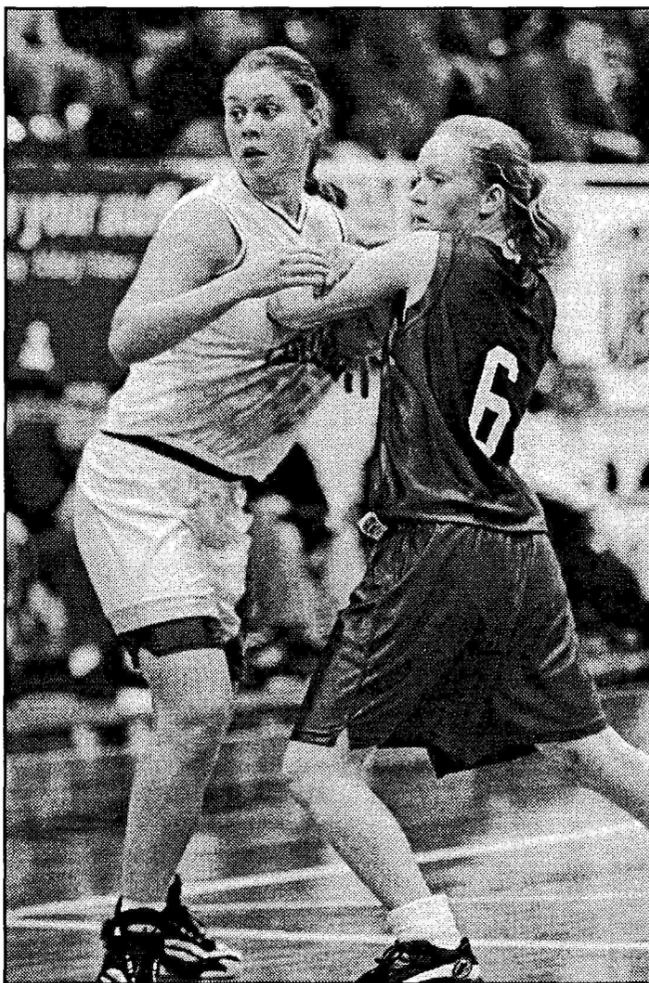
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**TUSSLIN:** UBC's Andrea Dufva (left) tangles with Saskatchewan's Claire Dore in weekend action. The Birds won 'em both for their first Canada West victories of the year.

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# e win column

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d game," said head coach Deb Huband. nce again burst out of the gate. UBC shot ld on their way to a 43-28 intermission h high in points in their 74-57 win. Several

young players showed solid game legs— second-year college transfer Brandie Speers showed sharp perimeter skills, scoring 13 points on six-of-seven shooting after scoring 10 Friday. As well, fellow transfer Stacy Reykdal added 12 points Saturday. But watch for first-year power forward Jen MacLeod—she played 34 minutes on the weekend, and came away with 16 points and nine boards. Not only that, but her strength played a key role in shutting down fifth-year Saskatchewan star Alison Fairbrother, who failed to get traction all weekend. And with the loss of the high-scoring Amy Jonker, who tore her left anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) late against Alberta November 28, the Birds will need their young guns firing.

"I think other people definitely picked up their games in response," said Mills. "It's a big loss, but not as much of a loss as it may have been

Mills. "But also the fact that when we beat them, that gives us confidence and experience in winning that we can take into the games against the other three teams that are above us."

Huband, for her part, just wants her team to continue to play and improve as they head into a key stretch of the season.

"I think we can play with those teams ahead of us right now, but those are teams we may win against, we may not," she said. "But Saskatchewan and Lethbridge are the teams we have to beat." ♦

# Bird Droppings

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team went into their weekend series against the University of Saskatchewan Huskies as the number two team in the country, but came out of the weekend with a split. The Birds (7-3) rolled over the Huskies (6-4) in economical fashion Friday night 3-0 (15-7, 15-8, 15-5), but stumbled Saturday, falling 3-1 (15-11, 15-11, 4-15, 15-11). UBC had only lost to the three-time defending national champion University of Alberta Pandas in two five-set matches to open the season. The Birds still occupy second place in the Canada West, and play host to the Pandas next weekend at War Memorial Gym in the latest act in a rivalry that has spawned two title matches in the last three years.

## MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The men's volleyball team continued to struggle in the tough-as-nails Canada West, dropping two matches to the conference-leading University of Saskatchewan Huskies (10-2). UBC (4-8) lost both games by identical 3-1 scores—Friday, the Birds lost 11-15, 15-10, 15-8, 15-10, while Saturday, they fell 15-8, 12-15, 15-6, 15-2. Jeff Orchard led the Birds with a combined 32 kills and 15 digs. UBC has played close to the powers that populate the Canada West, but now sits in fourth place, eight points behind the University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

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before." This series was especially important for reasons other than the standings. UBC badly needed to break into the victory column, and they knew it.

"I think it's really important, not just because we have to beat teams like Saskatchewan and Lethbridge," said

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# Lawn Dogs dodges cliches

LAWN DOGS  
at the Ridge  
Plays until Jan 14

by John Zaozirny

Sometimes, seeing a film chock full of computer graphics makes you yearn for earlier, simpler days. The days when stop-motion films like *Jason and the Argonauts* were considered advanced; the days when the audience had, as Ed Wood put it, a "suspension of disbelief." Nowadays, audiences don't suspend their disbelief, they suspend their belief. Films have to prove themselves, they have to get downright realistic. When you go to see *Independence Day* or *Armageddon*, you're not paying \$8.75 for plot or for romance. Filmgoers want dazzlement and they'd better get it, or else somebody shall pay. Just ask all those

studios that bankrolled *Godzilla*.

So what to make of *Lawn Dogs*, a modern fable that takes place on the outskirts of fortified suburbia USA? It's a film that still believes in magic and it's got something that's a fair bit more magical and unreal than a 10-story high lizard: a best friendship between a 10-year old and the 21-year old who mows her lawn.

But, thankfully, this isn't *The Lawnmower Man 3*. Instead director James Guigan (*Flirting, Sirens*) has created an old-fashioned Grimm Brothers flavoured story. Taking its cue from the Russian myths of Baba Yaga, *Lawn Dogs* spins the tale of Trent (Sam Rockwell), 21-year old white trash who mows the lawns of white bread residents in nearby Camelot Gardens, and Devon (Mischa Barton), a 10-year old newcomer who lives there. Out to sell her Young Rangers cookies and forsaking the confines of the Gardens, Devon ends up at Trent's trailer home and sets out to become his best friend.

In the hands of most filmmakers, particularly those of the Rob Reiner and Ron Howard persuasion, *Lawn Dogs* would end up a cute morality play with all its loose endings nicely tied up. But Guigan's direction prevents it from veering near sappiness, while Barton and Rockwell somehow manage to create in very little time a close relationship that's both charming and believable. If anyone can watch the scene in which they jitterbug to Springsteen's "Dancing in the Dark" and not crack a smile, then you've been stuck at home far too long.

And when it's all got to end, *Lawn Dogs* takes on a dark twist that is both unpredictable and true to its preceding hour and a half. Which is more than can be said for 90 per cent of the films in release today. It may not have high-shine gloss or an overflow of good feelings, but *Lawn Dogs* has more heart and truth than nearly any of the season's films. ♦

**THE GIRL NEXT DOOR:** Mischa Barton plays Devon, a 10-year old girl who befriends the 21-year-old who mows her lawn in director James Guigan's *Lawn Dogs*



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TWO SHIPS PASSING  
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by Lisa Denton

The title of Dave Carley's play may be *Two Ships Passing*, but in the case of the work, both ships endure a head-on collision before continuing on their own merry way. The "ships" in question are actually two old flames who reunite after ten years and experience some very tumultuous encounters. Described as romantic comedy, *Two Ships Passing* is a nice change of pace from the norm as it steers clear of the usual sugar-coated sweetness of most romantic comedies.

Anna (Gillian Barber) is a newly appointed judge, worried about making the right decisions such as if she's remembered to wear a matching pair of shoes to court. Anna's old flame Wesley (Jackson Davies) is a newly ordained minister who finds himself sexually aroused by women in robes, notably the organists at his church. The two of them get together and, after arguing about life, politics and sex, find themselves igniting that burnt-out flame.

Enter Anna's son, Jason (Peter Grier), a recent graduate with a business degree and a bleak, detestable personality. Arguments arise as Wesley and Anna promote morality and liberalism, while Jason's pessimism exemplifies the cynical modern youth. Scary stuff? Not really. While the battle between left and right is taking place on one level, the reunification of Wesley and Anna is providing hysterical comedy on another. As they strive to have sex in each others' offices, each attempted romp on top of a desk is, of course, interrupted. But, bawdy sexual humour aside, it's the dialogue between the two characters that's most hilarious, especially a fabulous pun on a "missionary position."

Unfortunately, the political opposition that occurs in the play is awkward at times, imposing a smidgen of heaviness on the overall comedy and with the character of Jason appearing as little more than an uptight whiny brat. However, Wesley and Anna's ridiculous actions overwhelm the dark political struggles, keeping *Two Ships Passing* a very humorous comedy. It may seem outlandish at times, but what's wrong with a laughable, harmless form of entertainment? ♦

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**THE THIN RED LINE**  
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by John Zaozirny

There are several points in *The Thin Red Line* where less patient viewers will be forgiven for wondering if they've perhaps made a mistake and wandered into a nature documentary by accident. Which is fine, since *The Thin Red Line* forces its audience into the world of war: long, languorous periods of waiting interspersed with brief, violent and extremely terrifying scenes of action. At first, you're sceptical about

all those dreamily pretentious monologues, voiced-over montages of children swimming, monkeys climbing, birds fluttering and, overwhelmingly, foliage growing. Then, somewhere around the middle, you get pulled in. And after the whole, nearly three-hour experience is over, you're snug in the film's slow-motion world and it all somehow makes sense.

What there is in the way of coherent plot—and there isn't much—concerns the bloody, ruinous battle for Guadalcanal, where the turning point of the Allied-Japanese battle in World War II occurred. In particular, it concerns the battles of infantry Company C, with a focus on each soldier's individual war. At times, it seems as if the entire company has a speaking role, and with its innumerable voice-overs and frightened faces under loosely-worn combat helmets, *The Thin Red Line* forces the viewer to keep track of what's going on and who's speaking now; it's as if the film itself couldn't be bothered.

Resembling *Apocalypse Now* a great deal more than *Saving Private Ryan*, *The Thin Red Line* is the latest from cult director Terry Malick. After telling the tale of Charles Starkweather, Carol Fugate and their murder spree in the 1950s with his debut film *Badlands* (from which Quentin Tarantino liberally borrowed in *True Romance*), Malick proceeded to make *Days of Heaven* in 1978 and then, seemingly, dropped off the face of the earth. Fortunately, *The Thin Red Line* should assure fans that Malick's style won't ever change, what with the terse dialogue, beautifully worked shots, and haunting slow-motion still in place after all these years.

And after three hours engrossed in that style, little things like characters and plot cease to matter. *The Thin Red Line* sucks the viewer in and then leaves you to wander back home in a prolonged daze, with a head full of poetic monologues, quietly moving figures and the slow drift of palm trees. By the time it takes everyone to figure out this one, Malick will have made another. That's only another 20 years away. ♦

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Irfan Dhalla, Douglas Quan and Jo-Ann Chiu were all pleased as punch to be back at the paper. "Oh boy!", said Julian Dowling. "I get a chance to see Sarah Galashan again. And hang out with the likes of Sara Newham and Bruce Arthur!" The thrill was in the air for everyone from Lisa Denton to Dale Lum to Richard Lam. Todd Silver, was readying to kick out some fresh new jams, and Federico Barahona was looking forward to samplin' those tasty new tunes. Nyranne Martin and Cynthia Lee were hyper-active with joy at the thought of seeing Ron Nurwisah and Tom Peacock again. Nick Bradley and Jaime Tong just smiled prettily as John Zaozirny passed by.



## The \$64,000 question unanswered

You probably got the letter in the mail last term. An invitation to join the exclusive Golden Key National Honour Society, written on official UBC stationary and signed by Martha Piper.

Access to scholarship money, networking opportunities, corporate contacts—and that all-important name recognition. All for only 80 bucks.

Who could resist? Well, 800 UBC students couldn't.

But what exactly did they get in return for the \$64,000 they shelled out? Not a heck of a lot.

At the lavish inauguration ceremony of Golden Key's UBC chapter last term, three lucky UBC students received a whopping

\$800 each in scholarship money. That's a return in scholarships of 3.75 per cent. Where do we sign up?

Of the \$5 million in membership fees that Golden Key receives every year, only five per cent of that is given back in the form of scholarships (roughly \$300,000).

Where does the rest of the money go, you ask? That's what we'd like to know.

And we're not the only ones who are asking these basic questions. The Better Business Bureau in Atlanta, where Golden Key is based, has been asking the society to hand over its financial statements for years—to no avail. A strange practice for a non-profit society.

Which brings up a big question: just what sort of research did UBC and Martha Piper do

before they officially endorsed Golden Key?

It certainly seems as if the university has failed to properly or thoroughly scrutinize this particular partnership. Are the deals in the best interests of students, or are they in the best interests of the university?

Incidentally *the Ubyssy* tried to call the directors of the society, but they were in Cancun. Really.

So where do we go now? Will Martha Piper's smiling mug show up beside grinning Ed McMahon? You too may already have won \$10 million in tuition!

The biggest question in all this is whether UBC students are getting screwed, and whether the university is endorsing the screwing. Think About That. ♦

## Letters

### In response to "A. Johnson"

A *Ubyssy* opinion piece written by one "A. Johnson" [Jan 5], supports the position that "the Government of Canada would have been wise to enact the Emergency Act and/or the War Measures Act during APEC 1997."

Anyone attending university classes at the time of the APEC meeting could report that war measures were in effect during that histrionic summit meeting. A military zone of chilling proportions was set up at the site a full day before the meeting. Any student who chose to walk through the area was watched in her/his every move by a full complement of silent, uniformed men. The quiet of the place gave it its chief.

Protesters at UBC on the day of the APEC meeting drew attention

to the war zone erected on campus. They did service to a public that is so often left in ignorance of the true nature of corporate expansion.

My letter will be signed in full with my name and faculty, unlike the author of last week's opinion piece, "A. Johnson," who remains genderless and species-unknown.

Nancy Horsman  
Unclassified Arts

### Baha'is support peace

In *the Ubyssy* [Nov 24, 1998], you graciously published an article by Julian Dowling entitled, "Baha'is denied education."

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for supporting the plea

of the Baha'i students in Iran to vindicate their basic right to education and to continue studying in their "Open University."

However the last quote on my behalf seems to be the reflection of others' opinions, since no real Baha'i would or could have suggested the use of force for solving a relatively simple problem as the right to education. The Baha'i faith is a world religion advocating, among other divine principles, universal peace, concord, cooperation and unity of mankind. Baha'is firmly believe in and aim for a New World Order based on rule of law and justice, international cooperation, mutual interests of mankind and particularly based on spiritual foundations.

Bah'u'llah, the prophet founder of the Baha'i faith addressed the rulers of the world over a century before with these powerful words: "O rulers of the earth! Be reconciled among yourselves, that ye

may need no more armaments save in a measure to safeguard your territories and dominions." Also: "We beseech God to assist the kings of the earth to establish peace on earth."

Furthermore present prevailing international law and Charter of the UN prevent the international community to intervene in internal affairs of countries. National sovereignty is, presently, an obstacle for humanitarian intervention. Since 1994 over 800 million innocent people were slaughtered in Rwanda.

Was the UN or international community able or empowered to prevent this genocide?

Houchang Zargarpour  
West Vancouver

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## Theft sours SUB's open environment

[Re: "Theft on the Rise, RCMP warn", Nov 24, 1998] It was ironic to read Sarah Galashan's article on theft last week given a theft incident that occurred on the morning of November 23 in the Student Union Building.

The Christmas Market sales were in full swing with the booths on the main floor. One of those booths on the main floor was inhabited by the Brazilian Street Project. This Project raises money that has enabled the building and staffing of a school and health centre from the sale of Paris plaster mould angels made by impoverished street youth and young single parents from NE Brazil. We volunteers sit at booths like this one during the Christmas season.

On this morning it so happened that Director Miriam Ulyrch had volunteered to work at the booth where her purse was stolen. She lost \$800, her ID, VISA and various personal belongings. Naturally she was shocked, upset and felt violated.

The physical setup and atmosphere of the Christmas Fair entails a certain level of trust and openness so as to enhance a more personal and assessible availability of the public to sales reps and their

product(s). So does the atmosphere of the SUB in its partial function as a living room for students, all of which creates a ready made environment for theft.

This thirteen year old project has been selling street angels for five years predominantly in the lower mainland at markets, malls, shops and the SUB without incident. This is our first experience of personal theft. As many of our volunteers are visitors from off campus it paints a picture as an unsafe place to visit or partake in various campus activities. This experience has somewhat soured our experience in a venue where we look forward to participating given the mostly positive reception causes of social development receive.

Students and visitors need beware. The casual relaxed friendly atmosphere must, unfortunately, now include a more guarded and vigilant attitude as it does elsewhere in our society. How regrettable, but how necessary.

I would also recommend that the university management, student union and RCMP continue to address this serious issue in attempting to contain and minimize it at UBC. Perhaps signs reminding people to "beware of your belongings" need be posted at various places around campus for the protection and safety of all who make use of the university.

Jake Malone  
Vancouver

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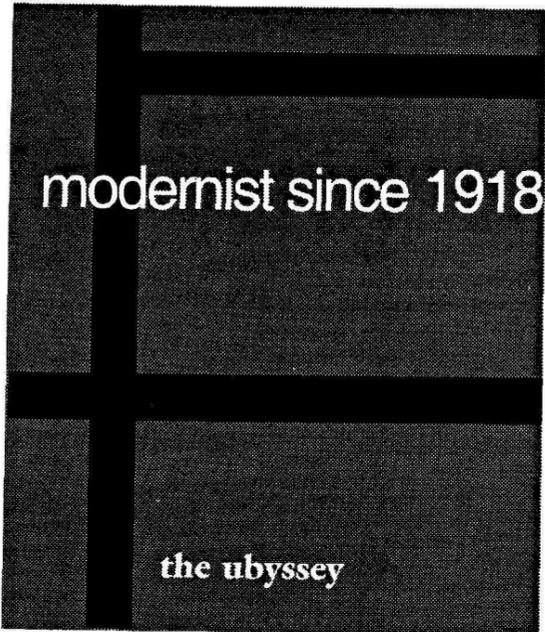
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## Ramadhan

# The month of fasting

There are an estimated 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide. In North America, Islam is considered the fastest growing religion with about 6 million Muslims and close to 2000 mosques, Islamic schools and Islamic centers.

For Muslims around the world, the end of 1998 marks the beginning of the month-long fast of Ramadhan. Ramadhan, which begins about 11 days earlier each year, is the month on the Islamic Lunar Calendar during which Muslims abstain completely from

food, drink, and sexual pleasures from the break of dawn to sunset. Along with the declaration of faith, daily prayers, charity, and the pilgrimage to Mecca, it is one of the five pillars of Islam. A Muslim prepares for the fast each day by having a meal called sahur before dawn. And breaks the fast directly after sunset with dates and a drink of water (called iftar), followed by a meal. Special prayers, called Taraweeh, are performed every night in the month of Ramadhan. By the end of the month the recitation of the Holy Quran is completed.

Fasting is compulsory for those who are mentally and physically fit, past the age of puberty, and are sure fasting is unlikely to cause real physical or mental injury. Those who are sick or travelling, as well as women who are nursing babies, pregnant, or

in the state of menstruation are among those exempted from fasting and must make up the missed days at another time. For Muslims, Ramadhan is a time of remembrance and giving thanks to Allah (the Arabic word for Almighty God) for what they've been given. It's also a time to contemplate about God and the universe and ones place in it. Fasting will increase ones sincerity to Allah, strengthening the

the first day of Shawwal, the month following Ramadhan and lasts for three days. During Eid, Muslims greet each other with the phrase "Eid Mubarak" meaning Happy Eid. Eid is as important to Muslims as Christmas and Yom Kippur are to Christians and Jews respectively. Therefore, it is very important that Muslim workers and students be given time to attend Eid prayers. For non-Muslims who want to

share the celebration, they can congratulate their fellow Muslims with a small token such as a card or simply by saying "Happy Eid".

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relationship between the human being and the creator, a sense of self-purification and renewed focus on spirituality. It is also during this month that Muslims remember the poor and needy more by giving alms of the month of Ramadhan and by inviting them to meals.

Muslims also appreciate the feeling of togetherness shared by family and friends throughout the month. The practical benefits lie in the yearly lesson in self-restraint, discipline, patience, and unselfishness that can carry forward to other aspects of a Muslim's life, such as work or education.

The end of Ramadhan is marked by the feast of fast-breaking called Eid ul-Fitr, one of the major Muslim holidays besides the feast of pilgrimage (Eid ul-Adha). Eid ul-Fitr begins with special congregational morning prayers on

The Muslim Students' Association of UBC (MSA-UBC) actively organizes a series of events during Ramadhan for Muslim students on campus such as the daily Taraweeh, weekly Iftar gatherings, and public speakers. MSA-UBC is an AMS constituted club and the only student organization on campus that among other things serves the cause of Islam and presents Islam to both Muslims and non-Muslims thus promoting friendly relations and understanding between them. For further information about Ramadhan, visit the MSA-UBC website at: <http://www.cs.ubc.ca/spider/faulus/MSA-UBC/msapage.html>, or send an e-mail to: [msa-ubc@cs.ubc.ca](mailto:msa-ubc@cs.ubc.ca).

MSA-UBC

The Muslim Students' Association  
-UBC



## Referendum 1999 Questions

### Question #1

Whereas university radio stations, such as CiTR, offer a level of free speech, expression and diversity not found in most forms of media; and

Whereas CiTR offers UBC news and current affairs, Thunderbird sports coverage, and a variety of music you can't hear anywhere else;

Therefore, I support a \$3 increase to the AMS fee, refundable upon request, and a \$2 allocation of the existing AMS fee, to support the operations and programming of CiTR, UBC's student owned and operated radio station.

Yes  No

Whereas specific funding raised in a referendum would ensure that CiTR could not only continue to fulfill its mandate, but could also increase its services and programming to meet the ever-changing needs of UBC students;

NOTE: this will result in a \$3 increase to your AMS fee.

### Question #2

#### REASONS TO VOTE NO

Whereas the AMS joined the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) in the summer of 1998, at a cost to UBC students of over \$35,000; and

Whereas AMS Council specifically refused to run a referendum on the issue, clearly not caring what students think; and:

Whereas UBC students should have the democratic right to choose membership in any organization.

NOTES: 1) A successful 'NO' vote would require AMS Council to seek the approval of students in a future referendum if they ever again wanted to join CASA.  
 2) Neither a 'YES' or 'NO' vote will alter your AMS fee.

Therefore, should the AMS be a member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations?

Yes  No

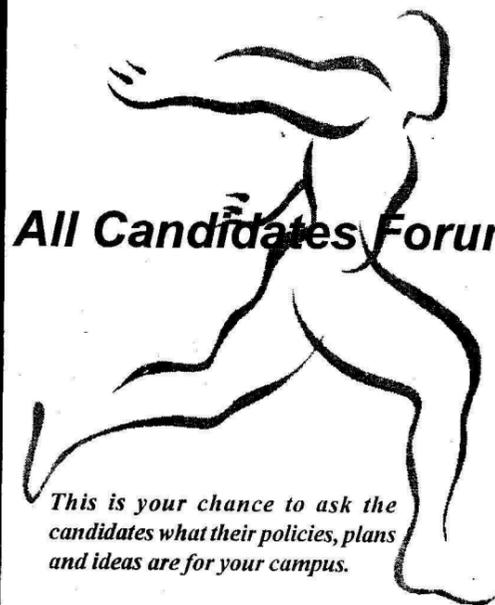
#### REASONS TO VOTE YES

UBC students, through a 1996 referendum, directed AMS Council to do more government lobbying - and specifically created a new \$100,000 per year lobbying fund to do so.

CASA membership costs the AMS only \$24,000. It would cost us over \$400,000 and a mandatory new \$12 student fee to join the Canadian Federation of Students, the only other national student organization.

Major changes to post-secondary education are happening at the federal level - UBC students have a right to be heard!

## See How They Run!



### All Candidates Forum

This is your chance to ask the candidates what their policies, plans and ideas are for your campus.

What makes them the best person to vote for? This is your opportunity to find out.

For more candidate information the Elections Supplement will be available in this week's Page Friday (Jan 15) of the Ubyssy;

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