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Eating disorders affect men

by Kelly Pedro
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TORONTO (CUP)—Joseph eats the same thing for breakfast every day. After waking up at six o'clock, he starts his day with toast, peanut butter and a banana.

For lunch, Joseph has an orange and prunes. His dinner consists of rice, homemade tomato sauce and some vegetables. And once a day, he snacks on hot air popcorn.

He also exercises for three hours a day, five days a week.

But while Joseph's daily routine might make him sound like a health fanatic, he's not.

Four years ago, Joseph was diagnosed with a non-specific eating disorder, a combination of anorexia nervosa and bulimia. And while dealing with the illness is hard enough, it's not made any easier by the fact he suffers from a disease typically associated with women.

For that reason, Joseph says he finds it hard to cope with both his illness and the stigmas associated with his disease. But he says he finds strength from other men in his situation.

"It's usually females that are diagnosed, but I have since met other men who have similar problems so I don't feel so bad," he says.

Brian, whose name has been changed at his request, is anorexic and shares Joseph's concerns.

"There's a lot of shame involved, because it's perceived as a woman's disease and it's seen as a shameful thing for men to be doing," he says.

The way eating disorders manifest themselves for men and women, however, are often very similar.

For Brian, Joseph and others with an eating disorder, food is seen as the enemy.

During his illness, Brian strictly monitored everything he ate.

"I ate a lot of bagels, like five per day with nothing on them," he says. "For some reason it was okay to eat them but anything with fat content was unacceptable."

He further controlled his diet by purging, either by vomiting or taking laxatives, if he felt he had been eating too much.

Brian's behaviour continued until 10 months ago, when family and friends urged him to seek help after noticing he

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FIND THE PUCK: Sheldon Moser of the Saskatchewan Huskies moves in on UBC goalie Dave Trofimenkoff during the final of the Valor Cup held at the PNE Coliseum on Dec 31. The Birds lost 4-3. It was UBC's only loss during the tournament, which also featured McGill and the University of Toronto. But while the Valor Cup was successful on the ice, the tournament drew small crowds. RICHARD LAM PHOTO

New chair, same old inquiry

by Douglas Quan

The APEC inquiry can investigate alleged political interference in the actions of RCMP officers at last year's summit despite contradicting media reports, says Andrew Irvine, president of BC's Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA).

Irvine said statements made by Shirley Heafey chair of the RCMP Public Complaints Commission regarding the scope of the inquiry have been misinterpreted.

He explained that even though the mandate of the inquiry is to examine the actions of RCMP officers, it is not barred from looking into the roles of other bodies, including the prime minister's office, if the evidence leads there.

"[The inquiry] does have the power to investigate policy directives and the sources of those directives on the RCMP," Irvine said.

At a press conference in Ottawa last month, Heafey said: "[The prime minister] is not my mandate. I'm not going to pretend anything else. My mandate is RCMP conduct."

But Irvine cautioned people not to draw

the conclusion that the inquiry was somehow barred from investigating the prime minister. He said Heafey confirmed this to him in a letter last year and added the commission still has the power to subpoena the prime minister if it is proven that his testimony is relevant to the proceedings.

The BCCLA is listed as one of the complainants in the inquiry. But unlike most other complainants, who are alleging the RCMP used excessive force by pepper-spraying student protesters, the BCCLA's complaints are concerned with the issues of whether student rights to free speech were violated, and that the size of the site allocated to the protestors was reduced shortly before the summit.

Heafey's comments followed her announcement that retired judge Ted Hughes had been named as chair of the inquiry. The original three panel members resigned late last year over allegations that its chair Gerald Morin was biased against the RCMP.

Hughes, who is BC's former conflict of interest commissioner, has previously headed three judicial inquiries.

Despite Hughes' good record, Heafey's

comments renewed calls from complainants, their lawyers and opposition critics to scrap the process and demand that the federal government strike an independent judicial inquiry.

But Irvine said he is opposed to the idea.

"I would be very hesitant to call for this commission to resign in the blind hope that maybe in the goodness of its heart, the cabinet is going to put together resources that will do a better job. I just don't believe that would happen."

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the Vancouver Police confirmed on Monday that four official complaints have been received by the VPD internal investigations department as a result of a clash between protesters and police last month.

At least four people were injured and another ten were detained when about 700 people rallied outside the Hyatt Hotel where Prime Minister Jean Chretien was giving a speech at a liberal fundraiser.

The spokesperson would not elaborate on how the investigation into those complaints would be conducted. ♦

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had become extremely thin.

"I thought I looked great, but I didn't," says the 6'1" Brian, who at the height of his illness weighed only 137 pounds.

"It mostly hit me when I went on vacation to Cairo with my roommate and came back and saw the pictures. I was shocked at how skinny I looked."

While the rate of eating disorders among men is lower than among women, it is not as rare as people might think.

About one out of every 10 people with an eating disorder are men—and experts say their numbers are rising as men become more self-conscious about their appearance.

Dr Miles Cohen, a Toronto psychiatrist who deals exclusively with men who have eating disorders, says there are many factors contributing to the development of the disease.

Cultural factors and television advertisements are major influences on how people view their bodies, he says. "Calvin Klein ads started it in the late 1980s, showing men who were smooth, defined

and had no body hair or fat."

Cohen worries that many men refuse to admit they may have an eating disorder because they too see it as a female disease. He says that the popular assumption that eating disorders only affect women causes the media to play down the effect they have on men.

But the media aren't the only ones who refuse to acknowledge that eating disorders can afflict men as well as women. Some doctors are reluctant to diagnose men with an eating disorder, partly because of a lack of education and inability to notice key symptoms in men, he says.

Finding the right doctor is a key step in the recovery process, which involves mental, emotional and physical treatment. Patients need to completely change how they think about and treat their bodies.

"You try to get them to eat normally and stop exercising and reintegrate it at a later time," says Cohen.

For Brian, recovery was initially incredibly difficult. "I didn't want to eat even though I had to," he says. "People were monitoring

me which I resented, but I knew they were doing it because they cared."

And even though Brian has been in treatment for 10 months, he still has a long way to go. He still works out five days a week, something he says remains important to him.

"If I don't work out for three days, I feel anxious and bloated. I get quite irritable and unhappy," he says. "Purging was a way to deal with the anxiety too, because I felt very calm after I had done it."

For Joseph, who is four years into his treatment, recovery is also a slow process. He says he still worries about things most people don't even think about, like eating in front of other people.

"I'm going home to my mother's for Christmas, and the biggest concern I have is how I'm going to eat. What am I going to eat when I'm down there, that's always an issue whenever I go to her place," he says.

For now though, he's taking his recovery one step at a time. "I don't see beyond being able to eat normally." ♦

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Valor Cup still looking for its fanbase

by Wolf Depner

The inaugural Valor Cup featuring four University hockey teams was a success on the ice, but not off it, despite heavy media coverage and promotion.

The final between UBC and Saskatchewan, played on Dec 31, drew a mere 2,200 fans to the 16,000 seat Coliseum. One game only drew a crowd of 100.

"We'd have certainly liked to have more," said Ken Megale, the local entrepreneur who financed the entire tournament, from renting the arena to hiring a public relations firm. "But we were a first-time event at a very busy sports time of the year."

Megale said the Valor Cup had four goals: to promote, elevate, honour, and financially support Canadian University hockey. He admitted the tournament met the first three goals, but not the last.

The hockey fan insisted he didn't take a "bath," but refused to say how much money he spent or lost on the tournament.

When asked about the future of the tournament, Megale tried to be optimistic. "If we are able to do it for a couple of more years, we will be able to recover those funds," he said, adding that there is a demand for university hockey, especially among the family crowd.

"There is a whole bunch of people who wanna see hockey played without fighting, without the brutish violence," he

said. "The average hockey fan would like to see this hockey. We would just like help bridge the gap between the campus and the community."

But the miniscule crowds suggest the Vancouver public may not be interested in university hockey. Megale said he would like the Valor Cup to stay in Vancouver, but has not ruled out staging the event somewhere else. He added he will make a decision in the next two to four months following a meeting with UBC Athletics scheduled for the month's end.

UBC head coach Mike Colfin said his players enjoyed playing in a larger venue. But Colfin said he is looking forward to meeting with Megale. "I have some suggestions as to how I would like see things to stack up." ❖

10,000 signatures short

Collecting the names of 12,000 UBC students is proving difficult for UBC's student society. The AMS wants to use the signatures to lobby for spots on provincial education committees.

Currently the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), a national lobby organisation, enjoys regular consultation with the provincial NDP government.

The CFS circulated a similar petition before it got on side with the government. AMS coordinator of external affairs, Ryan Marshall, says UBC students deserve similar treatment. "(The CFS) doesn't hold UBC's voice. It's not good enough."

Marshall says he is confident the AMS petition will pick up momentum. "Two thousand [signatures] is actually good. I checked on the CFS and it took them over a year to get their signatures."

The petition began circulating early December and will continue until mid-March.

Vancouver gets Olympic bid

Vancouver has snatched the Canadian bid to host the 2010 Winter Olympics. But a final decision on a host city won't be made until the year 2003.

If Vancouver wins, UBC will play a major role. It will be the site of the curling and short- and long-track speed skating competitions. Two domed sports arenas and an athletes' village will be built.

"When you're trying to get a bid, you're trying to show off your assets," said UBC athletic director Bob Phillip.

New residences for the village will be built in advance of the Games in the area currently occupied by McInnes Field and adjacent parking lots.

A second athletes' village is planned for Whistler. According to Phillip, the close proximity of the residences to the game sites is a "novel idea" that will help Vancouver's chances.

Referenda season begins

Funding for UBC radio will go to a campus referendum this February and may be accompanied by a second question regarding UBC's membership in a national student lobby organisation.

At issue is the AMS membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). The anti-CASA petition began circulating early December but it has yet to achieve the 1000 signatures necessary to support a campus referendum.

Controversy over CASA membership was sparked when AMS councilors voted last



ONE, TWO, THREE: Maryanne Adamec, Tina Chiao and Ryan Marshall struggle to get students to sign their petition. RICHARD LAM PHOTO

NEWS FLASH

summer to join the national student lobby group. Approval from UBC students is not necessary to join CASA and was not considered before the council vote.

But AMS coordinator of external affairs Ryan Marshall defends the decision to join CASA and says he would do so in a referendum campaign if necessary.

"I'll go toe to toe with them to prove CASA is the best lobbying voice for UBC."

While students might not vote on CASA they will vote on increased funding to CiTR, the campus radio station. And station manager Linda Scholten is hoping students will vote yes.

The campus dial is asking students to pay three dollars annually and approve the transfer of an additional two dollars from the current AMS fee to the station.

"It's not good to have media rely on the government for funding," says Scholten.

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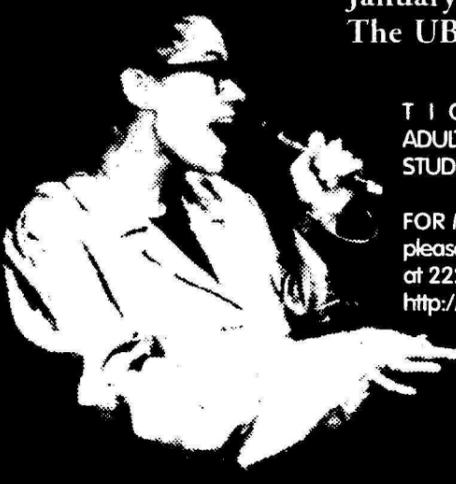
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Hoop Dreams Born Again

by Wolf Depner

Not long ago John Dykstra had little faith in authority. Just last year the former UBC forward was ejected for cursing at an official in an exhibition match against the Seattle Blue Angels. This past Saturday the two teams met again, only this time Dykstra was playing for the Angels and he was on his best behavior. Was it the occasion of playing his former teammates? No. You could tell right away that he was not going to take it easy on them. He pushed and pulled his weight underneath the basket with purpose and intensity and his smooth outside shot was still accurate. He wanted to win, badly.

But he was surprisingly quiet whenever there was cause to question a call and there were many in a sloppy 97-83 UBC victory. He was simply following one of the unspoken rules of his new team, a team whose slogan is a bible verse and whose players are encouraged to give testimony during half time.

"We don't try to stuff religion down the throats of people," says Dykstra. "But what we try to do is play with exemplary sportsmanship and with pride and with honor. And this means no cursing and talking back to the ref."

Following these rules has been a challenge, Dykstra admits. But he says that is why he likes playing with the Blue Angels.

"It forces me to be more under control, more of a man, more mature on the court," he says. "People can look at that whatever way they want to and I am imperfect like anyone else. But this gives me an opportunity to better myself as a person and hang around with great guys."

Doug Rockenbury, founder and head coach of the Blue Angels, still remembers how Dykstra behaved the last time these two teams played and is amazed at how much he has changed. "It is all a process of growing up and realizing there are bigger things," he says.

The Seattle Blue Angels are an unusual team, as is the story of John Dykstra. In the summer of 1995 he suffered a serious neck injury after he dove off an unmarked pier into three feet deep water near Vernon, BC. Dykstra almost drowned and doctors feared he would never walk again, never mind play hoops. It was during this time when Dykstra turned to religion. He was back on his feet in the fall. He returned to the court in October 1996 and was a key contributor over his two years with the Birds.

Dykstra, a health care giver for disabled adults, joined the Blue Angels this fall after he couldn't land a pro contract abroad following graduation. Playing with the Angels gives him a chance to keep in shape and his skills sharp. But that was only one reason, he maintains.

"For me, I do believe in Christ and I am a Christian and this gives me an opportunity to profess this in a dramatic fashion," he says.

Players on the Blue Angels are former Division I players from the United States and Canada. The team doesn't have a set roster and picks up players as it tours around the continent. This caravan-like atmosphere makes it impossible to practise. "Combined we have played a lot of basketball," says Dykstra. "But because we don't practise, we are coming out and we are trying to do the best we can at that moment. Some nights we have it. Some nights we don't. Some nights we gel. Some nights we don't. Sometimes we have never played with the guy who is beside us. We just try to be competitive. We want to play with utmost respect and sportsmanship and represent Christ. And if we can get a 'W' out of doing that, all the better."

The Blue Angels did not pick up a win Saturday night. The Birds led by as many as 30 points at one point. The Angels narrowed the gap towards the end as Dykstra went three-for-three from beyond the arc in the second half, but it wasn't enough. Dykstra didn't concede defeat until the last moment and chided the timekeeper for letting the game's final six-tenth of a second run out before the final in-bound pass. It was the only moment of weakness for the prodigal son in his return. "Being able to play in your home gym, in front of your home fans, against your old university, in front of your family is just great," he says.

After the game, Dykstra joined players from both teams in a small hospitality lounge for snacks and drinks. They nibbled on carrot sticks and exchanged stories. Dykstra was in the middle of it all and everybody talked fondly of the game they just played. "It was nice to play with him again because he is a great player," said UBC guard Dominic Zimmerman, a close friend of Dykstra. "He is a really good person too." And Zimmerman was not surprised to see Dykstra to play with a Christian team. "He gets out of control sometimes, but it is a good match for him."

Perhaps one made in heaven. ♦

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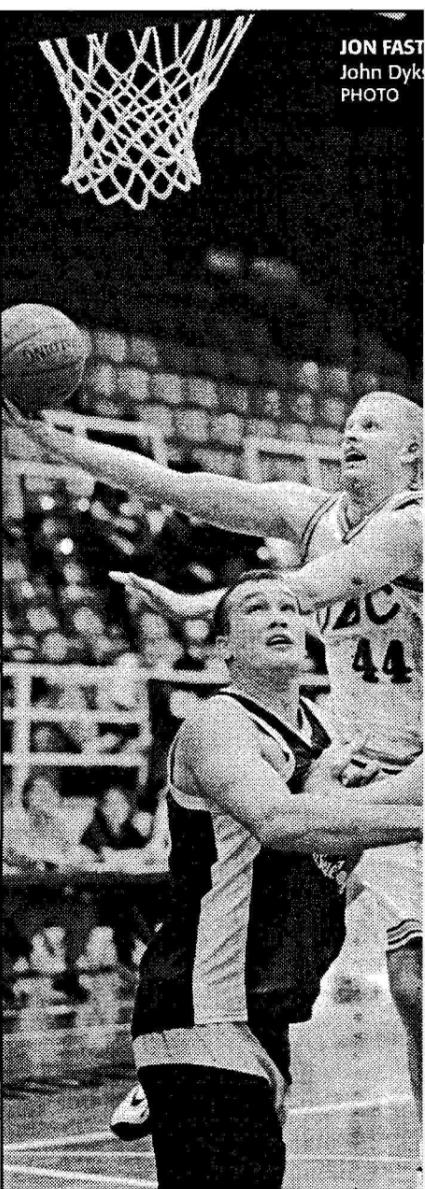
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The infirmary should look a little bit less the men's hockey team heads into the season this week.

Forwards Geoff Lynch and Sandy Hay defenseman Trevor Shoaf will be available weekend when the Birds host the Saskatchewan Huskies for two key games. And that is good for the 5-7-2 Birds, who are tied for the final spot with Lethbridge, four points behind Seattle in Calgary.

Those make UBC team. Just Birds' play inaugural played over days. UBC round-robin the tournament feated with Toronto, Saskatchewan losing to Seattle 4-3 in the final.

"The final well and exposure for us,"



JON FAST
 John Dykstra
 PHOTO

by Wolf Depner

The man with the flashy name showed he got game.

Jon Fast scored 25 points as the men's basketball team cruised past the Seattle Blue Angels 97-83 Saturday night in an exhibition game at War Memorial Gym. Twenty four hours earlier, Fast paced the Birds with 23 points and 11 boards in a sloppy 88-68 victory over Whitman College from Walla Walla, Washington.

Saturday's game was hardly a classic. The Birds played nothing like a team with the best defense in

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U: making the grade

by Sara Newham

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Those three players make UBC a different team. Just consider the birds' play during the inaugural Valor Cup played over the holidays. UBC finished the tournament undefeated with wins over Toronto, McGill, and Saskatchewan, before losing to Saskatchewan 3 in the tournament final.

"The fact we played well and got a lot of positive press are all pluses for us," said head

coach Mike Coflin who described the first half of the season as a roller-coaster. The team started the season 0-3, but improved as the season went along to remain in the playoff hunt. Anything can happen in the next 14 games and the Birds still believe, that if they continue to play the simple game, they can achieve their original goal of hosting a playoff series.

"It's definitely a possibility and that's what we should be shooting for," said winger Steve Williams. "We've gotten better, [and] we've got to carry it on through the rest of the year and into the playoffs."

Injuries seem to be the biggest story of the season so far. They hurt team depth and affected the Birds during Saturday games as players fatigued more easily.

"It was tough," said co-captain Troy Dalton. "We were missing a lot of good hockey players, and a lot of guys really stepped up and played well. It was probably the biggest hurdle to overcome."

Rookies Josh Cinnamon, Rob Teleske, Nils Antons, Dave Penner and Mike Millar were asked to fill in and Coflin was impressed with the way they responded.

The winter break has given the team time to heal. Only Corey Stock (abdominal strain) is still a few weeks from returning to the line-up.

Here's a breakdown of the team:

Goaltending

Dave Trofimenkoff is now the last of defense following the departure of Jon Sikkema who left for a minor pro hockey career in Huntsville, Alabama.

Sikkema had all five UBC wins during the first half, but Coflin expressed confidence in Trofimenkoff who won two games during the Valor Cup. "He had a really good performance," said Coflin of Trofimenkoff, a former National Hockey League draft choice. "He not only has to something to prove, but he also really wants to help this team win a Canada West Championship. That's why he came here."

Matt Wealick returns to the team as the backup following a year and a half absence. Wealick started one game during the Valor Cup, his first since the 1996/97 season, and earned the only shutout of the tournament, beating the University of Toronto 4-0. But it is unlikely that he will play much over the next fourteen games, with Trofimenkoff being the go-to guy for the rest of the season.

Overall Grade:

Defense

The UBC blueline corps has played well all season. They have been the

Fast breaks win out

get back in the game. "I don't think we played as well as we could have played," said Tomlinson. "We got a 30-point lead and we could have kept that lead, build on the lead, and we sort of let up. We didn't really display a killer instinct."

Still, the victories gave the Birds a chance to work off the Christmas Turkey. The Canada West season resumes this Friday with two key home games against the 0-6 Saskatchewan Huskies. The Birds have a good chance to win both games and if they do, they will improve to 4-4 in Canada West action.

Only four players remain from last year's edition and one of them, starting point guard Nino Sose, has spent most of the season on the sidelines due to a back injury. He underwent surgery in December to remove a cyst and nobody knows if he will return. This makes the back-



EVASION: Saskatchewan's Neil Johnston tries to get by Geoff Lynch in the Valor Cup final. The Huskies won 4-3. RICHARD LAM PHOTO

goaltenders' best friends most nights, while helping out offensively as well. "The only times that our defense suffered was when we had 4 defensemen instead of six or seven," said Coflin. Andrew Kemper has probably been the most consistent blueliner so far. Penner has also played well and the addition of Shoaf will add some more character to this group. There is a need for improvement, especially in the shots-against department, with UBC allowing 38 shots per game.

Overall Grade:

Offense

With 48 goals in 14 games so far, UBC offense ranks third in the conference with all three lines contributing. Troy Dalton (17 points), Steve Williams (14 points), and Tom Mix (12 points) rank 1-2-3 in team scoring.

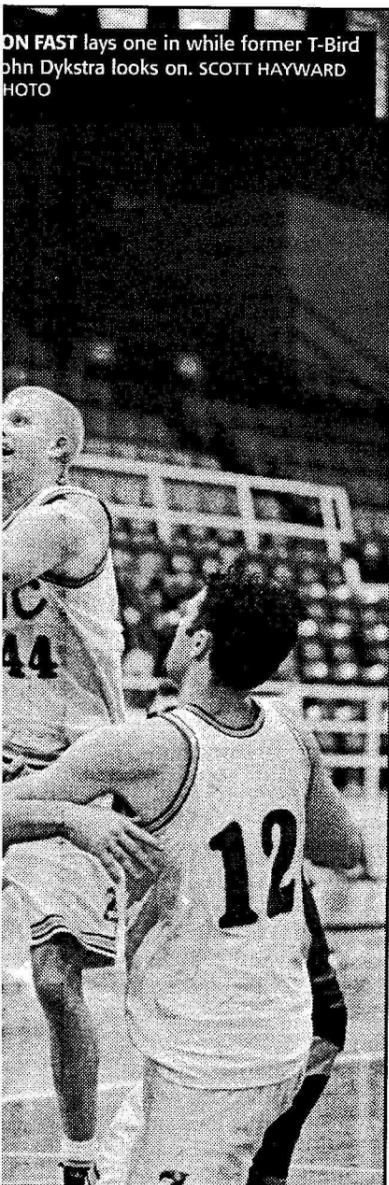
"I think that Dalton could be one of the top five [forwards] in the league," said Coflin. "So that [17 points] is an outstanding performance on his part." With the return of Lynch and Hayer and the addition of former Kelowna Rocket Jason Deleurme, who scored ten points during the Valor Cup, the offense should be more productive in the second half of the season, assuming of course, everyone remains healthy.

Overall grade:

Special Teams

The Birds' special teams are still trying to be that. UBC penalty killers rank fourth in the conference, but the sixth-ranked power play still needs some work. So the return of Lynch, Hayer, and Shoaf and the addition of Deleurme comes at a perfect time.

Overall Grade:



ON FAST lays one in while former T-Bird John Dykstra looks on. SCOTT HAYWARD PHOTO

the conference, and made several gross mistakes on offense. Assistant coach Ross Tomlinson, who had to fill in for a flu-ridden Bruce Enns, blamed their performance on the month-long layoff, nagging injuries, and the flu. "It is a tough situation," said Tomlinson, also suffering from the flu. "This week we had eight players at practice. Coaches had to step in and practice."

UBC led 50-41 after the first half, and went on an 11-0 run at 2:17 of the second half to go up by 20. UBC would eventually push its lead to 30 by the 10-minute mark of the second half before allowing Seattle to

court an area of great concern. Poor passing and several rushed perimeter shots illustrated this fact several times in Saturday's game.

If Sose doesn't come back, the Birds will have to rely even more on leading scorer Stanleigh Mitchell and his 21.8 points per game. But the Birds did get some good news over the holidays. 6'5" forward Jason Bristow was back in the line-up Saturday after recovering from a stress fracture in his left leg. Although he played only 13 minutes, he still managed seven points on three-for-four shooting. "It felt good to be back," said Bristow, who will complement Sherlan John in the front-court.

"Personally, I am so pleased that J.B. is back because he adds so much to our team," said guard Dominic Zimmerman. "Hopefully, Nino [Sose] will come back too, but who knows." ♦

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"What shall we do for the beginning of the year?" cried Richard Lam hysterically. "How about a top-ten list?" said Cynthia Lee. "I hear those are good for filling up space." And so thus began the Ubyssy top albums of 1998, a fine way of increasing inch counts. Sarah Galashan thought that the Wilco and Billy Bragg album had gone off quite well, although Douglas Quan argued that it couldn't shape up to the brilliance of Pulp's *This is Hardcore*. Ronald Nurwisah had discovered the joys of Elliot Smith and XO, while Duncan M. McHugh was really, really into Placebo's *Without You I'm Nothing*. Scott Hayward thought that the new Smashing Pumpkins album hadn't gotten its due, a point with which Sarah Newham heartily agreed. Federico Barahona truly believed that in the *Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* lay the future of hip-hop, but Dale Lum was a purveyor in the truth that *Mos Def and Talib Kweli are Black Star*. "But," shrieked out Wolf Depner and Jeremy Beaulne, "what about Hole?" Hm... nope, overrated. "I'd go with *Rufus Wainwright*," concluded John Zaozirny.



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from the ubyssey...



Letters

Sessionals problem is structural

Thanks for the great article on sessionals at UBC by Jamie Woods [Ubyssy, Nov 27], as well as the editorial in the same issue. Just one point in response: Yes, the Faculty Association has tried to negotiate on behalf of full-time sessionals, and has tried to get part-time sessionals included in the bargaining unit. I have no reason to believe the Faculty Association is anything but well-intentioned and has honestly tried to do their best for sessionals.

The issue is not one of good intentions. It is a structural issue. Regardless of whether Faculty Association negotiators personally wish to improve the lot of sessionals or not, they work from within a particular relationship to the administration and to sessionals. In the con-

text of that structured relationship, the interests of sessionals and the Faculty Association differ; we stand to gain and lose differently if there are changes in the structure. Even if part-time sessionals were included within the bargaining unit of the Faculty Association we would only ever be at the bottom of the hierarchy, our issues among the first negotiating "items" let go at the bargaining table.

Brenda Beagan
Part-time Sociology sessional
by e-mail

Hurricane Mitch: You should act

The stories I have read in the papers about the impact of Hurricane Mitch in Central America have been heartbreaking. What is equally

heartbreaking is that despite the death, misery and destruction of productive capacity, the urgent appeal for debt cancellation being made by these countries is being ignored by the international community.

Canada has announced a temporary suspension of debt payments, which while promising, needs to culminate in cancellation to send a clear message to other creditor governments to do the same. Debts to international financial institutions and regional banks must also be cancelled and Canada can also play an important role in advocating for this.

How will Honduras and Nicaragua rebuild people's homes or replace the many bridges now damaged beyond repair? Emergency assistance is certainly needed and at a higher level than currently planned. But the effort at reconstruction will be a tragic fail-

ure if Nicaragua and Honduras combined must expend over \$2 million a day to pay off their tremendous debts. These debts are essentially unpayable and no one argues that writing them off would cost any more than a fraction of their face value.

It's time for our government to get behind full debt cancellation for these countries, with careful oversight by non-governmental groups in determining how resulting savings can best be redirected to reconstruction and development and how to avoid getting into such debt in the future. That's the least we can do help these countries start moving down the long road to recovery.

The time for action is now.

Alan Cassels
UBC Health Researcher
via e-mail

APEC: Government should have enacted War Measures Act

by A. Johnson

Protesters are by nature provocative. Blocking roads is illegal anytime and anywhere and it was especially foolish of protesters at UBC during the 1997 APEC Summit to block roads and storm security barriers and fences since the RCMP had been given control of the area around the Museum of Anthropology by UBC itself. With regards to signs being taken down, a security fence is not a bulletin board. The allegations of signs being removed by RCMP officers may or may not be true, but if it is true it is no different than the City of Vancouver promptly removing signs on lamp standards. Just because something is public property does not mean that you can do whatever you want to it.

The Government of Canada would have been wise to enact the Emergencies Act and/or War Measures Act during APEC 1997 so it could have avoided the ongoing fiasco of accusations that APEC security arrangements violated individual rights. The Emergencies Act is of Constitutional significance in the Constitution Act of 1867. The people who have complained to the RCMP Public Complaints Commission are professional protesters who hate society in general. They attend just about every protest on the latest cause. Vancouver Police know them by name. The activities of these professional protesters leads one to believe they are a bunch of anarchists. Most of the public see them and their claims that the Prime Minister was involved in some grand conspiracy to quell protests at APEC as lacking any credibility. A small group entice moderate protesters, often new to the activity, through loud speakers spreading lies about how the police are going to react. This

happened at the Hyatt Hotel a year later on December 8, 1998 while Prime Minister Jean Chretien was speaking to a Liberal Party fund-raising dinner. The ring-leaders told ordinary bystanders on the sidewalk that they would be beaten and arrested by riot police and spouted many other lies. The fact of the matter is the controversy schemed up by government's opponents has not hurt the Chretien government at all. The Liberals had 46 percent support nationally and 40 percent support in BC in a November poll conducted by the polling firm of Angus Reid. In fact, of all

Canadians, British Columbians are the least likely to be concerned or disturbed about the events at

APEC. The ironic thing about the protests outside the Hyatt was that the protesters who claimed to be defenders of democracy were trying to restrict access to the right of other Canadians to assemble as members of the Liberal Party of Canada.

I quite enjoyed seeing the leaders, their security details, and didn't at all mind the motorcades and street closures. The overwhelming success of APEC 1997 shows that Vancouver and Canadian cities can hold world conferences, something we all wish to attract. The opponents of APEC are opposed to the government and the realities of globalisation. They forget that the government has a mandate to govern as it was elected by the Canadian public. They should present their views in a civil manner in the political arena not through civil disobedience. The police are mandated to maintain order which is what they strived for at APEC and they do on a daily basis serving and protecting the public. The RCMP's motto is appropriately "Maintiens le Droit", or maintain the right. They do this exceptionally well. ♦

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The Board of Directors oversees the administrative and business aspects of the paper including advertising, marketing, distribution, the budget and finances, meetings of the Society, and management of employees.

The Board is not, however, involved in the editorial aspects of the paper. The editorial policy and content of the paper is determined by the editorial board of the paper, elected by the Staff in March of each year. To become a staff member, those interested need to contribute to three issues of the Ubysey and attend regular staff meetings in order to get voting rights and the right to run for an editorial position.

Term is February '99 - February 2000. Directors attend approximately 20 Board Meetings throughout the year in addition to serving on the Board Committees. No previous experience with newspapers or the UPS is required.

The positions up for election are **the President** and **4 Directors at Large**.

Nomination forms are available at the Ubysey Business Office, SUB 245. Completed forms must be returned by 4:00pm Friday, January 8, 1999.

Elections will be held in conjunction with the AMS Executive, UBC Board of Governors, and Senate Elections, January 18 to 22, 1999.

For more information, contact Craig Bavis, President, at 822-6681.

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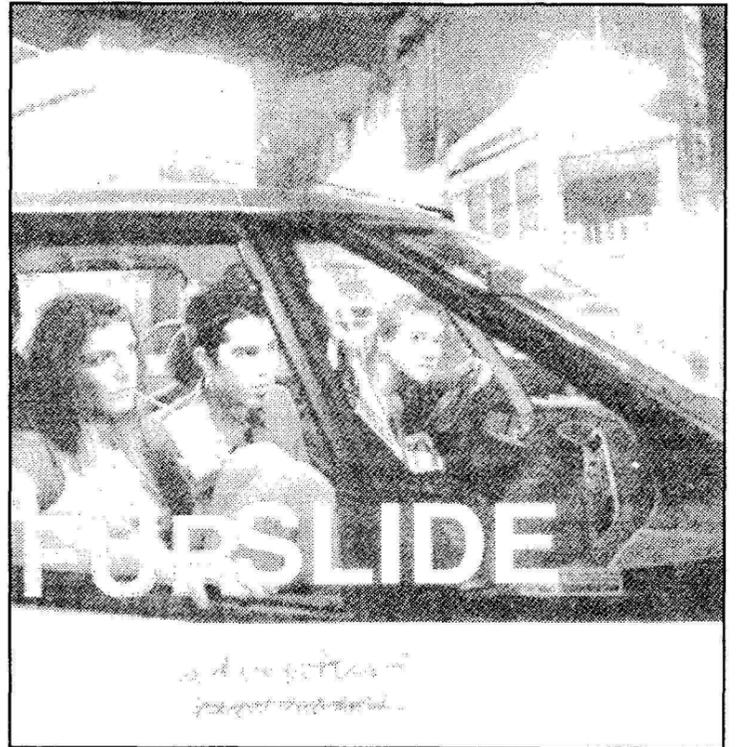
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Music minded

FURSLIDE—ADVENTURE
[meanwhile.../Virgin]

Singer/songwriter Jennifer Turner must have been going nuts as a guitarist on Natalie Merchant's *Tigerlily* tour. She'd have been aching to crutch her amp up to eleven and chop out some crunchy riffs. But she resisted, waiting until she formed Furslide to bring out her wilder side.

Not that all of their debut album, *adventure*, is guitar-centric, but the album does have that infuriating "post-grunge" vibe. Jennifer Turner and Furslide come off sounding like Meredith Brooks and Tracey Bonham, except, unlike those two, with the ability to create listenable, even enjoyable, music.

Part of the credit for Furslide's success should probably go to mega-producer Nellee Hooper (Madonna, Massive Attack), who not only signed the band to his "meanwhile..." record label, but also took the album's helm.

The strength of *adventure* lies in its catchy melodies and Turner's subsequent vocal interplay. Though they fall into the "quiet/loud/quiet/loud" formula, songs like "Shallow" and "Skinny Girl" remain catchy and enjoyable. And breaking out the orchestra for "Hawaii" and "Faith" brings an eloquence to the songs that otherwise might have been lost.

Unfortunately, where *adventure* falls flat is in its lyrical content. While Turner seems to be reaching for artistic and surrealist lyrics, the end results are, instead, mostly nonsensical.

Furslide's *adventure* may not be a very original album, but it is melodious and extremely catchy. If you're the sort of person that snatches up albums by women rockers, then Furslide shouldn't disappoint. It doesn't make much sense, but that's probably not the point. ♦

—Duncan M. McHugh

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