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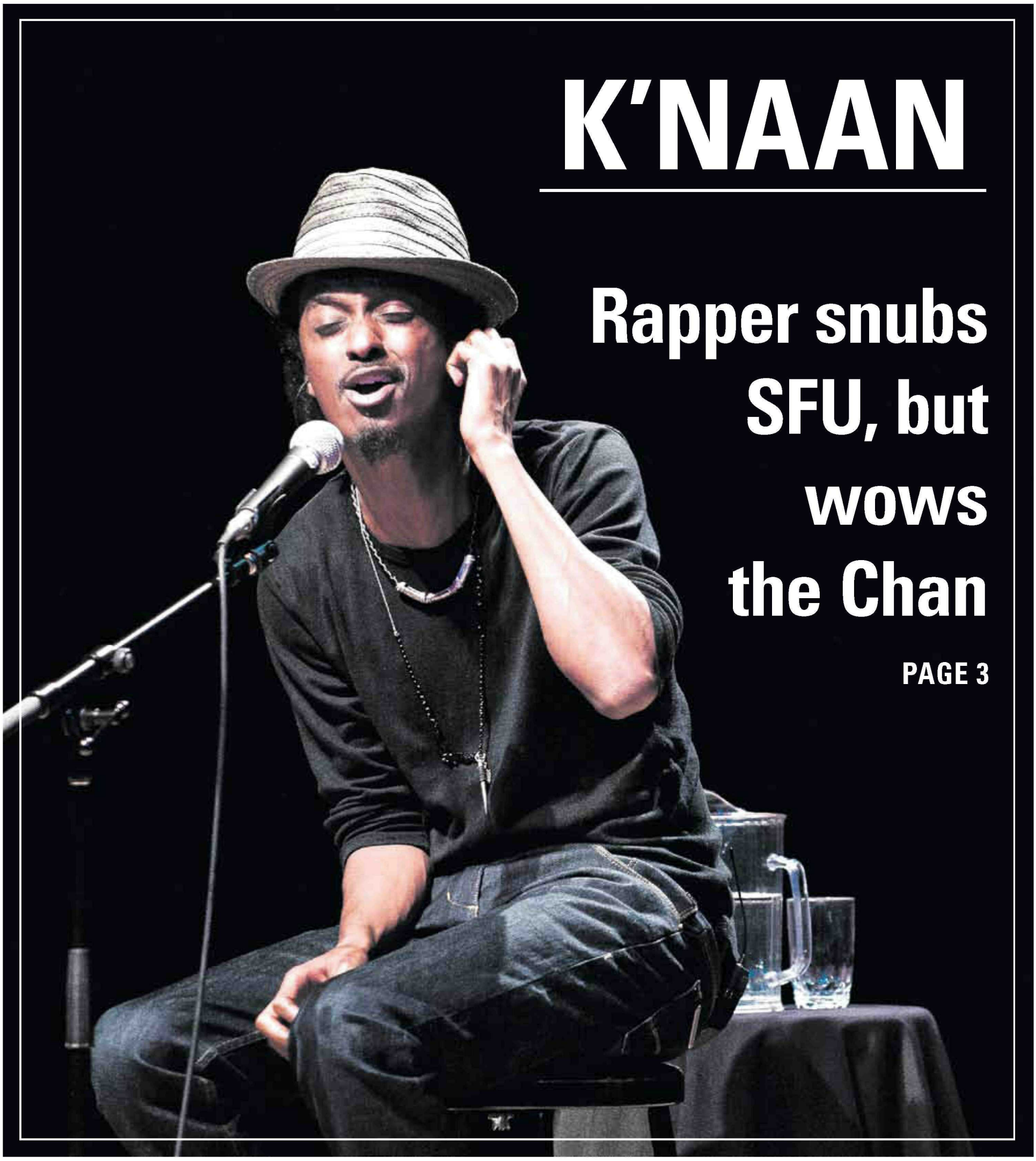

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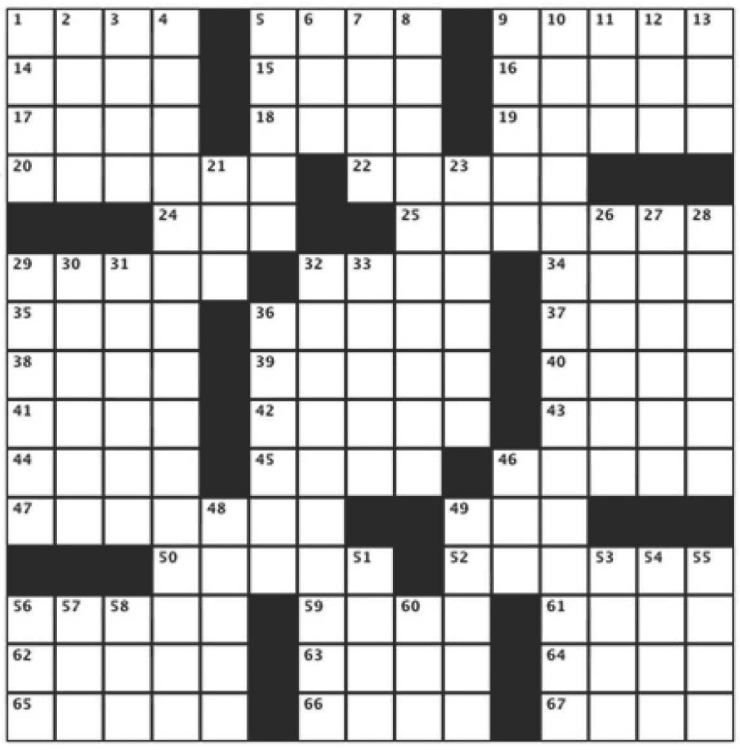

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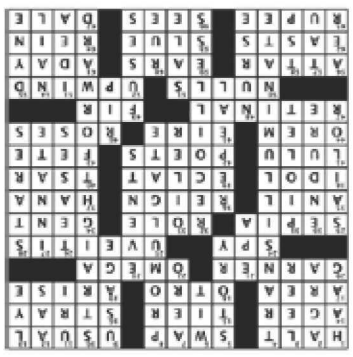

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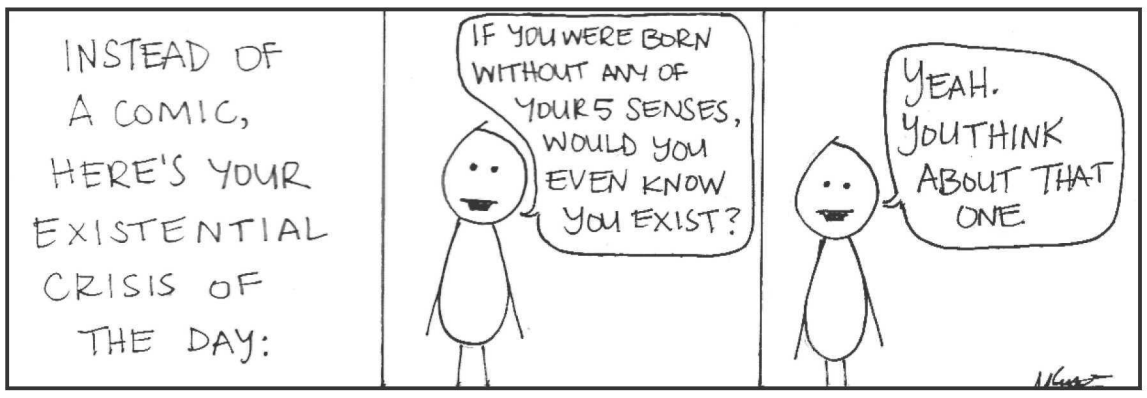

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K'naan waves the flag at UBC

First appearance after dropping out of SFU show

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"Sometimes this job is just too cool," gushed Arts Dean Gage Averill, as he introduced K'naan to the packed Chan Centre on Friday.

The Somali native, who is most famous for writing the 2010 World Cup anthem "Wavin' Flag," kicked off the 2010 Terry Project Global Speaker Series in UBC's Chan Centre. During his talk, the hip-hop artist answered audience questions and performed several songs, keeping his life stories to a minimum.

"I'm not a very good speaker, that's one of the reasons why I make music," he said. "Probably most of you are familiar with my story, growing up in Somalia."

Question topics ranged from the singer's political beliefs to his music preferences and life on tour. Leadership is one of the major themes of the Terry Project, but K'naan seemed hesitant to describe himself as a leader, instead suggesting, "Leaders are not self-titled."

He was also anxious to avoid lecturing on political or philosophical issues, explaining, "I'm not a very clever guy." When asked about his education, he said that he sometimes wishes he had been able to go through the "communal experience" of attending university—as well as getting to "meet hot girls all the time," he jokingly added.

Allen Sens, chair of the International Relations program and co-founder of the Terry Project, explained that the Global Speaker Series is meant to "...explore global issues from the perspective of sciences, social sciences, humanities and the creative and the performing arts."

K'naan's journey from Somali refugee to international recording artist is a "story [that] inspires many," said Averill. "There is no argument his music is directed towards issues of social justice.... his is a wonderful voice to have in the world of popular music."

UBC students and staff greeted K'naan with warm enthusiasm, in contrast to the anger of some of his SFU fans after he didn't appear at a scheduled charity concert last Tuesday. His booking agent had cancelled the event after the organizers of the concert at SFU had failed to come through with over half of the agreed fee, leading to a backlash of online criticism for the artist, whose success is closely tied to his image as a campaigner for social justice.

"No one in their right mind could accuse me of not having done charitable work. Yet it is impossible to be on a tour and play shows for free," K'naan said in one tweet defending himself.

According to K'naan's management, the concert fell through due to a number of failed negotiations with the student organization running the event, notably the quality of the organizer's production.

K'naan and guitarist Kierscey Rand. **JON CHIANG PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

"This is not the school that hates me," K'naan said during his appearance at UBC.

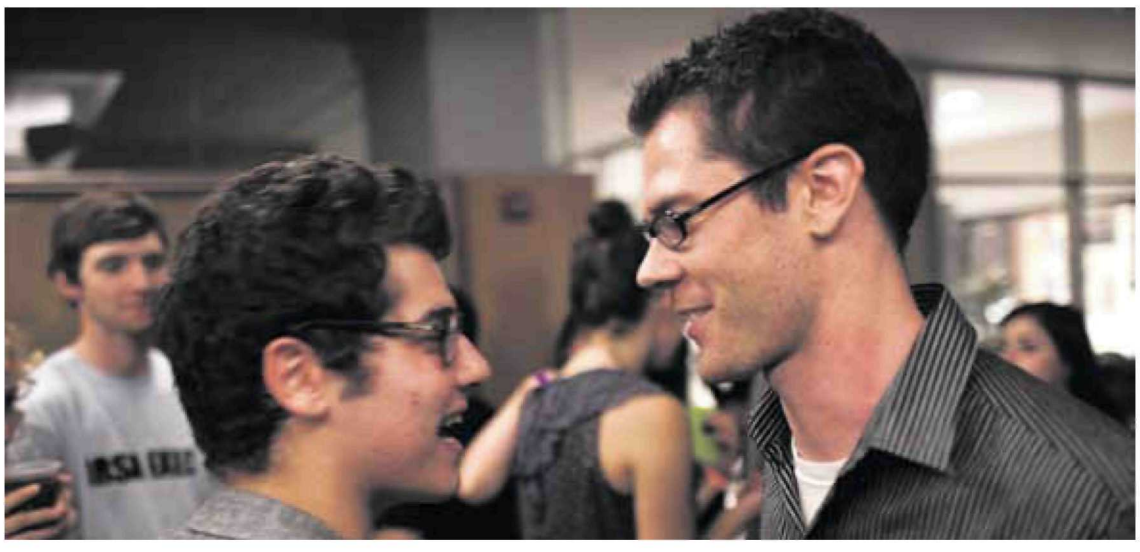
"I'm a PR disaster....I don't care, I say whatever shit comes into my head."

On Twitter, K'naan was similarly unapologetic.

"I explain shit not because I have to, but because I enjoy open dialogue. I enjoy informing people of my truths....and in the end, if you're a hateful, spiteful penis-face then I don't care about your view."

At the conclusion of the talk, fans lined up for autographs and bought "K'naan fedoras" and CDs. Students seemed impressed with K'naan's humble attitude. "[The talk] wasn't a sob story about how bad Somalia was," one spectator said. Another student said that K'naan was "very inspiring because he was so honest."

Platt elected new AUS President



Trasolini (left) and Platt (right) share a moment after the election results. **GEOFF LISTER PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

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After seven months of uncertainty, Brian Platt was elected as the new Arts Undergraduate Society president Friday night, beating interim President Ryan Trasolini by 140 votes.

Around 500 people out of approximately 12,000 Arts students voted in the week-long elections.

Platt's election marks the end of a months-long saga for the Arts presidency that began when Platt and Trasolini tied in March. Elections Administrator Matthew Naylor broke the tie in favour of Platt. Student Court, however, deemed the entire election invalid, and ordered a by-election for September. Trasolini was then voted in by AUS Council as the interim president.

Platt said that his victory was a step in the right direction for the AUS.

"The first thing I want to do is bring a sense of seriousness and professionalism back to the AUS, which I don't think it's had for a long time, and which it desperately needs," he said.

"We need to figure something out, we need to start thinking of ourselves as the biggest undergraduate society on campus again and we need to impress people again with everything we do. The AUS has underperformed for a long time."

While Platt's main concern is to improve the governance of the society, he intends to increase the AUS's involvement with its clubs.

"The biggest thing I want to say is that the AUS will be different this year. Come to everything we're doing, it'll be great," he said. "I'm going to bring changes to how council is run. [It] needs to be stronger. Another big idea I have is to have club presidents rather than reps—I don't think reps work very well."

He added "I'm also going to bring all the clubs together. One of the things I spoke about was getting the AUS to do a careers workshop, with different sections for different subjects, as opposed to parties. The AUS would bring different clubs into different sections—but that's something we need to discuss further."

When asked whether he will stay involved with the AUS, Trasolini felt he would. "I'm sure in some way I will. I just didn't really have the time to really put effort into my campaign."

NEWS BRIEFS

FORGED TRANSIT PASSES EARNS MAN JAIL TIME

A Burnaby man arrested for selling forged transit passes in Surrey was sentenced to two and a half years in prison this Tuesday. Matthew Stuthard, 26, plead guilty to two counts of forgery and fraud. The crime had the potential to create a $250,000 loss of Translink revenue per year.

UBC PROFESSOR FINDS WORLD'S SMALLEST GENOME

UBC Botany professor Patrick Keeling led a research team to sequence a parasite genome that is 20 per cent smaller than the world's former smallest genome. *E. Intestinalis* is a sister species of the larger *E. Cuniculi*, a parasitic fungus that, while usually found in rabbits, can be fatal to humans. The difference between the two lies in the shorter ends of the DNA threads that make up the genome. Keeling's find provides insight into how genomes evolve and survive in harsh conditions.

WIEMAN CONFIRMED FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

UBC professor and Nobel Laureate Carl Wieman has been confirmed by the US Senate as President Obama's Associate Director for Science. Wieman has headed UBC's Carl Wieman Science Education Initiative since 2007 and will be the White House's point for post-secondary education. He has been praised by the President as an "exceptional individual." Wieman is currently on a leave of absence from UBC.

CANADA HAS SECOND-HIGHEST RATE OF PSE SPENDING IN WORLD (THE GATEWAY)

Canada is second only to the US in how much of its GDP is spent on post-secondary education.

In a study released on Sept. 7, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development found that Canadians spend 2.6 per cent of their GDP on post-secondary education, while Americans contribute 3.1 per cent.

Canada, along with Denmark and Finland, contributes the most public funds to universities and colleges compared to other countries studied.

AVERAGE TUITION FEES ROSE FOUR PER CENT: STATSCAN (CUP)

The average Canadian full-time student will pay $5138 in tuition fees this year, a four per cent increase from last year, according to a Statistics Canada report released on Sept. 16.

The 2010-11 increase is up from the 3.6 per cent spike in 2009-10 and is higher than the 1.8 per cent rate of inflation calculated by the Consumer Price Index between July 2009 and July 2010.

The highest average undergraduate tuition and the largest increase in fees were found in Ontario, at a $6307 price tag: an increase of 5.4 per cent from 2009-10. Ontario graduate students also saw the biggest spike in fees compared to the rest of the country—their tuition went up 10.6 per cent to an average of $6917.

Innocence Project works to free wrongly accused

ELISE GRIEG
Contributor

UBC Law and Journalism students are taking the law into their own hands, helping the wrongfully convicted of BC gain a last chance to clear their name.

The UBC Innocence Project teams up students with experienced criminal lawyers to attempt to find and free people who have been falsely convicted of a crime.

Founded in 2007 with financial support from the Leon Judah Blackmore Foundation, it is the first program of its kind in western Canada—although there are hundreds of similar projects worldwide.

On a worldwide basis, innocence projects have successfully exonerated 258 people convicted of crimes they didn't commit. With this project, UBC students get a real chance at making a difference.

Liza Volpiana, a second-year Law student, is one of twelve students involved in the project this year. In addition to helping students develop skills they couldn't learn in a classroom, it provides a previously inaccessible support for the incarcerated in BC.

"Since the only other Innocence Projects are in Ontario, it really doesn't give people that are incarcerated in BC equal opportunities," said Volpiana. "I don't know what other organization there would be for them."

"I think it's good education, and it's also a gap in the legal system in terms of clients that have no other resources," said program Director Tamara Levy.

Levy said that the program has a dual goal.

"One is to educate [Law and Journalism students] about the problems of wrongful convictions, how to prevent them, and how to expose them. And then a second, equally important goal, is to assist those that maintain their innocence," she said.

The second part of the goal can be tedious business.

"Most of the cases we have are murder cases," said Levy. "We have one case in the other room that is 15 boxes of material. We have cases here that are going into their fourth year of review and hundreds of hours [of work]."

The process of getting an innocent person exonerated is not a fast one. After years of review of case files by the students, the file can be sent to the Minister of Justice, and another few years go by as they look through the same evidence.

Entering its fourth year, the program has not yet established a case to the point where they are able turn it over to the Minister of Justice, but they believe that this is possible at some point in the future.

"[Exonerating someone is] such a long process," said Volpiana. "I think I might be a part of it, but I don't think that within my eight months on the project a case will actually come to that point. But I think I could definitely be a part of it."

UBC Law student Liza Volpiana. **GEOFF LISTER PHOTO**/THE UBYSSEY

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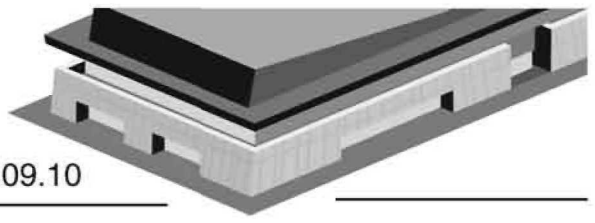

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Secrets of the Tribe (Brazil, 94 min.)

Academics prove far more savage than the Amazon tribe they are studying in José Padilha's briskly intelligent documentary. Far from being objective observers clinically detached from their subjects, anthropologists are as subject to the primitive demands of desire, greed, and treachery as the Stone Age Yanomami people. <SECRE>

Thu. Sep 30, 2:50pm, Granville 7
Tue. Oct 5, 6:40pm, Granville 7
Wed. Oct 6, 10:45am, Cinémathèque

Bhutto (USA, 115 min.)

Duane Baughman and Johnny O'Hara's in-depth look at a family often called "the Kennedys of Pakistan" is both timely and revealing. "As much a history of modern Pakistan as a portrait of the political dynasty that periodically led the country over two decades, *Bhutto* offers a complex... perspective on its titular family."—*Hollywood Reporter* <BHUTT>

Fri. Oct 1, 6:00pm, Granville 7
Sat. Oct 2, 11:30am, Granville 7

Mammalian (Canada, 64 min.)

Frank Wolf and his buddy Taku brave a 2,000 km Arctic canoe journey from Yellowknife to Rankin Inlet, revealing the harshness and the beauty of Canada's largest wilderness area, and the troubling changes rapidly sweeping the North. Co-featured with **Cry Rock** (Canada, 29 min.) <MAMMA>

Wed. Oct 6, 12:00pm, Granville 7
Mon. Oct 11, 6:15pm, Granville 7
Wed. Oct 13, 1:30pm, Cinémathèque

The Autobiography of Nicolae Ceausescu (Romania, 187 min.)

Completely compiled from official Romanian state propaganda, Andrei Ujica's masterful third film in a loose trilogy is a galloping, globetrotting reinvention of found-footage filmmaking, showing Nicolae Ceausescu as the Great Dictator wanted himself to be presented. The parades in North Korea alone are worth the price of admission. <AUTOB>

Wed. Oct 6, 2:15pm, Granville 7
Mon. Oct 11, 8:30pm, Granville 7

Carlos (France/Germany, 330 min.)

"Arguably the central event of this year's [Cannes] festival."—*Film Comment*. Edgar Ramirez channels Brando via Che in Olivier Assayas' celebrated five-hour-plus globetrotting biopic of the notorious terrorist Carlos the Jackal—it's a historically essential and wholly entertaining big-screen spectacle that never stops moving. *Special event pricing.* <CARLO>

Sat. Oct 9, 1:00pm, Park
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Repeaters (Canada, 95 min.)

Three addicts in a rehab clinic come to discover that they are living the same day over and over again. Carl Bessai's film uses this story conceit to explore the paradoxes of addiction; the film is a philosophical meditation in thriller format. <REPEA>

Sat. Oct 9, 1:15pm, Granville 7
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A profoundly beautiful and poetic film that draws parallels between the nature of time, perception, memory—the very stuff of the cosmos itself. "[Patricio Guzmán], approaches the tragedy of the thousands of Chileans who disappeared during the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet through the lens of a giant telescope trained on the universe... A remarkable new documentary." —*Hollywood Reporter* <NOSTA>

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WRECK BEACH

By Grace Qiao *Photo by Geoff Lister*

"Nude isn't lewd, but gawking is rude," is the motto of many Wreck Beach frequenters who enjoy sunning and swimming au naturel.

The sandy shores of Wreck, located almost 500 steps down a cliff, are hidden from buildings, streets and all other burdensome reminders of a bustling human civilization. The beach welcomes and accepts all bare bodies, bar none, but has no tolerance for prurient intentions.

The regulars, mostly naturists, are confident that the nude lifestyle is healthy and boosts self-esteem.

"Studies have proven youngsters raised as naturists have greater respect and tolerance for their own bodies, those of others, for the aged, for the infirm and that there is far less unwed pregnancies among naturist young than textile young," asserts Judy Williams, the chairwoman of the Wreck Beach Preservation Society (WBPS), a group of naturists who advocate for the protection of the beach.

But you don't need to strip down to have fun; clothed visitors are equally welcome on the beach. During the warmer months of the year, Wreck Beach transforms into a lively pastiche of nudists, innovative vendors, city residents, curious tourists and the inevitable gawkers who might just make the mistake of bringing a camera. The interesting history and culture of the beach is inextricably tied with the WBPS—a libertine bunch with an interest in protecting the beach and promoting body acceptance in Vancouver.

From this guide, you may learn a smidgen or two about the place and its people. You may even dare to venture down to see it for yourself. Bring a blanket and an open mind, but leave your camera at home.

BUYING ON THE BEACH

Norman, who has been a Wreck Beach vendor for 18 years, has seen at least a thousand people trying to make a buck or two by selling things—anything—on the beach, from sarongs to jewelry to souvenir t-shirts. New and veteran "nudist foodists" have become a time-honoured tradition on the beach. "Most people don't last long, usually two to three years, five to six years, then they move on. It's a tricky business for vendors," he said. "You have to be dedicated, you have to watch the weather. It's a part time income, not enough for subsistence."

When Norman started out as a vendor on Wreck Beach, in the early 90s the exotic meats on his menu included buffalo, ostrich, caribou and even imported kangaroo. "Around the time mad cow became big news, Metro Vancouver [changed] the health rules," said Norman who, like many other food vendors, is now limited to selling more conventional foods like hot dogs.

Licenses are required to sell on the beach, and police patrol regularly in the summer, inspecting permits.

Lazing around on the beach, you may be (pleasantly or unpleasantly) surprised by the occasional dubious solicitor who sells specially baked goods, spiked freeze pops, and other substances that your mother probably wouldn't approve of. Some pitches are quite memorable: "Why sit on the sand when you can float on it? Magic mushrooms!" But there is rarely pressure to buy, and many regulars frown upon drug use on the beach.

HISTORY AND POLITICS

A brief telling of a long tale: since the late 70s, an ad hoc group of naturists (hippies, some would say) have constantly fought against developments that would harm the privacy, view and ecological balance of the beach and nearby cliff. Today, the group is known as the WBPS.

One of their biggest battles and victories was against UBC's Campus & Community Planning in the debate over the construction of new residence towers around Marine Drive.

Although it would have meant more housing for students, it posed consequences for the beach. Williams sums up the WBPS's position on the issue: "[the proposed towers would have] been only meters from the edge of the cliff ensuring a lack of respect for adjacent parkland and an almost certain slide into the sea because of the disturbance of the upper layers of a perched aquifer topography of the Point Grey cliffs."

Joe Stott, the Director of Campus & Community Planning, counters that the finished "towers were reduced in height [and] the building excavation is set well back from the cliff edge." He also said there was reasonably shallow excavation, which had no proven effect on the cliff.

The standoff resulted in a compromise: only three of the four proposed towers were built.

While somewhat controversial, the WBPS has amassed a considerable amount of clout in decisions made by the university. Not only have their petitions brought many building projects to a standstill, including a proposal by the Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corporation to barge millions of gallons of jet fuel off the shore of the beach in 1989, but they are still fighting to counter threats that will alter or harm the beach and its surroundings.

LAWS AND ETIQUETTE

Wreck Beach is policed by the UBC RCMP in conjunction with the Metro Vancouver Parks Board. It can be a challenge.

"During the busy times of the year—May to September—[we] put together a team of four to five officers whose sole responsibility during the summers is to do preventative patrols and enforcement," said RCMP Staff Sergeant Kevin Kenna. They handle complaints the same way they would any other call, but the limited cellphone coverage and difficulty locating individuals on the beach are an added challenge.

Though it's not uncommon, camping overnight on the beach is illegal. It would be unwise to assume that the RCMP won't catch you just because they have to trek down the stairs to get to you first. Sergeant Kenna reminds students to be aware of the curfew, "sundown to 8am is no-beach time."

Federal and provincial laws, as well as park bylaws, are in effect for alcohol and other substances. This isn't to say that rules don't get broken from time to time; the responsibility and consequences are your own. Destruction of forest and driftwood is illegal, as are fires.

EVENTS

On the first day of every year, along with the other beaches in Vancouver, Wreck Beach welcomes Polar Bear Swimmers to test its icy waters for some bringing-in-the-New-Year-cheer skinny-dipping. For the past few years, hundreds of participants have graced the beach in their birthday suits to attempt to break the Guinness' Book of World Records' Simultaneous North American Skinny-dip, sponsored by the American Association for Nude Recreation.

If you're on campus in the summer, it would be worth your time to check out an annual Wreck Beach Day celebration with volleyball, body-painting, and sandcastle building activities in July. This day is also the WBPS's Annual Body Acceptance Day—beachgoers will be encouraged to display comfort in their own skins by exploring the pleasures of nekkid beaching.

In addition, there is annual "Bare Buns Run" in August. Ironically, participants win a t-shirt.

GETTING TO WRECK

Wreck Beach is a 6.5km stretch of beach located at the westernmost point of Vancouver, cosied up right against the cliffs of dense forest growth. Easily accessible from the UBC campus, simply look for the "Trail 6" sign by the intersection of Northwest Marine Drive and University Boulevard. The C20 Translink shuttle bus will take you right to it.

Be prepared to trot down around 480 steps of stairs to reach the beach (and another 480 back up). There are some portable toilets by the Trail, but pee before you go!

As a personal recommendation, make sure to catch a sunset with a clear sky—always met with such ruckus and applause that it could almost fool one into thinking that the event didn't happen every single day. U

From beaches to bars

Jon & Roy at the Chan

It sometimes snows in Victoria. **PHOTO COURTESY OF JON AND ROY**

JOE PEACE
Contributor

Not many bands can claim they've held on to their roots in the same way that Jon and Roy have. Once a duet, now a quartet, Jon and Roy, who hail from Victoria, have recorded three albums and recently wrapped up an extensive national tour—but they still manage to hold on to the homegrown sound they set out with.

The band hit the Chan Centre's Telus Theatre on Thursday, spreading their folksy, laid-back style to the UBC campus for a *CBC* Radio 2 Live Session, before crossing the water for a homecoming show last Saturday.

The show demonstrated not only their live presence, but also the band's amazing songwriting and lyrical ability. The crowd was enchanted the moment Jon and Roy stepped onto the stage. Foot-tapping and head-nodding followed. Highlights included "To the Beach," and, from their latest album, "Homes," and "Boon Elm," as well as "Another Noon," which featured a truly awesome percussion break. All of the songs received huge responses from the audience.

It's bands like Jon & Roy that make you feel as if you're collectively part of something bigger than the general performer-audience setup and that maybe the gap can be bridged—at least for the duration of the concert.

The Ubyssey caught up with percussionist Roy Vizer as the band made its way to Halifax, Nova Scotia, last week.

Ubyssey: You guys seem like more of the sort to jam on beaches with a few friends than to be touring the country. How did all this success come about?

Roy Vizer: I don't know, it was a slow progression, I guess. From the beaches to the bars, and then from the bars to the bigger venues. And then there was a little bit of interest in our music, so we just kind of went with it.

U: So out of all the places you've played across the country, which would you call your favourite?

RV: Well, for me, I guess it would be in front of the Victoria Parliament Building this last Canada Day.

U: And that would be your favourite show you've played?

RV: Well, you know last night we were talking about how much we really enjoyed playing Tofino. And we always have great shows in Ottawa, in The Black Sheep just outside Ottawa.

U: It's been said that your inspiration is very diverse. What kind of sources did you draw upon for your latest album?

RV: It's definitely very diverse. Jon [lead vocals and guitar] listens to a lot of African fingerpicking music, we all listen to a lot of hip-hop, classic folk and blues. I listen to a lot of Cuban music. We all love reggae music. So I don't know, I guess we all listen to stuff [which] we try and play into what we do.

U: And how was the title of the album, *Homes*, inspired?

RV: I suppose it's kind of left up to the listener's interpretation. I guess it means something for everyone else.

U: This being your third album, how would you say it compares to your previous releases?

RV: We had more guest musicians and more time. Also quite a bit more studio time to work with. We had better equipment. We kind of had a more layered approach to recording our music.

U: How do you feel Victoria and Vancouver Island influenced your style and sound?

RV: We actually get asked this question a lot. It's just the beautiful surroundings that we live in. So we spend a lot of time enjoying it and somehow this feeds into the music. Victoria's not like a big bustling city, so we kind of have a little bit more time to reflect. I can't exactly put my finger on it, but it definitely has an influence on our music.

U: So what do you guys have planned for the next few months? Tours? New releases? Any surprises?

RV: Right now we're just kind of focusing on this really great holiday show. We're just kind of in the process of finding out what's happening in December, and this is going to be the first year where we take the holiday show over to Vancouver as well as Victoria. So we're really focusing on that. I think we're just going to focus on the music for a little bit, because we've been traveling around quite a bit, for like, three, four months, and when you do that so much you don't have too much time to work on new material. So that's what we're going to do and it's all pretty exciting.

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3. Whale-naming contest
4. WPNCUP update
5. NASH fundraising
6. Coordinator elections
7. Retreat Update
8. New Business

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41-6: Regina rams Thunderbirds

DRAKE FENTON
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On Friday night, UBC faced off against the University of Regina Rams, losing 41-6, moving the T-Birds to 1-3 on the season.

Coming into the matchup, the Rams were the owners of Canada West's No. 1 ranked offensive. They did nothing to hurt that statistic.

In the first quarter, 'Birds quarterback Billy Greene, under pressure from the Rams' pass rush, hurried a throw that was easily intercepted. Shortly thereafter, Regina's running back Adrian Charles punched in a 12-yard rush for the game's opening touchdown. 10-0, Regina.

Greene and Charles's performances ran in contrast to each other in determining how the game would unfold. Greene threw four interceptions. Charles rushed for 193 yards, averaging 9.6 yards per carry.

Turnovers and big plays were daggers in UBC's back all night. Early in the second quarter, Charles broke through the first line of UBC defenders. When he reached the second level, using his breakneck speed, he out-ran the 'Birds' defensive backs. By the time Charles ran out of gas, at about UBC's 20 yard line, it seemed undeniable that the two 'Birds players mere inches from him would take him down.

Miraculously, they both missed, and Charles sauntered into the endzone to cap off a 90-yard run. It was that kind of night

"You can't expect to lose the turnover battle 0-7 or whatever it was and expect to do well," said T-Bird head coach Shawn Olson.

Five minutes into the fourth quarter, Regina lined up to punt the ball from deep within their territory. UBC got into a punt block formation. Whether Regina's punter audibled the play or the Rams coach anticipated pressure from UBC and accordingly called a fake is unknown. What is known is that ten seconds later, Regina's Matt Yausie was celebrating in the UBC endzone after a 73-yard touchdown pass.

While UBC's offense struggled all night, only entering the red zone once, the defence played relatively well, however. They managed to limit one of the strongest passing attacks in the Canada West to only 186 yards through the air.

"I was pretty happy with the effort of our players...Our defence didn't back down one bit against a good offence," Olson said.

Regina's Connor Haas is chased by former SFU defensive standout Mark Baily. **JON CHIANG PHOTO**/THE UBYSSEY

SCOREBOARD

1
UBC varsity game, football versus Regina, was televised this past weekend.

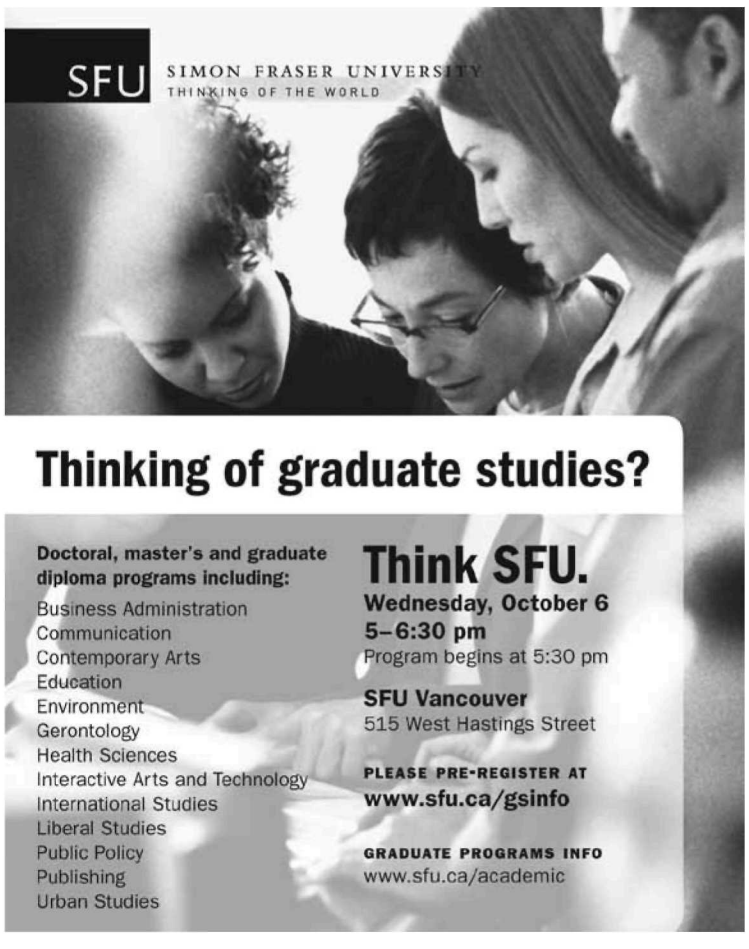
6
Losses UBC varsity teams had in their regular seasons this weekend, compared to two wins and one tie.

10
Rebounds by UBC's Kris Young against Japan's national women's basketball team.

13
Points by which Japan's national basketball team beat UBC's women in Taiwan, 68-55.

35
Man–hours to prepare the football stadium for Friday night's match.

90
Yards run by Regina's Adrian Charles for his first touchdown, the longest run of the game.



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Hockey pre-season starts up

Rookie Hillary Talbot defending against Carleton. **DAVID ELOP**/THE UBYSSEY

CHANTEL COLLEYPRIEST
Contributor

Following a slow first period on Friday night, the men's ice hockey team got their season rolling with a 4-1 win over the SAIT Trojans.

"We came out a little off: six months without playing a game. After the first intermission we started to pick it up, felt a lot better out there coming into third," said forward Bill Smith.

And pick it up they did: in the second, after Thunderbird Dalton Pajak was given a penalty for holding, 'Birds forward Scott Wasden scored short-handed.

With less than a minute left on the clock in the second period, the Trojans struck back as defenseman Clayton Goodall scored. Tied 1-1 with the clock ticking, fans who started making their way out to beat the rush at the concession stand missed forward Justin McCrae's literally last-second goal.

Off a pass from defenseman Craig Lineker, McCrae got the puck between Alberta's pipes, giving UBC a 2-1 lead going into the third.

"For this season... we really wanted to get our defensive game a lot better so we've been working a lot in practice, and it showed tonight, only allowing one goal," forward Max Grassi said.

With 11:21 minutes left in the third, a goal by 'Birds forward Marc Desloges sealed the 'Birds lead, but for comfort, team captain Matthew Schneider scored UBC's fourth goal with 2:56 left to play.

"Desloges, Schneider and Ruel...we expected things from them...combined they have 11 years of experience," head coach Milan Dragicevic said.

"We really just want to focus on ourselves, to make sure our structure was in place, make sure our systems were in place... I thought we did that."

WOMEN SECURE BRONZE

UBC's women's hockey team hosted a four-team tournament this past weekend.

Heading into the bronze medal match against Toronto, they were the last-place team. Defenseman Emily Grainger set up the game's first goal. After Grainger fired the puck at U of T's net, forward Tatiana Rafter was able to move the puck into the netting. UBC managed to win the game 2-1, even though they were outshot 24-18.

"It was an opportunity to see players in a lot of different positions. The team is having fun building [sic] and the positives are that we've got some players on the team that can handle the puck and can shoot," said women's head coach Nancy Wilson. "Now we just have to get everybody familiar with the systems and with each other."

— with files from UBC Athletics

Zach Kalthoff stopping Trinity Western. **MICHAEL THIBAULT FILE PHOTO**

UBC's last man back

LEE DAVID
Contributor

When watching soccer, many people see the position of a goalkeeper as somewhat lonesome — because we often see goalies, hands on their hips, watching and standing in solitude, while their teammates up front are in attack. But UBC's starting goalkeeper, rookie Zach Kalthoff, begs to differ. "Bossy" is how he describes his position, because he's continually instructing his fellow defensemen.

This energetic 21-year-old has had a lot of experience in commandeering his defencemen. At 6 feet tall and 185 pounds, Kalthoff has played for Southampton, England and for FC Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Two years ago, Kalthoff hit a stumbling block. He had to undergo a couple of knee surgeries. But with the surgeries a success, UBC men's soccer head coach Mike Mosher believes Kalthoff is now the "complete package."

"He is a very experienced player at this level," says Mosher. "He is a good communicator with players in front of him. He guides his defenders well and prevents scoring opportunities from opponents."

But the complete package still faces some pedestrian challenges. As any other student-athlete, especially a freshman, Kalthoff will face a struggle when attempting to successfully balance his academic and athletic goals. Recognizing this, Kalthoff said, "I will only focus on two things—school and soccer." He is enrolled in the faculty of Human Kinetics.

UBC's strong academic reputation, Kalthoff said, was a leading reason why he came to study here. "I really like the campus and UBC is an excellent school with a great team," he said.

Twice in the last five years, the T-Birds were Canada's national champions. In the past 26 seasons, UBC has finished 10 times wearing the national crown.

With a number of people who have European playing experience or were in the Vancouver Whitecap's residency program on his team, Mosher has high expecations.

"I am very optimistic because we have a lot of talented players this season, and I expect a lot of competition for a spot among players."

With a strong core in front of him, Kaltoff, too, has high expectations. "I have no doubt we'll win the CIS," he said.

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EDITORIAL

THE WAR ON FUN MAY BE UNWINNABLE

Fellow fun-loathers: it's under dark circumstances that we call out to you today. For eight long years, it has been our shared mission to eliminate all avenues of unsanctioned fun and steam-blow-offery on this fair campus. However, in light of September's excessive, detestable hard-partying, it is beginning to appear as though our efforts have been in vain.

From the Caligulian fraternity parties spilling into violence against our tireless, overworked policemen, to the pointless emergency care of back-flipping Ski and Board Club members, the extreme excesses of the mouth-breathing student vermin over the last month have been well publicized.

But it's the untold story, that of the loathsome rank-and-file student not engaging in directly punishable or hospitalizable offense, that disheartens us the most. Engaging in what can only be characterized as tomfoolery of the highest order, they continue to imbibe drink across campus, be it in their precious student "union" building, residences, or on our fair streets and beaches. It's enough to make a tax-evading millionaire living on an unincorporated university campus break down and cry.

It's not as though we've been without our victories. We assumed that by destroying weekly beer gardens with clever uses of selective "special occasion licenses," a glorious stake would be put in the heart of on-campus revelry once and for all. And the financial circumstances that led to the cancellation of Arts County Fair were truly a blessing. But students continue to drink, and outside of unlicensed events and establishments, as though they weren't aware that imbibing drinks in places other than box-socials was socially unhealthy. Even unburdening the campus of the looming menace of Koerner's did little to stop the deluge of drink and consequent bile.

Our principles remain unchanged. We will continue to look upon alcohol-imbuers, wine-and-cheese hob-nobbers and those that enable them with the same degree of contempt we've always maintained. But our methods and expectations may have to be adjusted, for it is beginning to appear as though the War on Fun may be unwinnable.

TERRIBLE TRANSFER TRAVAILS

Last week, we wrote that at President Stephen Toope's town hall, a student came with a common complaint. She said that when she'd transferred in from another school, her credits didn't come with her.

"They're more likely to not have the time for you and brush you off," she said about university administrators. Toope acknowledged that he's heard of this complaint before and that sometimes "it's hard to evaluate programs sometimes at other institutions."

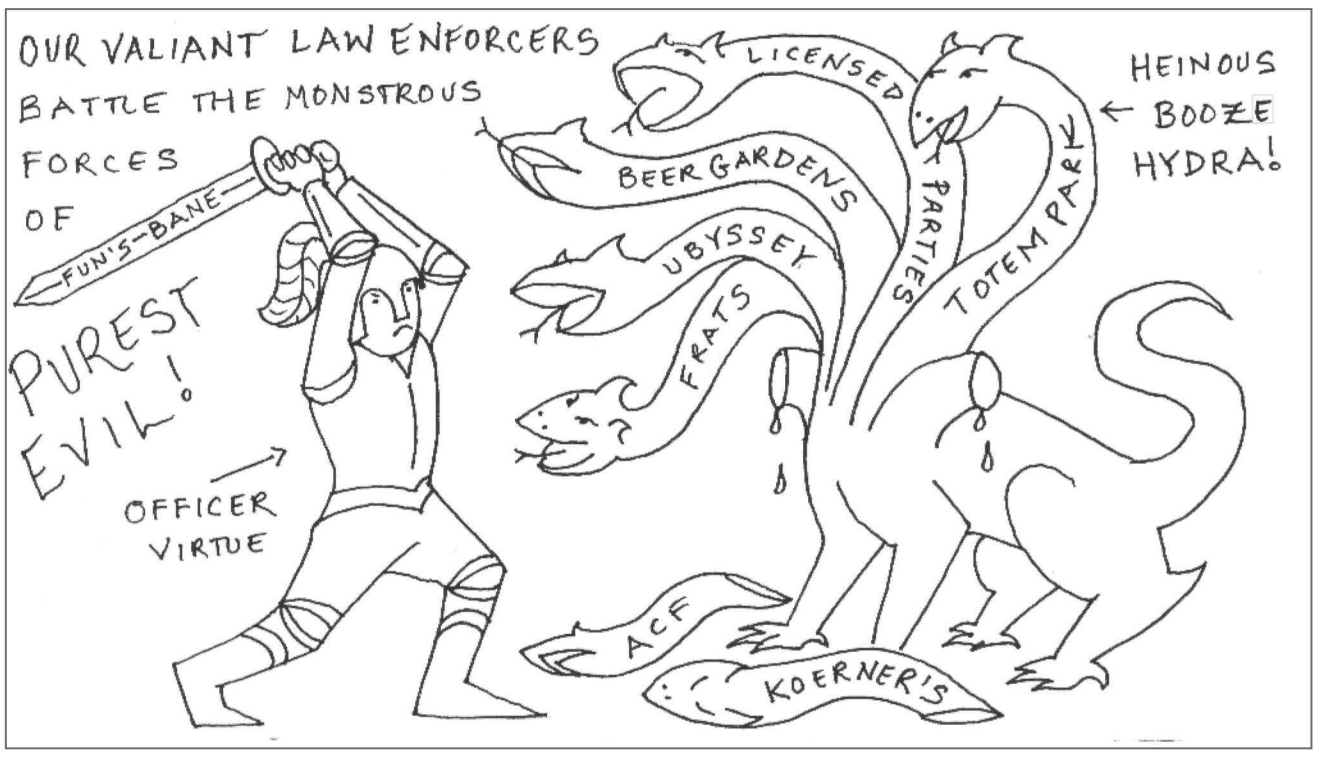
UBC's bloated bureaucracy is one of the reasons for this problem, as we noted. But there might be something else at play here: our attitude towards smaller schools.

This university may be ranked as one of the three best universities in Canada, but when it comes to undergraduate teaching and engagement as measured by the National Survey on Student Engagement (NSSE), we're consistently at the bottom of the pile, while regional rivals SFU and UVic are close to the top.

Although many students receive a better education at other institutions for 100- and 200-level courses, we make it difficult for them to receive credit for courses that they've completed.

It's ironic, because the university actively promotes the concept of students "going global" for a year on exchange. But anyone who's gone abroad knows that transferring over credits is difficult, even with universities that we have official partnerships with.

It appears hubris has infected the UBC system. Whether this is the consequence of overworked administrators, a sense of superiority from professors about their syllabi, or a desire to make sure that students are prepared for their classes, many students end up wasting time and money retaking courses. We're encouraged by Toope's comments, if only because acknowledgment is the first step in solving any problem.



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COLUMNISTS

Running for President a risk worth taking

BIJAN AHMADIAN
AMS President

When I made the decision to run for President last year, I knew I would be putting on hold not only my passion for dance, but also my studies in Law and my MBA. It felt like a high-risk decision, but the work I get to do now has made the decision one of the most rewarding risks I have ever taken.

Every week I oversee the implementation of about forty projects within our 2010-11 Strategic Plan. A significant project is building a new Student Union Building, 255,000 square feet of sustainable student-run space by the grassy knoll.

The project was truly kicked off in 2008 when students voted for a fee increase to build their new space. But many feared that the project was going to fail because nearly two years of intense negotiations between UBC and AMS had not produced an agreement.

The stalemates had strained the relationship between AMS and UBC. The question of whether we would ever have a new building was front and centre every day.

I took office on February 12th with a mandate to save the building. And I set the aggressive deadline (the end of April) for signing the agreement with UBC. My deadline put strong pressure on both sides but everyone was very committed to getting there. We worked round the clock while the city was buzzing with the Olympics and while the campus was going through final exams; both sides were working even during the Canada-US gold-medal men's hockey game while following the scores! Eventually, we managed to break the impasse.

April 30th was a jubilant date for the AMS and this university. The conclusion of the agreements put students back in the history books as the builders of this campus. We built the first student union building (now Brock Hall), we built the current Student Union Building and now we are raising the bar again by building one of the most environmentally sustainable buildings on campus. On that day, students got the building they deserved and voted for.

But my push for the highest standard of performance has not stopped. For the first time, the AMS has mapped out our goals in a strategic plan. Among many projects, we are renegotiating the U-Pass agreement to make sure the program stays affordable and provides good service quality. The Health and Dental plan is also up for renewal and we are investigating the optimal options to provide the best benefits at the best price. We are also lobbying for a better student financial aid system both federally and provincially, as well as a rapid transit line along the Broadway corridor all the way to UBC.

And those are the kind of accomplishments and projects that have made it worthwhile to take all the risks that came with running for President. It is a good feeling when our work brings value to the student experience at the end of the day.

Bijan Ahmadian is the AMS President. His column will run once a month.

Student loan reform benefits all groups

MATTHEW NAYLOR
Columnist

After two years of wasted time, the AMS is finally lobbying on something that will deliver results for students. For two long and disastrous years, the AMS has been pushing for lower tuition, something that will, in this political climate, never happen. They've finally gotten their act together and started to work on something that has the potential to deliver results—student loan reform.

BC's student loan program is the worst in the country. It has rotten criteria for evaluating need (ie. if your parents are land-rich and cash-poor, you're screwed), charges too much interest (at prime rate plus 2.5 per cent, it's the worst in the country) and still manages to lose money.

It's not like the BC Liberals aren't aware of this—at their 2008 policy convention, they adopted a resolution on education that, amongst other things, called for changes in needs assessment, interest rates, and how the province deals with private institutions.

When the arguments for student loan reform are laid out, they are convincing enough. However, with the combined support of the AMS and the University, there is no room for the province to play one party off against other.

Stakeholders don't disagree and reform should save money if it's done right. For the government, the University and the students, it's that rare situation where you have a win-win-win.

Another sea change for the AMS is belied by this action. The fact that the AMS is working with the University to push reform is a massive step in the right direction. We do not need to be at loggerheads with the administration all the time—in many circumstances, especially when dealing with the government, our interests are the same. Working with the administration allows students to influence administration lobbying, and make our shared priorities the most prominent.

Many student organizations stand firm by their principles; lower tuition or bust, as it were. I don't think that abrogating principles is the way to go, but rather, accepting that one cannot realize a desired result is a great leap forward.

I would propose an alternate principle—seize every opportunity, no matter how small, half-measured, or insufficient to bring about any small improvement for students.

This may be Real Politik. It may be cynical. But it delivers results.

OUR CAMPUS

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Last weekend, first-years were seen walking around Jericho Sailing Club. Tricked by their Residence Advisers into thinking a hard row early in the morning would be fun, the soon-to-be shipmates learned quickly what a paddle does to your hands: blisters and more blisters. They were there practicing for Day of the Longboat, a yearly boat race held by UBC Recreation and advertized heavily in first-year residences. It takes place next weekend, where over 3000 students will compete in the two kilometre race, which pits dozen-person teams of rowers against one another.

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Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm
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