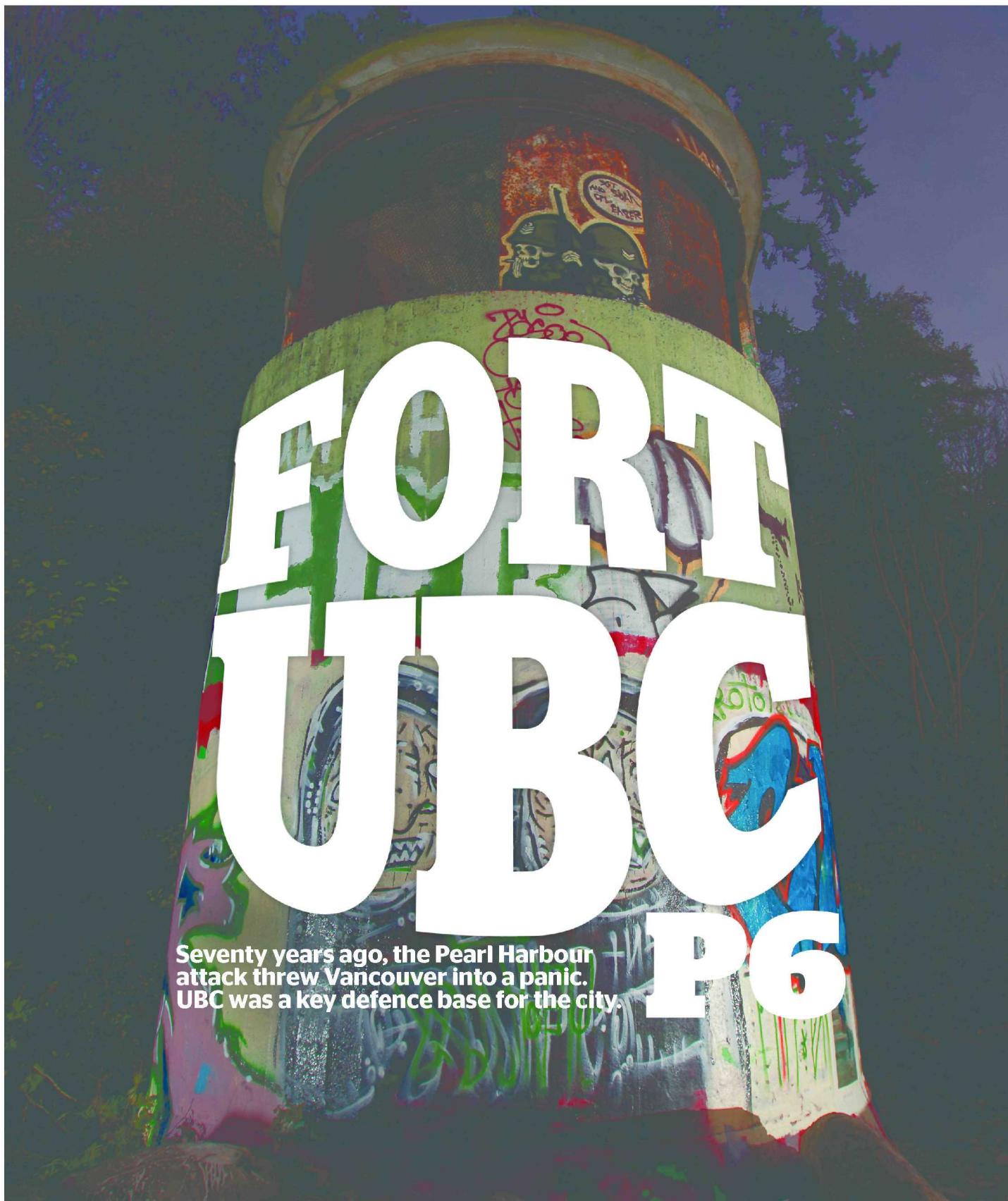


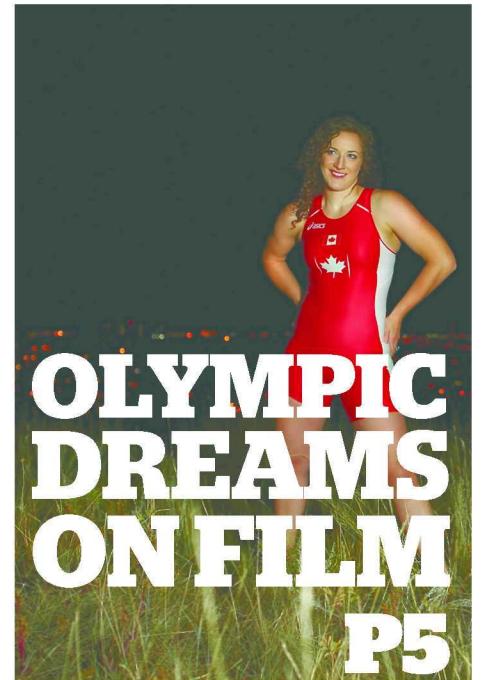


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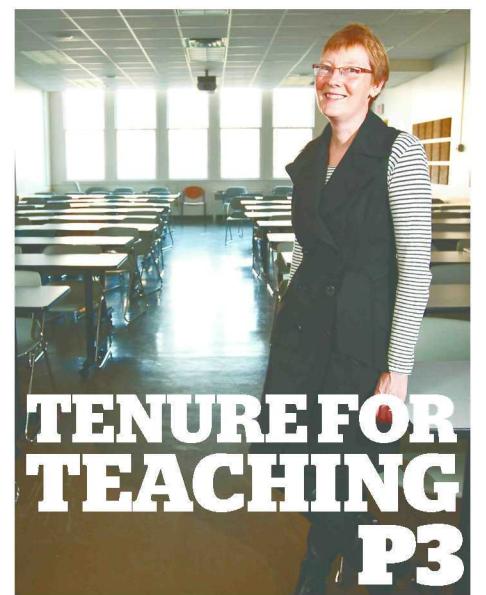
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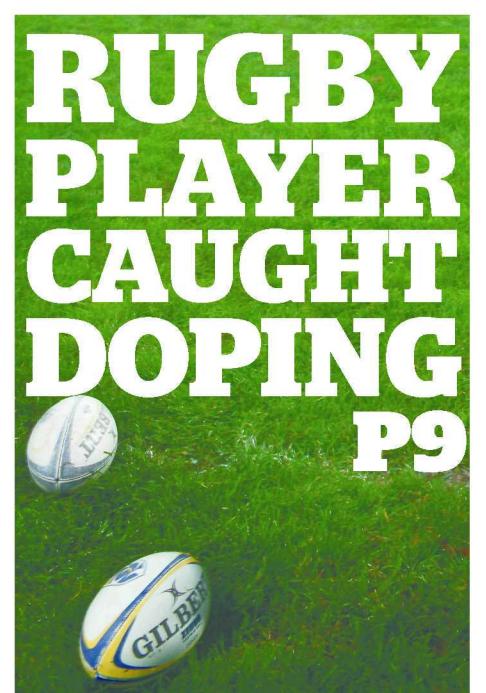
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No better way to get into the holiday spirit than watching vaguely familiar childhood movies. This classic features a ten-year-old Macaulay Culkin and plenty of blood.

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Our Campus

One on one with the people who make UBC



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Over 100 engineers turned out bright and early on December 2 for the annual Godiva Band march around campus.

'Geers spread end of year cheer

Justin McElroy

Coordinating Editor

The Cheeze, that ramshackle home of the engineers on campus, isn't normally filled with over 100 students at 7:30 in the morning.

But then again, the final day of classes in December happens but once every 12 months, and engineers, bless them, are unique on campus in their determination to spread Christmas cheer year after year, singing their carols to hundreds of amused and confused students.

So there are engineers in the Cheeze, listening to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," playing video games and getting into their costumes. The Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS)'s mission statement says that they exist to "support the academic, professional, and social needs of engineering students," and carolling definitely falls into the latter category. But that shouldn't diminish the work that goes into it.

"We start every year in September," says EUS VP Communications Hans Seiderman over the blaring of trumpets and trombones, describing the organization it takes to pull off their annual feat during such a hectic time of year. A four-hour route must be

planned, appropriate songs must be chosen, gifts must be carefully selected for a variety of campus groups they'll serenade over the course of the day.

And then there's the Godiva Band itself, a group of about a dozen students who dust off their high school marching band experience and play an incessant number of songs made famous by Burl Ives and Gene Autry 50 years ago. For four straight hours.

After an hour of rehearsal, with engineers making themselves sufficiently cheery for the carolling to come, the trek begins.

And what a chaotic, meandering, wonderful trek it is. Engineers invade building after building, and while their arrival into a classroom is intended to be a surprise, the sound of a large, booming drum in the distance (one that has a red "E" on it, no less) wises most up to what will be coming through their doors.

Now, the idea, in principle, is to sing carols to students. But when you have nearly 100 students in a single line trying to sing in unison and keep up with music being played in some cases 30 metres ahead of them, the end result is that of a loud, confused, but enthusiastic round of "Frosty the Snowman" which never gets better.

Not that anyone minds. They're just happy to see the show—especially when they receive a gift as well. People in student services, Plant Operations and the dean's office received gifts, partly out of holiday merriment, but also as a way to give thanks for occasionally looking the other way at their deeds. (For the record, *The Ubyssey* officially received lumps of coal.)

But to describe or judge the carolling on any sort of artistic metrics would miss the point. On a campus that shows a conspicuous lack of Christmas celebrations, the point of the carolling is its mere existence, the fact that we have some sort of tradition at this time of year. The look on the faces of students is one of both confusion and amusement. For faculty and staff who see the event every year, a welcome smile comes over their faces, the monotony of last-second exam review being momentarily replaced by barely controlled vocal anarchy.

"They're completely ridiculous," says one student development officer who stopped to watch them in the Centre for Student Involvement, "but I make sure to watch every year."

"It's one of the best parts of the holidays at UBC."

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STUDENT UNION »

AMS votes down membership in federal lobby group CASA

Micki Cowan

News Editor

For the second time since they helped found the organization in 1995, the AMS has decided to leave the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

While this has freed up nearly \$60,000 to spend on local and provincial lobbying campaigns, voting down membership with CASA has left the AMS without a federal lobbying strategy.

AMS President Jeremy McElroy

said he was disappointed with the decision to leave: "I've tried to do my best to demonstrate its value to Council, but obviously we have different priorities and feel it's not the best use of funds at this time."

"I don't agree with that and I do think the AMS should continue to advocate federally," he said.

The failed motion came forward at the November 30 Council meeting, and asked whether the AMS should become full members rather than associate members of CASA.

Zach Dayler, national director of

CASA, said that it's not likely that CASA's board will give the AMS the option of being associate members for another year.

"They've been an associate member now for three years. We have a clause [that says] you evaluate the organization for a year and then you make your decision to become a full member or not," said Dayler.

Michael Haack, chair of the University and External Relations Committee, presented a review of CASA at the meeting. He said that due to the high cost of membership,

CASA wasn't the right organization for the AMS.

"It takes away what we are able to lobby for provincially, municipally, against the university or TransLink in any sort of emergency campaign that might come up," he said.

In their review, members of the committee also took issue with CASA's spending practices, which they said were inefficient, its perceived ties to the Liberal party and a lack of consultation.

Now that they have decided to leave, it will be up to next year's VP

External and VP Academic to decide how to spend the freed-up funds.

While the AMS will no longer be a member, the Graduate Student Society (GSS) still is. GSS representative Bahador Moosavi said that he hopes the AMS continues federal lobbying despite leaving CASA.

"Lobbying federally has a lot of benefits...Most of the research funding is basically controlled by the federal government."

"I think it would be important for a society like the AMS to be a part of that." □

RIOTS »

UBC students amongst charged rioters

Jonny Wakefield

Managing Editor, Print

At least two of the 25 people charged in last June's hockey riots have been confirmed as UBC students.

On Wednesday, Crown Counsel handed down 61 charges against suspected rioters, among them Jensen White and Alexander Peepre, who attend UBC.

Peepre, a 20-year-old political science student, is the only person charged with assault in connection with the riots. Cameron Brown, a photographer who was at the riots, claimed that Peepre struck him from behind as he tried to put out a trash can fire. Brown said he required three stitches as a result, and nearly \$3000 worth of camera equipment was destroyed.

"I tried to get some clear shots of people that were causing the damage because I knew right away that that would be the best way to identify them afterwards and send them off to the police," said Brown. "The only way I know exactly what happened is from the video tape that I saw. Apparently [Peepre] sucker punched me then ran away."

Peepre declined comment.

An assault conviction carries a maximum sentence of ten years, but BC Civil Liberties Association executive director David Eby said it is unlikely that the Crown will recommend it.

"For first offences and particularly for people who are in university, the sentences are not going to approach the maximum," said Eby. "They're going to be on the much lower end, simply because having a criminal record for someone with a post-secondary education is going to be a pretty major punishment, that's very much going to limit



Two UBC students have been charged for allegedly participating in the riots that followed the Canucks' loss against Boston in June. DAVID ELOP/THE UBYSSEY

their employment opportunities."

White is the only non-Canadian to be charged. Hailing from Seattle, White is studying Science at UBC on a student visa and is being charged with mischief and participating in a riot. Eby said the Crown will almost certainly revoke White's visa if he is convicted, in lieu of sentencing.

"Usually the Crown will say, 'We will suspend these [charges], but we will also end your student visa, and you've got to leave Canada immediately and not come back.'"

White could not be reached for comment.

Another UBC student, Camille Cacnio, publicly apologized for rioting last June, amid cries that the

university take additional disciplinary actions against students who were involved. But the university said that it will leave the matter to the courts.

"While the university believes all persons involved should be called upon to account for their behaviour, it does not believe the student discipline system at the university is the appropriate forum to do so," explained Randy Schmidt, associate director of UBC Public Affairs. "The system of student discipline at the university is meant to address offences specifically committed against members and property of the university community."

The university also said that students who have their visas revoked

as a result of a criminal conviction are outside of their jurisdiction.

Eby said the publicity around the crimes and the trial has led many to wrongly equate these charges with convictions.

"A lot of people were very upset about what happened, and understandably, but the people who have been charged are still entitled to a fair trial and although their names have been released publicly because they've been charged, employers and schools and other should keep in mind that these people have not yet been convicted."

"Until they are, they should be given the benefit of the doubt because they are presumed innocent in our system." □

News briefs

UBC research says babies understand mistreatment

According to a new UBC study, babies as young as eight months have a sense of "good" and "bad."

Researchers at UBC, Temple University and Yale University presented 4 scenarios to 100 babies using animal hand puppets. Babies were shown puppets either giving or taking toys from "good" or "bad" puppets, then selected puppets that mistreated the bad characters compared to those that treated them nicely.

"We find that, by eight months, babies have developed nuanced views of reciprocity and can conduct these complex social evaluations much earlier than previously thought," said lead author of the report, Kiley Hamlin.

UBC receives \$2.2 million donation from BMO

UBC has received a \$2.2 million donation from the Bank of Montréal. The money will be used to support education and outreach for family businesses as well as research and education for family-run dairy farms.

The Business Families Centre at UBC's Sauder School of Business will receive \$1.95 million of the donation to establish a new Family Enterprise Program. The program will further innovation in areas that include succession planning, family dynamics and governance.

Approximately \$250,000 will be used to develop new classroom space at UBC's Dairy Education and Research Centre in the Fraser Valley.

CIDA gives \$2.8 million grant towards UBC research

UBC researchers in partnership with the Child and Family Research Institute and BC Children's Hospital have won a \$2.8 million grant from the Canadian International Development Agency to improve the rate of survival of Bangladeshi mothers, newborns and young children through the prevention of sepsis.

Lead by clinical professor Charles Larson, the grant will be used for early detection screening for sepsis in developing countries. "The majority of children who survive sepsis suffer from compromised immune systems, and are often subject to repeat infections following discharge from medical care," said Larson.

Sauder alum launches legal bid site

Jeff Fung, a Sauder School of Business alumnus from 2005, has launched MyLawBid, an online service that allows lawyers to bid on legal work submitted by potential clients.

The service is designed to allow individuals and small businesses to look for legal representation. Lawyers who register on the site can bid on requests.

MyLawBid was a finalist in the Telus Business Elevator Pitch contest. Fung told *The Province* that the recognition is a great "vote of confidence," and said MyLawBid now has the momentum it needs to become a market success. □

PROFESSORS »

Research no longer required for tenure at UBC



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Natalya Kautz
Staff Writer

Professors will soon be able to secure tenure without having to balance both teaching and research.

Previously, the highest rank for teaching-focused faculty was senior instructor, equal to an associate professor position for research faculty.

The end of this year will be the first opportunity for appointments to "professor of teaching" positions. UBC currently employs 99 instructors and 96 senior instructors, which is roughly 8 per cent of its tenure track faculty. Geography senior instructor Sally Hermansen said many faculty members are qualified for appointment.

"There are lots of senior instructors across the university who've been in that rank for more than five years who could apply."

"There are many of us that wouldn't need another rank to keep us going...but that said, I think this new opportunity just gives you a little bit more 'oomph' to really keep up with engaging your classroom."

Anna Kindler, associate vice president of academic affairs and resources, explained that the new professor position was introduced to keep top candidates interested in teaching at UBC.

"I [had been] difficult for us to recruit the best people whom we may recruit to these roles around the world because of the career track not really being complete and perhaps as fulfilling as it could be."

Kindler explained that the professor of teaching position will "place more emphasis not only on teaching and excellence in teaching, but also on educational leadership. But until professor of teaching appointments are made, it is unclear what the effects on students and faculty will be."

"This is a very new rank," said Kindler, "and a new process is going to take a bit of time before we can reliably say that how it's working and what exact benefits it is bringing to our community." □

FUNDING »

Clubs fund pickup slow

Few student groups have applied for AMS funding



The UBC Brewing Club used the AMS's clubs benefit fund to expand equipment purchasing.

Andrew Bates
Senior Web Writer

Established in last spring's referendum, the clubs benefit fund isn't yet being used to its full extent.

"I, as always, wish we got more applications," said Alannah Johnston, vice-chair of the AMS Student Administration Commission.

"Considering the number of clubs we have and the amount of clubs that I would think would need money for various projects, we don't get that many," said Johnston. "We get probably 3 every 2 weeks, and with 400 clubs, you'd think that we'd get more than that."

AMS President Jeremy McElroy said it's a matter of getting the word

out. "I think we're going to make a slightly bigger push next semester for it, as uptake hasn't been as huge," he said. "That's been the case for all of our new funds...word hasn't necessarily gotten out as much yet."

The benefit fund, which allows clubs to access AMS money for large projects, existed before the March 2011 referendum and was then filled with \$5000 from the AMS budget. "It did serve its purpose well for the most part, but clubs didn't get in the habit of relying on us for funding," McElroy said.

The old fund was limited at \$450 per individual request, but the spring referendum added a \$1.50 per-student levy that topped the fund up to \$60,000. This boosted

the threshold for requests to \$1500 per club. The new code has been in effect for three months.

"With a higher limit, that means we're able to think more long term and not just buy what we need," said Kathy Yan Li, president of the UBC Brewing Club. "Having a bigger purchasing limit, we can actually plan ahead and buy a whole bunch of stuff so we don't have to make any more purchases in the next couple of years or so."

Johnston said that a lot of clubs are still requesting the old amount.

"Maybe it hasn't been advertised enough, but people are still applying for \$300. People just apply for what they need," she said. "We've definitely seen a couple \$1200 applications that we've now been able to say yes to, but there's probably been like four of them or something since it started."

Other recent grants include \$1500 for a new studio at Photosoc, \$450 for a Diwali celebration held by the UTSAV Indian Students' Association, and \$500 for new mirrors for UBC Dance Horizons.

Johnston said a new strategy will be applied to increase applications.

"We're putting together orientations for the [club] executives in April, and that will be a big thing that we'll be talking about then. 'Hey guys, you can get money. Apply for it, please!'"

to talk about eligibility and the application process.

"We've had two information sessions regarding the new policy and over 400 students showed up," said Charles Shi, an international student adviser at the International House.

Shi said the university is able to help students with documents such as work permits and temporary visas, but the CIC will be called in for application assistance if students request it.

While Frohard-Dourlent wishes the policy was passed earlier, she will be looking into the process. "I was already planning on applying for permanent residency before I heard about the new policy, so it hasn't changed my plans," she said.

"If the policy had been in place earlier, it would have saved me a lot of headache and anxiety regarding my options for staying in Canada after my degree."

However, there are concerns that as PhD students become less likely to return to their country of origin, it may aggravate educated lab our shortages abroad.

"We're aware of the issue, which is why we work hard to create ties with universities abroad, so that we can all benefit from the international movement of students," said Phelps. "We also do our best to ensure the students themselves have opportunities to give back to their home countries if they choose to stay."

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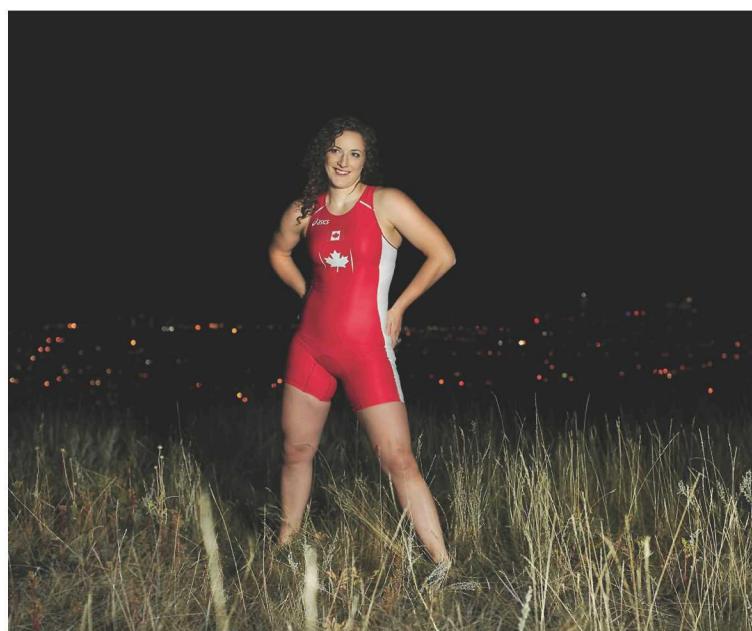
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Leah Callahan is an Olympic wrestling hopeful and the subject of a new documentary.

MOVIES»

Sports doc allows audience to interact with athlete's journey

Kayi Wong
Contributor

When is a sports movie not a sports movie?

The Sticking Place is a documentary about 24-year-old Olympic-hopeful, Leah Callahan, but it is also a film that requires the audience be part of the story.

Instead of using a traditional sports documentary style, directors Josephine Anderson and Brittany Baxter adopted an interactive format, which allows the audience to view the film for free and have control over how they watch Callahan's story.

"Instead of just passively watching the film, the viewers can really engage and explore her life and what it is like to be an athlete," said Anderson, a graduate of UBC's English literature program.

The directors might lose more control with an interactive film as compared to a traditional style, but that also allows Callahan's voice to be more dominant. "As compared to the standard sports documentary, the interactive format gets up close with the personal details of Leah's life," said Anderson.

Callahan, who is based in Calgary, is currently ranked as the second-best female freestyle wrestler in the country. She will be heading to Winnipeg in two weeks for the primary Olympic trials, where she will attempt to qualify to represent Canada in 2012.

As Baxter asserted, "We just want the viewers to be interested and involved. Josephine and I try to be honest and open about the whole experience and production process, just as Leah is being real and honest about herself in front of the camera."

Leah sacrifices so much. She goes into debts and she doesn't get fame; she does it because she's passionate about it. Leah is a character that brings people out. If you go to one of her matches, you will feel the immense support and love she gets from the audience. Everyone loves her because she's such a genuine person."

The directors were inspired after having seen one of Callahan's wrestling matches in March and are currently in the final stages of fundraising. By the 2012 Olympics, the project website should be launched, and viewers can explore Callahan's story through various formats, like her journals and behind-the-scenes videos.

The website will also be a platform for viewers to share their experience and struggles to achieve their dreams. Baxter commented, "Our film is about wrestling, but we really feel that the goal will resonate with athletes or non-athletes. It's really a story about living a thoughtful life, about pursuing a dream."

"Leah's journey is an Olympics journey but in one way or another, we're all on our own version of an Olympics journey. Many of us are pursuing something that we care about and so many of us get to a point where the dream is challenging and we have to persevere through those challenges," said Baxter.

"Our documentary really explores those challenges and the uncertainty in changing one's course or pushing through those obstacles."

Go to thestickingplacefilm.ca to see the doc's trailer.



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MOVIES»

A guide to this season's blockbusters

Will Johnson
Senior Culture Writer

It's that time of year again. December is the month when studios release their Oscar bait and feel-good family blockbusters. While the summer movie season has devolved into franchise sequels and shitty remakes, Christmas is when you can expect top-notch movies vying for a top spot at the box office.

Here's a list of the most anticipated movies coming out this Christmas.

The Muppets

Jason Segel is responsible for this madcap circus of good ol' fashioned fun. Did you see him perform with puppets in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*? Now picture that stretched over two hours.

The whole gang is back—Kermit, Miss Piggy, Gonzo and Fozzie Bear, to name a few. But you can also expect an entire sleigh-full of celebrity cameos, including Jon Krasinski, Jim Parsons, Neil Patrick Harris, Rashida Jones and Leslie Feist.

If you're not watching it for the talking puppets, tune in to hear the songs penned by *Flight of the Conchords* star Bret McKenzie.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

Make a mental note of the name Rooney Mara. You'll be hearing it a lot in the coming months. The star of David Fincher's film adaptation of Stieg Larsson's Swedish crime trilogy is virtually unrecognizable as Lisbeth Salander, a computer hacker



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Daniel Craig takes on the role of Mikael Blomkvist in *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. out to solve a murder.

Don't be surprised when she gets nominated for an Oscar.

Fincher is hot off his critically-acclaimed Facebook movie, *The Social Network*. He also teamed up again with Trent Reznor, whose cover of Led Zeppelin's "Immigrant Song" plays over the trailer.

They're advertising this movie as "the feel-bad movie of Christmas." But I feel pretty good about it.

The Descendants

Alexander Payne's last movie, *Sideways*, was seven years ago. It racked up five Academy Award nominations and put its star, Paul Giamatti, on the map as a leading man.

This time, the director has teamed up with George Clooney, who stars as a father of two living in Hawaii. The movie promises to be at turns funny and touching. It's already gathering steam as a frontrunner in

the Oscar race, and should be a lot of fun.

Shame

No one had heard of Michael Fassbender a few years ago, but all of a sudden he's everywhere.

After a breakout performance in *Inglourious Basterds*, Fassbender signed up for a variety of leading roles (including Magneto in the most recent *X-Men* sequel).

But *Shame* is the movie that's winning him the most rave reviews. Under the direction of Steve McQueen, Fassbender excels as a sex addict lost in an urban wasteland.

This movie looks slick, dark and really damn cool. Don't miss it.

Other upcoming movies of note:
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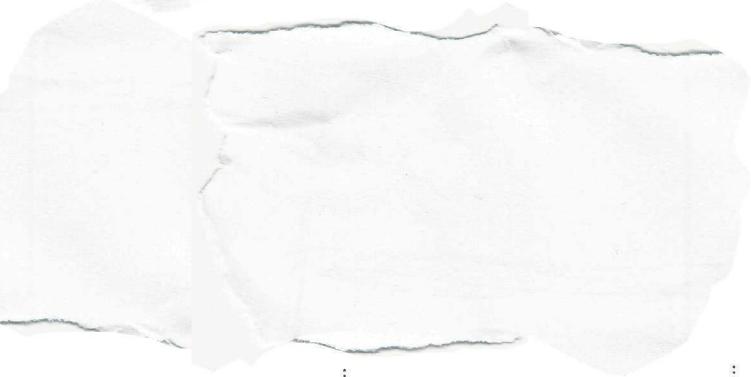
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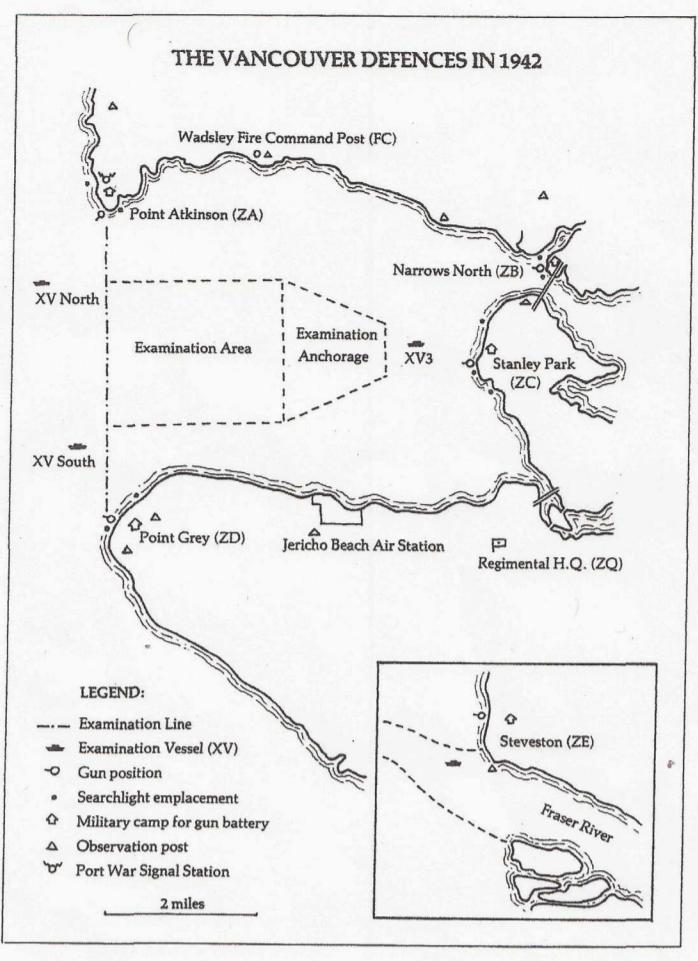


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A diagram of the fortifications around the Burrard Inlet.

"The people who controlled the guns would be sent the angles of fire and the other data automatically from the battery observation post."

The searchlight towers were built so as to be parallel with high tide. "If you bounced the beam across the surface of the water, anything that was projecting out of the water would become instantly visible, even a periscope," says Moogk.

"The shortcoming of the defences around Vancouver was the assumption that the principle attack would come from surface vessels," says Moogk. In fact, it was far more likely an attack would come from submarines or airplanes. The Japanese had even developed aircraft-carrying submarines; the planes had folding wings and tails and were transported in waterproof hangars. One of these planes bombed Oregon during the war.

Bizarrely, the Japanese also sent incendiary bombs by hydrogen balloons launched from the home islands. The balloons would ride the stratospheric currents across the Pacific Ocean and were timed to descend over the North American coast. The intention was to start forest fires and create a general panic, and although some did in fact hit BC, hardly anyone knew about it—partly because the Canadian government kept it secret, but also because the balloons weren't very effective.

Amuseum replaces the fort

When the war ended, Point Grey Fort was slowly dismantled. The guns were shipped off to European NATO allies with a greater need to defend waterways. At the end of the 40s, the fort was used by UBC for overflow student housing, and students would sometimes hold parties in the tunnels.

When the new Museum of Anthropology was planned in the 70s, it was quickly apparent that the gun emplacements were going to cause a problem.

Under the design by architect Arthur Erickson, the No. 2 gun emplacement was going to be right in the middle of the new building.

Bill Reid's sculpture of the Haida creation myth, *Raven and the First Men*, was going to be a centrepiece of

the new museum.

"I suggested to Bill that he plan his work for the gun mount itself," writes Erickson in the book *Objects and Expressions: Celebrating the Collections at the Museum of Anthropology*. "The gun turret, the symbol of war, base for destruction, was to be vanquished by his haunting portrayal of Creation."

Meanwhile, Moogk took action to protect the other gun emplacements outside the museum.

"When they were starting to build the new Museum of Anthropology, I went wandering out there. They had started to clear the site, and I saw these bunkers, concrete structures and gun positions," says Moogk.

"And I talked to some people and I said, 'Oh, this is interesting. It's part of the history of the campus.' But then I was up here one time and I heard these explosions going on. They were dynamiting as much as they could. But because we're dealing with, in some cases, metre-thick reinforced concrete, all of it couldn't be gotten rid of."

Moogk wrote an opinion piece for *The Vancouver Sun* calling for the site to be saved, and now it is maintained by the 15th Field Artillery Regiment Museum.

Today, along with the restored gun emplacements beside the museum, the searchlight towers can still be seen down below on Tower Beach.

On the pathway down, the remains of a powerhouse for the fort can also be found.

The searchlight towers have been spraypainted in bright colours and the entrances have been welded over with sheet metal. "During the summers the nudists were using them as latrines," Moogk explains.

Seventy years after the Pearl Harbour attacks created a real fear that Vancouver might be attacked, only a small part of what Erickson dubbed our "dubious defence effort" can still be seen. Yet it's a significant part of the university's history that few students know about today.

Thanks to the effort of Moogk, the 15th Field Artillery Regiment and the staff at the Museum of Anthropology who helped save the site, that history is still accessible to those who are looking for it. □

Looking back: how *The Ubyssey* covered the "Japanese problem"

Liam Scanlon
Contributor

How does a student newspaper respond to its country being engaged in a global war of unspeakable destruction? How does it respond to Canadian citizens being shipped off to internment camps due to the racist policy of its country's government?

We can hope these questions never have to be asked again, but to get a sense of the answers, we can look back at *The Ubyssey* during WWII.

"Bred in chaos, breeder of chaos," wrote a columnist by the name of Nemo on January 5, 1940. "1939 presented civilized man with political upheavals, betrayals, earthquakes, threats of war, and actual war as he lived through his turbulent 365 day span."

The editorial board, led by editor-in-chief John Garret and including Pierre Berton as associate editor, was relieved to see the end of the "tragic 30s" and the Great Depression, but most of *The Ubyssey*'s editorials were devoted to some aspect of the ever-present war atmosphere. "It was one of the brightest and cheeriest Christmases and New Years this year that British Columbia has ever seen," wrote Jack Margeson in a 1942 New Years column. He then added that "everyone was spending a great deal of money, determined to have a good time because 'it might be the last.'"

As the 40s and the war moved forward, more and more space in *The Ubyssey* was devoted to the war effort: articles on the War Aid Council, on whether UBC's division will take part in Vancouver's Military Parade and, of course, on the draft. "Male students with an average in the Christmas exams below 50 per cent," said one article on

January 8, 1943, "discovered with a start that they had lost their privilege of draft exemption."

In the years before the Pearl Harbour attack, Japanese-Canadians were treated by *The Ubyssey* as a visible yet harmless minority on campus. News articles on the Japanese Students' Club, for example, contained some condescension, but very little animosity. According to historian Elaine Bernard, who wrote an article for BC Studies on UBC's treatment of Japanese-Canadians in the war era, "there were more Japanese students at UBC than any other Canadian university...the Japanese were able to enter the COTC [Canadian Officer's Training Corps] on campus. This stands in marked contrast to Japanese off campus who...were never called to enlist."

Yet that dramatically changes over the Christmas break of 1941, when Pearl Harbour was attacked. "The new war changes the whole complexion of life at the university," said an editorial on January 12, 1942. "Before Christmas we were fortunate students, far removed from the actual war zone, doing our bit to raise money for charitable organizations while obtaining an education under almost peacetime conditions. Now we are...attending this institution at a time when enemy craft might conceivably be hovering off Point Grey."

The Ubyssey also addressed the so-called "Japanese problem." The first mention was on January 9, when student Michiyoshi Symiya, among others, was forced to give up his COTC uniform. The news article took pity on the Japanese students, ending with a general quote from Japanese students that stated, "We want to take our place by the side of our Canadian friends."

The editorial of that issue asked, "What then, are we trying to do... [except] making natural, enduring and hopeless enemies of them?"

Many didn't share those sentiments. Student Charles Woodward wrote a letter to *The Ubyssey* to register dissent. "I would ask you, what would the Japanese of British Columbia do if an army of fifty thousand Japs landed on our coast? Would they link arms with the Canadians to repel the Invaders, or would they stab us in the back?"

"I do not believe any of your previous writers have been fully aware of the facts of one Japanese problem," wrote student J.F. Currie in another letter. "Unlike other minority groups, the Japanese have never separated themselves from their own fascist factions." He concludes by saying that only "mass education" of the Japanese-Canadians will suffice.

Japanese Students' Club President Hajime Kagetsu also wrote to *The Ubyssey*, stating, "Our endeavour is to fulfill our obligation and gratitude to Canada...We realize that a decent livelihood is possible only in a democracy. Where else would someone find so much tolerance?"

The Mackenzie King government announced the internment program on February 24, 1942, but it wasn't even mentioned in a corresponding *Ubyssey* article. From that point on, the articles concerning "the Japanese problem" grew smaller and smaller, until, by mid-1942, the Japanese weren't mentioned at all.

One thing is clear from the war years archives of *The Ubyssey*: real debate over issues was present, almost certainly to a greater extent than any of the large city newspapers. It is through this honest debate that the complex culture of the era comes alive. □



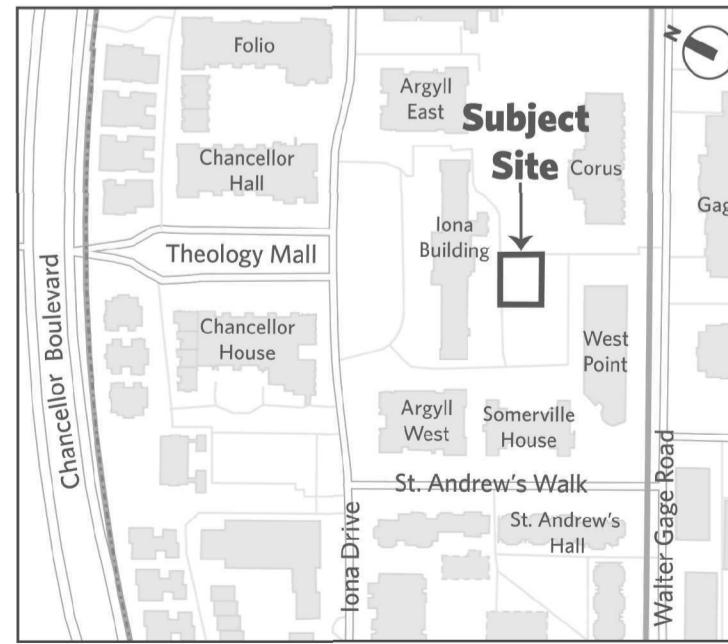
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UBC rugby player banned for taking steroids

Andrew Bates
Senior Web Writer

The UBC rugby team says they have moved on after one of their players was banned for steroid use.

Jeff McKinnon, a flanker for the UBC Thunderbirds, tested positive for testosterone and bolderone while playing for the BC Bears in the Canadian Rugby Championships in August.

He was issued a ban at the beginning of November by the International Rugby Board (IRB) that will keep him out of the sport for two years.

We all agree that doping is wrong. It has no part in the game. But we don't really know all of [McKinnon's] story.

Alex Kam
UBC rugby captain

"It's been business as usual," said Spence McTavish, coach of the men's rugby team. "I'm pretty surprised how a lot of the guys have taken it. They've been straightforward, and just said, 'Hey, we just move on.'"

But McTavish said it was initially a surprise.

"It took me by surprise and was a bit of a shock," he said. "It's the first time anyone on our team has ever been tested positive, but some students use illegal means to get stronger, [and] it's not something that we simply condone."

McKinnon, a kinesiology student, transferred to UBC from Capilano in 2010, where he was a human kinetics student.



Jeff McKinnon, left, playing against the University of California last year. McKinnon recently received a two year suspension for steroid use.

He played for the Thunderbirds for one year, and will likely graduate before his suspension ends in 2013.

"It comes at a pretty strategic time in his career," McTavish said. "He'd already played for the men's provincial team, and maybe down the line he might get some kind of a look at a national team situation, but who knows."

According to McTavish, it was the

first time at UBC that he met someone who was doping. "I'm pretty sure he'd be the only guy that I know who uses some drugs to enhance," he said. "They're people in all sports that do it. Maybe they're smarter than Jeff, I don't know. Maybe they're luckier than Jeff."

The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport administered the test and banned McKinnon, who competed

in wrestling and football in high school, from any CCES sports for two years. The IRB also adopted the ban.

The IRB didn't disclose the specifics on McKinnon's violation and McKinnon waived his right to a hearing.

With the lack of available information, Alex Kam, UBC's rugby team captain, didn't want to discuss

hypotheticals.

"We all agree that doping is wrong. It has no part in the game," said Kam. "But we don't really know all of Jeff's story."

Kam said the nature of selects competition is something all the players are aware of. "We're all well aware of the rules and stuff, especially when you play for the provincial men's team," he said. "We're all aware of what we can and cannot take."

"I know that last year [McKinnon] picked up a shoulder injury. It was taking a long time to heal," McTavish said.

"He may have maybe taken something to maybe get that thing fixed faster...Maybe he just wasn't thinking."

"Some players have goals. They want to achieve that goal, and they'll go to any means to get to it. I know Jeff, he's a wonderful young man; he's bright, he's articulate, he's just a super-nice kid. He made a mistake."

McTavish said he had spoken to his squad about the issue. "I talked to the players about his situation and just informed them that that's not the road you want to go down," he said.

"If you get caught, you say goodbye to any competition at the university."

"We've got a lot of kids that are coming up for the Canada U-19 team and that stuff," he said. "They may be more mentally coerced into maybe trying stuff, but Jeff was a little older. I think he knew perfectly well what the scoop was if he tested positive."

But according to McTavish, it's not something that has made for much locker room talk.

"One of our guys made a mistake. He made a mistake, he pays the price. We just move on." ▀



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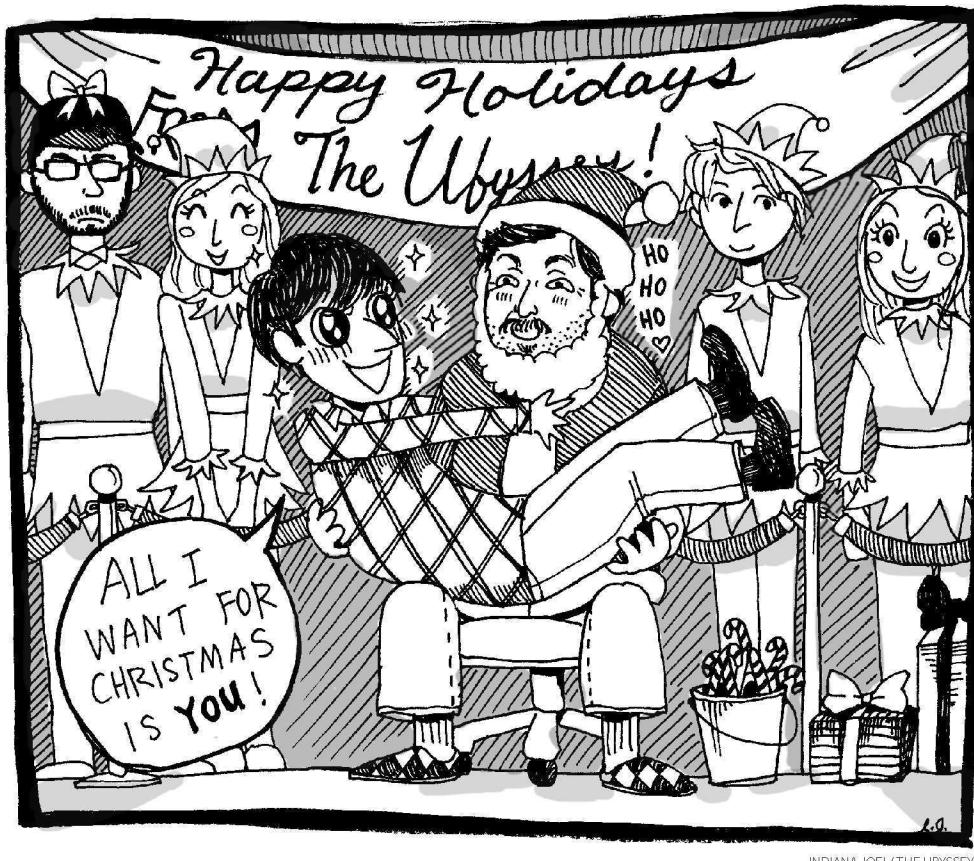
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The Last Word

Parting shots and snap judgments on today's issues

Giving tenure for teaching is a welcome development

It's hard for a professor to be both a world-class researcher and an outstanding teacher. Which means that, more often than not, universities have to prioritize between teaching and research—and if you're UBC, a large international school that relies on federal grant money, the choice is obvious.

So UBC's decision to offer a "professor of teaching" position is one to be lauded, because it recognizes that the university needs to do a better job at creating incentives for outstanding professors whose main desire is to engage with their students, not to see their names in journals. We have one of the largest populations of undergraduate students in the country; we need to do everything we can to attract teachers who excel in the classroom.

It will be some time before we see what actual effect this change has, of course. But it's good to see UBC recognizing that a teaching professor is just as valuable to the needs of this university as any other tenured faculty.

Juicing in university sport is all risk, no reward

It's a good thing UBC rugby player Jeff McKinnon got caught taking anabolic steroids now, instead of a couple years down the road.

McKinnon was a good rugby player with the potential of one day representing our country at the national level. But despite being a decent player, McKinnon never would have made a living playing rugby. The market isn't there and he simply wasn't good enough; very few Canadians are.

Yet if he had been caught while playing with the maple leaf on his chest, he would have disgraced not

just himself, but our entire nation.

McKinnon's situation represents a reality for most Canadian university athletes. Unless you're Jeff Francis (a baseball star with the Kansas City Royals who played for the T-Birds while completing a physics degree), there is no big pay day or a professional contract at the end of your university career.

Sure, you might have the opportunity to play at an international level or become an Olympian, but you'll be playing for pride and honour, not money.

Though there is no justification for taking steroids, you can understand the reasoning behind a young man juicing up if he thinks it will lead to a multi-million dollar contract. At least if you're taking steroids to land a big paycheque, you can hide from your shame in the comfort of a mansion.

But if the best you can athletically achieve is representing your country, there is no possible excuse for cheating. The dishonour it places on our country's reputation is irreparable.

The clubs benefit fund should have as few strings as possible

In last spring's AMS fee referendum, many different independent funds were created—among them an external lobby fund, a student legal fund and a clubs benefit fund. There is a danger to doing this: it can tie the hands of the AMS to use the money effectively. Some funds may sit badly underused without any ability to transfer that money to budget line items that could really use it.

Currently the clubs benefit fund is not being used to its full potential. For now, that's understandable; it's a brand new fund, and it always takes time for students to learn about these things. But the AMS

shouldn't focus just on advertising the fund, they should also make the funding really easy for clubs to obtain. In the first few years of the fund's existence, the goal should be to have as many clubs use the money as possible.

Over time, the criteria for the fund can be narrowed or expanded as necessary; the nice thing about having a relatively vague title is that it gives you flexibility. But for now, the AMS should be sure not to handcuff itself. Whatever benefits a club, let them have it.

Some holiday advice from the experts at The Ubyssey

Well, it's our last real issue of the first term (don't worry—we still have a satire issue to come later this week). It's been a fun few months, but we can surely all agree that it's time for a break from exams, essays and writing about student politics.

Before we go, we thought it would be nice to leave you with some advice for the holiday season. You don't need to think critically about any of these, just accept them at face value.

Eggnog and rum goes down easy and comes up twice as easy.

Sixty per cent of heart attacks occur after eating a large meal, but gorge yourself anyway.

If any of your term two courses have the syllabus online, get a headstart on reading the...nah.

Keep your expectations low for New Year's celebrations.

If you see an elf on your walk home, it's not real, because elves don't actually exist. You did too many drugs. Go home and get some sleep.

Don't go to the Roxy on Christmas Eve. It's not as much fun as you'd think.

Tofurky is never a good idea. □

Another AMS debate, another non-scandal

Editor's Notebook

Brian Platt

Unfortunately for us all, it appears an annual tradition is going to be broken at UBC this year. I'm talking, of course, about having a gigantic scandal with our student union that makes national headlines and forces AMS Council to move to a theatre to accommodate all the angry students in attendance.

Last year it was a proposed donation to a boat that was going to run the Israeli naval blockade around Gaza. The year before, it was a formal complaint to the United Nations over the province's tuition fees.

But what do we have this year? The executive pay raise was a bit of a scandal, but for that to really blow up we would have needed a forced referendum. As it turned out, some consultations were held and everyone worked it out in a fairly reasonable manner. Booooring.

The only other whisper of a scandal so far has been the battle over whether to join the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), a national student lobby organization. We have been associate members for the past few years, but stepping up to become fully participating members would have required a \$60,000 annual commitment from the AMS. This was voted down fairly decisively at the last AMS meeting.

The issue had the whiff of controversy due to the rather personal and ugly acrimony that developed between President Jeremy McElroy and VP External Katherine Tyson. McElroy very badly wants the AMS to join CASA as a full member; Tyson is implacably against that. Their disagreement has been on display in nasty ways multiple times this year, including a few personal digs at the last meeting.

Meanwhile, various councillors said they were "greatly offended" by statements during the CASA debate, using that painfully grandiose tone that makes so many people loathe

student politics (as a former student politician, I'm allowed to say these things.) But there were no calls for impeachment, nobody threatened any lawsuits and nobody even stormed out of the room. Booooring.

The Graduate Student Society (GSS) has been very insistent on having the AMS join CASA, but graduate students need not worry much about this. The GSS already belongs to CASA as full members; such are the benefits of freedom that come from being an independent society.

So in the absence of any juicy scandals, I suppose we'll just have to analyze the substance of the debate itself. Sigh.

Is it worth \$60,000 a year to join CASA?

In the short term, almost certainly not. CASA's flaws are well-known to anyone who has followed the debate. Yet that's not really the metric we should judge this by; organizations can change, and if we decide that the cause is a worthy one, we can help lead that change. Furthermore, a national student organization that doesn't go through periods of rank incompetence is *never going to exist*. The only other option, the Canadian Federation of Students, is involved in so many lawsuits with its own members that I've lost count.

What is important is the larger question of whether it's in our interest to belong to a national student lobby organization. I'm not the first person to make this point, but I'd say yes on one condition: that we have our provincial lobbying affairs in order.

It's not that the federal level doesn't matter; it clearly does, especially on research grant issues. What I am saying is that, a year after McElroy himself championed the idea of a provincial lobbying organization, our achievements in that area are nil. Figure out how to do that first, then let's talk about how much money to spend nationally.

In the meantime, can somebody in the AMS please do something to get themselves impeached before the next election? The newspaper staff would really appreciate it. □

End "Occupy Cafés"

Letters

I miss the time I used to have a hot coffee with friends in the cafés at UBC. I have been trying to sit down in the few surviving UBC coffee shops, but it is mission impossible. The movement "Occupy Cafés" is taking over all possible seats.

The protesters bring their laptops, headphones, some printed paper and, most importantly, a marker, almost always a green one. This is the image the protesters want to pass to the public: "we don't need libraries, we just need more cafés."

The protesters occasionally use the laptop either when they find a word in the paper they don't understand or, most likely, when they connect with a friend in Facebook to say: "Don't you know I am busy studying?...but what are you going to do tonight?"

A Starbucks cashier was devastated by the protesters of the sub-movement "Occupy Starbucks." The poor lady disclosed: "The occupiers stay here for more than four hours and I

cannot kick them out." The lack of sales may even threaten her job. "The occupiers keep sipping one small cup of coffee all day long," she added.

I have tried to ask one of the occupiers for a chair and my answer was: "No... I am waiting for more people to come later." For the time I stood up there, nobody showed up.

Out of curiosity I visited one of the several campus libraries. Nobody. Silence. Peace. Actually, some people sleeping on the desks, as usual for the libraries in an era that thinks if the information is not in Google, it doesn't exist.

I guess I will write a letter to the President of UBC asking to bring to the libraries coffee, some background music, lots of people passing by and of course, lots of green markers. I hope we can see the movement "Occupy Libraries" proliferate. Then, who knows, maybe I can enjoy a coffee in those old fashion cafés.

—Marcello M. Veiga, P. Eng., PhD
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HUMOUR »

The end of the 25 Queries of Student D



The 25 Queries of Student D

Bryce Warnes

The 25 Queries of Student D is an attempt to answer 25 pressing questions posted anonymously by a commenter on The Ubsysey's website. For the introduction to this column, and to read the original comment, visit ubsysey.ca/opinion/wakefield-a-new-look-a-new-paper-a-new-way-of-thinking321/.

The end days are upon us. This is the last 25 Queries of Student D column that will appear in *The Ubsysey*. Check this space next year for a less-beaten dead horse. And have a merry Christmas.

2. Where the free giveaway is

Right here. *The Ubsysey* is holding a contest called "Can You Take a Slap?" It works like this: You come down to the office on a Wednesday or a Sunday after 3pm. I open-hand (or "bitch") slap you in the chops. If your eyes tear up or your lips tremble, you have to leave the office and never return. If you take it like a pro, I'll answer any question you ask in the next column.

BONUS ROUND: Maintain eye contact the whole time and we can grab a few drinks and maybe make out a little.

3. Shoppers vs Saveon vs Safeway flyer price comparison

The first is a drug store, the other two are supermarkets. The only product overlap that I can think of between the three is personal lubricant. In which case, you're wasting your time. Hit up the oil disposal container behind McDonald's for all the free fuck-grease you could ask for.

4. Where hot girls are

Ew. Girls are gross.

7. Where to explore on campus, like an article about the underground tunnel dated back in the 1999

Somebody hasn't been paying attention. I wrote an article for the *The Ubsysey* last year that was all about the steam tunnels. Look it up in the archives. It is so beautiful, you will cry blood.

Rumour has it that the frats know all of the entrances to the tunnels. Join a fraternity to find out.

DISCLAIMER: The hazing process involves being used as a human toilet by three dozen dudes whose dads didn't pay enough attention to them.

9. How to by-pass exiting service/system, like everyone opt out the AMS fking fees

The AMS fking fees are brutal. Most students aren't even interested in fking. This is the worst exiting system by far.

I suggest you attend Council and make your concerns known. When it's your turn to announce



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It was years before Toope spoke on the death of fellow S. Troope bandmate Stefan.

your name and affiliation, say your real name, and for your affiliation, scream, "I'M SICK OF THESE FKING FEES." Then start to cry, and flip over the sandwich table. Exit the room.

This is how democracy works.

10. Where to find free textbooks

Just steal them. The UBC Bookstore makes all their money from selling

Sauder-themed items to dead-eyed commerce kids with gaping, unfillable holes in their souls who can only find satisfaction by stockpiling meaningless trinkets and status symbols. If you get a five-finger discount on \$700 worth of medical textbooks, you're really not hurting anyone.

(Except for good red-blooded Canadians who are sick of "doctors" telling them that smoking

cigarettes, drinking hard liquor in Costco-size quantities and fucking strangers without wearing a condom is "bad" for them. To hell with doctors! Switch programs immediately.)

11. On campus job posting

The Ubsysey is looking for a fluffer. You'll only be on the clock during photoshoots, but the money isn't bad and the benefits are invaluable.

12. Commentary on how UBC sucks (I don't want to read anything that says UBC is good)

Boy, I sure hate paying thousands of dollars every year to attend this university! If only I had a choice in the matter.

13. What is S. Troope doing?

"S Troope" was Stephen Toope's mid-90s unthreateningly multi-ethnic pre-teen pop group that broke up after one of its members, Stefan, bit the dust doing speedballs in a Baltimore Denny's.

Toope moved to Athens, GA and spent three months writing and playing with Jeff Mangum before going to Norway and getting involved in some TRVE CVLT shit.

He released an ambient black metal double LP under the name FROST MOON GUTSFUCK, then things got too heavy too fast. Rumours surfaced that Toope was involved in the arson of several historic churches, and he left Norway shortly thereafter, never to return. To my knowledge, Toope has not worn corpsepaint since. ☺



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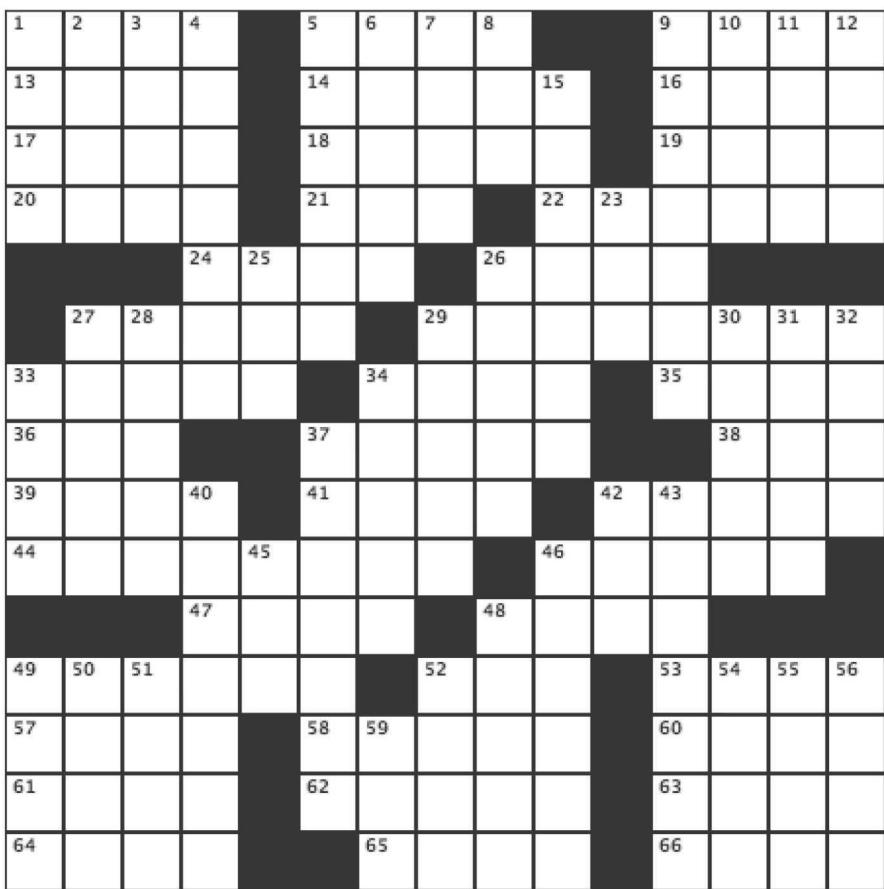


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Crossword

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- 1–Gyro meat
 5–Ethereal
 9–Forearm bone
 13–Culture medium
 14–Loose outer garment
 16–Animated character
 17–Hindu princess
 18–Antiknock fluid
 19–... saw Elba
 20–Draft picks
 21–Anonymous John
 22–*Gunsmoke* star
 24–Lean
 26–School orgs.
 27–Salsa singer Cruz
 29–Celebration
 33–Renaissance fiddle
 34–Bric-a-__
 35–Actor Rob
 36–Fingers
 37–Small moneybag
 38–Charge carrier
 39–Capital of Calvados, in NW France
 41–Ashtabula's lake
 42–Small nails
 44–Embellishment
 46–Actress Anouk
 47–Describes a gently cooked steak
 48–Nightclub of song
 49–Go hungry
 52–Needlefish
 53–Skater Lipinski
 57–Opera set in Egypt
 58–Hagar the Horrible's
- dog
 60–Corrida cheers
 61–Annoying buzzer
 62–Capital city of Yemen
 63–Narrow inlets
 64–__ sow, so shall...
 65–Devices for fishing
 66–Aggregate of fibers
- Down**
- 1–Dr. Zhivago's love
 2–I've Got __ in Kalamazoo
 3–Horse hair
 4–Stiff coarse hair
 5–Apathy
 6–John of England
 7–Architect Mies van der
- 8–Hurrah!
 9–Kitchen vessel
 10–Anecdotal knowledge
 11–Denials
 12–Black cuckoos
 15–Casual gathering
 23–Deserter
 25–Sot's sound
 26–Freedom from war
 27–Aromatic wood
 28–*Barnaby Jones* star
 29–Edible plant product
 30–Communication medium
 31–Came to
 32–Contact, e.g.
 33–Puerto __
 34–Carried
 37–Noblewoman
 40–Give an account

- 42–Apex
 43–Expressive of love
 45–Dallas player, briefly
 46–Main arteries
 48–200 milligrams
 49–Heroic adventure tale
 50–Sardine containers
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