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Silas Rogers

1989–2010

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Third-year UBC Arts student Silas Rogers died on Friday. According to a VPD press release, 20-year-old Rogers was arrested in Whistler on Tuesday by the RCMP shortly after 5pm for intoxication.

His roommate, Andrew Simpson, told CTV that Rogers went to Whistler to visit his girlfriend.

After being released at about 3:30am the following morning, Rogers returned to his girlfriend's residence at UBC, where he was found unconscious 23 hours later. Rogers died at around 1:30pm on Friday after having been taken to hospital.

The release stated that Rogers fell down several times while in the holding cells. The VPD has launched an investigation at the request of the RCMP.

UBC President Stephen Toope has expressed his condolences to Rogers' family and friends on behalf of the university in a press release.

Simpson declined *The Ubyssey*'s requests for comment until after the funeral.

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NOON "FUN" RUN • Run for fun! Walk for fun! Get healthy and come run or walk the UBC REC Noon "Fun" Run, hosted by the UBC REC Health Promotions Department which takes participants throughout many of UBC's most scenic areas on a course ranging from 3 to 5km. • *Every Thursday, 12:30pm, meeting outside the doors of the Student Rec Centre.*

LIFE INTO FICTION - LEVEL 1 • Join award-winning writer Lillian Boraks-Nemetz for a workshop that turns inner experience into ideas for publishable stories. Learn to write with greater awareness of human behaviour, found beneath the daily façade, while sharpening your writing techniques. Focus will be on recapturing the past by a visit to the memory bank, interviews with relatives or a return to the place of one's origin. • *Runs until Apr. 6, 1pm–3:30pm, Room 105, Ponderosa Annex C, $265, register online at* reg2.cstudies.ubc.ca/course.jsp?courseId=AW566.

TANTRAMAR GOTHIC ART EXHIBIT • Regent College Lookout Gallery presents Tantramar Gothic, a collection of work by Dan Steeves. • *Mon.–Fri. 8:30am–5pm, Sat. 12pm–4pm, Regent College, 5800 University Blvd., runs until Monday, Mar. 1.*

THE SECRETS OF TRADITIONAL ITALIAN CUISINE • This course takes you into the kitchens of Italian regions such as Lombardy, Piedmont and Tuscany to sample pasta, pizza, antipasti and risotto made the right way–fresh fish and shellfish, hearty treatments of meat and game and irresistible gelato. Course materials, a chef's apron and five multi-course meals are included in the course fee. • *Runs from Mar. 3–31, 5:30pm–8:30pm, Food, Nutrition and Health (FNH) Building, $525, includes course materials and five multi-course meals.*

MONDAY, MAR. 1

UNDERSTANDING WINE: AN INTRODUCTION (PART 1) • A wine instructor provides an introduction to the world of wine. The instructor will be available for wine consultation for a half-hour after the end of each class. Each participant receives a starter kit, consisting of six wine tasting glasses. Learn how to shop and read label information, discover how wines age and learn how to choose wines to pair with different foods. • *Runs until Mar. 29, 6pm–8:30pm, Room 102, Ponderosa Annex C, $395.*

TUESDAY, MAR. 2

EXPLORING CULTURE THROUGH CULINARY ARTS • Join UBC instructors as they help you explore the history and culture of their countries through group restaurant outings and discussions about your dining experiences. These courses are offered in English. The fee includes lectures, four dinners at various restaurants and all taxes and gratuities. • *Runs until Mar. 30, 6:30pm–7:30pm, first class meets in Buchanan D, $325 plus tax.*

UNIVERSITY-WIDE ORIENTATION FOR UBC STAFF AND FACULTY • We invite all new UBC Faculty and Staff to the next university-wide orientation at the Point Grey campus. Schedule includes a welcome from Brian Sullivan and the VP Students office, presentations such as a History of UBC, information on resources such as Supply Management, Bookstore, Sustainability, and UBC REC and an optional guided tour. • *11:30am–3:30pm, Cecil Green Park House, 6251 Cecil Green Park Rd., register for free at* hr.ubc.ca/odl/most/uwo.html *(requires CWL).*

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WEDNESDAY, MAR. 3

WORK YOUR BA: TOASTMASTERS • The ability to communicate effectively gets you noticed in life and work. Get your public speaking skills up to speed with this workshop that focuses on applying practical strategies to help you become a more effective and engaging public speaker. Learn the Toastmasters method and from the experience of veteran speakers. • *1pm–2pm, Angus 426.*

THURSDAY, MAR. 4

SPARTACUS YOUTH CLUB CLASS SERIES • The Spartacus Youth Club presents their second class: Independence for Québec! Marxism and the National Question. • *6:30pm, SUB Room 224, more info at* trotskyist_vancouver@shawcable.com *or call at (604) 687-0353.*

FRIDAY, MAR. 5

FREE FILM SCREENS AT UBC • A free double bill of provocative cinema! *Crime* directed by and starring Gemini Award winning Asst. Professor, Tom Scholte, is a gripping feature length drama probing the social and psychological forces that shape criminal behaviour. *Alyssa* is a research-based fictional short film produced by Dr Kirsty Johnston and UBC students supports interprofessional education in cancer care. Filmmakers on hand for Q&A. • *7:30pm, Royal Bank Cinema, Chan Centre, free tickets, for more info call (604) 822-2678.*

GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN LATIN AMERICA: READING & DISCUSSION SESSION ON "STORIES OF RACE, GENDER AND CLASS" • The Liu Research Group on Gender and Sexuality in Latin America aims to contribute to ongoing discussions about Latin American gender relations, sexual politics and feminist theories by bringing together graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and faculty interested in these issues. • *4pm–6pm, Liu Institute for Global Issues, 3rd Floor Boardroom, refreshments provided.*

SUNDAY, MAR. 7

OPERA TEAS IN THE GARDEN • Opera Teas bring you closer to the music you love, and to the star performers of tomorrow. Light refreshments are served, as you enjoy the magic of opera in a comfortable setting. When you subscribe, you can choose one of our informative, informal Opera Teas for only $10 more. • *2pm–4pm, UBC Botaincal Gardens, $20 adults, $15 students and seniors, please call (604) 822-6725.*

MONDAY, MAR. 8

SMALL (MINING) IS BEAUTIFUL—ENGINEERING TO ALLEVIATE GLOBAL POVERTY • The UBC Faculty of Applied Science is taking part in Celebrate Research Week. Learn from the entertaining and engaging Mining Engineering Professor Marcello M. Veiga. This talk focuses on how engineering can help alleviate global poverty. The findings are a result of a six-year project sponsored by the United Nations. • *6:30pm–8pm, Robson Square.*

TUESDAY, MAR. 9

FOUR WAYS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE • Presented by Mechanical Engineering Professor Robert L. Evans, this talk focuses on energy use and its impact on the environment–one of the most important technical, social and public-policy issues facing humanity today. • *6:30pm–8pm, Robson Square.*

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 10

AMAZING PAPER: THE HISTORY AND ART OF PAPERMAKING • Most people take paper for granted. Learn from Chemical and Biological Engineering Professor Mark Martinez paper's rich history and its impact on society, and understand the manufacturing process with emphasis on sustainability. • *12pm–1pm, Kaiser 2020/2030.*

FROM TOY TRAINS TO AIRPLANES: ARE WE SERIOUS ABOUT SAFETY? • From the onset of the industrial revolution until a few decades ago, safety was a topic of great importance. But in recent years, we have become complacent, that is, until a tragedy occurs. Explore issues of public safety with Materials Engineering Professor Anoush Poursartip. • *6:30pm–8pm, Robson Square.*

THURSDAY, MAR. 11

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD • UBC Faculty of Applied Science graduate students' leading-edge research is shaping and improving the fields of health, search and rescue, mining and more. Our graduate students will be showing off their research and talking about the differences they are making. • *12pm–6pm, Kaiser Atrium.*

FRIDAY, MAR. 12

A CONCERT FOR HAITI • Come enjoy an evening of live music performed by unique local artists. Proceeds will go towards supporting the ongoing medical relief efforts in Haiti. • *6pm reception, 7:30pm concert, Graham House, Green College, $20 tickets.*

INKJET PRINTING—FROM DOCUMENT PRINTING TO TISSUE ENGINEERING • Explore with Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor Konrad Walus the innovative concepts in inkjet microfabrication and the rapidly emerging possibilities. • *12pm–1pm, Kaiser 2020/2030.*

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 17

IMAGINE YOUR ARTS MAJOR 2010 • Attend the Imagine Your Arts Major Fair! Join professors, department advisors and student leaders for an amazing opportunity to have all your academic questions explored and answered! Workshops by Go Global, Arts Academic Advising, Career Services, and Arts Co-op will be held from Mar. 8–12. Learn about potential careerpaths, gaining work experience before graduation, studying abroad, and making sure that all your choices are right for your degree! Registration is now open. • *11am–2pm, SUB Ballroom, for more info, go to* arts.ubc.

OLYMPICS

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I ran down the stairs and threw him the only thing I could throw down: a small bag of Pocky sticks, on which I wrote: 'Dear Patrick Chan, good job. Love watching you skate. You make us Chinese Canadians proud. Hope you like Pocky sticks!'"

—Fourth-year student Ruby Law, on watching Canadian figure skater Patrick Chan skate live

Blueberry farmer strikes golden redemption

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Canadian athletes have instigated a golden domino effect in the quickly-dwindling days of the Olympics, and Jasey-Jay Anderson's win was no exception.

Not many of Canada's golden athletes' backgrounds are as rural as that of parallel giant slalom snowboarder Anderson.

What does Anderson, the fastest man in the world to shred it up in snowboard parallel giant slalom at the 2010 Olympics, do for a living?

> Numerous top-ten podium finishes on the world circuit have defined the 35-year-old's stellar snowboarding career.

An ecstatic J. J. Anderson holds up his gold medal for reporters on Sunday. **GERALD DEO PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

He farms crops of blueberries.

The native Québec's area of employment sounds calming: "blueberry farming." Picking berries in warm summer weather frankly sounds pleasant—the exact opposite of the adrenaline rush that boarders of Anderson's calibre would thrive upon when staring down the icy peaks of a mountain.

"The blueberry farm was the project that kept my mind and my heart at peace for all those failed Olympics," said Anderson, addressing reporters with gold wrapped around his neck on Sunday morning.

After strongly contemplating retirement after a medalless 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, Anderson said harvesting bountiful blueberries was a tranquil way to transition into a more sedentary, familial lifestyle.

When the Vancouver Olympics were announced in 2003, plans changed for Anderson and he reentered the snowboarding world, all the while keeping blueberry farming an important part of his life to maintain balance.

"The blueberry farm did bring me a lot of peace," he said. "I love being outside and creating something.

"I was able to provide healthy, nutritious, nature's candy to the local area and residents of Tremblay [Québec]—and I love it."

Farming, as Canada's pioneers have done for centuries, requires all the patience, grunt-work, gambling and determination snowboarding demands of its radical athletes.

"Being an athlete, you work on yourself, but you don't really create anything—you're not productive in a tangible way," he explained of the difference between being an athlete and a farmer.

Leading up to his February 27 gold medal grab, the veteran boarder had accomplished everything within reach—except an Olympic medal.

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> **J.J. ANDERSON**
> CANADIAN ATHLETE

Numerous top-ten podium finishes on the world circuit have defined the 35-year-old's stellar snowboarding career. After four Olympics and 20 years of disciplined snowboarding, Anderson's taste of gold on home soil has finally made his athletic pursuit all worth it.

What's next for the agriculturally-minded Anderson?

After finally attaining gold status, Anderson jokingly told *The Ubyssey* that there's a possibility of "Anderson's Own" blueberry jam hitting the shelves in commemoration of his long-awaited Olympic triumph.

Two is the magic number for Hamelin

Team Canada sets international record on home soil.

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You might have heard of Charles Hamelin. He is Canada's newest sports celebrity and he enjoys drawing comics in his spare time. You might also have heard he skates circles around international athletes for kicks.

After the Canadian speed skater was overtaken in the final stretch of the 1500m by the Korean speed skating team last week, Canada's skating poster child told a nation of stunned fans to be patient, promising them a glorious medal later in the tournament.

> He enjoys drawing comics in his spare time.

So what's better than one gold medal? Two is the obvious answer—just ask the softspoken Hamelin.

On February 26 Hamelin doubled up on his promise, striking gold on the podium in both the 500m short track and the 5000m relay.

Up until Hamelin's gold, Canada's speed skating team had only captured two silver medals, a disappointing showing for the well-oiled skating machine that was expected to excel in Vancouver.

It might have been a different story for Hamelin had US athlete Apolo Ohno—who boasts America's most expansive all-time winter medal collection with eight—been fully recharged after a gruelling ten days of international competition. Ohno was disqualified for bumping Canadian François-Louis Tremblay at the Richmond Olympic Oval during Hamelin's gold medal skate.

Hamelin was narrowly edged by Ohno in his fourth-place finish in 1500m short track, and the two were fiercely competitive all week. Despite the level of intensity between Canada-US Olympic matchups, Hamelin was quick to say he doesn't think of Ohno as a rival.

"The competition has always been there, I think, since the world cup circuit," Hamelin told the press on February 27.

"He's never been a big rival," he said. "He's just another competitor. I'm glad to be able to race against him. It's hard to beat him."

The 25-year-old's triumph marked an onslaught of Canadian medals, bringing the red and white a step closer to running away with the Olympic gold medal standings.

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> **CHARLES HAMELIN**
> CANADIAN ATHLETE

Less than 24 hours after Hamelin captured gold, Canada's team pursuit skating team, snowboarder Jasey-Jay Anderson and Kevin Martin's curling team all draped themselves in Canadian flags as more gold medals found homes on the necks of Canucks.

Canada has achieved a record for the most Winter Olympic medals won by a host country. With the country's 14 gold medals in the Games, Canada has set a new record for the most gold medals during a Winter Olympics.

OLYMPICS BRIEFS

UBC PROFS SPEAK ON 2010 OLYMPIC LEGACY

Last Friday, three UBC experts discussed post-Olympic social, economical and environmental impacts at the BC Media Centre. They also presented the progress of the world's first Olympic Games Impact (OGI) project.

The OGI project is a study designed by the International Olympic Committee used to measure the long-term impact of hosting an Olympic Games, with a particular focus on sustainability.

With 126 national and regional environmental, social and economic indicators, the OGI game times report—the second report out of three—will be finalized this December.

The final report in 2013 will combine the 2009 pre-Games report and the 2010 Games time report. The project is co-led by Dr Rob VanWynsbergh, assistant professor in UBC Human Kinetics and UBC Faculty of Education, and Bob Sparks, director of UBC Human Kinetics.

—Sarah Chung

OHNO UPSET AT DISQUALIFICATION

American short-track skater Apolo Ohno was having an amazing Olympic experience here in Vancouver, having won the bronze in the 1000m and silver in the 1500m.

In the 500m finals, however, disaster struck. Ohno, who was in last place for the entire race, tried to pass Canadian skater François-Louis Tremblay but became entangled instead. All of the skaters stumbled, and Ohno was disqualified for having pushed the skater ahead of him.

When asked about the disqualification, Ohno remarked, "You know, it's the head Canadian referee out there and there were two Canadians in the race."

—Tagh Sira

PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE PRESIDENT TO CARRY TORCH

Arnold Boldt has been selected as the first individual to carry the Paralympic torch when the relay begins next week, reported the *Moose Jaw Times-Herald*.

Boldt, who is President of the Canadian Paralympic Committee, has been involved in athletics his entire life. The Moose Jaw native lost one of his legs in a farming accident when he was three years old. Boldt has competed in five Paralympics, starting with the 1976 Games.

—Samantha Jung

Martin finally gets his gold

Martin (far left) and his team do their part to dispel myths about curlers' physiques. **GERALD DEO PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

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Eight years after losing to Pål Trulsen by one rock in the tenth end at Salt Lake City, Kevin Martin finally got his gold in men's curling with a 6-3 victory over Team Norway.

Despite the fact that his old rival happened to coach the Norwegians, the newest golden skip maintained that his first duty was to his country before any personal rivalry.

"Coming in here, honestly, the first goal was to get a medal so that we helped Canada's medal standings," he said. "The second [goal], for myself, was to get up that podium one step higher."

The 43-year-old Martin, who didn't qualify for the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, was happy to finally be on top. "It was a lot of years, being on the second step of the podium," he said. "It took eight years to get a second crack at it. It felt really good."

The pressure of playing at home was something they were prepared to deal with, according to Marc Kennedy, team second. "When you play on a team with Kevin Martin, obviously the expectations are very high, and the target is on your back from day one," he said.

Kennedy said that media always asked about how they were dealing with the pressure. "We had big wins and big losses, and kind of experienced all of the ups and downs over the last three and a half years," he said.

Several members of the team insisted that that these Games have seen a change in the reality of curling.

"The whole image of the sport [is] changing," said Kennedy. He claimed that curlers generally aren't out of shape beer drinkers as the stereotypes might suggest.

"That's going away because the guys who are doing that aren't sucessful any more, because they're getting beaten by the fitter, stronger, better athletes."

Team third John Morris has written a book about fitness in curling, and the team has claimed athleticism as one of its strengths.

"One of our focuses as a team from the beginning was...just trying to be the fittest team out there," he said. "At the end of 11 games of working our tail off, we were still probably the freshest team physically and mentally."

The team said they gained from the atmosphere of performing at home. The Vancouver Olympic Centre became one of the hottest tickets during the games, as 5500 fans would regularly fill the stadium. "The atmosphere in our venue was something...we've never experienced before," said team lead Ben Hebert. "It really pushed us to play better, knowing everyone's behind you."

Morris agreed. "I don't think I've ever been prouder to wear a maple leaf on my back and be Canadian," he said.

"It was probably the proudest moment of our lives," said Kennedy. "We were really really fortunate to experience what we've experienced."

The pursuit team display their medals. **GERALD DEO PHOTO/**THE UBYSSEY

Team effort for Canada in men's pursuit

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"Those medals just open doors everywhere," joked gold medalist Mathieu Giroux after taking the gold medal in speed skating team pursuit.

Giroux and his teammates Lucas Makowsky and Denny Morrison snatched another gold medal for Canada on Saturday in the 3200m race, bringing the total number of medals won this year in long-track speed skating to five.

The team placed only two tenths of a second ahead of their American rivals. Morrison told reporters that he was pleased with their win, "especially against the US because they're steamrolling ahead with the medal count."

The athletes said that teamwork played a major factor in their win.

"The first [team pursuit] race that the three of us skated together...really opened doors for the possibility, because we knew how strong the three of us were," he said.

Morrison said that he has wanted to win at the Olympics since he was young. "I feel like I was inspired in grade five when I was ten years old, and I thought, 'I want to win a gold medal one day,'" he said.

Makowsky brushed aside the negative press the Canadian speed skating team received at the beginning of the Games for their lack of medals.

"We saw this in Beijing. We didn't have our strongest events at the beginning...kind of the same thing happened here," he explained.

"We shone where we were the strongest. The Games aren't over 'til they're over, and it was awesome to see the gold medals start to come in like they did."

And as for their reflections on the Games, the team was pleased all around.

"I've never seen anything like it," commented Morrison. "Everyone wanted to be part of the Games. It's something I'll remember forever."

Morrison announced that he would be auctioning off the Team Canada jersey he wore that bears his name and donating the proceeds to KidSport Canada, an organization that provides financial support to children so they can engage in organized sport.

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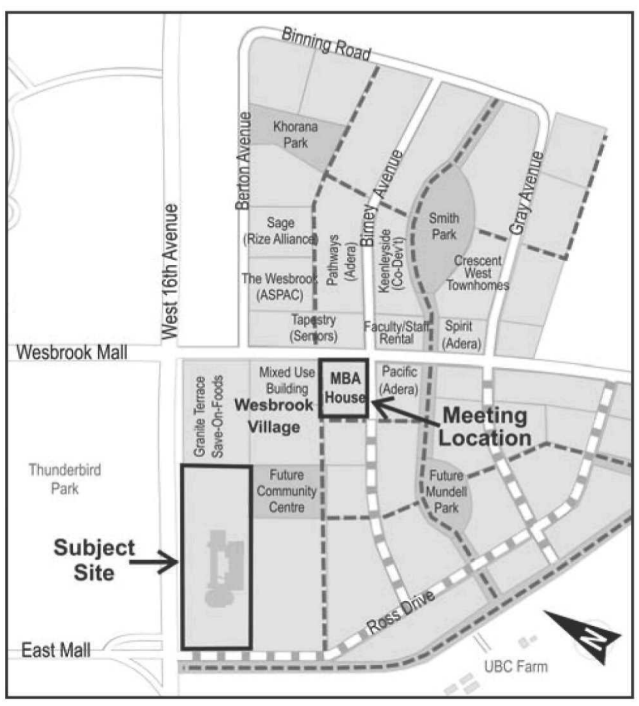
Public Open House
DP 10002: New Secondary School

You are invited to attend an Open House to view and comment on a proposal for the new Grade 9-12 Secondary School on West 16th Avenue. The Vancouver School Board plans to renovate the existing former National Research Council (NRC) Building and build a 5,250 sq.m (56,510 sq.ft) addition on the east side of the building. Staff from the Vancouver School Board and Campus + Community Planning will be available to provide information and respond to inquiries about these projects. The public is also invited to attend the Development Permit Board Meeting shown below.



Public Open House
Thursday, March 4, 2010
5:30 - 8:00 PM
Atrium, MBA House,
3385 Wesbrook Mall

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Development Permit Board
Thursday, March 25, 2010
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Maple Room, Ponderosa
Centre, 2017 West Mall

For directions: www.maps.ubc.ca
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Election under investigation

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The AMS has announced that they have launched an independent investigation to look into what the Elections Committee has referred to as "voting irregularities."

An independent auditor has been hired to conduct the investigation, which has been going on for at least a week, according to Elections Adminstrator Isabel Ferreras, and could influence the results of the elections.

Ferreras did not give *The Ubyssey* many details about the investigation, and would not attribute the error to any individual or group in particular. "It's not necessarily a fault of anyone," she said. "I'm still happy with our performance [as the Elections Committee] and we'll see how things unfold."

AMS President Bijan Ahmadian said that he and the rest of the newly-elected executive have taken themselves out of the investigation and stayed at "arm's length" from the process.

When asked if he was concerned about the potential changes to the results of the elections, Ahmadian responded, "I'm definitely concerned as a president, as a student."

This year's elections saw several close races that could be affected by the changes that could be made due to "voting irregularities." The presidential race saw only a 375 vote difference between candidates Natalie Swift and Ahmadian. Closer still was the VP External race, in which Jeremy McElroy came out a scant 208 votes ahead of Stas Pavlov.

The AMS Council is expecting a presentation by the auditor and the Elections Committee at their meeting this Wednesday starting at 6pm.

Olympic experiences

ASHLEY WHILLANS, ALICE HOU & SARAH LING
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TORCHBEARER CITES AMAZING EXPERIENCE

Downtown Eastside resident Robert Milton carried the Olympic Torch on February 12. *The Ubyssey* interviewed him about his experience.

UBYSSEY: How did it feel to carry the torch?

MILTON: It was numbing. I couldn't feel a thing. I was saying 'hi' to everybody, so many people were pulling me aside wanting photographs. I didn't have any idea so many strangers would love a person carrying the torch. It was quite the experience.

U: How were you chosen?

M: I was nominated by Gregor Robertson and members of the MLA office of the Downtown Eastside. Upon the nomination the Olympic board gave me the chance to represent the Downtown Eastside.

U: How does it feel to represent such an important community in Vancouver?

M: It is kind of shocking right now. I don't even have the words to express how I feel right now and I hope a lot of things come out of this to benefit the community.

U: What are you going to do with the torch?

M: I am going to keep it and hang it on my son Robert's wall. It is going to be there for a while.

U: Any final words about how it felt to carry the torch?

M: My friends and family have never been prouder of me, ever. I wasn't all that good when I was growing up, I guess I had to prove myself and I've done it. I guess I proved myself good.

ONE STUDENT'S OLYMPIC DILEMMA

During the Olympic break, Ruby Law, a fourth-year English Language and Linguistics major at UBC, was unsure whether or not she should quit her volunteer position with VANOC.

"I'm already witnessing the dwindling number of volunteers," she said. "I've also been thinking of quitting volunteering next week."

After weighing the pros and cons, she admitted that she had already seen her favourite figure skater Patrick Chan skate for free, which was one of the perks and the only reason she volunteered in the first place.

Law reflected on the sacrifices she has made. During the Olympic break, for example, Law had no time to buy red Canada clothing, do her homework or go downtown to enjoy the excitement because of volunteering.

> With few incentives left to continue, she is reminded of the sacrifices she has made.

"VANOC expects so much out of volunteers who don't get paid to do so much," Law said.

She felt it would be "really irresponsible" not to follow through with her commitments. Despite the fact that her reasons to quit outweighed her reasons to continue, Law stayed at her volunteer job until it was finished.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GETS INTO CANADIAN SPIRIT

Isabel Tan, an international student from Singapore, found a new love for Canada while watching the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

Tan wasn't always enthusiastic about the Olympics, however, and at first she was sceptical about having the Games come to Vancouver.

"Initially, all I thought about during the time leading up to the Olympics was how awful traffic would be and how I'd just hide under a rock until the madness was over," she said.

Yet, as the Games progressed, the energy of the Olympics took over, Tan admitted to becoming "swept up" in the Olympic excitement.

"I found myself checking *vancouver2010.com* daily, constantly refreshing it for the latest news and score updates, keeping a close eye on how Canada was faring, and even celebrating when the Canadian athletes brought home medals," she said.

Watching everyone rallying around Team Canada, wearing their hockey jerseys, gave Tan "a sense of national pride" and brought her closer to her new country, she said.

"I guess it is safe to say that the Olympics has made me a little more Canadian," Tan added. "I now know not one, but two lines of the national anthem.

"Go Canada Go!"

PATRIOTISM FROM TWO PERSPECTIVES

Like many UBC students, Wendy Ming could not fork over the cash it would have taken to attend an Olympic competition. However, that didn't stop her from taking advantage of the free events and atmosphere offered by the 2010 Olympics.

"I think [the Games were] amazing because I have never seen so many people coming together, all supporting the same goal," said the first-year Science student, who spent the two-week break attending free concerts and watching the Games from home.

Ming described "the way everyone's bonding together as a country and watching the people cheering for Canadian athletes" was what she'll remember most from these Games.

Mike Wu echoed the same sentiments.

"Only the Olympics have the magical power of bringing people from all over the world together, and they all get along here, despite what happens between their countries in politics or even military," said the second-year UBC student and VANOC volunteer.

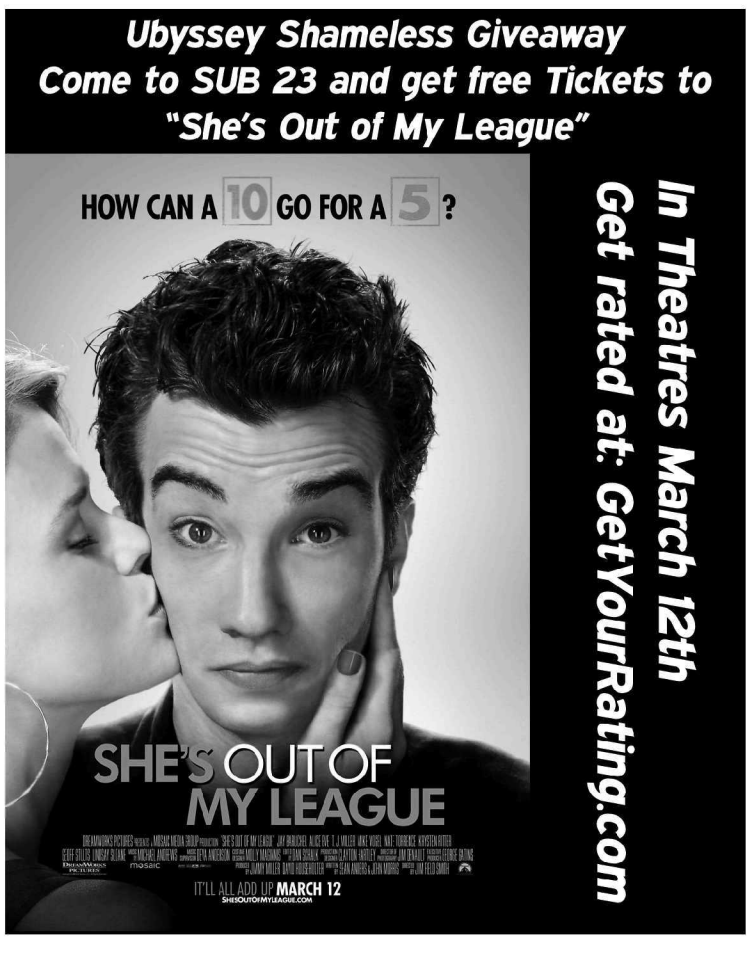
Wu, who was also a torchbearer earlier this year, described the experience as "something I never dreamed I could do."

"It was such an honour to bring joy to so many Canadians. People were so happy when I handed them my torch; their expressions were priceless and made me proud of what I have done," he said.

> What impressed Wu most were Canadians and their patriotism.

Wu undoubtedly leaves the 2010 Games with countless memories, what impressed him most were the Canadians and their patriotism.

"It has been an incredible scene to see every time the crowd on the SkyTrains, on the buses, or on the streets starts singing 'O Canada.' I believe these Games have changed how the world sees Canadians," he said.



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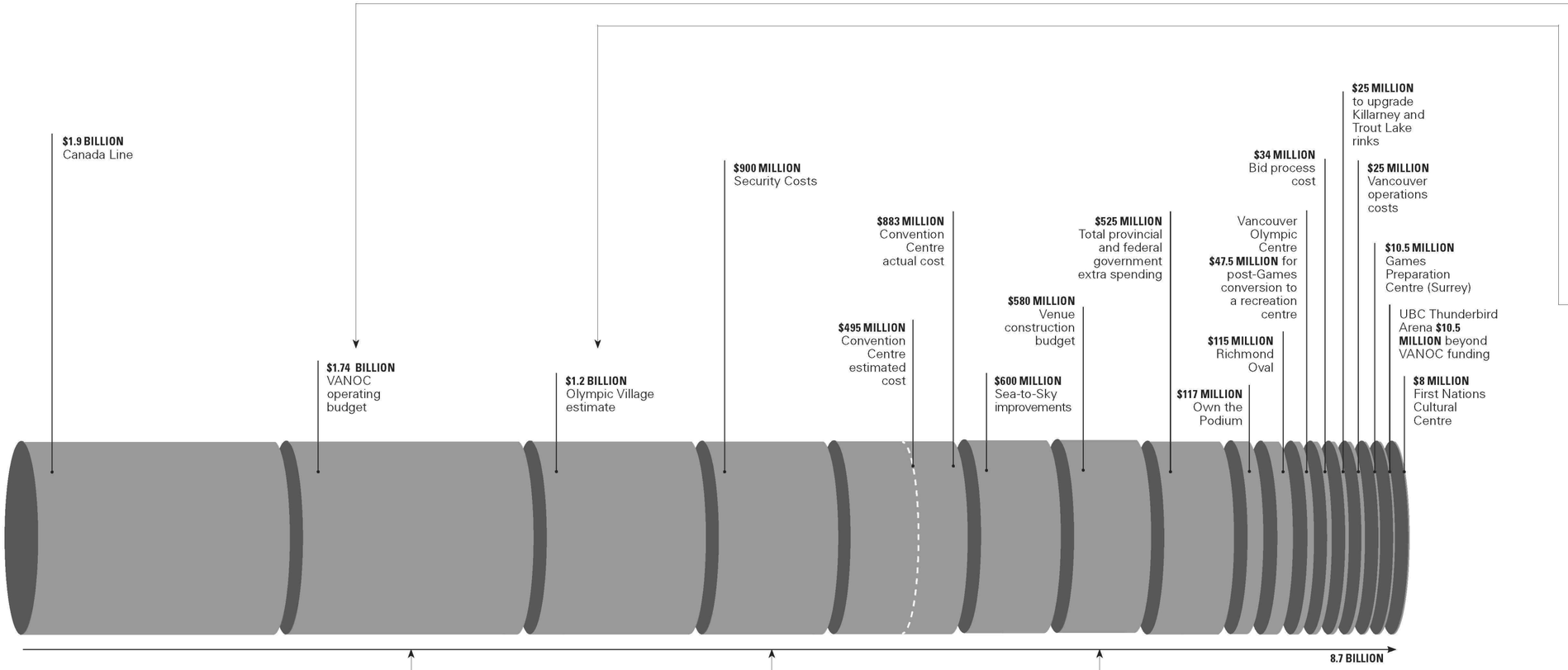
$8.7 billion and counting

This graph represents the ever-increasing costs related to the Olympic Games as reported by federal, municipal and provincial governments, as well as VANOC.



VANOC LOSES FUNDING TO CONTRACT BUNGLING

VANOC lost millions after signing contracts with American broadcasters because they didn't include currency hedging in their contracts.

Such a clause would have pegged the amount that VANOC was paid by the broadcasters to the value of the contract in Canadian dollars when it was signed, protecting against fluctuations in the value of the American dollar. When the Canadian and American dollars shifted to close to parity, the value of the the contracts dropped dramatically.

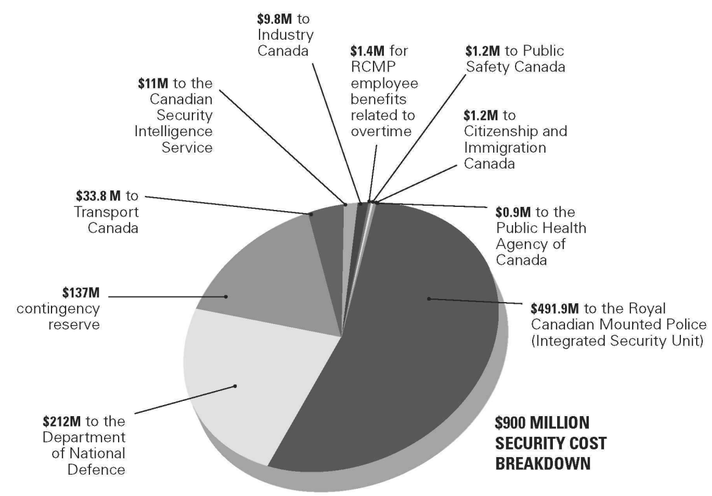
IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The Olympic Village in Vancouver was a construction project awarded to real estate developer Millenium Development in 2006.

Originally intended to serve as a combination of market and social housing after it was finshed being used as an athlete's village for the Games, the project quickly went over budget, with the city liable for the completion of the project.

The city eventually had to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars to complete the Village, and Penny Ballem, the new City Manager, says it may now cost $1.2 billion by 2013.

Although the majority of the housing will now be sold on the market, it remains unclear how much of the billion-dollar project's costs will be recouped. Mayor Gregor Robertson has admitted that the best the city can hope for is to break even.



A TALE OF INFLATING COSTS

The original cost of security for the Games was pegged at $175 million in 2002, while construction of venues was set to be $470 million at the same time.

The cost of construction soon ballooned to $580 million and beyond as municipalities stepped in to shoulder some of the burden. After years of speculation, it was announced that the full cost of security would be $900 million.

The VANOC operating budget for the Olympics was initially pegged at $1.3 billion in January 2003, but was changed to $1.63 billion by 2007, and finally to $1.76 billion,with a $77 million contingency fund, in 2009.

Paying for the party

At least $8.7 billion spent on the Games

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With the 2010 Olympics over, the price of the Games is starting to come into focus.

Around $4 billion was spent on the Games by the Vancouver Organizing Committee (VANOC) and multiple levels of government, before taking related side-projects into consideration.

After adding infrastructure upgrades and related projects into the equation, the number reaches $8.7 billion.

VANOC'S SHARE

$2.4 billion of the Olympic bill has been paid by VANOC. Of this, $580 million came from the provincial and federal governments to build new venues (such as the Richmond Oval) and upgrade the ones that already existed (such as Pacific Coliseum). In addition, VANOC had $1.76 billion in operating costs, which paid for the Olympic workforce and everything else required to stage events. This money came from private sources, including event tickets, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), merchandising, and advertising and broadcasting deals.

The details of most of these contracts is unknown because as a private company, VANOC is immune to Freedom of Information requests. Beyond these operating costs was a government-approved $77 million contingency fund for unplanned expenses—it remains to be seen how much of this has been spent.

WHAT WE'VE BUDGETED

Once the direct costs incurred by parties other than VANOC are taken into consideration, the cost of venues and operations for the Olympics balloons by over a billion dollars.

The most eyebrow-raising of these expenses was the security price tag. It was originally expected to cost $175 million, but as the Games approached it became clear that the amount would not even come close to covering the actual expense of policing the Games. The cost of security had ballooned to $900 million once the Olympics arrived.

The construction of sporting venues has also gone well beyond the $580 million allowance VANOC was given. The City of Richmond was stuck paying $115 million for the Olympic Oval beyond VANOC financing. The Vancouver Olympic Centre, which hosted curling, cost $47.5 million more—apparently its conversion to a recreation centre will be rather expensive. UBC's Thunderbird Arena upgrade costs went $10 million beyond what VANOC estimated. Vancouver even spent $25 million to upgrade the Killarney and Trout Lake rinks, used as practice facilities. Although these sporting venues will continue to be used after the Games, there is no question that their upgrades and constructions were motivated by the Games alone.

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That's not the end of the costs. $32 million was spent on the bid process. Vancouver will spend at least $25 million for their Olympics operations once the $20 million legacy fund is taken into account, and even Surrey ended up paying $10 million for their Games Preparation Centre. Then there's the money other provinces have spent on the Games—for example, Alberta spent $13 million on their pavilion.

The federal and provincial governments have budgets of $1.25 billion and $765 million, respectively, that are explicitly earmarked for the Games. After construction and security budgets, that's still over $500 million between the two, which has gone to various costs such as their tourism budget, the Four Host First Nations, the Opening Ceremonies, the Torch Relay and non-security essential federal services.

All told, close to $4 billion can be counted in Olympic costs, with well over half coming from public coffers. That doesn't even include additional cash which was poured into infrastructure that would support the influx of vistors during the Games.

ADD IT UP

There were also a number of costly projects taken on by the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

Vancouver's new Convention Centre ended up costing $883 million—a huge increase over its original $495 million price tag. And then there's the Olympic Village, which City Manager Penny Ballem now says may cost $1.2 billion by 2013, with no clue as to how much might be recouped when units are sold following the Games.

> The Office of the Auditor General of BC has been critical of the province for a lack of transparency.

The most costly upgrade was the new Canada Line, which came out to $1.9 billion before operating costs. Split between federal, provincial and Vancouver governments, in addition to Translink and Vancouver Airport Authority, its construction was undeniably linked to hosting the Olympics. The same goes for Sea-to-Sky highway improvements, which totaled $600 million.

Although none of these projects have been included in Olympic budgets, they were included in Vancouver's bid to host the Games. When it has all been added up, at least $4.6 billion was spent on infrastructure upgrades for the Games. That's not including other infrastructure upgrades such as the $3 billion Gateway Program, a Lower Mainland road and bridge development project which was not as clearly motivated by the Olympics.

FUDGING THE NUMBERS

Until admitting to an increase their security funding this year, the province had said their budget was set firmly at $600 million. After increasing the security budget, they now admit to somewhere closer to $765 million. However, the question of how much money the BC government will actually spend on the Olympics has been questioned for a long time. As far back as 2006, the Office of the Auditor General of BC has been critical of the province for a lack of transparency, claiming the province will spend closer to $2.5 billion on the two-week event.

The federal government has been more transparent with their financing, but suffered the same criticisms. Although they recently released a breakdown of the $1.25 billion they budgeted, this did not include any infrastructure upgrades. Nor did it include all of their Olympic costs—the Own The Podium project, for example, received $66 million in federal funding over five years, and was not included in the budget.

The actual economic impact of the Games will remain in question for some time to come. The provincial and federal governments still claim that the economic benefits of the Olympics will offset their costs, but it has become clear that this is questionable—even if the Games cost the amounts they say they will. Much of the infrastructure that was built up for the Games will continue to benefit our city for years to come, but most of the other costs are one-time expenses and will not necessarily show a return.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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SUNDAY @ ALBERTA: LOSS, 78–80

UBC soars to semifinals

Watson leaps to the basket on Friday, scoring two of his team-leading 25 points. **GERALD DEO PHOTO**/THE UBYSSEY

THE GAME

FRIDAY

UBC **92**

A **62**

SATURDAY

UBC **103**

A **68**

IAN TURNER
CONTRIBUTOR

After just one game in three weeks, did the men's basketball team show any rust as the playoffs began? Hardly.

The UBC Thunderbirds showed the Alberta Golden Bears why they entered the playoffs ranked No. 1 in the nation, sweeping their best-of-three Canada West quarterfinal series 2-0 to begin the quest for their first CIS championship since 1972.

Any worries that the Thunderbirds had gotten out of practice was soon put to rest, as UBC opened up a 22-6 lead halfway through the first quarter, en route to an easy 92-62 victory in game one. Kyle Watson led the team with 25 points, his most ever in his three-year career at UBC.

"Before heading into this weekend, we knew that we needed to bring lots of energy on the defensive end to get us off on a good start in the game," said guard Nathan Yu, who had 22 points over the weekend.

"Our coach demands that we bring intensity on the defensive end which will help us get easy hoops on the offensive end."

On Friday, UBC's chameleon struck, as defensive specialist Melvyn Mayott scored 14 points while making his opponents earn their points. Nominated player of the game, Mayott was central in the series-clinching 103-68 victory.

On defence, Mayott guarded both inside the paint and on the perimeter for the T-Birds. Weighing only 200 pounds and 6.4 feet tall, he had a difficult match-up against Alberta's forwards. But the Bears' big men could never get going, with star forward Jordan Baker only scoring eight points in 28 minutes.

"Melvyn has been great defensively for us this year. At times he has defended perimeter players and later in the game he will defend the posts. He is long and athletic and causes a lot of problems with his length at the guard spot," men's head coach Kevin Hanson said. "He has a relentless work ethic and this makes him an invaluable asset."

Being relentless has its downsides: Mayott picked up three fouls on Friday and four on Thursday.

"I over-invest on defence," he admitted.

With Hanson's deep bench, Mayott's investment always nets a return, as Hanson has people to step on the court when he gets in foul trouble.

"When Kyle Watson gets going, that energy just sparks everyone else, and Graham Bath, he's a load when he's on the floor," Hanson said. "He's always bringing a tough game and he is hard to defend. That work ethic is really contagious and we need that this time of year."

Bath and Watson's energy has helped get the team going early in the game, with Hanson electing to start the physical pair more often as the season has progressed in order to stop the slow starts UBC has had to games in the second of this season.

"We've had some shaky starts to some of our games lately," said Hanson. "I've made them aware of that the past couple of weeks. I challenged them about it."

"We know that in playoff basketball it is important to come out and be the aggressors and that is what we have tried to do," Bath said.

"In the first half of the season we would have a mediocre first half and then turn it on in the second. Lately, we've been playing full games, and it paid off this weekend against Alberta."

Defensively, they played a full game, too.

"We've had two weeks to practise for this matchup," Watson said. "Really, we just tried to to focus on defence. Any time we can keep a team under 70 points like we've done the past two nights is a good game for us."

With the win, UBC advances to the Canada West Final Four, which will be held at War Memorial Gym this upcoming weekend. Though UBC will only need one win to qualify for the CIS Championships in Ottawa, Bath and the rest of the team have a conference championship in mind.

"Our goal since August has been win the league title and, then, the western championships. We hope to accomplish the second part next weekend."

Putting on the peacock

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Like any number of journalism and communications students in the Lower Mainland, I spent this summer feverishly looking for a job during the Olympics. In my fantasies, I would be working for NBC, working out of the International Broadcast Centre (IBC).

Somehow, that happened.

The network of Hope and Carson, *Seinfeld* and *Friends*, *Saturday Night Live* and *The Office*, had, for whatever reason, decided to hire McElroy. The fools.

My job as a whole wasn't glamorous. I watched feeds of events and press conferences and practices, wrote down what happened when, and helped producers put together highlight packages.

Everything surrounding the job, however, was pretty much a media fantasy camp. At the IBC, I was in the centre of the beehive. I watched Olympians funnel in and out of hallways, the President of NBC casually talk to co-workers and see that yes, Bob Costas is quite short. I got to be in a skit with Jimmy Fallon, walk by Colbert's Moose every day, and touch the Olympic cauldron on the day it was lit.

If I could lock myself in a crate, move to *30 Rock* as a page and never talk about UBC student politics again, I would. But I can't. Damn.

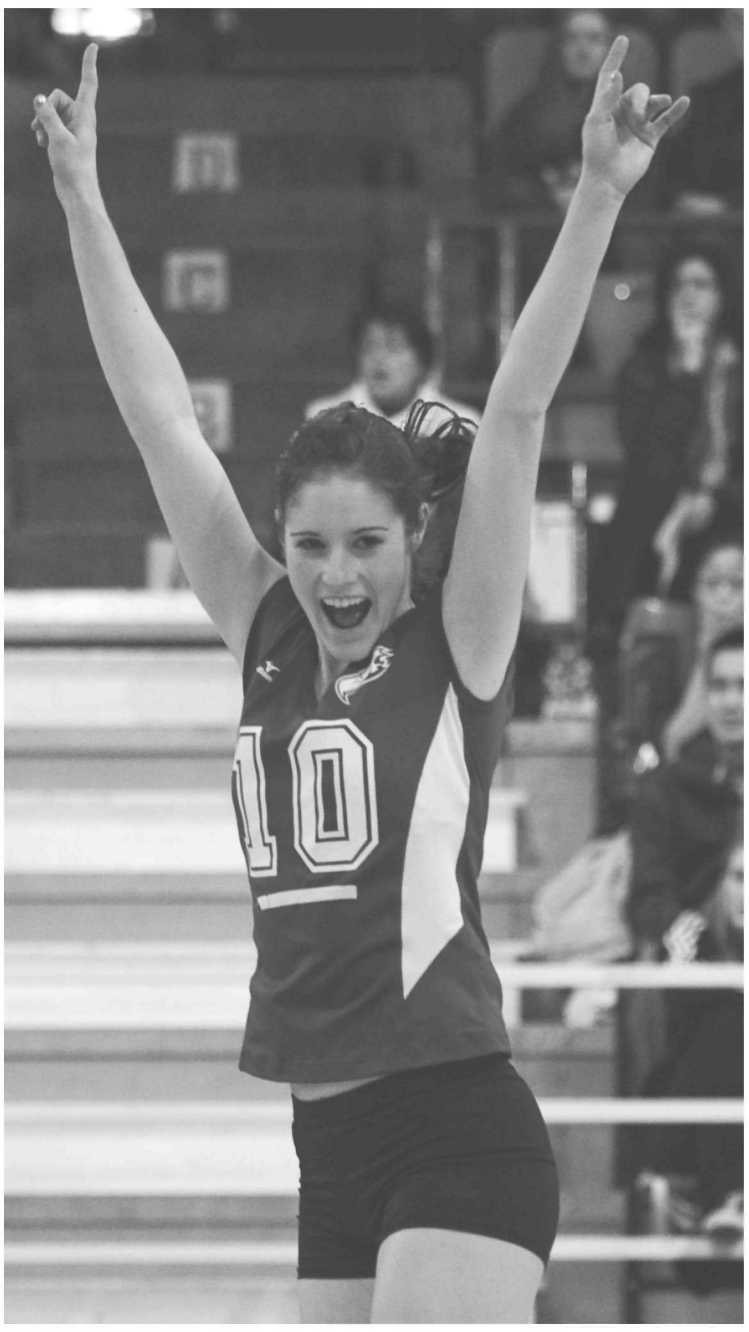
That was my Olympic experience, and to me, it was extraordinary. But unless you were living in a cave several miles below the Canada Line, the Olympics left a mark.

For 17 days, the world examined us through a one-way mirror as we put on a party. It's foolish to say everything went perfect—a tragedy took place at the beginning, a mountain didn't have snow, an oval didn't have zambonis—but one thing that shone through was how involved, engaged and generally awesome the people of Vancouver were.

If you worked somewhere, if you put on a blue jacket that you'll never wear again, if you were part of the patriotic mobs Downtown, if you were a legal observer who helped bring stability to tense situations, you were part of these games. They may have cost too much and benefited too few, but we were asked to host the world, and we did.

But all parties come to an end, and today, most assuredly nursing an Olympics hangover, I return to a life of work and school that does not involve eating lunch in the same room as Shaun White. The fortress of solitude-esque Olympic Cauldron may be extinguished, but I suspect that for everyone, the memory will stick around. With glowing hearts, indeed.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM ADVANCES...



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The women's volleyball team are the Canada West champions, after defeating the Manitoba Bisons three sets to two in the conference final.

The Thunderbirds, who directly advanced to the conference championships by way of their regular season record, defeated the Regina Cougars three sets to one in Friday's semifinal, before running into trouble in the conference championship against the no. 3 ranked Manitoba Bisons.

After easily winning the first two sets of the best-of-five encounter, the Thunderbirds let the Bisons back into the game in the third and fourth sets, which were won 25-23 and 25-20 by Manitoba.

However, the Thunderbirds managed to extend their winning streak to 37 victories in the final set, taking an 15-8 decision. Liz Cordonier led the T-Birds with 16 kills, while Shanice Marcelle added 14 digs.

"As they say, 'it ain't over until it's over'," said UBC head coach Doug Reimer after the game. "We knew it would be a bit of a slugfest but it took awhile to materialize that way."

UBC will now go to the CIS Championships in Edmonton, Alberta, as they try and win their third straight national championship. The single-elimination tournament begins on Thursday, when the No. 1 ranked T-Birds face the No. 8 ranked St. Mary's Huskies at 1pm local time.

T-Bird Montanna Dunmore and Emily Bolduc battle for possession in Sunday's deciding game. PETE YEE PHOTO/THE GATEWAY

BUT BASKETBALL WOMEN GO HOME

After an up-and-down season, the women's basketball team ended their 2009/2010 season with a 80-78 loss to the Alberta Pandas in game three of the Canada West quarterfinals yesterday.

The Pandas took control of the game with a 30-13 second quarter, leading 47-32 at the half. While the T-Birds scratched and clawed their way back into the game, they were never able to take the lead. The end came when Alex Vieweg missed a three-point attempt with ten seconds remaining in the game, putting an end to a season that saw UBC go 11-7.

Lia St Pierre and Zara Huntley scored 17 points each in a losing effort, while graduating guard Candace Morisset added 15 points and a team high six rebounds.

The game was needed after the T-Birds and Pandas split the first two games of the best-of-three series, as UBC lost 66-74 in overtime Friday before rebounding with a 76-59 victory on Saturday.

The Pandas now advance to the Canada West Final Four next weekend at SFU.

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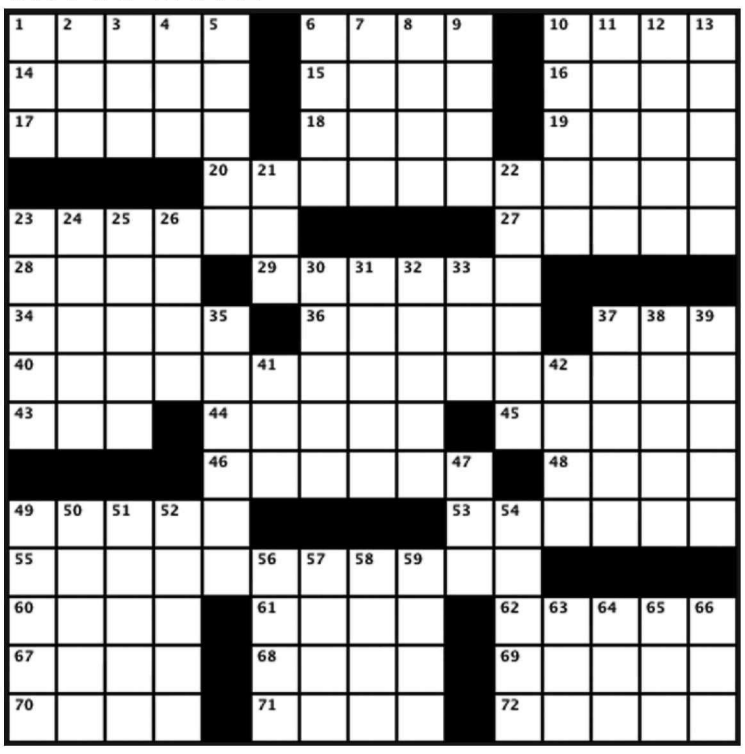

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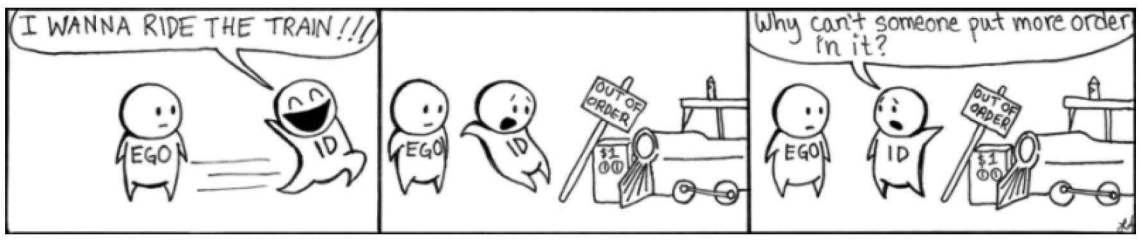

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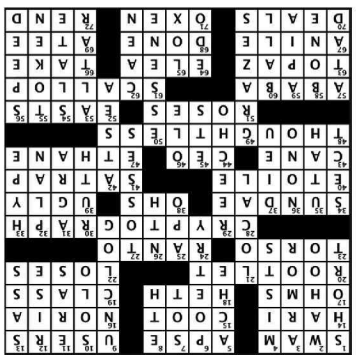

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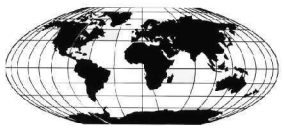

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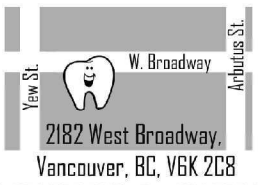

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YOU SAID IT

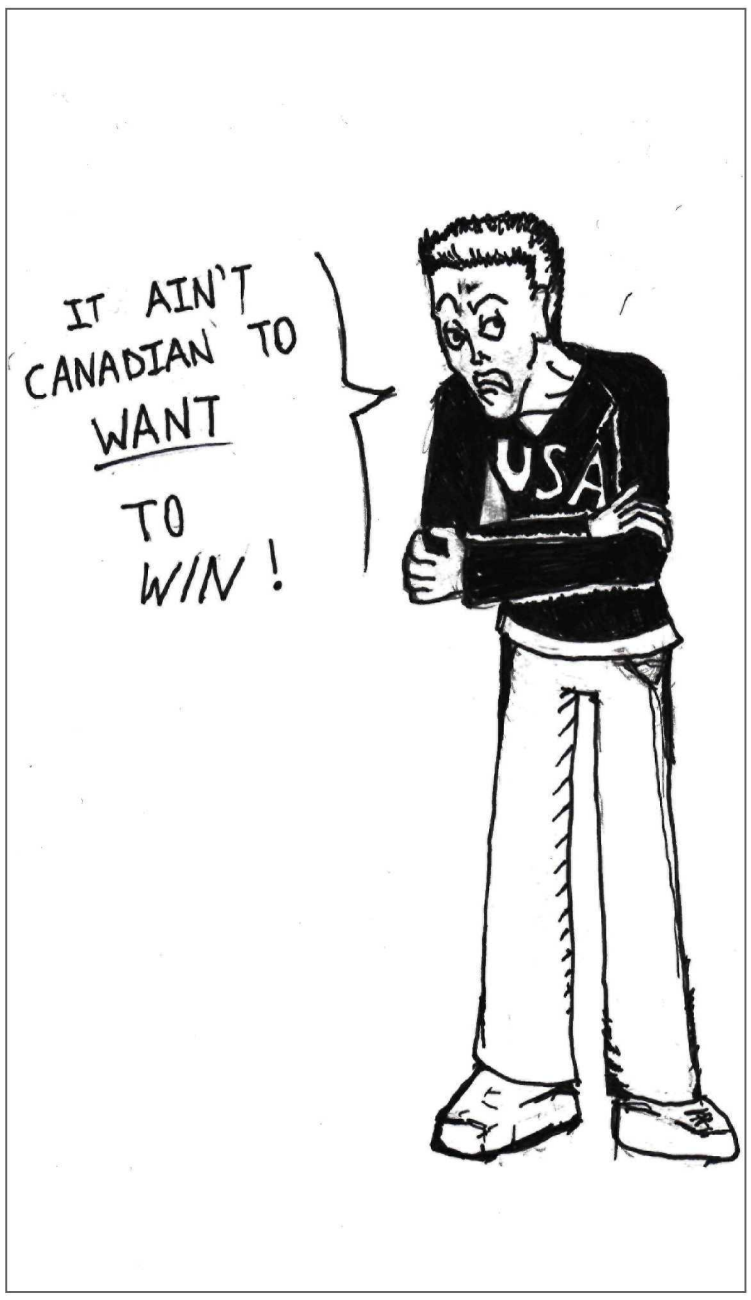
IN RESPONSE TO "OVER 5000 PROTEST OLYMPIC GAMES [FEB. 12, 2010]":

Blake, as you are unaware, acting in defiance of your employer is highly inappropriate, and grounds for dismissal.

—Alex Lougheed [Feb. 21]

What defiance? One cannot defy their employer outside of work hours since the employer has no rights over the worker during those times.

—Blake Frederick [Feb. 28]



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EDITORIAL

PODIUM STATUS: OWNED

The Own The Podium program was devised by the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) years before the Games with a specific goal in mind: for Canada to win more medals than anyone else in 2010. Despite weathering heavy criticism, it is safe to say that the podium was successfully owned.

About a week into the Games, people started to get a little on edge. Canada didn't seem near to matching even its own 2006 medal count. The men's hockey team had just lost to the United States in the preliminaries. *The Guardian* had just published an article calling these the worst Games ever.

That's when Own The Podium became the scapegoat. Even COC boss Chris Rudge suggested it might have been a bad idea.

Some complained that it created too much pressure for Canadian athletes to win gold. You did see some athletes feeling the strain—more than one silver medalist's media poker face cracked when they were asked if they would have been happier with gold. But that pressure would have existed no matter what: The Games were at home, and the pressure was largely created by the media. Jen Heill's first Canadian medal at these Games was cast as a failure rather than a success—because it wasn't the first gold won at home.

Others said the program aimed too high, and that it cast us as arrogant braggarts who never could have backed up our talk with actions. Nobody seemed to remember previous Games where our lack of a commanding presence was blamed, rightfully so, on a lack of government support for amateur athletes. Own The Podium has been heavily cited by medalists as having a huge impact on their success. Minister for Sport Gary Lunn said it right: "I don't know anyone who tries to get second place." What were we going to name it? "Perhaps We Can Do Well On The Podium, Maybe?"

Canada made it to the podium in the total medal table; we clinched third on Saturday. Not only that, but when it comes to gold medals, we shattered not only the Canadian record and the record for a host nation, but with 14 we've taken home more than any country in a single Winter Olympics ever. U

THE PARTY DOESN'T HAVE TO END

For a vast swath of locals, one of the high points of the Olympics was the international party they created. Many remarked at how exciting it was to be Downtown; there were big crowds of people having fun, a huge amount of community and national spirit, and lots of things to see and do. It was so fun, the police got nervous and closed down liquor stores early. Despite a 2pm closing time for liquor stores on the final day, it seemed like no-fun Vancouver was finally a place where you could go out and do things.

Guess what? It doesn't have to end. You just have to start going out more often.

If every Vancouver resident went out just once or twice a week there would be a similar number of people out in public as there were during the Games. There were thousands more citizens Downtown than there usually are, but the majority of them were still locals.

Sure, without the Cultural Olympiad it'll be harder to find free performances. However, the $10 you can pay to go to a local concert or play is nothing compared to the amount you'll be paying through taxes for the Olympic party for years to come. And the best part? You get to decide what performers you'll be seeing, not some government employee.

For those that were going out, part of the allure was a common experience to bond over. True, the sort of high-energy mass experience like the one after the hockey game yesterday doesn't come along too often. But finding a community spirit similar to the one you'd find in pubs Downtown for the majority of the Games won't be as hard as you'd think. Wouldn't you know it—if you start going out to see things you like often enough, before long you'll find that you are part of a larger community of people who like those same things.

Yes, it is easier to stay home, and many of you are no doubt terrified of the idea of going out frequently without a massive carnival to rely on. But all it would take for a fun, community atmosphere is for people to all be there wanting it. Believe it or not, government and corporate intervention is not required. U

TOO SEXY

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DEAR TOO SEXY,

I wouldn't go the distance to say I'm head over heels, but there's this girl who has definitely caught my attention. She's a really nice girl, and that's what is confusing me. You know that girl every guy falls for, at one point or another, because she was giving you strong indications of interest? Yeah, that's the girl. Is she showing signs of interest? Is she just being too nice?

Every time she shows up she does more damage to my mental logic than I'm used to. Normal girls (if there is such a thing) will realize when I'm pursuing them and either accept or reject my attempts. With the overly-nice ones though, well, they don't know—they think I'm just a really nice guy. But at the same time, everything they do comes off as a false-positive. This causes a whole string of messy emotions/misinterpretation, and well, you know how that story ends.

Magical.

How do I tell if she's giving indications of interest, or just being nice? How do you even go about pursuing a girl who may be clueless to the fact that you're pursuing her?

—She's Hinting Interest Too?

HELLO SHIT,

Okay, so before we even begin to try to answer this question, we have some things we need to talk about.

> Decisions about who you get freaky with should not be decided based on a first-come-first-serve basis.

First off, if you're falling for a girl simply because you think she may or may not be down for some nookie down the road, you've got bigger problems. Decisions about who you get freaky with should not be decided based on a first-come-first-serve basis. Often it is the latecomers who really deserve attention. Don't just hand out the keys to your heart to the most recent floozy (and/or very sweet, intelligent young lady) who so much as bats her eyelashes at you. She'll end up crashing the damn thing near the first sharp corner on the highway of love.

Looking at it more pragmatically, there's also the issue that many girls might have a hard time respecting and/or sleeping with you if you fall for the first young lady that shows any signs of interest. For both your emotions and your wang, you must learn to set the bar higher.

Secondly, you follow with an assertion that every guy has had this issue. The fact that you have apparently gone through this before casts a seriously grave shadow on your future. Although mistakes can occasionally be fun to make, they serve the purpose of teaching us not to make them again. So do yourself a favour and avoid the obvious danger—learn from your past.

Thirdly, you finish with the question, "How do you go about pursuing a girl who may be clueless to the fact that you're pursuing her?" Our answer to this question is simple: don't. If you can flirt with someone exhaustively, and still never be a big enough deal to them that they take a moment to consider whether or not you may be interested in them as a romantic partner, then it's game over, buddy. You've been Friend-Zoned*. Save yourself the pain and seek greener pastures.

Now that that's done with, let's answer your main question. How do you know if a girl is being nice or naughty to you? The answer is to try to interpret what kind of interest she seems to have in you.

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A girl is being nice if she smiles at you sometimes. A girl is trying to get into your pants if she laughs at all your jokes, even when they aren't funny. Nice is paying attention to you when you talk. Attracted is trying to get your attention. Nice e-mails you the readings you missed in class. Attracted sends you silly texts for no real reason. Nice calls you every now and then for coffee. Attracted calls you, drunk, at 3am to tell you how nice your hair is and how—OMG—you totally should have come to club with her because she misses you. Attracted girl is more touchy-feely than nice girl. Attracted girl wants to know what you do. Attracted girl gets nervous around you. Attracted girl gives you the sex panther eyes.

It may just be that you're looking at this list and thinking that the girl in question probably is just a nice girl. That's not bad. Nice girls are (truism alert) nice. If you're really lucky though, the girl in question is pretty much all of the above. And if that's the case, you've met a nice girl who is probably attracted to you. We recommended you don't wait to find out if she is really clueless. Ask her out, be confident in yourself, and give her a kiss if a moment presents itself. As you already seemed to have figured out, a yes or no is far better than sitting around wondering. U

Anyways that's it for this week. Send you letters to toosexy@ubyssey.ca *or to our webform at* ubyssey.ca/ideas.

**Either that or she's got remarkably terrible self-esteem. In which case, you should at least start as just friends.*

The perfect ending

A tense atmosphere at The Pit gave way to elation as Team Canada defeated the US to win the gold medal in men's hockey on Sunday afternoon. **GERALD DEO PHOTO/** THE UBYSSEY

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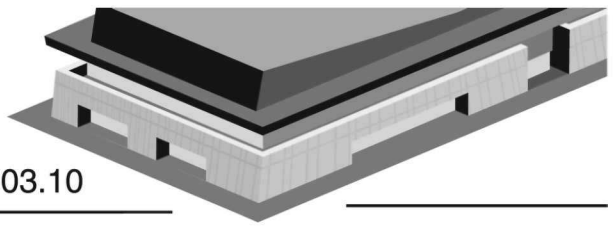

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