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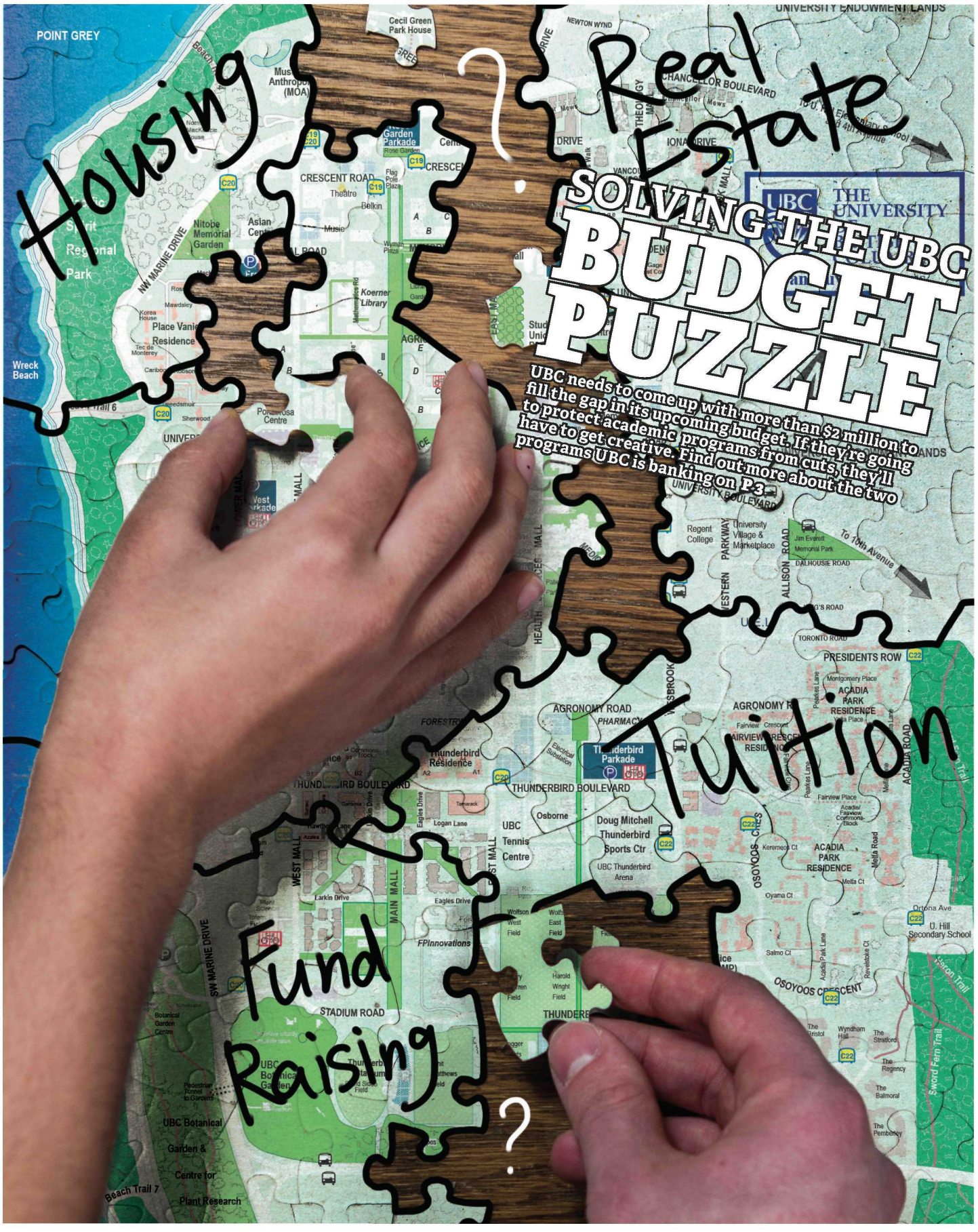

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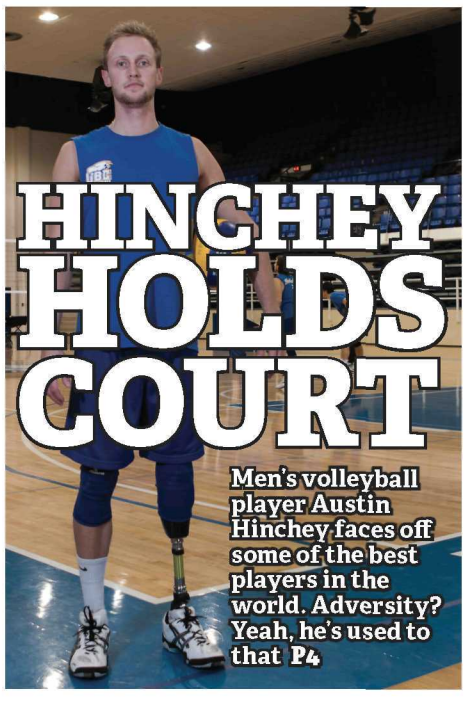

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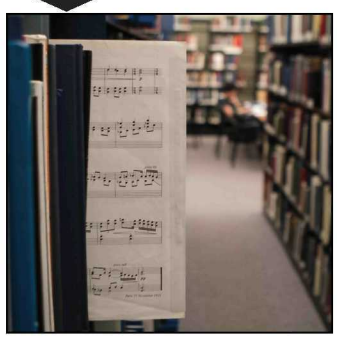

Piano masterclass with Stephen Hough: 3 p.m. @ Barnett Hall, Music Building

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It's the end of the term, and essay deadlines are approaching! Are you getting stuck on how to write your paper? Need help in developing an outline or formatting your paper for citations? Stop by and get feedback. *Free*.

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OUR CAMPUS

ONE ON ONE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UBC

MARTIN DEE PHOTO/YOUBEESEE PUBLIC TALKING TO PEEPS

Charles Demers takes time from stand-up comedy and radio and TV co-hosting to teach in UBC's creative writing department.

Demers a stand-up prof

Anna Zoria
Culture Editor

Charles Demers has a lot in common with his students. For one, he fears 9 a.m. classes.

"The hardest part about teaching would be if they ever put my class before noon.... That would be terrifying to me."

Demers, an adjunct new media studies prof in the department of creative writing, is probably most well-known as a stand-up comic and co-host of CBC radio show *The Debaters* and TV show *The Citynews List*.

Switching from the role of comedian to lecturer, Demers still catches himself on the habits that he's formed from stand-up.

"Normally, when I'm in a big group of people, [the habit] is to tell jokes," he said. "So if I'm not getting a laugh every few seconds, I feel like I'm bombing. And as you can imagine, it's not appropriate to be trying to get a laugh every few seconds when you're lecturing."

Demers is also a writer. His 2009 nonfiction book, *Vancouver Special*, has become a staple on Vancouverite coffee tables for its poignant, humourous and meticulously researched profiles of Vancouver neighbourhoods. The success of the book proves that Demers has a lot to offer to his students — still, it's challenging to teach your students a subject that they already know so well.

"I know going in that they know more than I do," he said. "My job is to help them make sense of the information that they already have."

The subject of Demers's course, Writing for New Media, encompasses everything newer than television, like podcasts, blogs and web series.

And though Demers is very engaged in social media (his Twitter account alone has over 4,000 followers), the rapidly changing landscape of technology can be somewhat intimidating.

"I'm not a super old guy, but with this subject matter I can feel old," said Demers, who is 32.

He brought up YouTube as an example. "YouTube is something that I sort of came across in my 20s,... whereas for [my students], it's kind of something that's always been there. It's part of their fixed media landscape."

But Demers works around the generational gap. For one, he's not afraid of being wrong.

"You have to be willing to admit it when you don't know your stuff. That's the nice thing of teaching in the age of Google."

This kind of relaxed attitude is refreshing to see in a professor, and Demers is the first to admit that he doesn't see himself as "all-knowing and all-powerful." Rather, he sees himself as a mediator, helping students to analyze the writing behind the media they experience every day.

The script of a video game, for example, can often be just as complex as the plot of a 19th century novel. A 140-character tweet can be powerful flash fiction. The platforms for writing may be changing, but some things, according to Demers, will always stay the same.

"Things like story and character don't go away and will never go away as long as people are telling stories — however they're doing it."

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MONEY »

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UBC is counting on new programs and expanded online offerings to shore up budget shortfall.

UBC facing down $2.5 million deficit

UBC looks to international students, online courses for money

Ming Wong
Senior News Writer

UBC is looking for new sources of funding — mainly international students — to fill gaps in its budget.

VP Finance Pierre Ouillet projects that UBC's budget will be going through two or three financially "tight" years, with a $2.5 million deficit predicted for 2013-2014.

"Our revenue is all flat," said Ouillet. "If we do nothing and continue with the current model, we are looking at deficit for UBC as a whole that increases every year."

Ouillet wants to be less reliant on provincial funding, which accounts for 40 per cent of UBC's operating budget but is not protected against inflation. In order to do so, UBC has to either look for alterative revenue streams or cut expenses.

The university is counting on the Bridge to UBC program as one key piece to fill in the budget. The program would be a separate but affiliated college to prepare international students for entrance to UBC. It was created to diversify funds and the student population, according to Angela Redish, vice-provost for enrolment, who is leading the project.

Before Bridge can take in tuition from potentially 300 new students in 2014, the program's expected start date, it will require a $4 million investment for curriculum development and faculty hires.

"Will it make money? I believe yes,... [but] it's not going to be fully up to speed for the first three years," said Redish.

Although the Bridge program is expected to bring in a potential $23 million at its peak to balance a $20.6 million deficit in 2017, both Ouillet and Redish maintain that UBC has other means to pad its budget.

They cited extended use of the university during the summer months and new online learning initiatives for non-UBC students as possible ways to bring in revenue.

"It's a combination of strategies. Bridge is just one element of the financial model of the university," said Ouillet.

In terms of cuts, Ouillet said that reduction of personnel has been made already and will continue, with administrative budgets already reduced by $30 million and undergoing a two per cent cut over the next two to three years.

He said the most noticeable difference that students could potentially see would be adjustments to the faculty-student ratio, but faculty-specific cuts would be decided by deans.

"We're running a fairly effective university right now and what we need to do is try to figure out in each of the departments where to cut without impacting the student experience," said Ouillet.

"UBC is definitely caught between a rock and a hard place," said AMS President Matt Parson. "It's nice to see that UBC is being a bit forward-thinking in these alternate programs and hopeful that they turn out to be significant enough to cover any shortfall that might be projected in the future."

As concerned as Ouillet might be about the "erosion of public support," he thinks UBC can pull through the budget crunch.

"I think UBC will overcome anything over time. I am very confident about the capability of this place."

FOOD »

Sprouts seeks to spread to second location

KAI JACOBSON PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

Sprouts, currently in the basement of the SUB, plans to open a second location in the GSS building.

Brandon Chow
Staff Writer

Sprouts plans to branch out by opening a second location on campus.

On Jan. 14, Seedlings — an offshoot of the student-run local food café, Sprouts — will be opening on the fourth floor of the Graduate Student Society (GSS) building.

Sprouts vice-president Nicole Jahraus said that the second location will follow in the same eco-friendly footprints of Sprouts by providing "local, sustainable and organic food to students at an affordable price."

GSS vice-president administration Victor Padilla said that the society was concerned about a lack of organic, affordable food options in the northern part of campus. As Jahraus commented, the area by the GSS building is something of a "food desert." To remedy the situation, the GSS approached Sprouts and offered them free space in their building to run the café.

Like Sprouts, Seedlings will be non-profit and run entirely by student volunteers. Elections will be held next week to appoint various positions, such as supplier and distributor coordinators and operating manager.

Although servers at the new café won't be paid, Jahraus said that volunteer food service work at Sprouts has helped many students secure paid employment in the service industry.

Through volunteer support and program coordination, Sprouts is able to offer low prices.

"Programs work in cooperation with each other, so maybe for the workshops, for example, there's a loss there,... which we'll gain back through café sales," said Jahraus.

She also said that financial restructuring has helped Sprouts cover the costs of expansion.

Sprouts president Linda Liu added that they have been looking at a number of sources for grants, including the innovative projects fund, sponsored by the AMS, and Do Something, a group which promotes local community involvement.

Seedlings will offer a new menu. Raw and vegan options will be available for breakfast and lunch, all part of the 100-mile diet. New menu possibilities include raw food pad thai and espresso drinks. Liu and Jahraus said most of the ingredients will be purchased from the UBC Farm.

The official grand opening will take place on Jan. 18.

NEWS BRIEFS

Legal pot in B.C. could bring in millions, UBC study says
According to a study by UBC researchers, B.C. could get millions in tax revenue if marijuana were to be legalized. The study, put out by UBC and SFU researchers in the International Journal of Drug Policy, says B.C.'s pot trade is worth between $443 and $564 million each year.

The researchers aren't sure exactly how much tax this market could generate, but it would likely be a substantial amount.

Now that ballot initiatives for legal pot have passed in Washington State and Colorado, activists pushing to adopt the practice in B.C. have ramped up their efforts. In September, a group of B.C. municipal leaders voted to support a resolution in favour of decriminalizing marijuana, but so far both the provincial and federal governments have not been in favour of such a practice.

UBC gives three honorary degrees in fall grad ceremonies
Grad ceremonies for UBC's fall cohort take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Over 2,800 degrees are being conferred to students over the three days. Recipients of the honorary degrees include Bramwell Tovey, music director of the Vancouver Symphony; Michael Wingfield, forest biotechnology researcher; and Paul Martin, former prime minister of Canada.

LGBTQ »

Day of Remembrance successful despite tension between activist groups

Laura Rodgers
News Editor

Pride UBC says their annual Transgender Day of Remembrance event on Tuesday night was a success, despite a schism that caused another Vancouver activist group to pull out at the last minute.

For the first time this year, Pride UBC, along with the UBC Sexual Assault Support Centre, was going to partner with the Vancouver Transgender Day of Remembrance Society to put on their yearly ceremony. But clashes over what would happen at the event led Society director Tami Starlight to sever the partnership just days before and put on a separate ceremony in the Downtown Eastside's Carnegie Community Centre instead.

"I came on board with the intention that ... we would work together. And that went sideways in a big hurry," said Starlight, who is also co-president of the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Council.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance is a yearly event to memorialize transgender people who have been killed because of hatred, prejudice and transphobia. Many ceremonies observing the event include the reading out of names of transgender people who were killed, but this practice was a major point of contention in the split between Starlight and Pride UBC.

STEPHANIE XU PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

Over 100 people attended the UBC event, held Tuesday at the AMS Art Gallery.

Bobby-Joe Greenberg, co-chair of Pride UBC and organizer of the UBC event, felt that reading out individual names at the event in the SUB's AMS Art Gallery would have been disrespectful.

"We didn't think that we should, because there's a lot of power that comes from naming people, and in some senses there's a little bit of appropriation," Greenberg said. "We didn't feel that was our place to take that on.

"That's not something Pride UBC ever does, and it's something the Vancouver Trans Day of Remembrance always does."

But Starlight argued that reading out individual names should be an important part of the event. "To give the voiceless people a voice, it's very powerful when we do that," she said.

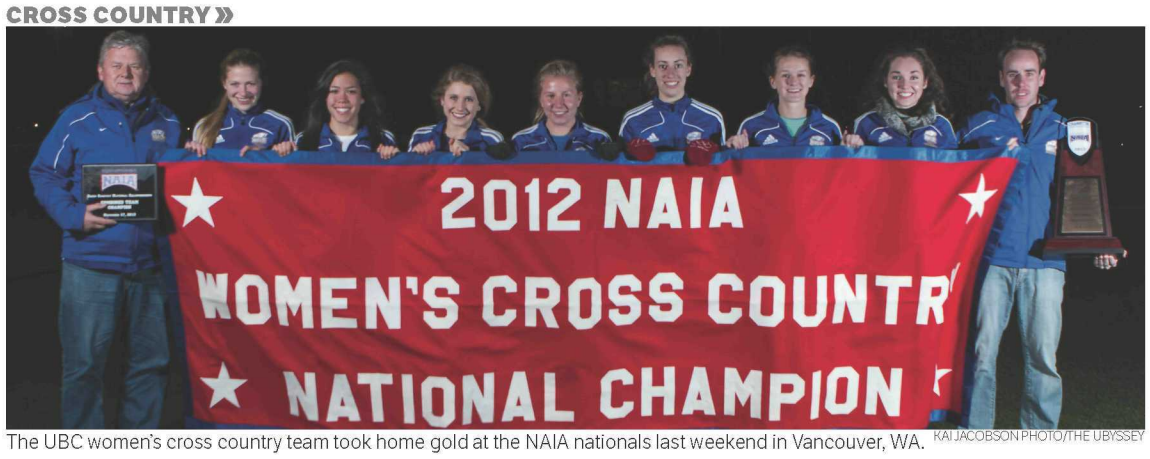
Despite the friction between the different groups, Greenberg was very happy with the way things turned out for the UBC ceremony. Over 100 people attended the event, according to Greenberg.

"Everything went extremely wonderfully, better than I could have ever imagined," Greenberg said. "The people who came made [it] really welcoming and a safe space for people to share their stories of ones they have lost."

Starlight is hopeful that UBC and Vancouver groups supporting transgender issues can still find ways to work together in the future.

"There's stuff that needs to be talked about, and hopefully the community can grow from things like this," she said.

CROSS COUNTRY »



The UBC women's cross country team took home gold at the NAIA nationals last weekend in Vancouver, WA. KAI JACOBSON PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

T-Birds women's cross country takes home top spot at NAIA national championships

C.J. Pentland
Sports + Rec Editor

For the third straight week, a UBC team has taken home gold at nationals.

The UBC women's cross country team finished in first place on Saturday at the 2012 NAIA Cross Country National Championships in Vancouver, Washington, giving them their first national title since joining the NAIA in 2001. The men's team also put forward a strong performance, with the Thunderbirds finishing sixth overall.

The combined success of the two teams also gave UBC the title of overall champions.

"The competition is so competitive, so close, that on a given day everybody has to come through to win," said UBC head coach Marek Jedrzejek. "And this time, we did it."

The women's team was considered one of the favourites heading into nationals, as they were ranked near the top of the NAIA coaches' poll for the majority of 2012. Two weeks ago, the T-Birds came first at the conference championships, giving them the No. 1 spot on the final poll. As shown by their performance at nationals, it was a spot that they didn't plan on relinquishing.

UBC had four runners finish in the top 20 on Saturday, led by Maria Bernard, who finished the five-kilometre race in fifth overall with a time of 17:42. Jackie Regan was right behind her in sixth place, while Sarah Reimer finished 17th and Amelie De Fenoyl came in 18th. UBC's fifth-best time came from Rhiannon Evans, who finished with a time of 19:12. The 'Birds had an overall time of 1:31:36, seven seconds faster than runner-up College of Idaho.

"The girls ran fantastic; they ran a great race," said Jedrzejek. "[All] the runners stepped up."

Seven racers from each school competed, with the top five times from each squad recorded. UBC's sixth-place finisher, Micha Gutmanis, didn't have her time count towards the T-Birds' total, but she still finished with a time of 19:16, which put her 56th out of 217 racers. Heather Slinn — not up to her usual pace due to illness — was still able to post a time of 19:24 to finish 62nd.

As for the men's team, their total time of 2:07:11 over the course of an eight-kilometre race put them in sixth place overall, just 27 seconds behind first place St. Francis. Luc Bruchet led the way for the T-Birds with a time of 24:08, the third-best individual time.

"[The men] were quite close," said Jedrzejek, who was named NAIA women's cross country coach of the year, making him the first coach to win the award in both the CIS and NAIA. "I didn't exclude them; they had a shot as well."

All seven T-Bird runners finished in the top 100, but only the top five times counted. Following Bruchet was Tim Huebsch, who came 20th overall, along with Will Cliff in 49th, Bilal Shamsi in 57th and Jack Williams in 72nd. Rounding out the UBC squad were Matt Galea and Tim Smith, who finished in 88th and 98th, respectively.

There is clearly a winning tradition surrounding UBC athletics, and the cross country teams are the latest group to add to that prestige. It's only November and the trophy cases are already filled with banners and awards.

"We're so, so happy to keep bringing national championships [here]," said Jedrzejek. "Field hockey [won] two weeks ago, a week ago soccer won and this weekend we won, so we're quite happy and pleased with all of that."

BLOCK F DEVELOPMENT

Musqueam is contemplating an OCP Amendment and Amendment to the Land Use, Building and Community Administration Bylaw from the existing MF-1 Zone which currently allows for the site to be developed with residential uses up to a density of 1.45 fsr.

You are invited to drop in to an Open House to learn about Musqueam's future development plans for Block F in the University Endowment Lands. Representatives of the Project Team will be available to provide information on the development and to seek public input.

About: Block F Open House Meeting #1
When: Thursday, December 6, 2012
Where: University Golf Club (5185 University Blvd.★)
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VOLLEYBALL »

Determination comes naturally to T-Bird's Hinchey

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Senior Lifestyle Writer

Awe-inspiring. Motivational. Resilient.

Those are only three of the many words that describe Austin Hinchey.

As a new recruit to the UBC Thunderbirds men's volleyball team from Edmonton, Hinchey has been admired for his skills as a setter and his adaptation to the intense pace of CIS volleyball. But he is also praised for his ability to do it all with a prosthetic leg.

Having being diagnosed with Congenital Pseudarthosis, a rare brittle bone disease affecting his left fibula and tibia below the knee, when 18 months old, Hinchey has broken his leg seven times and undergone 13 surgeries. When he was 10 years old, it was decided that his leg would be amputated below the knee. After all that, he never imagined that one day he would be capable of playing volleyball for one of Canada's top varsity teams.

"I made that decision to be able to play sports. It wasn't intended to be at a high level; it was just to play sports in general and be recreationally active," said Hinchey, currently in his fourth year of eligibility. "But I was lucky enough that I was able to just keep going with it, play some recreational sports and higher-level high school sports, and now, play on a professional varsity team."

Hinchey has been playing volleyball for four years. UBC men's volleyball coach Richard Schick emphasized that Hinchey made it on the team solely because he is at a high level of athleticism.

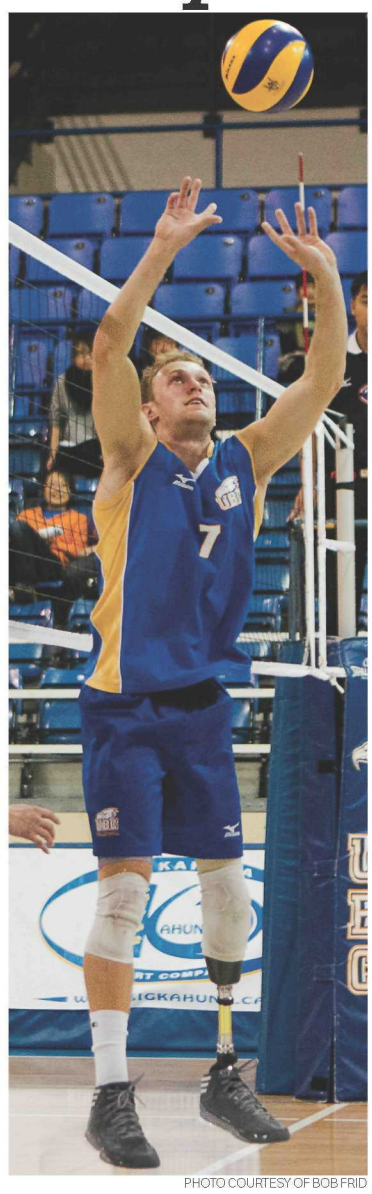
"In his recruiting trip, I mentioned to him that I didn't want to notice that he was different; I just wanted him to be a good setter, and I wasn't going to recruit him unless he was a good setter," said Schick. "Not only is he a good setter, but he's an amazing individual and person. In his recruiting trip we saw how much he liked the guys and how they liked him, and it was a no-brainer. It was a perfect fit for him and a perfect fit for us."

But Hinchey's time here is not without its difficulties. He has to work twice as hard as the rest of the team, and has to know his body well enough to realize when it's being pushed too hard. "My biggest challenge is the volume and intensity of training that we have, but we have some really good people who are helping us out with physiotherapy," Hinchey said. "But personally, my challenge is maintaining my physical health so I can train every day like everybody else, because my body takes a bit more of a beating than theirs does.

"I've been doing it for four years right now at this level, so now I know my body well and what I need. As long as I have the people to help me, it makes it easy enough."

Schick admitted that Hinchey still has work to do, but that goes for any athlete who switches programs. Still, he's impressed by what he's seen so far.

"He's played some spot duty in certain situations, and when you're just thrown out there, it's a whole different level," Schick said. "So it's about getting his nerves calmed, and getting him to get into a routine out there so he's able to help us. He can do the job we need him to do; he just has to settle in and let himself play, because he's played a lot of ball and for the most part he knows what he's doing."



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"It's been really exciting for me because I'm playing with people who are at another level; they understand the game better, and the athletes [are] of another calibre," Hinchey said. "I'm really enjoying learning from them and playing at this level of athleticism. The team has been successful; we're at where we want to be right now.

"It's just bigger, faster and harder.... It's really exciting and fun to be challenged again. After settling and playing in college for three years, you get used to it, so it's nice for me to be pushing myself to learn new stuff. It's now on me to catch up to everybody else." Playing volleyball at UBC was always Hinchey's ultimate goal. However, Hinchey's plans don't stop here. He's currently completing a finance degree, and he hopes to get into coaching after he completes his years of eligibility on the team.

"I coached a club team last year, and my high school coach has been bugging me to get back there," said Hinchey with a laugh. "There's definitely coaching in my future. I don't know if I'll go any further or try pursue volleyball past CIS.... Usually the next step is going pro, but that's kind of a long shot. We'll see how my body holds up."

That's all a few years away — but right now, life is pretty good for Hinchey. He gets to play the sport he loves and inspires everyone around him while he's at it. "Growing up, people have heard about me or knew about me, but when I came out here, people had to see for themselves whether this guy could actually play, what he's like and what his weaknesses are," Hinchey said. "I guess I was convincing enough."

TENNIS »

World-class tennis returns to UBC

Canada will take on Spain in Davis Cup action

C.J. Pentland
Sports + Rec Editor

Come February, the Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre will once again be a hub of activity.

Tennis Canada announced at a press conference on Monday that the UBC arena will host the first-round tie between Canada and Spain in the Davis Cup World Group tennis action. The international team tournament will kick off on Feb. 1 and run until Feb. 3.

"To put it bluntly, we're jacked," said Kavie Toor, associate director of facilities and business development for UBC Athletics and Recreation. "We want to create a nice, winning atmosphere on campus and with folks from the region, as well as in the venue itself."

It will be the second straight year that UBC will host Davis Cup matches, as February 2012 saw the same arena hold matches between Canada and France. The young Canadian team will once again be in for a tough time as they take on Spain, a team currently ranked first in the Davis Cup rankings and features two of the top five players in the world: Rafael Nadal and David Ferrer. Canada is ranked 12th, with their top player being Milos Raonic, currently ranked 13th in the world.

KAI JACOBSON PHOTO/THE UBYSSEY

Tennis Canada announced Monday that UBC will host Davis Cup tennis in February. From Left to right: Kavie Toor, Minister Bill Bennet, Martin Laurendeau and Gavin Ziv.

Davis Cup tournament director Gavin Ziv stated that the support of the B.C. government and the top-notch venue made UBC an ideal spot to once again host Canada's biggest tennis event. The seating of the arena will be expanded by nearly 1,400 seats to hold a total of 6,400 people, and a hard-court tennis surface will be installed since it will provide the Canadian team with the best chance of success.

"We feel very good about coming to play in Vancouver," said Miele Canadian Davis Cup team captain Martin Laurendeau. "This is a great tennis town; this facility is fantastic. All of our team is very comfortable coming back here."

Not only will this be a big event for tennis in Canada and the city of Vancouver, but it is also hoped that the occasion will attract interest around UBC.

"This event is right in the wheelhouse of our values and our ability to promote high performance," said Toor. "It will be a great event that will bring a lot of vibrancy and excitement to the campus, but also ... promote sport and recreation."

Despite the excitement surrounding the event, students shouldn't expect to suffer any setbacks with transportation and everyday events. The majority of the matches will be held over the weekend, though on the Friday afternoon, games start at 2 p.m. However, UBC plans to take all the necessary actions to make sure that the university's day-to-day operations run smoothly.

Toor said he believes that the Davis Cup and the hype around it will only be beneficial for everyone in the area.

"I think the students, faculty, staff and the [University Neighbourhoods Association] are going to be all excited about attending this event, and all the excitement that it brings with it," said Toor.

There are five days of practice before the events start. Friday will see two singles matches, Saturday will be the doubles match and there will be two more singles matches on Sunday. After the tournament concludes on the Sunday, all the temporary seats in the venue will be taken down.

Tickets will go on sale to the public starting Dec. 3 through Ticketmaster. Prices for the tickets will vary.

UBC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

HANNAH HAUGHN
GAGAN DOSANJH

Gagandeep Dosanjh of men's soccer is the UBC Thunderbirds Athletic Council co-athlete of the week for the week ending Nov. 18. Dosanjh, a third-year student from Abbotsford, found the back of the onion bag four times during the recent CIS championship tournament. Not only did the T-Birds win CIS gold, but Dosanjh was also voted the CIS championship MVP thanks to his stellar play. Dosanjh's performance this season also earned him the title of Canada West player of the year.

Hannah Haughn of women's field hockey is the UBC Thunderbirds Athletic Council co-athlete of the week for the week ending Nov. 18. Haughn, a first-year kinesiology student from North Vancouver, was named MVP of the CIS championships after she helped the Thunderbirds capture their second straight national championship. Haughn then went on to play for the Canadian women's national team in the first round of the field hockey world league in Trinidad & Tobago, and was named tournament MVP.

Don't Forget to Submit Your Health & Dental Claims from Last Year

Important notice for students who were enrolled in the AMS/GSS Health & Dental Plan in 2011-2012

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING CLAIMS FROM LAST YEAR (for students covered in 2011-2012)

All health and/or dental claims incurred on or before August 31, 2012 (for the 2011-2012 policy year) must be **received** by the insurance company **(Sun Life)** by **November 29, 2012**.

In order to ensure that your claims are transferred by the deadline, they must be **dropped off at the Health & Dental Plan Office (SUB Lower Level, Room 61) no later than Thursday, November 22, 2012**. If you're mailing claims directly to the insurance company, please leave adequate time for delivery. The address for Sun Life is recorded on the back of all claim forms.

Claims received after the deadline will not be reimbursed.

Claim forms are available at **www.ihaveaplan.ca** or call the Member Services Centre at 1 877 795-4421 from 9 am to 5 pm on weekdays.

Have a smart phone with a QR code reader? Scan the box to be directed your Plan's website.

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DRINKING »

Wining through exams

Unwind with 5 bottles under $15

WHAT AM I EATING?
by Tyler McRobbie

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'Tis the season to be jolly? Maybe for some, but with final exams bearing down here at UBC, it can sometimes be hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Today's column is all about bringing you a brief respite from the doom and gloom that is mid-November. And what better mechanism to cope with it all than a glass of fine (but still affordable) wine?

With the grape harvest in full swing in the Okanagan and around the wine world, it's a perfect time to acquaint yourself with some great, budget-friendly vinos. Luckily, I've done most of the legwork for you, de-mystifying the world of wine in a quick, back-to-basics look at the best wines for under $15.

SPARKLING: JACOB'S CREEK SPARKLING BRUT CUVÉE, AUSTRALIA ($13.99)

With Christmas parties and holiday festivities coming up, no wine anthology would be complete without something sparkling. For under $15, this bottle of bubbly is citrusy with a crisp finish — perfect for celebrating. Just don't refer to it as champagne! Pretend you know what you're talking about by remembering this: champagne only comes from the Champagne region of France.

B.C.: PROSPECT WINERY RIESLING, 2011, OKANAGAN VALLEY VQA ($12.99)

Located adjacent to the esteemed Mission Hill Winery, Prospect enjoys all the benefits of a supreme terroir without the hefty price tag. This riesling, with its hints of grapefruit, lychee and peach, is on the sweet side. It pairs well with Asian dumplings, stir-fry and dim sum. As with most white wines, it has a lower alcohol content at 12.5 per cent.

WHITE: LANGUEDOC PICPOUL DE PINET ORMARINE, 2011, FRANCE ($13.99)

Unlike New World wines, French wines don't generally declare the grape varietal on the label. Most are blends of various grapes from a certain region. This, on top of the prices and reputation, can make French wines intimidating for the novice buyer. This Languedoc comes from a single varietal, piquepol, and is known for its mineral and citrus notes, which pair nicely with all things seafood. Serve chilled.

RED: GABBIANO CHIANTI, 2010, ITALY (DOC) ($13.49)

Denominazione di Origine Controllata (DOC) refers to the governing body for Italy's wine industry, and is somewhat of a guarantee of quality. It works in a similar fashion to B.C.'s Vintner Quality Alliance (VQA) system, which can help differentiate the good from bad. Chianti refers to a blend of grapes grown in the Chianti region of Italy. With hints of red cherry and spice, this wine goes well with red meat and, of course, Italian feasts.

SPECIALTY: CONO SUR CAB SAUV/CARMENERE, 2010, CHILE ($13.99)

I invented this category solely to mention a growing trend in vinification: organic wines. Cono Sur offers a wide range of organic, carbon-neutral wines that don't sacrifice flavour and don't cost a fortune. This cabernet blend is bold, with hints of cherry, cassis and black pepper.

STUDYING »

Five essential rules of library etiquette

Danielle Piper
Contributor

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Don't be that person everyone hates this exam season.

You're sitting in the library, trying to silently concentrate on the pages in front of you.

But by Murphy's Law, you picked the wrong day.

Every few minutes you're distracted by the slurp of your neighbour's extra-large iced coffee, the vibrations of a cellphone or the laughter of a "study group" at the table next to you.

Although you are thoroughly irritated, you continue your work, reminding yourself that prison orange is not a good colour on you. It's the final countdown to exam season; shouldn't the rules of the library be well-known by now?

1. Area differentiation

No, we're not talking about math. As simple as it may seem, we're talking about knowing the difference between silent study areas and group study areas.

Avoid inviting your loud buddy to study in the Koerner basement if you know that all he's going to do is talk. You're bound to get some well-deserved stink-eye.

Similarly, if you're looking for a silent place to cram, lounges and designated group study sections are not your best bet. Chances are, those who have group presentations will be using those spots to put the finishing touches on their assignments. Don't try to quiet them down, either; in this case, it's five against one, and your chances of coming out alive are slim.

2. Do not put a ring on it

For the love of Toope, put your phone on silent. We're talking about "silent silent" — not vibrate.

There's nothing more annoying than hearing someone's phone vibrate on a hard surface, over ... and over ... and over.

If you're on the receiving end of this situation, try not to morph into Wile E. Coyote and take an Acme sledgehammer to the device. Just slowly turn to the person next to you and, with a pleasant smile, casually mention that you went as Freddy Krueger for Halloween and you're still channeling his psychopathic rage.

3. Wrap it up

Every student gets the munchies during study sessions, but no one wants to listen to you unwrapping your granola bar for 15 minutes or crunching on that Bosc pear.

Try to bring silence-friendly foods, such as chocolate or trail mix.

If you must eat anything with packaging, treat it like a Band-Aid and just rip it off in one go. It's less noisy, and there is always at least one UBC student that did not drink their morning cup of coffee. You do not want to piss that kid off.

4. You are not butter; stop spreading yourself everywhere

It's OK to want your own space in the library. But spreading your books and stationery across the table like you own it is on par with taking up two seats on a crowded bus. Keep only what you need in front of you; everything else stays in the backpack.

Next time you feel compelled to spread out, just remember that someone out there is circling IKB for the fifth time in a row, searching for just a small corner of a desk. Make their day and move over.

5. Headphones on low

With a fresh crop of study playlists popping up on 8tracks and Stereomood, it may be tempting to blast some old-school tunes to get in the zone.

But unless you're using high-quality headphones, keep the volume on low. We love "Gangnam Style" as much as the next person, but catching a riff of that melody while studying for a statistics

UNDER REVIEW »

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Dancing at Lughnasa continues a period theme for Theatre at UBC.

Dancing at Lughnasa a surefooted Irish drama

Jeremy Brian Avery
Contributor

After a strong start with *The Duchess* and *The Sorrows of Young Werther*, the Theatre at UBC season is revealing a pleasing diversity with *Dancing at Lughnasa*, an Irish memory play directed by John Cooper.

Set in rural County Donegal, Ireland, the entirety of the play takes place on the homestead of the Mundy family. Michael — the now-grown child of one of the Mundy sisters — recalls one particular summer when the five unmarried sisters were paid a visit by their recently returned missionary brother. The family flounders under the strain of emotional discord and financial difficulties; the encroaching Industrial Revolution only exacerbates the situation.

The play opened as somewhat of a portrait, with the cast standing in a frozen tableau, lit in purples and yellows. Only Michael, played by Alen Dominguez, moved about in spotlight, revealing his memories of that summer. His gentle pathos set the tone of the play: poignant, playful (and typically Irish) sadness. Dominguez was perfectly cast as Michael, embodying both the man grown up from his experiences and the boy inside who can never escape them.

As Michael's memories became action, the Mundy sisters brought the stage to life. Their affection and lively engagement gave an early warmth to the story.

Tracy Schut's Kate Mundy came across as somewhat two-dimensional, but Courtney Shields's strong turn as sister Maggie Mundy was a humourous counter-balance to the increasingly unhappy Mundy clan. Of particular note was Georgia Beaty's deep commitment to character as Agnes Mundy; even when she was at the periphery of the action, Beaty was in every way the dogged Irish woman, capturing the essence of County Donegal in every inflection and mannerism.

The rustic country cottage set, designed by Carolyn Rapanos, was completely convincing. It was ably and warmly lit by the design of Won Kyoon Han, whose judicious use of colour allowed the stage to come to life.

Aptly capturing the economic and social realities of rural 1930s Ireland, *Dancing at Lughnasa* is a cold tale with a warm voice.

—Dancing at Lughnasa *plays until Dec. 1 at the Freddy Wood Theatre.*

LAST WORDS

PARTING SHOTS AND SNAP JUDGMENTS ON TODAY'S ISSUES

ILLUSTRATION RICHARD KIM/THE UBYSSEY

Sprouts gets in on the unpaid internship trend with its new café.

A SECOND SPROUTS LOCATION COMES WITH A LOT OF BAGGAGE

Sprouts has once again decided to serve their spiced organic lentils with a side of hubris; they're trying to open up a second location over in the Graduate Students Society building (*See page 3*).

Sprouts is a lovely place. It's a cozy little hangout in the SUB basement, serving cheap food that doesn't make you feel like deep-fried crap. But they've tried to get ambitious before, and it didn't work out well.

Many years ago, Sprouts started as a bulk-buying food co-op. They first only needed space for a few giant vats of peanut butter and such, but as popularity grew, they tried to open up a whole organic grocery store on campus.

They started as a fully volunteer-run group, but they flirted with paying for some shifts during the grocery store days. This made volunteers performing the same duties very resentful, and the whole operation fell apart. They went through a turbulent period with massive debt and later had to close for an entire semester.

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So far, their current incarnation as an all-volunteer organic coffee shop is working out pretty well. But the proposed second location raises questions.

Asking volunteers to put out carafes of coffee and tea is one thing; getting them to do full-on service work at a bustling latte-and-tofu-scramble joint is quite another. The executives say this isn't a problem, because volunteers can use their unpaid work to break into paid service-industry gigs elsewhere. (Wait, aren't coffee-shop jobs where you work when you don't have enough experience to break in anywhere else?)

Sprouts has a good mission: supplying students with affordable, healthy food. We hope their attempts to open a second location don't lead them astray.

THERE'S NO ONE AT THE WHEEL ON UBC GOVERNANCE

Yes, it's an old and tired joke, and one you are probably particularly sick of if you're a regular Last Words reader. The unincorporated municipality that is UBC has no clear governance structure. Decisions usually made by cities, like planning and policing, are either outsourced so they're beyond local control or given to UBC. No one at UBC is elected, so they're kind of an oligarchy that has maximum flexibility over planning this growing community out on Point Grey. The University Neighbourhoods Association wants to be a city council, except when it doesn't. The only thing that's certain is that everything belongs to UBC.

But sometimes, the jokes write themselves.

Speaking at a Tennis Canada press conference on Monday, Bill Bennett — minister of community, sport and cultural development in B.C. — mentioned nothing about how he is more or less the head of a municipal government at UBC. One wonders whether he is even aware of this fact. Past ministers have all seemed surprised when they learn of the UBC governance hell-hole. It's a catch-all ministry, and very few people outside of UBC give the issue any thought. So not even the provincial government has any idea who's in charge or how UBC's Kafka-esque power structure works. Not even the minister in whom power ostensibly lies is sure.

The punchline? We're not really sure either.

UBC GETTING A LITTLE RISKY IN ORDER TO FILL BUDGET GAP

UBC is counting on money that isn't guaranteed to fill some gaping holes in its budget (*see page 3*).

Promoted as a means to multiculturalism and exchange, the Bridge to UBC program will create a spin-off, UBC-run prep college for international students who didn't make the admissions cut. But now fiscal realities have set in. UBC needs money and international students can provide it. That's the naked truth. UBC can say all they want about diversity, but there seem to be some disingenuous motives funding their supposed multiculturalism.

The university is also relying on online courses to fill the gaps in their spotty budget. While the idea of online courses is in vogue right now, this seems like a stop-gap measure. There are too many question marks on this one.

Regardless of the questionable nature of the funding UBC is seeking, it seems like a risky business. If the money doesn't come in, students will see a reduction in faculty. UBC is banking on money it doesn't have. And if the plan fails, students will end up paying for it.

A BIZARRE STORY ABOUT DAY DRINKING AT A CALGARY COLLEGE

Here's one from the "this can't be real" file: SAIT Polytechnic in Calgary is placing new restrictions on student's day drinking. Yes, in Calgary, day drinking at universities is apparently a serious problem. A new slate of rules has been brought in that regulates how many drinks a student can order from a campus bar before 3 p.m. Students can be served no more than two alcoholic beverages, and that's only with an order of food. Daytime shots are now sacrosanct.

The university's reasoning is that too many students were showing up drunk to classes that involved operating heavy machinery — which seems like it would be a problem. And based on some cursory reading of the student paper there, day drinking is de rigeur. But the university's response couldn't have been clumsier. The patronizing tone of university administrators is unlikely to elicit obedience from a rowdy student population. More likely, it will send them to the bar across the street from the university.

Gateman projects push bad public policy

PERSPECTIVE
by Tristan Miller

Recently, this paper highlighted the class project of a number of economics students who are interested in eliminating the $21 AMS athletics and intramurals fee as part of an economics course. The students were dispatched by their professor, Robert Gateman, to "fix something that they think should be fixed." This assignment is ostensibly designed to engage students in public policy here at UBC. I would like to commend Professor Gateman for his efforts in attempting to engage more students in their civic life. In this regard, we are of one mind. The AMS and UBC are strengthened by student engagement in the issues that matter: academics, athletics, urban planning, transit and the delivery of student services.

However, I have some concerns about these projects. Were these projects confined to the classroom, I would have less concern. However, these are not merely academic exercises, as the students are expected to actually enact change, as I understand it. These projects have a real and tangible effect on life here at UBC. The potential damage done by some of the projects is great and lasting. Long after the grades have been forgotten, the financial implications will linger.

Of key concern is the way in which these various policy proposals have been developed. I fear, given the relatively short timeline for their assignment, not enough research has been done to perform a comprehensive policy analysis. Very few of these students have consulted the AMS archives and requested information on the background of our fees or the circumstances that led to these fees being levied. Nor do I believe there has been proper consideration of the facts and outcomes of their projects. In understanding why and how policies came into being, we can better assess the effectiveness of the policy today. Context matters.

And in the absence of this context, problems can be mis-identified and mis-defined. From speaking with many of the students who have visited me to ask about the process of removing fees (no one asked why these fees are in place), I feel as though many of the projects are missing their targets. The athletics fee for instance, as this paper showed us, when placed in context, is not itself "double dipping" or "double taxation" as some have suggested. The primary focus of the AMS fee is to pay for intramurals and the Rec Centre, whereas the UBC Athletics fee is to pay for traditional athletics department functions, like training and running UBC teams. The fees are allocated for different reasons.

The real question is: should the fees be rolled into one single fee to make collection and distribution of the fee more efficient? Or should the AMS run its own intramurals and gym rather than transfer money to UBC? However, on these questions as well, there are many factors and trade-offs to be considered. For instance, the AMS transfers the fee to UBC to provide services because UBC has an economy of scale and facilities that the AMS could never match. Further, there is value in the AMS colleting a separate fee to fund athletics, as this ensures that an external body has some oversight in how the money is being spent by UBC, and that it is being spent on what students care about.

If the petition goes forward and is placed on the ballot in the spring, it has the potential to remove nearly one million dollars in funding directed towards students. If this referenda passes, this is money that students may never see again. Be careful what you ask for, as you just might get it.

Tristan Miller
AMS Vice-President, Finance

Giving a shit about waste water

PERSPECTIVE
by Raul Pacheco-Vega

Up until this past summer, I taught courses at UBC on public policy, environmental policy, global environmental politics and Latin American government. I remember clearly that the thing that struck me the most from the very first day I started teaching at UBC, in the fall of 2006, was how widespread the belief in Canada's water abundance was. And how little people thought about toilets and waste water. Yes, toilets. I believe I know what you're thinking: "Eeew, gross!" Why anyone would be interested in toilets, and why should you, UBC students, staff and faculty, be interested in what happens after we flush our toilets? Why should we avoid the culture of flushing?

Well, to this day, 2.5 billion people do not have access to improved sanitation. According to the Joint Monitoring Program of the United Nations, over one billion people practice open defecation. Sanitation coverage in Sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia is dismal, where 70 per cent and 59 per cent respectively do not have access to improved sanitation. Everybody is now up in arms with climate change, and they forget about basic environmental policy problems we still have yet to solve, global sanitation and waste water governance being one of them.

We have had some of our own challenges here in Canada. As recently as 2000, more than 5,000 people became sick from E. coli in Walkerton, Ontario. While not directly related to sewage and toilets, Walkerton has an element of mismanagement of water and sanitation. And of course, who could forget the highly politicized bickering in our capital city, Victoria, because of widespread opposition to building a sewage treatment plant. Did you know that our beautiful capital city discharges its raw sewage to the ocean without any treatment?

To this day, I'm still puzzled by the fascination that social science scholars have with water access and distribution, and how forgetful they are when it comes to waste water treatment and sewage infrastructure.

Nov. 19 was World Toilet Day, a day where we remind ourselves of how many people do not have access to improved sanitation. There are a number of wonderful campaigns that you can join (including Toilet Twinning, the Toilet Hackers and defeatDD) to help improve sanitation worldwide for people who need it. Think about it. Give a shit.

Dr. Raul Pacheco-Vega, a former UBC prof, is a specialist on the politics of sanitation and waste water.

CAN YOU SKIP TODAY?

IS THIS THE LAST CLASS OF THE SEMESTER?

YES

NO

WHAT KIND OF CLASS IS THIS?

DEGREE REQUIREMENT

ELECTIVE

IS IT ACTUALLY GOING TO TEACH YOU SKILLS NEEDED FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER?

YEAH...

ARE YOU IN MED SCHOOL?

YES, I'M GOING TO SAVE LIVES IN THE FUTURE.

I DON'T WANT YOU TO KILL ME IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE YOU SKIPPED CLASS.

IS THERE AN EXAM?

YES

NO

I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE IT

IS IT A BIG CLASS?

YES, AND ONLY MIDTERMS AND FINALS COUNT

NO

WILL SOMEONE GIVE YOU NOTES?

YES

NAWWW, NOTES ARE FOR LOSERS ANYWAY

COME ON...GIVE ME ANYTHING.

I HAVE A 98% AVERAGE

GUEST LECTURER

I'M GOING TO FAIL ANYWAY

FINE.

GO TO CLASS. YOU CAN ALWAYS NOT PAY ATTENTION.

ARE WE TALKING ABOUT AN 8 A.M. CLASS?

GOD, NO

YES

WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO GO?

ARE YOU ALREADY AWAKE?

YES

NO

FINE. ALL NIGHTER PARTY

FINE. WATCHING NETFLIX

WHY??!

ALL-NIGHTER PAPER

...REALLY?

YES

I NEED TO FINISH AN ASSIGNMENT FOR ANOTHER CLASS.

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