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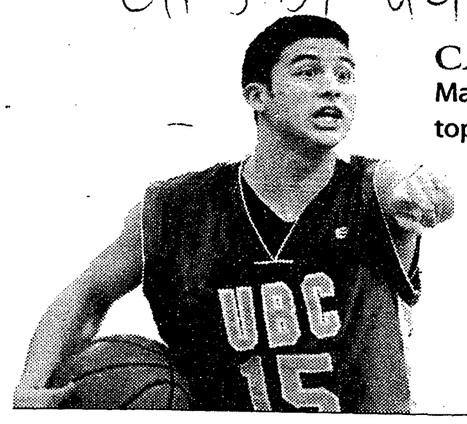

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What happens in Champagne's bathroom stays in Champagne's bathroom since 1918

Engineers can still pull it off

by Amanda Stutt
NEWS STAFF

UBC engineers combined shenanigans and charity this year with a very creative prank for their notorious "Skulk Night" to kick off Engineering Week.

Instead of finding an erroneously placed statue in front of Buchanan or a Volkwsagen Bug strung from the Lion's Gate Bridge, this year had the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society shocked and delighted to discover that the savvy engineers had constructed a massive tower built out of Campbell's soup cans and placed it near their front door.

Lisa Martella, associate director of the Vancouver Food Bank society, described the donation as "a total surprise to all staff."

"We had no contact with any member of the Engineering Undergraduate Society, but we were pleased to see that they thought of us," explained Martella, who has a brother in graduate level engineering and is familiar with their prank traditions. "February is a slow time. We don't get many donations after the holidays. It was nice to receive the food."

In total, there were over 800 cans of food in the tower, shaped as the "Cairn"—the Engineer's trademark symbol.

Ryan Clare, VP Internal for the Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS), said the idea was a donation representative of the Cairn. "We like to donate... and we haven't been doing a great job of it in the past. Our food drives have kind of fallen off. We haven't been getting as much food to them, and it's definitely a worthy cause, feeding the homeless and the hungry."

Clare explained that the project was meant to be both something good that reflects well on engineers and would act as a role model for other student societies.

"We also do other charity events, like blood drives...and phone drives for the CKNW orphans' fund," he said.

Clare also noted that it was Alpha Omega Epsilon, a national engineering Sorority, which is not recognised on campus by the Panhellenic Society, who were in charge of the project.

"It was their idea," said Clare, noting that the EUS provided the funding. "It's not just us that can take the credit"

One of the objectives with the donation, explained Clare, was to change the students' perception of engineers on campus.

"Engineering in the past has tried to set an example and enhance student life on campus. We're trying to move back towards that...changing our reputation," he said. "We know that we don't have the best reputation on campus right now."

Clare explained that the EUS endeavors to change its image, and have a stronger focus on professionalism and charity work. "Doing good things for the community is very important," he said.

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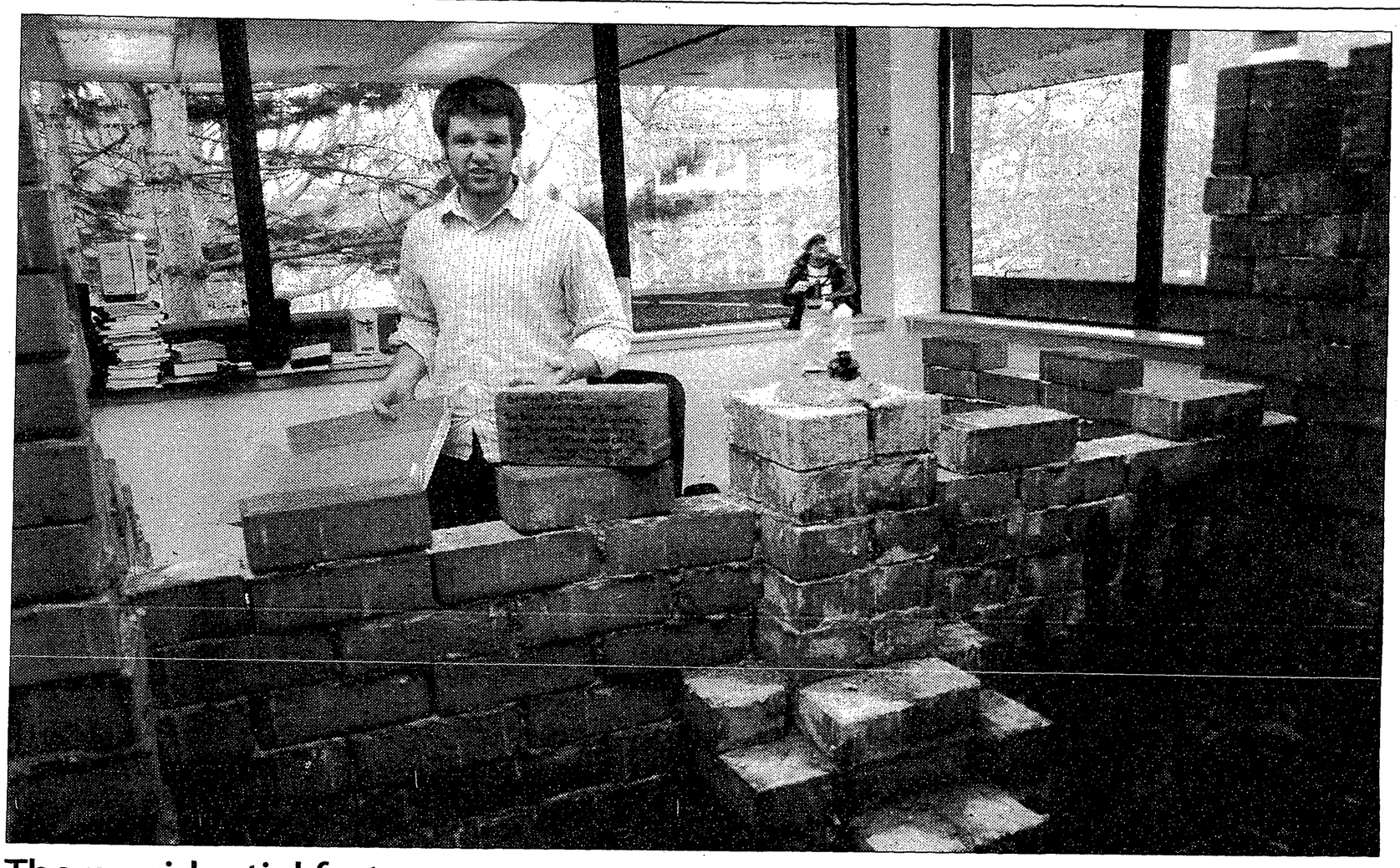

The presidential fortress

Is it the work of "the Black Hand, the Engineers and the assorted members of the Keystone Appreciation Society," or has outgoing AMS President Spencer Keys barricaded himself in his office? Perhaps he's not ready to relinquish the reins of power just yet. MICHELLE MAYNE PHOTO

Making students strategically important

AMS Strategic Framework strives to improve relations with student body and gauge overall effectiveness

by Paul Evans
NEWS EDITOR

Alma Mater Society (AMS) council unanimously approved a long in the works policy document sets out to fundamentally change the way the student society operates last Wednesday.

"The AMS Strategic Framework is our guide and our commitment," read the beginning of the document. "It pledges the Alma Mater Society to actively engage UBC students in its development so that it can better serve their aspirations."

Spencer Keys, outgoing AMS president, weighed in on the significance of the document.

"By saying we exist to serve the aspirations of UBC students, it's saying that we are looking towards the future and the long term so that we are constantly making the lives of students better and that we aren't doing in just the short term," commented Keys.

The AMS Strategic Framework outlines four main values, constituents, resources, stewardship and community, and discusses the role they play within the student society and establishes criteria to monitor these values.

The AMS, for example, will now be tracking the percentage of issues raised that are realised over the course of the year to gauge how effectively the organisation is performing.

Additionally, the framework indicates that ideas must come not only from AMS councilors and executives, but from students as well.

"What's new about this document is that it clearly sets out a few key goals...but what it also does is set out a process for creating methods to actually achieve change on

See "Framework" page 2.

US sanctions against Cuba violation of human rights

by Khatidja Vaiya
NEWS WRITER

One of the most horrific campaigns that the United States has operated is the blockade against Cuba, said UBC student and member of the Free the Cuban Five Committee Nita Palmer at a human rights protest.

A small group of UBC students gathered in the SUB last Tuesday to protest the ongoing US sanctions against Cuba, emphasising the devastating economic and social effects that restricted access to health care and food cause in the small island nation.

In 1962 the US imposed a controversial trade embargo in response to Cuba's alignment with the Soviet bloc during the Cold War; restricting imports and exports with the United States. The embargo, one of the longest standing in modern history, also restricts private citizens from making purchases or traveling to Cuba, and further threatens to apply sanctions against non-American companies trading with the country.

As a result, international companies must decide between trading with Cuba and maintaining relations with the US, explained Palmer.

Estimates suggest that prior to the Cuban revolution in 1959, in which the government of Fulgencio Battista was overthrown, as much as 90 per cent of Cuba's trade occurred through the United States. After the Cuban-US relationship faltered, Cuba fell back on trade with Eastern Europe, Palmer added.

In 1991 Cuba lost 90 per cent of it's trade for the second time in history, leaving it's people in dire conditions, noted Palmer.

"It's pretty hard to deny that the blockade is a violation of human rights," he said.

John Waller, representative of Pastors For Peace, an organisation devoted to challenging the blockade, spoke about the opportunities for activism and encouraged students to get involved with Caravan to Cuba.

The Pastors for Peace initiative launched the first grassroots chal-

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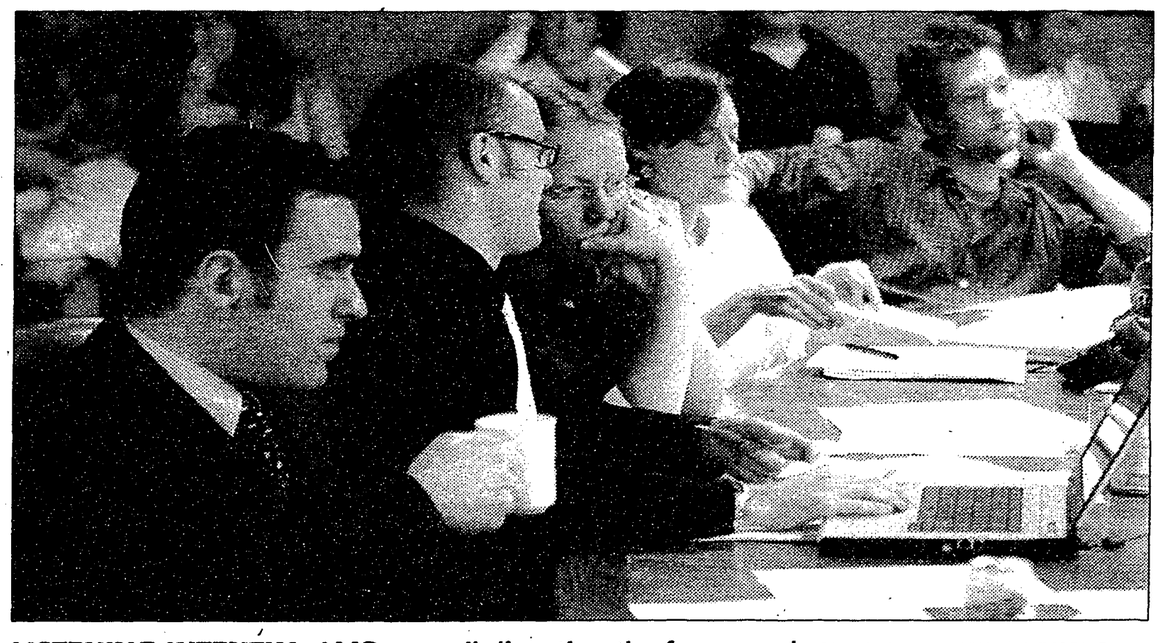
END THE EMBARGO: Denouncing US policy. KHATIDJA VAIYA PHOTO

Most councilors admitted they hadn't actually read the framework



LISTENING INTENTLY: AMS council digesting the framework. **YINAN MAX WANG PHOTO**

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these issues," explained Keys. "What it says is that we have a relationship with our constituents that isn't particularly strong so we should be doing things to consistently work on that and make it better."

Keys suggested that the underlying aim of the document was to fundamentally change the way the AMS operates.

"If there's anything that this framework is going to do, or that it should do, it's to move our organisation from one of being reactive to proactive."

He said that the document will be included as part of the package given out to new councilors, whom he hopes will embrace and fulfill the document.

"This is not mine," said Keys. "This is council's, this is the AMS', this is every student's who's ever been frustrated about a lack of community or a lack of action from their student government or lack of connection to UBC."

He sees the AMS, not just the executive, as essential to ensuring that the framework becomes a lasting and integral part of the AMS.

"The worst thing for us to do would be to make a commitment like this and for students to find out it's effectively a false one."

Keys' reliance in the councilors' commitment was tested at the council meeting where a stroll poll of councilors made it clear that very few had read the document.

When discussion around whether or not to table the vote on the document until all councilors had read it came up, councilor Gary Gaudin, representative from Vancouver School of Theology, warned if it wasn't passed now, it might never be.

"Tabling this...moves [the AMS] into the land of ardent ridiculousness," he said.

The framework comes into being just as Spencer Keys leaves office and hands over the reigns of the presidency to Kevin Keystone, who will be charged with implementing the policies.

"The strategic framework is really a document that puts together what it is that makes the AMS valuable to students," said outgoing VP Finance and incoming AMS President Kevin Keystone.

He noted the benefits afforded by the framework affords in terms of minimising the difficulties associated with the yearly turnover.

"It really is one of the greatest attempts to overcome the fundamental flaw of a one year turnover, of both the executives, council and even key student support staff at the AMS," said Keystone.

He did highlight one concern he has with institutionalising the document—that it may cause the workings of the AMS to be bogged down in committee or bureaucratic shuffling.

"I certainly don't want to see more barriers. I think one of the challenges of this documents is how to make it happen in a way that increases access, not decreases it."

It's very important for Canadians to stand up and say 'no' to the US trade embargo, says speaker

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lenge against the blockade in 1992, sending a caravan with 15 tons of humanitarian aid in the form of medicines, bicycles, powdered milk and school supplies to the country.

Despite ongoing opposition from the government, 16 shipments have been sent to Cuba since the program's inception.

Waller outlined the organisation's struggle to bring attention to the issue through active nonviolence, and described the initiative as "an exercise in people to people foreign policy."

After urging students to sign petitions against the blockade and become active in other movements opposing the embargo, Palmer pointed to Cuba's emphasis on universal heath care and education and aligned Cuba's values with those of Canada, commenting, "It's very important for people in Canada to be standing up and saying 'no' to this."

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Building without borders

Engineers Without Borders involved in over 20 countries

by Whitney McCaskill
NEWS WRITER

In 2000, the United Nations outlined the Millennium Development Goals in an effort to accelerate sustainability in underdeveloped countries.

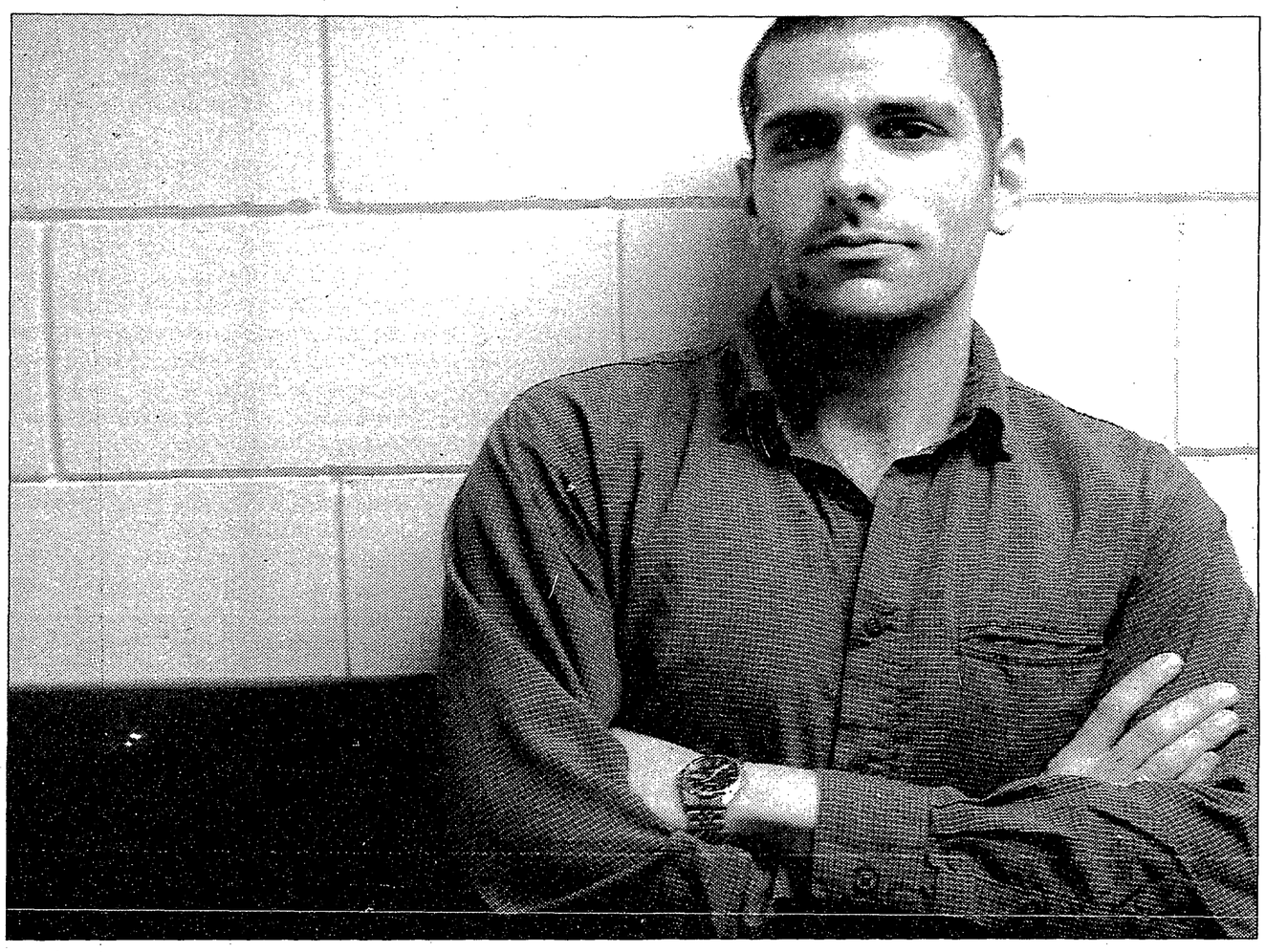
In response to this bold initiative, two University of Waterloo mechanical engineers scribbled down on a napkin in a Toronto coffee shop the plan for what would one day become a $2 million international sustainability organisation.

It's hard to imagine that Engineers Without Borders (EWB), an international organisation that has sent more than 150 Canadians abroad to lend their expertise in underdeveloped communities, grew from the humble beginnings of two maxed out credit cards.

With roughly 30 members in its UBC chapter and over 6,000 members in Canada alone EWB has developed the capacity to be involved in 34 projects in 20 countries.

EWB is not advertising to send engineering grads on the field trip of a lifetime, but rather its focus is on promoting the importance of sustainability at the local level while supporting development efforts abroad. As fourth-year mechanical engineering student and EWB representative Michael Kang describes, "in terms of international development, work overseas is just the tip of the iceberg." EWB has developed a focus on promoting sustainable energy and development here in Canada, he added.

"An EWB member at UBC," Kang explained, "is typically involved in fundraising and educating him or herself on matters of sustainability." This grassroots approach is designed to educate EWB members who can then promote sustainability locally in their own communities.



ENGINEERING AWARENESS: Micheal Kang is the EWB rep at UBC. YINAN MAX WANG PHOTO

And Canada, he said, is one of those places that needs to be more aware of sustainability issues.

"Canadians are consuming much more than their rightful allotment," said Kang.

Energy waste in Canada is of particular concern to EWB. Environment Canada's website identifies electricity production as the number one source of carbon dioxide. This is the sort of engineering short-coming that EWB works to create awareness of and generate solutions to. On an individual level, Kang suggested, "Canadians don't understand what sustainability means."

While EWB's website notes that Canadians are largely generous in their contributions to aid organisations, many do not understand the importance of contributing to sustainable development which EWB considers "of utmost importance."

For the typical student looking to get involved in EWB, there are a number of openings for volunteers. Volunteers, who make up the bulk of EWB staff, are the back-bone of promoting sustainability awareness locally while supporting overseas developments, explained Kang.

The EWB is hosting its Annual Local Conference: International Development and the Unbeaten Path Ahead on March 4 at the UBC Forestry Sciences Centre.

University bans wireless, draws fire

by Jennifer Cudmore
ARGUS (LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY)

THUNDER BAY, ON. (CUP) — As current electronic trends move further away from wired devices to wireless devices, Lakehead University in Thunder Bay is going against the flow. The school has enjoyed a recent rash of publicity, thanks to University President Gilbert's decision to ban wireless internet access on most of the campus.

When asked about the possibility of a wireless network on campus, Gilbert's answer is firm.

"There will not be wireless networks while I am president of the University, except in circumstances where there is no other alternative," he said. "Until such time that there is adequate proof that there is not a health risk involved with wireless networks, there will be no wireless networks."

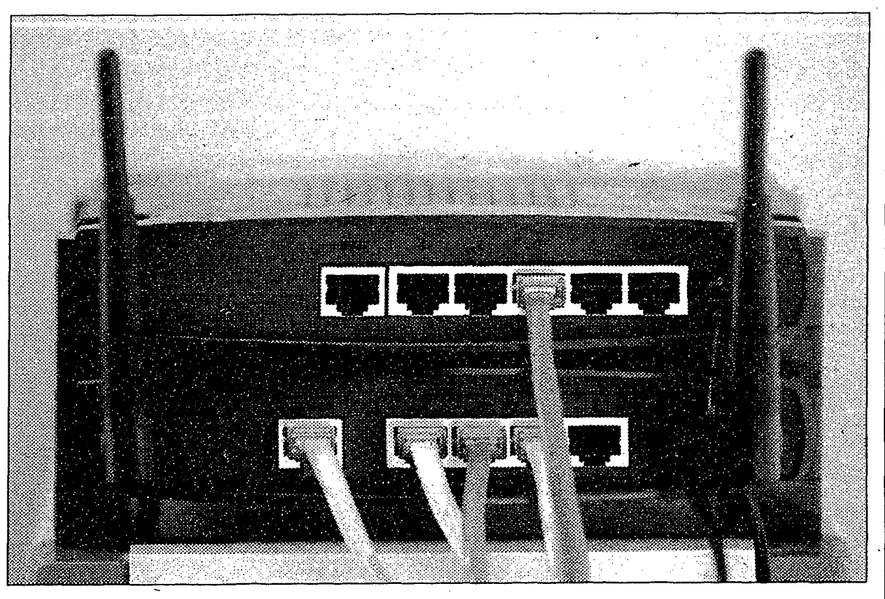
Gilbert's main concerns regarding health deal with the electromagnetic fields (EMF) that are emitted from the hotspots. Gilbert's background is in biology and he has concerns regarding the impact of EMFs on people, especially those in their youth whose developing bodies are most vulnerable to the EMFs.

While there is still no concrete evidence to suggest any health concerns, Gilbert is not willing to take any risks. He likens knowledge regarding affects of EMFs to the attitude about cigarettes' affect on health before studies were done. He believes the technology is too new to really have a good understanding about what long-term affects could be.

Lakehead University Student Union President Adam Krupper says that "students are irritated" by Gilbert's decision. "They want wireless capabilities...they want to be able to do work where they feel most effective." When asked about health concerns of wireless networks Krupper commented, "If it causes cancer, it'd be something to worry about. But then again, Lakehead still uses pesticides."

The appeal of wireless access to the Internet is obvious—the freedom to roam and still be connected is an advantage to those who take their work with them. "Hot spots"—areas where wireless access is available—are popping up all over. University and college campuses around the country are moving towards wireless internet service allowing students to access the Internet just about anywhere on campus.

Krupper is quoted in the Reuters article expressing sentiments that echo what he previously told *The Argus*. "Considering this is a university known for its great use of technology, it's kind of bad that we can't get Wi-Fi."



WHERE DO I PLUG IN AGAIN? Lakehead University students complained and e-journals ridiculed the university president's decision to forbid the installation of wireless Internet access on the campus. YINAN MAX WANG/UBYSSEY FILE PHOTO

The Reuters article also quotes the director of consumer and clinical radiation protection at the federal health department, Robert Bradley, as saying, "If you look at the body of science, we're confident that there is no demonstrable health effect or effects from wireless technology."

The decision by the president has become a source of ridicule for internet surfers. The popular website, www.fark.com, which rates news stories from around the world and provides a forum for people to comment and discuss, has rated the story as "Dumbass."

Both www.yahoo.com and www.cnn.com carry the Reuters story. It seems that the story was picked up after the report from a university Town Hall meeting of November 30, 2005 was posted on the Lakehead communications website in early January.

Ex-Ryerson basketball star charged in $10 million public transit scam

by Colin Smith
THE RYERSONIAN (RYERSON UNIVERSITY)

TORONTO (CUP) —Twelve years ago Alex Beason was not only the best basketball player at Ryerson, he was one of the best varsity basketball players in the country.

Now Beason faces 15 charges in connection with the largest counterfeit ring the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) has ever seen.

Beason, 36, and his brothers, Alfredo, 49, and Reginald, 47, were arrested two weeks ago after a two-year investigation concluded with the seizure of thousands of counterfeit TTC tokens and the arrests of about 25 people.

In 1994, the 6-7, 230-pound forward, nicknamed "The Beast," was a 24-year-old high-flying Ryerson rookie who almost took the Rams to the national championships. That year Beason's 33.4-point-per-game average set a new Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union record. He still holds the Ontario University Athletic Association single-game scoring record for his 52-point performance in a game against the Laurentian Voyagers.

Beason was selected to the OUAA all-star team and also earned a place on the CIAU's All-Canadian second team.

"It's a big honour to be selected," Beason told *The Ryersonian* at the time.

But Beason's many accolades that year were overshadowed when his past caught up with him during the last game of the season, a playoff game against Laurentian.

In 1992, Beason had spent 13 months in prison after he was convicted of armed robbery.

Laurentian fans, well aware of Beason's past, showed up at the game in prison outfits and waving signs saying "You have the right to remain silent!" and "Alex Beason: Most Valuable Prisoner." A pair of handcuffs was even thrown at Beason as he stood at the free-throw line to shoot.

Beason is accused of heading the counterfeit token operation along with his two brothers.

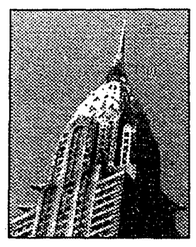
The scheme produced five million fake tokens and cost the TTC an estimated $10 million over the past two years.

"Yes, this may have cost us $10 million, but we stopped the bleeding," said TTC chairman Howard Moscoe at a news conference at TTC headquarters last week. The quality of the fakes was so high, Moscoe said, he couldn't tell the difference as he held one of the counterfeit tokens for cameras. The fake tokens are shinier than real tokens, and have slightly different letters.

Ryerson's manager of interuniversity sports, Terry Haggerty, coached Beason during his two seasons with the Rams. Haggerty agrees that Beason was easily one of the best basketball players to play for Ryerson.

"If it's true, it's just disappointing news for us here," Haggerty said about the charges against Beason. "Alex is quite a smart person but it just doesn't sound like he's directing it in the right way if this is true."

Beason was granted bail on Friday and is scheduled to appear in court on March 6.



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Inconsolable memories

STAN DOUGLAS
Belkin Art Gallery
until March 19

by Ruth Chan
CULTURE WRITER

Vancouver-born visual artist Stan Douglas' most recent project has just taken centre stage at UBC's Belkin Art Gallery. An artist who needs no introduction to any serious visual arts student, Douglas is internationally renowned for the use of his moving images to explore complex social issues in both historical and contemporary society.

Douglas' film and photography exhibition, "Inconsolable Memories," is made possible with the assistance of the UBC Dean of Arts. The film, based on a Cuban masterpiece by Tomas Gutierrez Alea entitled *Memories of Under-development,* explores the 1980 Mariel Boatlift, in which nearly 125,000 Cubans were permitted by Castro to sail to Florida and request for asylum. Through the use of fictional and non-fictional clips, Douglas artistically weaves both past and present together to present a spectacular work that seeks to intellectually confront its audience. The exhibit also includes photographs taken during his recent trips to Cuba.

As part of the exhibition's opening, Douglas spoke last month to a packed Freddie Wood Theatre, presenting students and professors alike with an overview of his career and his many projects, including analytic, synthetic and recombinant (or remade) filmwork. When asked which artists have been the most influential to his work and the development of his own unique and diverse style, Douglas draws from all fields of art, including author Samuel Beckett whose ideas about the limitations of language have greatly influenced his linguistic pursuits. As a jazz enthusiast, Douglas even names Miles Davis as a significant influence. "[Davis is] an artist who over his career has changed the context of his music a number of times very dramatically, showing that you're not stuck in one style and that there's numerous possibilities."

Currently the visiting artist in Residence for January, Douglas is working one-on-one with students in the Master of Fine Arts program.

"It's always great to talk to students, to keep yourself sharp, and be able to discuss things that you take for granted. Students are always able to question things that you've forgotten to think about," he enthuses.

The exhibition is open to the public and runs until March 19.

In praise of Tommy Lee Jones

THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES
now playing

by Kian Mintz-Woo
CULTURE WRITER

After *Brokeback Mountain* changed our conception of the traditional cowboy movie, it feels comfortable to slip into a cowboy movie both as modern and as thoroughly typical as *The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada*. Tommy Lee Jones' directorial debut tells the story of Melquiades (Julio Cesar Cedillo), a Mexican illegal immigrant working at a ranch for Pete Perkins (a name so cowboy I feel like it's going to bring home a bull) played by Jones himself. In a series of flashbacks, the companionship between Melquiades and Pete is revealed to be casual, but strong. When Melquiades is found dead, the local sheriff (Dwight Yoakam) and his new guard Mike Norton (Canadian Barry Pepper) cover up the corpse, figuratively and literally. Pete takes matters into his own hands to find the killer and make him atone. When he finds out who it is, he takes the corpse and the killer back to Mexico to bury Melquiades in his hometown.

If the story sounds minimalist and classic, that's because it is. The scriptwriter Guillermo Arriaga, who also wrote *21 Grams*, keeps the story simple so that his observations on life and death can resonate. There is a sense of expanse in the script, the existentiality of life. There are also hilarious moments involving a soap opera.

Jones, in the role of Pete, feels natural and gritty. Stoic, with a moral code and a strong sense of karma, Jones controls the journey. He also pulls out a coarse and resilient performance from Pepper. The most disappointing note in the cast comes from Norton's uninterested wife, played by January Jones. When her character comes into her own and begins to take control, Jones fails to make the switch crucial in her character.

But the *Three Burials'* biggest failings must be attributed to editor Roberto Silvi. The crucial scene in which Melquiades dies is shown from two characters' points of view, but is edited in such a way that the two versions have different tempi. The time between the events is significantly shorter for one character than for the other, and given that the scene is so pivotal in the movie, the discrepancy is jarring. The editor also left in a scene with Don Casimiro that served no narrative or aesthetic purpose. This scene left several questions open regarding Melquiades' prior life in Mexico, all of which seemed impossible to answer or support. In a script this powerful and stripped down (it won the award for Best Screenplay at Cannes), these questions feel distracting, and only distance us from the emotional journey of the central characters.

Jones has great promise as a director; he pulls out strong performances and crafts a subtle, moving portrait of Texas. It is clear that he feels something for this state and its people. If this is how he begins a directorial career, I look forward to more.

Anthology amplifies Caribbean and African voices

by Simon Underwood
CULTURE EDITOR

A construction crew is steadily demolishing the southern wing of the old Main Library, but a few metres away, Idrissa Simmonds' voice rises calmly above the din.

"There's an entire continent that has virtually no presence at UBC," she explains—and she isn't referring to Antarctica.

Along with a small group of volunteers, the fourth year student in English and International Relations is spearheading *We Have A Voice: An Anthology of African and Caribbean Student Writing in British Columbia*, an anthology of creative and academic writing tentatively set for publication in May of this year. If all goes well, the volume will brim with poetry, fiction, essays, academic articles, and personal narratives exploring the trans-cultural experiences of self-identified students across the province.

Simmonds spent her first two years of post-secondary at Concordia University in Montreal, where she enrolled in African-American literature, and enjoyed the choice of a number of courses dedicated to Africa and Caribbean studies spanning faculties and departments. But when she arrived at UBC, the situation told a different story entirely.

"The presence [of African studies at UBC] is nil," she says, "and it's treated as if it's not a necessary presence." A cursory glance through the online course catalogue, or a perusal of the library database finds little content devoted specifically to the study of African or Caribbean nations, nor does this purportedly global institution provide a cohesive set of resources relating to the lived experiences of individuals who form this diaspora.

It's a pedagogical problem long addressed by campus groups like Africa Awareness and the Caribbean African Association, and a gap on the library shelves that Simmonds and the anthology team hopes that *We Have A Voice* will help to fill.

"The fact that these resources aren't available is really problematic," notes Anjuli Solanki, a fourth-year student in Human Geography, and the promotions coordinator for *We Have A Voice*. "A lot of people are interested in knowing more but [the status quo] just keeps it undercover."

Simmonds concurs. "It's not about students being black," she says. "It's about students...not being able to explore their identity or have it presented at all during university and how that has affected their experience and education." She formally proposed the concept of an anthology as she sat at a Caribbean African Association meeting last October as the issue of a resource library was being discussed.

"The idea was brewing in my head for a while," says Simmonds, "and I kind of thought the two ideas could compliment each other." The proposal was received with enthusiasm, and with the support of Yvonne Brown, a professor in the Faculty of Education who has tirelessly fought to address the deficit in African and Caribbean studies at UBC, Simmonds, began working out the logistics of the project. Funding proposals were drafted, and *We Have A Voice* began making itself heard.

"We wanted to get a wide range of people interested," says Simmonds. "We're looking at a ballpark figure of twenty to twenty-five writers." The *We Have A Voice* team is already working with ten students across the province. and "word of mouth is really how it's getting out," she explains. Organisers are already in touch with students at Langara, Kwantlen, BCIT, Douglas, and SFU.

The cost of the anthology and the launch party is about $7,000, but Simmonds laughs that the budget "is constantly being revised." Funding for the anthology has already been procured from the AMS, Colour Connected, and the Social Justice Centre, and Simmonds is still waiting to hear from the Walter Gage Memorial Fund and the Innovative Student Fund.

So far, the response to the initiative has been favourable, although Simmonds has faced resistance from a few individuals. "Some people have difficulty understanding why this is important," she says. "That said, we have been getting a ton of support and interest," attributing some of the reluctance to "part of how [African studies] is so buried and ignored."

"This is a first class university," says Simmonds. "This should be here."

The deadline for submissions to *We Have A Voice* is March 1—entries and inquires can be forwarded to wehaveavoiceanthology@gmail.com. Further information on the project can be found online at http://voiceanthology.blogspot.com.

Shades of Vanier

If you don't live at Place Vanier then you couldn't have seen Shades of Gray cranking out riffs and beats in a residents-only show last Saturday. Ashdown and the Influents opened with pop-rock and hip-hop sets, respectively. Proceeds went to the Ashraya Initiative for Children. LEVI BARNETT PHOTO

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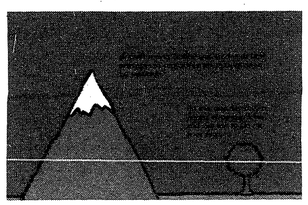

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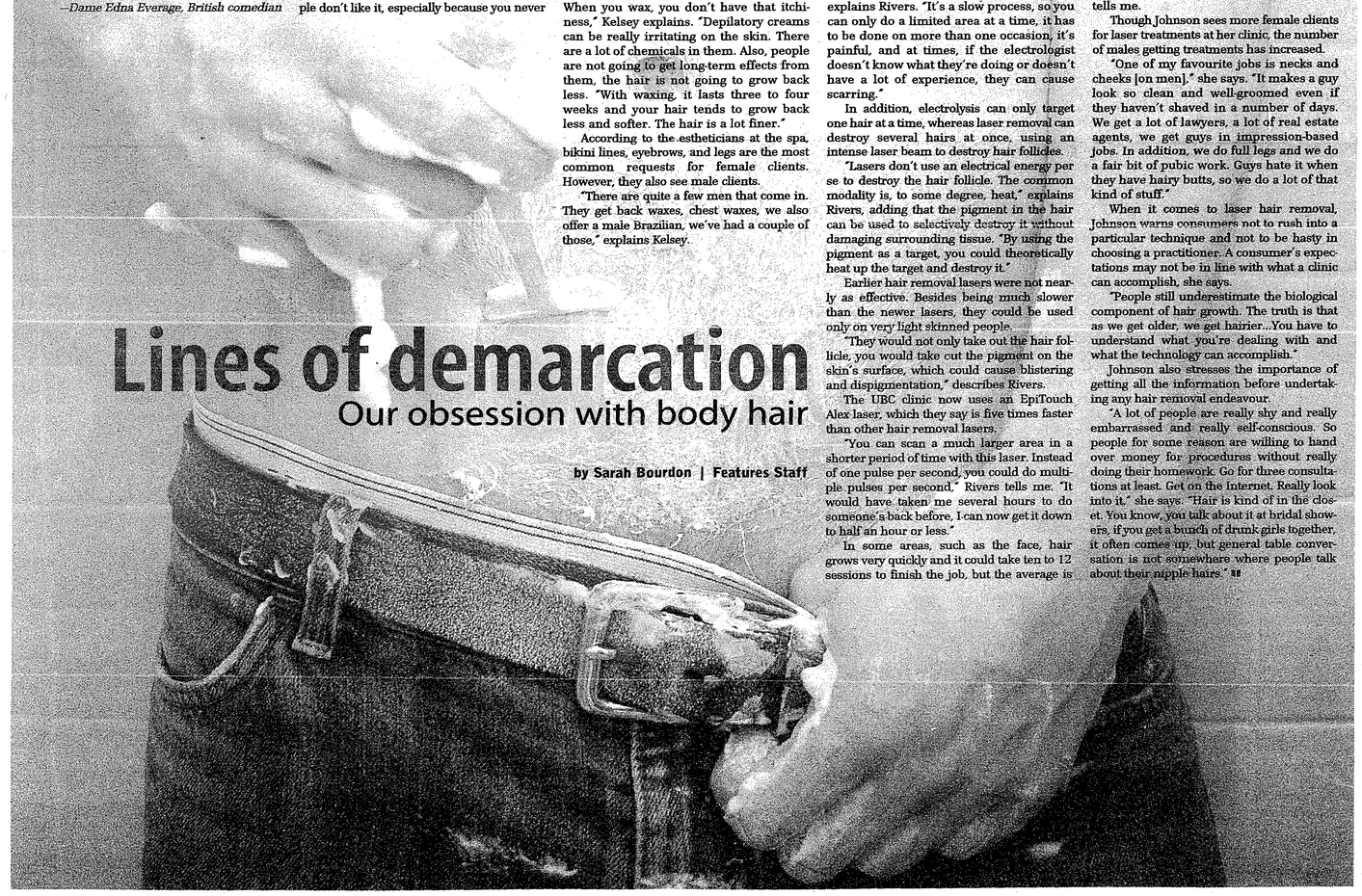

Lines of demarcation

Our obsession with body hair

by Sarah Bourdon | Features Staff

JULI JOHNSON HAS SEEN IT ALL when it comes to body hair. Over the course of her career, she has removed hair from hundreds of legs, backs, butts and bikini lines, and there is plenty more of it on the horizon.

Just like hair, the industry built around its removal is experiencing constant growth as people look for new ways to shave, wax, pluck and laser away their undesirable bits. From her experience as a registered electrologist and the manager of a ten-year-old laser hair removal clinic in Vancouver, Johnson has gained plenty of insight into the relationship between humans and their hair.

"I use hair as this amazing metaphor for everything else that goes on in our social, cultural environment. It's stuff that's perfectly normal, that everybody's got, that nobody wants to admit to and that everyone spends a lot of energy hiding," she explains.

A lot of energy, and a lot of money—Johnson's clinic, New-Tech Hair Removal Solutions, has done over $1 million in hair removal procedures since its establishment.

It is clear that when it comes to hair, many people are willing to do what it takes to be rid of it. As journalist Shana Alexander said, "Hair brings one's self-image into focus; it is vanity's proving ground. Hair is terribly personal, a tangle of mysterious prejudices." Though it may seem strange, these prejudices have produced a flourishing industry and a host of fascinating and bizarre techniques to help humans deal with hair.

"I know body hair bothers some women, but a lot of men like a fluffy partner."
—Dame Edna Everage, British comedian

The desire to remove hair has persisted for thousands of years—evidence suggests that cavemen used sharp rocks to remove the hair from their faces. In more recent times, shaving and waxing have become common, every-day hair removal practices, allowing those who don't want body hair to manage it from the comfort of home. As technology has developed, some have been leaving home and venturing into the world of spas, beauty salons and hair removal clinics.

The industry has traditionally catered to a female clientele, with women having hair removed from their faces, stomachs, bikini areas, arms, armpits and legs. This trend, according to Katelyn McIntyre, a fourth-year physiology student at the University of Saskatchewan, is indicative of society's expectation that women maintain a specific appearance.

"As far as the face goes, such as brows, lip and chin, I just think there's a lot of pressure to look a certain way," says McIntyre. As for other parts of the body, she explains: "It's the way that women are portrayed in Hollywood, you have all these girls walking around in microscopic clothing and you can't have hair coming out of every nook and cranny." Case in point: the widely-publicised objection to Julia Roberts's unshaven armpit, which was exposed to the world in a paparazzi photograph several years ago.

More recently, however, an increasing number of men have been taking an interest in hair removal, according to Johnson. As Johnson explains, social influences are equally responsible for this more masculine flurry of hair removal activity.

"We're mammals, we have hair! And people don't like it, especially because you never see it now," she says. "I mean, we've gone from Sean Connery and Magnum P.I. to Calvin Klein. Seriously, Calvin Klein has done a total number on body image. Society has definitely swung that way."

Whatever the societal or cultural influences, decisions on hair removal are often simply a matter of personal choice.

"I think a lot of the time it is something that I do for myself to make me feel clean and girlie," says Sarah Hutchison, a University of Victoria theatre graduate. "But sometimes I just don't care at all and feel that others can take it or leave it. It really changes day to day.

"I like being hairy sometimes."

"Yooooooooowl Kelly Clarkson!"
—Andy Stitzer, in The 40 Year-Old Virgin
(on having his chest hair waxed)

The wax feels nice and warm for the few brief seconds before it unceremoniously yanks my eyebrow hairs from their previously comfortable home. Yes, I am a bit of a waxophobe, but have decided for the sake of experience to try it out.

"It will hurt for only a second," says Kelsey, an esthetician at Filomena's Day Spa in the University Village. And it does. Then it's over, and I look in the mirror. Not so bad at all. Kelsey suggests next time I try a leg or bikini wax, but I'm really not sure what I think of that idea.

Waxing has become a very common hair removal procedure, as people have looked for alternatives to shaving or using depilatory creams, such as Nair.

"Shaving can be irritating. The hair is so coarse, it can be itchy or uncomfortable. When you wax, you don't have that itchiness," Kelsey explains. "Depilatory creams can be really irritating on the skin. There are a lot of chemicals in them. Also, people are not going to get long-term effects from them, the hair is not going to grow back less. "With waxing, it lasts three to four weeks and your hair tends to grow back less and softer. The hair is a lot finer."

According to the estheticians at the spa, bikini lines, eyebrows, and legs are the most common requests for female clients. However, they also see male clients.

"There are quite a few men that come in. They get back waxes, chest waxes, we also offer a male Brazilian, we've had a couple of those," explains Kelsey.

People who wax for a long period of time find that sections of their hair won't grow back, she says. "We have clients come in who have been waxing for ten years and they just have small patches."

Though waxing has become a mainstream practice, there are still a few things to think about before trying it out.

"You may be a little bit sensitive, your skin will be a little bit red," Kelsey says. "Making sure the person you're going to is a licensed esthetician is really important because I've had clients who have gone somewhere and had skin removed from improper waxing. And making sure the place is sanitary is also important."

"I've actually gone to the zoo and had monkeys shout to me from their cages, 'I'm in here when you're walking around like that?'"
—Robin Williams, (about his body hair)

Though waxing is popular, an increasing number of people are willing to pay the price for a more permanent technique—laser hair removal. This method, according to Dr Jason Rivers of the UBC Laser Hair Removal Clinic at Vancouver General Hospital, is one of the most popular cosmetic procedures done in North America today.

Laser hair removal differs from electrolysis, another common method, in several ways. Electrolysis destroys a hair follicle by changing the electrolytes in the area of the follicle, explains Rivers.

"The electrologist puts the needle or probe into the follicle and pushes on the pedal and that will destroy the follicle," explains Rivers. "It's a slow process, so you can only do a limited area at a time, it has to be done on more than one occasion, it's painful, and at times, if the electrologist doesn't know what they're doing or doesn't have a lot of experience, they can cause scarring."

In addition, electrolysis can only target one hair at a time, whereas laser removal can destroy several hairs at once, using an intense laser beam to destroy hair follicles.

"Lasers don't use an electrical energy per se to destroy the hair follicle. The common modality is, to some degree, heat," explains Rivers, adding that the pigment in the hair can be used to selectively destroy it without damaging surrounding tissue. "By using the pigment as a target, you could theoretically heat up the target and destroy it."

Earlier hair removal lasers were not nearly as effective. Besides being much slower than the newer lasers, they could be used only on very light skinned people.

"They would not only take out the hair follicle, you would take out the pigment on the skin's surface, which could cause blistering and dispigmentation," describes Rivers.

The UBC clinic now uses an EpiTouch Alex laser, which they say is five times faster than other hair removal lasers.

"You can scan a much larger area in a shorter period of time with this laser. Instead of one pulse per second, you could do multiple pulses per second," Rivers tells me. "It would have taken me several hours to do someone's back before, I can now get it down to half an hour or less."

In some areas, such as the face, hair grows very quickly and it could take ten to 12 sessions to finish the job, but the average is between four and eight treatments per patient. A single treatment at the clinic can cost between $125 and several hundred dollars. Each day the clinic sees approximately 40 patients, according to Rivers.

"Common areas are all the areas you can think of—face, armpits, bikini area, men's backs and beard area, even genital areas for guys, and we do know that the laser if useful for people who get ingrown hairs a lot."

Though the common belief is that laser removal is a complete, permanent procedure, Rivers emphasises that it cannot offer that guarantee.

"The important thing for people to know is that it is permanent hair reduction and that means, defined by the FDA, a 50 per cent reduction in terminal hair growth for two or more growth cycles...It's quite substantial though it may not be 100 per cent."

Still, laser techniques have advanced the field of hair removal by leaps and bounds, says Johnson.

"I'm still astounded, after ten years, about laser hair removal," she says. "If you can get rid of 80 to 90 per cent of somebody's hair in six months, which is a growth cycle on normal body hair, that's astounding to me. With electrolysis it used to take us like a year and we'd get down, if we were lucky, to 50 to 75 per cent of it."

Johnson is a personal fan of the laser methods—as I speak with her, she extends her leg and says, "Feel this, feel my skin, it feels like this even when I have goosebumps." It's true; her leg is smooth and virtually hair-free due to the wondrous yet bizarre practice of laser hair removal. "I haven't owned a razor in seven years," she tells me.

Though Johnson sees more female clients for laser treatments at her clinic, the number of males getting treatments has increased.

"One of my favourite jobs is necks and cheeks [on men]," she says. "It makes a guy look so clean and well-groomed even if they haven't shaved in a number of days. We get a lot of lawyers, a lot of real estate agents, we get guys in impression-based jobs. In addition, we do full legs and we do a fair bit of pubic work. Guys hate it when they have hairy butts, so we do a lot of that kind of stuff."

When it comes to laser hair removal, Johnson warns consumers not to rush into a particular technique and not to be hasty in choosing a practitioner. A consumer's expectations may not be in line with what a clinic can accomplish, she says.

"People still underestimate the biological component of hair growth. The truth is that as we get older, we get hairier...You have to understand what you're dealing with and what the technology can accomplish."

Johnson also stresses the importance of getting all the information before undertaking any hair removal endeavour.

"A lot of people are really shy and really embarrassed and really self-conscious. So people for some reason are willing to hand over money for procedures without really doing their homework. Go for three consultations at least. Get on the Internet. Really look into it," she says. "Hair is kind of in the closet. You know, you talk about it at bridal showers, if you get a bunch of drunk girls together, it often comes up, but general table conversation is not somewhere where people talk about their nipple hairs."

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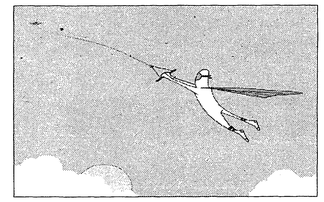

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The coordinator is responsible for ensuring smooth operation of the Safewalk Program. This includes: hiring new staff, organizing training sessions, scheduling shifts for employees, coordination with payroll, employee discipline and conflict resolution and seeking to improve the Safewalk service; working with other campus organizations to improve campus safety as a whole. On-call duties with 1-2 assistant coordinator(s).

Applicants should have a concern for safety on campus and experience with safety issues. Experience working with Safewalk and knowledge of the service structure and context an asset, though not required. Receptivity to change and innovation.

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Speakeasy is a volunteer based organization with an anti-oppression framework, which provides information, referrals and confidential peer support counseling for a wide variety of issues to the UBC community. The trained and friendly staff helps anyone who approaches the desk or calls the information or crisis line. Speakeasy also provides on and off campus referrals for further support when needed. Volunteers are also serving as an information resource through managing the SUB Information Desk throughout the school year.

The coordinator manages all aspects of the AMS Speakeasy office and service. This includes: hiring and training coordinators and volunteers peer counselors, developing a sense of volunteer community, liaising with UBC Counseling services, the Sexual Assault Support Center, the Wellness Center, and other health and safety related services at UBC, attending meetings, training sessions, and sitting on various committees, developing promotion materials.

The applicant must be a UBC student for the full-term of employment. Counseling or peer support, facilitation, workshop development and event planning experience are required. Experience within Speakeasy is strongly advised. Knowledge areas: community building strategies, and a vast range of issues and previous training in providing support in areas such as suicide, sexual assault, coping mechanisms, stress, depression, relationship concerns, etc. desired including an understanding of the anti-oppression framework and the ways in which various oppressions impact individuals and groups. Connections with on and off campus services related to but not exclusive to counseling, health, and wellness needed.

Minimum of 20 hours per week from September 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007. September hours will increase to 30+ hours a week due to interviewing and training of volunteers. January hours during the week before training will increase to 25-30 hours a week due to training. Availability for 5-10 hours of orientation/transition during March-April is preferred.

AMS Tutoring Services Coordinator

AMS Tutoring helps students achieve their academic goals by focusing on helping them become an independent learners. It is available both as a drop-in and as an appointment service.

The coordinator manages all aspects of the AMS Tutoring Services, including: recruitment, hiring and training of employees, liaising with all relevant on and off-campus groups, tutoring programs, tutoring workshops, the tutor registry and other initiatives, and assisting in long term funding/support development for the service.

Experience with tutoring and hiring an asset. Needs strong leadership and management skills with the ability to manage a staff of assistant coordinators, interns, and volunteers Familiarity with computers, specifically the ability to make text web updates. Interest in innovation and improving the Tutoring service.

Minimum 20 hours per week from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007

AMS Volunteer Connections Coordinator

AMS Volunteer Connections connects UBC students to volunteer opportunities in the AMS, on campus, in the Lower Mainland, and around the world. The service provides individual consultations to students looking to volunteer, as well as an online database of available volunteer opportunities. Volunteer Connections also collaborates with organizations and student groups to run charitable events such as Shinerama and Raising the Roof.

The coordinator manages Volunteer Connections. This includes: consulting with students looking for volunteer opportunities, managing the website and online database, liaises with AMS departments and staff, construct a marketing plan for the service and develop promotional materials and initiatives. They also the chair the Shinerama Organizing Committee and attends the Shinerama Conference.

Applicants should have experience in the volunteer sector and knowledge of opportunities available to students, enthusiasm and fresh ideas in the realm of marketing and student outreach, and familiarity with computers, specifically email and scheduling software, as well as a basic understanding of online forms and databases. Experience with event organization an asset.

Minimum 20 hours per week from May 1 to August 31, 2006. Minimum of 10 hours per week from September 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007.

All coordinators are expected to attend Student Services meetings, maintain regular office hours, gather student feedback during the year and keep statistics on their service, prepare a detailed budget, and provide operational and financial reports. They must be UBC students.

All of these positions each receive compensation of $12,000, including 2 weeks paid vacation coordinated through the ECSS considering service requirements.

For complete job descriptions see www.ams.ubc.ca.

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Women's basketball wins Pacific Division

by Megan Smyth
SPORTS EDITOR

The UBC women's basketball team broke SFU's home winning record during the Pacific Division finals this past weekend.

Although SFU hadn't lost a home game in over two years, the Thunderbirds were able to beat the Clan on both Friday and Saturday nights.

"I think Simon Fraser is not a very friendly gym for visitors and we've certainly been on the receiving end of that before over the years," said Coach Deb Huband. "So it's not our favourite place to play, but I think sometimes you have to focus on other things, particularly on the game plan."

Friday night's game resulted in a huge confidence boost and a 68-56 win for UBC. The T-Birds hadn't beat the Clan throughout the entire regular season.

"I think on Friday we had a lot to prove to ourselves and to some other people who thought maybe SFU was the better team," commented UBC guard Erica McGuinness.

UBC was able to maintain their half-time lead and keep SFU struggling to get points on the board. Erica McGuiness pulled in 17 points for the Thunderbirds as well as five assists. Teammate Kelsey Blair also scored high during the game, earning 14 points for UBC.

On Saturday, the T-Birds didn't have quite such an easy time during their second Pacific Division final game against the Clan, but were still able to pull off stronger defensive plays and win 62-54 during overtime. This win allows UBC to host the Canada West Final Four this weekend at War Memorial Gym.

"I think as we proved on the weekend we're fine playing in other gyms, but it's always nice to win at home and host Canada West," mentioned McGuinness.

UBC will be joined by SFU, the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Winnipeg in this weekend's Final Four tournament.

The T-Birds played hard in the second half to regain the lead after slipping behind SFU by seven points. UBC wasn't able to pull ahead of the Clan until Cait Haggarty got a three-point shot with just six minutes left in the game. In the end Saturday's game was a one of intense skill from both sides right up to the very end. Blair pulled UBC to a tie in the final six seconds of regular play.

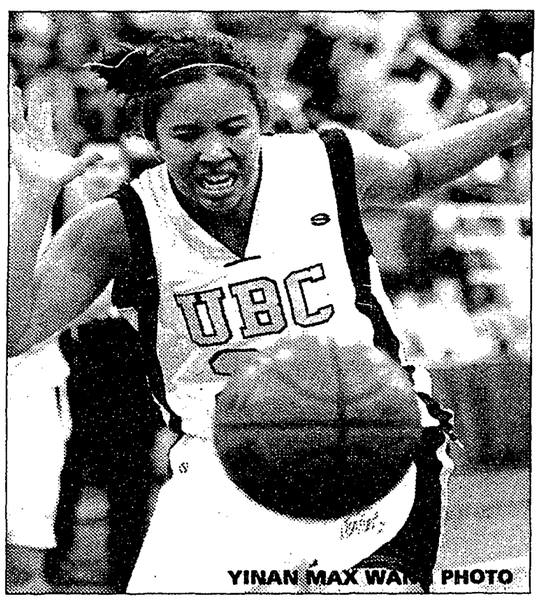
"On Saturday we just wanted to come out and take care of business," said McGuinness. "We wanted that second win."

The Thunderbirds went on to grab ten points during the extra frame—even without Friday's leading scorer McGuiness, who had been fouled out just before regulation time ended. SFU only managed two points during overtime play.

"I think when the game went into overtime because we tied it to go into overtime, we were all pumped up. I find that the team that ties it ends up winning it because you have a little more momentum coming in and we had made a little bit of a comeback in the second half," McGuinness said.

"We did a good job preparing for them and we wanted to just go in and execute our game plan. I think for the first time this year against Simon Fraser we really did a good job of executing our game plan and having people compete, in other meetings we had maybe two people perform well and the rest maybe under-perform for themselves, but this weekend we had a good team performance and a lot of solid contributions from a variety of people," remarked Huband.

Canada West Final Four games begin at 2pm on Friday with SFU taking on



YINAN MAX WANG PHOTO

Saskatchewan in War Memorial Gym. At 6pm UBC will play Winnipeg. The results of Friday's games will determine the bronze and gold medal match-ups for Saturday.

"I think having a close playoff series over the last two weekends has given us more confidence and is indications that we are peaking at the right time," said Huband.

Close call in pivotal game

OT determines new men's Pacific Division champions

by Eric Szeto
SPORTS STAFF

It would have been a monumental failure if the UBC Thunderbirds squandered away their season over the weekend. They came 30 seconds from accomplishing that Sunday afternoon.

With little under half a minute left in regulation and the UVic Vikes up two, all-star guard Pasha Bains nearly threw away the season when he was stripped of the ball. Rather than let UVic have an open fastbreak that would have made it a two basket difference, Bains immediately regained possession and passed it off to rookie forward Mathias Dockener. Dockener, from 16 feet, hit the biggest shot of his young collegiate career, tying the game and forcing overtime.

As the first minute of the extra frame began, the ignited crowd soon discovered UBC wouldn't be pandering to those hoping for a nail-biting finish. Instead, they executed with precision as Bains and guard Casey Archibald hit a pair of timely three-pointers in the final two minutes, sealing the 72-66 victory to win the series finale and the Pacific Division.

Scores, however, can be deceiving.

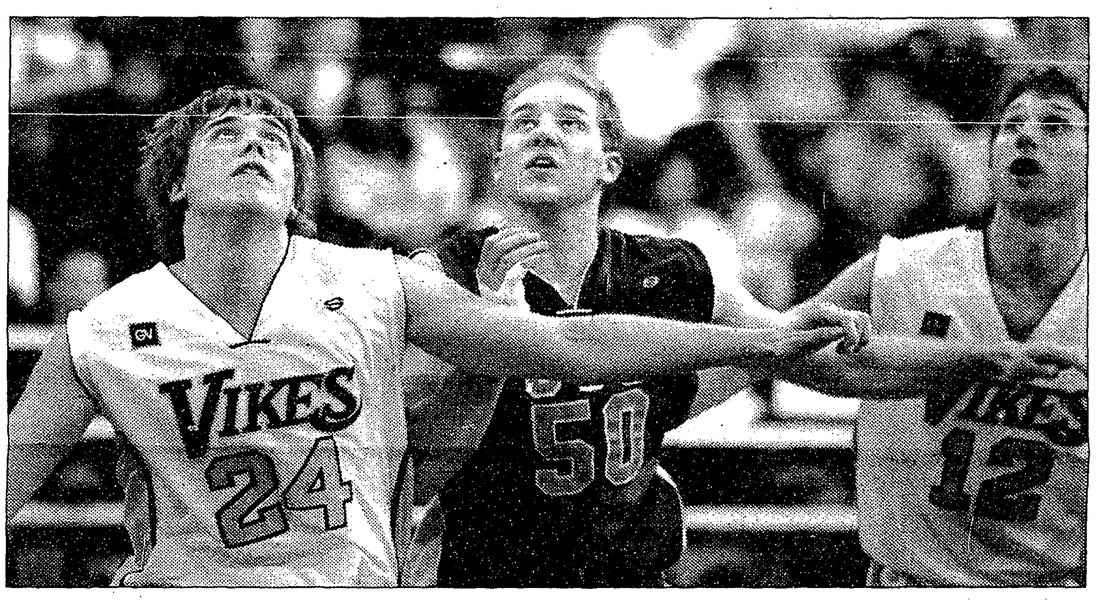
UVic held on to a slight lead throughout the entire first half until UBC went on a 9-2 surge that evened the score. UBC's continuously poor team play marked by sloppy rebounding and ill-timed three points shots made it seem as if they hadn't shaken off neither Saturday's loss nor the Vikes' sweep of them during last year's Pacific Division final.

The T-Birds—however poor their play—managed to carry a slim two-point lead going into the half.

If lead changes are any indicator of a close game, the second half was filled with plenty. Every UBC basket would be countered by Uvic in the see-saw second half that alternated from tie to lead change to tie again.

UVic held on to a late lead after some exceptional defence, but also captialised on UBC's careless passing. On back-to-back plays, UBC had the ball stolen, once on a lazy pass by guard Jordan Yu which led to a UVic fastbreak, the other on the ensuing inbound.

But as UVic started pulling away, the T-Birds leveled themselves.

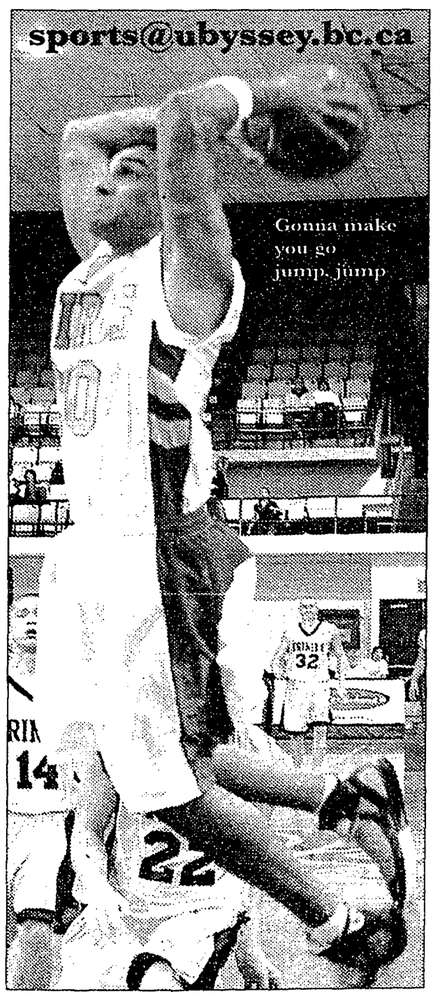


EYES ON THE PRIZE: Mathias Dockener readies for the rebound. YINAN MAX WANG PHOTO

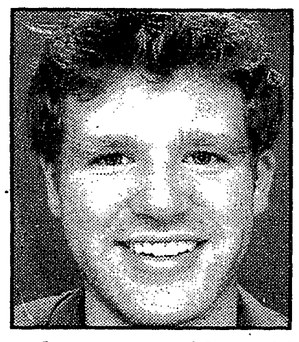
Sparkplug Yu, rectified his earlier blunder by taking control of the game and displayed some gutsy late-game heroics by scoring seven consecutive points to close the score within one with minutes to play.

Yu finished with 13 points and five assists, 11 of which he collected in the second. The dynamic duo of Archibald and Bains provided more than half the scoring for the T-Birds. Archibald finished with a game-high 21 points while Bains collected 18.

The T-Birds, who host the Canada West Final Four this upcoming weekend, will play the University of Saskatchewan next Friday at 8pm. The winner of the Final Four will head to Halifax to play in the CIS national championships.



The Ubyssey weighs in on the 2005/06 AMS Executive



SPENCER KEYS: PRESIDENT

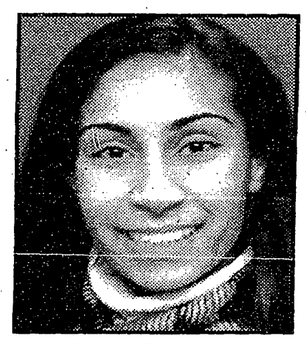
Spencer Keys didn't have big shoes to fill when he came into office last year. His approach to the position of president was focused on responsible management of the student society and this meant that he didn't have time to fulfill some of his own priorities, like raising the AMS student fees to the national average or implementing his touted Student Assembly.

Keys' term was not without accomplishment, however. He was able to settle the longstanding Travel CUTS lawsuit and draft the AMS Strategic Framework while in office. In addition, thanks in large part to his position on the board of directors of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, Keys was able to make some significant breakthroughs on the federal level.

Along with Jess Klug, Keys was able to well represent the AMS at the University and provincial scene as well, creating a positive relationship that will hopefully carry over with the new executive.

The restructuring of the Sexual Assault Support Centre was a low point for Keys. While he and Gavin Dew did eventually get the job done, they did manage to generate some resentment from the staff and others in the AMS in the process.

The Keys presidency, while conservative in its ambition at times, has moved the AMS in a generally positive direction. Given his strong managerial skills, *the Ubyssey* gives Keys a B+.

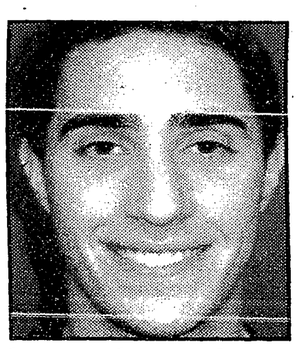


MANJ SIDHU: VP ADMIN

Sidhu, for the most part, fulfilled what she set out to do in her portfolio as overseer of the Student Union Building. The addition of the sliding doors to the entrance of the SUB and renovations to the building's conversation pit highlight some of her accomplishments. She also facilitated a fairly successful Clubs week and got the gender-neutral washroom up and running in September.

While she has been actively involved in many initiatives, Sidhu will unfortunately be remembered as the executive who assisted in spoiling the high profile "Partners in Peace" event that saw the Jordanian ambassador and the Israeli ambassador to Canada speak to a crowd of empty seats over a 'lapse in communication.'

We are hard pressed to label Sidhu's actions as anti-semitic, but given the high profile of the event, the 'lapse in communication' should not have occurred and has put a black mark on the AMS' dealings with the Jewish community. Ultimately, she is responsible as she is the one in charge. She has taken some steps to rectify the situation, proposing changes to the SAC handbook, which will help mitigate logistical errors that might have occurred in the past, but her legacy will be tarnished with that one controversial decision. This event shouldn't undermine all her hard work, however. Her performance as VP Adminstration, if at times taxed due to her full course load and other jobs, warrants a B-.



KEVIN KEYSTONE: VP FINANCE

This year marked another year of competent financial management of the AMS. Balancing the student society's books was Keystone's first accomplishment, and given that he was able to achieve this without the usual help of "Coke money," a pat on the back is well deserved.

Speaking of Coke, Keystone took it upon himself to be the AMS' representative to an investigation of alleged human rights abuses by the soft drink giant in the nation of Colombia. The report he and others are drafting will undoubtedly factor in greatly to any decision the AMS makes on whether to enter into another exclusivity contract.

Keystone's presence at AMS council was one of his strongest points throughout his term, if at times a little tedious. His attention to detail and willingness to ask tough question of University officials was something the other executive and AMS councilors often seemed reluctant to do.

The only thing Keystone could have done better was to work more with students on issues related to finance. While he hosted financial awareness seminars, it would be nice to see a VP Finance who is dedicated to ensuring that students are as financially sensible as they are. A solid voice on council and sound financial management, Keystone deserves an A-.

JESS KLUG: VP EXTERNAL

The best moment of Klug's term came right at the end. Organising "Provincial Lobby Day," she and 22 other students headed off to Victoria to meet with nearly 50 MLAs to get student priorities on the agenda. Communicating effectively with all levels of government and various political actors has been one of the strengths Klug has brought to her position.

With provincial, municipal and federal elections all occurring under her watch, Klug certainly had her work cut out for her in terms of generating student interest and as she termed it in her latest speaker series, "anti-apathy." Some of the ideas were truly novel and it's unfortunate that most of the events organised by her, with the exception of the Vancouver Quadra forum for the federal election, were poorly attended. Additionally, Klug drew fire for not extending the invitations to the federal debate to the non-mainstream party candidates, some of whom showed up to protest their exclusion. Though not entirely her fault, it was frustrating to see that for yet another year, students simply weren't being engaged to the extent they should be on the issues affecting them.

Klug's work on U-Pass and transit issues was solid and the time-saving albeit expensive decision to mail out U-Passes was certainly a relief for anyone who's had to wait 30 minutes in a lineup at the bookstore. Klug gets a well-earned B+ from *the Ubyssey*.

GAVIN DEW: VP ACADEMIC

Having the most open-ended portfolio out of all the executive positions, the VP Academic and University Affairs is involved in numerous facets of University operations and is confronted with one of the most difficult jobs. Having not even received a transition report from last year's VP Academic, Dew had to delve right into dealing with many of the University's planned developments, and was the first exec to actually get the AMS talking with the University about lessening the impact of the various developments, including University Boulevard.

Dew was also engaged in many committees and was heavily involved with the reforms made to student teaching evaluations. He also helped create LEAP, a collaboration between students, faculty and administration developed to strategically coordinate the use of resources to better meet the learning and research needs of UBC students.

Many of the projects that he undertook may not bear fruit for years, but it will have a lasting impact for many executives to come.

While his strong work ethic at times put even Quicky Mart attendent Apu to shame, there was a certain level of bureaucratisation that Dew brought to the AMS. One might argue that this was a good thing and guaranteed effective policy, but one could also argue that he further muddled an already lengthy process.

Dew headed up the AMS survey initiative, which the AMS has approved up to $10,000 to finance with student funds. While we question the validity and efficacy of such surveys, Dew purports that this will have very substantial strategic ramifications for the AMS. Hopefully the survey won't follow in the footsteps of its predecessors and be a frivolous expenditure. For his efforts and dedication, Dew deserves an A-.

CLOSING REMARKS

The AMS executive of 2005/2006 brought a necessary return to the professionalism a successful student society requires. A stark difference from last year's executives, this group spoke with a unified voice and had the confidence of council throughout the year.

While there is definitely room for improvement, the executive has set the standard of a responsible and hard working student government.

As a whole, for a job well done, the executive gets a B+.

B+

Love always,
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LETTERS

Olympic editorial gets it wrong, there is some good in the CBC coverage

by Marlon Richmond

I read the Editorial in Friday's Ubyssey that outright bashed the CBC's coverage of the Olympics. While the CBC really was not at its best in its coverage of the games this year, especially when compared to 2000 or 2002, the editorial got various things completely wrong. The CBC does not hold a monopoly of Olympic coverage. There was no mention of TSN in the editorial, which has been showing live Olympic coverage (mostly curling and hockey), and also shows highlights on its Sportscentre program, which airs at multiple times over the day (3:30pm, around 8pm, 11pm, 3am), plus CBC Newsworld shows highlights very frequently throughout the day. Due to the stubborn sticklers at the CRTC, CBC Newsworld is not allowed to show live sports coverage, which is not the case in the US, where NBC owned stations MSNBC and CNBC do air additional Olympic event coverage. Blame the CRTC for that.

The deal that gave TSN broadcast rights was made before CTV owned TSN, and the networks became competitors. Because of this, there is really not enough cohesiveness between networks, which has lead to a less than stellar amount of coverage. Curling and hockey, the two highly rated team sports have had greatly increased coverage, CBC Country Canada, which is a digital channel that very few students get, also airs the Olympics. Country Canada has been airing the Nordic events (Cross Country Skiing, Biathlon and Ski Jumping) live as well as in prime time, but with inferior announcers to the CBC's main coverage, and a much lower proportion of cross country skiing on the main networks coverage. In a perfect world (one with flexible licenses for cable stations), Newsworld would be showing the Olympics, but that is not possible in Canada. In 2010, CTV will televise the Olympics, and use their sister station TSN even more than it's currently being used.

One problem that I have with the CBC is that the CBC runs advertisements for Olympics Video on Demand, which it turns out is only available in Eastern Canada with Rogers Cable. There is absolutely no mention in these ads that say that viewers west of Ontario cannot access this package, which does tarnish the CBC's image, and reinforces East Coast bias.

The dirty little secret is that outside hockey, curling and figure skating, none of the sports get ratings in Canada worthy of wall-to-wall coverage of the lesser competitors. Most of the sports of the Winter Olympics are just glorified skill competitions, and get especially boring when watching athlete after athlete perform the same skill over and over. Unless the athlete is going to win, or is Canadian, most viewers get bored watching the full event coverage. The switching around is appropriate for these marginal sports.

And finally, truncation means to end abruptly before the end. These Olympics have actually had the least truncation, as in previous Olympics (2000 and 2004) the CBC signed off when there were still events being played to go to news or other programming. These Olympics have actually been better, as the CBC signs off after the events have been played, and doesn't take any news-breaks in the middle of coverage.

—Marlon Richmond is a student in fifth-year science

BIRD DROPPINGS

UBC takes conference

The UBC women's volleyball team goes into this weekend's CIS championship in Calgary as the tournament favourites. The T-Birds swept the Alberta Pandas at War Memorial Gym this past weekend after dominating weekend play from start to finish. UBC captured the conference banner for the first time since 1999. This season the T-Birds had a 19-1 regular season record and continued their achievement by winning four playoff games. The Thunderbirds will face off against the Saint Mary Huskies on Thursday night in the opening game of the CIS championships.

T-Birds drop competition

The UBC swim team pulled in their ninth National Championship win this past weekend at Laval University. The men swept all events on Friday, starting with a new CIS record by veteran Brian Johns in the 200m freestyle. Saturday night saw Darryl Rudolf break the CIS record in the 50m butterfly. The men's night was capped by a win in the 4x200m relay. The team was anchored by fifth-year captain Will Walters, who swam the last leg and brought the relay team to victory.

Sunday belonged to the ladies. The 4x100m relay comprised of Kelly Stefanyshyn, Haylee Johnson, Erin Miller and Elizabeth Collins, set a new Canadian and CIS record with a time of 4:05.25. Brian Johns was golden in all seven of his events. Scott Dickens and Darryl Rudolf swept the breaststroke and butterfly events. Callum Ng and Robert Miller combined won five medals in the backstroke events. Johns and Michelle Landry swept the IM events. Rookies Erin Miller and Carmen Block swam their way onto the podium. Ng and Stefanyshyn were awarded the 'swimmer of the meet' honours. Coach Derrick Schoof found some well deserved recognition in receiving male coach of the year. He led the men and women to their largest victory margin ever.

NOUS SOMMES LES CHAMPIONS! The UBC swim team won the CIS Championships for the ninth year in a row in Québec this weekend. **YINAN MAX WANG PHOTO**

Men's hockey season over

The men's hockey season came to an end this past weekend after the T-Birds fell 4-1 to the Dinos while in Calgary. UBC had one of their best seasons in over a decade. During Saturday's game the Thunderbirds were disappointed when they could not fight back hard enough against Calgary in the two overtime periods. The T-Birds ended with a 12-15-1 regular season record this year. ■

—with files from Tia Town-Schon

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Agenda
1) intros
2) t-shirts
3) hiring
4) events
5) other business
6) post mortem
Wednesday
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MARCH 4

Undergrad Research Conference
9:00AM to 6:00PM
This conference celebrates the contributions of undergraduate research at UBC by providing a unique forum that exemplifies UBC's commitment to undergrad curricula. Keep your eyes on www.research.ubc.ca/UGConf.aspx for updates!

Vancouver Institute Lecture – The Best Ideas You'll Hear Tonight
8:15PM
Bernie Lucht, Executive Producer of CBC Radio's Ideas program, has won many awards and received national and international recognition. He will talk about the show, how it began, how it evolved, and some of the characters involved. Visit the VI website http://psg.com/~ted/vaninst/ to see their full line up of lectures.
IRC Bldg. – 2194 Health Sciences Mall

MARCH 6

Forestry Research Day
12:00PM to 8:00PM
The faculty is hosting a poster session by graduate students and a feature presentation by Dr. Peter Arcese, Professor, and Co-Director, Centre for Applied Conservation Research. More details at www.forestry.ubc.ca/research/talks.html.
Forest Sciences Centre Atrium – 2424 Main Mall

UBC Health Clinic Grand Opening
Daily March 6 to 10, 12:30PM to 1:30PM & Wednesday evening 6:00-7:00PM
UBC's Health Clinic is announcing their Grand Opening to showcase their brand new facilities. Meet the care team and tour the state-of-the-art facility. Refreshments will be served. Daily event info at www.familymed.ubc.ca or call 604-822-5431.
David Strangway Bldg, Suite 300 - 5950 University Blvd (above Shopper's Drug Mart)

Traffic & Vancouver: Approaches, Solutions, and Futures
Reception 5:30PM to 6:30PM
Presentation 6:30PM to 7:30PM
Vancouverites, like residents in other major North American cities, face increased lost time, pollution and accidents from growing traffic congestion and reduced mobility. Join Sauder School of Business faculty members and TransLink as they discuss solutions to these issues. More info available at 604-822-6801 or email alumni@sauder.ubc.ca.
UBC Robson Square, Room C100 – 800 Robson St.

Internationalization & Education: Perspectives, Practices, Issues & Controversies
6:30PM Poster Session
7:30PM Lecture
Join two excellent researchers as they open and expand your knowledge of education in other parts of the world. Maureen Kendrick will focus on education initiatives in three Ugandan communities and Handel Wright will speak about "Researching Multiculturalism in New Times." This is a free event open to everyone. Visit www.educ.ubc.ca for more details.
UBC Robson Square Theatre – 800 Robson St.

MARCH 7

How What Do I Do? Career Opportunities After Graduate School
1:00PM to 4:00PM
The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences will focus on Graduate Students and assist them as they explore their career opportunities after graduate school. Get answers to questions like: How did I get here? What was I missing? What do I wish I had known? Refreshments will be served. Go to www.pharmacy.ubc.ca to register.
St. John's College – 2201 Lower Mall

The Battle Against Infectious Disease
7:00PM to 9:00PM
SARS, Mad Cow, Bird Flu, Super bugs, TB, Influenza, Pandemic.... What are we doing to keep ahead in the fight against infectious disease? Join Dr. John Blatherwick, Dr. Janet McElhaney, and Dr. William Bowie for a closer look at managing outbreaks, influenza, antibiotic use and resistance. To learn more visit www.vchri.ca.
Vancouver General Hospital – 899 West 12 Ave.
Cordula & Gunter Paetzold Health Education Centre in the Jim Pattison Pavilion

Science of a Changing Planet
6:00PM to 8:00PM
Understand the fascinating science behind Earth's ever-changing state. This series of short talks featuring UBC-based research on problems and solutions associated with our rapid climate changes and ways you can realistically reduce GHG emissions. Everyone is welcome. For more details call 604-822-2624.
UBC Robson Square Theatre – 800 Robson St.

Green College Lecture
5:00PM to 7:00PM
"The Changing Social Contract of Health" talk by Dorothy Porter, History of Health Sciences, and Chair, Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine, University of California San Francisco. Limited seating. www.greencollege.ubc.ca.
Green College – 6201 Cecil Green Park Rd.

MARCH 8

Sci-Trek Science & Research Trade Show
10:00AM to 4:00PM
UBC Supply Management presents Sci Trek to all Faculty and Staff. Check out this amazing science and research related Tradeshow, visit UBC's Major Suppliers, discover new scientific products and services and make new contacts at this event. www.supplymanagement.ubc.ca
Life Sciences Centre, West Atrium - 2350 Health Sciences Mall

Venture into UBC Research Developments
5:00PM
Discover the new companies being generated by UBC research and find out how they are being supported by our first UBC Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Gary Albach. . . let the Add Venture begin. Check out www.uilo.ubc.ca for further details.
UBC Robson Square, HSBC Hall – 800 Robson St.

Ingredients for a Healthy City
6:00PM to 8:00PM
Rob VanWynsberghe and others will talk about issues of sustainability and community as they relate to Vancouver's development towards an Olympic host city. This is a free event and due to space limitations, pre-registration is required via their website: www.wuf3.ubc.ca/program/living.html
UBC Robson Square Theatre – 800 Robson St.

MARCH 9

Obstetrics & Gynaecology Academic Day
6:00AM to 5:00PM
UBC Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Annual Academic Day is the opportunity for clinical trainees and graduate students to present their ongoing and/or completed research to the University. To register or find out more, visit the website at www.obsgyn.ca or contact Lisa Cattulo at 604-875-2171.
Women's Hospital, Chan Auditorium – 4500 Oak St.

UBC Discovery Tour
3:00PM to 5:00PM
Discover what UBC has to offer. This is a unique tour is the first of its kind. Participants will receive a guided tour using technology from their cell phones or iPods – so bring yours! The podcast will be available for download prior to March 9 – we'll keep you posted at www.research.ubc.ca. Highlights include:
- The Faraday Presentation in the Hebb Theatre - an entertaining look at Physics Principles
- A presentation in the new Life Sciences Building by the Ubiquitous Computing Group
- A guided tour of the UBC Space telescope
- A draw for Apple iPods. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discover UBC in a fun and exciting way. Many of the tour stops are brand new facilities that the public normally would not be able to access.

Best of all, it's FREE! Pre-register with Kally Basra at 604-822-6010 or kally.basra@ubc.ca

Celebrate Research Week Gala
5:00PM to 9:00PM
This spectacular event celebrates selected research award winners and recognizes their outstanding achievements – highlighted with video vignettes. The program also includes special performances by UBC School of Music and UBC Opera. This is a free event and pre-registration is required. Contact Kally Basra at 604-822-6010 or kally.basra@ubc.ca to order your tickets.
The Chan Centre for the Performing Arts – 6265 Crescent Rd.

Planners for Tomorrow
6:30PM to 8:30PM
Who should be the planners for the cities and towns of tomorrow? What should be their knowledge, skills and attitudes? Join the us to hear initial results and contribute to advancing the dialogue. Engage anytime at www.plannersfortomorrow.ca.
UBC Robson Square, Room C150/180 – 800 Robson St.

MARCH 10

Workshop on Future Wireless Systems
8:30AM to 5:00PM
Dr. Salim Hanna from Industry Canada and Dr. Andy Molisch from Mitsubishi Electric Research Labs will give keynote presentations on ultra-wideband wireless technologies. More details visit http://bul.ece.ubc.ca/workshop.html or call 604-822-3237.
Kaiser Bldg. – 2332 Main Mall

Engineering Open House
10:00AM to 4:00PM Friday & Saturday
Say the word "doctor" or "lawyer" and an immediate picture springs to mind of what these careers entail. Now try "engineer." It's a little harder, isn't it? Join us and learn about the exciting and diverse world of engineering at the free Engineering Open House. Visit www.apsc.ubc.ca for complete details.
Kaiser Bldg. – 2332 Main Mall

AERL Official Opening
2:00PM to 5:00PM
Everyone is welcome to attend the grand opening of the Aquatic Ecosystems Research Laboratory (AERL), an exciting new building that encourages and enhances the collaborations between natural and social scientists. There will be demonstrations and presentations of research, results and innovations. For more info call 604-827-5547.
AERL – 2202 Main Mall

MARCH 11

Diabetes Research Forum & Webcast
10:00AM to 12:00PM
A free public research forum where leading UBC researchers in the field of Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes speak on their current research. Seating is limited so those who are interested should call Canadian Diabetes at 604-732-4636 to reserve a seat. If you can't attend in person, you can still take part by logging on to www.ikebarbericentre.ubc.ca.
Life Sciences Centre, Theatre 2 – 2350 Health Sciences Mall

Excellence in Research Lecture – Accelerating Sustainability in BC
8:15PM
The Vancouver Institute presents Dr. John Robinson, Director, Sustainable Development Research Initiative at UBC. Find out about the Centre for Interactive Research on Sustainability (CIRS) and it why it will be the most innovative and high performance building in North America. Visit the VI website http://psg.com/~ted/vaninst/ to see their full line up of lectures.
IRC Bldg. – 2194 Health Sciences Mall

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