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TUES 4 — Poetry
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Where: UBC Robson Square Theatre
Time: 5pm
What: Lean how to get ahead, with Darcy Rezak

THUR 6 — Talk
Law and Society Roundtable
Where: Green College, Coach House
Time: 5-6pm
What: Listen to Margot Young and Dr. Renisa Mawani

Students volunteer time to fight human trafficking

BY AMY HADLEY
News Writer

The head of the new provincial office to combat human trafficking was at UBC on Monday and saidthat Canada needs to do more to raise awareness and prevent exploitation of trafficking victims here in Canada.

Robin Pike didn't have a hard time selling her message to an audience composed largely of a group of Law students who are already dedicating their time to a landmark study of human trafficking in Canada.

The UBC Human Trafficking Working Group invited Pike to speak to them and the public about government action and inaction in fighting human trafficking—the recruiting, transferring, harbouring or receiving people for the purpose of exploitation.

Law professor Benjamin Perrin started the Working Group just months ago with the aim of providing recommendations to the government. He hopes to raise awareness of a problem that people tend not to associate with Canada.

"Canada has one of the worst records in [the] developed world in terms of combatting human trafficking," Perrin said, citing a 2006 report of the Future Group, a non-governmental organisation he founded in 2000 while working in Cambodia with victims of the child sex trade.

In September, Perrin set up posters advertising the project and received an "overwhelming response"—about 75 students in the first week. He chose 12 law students to work on the project.

The group is focusing on sexual exploitation and examining different aspects of the problem. Some students are studying Canada as a destination for trafficked people, and some are looking at Canada as a source country. Others are examining the transition of people through Canada to the US. The group is also studying the involvement of Canadians in sex tourism outside of the country, since tourists fuel the demand for trafficked persons in destination countries. Based on their analysis, Perrin hopes to provide recommendations on how the government should deal with the problem within two years.

Spending three to five hours a week studying the problems here in Canada, Perrin's group of 12 volunteers don't receive academic credit for their efforts. But without these volunteers, such a research effort would normally cost upwards of a quarter million dollars. To date, no human trafficking studies have been done in Canada, Perrin said, and it's the volunteers that make this possible.

The only paid member of Perrin's team is research assistant Jody Barber. The third year law student was interested in human trafficking research before she joined the project, but even she didn't realise the extent of the problem here in Canada. Barber assumed she'd be focusing on Thailand or Cambodia and said, "it didn't occur to me that I would focus on Canada."

In Pike's presentation, she spoke of a lack of public awareness about the problem in Canada. Exploitation may be more visible in countries like Thailand and Cambodia, but Canadians need to realise that it's a big problem here at home, Pike said.

The RCMP estimates that upwards of 1200 people are trafficked into Canada each year, about half of them women brought here for the purpose of sexual exploitation. Labour exploitation is also a problem, Pike said, as is the using of trafficked people, including children, for drug smuggling. And it shouldn't be assumed that all of the victims come from outside Canada. Domestic trafficking tends to fall under the radar, but it happens, victimising aboriginal women in particular, Pike said.

"Vancouver is a hot spot" for trafficking, Pike said, and things will get worse running up to the 2010 Olympics. The games will fuel demand for cheap labour and sexual exploitation.

Pike said that the establishment of her office in July 2007 was a good provincial initiative, and that BC is leading the country in efforts to stop human trafficking. "Other provinces are watching [BC]," she said. However, she added that resources are still tight in her office, and adequate protection for trafficking victims isn't in place, as Canada lacks a central organisation to tackle the problem.

Raising public awareness is key, she said, to draw resources and energy towards helping victims of trafficking, because human trafficking simply isn't as visible as some other problems, like homelessness.

In Canada, human trafficking laws are relatively new and difficult to enforce. Perrin explained this is partly because it's difficult to keep victims in the country, as they're often deported once discovered, and partly because there's no integrated law enforcement team tackling the issue in the country.

There have been charges but no convictions yet under the 2002 Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

More effort needs to be put into prevention and enforcement, Perrin said. "Traffickers need to get a clear message we're not open for business." He hopes that efforts like his, and those of Pike's office will help the government to make that message loud and clear in the future.

A 2006 UN report estimates that worldwide, 800,000 people are trafficked annually. The majority of victims are women and girls. U

CORRECTIONS

In the article "Phantoms, fiddlers, and the Sound of Music" (Culture [Nov. 23]) we omitted the name of the actor who plays the character Yenta in "That's Another Story". The actor's name is Moriah Wax. The Ubyssey regrets the error.

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"Do you bite your thumb at me sir?" exclaimed Trevor Melanson to Oker Chen. The brewing fisticuffs were quelled by Adrienne Davidson's terrified interjection of "Hark, what light through yonder window breaks?" upon seeing Jordan Chittley's scarringly pale complexion nd very large prosthetic Cyrano nose. Claudia Li was not in the mood to play the part of Roxanne as she was occupied with brewing a draught of the living death with the happy side effect of shrinking Brandon Adams'…feet, which he had spent the last week obsessively videotaping with the help of Amanda Stutt. The resultant tears were drowned out by the William Hung impression of David Zhang. Colleen Tang was so distraught that David may actually eclipse her songbird status that she framed him for TPing the White House. George W. Bush thought that it was part of a conspiracy led by Matt Hayles to overthrow redneck government encroaching on Canadian soil. Bush chased him around the Ubyssey office screaming, "I'm gonna go nuclear on you." Without proper pronunciation of the relevant explosive expletive so that it sounded more like Matthew Jewkes' impression of Merle Haggard on weed with the munchies. Jesse Marchand was so turned on by this that she recited Sonnet 130 to the only thing that would listen which happened to be Stephanie Findlay's lampshade. Said lampshade was exhausted after a long day of serving as Gerald Deo's cone of silence. It resided for hours on Gerald's head privy to his confessions of stalking James Johnson. Being prone to gutter brain, and not having ACF as an outlet anymore, Michael "uber" Bround read far too much into this state of affairs. Paul Bucci was enlisted to prescribe the necessary narcotics to relieve gutter brain but instead his cure was to "come to the dark side because we're sparkly". This set Joe Raymont into a twenty-five-minute dissertation on the merits of shiny things that rattle. Kellan Higgins managed to stop this by shouting, "Mr. Data, shut up…twenty-five years I've been waiting to say that." Champagne Choquer agreed saying, "How are we supposed to live long and prosper with all this racket?" Amy Hadley subsequently consented to lower the volume of her lecture to Jesse Ferreras about his womanizing ways, which had caused poor Abby Wagner to pull an Ophelia despite Justin McElroy's advice that she just "get thee to a nunnery." In a disastrous attempt to be helpful, Levi Barnett compiled a list of such institutions that females of his former acquaintance had been driven to by him. Levi's list making tendencies and other organizational neuroses were severely offended by the offbeat but peppy rendition of "I Got Rhythm" by Marie Burgoyne and Heather Wilkinson. Amidst all this, nobody bothered to inquire what had been Trevor's initial offense to Oker.

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An Indian enlightenment

ABBY WAGER ILLUSTRATION / THE UBYSSEY

BY ADRIANNE DAVIDSON
Culture Writer

"We live Globally."

This is the theory of Jolly, the owner and chef of Jolly's Indian Bistro. Nowhere is this idea of a local and global community more prevalent and important.

There seems to be no better way to spend a late, dark, rainy Vancouver afternoon than in a cozy, warm, fragrant Indian restaurant, sipping a steamy cup of chai.

Overwhelmed by scents of vanilla, cinnamon, and curry spice, I enter into the well-sought-out haven that is Jolly's Indian Bistro on Fourth and MacDonald. Billowing saris hang from the ceiling, engulfing the restaurant. Jolly mentions that it is the ambience of the restaurant that makes the dining experience. It needs to "feel like home" he says, and stresses his love for colour. He explains that colour is vital for feeding the mind, body and soul.

Jolly wants to focus on the community, on the students and professors who patronise this inviting sanctuary, though stars such as Nelly Furtado are also known to drop by. His approach to cooking is something that we could all learn to live by: the simpler, the better.

The butter chicken, a special at Jolly's, is definitely worthy of trying. Jolly mentions that the menu will be changing soon. As we enter into winter, he points out, our bodies need more vitamins, therefore he will try to make the menu more vegetarian. He also is looking to add a fish curry to the menu, though he worries about the possibility of getting the freshest unfarmed fish for the restaurant.

You may just walk right past it, but Mahek—on Broadway before MacDonald—should not be missed. New to the Broadway culinary scene, Mahek is a great, affordable place for lunch, and a cozy setting for an Indian dinner. Open for three months now, it has been able to prove itself as a classy, inviting, traditional Indian restaurant. The warm setting is the biggest appeal in terms of the experience. Its formality and rich hardy colors speak to the wholesome food it serves.

Owner Jaspal Singh explains that "this is real Indian food, not the fusion [food]...What you get here is what you can get in India." Singh surprises me by explaining how the food is getting better here in Canada, especially with the spices being imported; spices of great quality are key to the skill of preparing Indian cuisine.

Singh, who has been in the restaurant business for 35 years, says what he loves most about Mahek is being able to give "his personal stories" to the customers. He wants to be able to share not only his food but his history with his patrons. What he ended up sharing with me was that not only does he find the people in Kitsilano to be more receptive to the spicy, hot dishes (compared to those in Surrey), but he also tells me that his personal favourites, the Vindallo dishes, are growing in appeal. I would definitely recommend the *daal makhani* (black Lentils with tomatoes). As a vegetarian, it was a filling, simple, and delectable dish. The mix snack platter is a good option for someone who cannot make up their mind in terms of what to order, as it consists of a flavoring of many Indian treats, including samosas and pakoras.

For some, it may be the simplicity and richness, for others, it may be just food, but for me, it's the philosophy of Indian food that keeps me coming back to these places of enlightenment. As important as the words we absorb in our textbooks, as the sentences we write on our midterms, food becomes something that should be respected, loved and meditated on. Be prepared to be well-fed, and to bring your friends. With big portions and lots of delicious cuisine, Indian food is a good way to fill the intellectual bellies of hungry students.

DAVID ZHANG PHOTO / THE UBYSSEY

Lights, camera, ActionScript

BY PAUL BUCCI
Culture Editor

The great tradition of UBC film was upheld last Tuesday with the vPortfolio Awards Ceremony, a celebration of the completion of the Computer Science program's first video project.

They had everything: tuxedoes, roses, catering. Photographers, like Paparazzi, nearly swarmed the filmmakers as they stepped up to receive their awards, flashing winning smiles.

"The idea about the project is that we want to give our students a learning opportunity," said Athena Li, one of the project's main coordinators.

"Participating in this program, we think that the students will benefit from this in many ways, because video production requires mental cognition, innovation and clarity."

To facilitate the project, the UBC film production program put on a number of workshops.

"[They] had one of their professors come in and do a workshop on filming techniques, another one came around to give us pointers about lighting and sound," said Eugene Katsov, who worked on the award-winning film, *Fireworks Factory*. "They helped you get off the ground, in terms of filming. It was a really, really good experience."

The project provided the necessary equipment for the films' production and offered the incentive of over $600 in prizes, including personalised clap boards for each film.

The funding came from the Skylight Centre for Learning and Teaching, which is a UBC initiative dedicated to "creating an environment that supports reflective science teaching and learning practices."

"It doesn't matter if they need these skills all the time, it doesn't matter if they are doing something acedemic, or for anything in their future careers," said Li. "There is a trend, we have found, that more and more people have started to put video into their portfolios for any kind of acedemic applications or job applications."

Li hopes to see the vPortfolio project become a regular thing for Computer Science students.

"I think the project was very sucessful and we had a lot of positive feedback from the student participants," she said. "All these things are things that could actually help our students."

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IN THEATRES DECEMBER 21

APEC: Ten years later...

The conclusion of our three part series depicting the events surrounding the APEC conference held on Campus 10 years ago on November 25th, 1997.

by Jesse Ferreras

Protestors gather outside of the then newly constructed Koerner Library during a protest against the APEC conference 10 years ago. The protest, which began peacefully, ended with police using pepper spray on demonstrators.

Continued from Aiyanas Ormond's story as told last Friday.

STAFF SERGEANT HUGH STEWART

The APEC Noon Rally remained at the flagpole for two hours and began to disperse at about 2pm. The crowd directed itself to three exits from the University through which the leaders' motorcades would leave at the end of the day. Two were at Gate 3, near Green College at the intersection of Northwest Marine Drive and Chancellor Boulevard. Another exit at this location allowed the motorcades to veer left, continuing on to Marine Drive and down to the oceanfront.

The other exit was Gate 6, on NW Marine Drive close to Place Vanier residence, on another side of campus. It was here that leaders would be ushered off campus in black limousines at around 4pm that day.

Gate 3 was the first exit reached by protesters. Between 150 and 200 left Rose Garden Plaza and headed toward Chancellor Boulevard, past the law school building and through the Vancouver School of Theology. They seated themselves across Chancellor Boulevard near Theology Mall and blocked the exit route.

RCMP officers tried to direct protesters off the road but they wouldn't move. At 2:30pm a demonstrator with a megaphone announced he was heading to Gate 6 and invited others to join him. About 50 did, and they headed to NW Marine Drive near Vanier.

Prior to APEC Staff Sergeant Hugh Stewart was known to peers as "Huggie." For close friends, that's still the case. But before the day was out he would come to be known as "Sgt. Pepper," and not because he was a Beatles fan.

Stewart was in charge of Quick Response Teams, which included 150 RCMP officers and 60 members of the Vancouver Police on bikes. His unit was charged with providing security wherever marchers were expected.

Aside from the fact that they would be confronting demonstrators who had been preparing for months, the whole operation could not have started with more hitches for the police. 131 officers were expected for a 6am briefing at the UBC detachment. That included four zone commanders who would be in charge of specific areas on campus throughout the day.

Instead, buses bringing officers to UBC were diverted to "E" division headquarters on Heather Street in Vancouver—miles from the university. About a third of the officers expected at the briefing got there on time and zone commanders had to be appointed on the spot.

"We really almost ran them into the briefing room," an officer later said. "I think [we] showed them basically a chart that and said, okay, this is Zone 1, 2, 3 or west/east, and away you go."

The charged atmosphere at UBC combined with the scrambling to get organised by police made a stressful day for both sides.

As commander of the Quick Response Teams, Stewart was present for many of the day's biggest events. His teams were present at Rose Garden Plaza for the noon rally and he supported the idea of allowing protesters to reach the fence. That rally would not be the last time that pepper spray was unleashed that day.

At 3pm, about an hour before the motorcades' departure time, all three exits leading out of the university were blocked. Over 100 protesters blocked the road at Gate 3 and protesters had already made their way to Gate 6. The RCMP had an hour to move aside a protest that would not immediately allow vehicle passage out of the university.

Four officers were already present at Gate 6 when the protesters arrived. The mood at the site was described as calm and passive—even peaceful. Protester Mark Brooks carried a megaphone and told protesters to follow whatever police instructions they received.

Common strategy would dictate the possibility that protesters might obstruct such exits, but the situation was not foreseen by RCMP plans. A potential blockade was never addressed in the operational plan for dealing with protests. RCMP Supt. Wayne May, in charge of security planning, knew of no plan to deal with blockades.

The period between 3pm and 4pm was chaotic for the security operation at UBC. At one end there were over 100 protesters blocking the exit that was supposed to take the motorcades out of UBC by way of Chancellor Boulevard, at the other there were protesters. Peaceful ones, according to reports, but the RCMP didn't yet know how they would deal with them.

The Gate 3 protesters were not as friendly—they refused RCMP instructions to clear the road. Near the gate, the officers in charge of security discussed what to do. Helicopters to lift the leaders out of the Museum were considered but the idea was abandoned.

Around 3pm, Stewart issued an order to call two reserve quick response teams from the Seaforth Armoury in downtown Vancouver. At around 3:10pm, Supt. Trevor Thompsett, site commander at UBC, asked for two to three Quick Response Teams to be sent to Gate 6 and was told it would be done. Command Centre had different plans. Thompsett was informed near the same time that he was being replaced and decisions about how to deal with the exit would happen there.

Thompsett complied, and at 3:15pm, when it was decided that Gate 6 would be cleared, command knew nothing of the teams coming from downtown Vancouver. They believed all Quick Response Teams were busy dealing with the downed fence at Rose Garden Plaza and needed to find other ways to open Gate 6.

Officers were to be brought on bikes from the Heather Street barracks and from locations along a planned motorcade route into downtown Vancouver. 100 police were expected to be available at Gate 5 to ask the protesters to move while the clock was ticking on the motorcades.

A unit of crowd control officers in "level two" attire—riot gear—replete with hard hats, batons and shields were directed to Gate 6 through a lapse in communication between Command Centre and the officers at UBC. They ran to clear the gate when Supt. Thompsett drove up alongside them and said the gate had been cleared. He told them to get out of sight promptly to avoid a scene.

This all happened around 3:40pm, with 20 minutes before leaders' motorcades were to leave campus. Confusion arose at Command Centre over whether the motorcades would leave at 3:55pm or 4pm. It was around this time that Quick Response Teams in two vans from the armoury arrived at Gate 3. Command Centre was overjoyed to hear the news and gave confirmation for the teams, led by Hugh Stewart, to clear Gate 6.

Stewart thought he had until 4pm to finish the job. He was told that the motorcades would leave between 3:55pm and 4pm. The job, he was told, needed to be done by 3:50pm. Sitting in a van at Gate 3, he had six minutes to clear the road and he was two minutes away.

Stewart made it to Gate 6 with his teams, thinking he now had less than five minutes. No one told him about the calm mood that prevailed at the road and he had just come from dealing with resistance protesters at Gate 3. He got out of his van and carried a Mark 46 can of pepper spray, about the size of a fire extinguisher. Two other officers with him were similarly equipped. He had his eye on the clock. Three protesters with locked arms stood up and started to move against him as he approached the 50 or so assembled there.

He approached the crowd and addressed them with a CBC cameraman standing by:

"Ladies and gentlemen my name is Staff Sergeant Hugh Stewart. I am clearing this roadway. You have one opportunity to clear off this roadway or you will be arrested. I am going to use force. Whatever force I deem necessary. I do not intend to fool around. I intend to clear this road. I intend to clear it now. Put the dogs on the side, you are going that way."

The cameraman caught him on video as he unleashed the spray. Many other officers had used the chemical throughout the day but this was the one that people would remember, perhaps because it was caught on TV. He spun it around quickly, dousing the camera in the process.

The image of Stewart firing the spray was the lead story on the evening news. In a single shot he had gone from "Huggie" to "Sgt. Pepper" in the eyes of Canadians. Protesters ran away screaming but some did not get up from the road in time. A first-year student said she was sprayed in the face as she was in a crouched position, trying to get up from the road.

Twenty protesters were later seen standing at the intersection of University Boulevard and Northwest Marine Drive. Another officer sprayed in their direction before they turned and headed up University Boulevard, away from the motorcade route. Stewart then motioned for the spraying to stop.

The motorcades had a clear path through Gate 6 and exited without a hitch. When first asked about pepper spray at a post-summit press conference, Liberal Prime Minister Jean Chretien would say, "For me, pepper, I put it on my plate."

Stewart would later become the symbol of a public furor against APEC. The image of him spraying a CBC cameraman would be replayed over and over on the news. An inquiry was called by the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP. He would later tell a three-member panel that he should not be held responsible for police actions against protesters. Following this the *Ubyssey* headline read, "Stewart shifts blame."

He testified that he was worried about the VPD riot squad being deployed at the Gate. In later testimony he would say he was sympathetic to protesters who were pepper-sprayed and never meant to spray cameraman Robb Douglas. Twice, he said, he tried to apologise to him and offered to buy him lunch.

Public criticism of APEC would later centre around the degree to which the federal government had a hand in security planning. Stewart denied at the inquiry that any instruction came from the federal government and said he wouldn't have cared if it did—they weren't his bosses, he said.

Solicitor General Andy Scott, the federal minister responsible for the RCMP, would later be heard on a plane telling a fellow passenger that Stewart would take the blame at the end of it all. An opposition MP heard him making the comments and called him on it. Scott denied making them, but he later resigned his post.

The final report of the APEC inquiry found that Stewart's use of pepper spray was not an unjustifiable use of force. The "Sgt. Pepper" moniker would remain with him nonetheless.

Hugh Stewart is now retired and lives in the Lower Mainland. After the APEC inquiry completed he was promoted to Sgt. Major and won the praise of his peers when he helped erect a memorial to fallen RCMP officers at "E" division headquarters.

Ten years later, a 90-year-old White Rock resident with the same name continues to be peppered with requests for comment about APEC.

EPILOGUE

It's November 22 and the sky looks down on a quaint campus. There are no steel barricades and no one is being arrested for displaying signs that say "free speech." The closest thing is a quiet protest that sits at the site of the old bus loop, where a tunnel is being constructed.

Elsewhere, protests are still happening. In Montebello, police disguise themselves as anarchists and attempt to incite crowds to violence. In Sydney at the 2007 APEC conference, pranksters pass themselves off as Canadian diplomats and make it through two checkpoints with one of them dressed as Osama bin Laden. And demonstartions continue to happen in Jakarta, Indonesia, even though it's been nine years since Suharto was last in power.

A painting that overlooks the SUB's conversation pit is UBC's sole monument to APEC 1997. It shows students covering their faces and retreating in agony from a line of police. It's been placed on a plywood canvas and seemingly burned into the wood, just as the event has made its way into UBC history.

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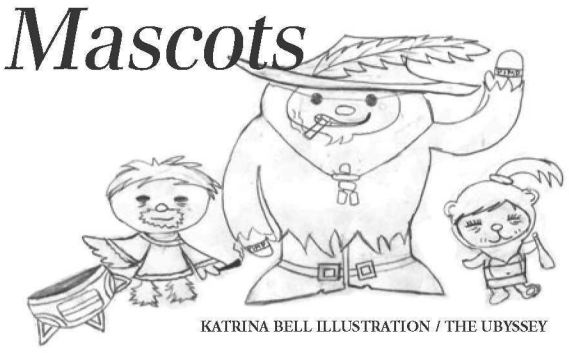

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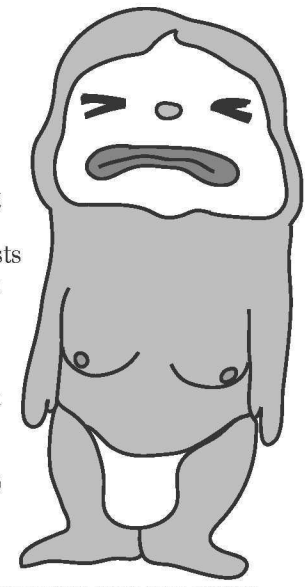
Tranni

Hailing from Prince George, Tranni is an Indo-Chinese, pre-op transsexual with a raging case of herpes. Watch him/her as he/she protests the Olympics games with quasi-militant action. It/she/he will welcome all the anti-Olympics crazies, making sure that no one thinks "there's no [mascot] there I can relate to," as VANOC CEO John Furlong feared.



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Kitsyupi

Kitsyupi lives in a million dollar house in Kitsilano where she does yoga, composts and dreams of opening an organic coffee shop when she retires from being a chartered accountant at age 40.

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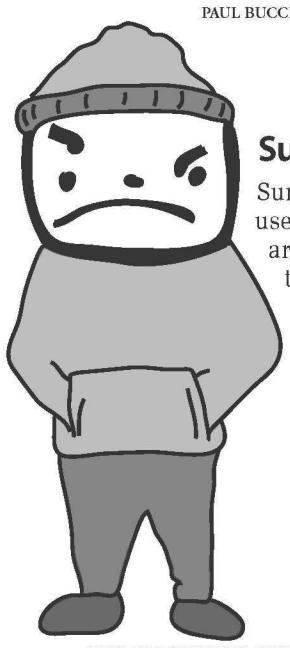

Surri

Surri has run out of useful real estate on his arms and now needs to shoot up through his legs. Once those veins go, it's either the penis or the eyeballs!

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Snatchi

A girl educated on the streets of Vancouver, Snatchi plays into the pre-teen mascot market commonly monopolised by Bratz dolls. Snatchi has all the sex appeal needed to work on Seymour after-hours now, but by the time 2010 rolls around it's DTES for Snatchi. With the mystic Canadian heritage of the stoic beaver, this mascot is sure to win the hearts of tourists and johns alike.

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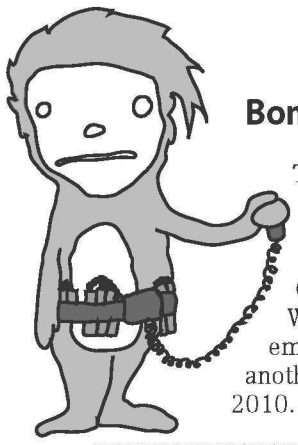

Bombi

This is Bombi. He's a little late for the Salt Lake City games. Whoopsie! The empire stands another day...Until 2010.

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STREETERS

Streeters is a twice weekly column in which students are asked a question pertinent to UBC.

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What do you think of Vancouver's 2010 Olympic mascots?

Jessica Bryson, History/Theatre 4

"They look like Anime characters for kids. It's not for adults, obviously."

Bob Mills, Enviro. Science 4

"I endorse these mascots. They look alright. I'd hang out with these mascots."

Heather McNulty, Accounting Grad

"They're trying to pinpoint an area of Vancouver's culture. I think it's taking multicultural to the Nth degree. It doesn't really show what Vancouver...is really about."

Tiffany Chu, Science 2

"They're cute, but I don't think they can actually represent Canada. I don't understand First Nations history. And the style looks more Asian."

Kwaku Adu-Poku, Arts 2

"I can definitely see the reasoning behind them because they're rooted in West Coast history, but they look kind of silly to me."

—Coordinated by Jordan Chittley and Amanda Stutt, with photos by Brandon Adams

LETTERS

Rapist hasn't proven himself

After reading your coverage (Editorial [Nov. 27]) of the Paul Callow incident at Langara college, I find myself unable to contain my feelings on the issue.

Are we all so stupid?

Just because a guy you're dating seems or "looks nice" doesn't mean he actually is. Only his actions can attest to his character.

This guy is a convicted *rapist*!

All too easily, the public seems to be confusing his having "served time" with his being "rehabilitated". They are not the same thing. Yes, he served a long sentence, he has "paid his debt to society". But has he been rehabilitated? Has he rid himself of his urge to rape women? This is the core issue.

The only way we can ever know if he is truly rehabilitated is if he spends the rest of his life living, until the day he dies, according to the law and *never, ever* re-offends. Never again rapes. Until he has done this, anything less, any "forgiveness" we grant him is nothing more than a gamble. The question then is are you going to gamble on this guy with your daughter? Your wife? Your mother? The onus is on this man to prove himself rehabilitated, not for the public to take a chance on him, hoping and believing that he has. Langara was absolutely correct to deny him access to their school. If he feels he deserves and requires education to support himself, he should have taken some education while incarcerated.

Wait a minute. He wants to, feels he has the right to, what? Take a program at Langara in media, in TV and film? Study at a school with a large population of vulnerable young women? So he can work in the media industries well-populated by attractive older women? He feels this is his right? If he wants employment, let him go work on a cargo ship at sea, where he can earn a decent wage away from the public. Let him work on an oil rig in the arctic. Let him go to Afghanistan and re-build schools and bridges.

Hell, give him job training in high-risk mining! Let him spend the rest of his life far away from the public that he has harmed, degraded, eroded, offended and committed heinous acts against. Let him rot. If he can do this for the rest of his life without re-offending, then perhaps God will forgive him. That's God's job, not the public's.

Our job is to protect our children, our mothers and daughters. This man has served time in prison. Yes, according to the law he has been punished. Does this mean he is "fixed"? Or just that the courts and the over-burdened penal system has taken their effort as far as it can go.

Has he been rehabilitated? I don't know. The courts and penal system feel he has been punished, but what evidence do they offer as proof of his rehabilitation? What proof do they have? That while incarcerated with all those other *men*, he never once raped? Is this proof? Evidence of his rehabilitation? Are we really this apathetic and stupid?

There's really only one proof of his rehabilitation, a lifetime of non-offense. Anything less involves a leap of faith.

Is he no longer a rapist? Is he cured? Give him the keys to your girlfriend or sister's dormitory room and see what happens. Only one way to find out. Are you willing to take that chance? Are we the public willing to take a chance? That's the question, because if we permit this man the same latitude as the non-offending public that's all we're doing.

It's not that I don't have faith in humanity to reform. But first, I want to see that my faith in humanity's common sense isn't misguided. Isn't it time we all woke up a bit?

—Paul Duke
Arts 2

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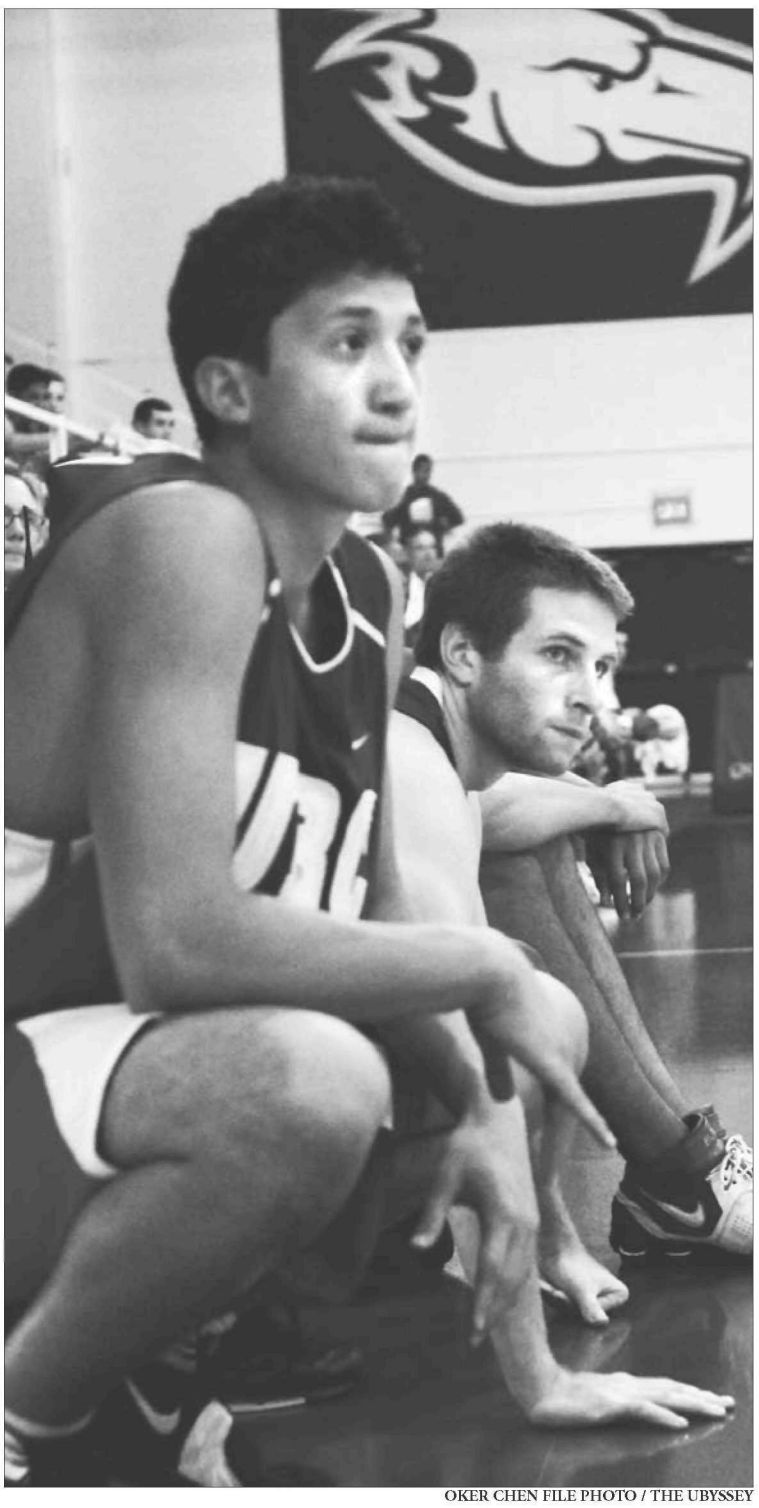

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Members of the men's basketball team eagerly await their turn to get into the game last year. This weekend, they face the only other team in the Pacific Division with a winning record and the nearest rival, the Vikes. The women tip off at 6pm and men at 8pm today and tomorrow at War Memorial.

T-Birds, Vikes rivalry strong

This weekend will determine which team takes the top spot in the Pacific division

BY JUSTIN MCELROY
Sports Writer

There is perhaps nothing better in team sports than a good old-fashioned rivalry.

Two teams, two enemies with shared history, face to face. It's not about winning—it's about pride.

You hear one team, and another one immediately springs to mind. Red Sox-Yankees. Patriots-Colts. Oilers-Flames.

And here at UBC, in addition to the Shrum Bowl for football, we have the men's basketball rivalry. UBC starts a 2-game series here tonight against the foe from Victoria, the Vikes. The results from this weekend may determine home court advantage come playoff time.

If you show up to War Memorial Gym over the next two evenings to watch the top two teams in the Pacific Division go at it, you'll probably sense a certain tension, a certain familiarity between the two teams. That's because this match-up has all the characteristics of a great university rivalry.

It's something Ian Hyde-Lay knows all about. He played for the UVic juggernaut that ran up seven consecutive national championships in the 1980s, and is an assistant coach for the team today.

He notes that "History, geography, and success of the programs make for the rivalry being what it is."

Truth be told, it probably means a little bit more in Victoria, the city that produced Steve Nash, where it's not uncommon to see thousands of fans sell out McKinnon Gym come playoff time. They're proud that their university of 15,000 students has been a national powerhouse in basketball for decades, and they don't want to see UBC usurp them when it comes to BC basketball dominance.

But it's starting to matter more on this side of the Georgia Strait. Two seasons ago, the T-Birds were the consensus No. 1 team in the country the entire year until they lost to UVic by ten in the Canada West final in front of a packed crowd at War Memorial Gym.

And last year, the Vikes and the T-Birds had identical records of 20-3 after regular season play, both with national title hopes.

That was before the Pacific Division Final when UBC overwhelmed Victoria in two consecutive games and effectively ended the Vikes' dreams of winning again.

This season, most pundits believed UBC would dominate the Pacific Division and UVic would not be able to recover after losing five top scorers. But the Vikes have persevered this year, and with eight wins to just two losses, they have a chance to claim top spot in the division if they sweep this weekend.

A lot of the credit for this has to go to their head coach, Craig Beaucamp. He's a lot like Jacques Lemaire, coach of the Minnesota Wild: he preaches defense, fundamentals, and team play above all else.

He could send out five zombies onto the court, and his team would be competitive.

At the end of the day however, the games this weekend will be decided by the players on the court. The Thunderbirds will continue to use the fast-paced offense that has served them well so far this season, and coach Kevin Hanson will use his deep bench to keep the pace up for the whole game.

But it may be in the front court where this game is ultimately decided. Odds are UVic will pound the ball inside to forwards Mitch Gudgeon, Tyler Hass, and Rob Kinnear all day long, and it'll be up to veterans Matt Rachar and Bryson Kool to tend the fort for UBC and not get into foul trouble—otherwise, the T-Birds lack of experienced post players may come back to haunt them.

One thing is certain though: you can bet this game matters to the T-Birds, as they attempt to prove why they are ranked No. 2 in the country. And as for Victoria, coach Hyde-Lay emphatically states that "for our players, encounters with the Thunderbirds never get old. We know that to win on any given night we will have to be extremely well prepared, and perform accordingly."

On both sides of the ball, this weekend will be no different.

The women will also be in action against the Vikes tipping off at 6pm both days.

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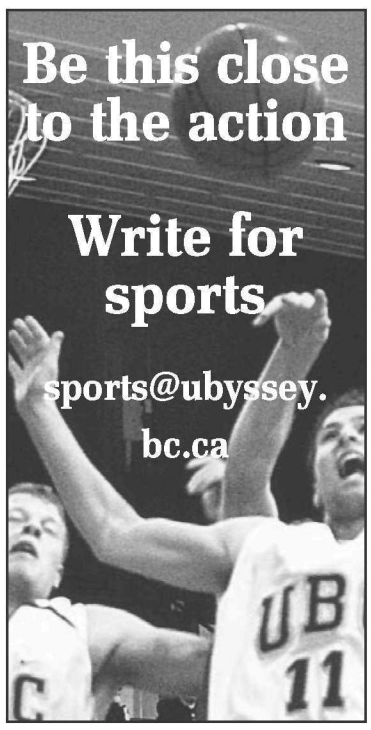

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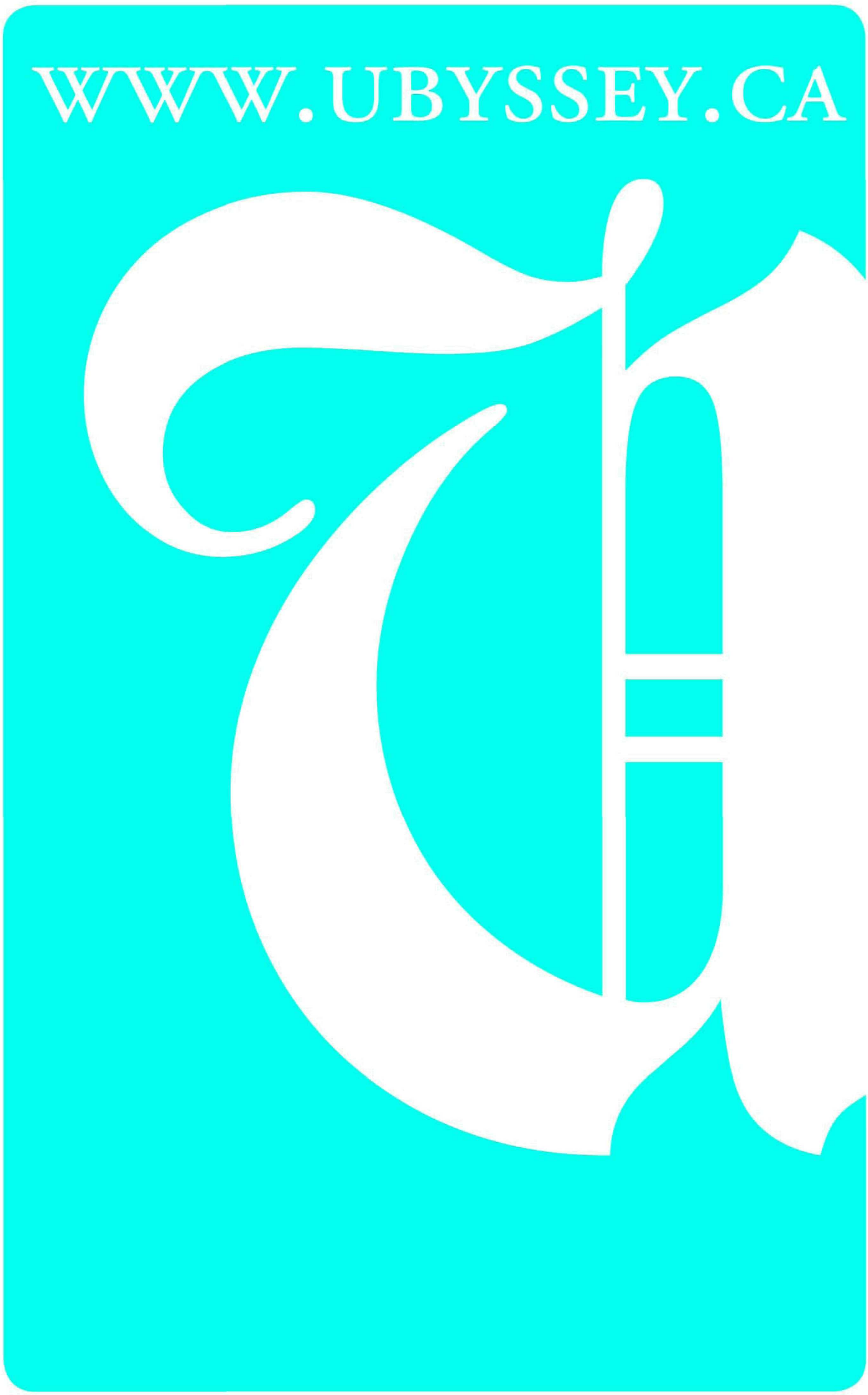
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