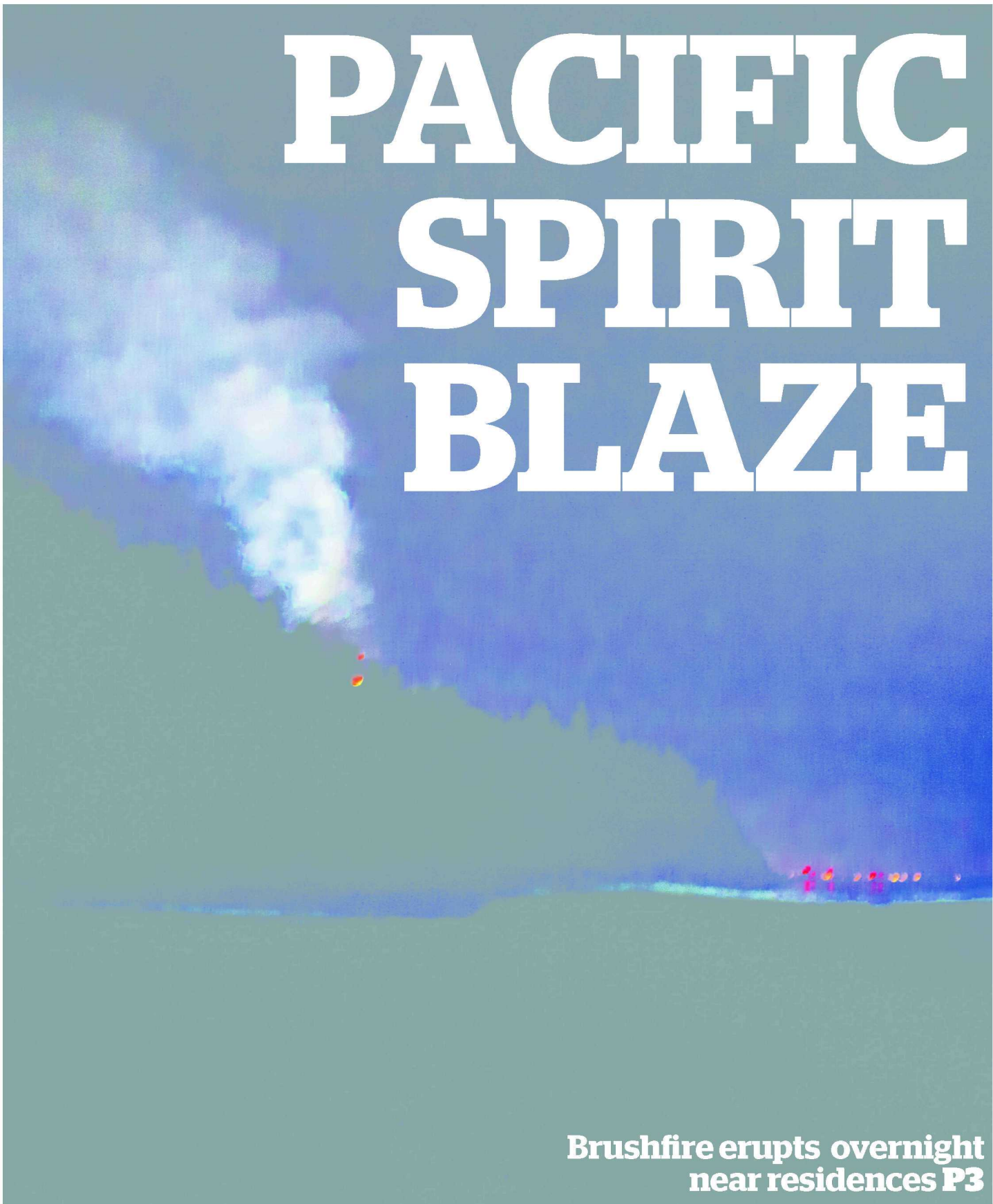




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## VP Admin: Mike Silley



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Growing up in Spain the first ten years of his life, you may think that UBC is a strange place for the AMS's VP Administration, Mike Silley, to end up. In reality, Silley has had a strong connection to Vancouver—his birthplace—and UBC his whole life.

"Every summer when I was living in Spain I would come to Vancouver," he said.

And now, it's almost reversed—Silley still speaks both Spanish and Portuguese, and travels back to Spain nearly every summer.

Once it came time for university, both ease of access and family connection led him to UBC. "My brother had gone to UBC, so I had heard good things."

He won't be the last Silley to attend UBC either. His younger brother is enrolled in his first year this September.

"We're actually taking the same class together. He's living in Totem, which I lived in in first year—so definitely I know he's in there for a very fun year."

Though he recognizes that one of UBC's shortfalls lies in its immense and somewhat intimidating size, he said that there are many ways to take advantage of that and see it as a positive.

Silley's advice is to get involved right away in the first semester, as he did with the fraternity Sigma Chi.

"Get involved with as many organizations and hobbies as you can, because the friends you make now are the friends that are going

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**Mike Silley**  
AMS VP Admin

to carry you through university—and hopefully for the rest of your life."

For him, it was student politics that struck a chord.

"[The best thing is] that you can actually make a difference."

Silley used the example of the new SUB as proof of what happens when students get involved and rally for a cause—"a new facility just for students."

As VP Administration, Silley's heavily involved with the development of the new SUB, which will be built beginning in early 2012.

This project has even influenced his life plans. "Just because I'm involved with the new SUB, I've grown to have a real passion for real estate and development," he said.

"I don't know where that will take me." ☺

—Micki Cowan

## VP External: Katherine Tyson



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If you ask Katherine Tyson about politics, she'll have a lot to say. Whether it is about the AMS or federal or provincial politics—where she identifies as a non-partisan partisan—she will tell you all about it.

"I don't think it's healthy for people who think of themselves as non-partisan and just believing in particular issues to not get involved," she explained. "What you end up getting is a lack of ideas within the political parties because those who have ideas decide, 'I can't be part of the political process because this party doesn't fit me to a tee.'"

Before becoming AMS VP External, Tyson took heed of her own advice.

She got involved as president of the BC Young Liberals and in a plethora

of humanitarian affairs—which should bode well for her future plans of going into economic development and perhaps microfinance. She hopes to put her political skills to work for UBC students by advocating for student financial assistance reform.

At UBC, she is part of the honours political science program with a second major in international relations. Her minors are in Asian language and culture, and economics. Yes, Tyson has four degree specializations.

Aside from politics, she enjoys Japanese anime and manga, as well as Youtube videos.

"Historically, [my favourite] was *Escaflowne*—the actual Japanese version, not the American one. My current favourite is *Skippy*, and *Vampire*

*Knight*. I have an iPad now, so late at night I just scroll through them quickly."

Tyson recognizes how important slowing down is, even if it's just for a few minutes every night—which she recommends to first-year students.

"Stay drama-free and stress-free. Life will go on. When you get that boyfriend or girlfriend and they don't call, still study," she said.

"Stress leads to most of the mental and health illnesses, which leads to the highest rate of incompleting degrees as well as drop-outs—and we don't want that. Stay stress-free."

Her advice for the stressed-out student? Visit Nitobe Garden to meditate. Or do yoga. ☺

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UBC Fringe





# The Ubyyssey's picks of the Fringe

**Ginny Monaco &  
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The beginning of the Fringe Festival marks the raunchiest, most outlandish two weeks in Vancouver theatre. The plurality of artistic voices ensure that nearly every Fringe show is bound to provoke thought and discussion.

## **Jesus in Montana**

In his solo show *Jesus in Montana*, Fringe favourite Barry Smith muses on his time in a religious cult in the 1990s. Written and performed by Smith, the show chronicles his transition from a dishwasher stunted by his fundamentalist upbringing to the enlightened realization that Jesus is living in Montana.

In detailing his journey to find the reincarnated Christ, Smith tackles topics of teenage rebellion and existential crisis. *Jesus in Montana* was sold out and held over at the 2011 Edmonton Fringe.

*Jesus in Montana opens September 9 at the Waterfront Theatre.*

## **Progressive Polygamists**

No examination into the polygamy lifestyle is complete without jump-rope.

*The Progressive Polygamists: The Sweetest Performers* is a comedy show by Vancouver performers Emmelia Gordon and Pippa Mackie, who appear in character as



*The Progressive Polygamists and Giant Invisible Robot have two of the best titles in the 2011 Fringe Festival.*

“sister wives” Mercy Eve and Eden Grace.

The show, fresh from the Toronto and Saskatoon Fringe Festivals, bills itself as a “full throttle, interactive, intensely sweet comedy” that is aimed to present an insider’s perspective of polygamy and make the audience take a closer look at the rights and wrongs of the religious practice.

Polygamy, the practice of one man keeping several wives, is maintained by an offshoot sect of Mormonism based in Bountiful, British Columbia.

It’s been in the news lately as the BC Supreme Court deliberates whether the law that makes it

illegal is constitutional.

After attending sessions of the court case in Vancouver, Gordon and Mackie were inspired by the topic’s importance. The satirical comedy aims to shine a light on the topic using “audience participation, Polygamist research, character mash ups, jump-rope, history and song.”

*The Progressive Polygamists: The Sweetest Performers opens September 8 at Studio 16.*

## **Giant Invisible Robot**

You may never forget that you saw a Giant Invisible Robot.



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*Robot*, a one-man show starring Jayson McDonald, directed by Scott Holden, depicts the overactive imagination of a young boy whose closest companion is the titular and possibly imaginary robot with destructive urges.

It first toured in 2006/2007, when it won Best Original Script, Best Original Work, and Best Male Performer. This is the last stop on a Fringe tour that’s taken it through Regina, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Victoria.

Reviewing last week’s Victoria performance, *The Martlet’s* Janine Crockett called it “a well-paced, enthralling journey into a boy’s

world that has a worthwhile pay-off.” According to Crockett, McDonald’s characters include a hammy superhero, an arrogant scientist, the fidgety, slouchy protagonist and the giant invisible robot.

Crockett says this comedy with an emotional core asks whether the robot is a simple imaginary friend, a psychological coping mechanism or much more and McDonald’s ability to embody the shy, but enthusiastic boy helps further the play’s surprisingly touching climax.

*Giant Invisible Robot opens September 9 at the Revue Stage.*

## Public Open House

### Amendments to the South Campus Neighborhood Plan

UBC is undertaking a process to **amend the neighbourhood plan for Wesbrook Place** (the South Campus Neighbourhood Plan), which was adopted in 2005. The purpose of this process is to align the neighbourhood plan with the newly amended Land Use Plan.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2011 **Time:** 4:00PM – 6:30PM  
**Place:** MBA House, 3385 Wesbrook Mall



On Wednesday, September 21st, UBC Campus & Community Planning (C+CP) will be holding a public open house to present options for adding additional housing density to the area on sites not yet developed.

These changes are necessary to achieve a more sustainable community and to transfer density from UBC Farm, which has been retained for sustainability teaching, research and innovation.

During the open house, the public will have an opportunity to learn more about the amendment options and offer feedback.

Online consultation on the amendment options will run from September 19th to September 30th.

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## Public Open House

### New UBC Aquatic Centre

On **Tuesday, September 20** and **Wednesday, September 21**, UBC Campus & Community Planning will be holding **public open houses to present information on the proposed new UBC Aquatic Centre.**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2011  
**Time:** 4:00PM – 8:00PM  
**Place:** Old Barn Community Centre, 6308 Thunderbird Blvd.

Information about the proposed Wesbrook Place Community Centre will also be presented at this open house.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 21, 2011  
**Time:** 11:00AM – 1:00PM  
**Place:** UBC Aquatic Centre Lobby, 6121 University Blvd.

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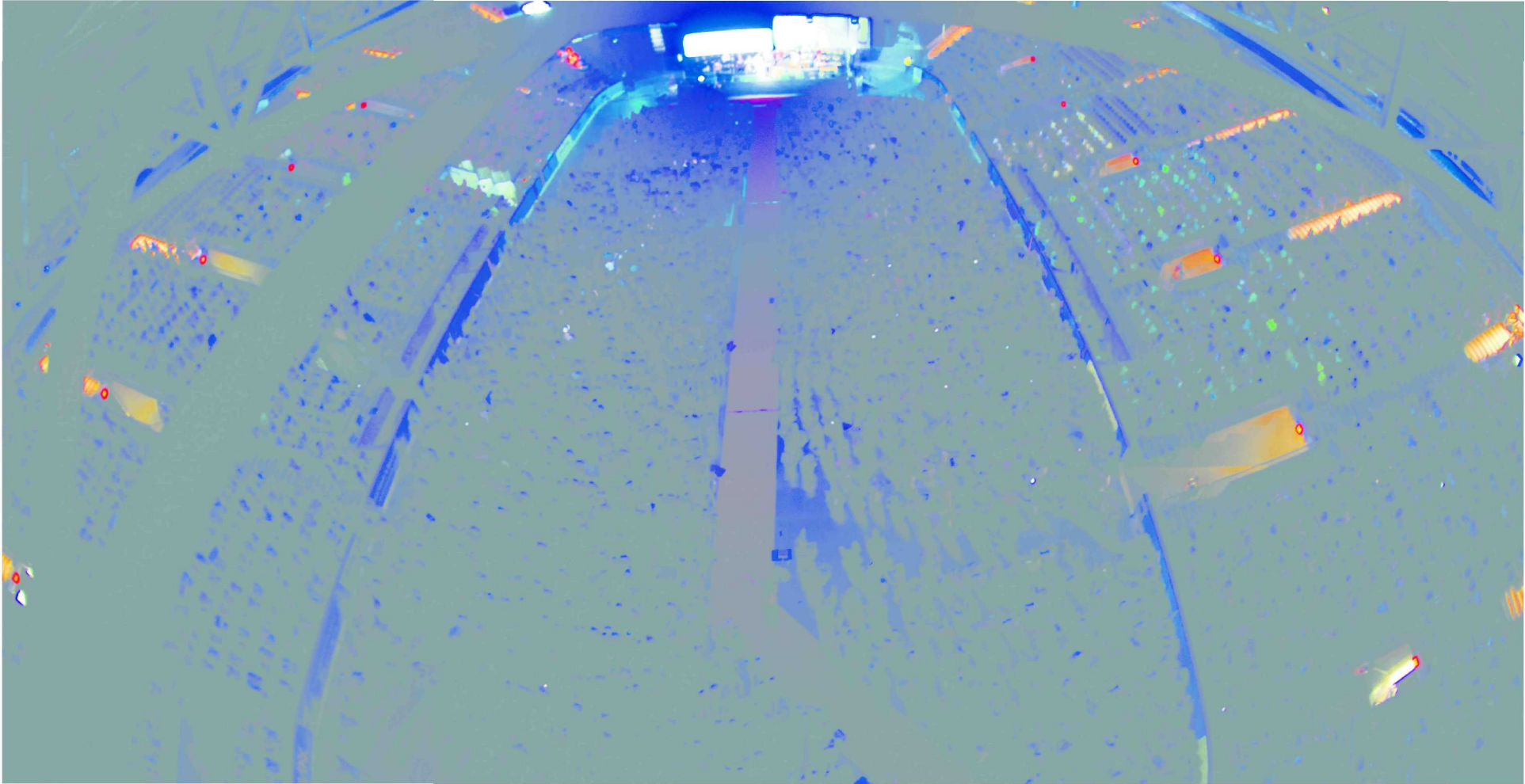
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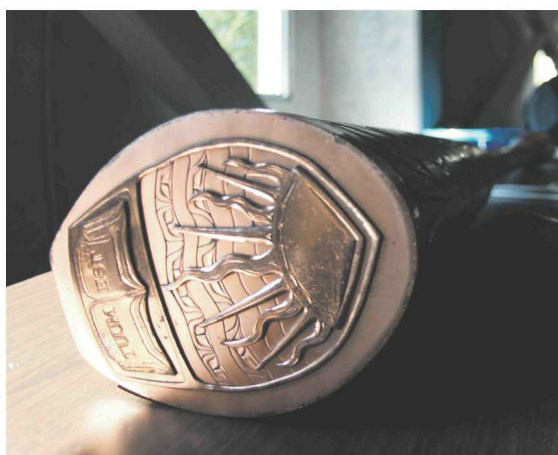








Previously known as the School of Human Kinetics, the School of Kinesiology punched above their weight in crowd volume Tuesday.



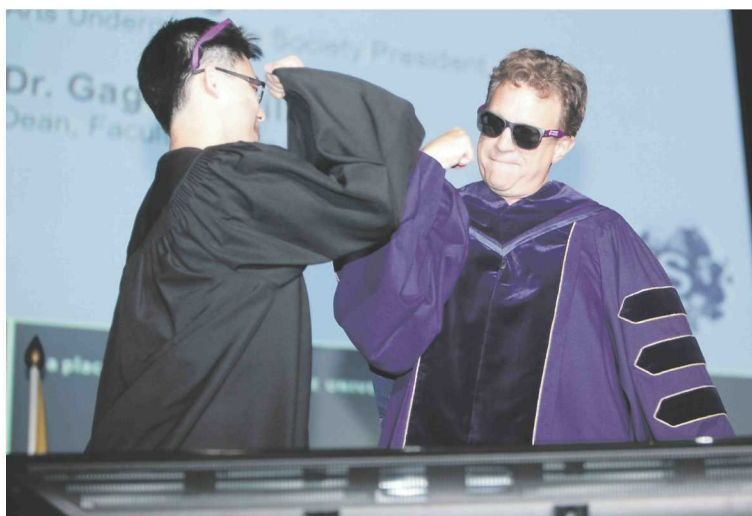
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Cheerleaders exhibit their skills to pep rally attendees at Thunderbird Arena.



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Normally reserved AUS President Justin Yang (left) and Dean of Arts Gage Averill (right) get the Arts faction on their feet after introductions.



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AMS President Jeremy McElroy spoke before the crowd at Imagine.



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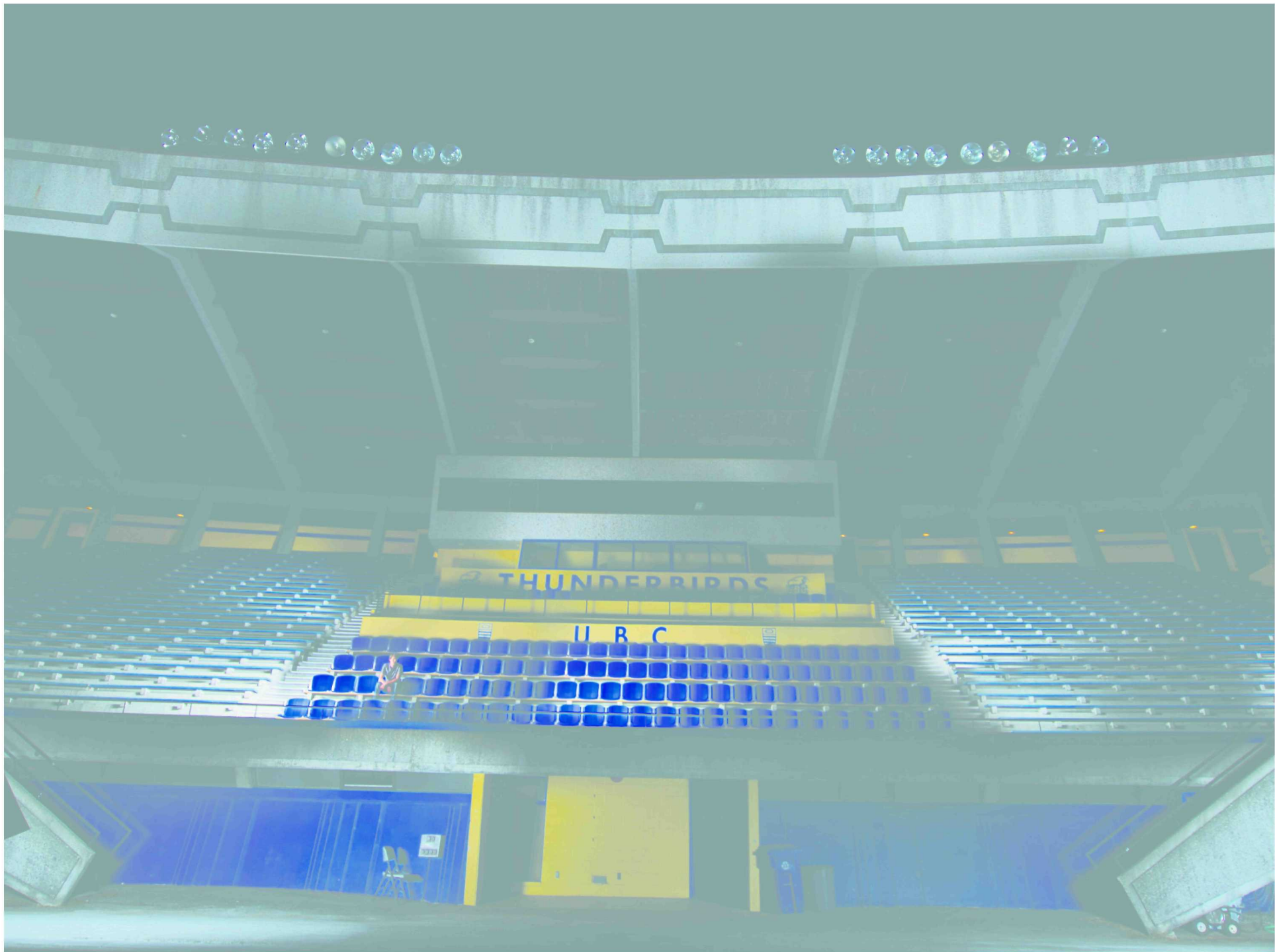
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says Theresa Hanson, the associate director of intercollegiate and high performance sport. "As the year goes on, even though all our teams are still playing, students start getting busy and have other priorities."

The problem is not just enticing students, then. Seventeen hundred students have shown they have no difficulty grabbing a pen and scratching down their names in passive commitment, probably attracted by the bright paraphernalia more than anything else.

The real problem halting the growth of school spirit is deeper, multifaceted and trickier in the way it's interconnected. Think of it as a web consisting of three aspects: awareness, funding and culture. And if you tug one string, the whole thing shakes.

### The elements of disenfranchisement

The first issue concerning school spirit is awareness. Blue Crew is loud and conspicuous for the first few weeks of school, but then their presence is withdrawn and significantly lacking around campus for the rest of the year. Denenfeld is seeking to change how often Blue Crew appears and the different types of roles they'll play.

"I want to make Blue Crew the official support group of the Athletics department. You'll know the Blue Crew working the games by their name tags. You'll see them on campus, so it's a familiar face."

Another awareness issue involves campus media—both student-run outlets and official ones.

"We can only do so much media off-campus and we're competing in a sports-heavy town," says Denenfeld. "TEAM 1040 radio and *The Province* say, 'Sure we'll cover you, just pay us!' Scott Rintoul [TEAM 1040 host and UBC alum] can only do so much without getting slapped on the wrist."

Women's volleyball head coach Doug Reimer says every little bit of coverage matters. "I notice a difference when we get support from *The Ubyssy*. It helps, just the awareness is so important. I try to talk to the reporters at *The Vancouver Sun*—they don't have that dedicated university reporter all the time. It's really hit and miss."

The second issue concerning school spirit involves funding from Athletics. Canadian varsity programs simply do not have the same resources as their counterparts in the United States. A comparison between the two is not only unrealistic, but also irrelevant due to the incessant amount of dollars dumped into American programs. In 2009, for example, the Texas Longhorns football budget reached a staggering \$127 million, one-third of which was fuelled by alumni donations alone. In comparison, the 2009-10 UBC Athletics department had \$17.5 million in revenue. In the US, priorities are just different.

UBC's modest athletics budget—not uncommon across Canada with the exception of schools like Laval, which has almost \$2 million invested into football alone—usually means modest returns. Higher academic expectations are sometimes a deterrent for athletes who are otherwise physically gifted, meaning UBC often misses on some of the best players available.

"The majority of the players that we recruit don't have the academic standards to get into UBC," said men's hockey head coach Milan Dragicevic earlier this summer. "So a lot of players that we want, we just can't get into school as well."

UBC basketball guard Doug Plumb, who moved from his home in Pitt Meadows to Minnesota in Grade 9, says he relocated because

of the lack of attention given to athletes in Canada.

"It's a better opportunity. There are a lot of good players in Canada that don't get noticed because they're north of the border."

Plumb and the 'Birds drew some of the highest and most consistent crowds at UBC last year, averaging an attendance of 772 people per home game. It helps that all they did was win, going 31-3 for the season and 16-1 at home. When asked why other UBC sports have not been able to replicate similar attendance numbers, Plumb was candid.

"For hockey...don't they have better players in the WHL [Western Hockey League]? As far as talent-wise, it's a bit more watered down. [Audiences] want to see a good product, right?"

For Reimer, the small budget significantly affects the crowd energy and noise levels at games. "I wish I had more staff just to promote. The more effort we do put into crowds, we do see some return. Even being the visitor, the team would rather be on the road and have energy cheering against us because we don't get it all the time. So when you do get it, you're just that more pumped."

The third and last issue concerning school spirit is culture. UBC is uniquely affected by its location, the large amount of commuters and the diversity and differing attitudes of its population. UBC campus, for one, is isolated enough from the Lower Mainland that it's difficult to entice people to make the trek all the way over at 6pm on a Friday night.

And on campus? Approximately 8700 students will be living in residence this year, not including other housing not managed by the Student Housing and Hospitality Services. "The students on campus—those ones should be coming to the games. It's right here, it's right at their footsteps," says Hanson.

Explanations for how UBC culture itself affects school spirit are plentiful, and up for debate. Plumb believes part of it is a cultural divide that's preventing any significant growth. "From a school spirit standpoint, we have a large amount of international students and they don't really get as engaged. In the States, it's more of a social thing where everyone goes and get rowdy, whereas at UBC it's not quite like that."

Reimer, on the other hand, thinks the problem is a selective attitude. "It's close to being, 'If it's not really professional and it's not hockey, it's not really spectator worthy.' Frankly, they've worked to get students in the past and sometimes it can be frustrating when it doesn't happen. I'd say we almost have too many events and it's tough to focus."

And of course, there is always room for admitting that students simply don't care like they used to. When asked if varsity sport mattered to UBC students, Reimer was brief: "The general answer would be, not really."

### Is there a solution?

The bottom line is that UBC athletics will never draw as many fans as our counterparts in the States do, and to think otherwise is plain silly. So what can be done?

Awareness is important, but it's not as important a first step as funding and proper program support, which creates a desirable environment for prospective athletes. And then, if everything clicks and the team starts winning, media awareness and promotional efforts come into play because there's a good product for audiences to watch. Success breeds success.

More people will begin attending, leading to higher revenue and better program support. The process, as mentioned, is reactionary and nonlinear.

Yet what if athletics funding never has been, and never will be, a top priority at UBC? If the crucial first step is, as it is with many things, money, then where will it all come from? And furthermore, what about the Thunderbirds teams that are winning, yet people still aren't showing up?

Half the answer, as cliché as it may sound, starts with the students. While it's not a dramatic commitment, attending a Thunderbirds game signals to administrators and finance directors that someone cares, at least a little bit. As we all know, unless the university starts making bigger departmental commitments to athletics, attendance is going to ebb and flow. At this point, any attention is good attention, and if students cheer loudly enough, hopefully those who control purse strings will hear it.

Going to watch games shouldn't feel like a chore—the whole point, of course, is to have fun.

Yes, there is still an abundance of questions, most of which can't be answered in a single analysis. Yet the question of whether or not all of this matters will undoubtedly be decided by UBC's student body. There will always be a small, dedicated fan base that supports the university's athletic community. However, if the general population cannot be bothered to attend games, bring their friends, decorate their faces and colour-coordinate their clothing, if even only a handful of times a year, the disenfranchisement that plagues Athletics—facilitating small pockets rife with lint, rather than deep pockets lined with dollars—will remain the perpetual definition of UBC's school spirit.

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- 16— Biblical birthright seller
- 17— Lout
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- 21— From that time onward
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- 27— Wreath of flowers
- 28— Porridge
- 30— Language of Pakistan
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- 35— Impresario Hurok
- 38— New Zealand evergreen tree
- 40— UK record label
- 41— Autocratic Russian rulers
- 43— Needle hole
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- 47— Tailless amphibian
- 48— Dry and crumbly
- 49— Article in *Le Monde*
- 51— Declare
- 54— Intend
- 58— High-speed rail transport
- 61— 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 62— Defeat
- 63— Markers
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- 67— 1/100 of a monetary unit
- 68— Taj \_\_\_
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- 70— "\_\_\_ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- 71— Delight

Down

- 1— Heaps
- 2— Perch
- 3— \_\_\_ Gay
- 4— Bro or sis
- 5— Tool for cutting grass
- 6— Single
- 7— French, e.g.
- 8— Auricular
- 9— Malevolent
- 10— Deceive
- 11— Consumers
- 12— Poles for sails
- 13— Obnoxiously forward
- 22— One who has something coming?
- 23— Navy, e.g.
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- 28— Mucilaginous
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Answers to today's puzzle in Monday's paper

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The question on our minds, and those of many other students, is whether the university is right to treat this as a matter outside of their jurisdiction. According to a public statement from the dean of the Faculty of Law, Mary Anne Bobinski, UBC “generally does not investigate or assess its students’ personal lives.” There are numerous arguments to be made for and against this position; we will try to parse them fully here.

After a person has gone through the criminal justice system and served their time, it’s in everyone’s interest to have that person reintegrate into society. It’s true that we regularly place limits on this principle, such as keeping sexual offenders on a watch list and not allowing some people with criminal records to cross borders. But we don’t place limits without a reason, and you would need a very strong reason for preventing someone from taking classes after they fulfilled the court’s requirements. The parole board has decided that Ansari is not a threat to society—does the UBC administration really know better?

But we can also reasonably ask whether turning him away from UBC Law would be such a serious sanction. There are numerous higher education institutes in the country, including private ones that have fewer reasons for turning away a convict than a taxpayer-funded public institution does. Furthermore, UBC Law is a very competitive faculty, and it seems wrong that Ansari is taking the place of a student who hasn’t committed any major felonies—especially considering the difficulty he will face in passing the bar exam.

It would be easier to guide our way through this moral maze if UBC had a set policy on how to deal with students who have committed serious crimes off campus. Currently there is a policy vacuum, and the administration hides behind that when problems arise (as they did when UBC students were caught rioting in June). The response from the dean of Law did not refer to a policy, but instead a general practice that UBC has fallen into.

And it is also apparent that UBC does not always leave it to the courts. Its non-academic misconduct policy in the Vancouver Academic Calendar states that UBC will take action on any sort of hate crime committed by a student, whether or not it directly involves the university. This creates an absurd situation where UBC is prepared to act against racism committed by its students, but not a killing.

UBC should set out a process for dealing with situations like Ansari’s. We think it’s fair to say that most students would be

comfortable with the university looking at the criminal records of prospective and incoming students, and perhaps turning away a student if the criminal record indicates the student has seriously violated the values of this institution. Many universities have a “good character” clause, holding its students to a certain level of acceptable conduct regardless of whether the conduct takes place on campus.

Yes, this would require a certain amount of case-by-case deliberation, but why is that such a bad thing? It should be noted that if UBC was willing to examine Ansari’s situation, there is still a good case to be made for allowing Ansari to attend.

Ansari’s charge was dropped from second degree murder to manslaughter primarily because he went into a “dissociative state” and does not remember committing the crime. The judge noted that “[he] is a highly motivated student who has always done well academically. He is athletic and has an impressive record of service to other people as a coach and as a tutor and mentor to learning-disabled and other students.” Between the time of the killing and the sentencing, Ansari completed two years of law school and, according to the judge, was a top student.

But these considerations can’t be cited by UBC, because UBC has ruled out examining Ansari’s case at all. Until UBC takes some responsibility for the character of its students, controversies such as the one over the “Country Club Killer” will not go away.

extra step to talk to the contractor. He was quite open to the idea of composting, but nobody told him about the program.

The story does not have to repeat itself. UBC has had a large in-vessel composting unit since 2004. UBC is offering composting for seven years now and recycling for many more years. UBC Waste Management must do its part and start putting some teeth on its waste policy. Garbage removal should cost three times more than recycling and composting. Composting and recycling should be inspected and fines should apply if they are not done correctly.

These simple steps will mean careless staff and executives will start caring about it enough to save money, and that is all we need.

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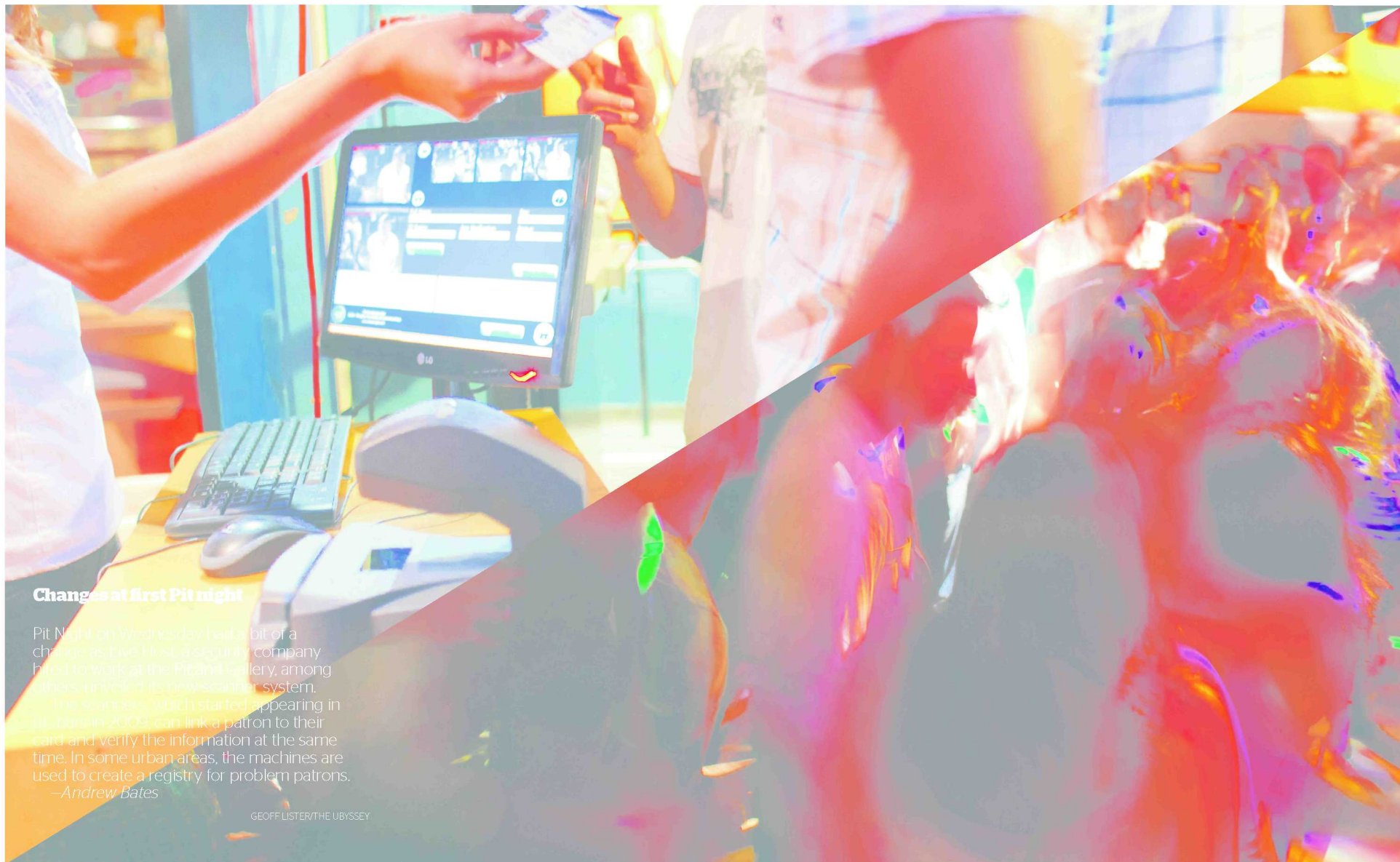
A contractor will use Styrofoam plates to deliver hamburgers. I will see this and complain to the organizers. They will direct me to the GSS staff. I will ask the GSS staff, who will tell me they have no control because it is an outside contractor. I continue my journey to the GSS executive, they feel sorry (and I believe them), and then they tell me that next year, it will be better.

In eight months, a new executive will be in place and they will forget about sustainability principles. The same GSS staff will continue to not care about wasteful free events and the story will repeat itself. This year, I took an









#### Changes at first Pit night

Pit Night on Wednesday had a bit of a change as Live Host, a security company hired to work at the Pit and Gallery, among others, unveiled its new scanner system. The scanners, which started appearing in pit bars in 2009, can link a patron to their card and verify the information at the same time. In some urban areas, the machines are used to create a registry for problem patrons.

—Andrew Bates

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