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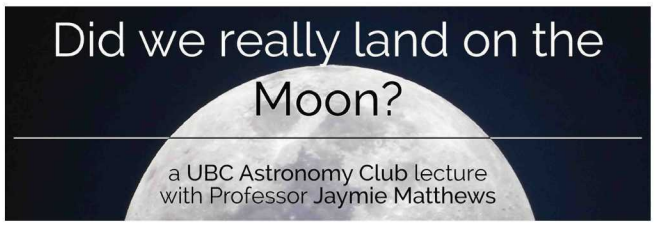

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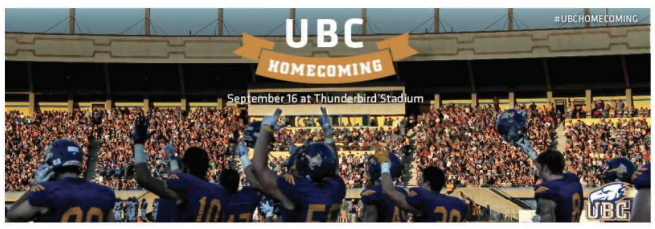

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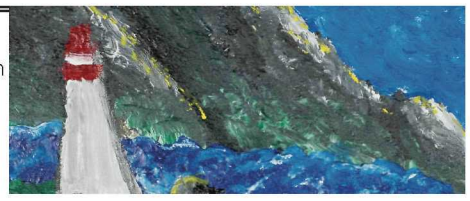

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OUR CAMPUS

Our Campus: Samantha Schumacher diversifies UBC media as *Her Campus* president

PATRICK GILLIN

Before she became the chapter's leader, Schumacher first joined *Her Campus* largely by chance.

Zak Vescera
Contributor

For as long as she can remember, Samantha Schumacher has wanted to be a writer. The newly-elected president of *Her Campus*, Schumacher aims to make the UBC chapter of the women-centric media platform bigger and better as it strives to give women across the country a voice.

But before she became the chapter's leader, Schumacher first joined *Her Campus* largely by chance.

"My RA at UVic was the president of *Her Campus* at UVic and told me about it," said Schumacher, now a third-year political science major at UBC. "I went to a couple meetings, had fun with it and here I am."

Founded by a team of female Harvard students in 2009, *Her Campus* is an international media platform and website tailored towards college life. Just eight years later, *Her Campus* boasts 7,000 contributors and 300 university chapters across Canada, the United States, Japan, Australia and beyond.

For Schumacher, the appeal of *Her Campus* is its openness — a platform to give women like herself the voice they may often lack.

"I like the idea that *Her Campus* is done by and for college women," said Schumacher. "Anybody can write for *Her Campus*. You don't have to be an amazing writer or anything."

While chapters function relatively independently, they can also choose to collaborate on pieces, share ideas and even cross-publish. Even though the UBC chapter only includes 15 members, Schumacher says that any post has the potential to be uploaded to the publication's national page. That means that an article written by a volunteer can reach hundreds of thousands of readers, regardless of the writer's background.

"It gives everyone a voice for those who might not have that opportunity elsewhere," said Schumacher.

Like every *Her Campus* chapter, UBC's posts weekly features on community members, whether they be professors, students or alumni. Otherwise, Schumacher indicates the platform is as open as they come.

"If people want to come and say 'Hey, I want to write a series about this,' I'm open to taking those new ideas and moving with them," she said. "You can write about anything."

Indeed, the range of topics featured on *Her Campus* are as far-reaching as its writer base. Publications range from in-depth features on recent politics to BuzzFeed-esque "listicles" about personal health; from lighthearted stories to intensely focused personal opinions.

"One article can be an opinion on Trump's response to Charlottesville, and another can be how to make your hair grow longer," explained Schumacher.

Additionally, the UBC branch of *Her Campus* is non-partisan, welcoming submissions and opinions from across the political spectrum.

"I want to make sure that we're balanced," stated Schumacher. "I don't just want opinions [from people who are] left or right leaning, I want a mix of both — I want people from a variety of backgrounds writing our stories."

Schumacher also stressed that despite *Her Campus'* women-centric focus, people of all gender identities are welcome to contribute.

"We actually have a person who identifies as male and he is a chapter head for one of our other chapters," she remarked. "Anyone can write for *Her Campus* and anyone can join.... We don't discriminate at all."

Speaking to Schumacher, you get the impression that the secret to *Her Campus'* reach is its laid-back, anything-goes organizational structure. Even the editing is laissez-faire — contributors are coached to make their argument shine, but never at the expense of losing the authenticity of the writer's voice and opinion.

Schumacher acknowledges this can be challenging.

"Even though we are giving everyone a voice and it's not monitored journalist-style, I want to make sure everything that we publish is true," she stressed.

In addition to Schumacher, the UBC chapter has three other editors who ensure that articles pass the journalistic smell test. But not every *Her Campus* chapter has the same standards.

"There's been some articles that I've read from other *Her Campus* editors that I really don't agree with," admitted Schumacher. "But I still respect their right to post what their thoughts are."

As Schumacher heads into the real beginning of her tenure, her goal is to leave the UBC chapter bigger and better than ever. She stresses that while the club hosts meetings on a weekly basis, they accept commitments of all sizes, whether it's a one-time writer or a weekly contributor.

"You don't have to come to the meetings every week," says Schumacher. "It doesn't have to be a huge commitment and it's ultimately whatever you make of it."

"I just want to make sure that it stays true to what *Her Campus* is all about — giving women a voice to write about whatever they desire."

— With files from Moira Wyton.

ENVIRONMENT //

"We are together as one": Hundreds protest against Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion

"I don't like the idea of cashing in on my son and grandson's future."

ZACH KOURGIALIS

Alex Nguyen & Joshua Azizi
News Editor & Contributor

Saturday afternoon, hundreds of people marched from the Vancouver Art Gallery to Sunset Beach in protest against the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline expansion — a $7.4-billion project that would "nearly triple capacity to 890,000 barrels a day" and "increase oil-tanker traffic seven-fold a year."

Chants of "from Standing Rock to BC, make the land pipeline free" and "hey hey Trudeau, Kinder Morgan has got to go" could be heard, as the crowd weaved through the streets of downtown Vancouver.

Hosted by Climate Convergence Metro Vancouver, the protest featured a lineup of mainly Indigenous activists and office holders. They talked about the importance of both thinking about the future and taking collective political actions.

"They have made many commitments to you as voters and to me as First Nations, and they've not lived [up] to them in the fullest intent that they promised," said Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation Chief Councillor Bob Chamberlin, criticizing the federal government for approving the Kinder Morgan pipeline despite making statements about supporting the environment and Indigenous communities.

"I don't like the idea of cashing in on my son and grandson's future."

Another speaker suggested the idea of forming a class action lawsuit to stop Kinder Morgan.

"Nobody has said class action lawsuit," he said. "Take action through the courts or no one will listen."

One particularly notable speaker was Kanahus Manuel, who called in from one of the 10 "tiny houses" being strategically built on the pipeline's path to block its expansion. Called the "Tiny House Warriors," this effort has seen the first house being built near Kamloops, BC.

Some other speakers included anti-poverty activist Jean Swanson, Burnaby South NDP MP Kennedy Stewart, as well as Indigenous activists Eagle Eyes and Linda Williams.

"We are together as one," said Eagle Eyes. "The world is round, so walk on the earth. We don't own the mother earth, the mother earth owns us. So I'd like to make a difference and stand together in unity."

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

The event saw a notable UBC presence.

Gabby Doebeli, a third-year integrated science student and communication coordinator of UBCC350, was the co-emcee of the event.

"We stand in solidarity with Indigenous people and anyone affected by climate change — from Harvey to Irma, from the flooding in South Asia to BC wildfires," she said in one of her various speeches.

Besides her involvement, UBCC350 also planned a pre-protest event to mobilize the youth voice in opposition to "resource expansion projects that threaten [the] future and the lives of many." This further aligned with the organization's new focus on not just climate action, but also environmental justice that incorporates support for Indigenous rights.

"There are disproportional effects felt by different communities, and that's something that is often missed when we just talk about climate action," said Doebeli in a previous interview with *The Ubyssey*.

The Pride Collective was also present to support the initiative.

"As an organization, our priority is to advocate for LGBT+ and queer folks, but we have to bear in mind that UBC and the Pride Collective too are on unceded Indigenous territories," said Nodi, a fourth-year computer science and GRSJ student. "We have Indigenous folks involved in our organization as well as in the broader queer community, so we would be throwing them under the bus if we didn't [participate].

"It's all about intersectional queer activism."

Overall, there was a common emphasis on the importance of youth involvement, as "[they] would be the one living with the consequences of this pipeline."

BEYOND PROTESTING

With the new NDP-Green coalition, the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion is facing opposition from the provincial government, despite already being approved by the federal Liberal government.

In particular, BC now has intervener status in the court case filed by First Nations groups against the project, which means the province could now offer legal opposition against the pipeline expansion.

Supporting this court case will also likely be the next step for UBCC350, according to Doebeli.

"I'm pretty sure we're going to go through with supporting the Pull Together campaign — Indigenous folks are in court right now and they need funds to support their court battle," she said. "We're going to be there in person during the court battle and we're going to see if we can raise funds for them as well."

Another approach that was mentioned during the speeches is bank divestment from the project, which would require compliance from "26 banks from Canada, the United States, Japan, Europe and China."

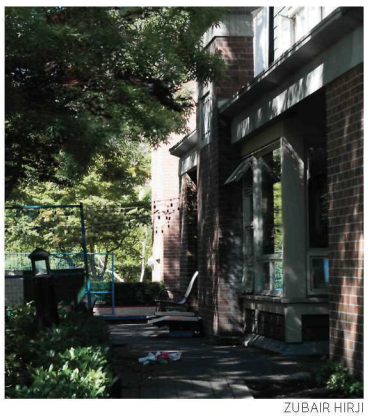
At UBC, while the $10 million Sustainable Future Fund does not invest in Kinder Morgan according to Doebeli, it is unclear whether the university's Endowment Fund — worth approximately $1.8 billion — has a stake in the company or not.

"[UBC] has been trying to engage in reconciliation in light of its coloniality, but admittedly it would be a stretch for it to take an active stand against this pipeline at this point," said Nodi. "It's something that the student body and faculty have to try to lobby the university for.

"We can all do the land acknowledgement, but we can't let that become a token."

ALTERCATION //

UBC student sustains minor knife injuries after blocking 16-year-old from Fraternity Village, say police



ZUBAIR HIRJI

Samantha McCabe
News Editor

Just after midnight on Saturday, September 9, a 20-year-old male was assaulted at front entry of the Fraternity Village. After attempting to subdue the attacker, who brandished a small knife after he was denied entry into the Village, the victim sustained non-life threatening injuries to his leg, say police.

According to the RCMP, a 16-year-old youth from Vancouver has been charged with assault with a weapon causing bodily harm. The accused and the victim had no prior relationship.

"We denied [the accused] entry due to his combative behaviour and verbally aggressive demeanour," said Jeriah Newman, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), which represents all fraternities on campus. He said the accused appeared to be heavily intoxicated.

The situation was de-escalated by five members of the IFC as soon as they noted the demeanour of the accused, and the RCMP was called. Newman said he is thankful that the members at the scene recognized the situation before it could move further and dealt with it appropriately. He said the injuries of the fraternity member are minor, and that the member is doing okay.

The Inter-Fraternity Council hires professional security at select stations around the Village. According to Newman, since the attack, they have tripled security and are in talks with UBC administration and stakeholders to discuss the potential of turning the Village into a gated community.

"The IFC takes the security of our members and our guests very seriously," said Newman. "We want to assure students that they are safe attending any social events put on by the fraternities."

"The incident is still under investigation," University RCMP Sgt. Drew Grainger said in an email to *The Ubyssey*. "The youth accused has been released from custody under court ordered conditions."

This is a developing story, and will be updated online as more information becomes available.

FINANCE //

AMS to save millions with RBC's construction loan, student fee remains same for now

Danielle Olusanya
Contributor

Once taken from UBC, the Nest's $68 million dollar construction loan will now be financed by the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC). This is expected to save students up to $50 million according to the AMS.

The original construction loan — which was approved by the AMS in summer 2010 — would have had students paying a levy for the Nest until 2045.

Although the current Nest fee of $100 will not go down for current students, the loan from RBC will be paid off 15 years earlier than originally proposed. This is due to the RBC's lower interest rate of 3.05 per cent in comparison to UBC's rate of 5.75 per cent.

"That's going to save students down the road quite a lot of money," said AMS President Alan Ehrenholz.

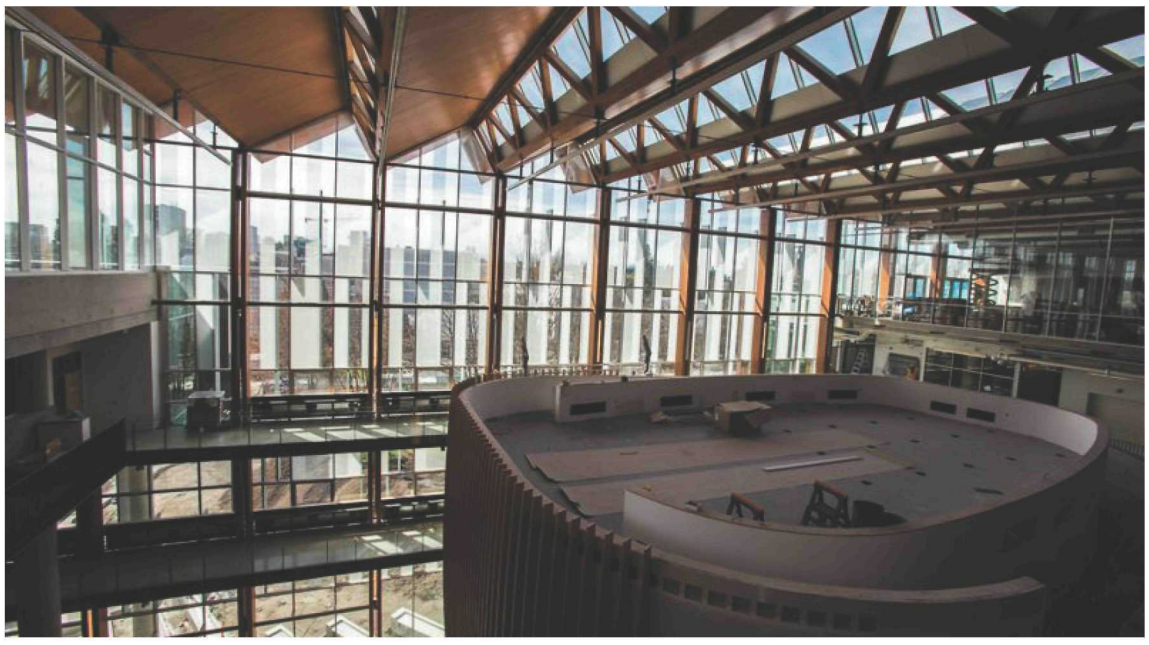
In comparison to UBC's loan, RBC's loan will be slightly riskier because the bank does have the option to walk away if the AMS are not able to make their payments.

However, the original loan was simply deemed too expensive, and Ehrenholz believes that "it is very, very unlikely" for such a risk to happen.

"The only situation in which the bank could walk away is in a situation where we wouldn't be able to make our payment," he said. "We're going to be making our payments throughout that term so we don't see it as a risk."

In order to arrive at this deal, the AMS also looked at options presented by other external commercial banks, including Bank of Montreal, TD, Credit Union and Scotiabank. Ehrenholz said RBC ultimately offered the best option for the AMS.

Coupled with the low interest rate, the new loan also allows the AMS to have annual prepayments without penalty — a clause that was viewed as a major benefit of UBC's loan by the AMS because it would allow the society to pay off the loan sooner.



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According to the presentation on the topic at the July 19 AMS Council meeting, it was also noted that RBC could help with other banking needs of the society.

With over $100,000 spent in negotiation fees and $50,000 in legal fees, "the papers have been signed," and little is expected to change in the agreement even with the new NDP government.

"Overall this change from the university to RBC is going to be really beneficial in the long run," said Ehrenholz. "We're looking forward to what it can provide the AMS in the future."

PARKING //

New parkade for visitors proposed, opens for consultation

The online comment period is open up until September 13.

ZUBAIR HIRJI

Sophie Sutcliffe
Contributor

A new parking lot could be coming to campus, but it might not make commuting for UBC students, staff and faculty more convenient.

The MacInnes Field Parkade proposal would be an approximately 6,000 square metre, one-level underground parking facility for 216 vehicles with access from University Boulevard.

Located underneath a new field that will be built between War Memorial Gym and the Nest, the lot would be made up of parking spots for short term visitors, as well as electric vehicle charging stations and new spaces for the cars used by Safewalk.

"Over the last couple of years, we've been doing planning work in the University Boulevard area," said Michael White, associate vice president campus and community planning. "We contracted a study from a transportation firm, in total we [found that] there's a shortage of visitor parking in that area, [so] this short term parking structure is intended to address that deficiency."

Following a public open house on September 6, the project is now in the middle of its consultation period. The comments from both in-person and online stakeholder engagement will be taken in this upcoming week before being brought to the Board of Governors, according to White.

AMS President Alan Ehrenholz said that while the AMS supported the parkade "in principle," they did have concerns. The first is about pedestrian safety.

"The entrance is going to be placed facing the Nest with the ramp coming into the current roundabout where the support is underneath the great hall," said Ehrenholz. "We're concerned about more traffic coming through that roundabout area will be dangerous to some of the pedestrians or students crossing that during class changeovers or other times of the day."

White said that UBC is working to make sure that the entry ramp would be "designed in a way that doesn't present a conflict for pedestrians in that area" and that it would be integrated well with the design of the Nest.

Ehrenholz also expressed concern that there would be three exits on the east side of the parkade, while there would only be one on the west side — the side that would be closer to the Nest and the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre.

Due to this feedback from the AMS, the plan has "already been modified" to have an additional entrance on the west side, according to White.

Beyond these areas of consideration, Ehrenholz said his larger issue was about how their concerns have been addressed.

"We've had consultation meetings and we've made our concerns very clear to the university ... however, we are feeling that maybe the response to those concerns hasn't been what we would have wanted," he said.

In response, White expressed willingness to co-operate and work on the concern.

"We want to work together," White said. "I'd be happy to sit with him again and go over that to ensure that those concerns are being addressed."

Lastly, Ehrenholz was concerned by the short gap between the proposal's public consultation and the presentation to the Board.

White noted that the majority of the response has been positive, and that all that has come up so far are similar to those brought up above.

"So this reaffirms that those are areas that need to be addressed," he said.

The online comment period is open up until September 13.

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FOREVER ALONE //

What is dicksand? Some dating terms you should probably know

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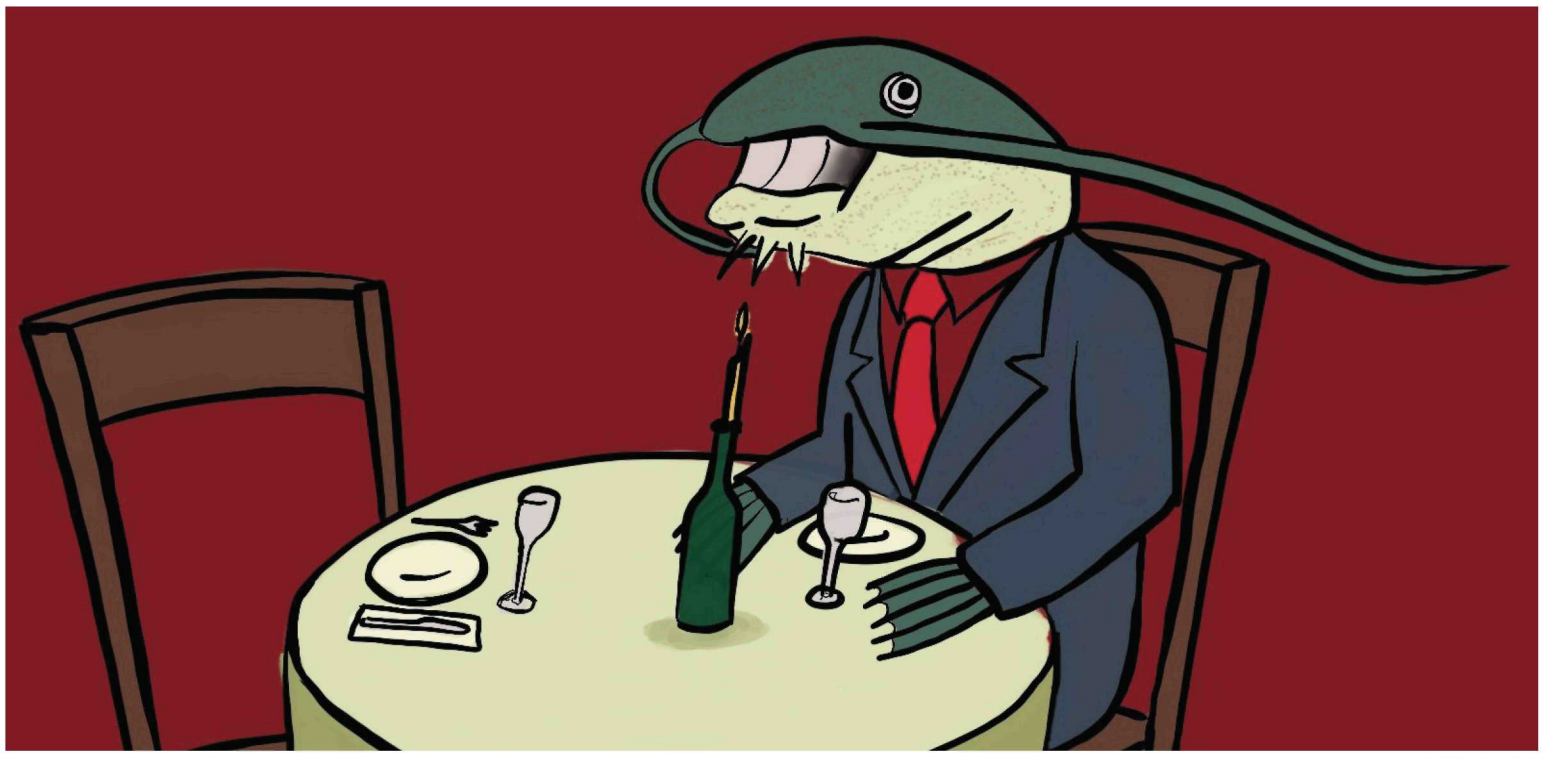

The online dating world is an endless expanse of strange terms.

SAMUEL DU BOIS

Back in the days when newspapers were inconveniently large and remarkably unwieldy, their back pages simmered gently with unrealized romantic desire, and there developed an acronymic dialect for those on the prowl.

GSOH was to delineate your "good sense of humour;" D stood for "divorced;" but the ambiguity over whether BHM meant "big handsome man" or "bald-headed man" may have been what doomed the premise. With the acknowledgement of schadenfreude, it could be comforting to know that however gruesomely you've had your heart ground into the dirt recently, you're not the first.

Below are some choice morsels from the online dating scene dialect. I can't guarantee knowing them will get you a partner. I can't even guarantee it'll get you a date. But hopefully, weaving through the rush-hour crowds to a Tinder date on a stomach empty but for butterflies, your feet will feel less like hooves and your clothes less like wool; the eyes of the person you meet will glitter less hungrily; their teeth look a little smaller and all the worse to eat you with.

What I'm saying is that you may feel less like a lamb to the slaughter. Unless you're into that.

CATFISHING

The genesis of catfishing came, predictably, from the food distribution enterprise. When live cod were shipped long distance, the lack of competition in their tanks made them lethargic, which reduces the meat quality: a lazy fish is not a tasty fish. The addition of the nimble catfish, a natural cod predator, kept the cod zippy and delicious.

The term gained a finhold in Christian literature — Christianity was the metaphorical catfish, and its prey the corruptible soul of Man. The agile and noble beast held employment in nipping at the heels of one's soul, to keep it out of trouble and get it into Heaven. While your soul is still the quarry, the once practical, next theological, now pernicious activity of catfishing is long since departed from its lofty beginnings.

The modern catfish is the human reclining comfortably in their mother's basement, licking a delicate frosting of Cheeto dust off their fingers, enticing suitors with photos, a bio and conversation of the highest order. All is genuine, but none is genuinely them: they have scraped it all from the depths of the internet's fish tank and they are using it to reel you in.

So you agree to a date.

Online they exuded kindness, but in person they're rude to the waiter. The designer wallet they bragged about so much is actually a kid's velcro wallet. And their four-wheel drive is actually a micro scooter with stabilizers. You steal it and scoot as fast as you can in the opposite direction.

GHOSTING

As someone who has been both the ghost and the ghosted recently, I feel qualified to say that this term is not at all related to the painfully cute dancing Snapchat ghost.

As necessary as it is brutal, it refers to when the apple of your eye — sweet, crunchy and delicious — has become the crabapple to your eye. You've got the ick factor and everything they do repulses you. If they send one more heart-eyed cat emoji, you're going to vomit. And nobody — but nobody — should turn the heart-eyed cat emoji into something you don't want to see.

So you cease all contact.

As the purest ghost, you block and delete them from every social media and contact platform, leaving them wondering whether you ever truly existed at all. And just like that — pouff — you are gone, free to dangle your silken thread over the next hapless victim.

Or, if the roles are reversed — pouff — they are gone, leaving you to mope and wail and wonder what you did wrong, wandering in your garden of increasingly wild hypotheses.

HAUNTING

Receiving its name from the previous entry, haunting is the return of a previous flame from the depths of the sin bin to which they had been confined. The key to a successful haunting is to make it maximally noncommittal. The saying goes that nothing ventured, nothing gained, but a haunter goes by the epithet that you can't really be shot down if you never properly put yourself out there. So it didn't work out before, but here comes the haunter liking a selfie or faving a status in order to open up the channels of communication. Don't get your emotional hopes up, since the most likely outcome is a booty call.

R-BOMB

Also known as "left on read," an r-bomb is when you know your message has been read but a response is nowhere to be seen. Notwithstanding extenuating circumstances, if it's been anything over an hour, you've been r-bombed — but that's not necessarily a death knell for your budding relationship.

As a wise meme once said, "sorry I didn't reply to your message. I waited a bit because I was trying to be cool, but then I forgot about it."

DICKSAND

Popularized by Olivia in Love Island, a weakness for dicksand is an attraction some people (okay, guilty) have towards, perhaps, not the kindest of suitors. If someone's arrogance is exceeded only by the gaping chasm in their heart where their human compassion should be, but you're accidentally into it anyway, you're deep in the dicksand with little to no chance of survival. The whistling winds of loneliness, tumbleweeds and a shaking of your self-assurance to its core are also on the menu.

SCREWVENIR

Drinks? Check.

Went home with someone? Check.

Leaving their place in the morning with a hangover that threatens to reduce you to tears if you are exposed to anything more emotionally taxing than buying a bus ticket? Check.

Now all you need is a little something from your conquest and you'll have the golden quartet. To be clear, I'm not endorsing theft because that is a CRIME. But maybe last night's outfit did its thing last night, and you're not keen on wearing it home. Maybe you'd like a hat to cover the monstrosity that is your hair. And maybe Chad's kind of a dick and you don't really plan on giving it back.

Like a souvenir, but saucier. A screwvenir.

THIRSTY

Thirsting for attention. This special, mystical thirst can only be quenched by a like-flood or a message-tsunami. Avoid dicksand as this is likely to exacerbate the problem.

DEEPLIKING

A proclivity of the thirsty — this happens more accidentally than purposefully. Say you've matched with someone on Tinder. You've carefully conducted the conversation round to surnames, extracted theirs and found their Facebook. Their privacy settings aren't the best, and before you know it, you're 49 photos deep in their 2002 album of a trip to Myanmar with their brother (guilty).

Record scratch: touchscreen glitch. You've liked a photo. They're definitely going to stop talking to you and they may well call the police. And you know what? You deserve it, you big creeper.

DRAKING

A not-so-subtle nod to Canada's sulkiest artist, to Drake is to wallow in self-pity after romantic rejection. Someone used to hit you up late at night, but you moved away and now you've heard they've been wearing less and going out more, popping champagne on the dance floor and so on? And instead of being pumped for them — like, damn, that sounds fun. Maybe I'll give them a call — you're whining about it in public. Your self-respect has gone to the same place their frumpy clothes all went? Draking.

NETFLIX & CHILL

I refuse to define this on the moral grounds that anyone who has avoided knowing its meaning until now must really not want to know what it means. And who am I to shine the blinding Laser of Enlightenment into their dank, wet cave?

IMMIGRATION //

Coming to Canada? Good luck.

Zak Vescera
Contributor

Since Canada Day on July 1, over 7,000 migrants have claimed asylum in Quebec alone — many of them Haitians who fear their status of "temporary protection" in the US will soon come to an end.

But while Canada often appears as an open door to migrants seeking refuge, the reality is a rigorous, unscrupulous immigration system that carefully chooses who can come to Canada.

Following the election of US President Donald Trump, fears about the new administration's tough stance on immigration have caused many refugees to flee across the border into Canada, triggering mixed reactions across the country. Supporters remind us that Canada is an open country, founded on the basis of immigration. But opponents, such as La Meute and other far-right organizations, are advocating for a tougher border stance.

"[It is] something that loans itself to panic very easily," said Professor Ante Ellermann, a UBC political science professor who specializes in immigration to liberal democracies. "We've seen that over the last 15 years or so when asylum seekers arrived on the B.C. coast," she noted, referencing a 2009 human smuggling case in which 76 Tamil refugees landed on Vancouver Island.

"At the time of the Harper government, the line was 'we've lost control of our borders.'"

Much of the hubbub around asylum seekers crossing the border is that they're seen to be "jumping the queue." But the reality is that most of these migrants are unlikely to make it into Canada – regardless of how they apply.

There are four categories of immigrants to Canada: family, economic, humanitarian, and "other." If you don't have immediate family — that means a spouse, common-law partner, or child — in Canada, that first category won't fly. "Other" is a weird default category that is usually honorary. Unless you're an honorary Canadian citizen — like the Dalai Lama, for example — you can skip along.

That leaves you two choices; economic or humanitarian.

Applying as an economic migrant to Canada is a bit like trying to get into a high-end club. Entry depends largely on your age, your socio-economic status, timing and the impression you make. More precisely, economic immigrants are evaluated on a "point" system, with a certain number of points gained for each skill or trait you have.

Si vous voulez déménager au Québec, il faut avoir un niveau de français acceptable. And if you can't read that, forget about moving to Quebec — they have an independent immigration mandate with a special focus on French. Speaking both English and French is even more preferable.

So if you're a 30-year-old chemical engineer with a job offer, a sizeable personal fortune, and are familiar with Canadian culture, entry is pretty much a sure thing. But most of us aren't millionaire chemistry-loving wunderkind.

In fact, most UBC students would have little to no chance of being admitted.

Beauracracy and a web of regulations make it extremely difficult to seek refuge in Canada. NATALIE MORRIS AND SAMUEL DU BOIS

A team of *Ubyssey* volunteers took an online government assessment, giving real details about their finances and their level of education. Some even had completed degrees, and almost all of us indicated fluency in one or both official languages. On paper, we looked like ideal immigrants; young, educated, bilingual, and raring to come to Canada.

Not a single one of us was accepted.

That leaves just one category; humanitarian. This is the category that asylum seekers are applying to once they reach the border.

On the surface, your odds as a humanitarian applicant to Canada look pretty decent, with a 66.7 per cent acceptance rate. However, the vast majority of those accepted are sponsored refugees who go through intensive screening prior to arriving on Canadian soil.

As an asylum seeker arriving unexpectedly at the border, your odds aren't nearly as good. As professor Ellermann explains, being a refugee is perhaps the most challenging avenue to enter the country."Asylum applicants are the shunned group of immigrants," said Ellermann. "If Canada doesn't want one group of immigrants, it tends to be asylum seekers."

"They're really difficult to predict, they're certainly not recruited, and unlike sponsored refugees, there's a lot of control and security clearance that has to be done after they've entered the country."

Ellermann explains that while Canada's rhetoric towards immigration tends to be positive, political pressures means the Liberal government could be under pressure to clamp down on border crossers.

"Whenever people have the impression that the government doesn't control the border, that really sows the seeds for popular backlash," she said. "I think there's a lot of caution ... especially from a Liberal government that is going to be attacked by the Conservatives for lax border control."

A further complicating factor is where — and what — the refugees are fleeing from. The United States and Canada have a Safe Third Country agreement, which basically means that refugees hosted by one nation can't claim asylum at the other.

Migrants could claim they are fleeing from the US, but that probably won't fly.

"They have to prove they are refugees from the United States being persecuted by the US government," said Ellermann. "And just because you're being deported back doesn't mean you're being 'persecuted' per se."

If Canada were to accept that the refugees were fleeing from the US itself, that would be tantamount to declaring the US a "dangerous state." In other terms, that'd be a little bit like your roommate blocking off your half of the apartment and declaring it uninhabitable. It'd be extremely damaging for relations with the country's closest ally — and it would make living together a real hassle.

Ellermann notes that refugees coming directly from a country where there's a credible risk to a refugee's life or safety (like Haiti) might have better chances. But overall, she emphasizes that few asylum seekers are permanently accepted.

"The odds of getting asylum are very small."

Despite the challenges of being accepted to Canada, the country does accept a lot of immigrants relative to other Western democracies. The count for 2016 was around 300,000 — more per capita than the US and Australia. Around 20 per cent of our population is foreign born, compared to 14.9 per cent in Germany.

But the reality is that coming to Canada is harder than many people imagine. And despite all the hubbub at the border, the fact is that there is no "jumping the queue" in Canada's immigration system. The way we evaluate our potential immigrants is meritocratic and methodical, meaning that it can take a lot of time and effort to be accepted into the country. Even for those seeking asylum, the decision to accept migrants into the country is a hodge-podge of legal, political, and bureaucratic hurdles. And while many asylum seekers might be worried about their status in the US, that alone won't cut it to claim refugee status.

"There are realistic fears," said Ellermann. "And just because those fears are realistic doesn't mean you're going to get refuge in Canada."

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Public Open House

Lot 11 Wesbrook Place

Join us on **Tuesday, September 19** to view and comment on the proposed residential development proposal on Lot 11 in Wesbrook Place. Plans will be displayed for the proposed new market rental residential project comprising a 14-storey highrise and 3-storey townhomes.

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 **Times:** 4:30 - 6:30 PM
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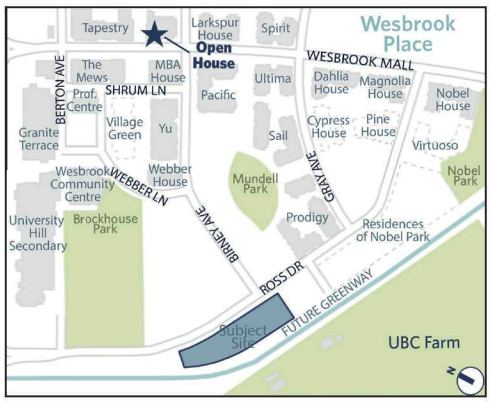

Representatives from the project team and Campus + Community Planning will be on hand to discuss and answer questions about this project.

The public is also invited to attend the upcoming **Development Permit Board** Meeting for this project.

Date/Time: October 11, 5:30 - 7:00PM
Location: Wesbrook Community Centre
3335 Webber Lane

For further information:
Please direct questions to Karen Russell, Manager, Development Services
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TRAVEL //

Places to Go: Tasting our way through Tokyo

Kelsea Franzke
Contributor

We stepped into the small streets of Shinagawa to be greeted by the warm evening air and the faint sound of traffic in the distance. It was 10:30 p.m. and there was only one thing on our minds — food. After nine hours on a plane with a diet consisting of rice-crackers, soggy tempura and movies, wandering the streets in search of some real Japanese food was a welcome activity.

We settled on a small noodle house on the corner of the street. After taking our seats, we watched the noodles being prepared by hand behind the steamy counter and listened as the other patrons noisily slurped them up, but no one approached us. It wasn't until a young woman who happened to be eating at the table behind us informed us that we, in fact, had to place our order through the vending machine by the door. After some laughs we approached the vending machine, only to be intimidated by the lack of English or pictures. A few moments later, one of the chefs came out to help, and with his broken English and plenty of hand gestures exchanged between the two of us, we managed to put 2400 Yen into the machine, and ordered three bowls of noodles.

Slurping up those noodles, we could not stop talking about how delicious they were. They fell somewhere between a ramen noodle and an udon noodle, were hand-drawn and incredibly fresh and chewy. The steaming broth was thick and rich with a healthy nip of pepper and plenty of fresh garlic permeating the entire dish. The succulent slices of chashu pork laid atop the noodles simply melted in our mouths with each bite. This is what Japanese soul food is all about.

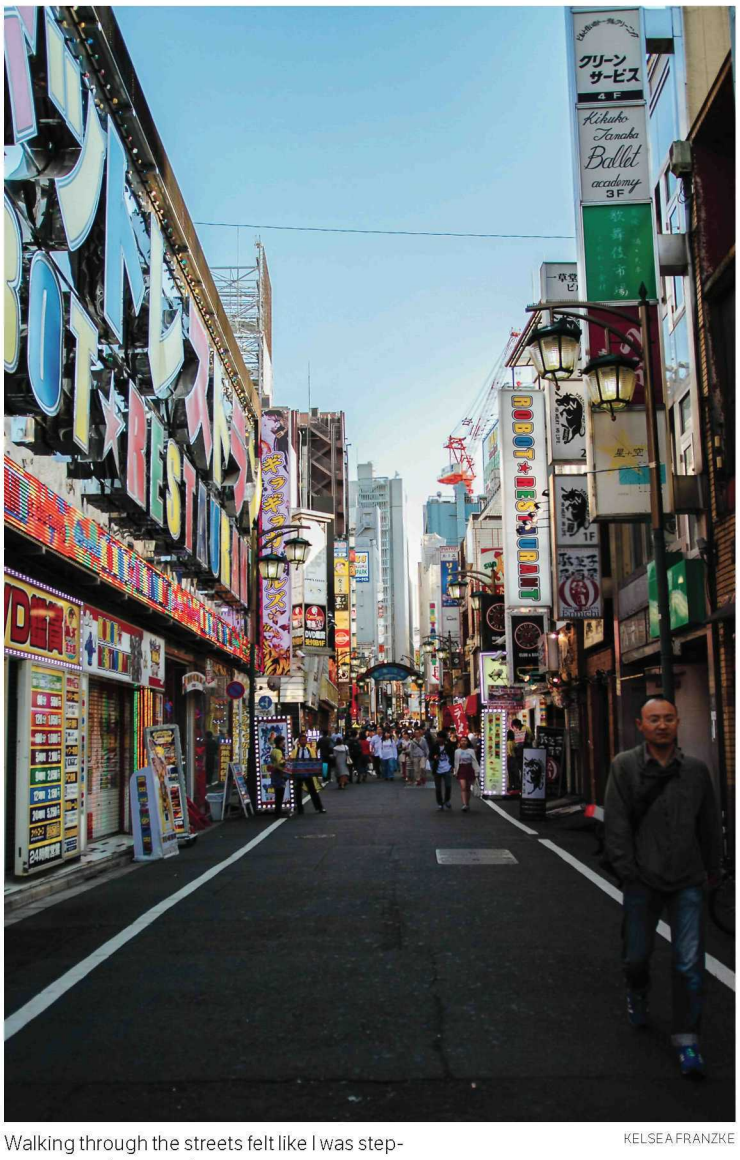
With our bellies full, we stumbled out of the small restaurant praising the chefs, and receiving warm smiles in return as we walked out the door. Just a few short blocks away was our AirBnB, where we slept soundly that night dreaming of noodles and our upcoming adventures in the Japanese city.

Tokyo is split up into many districts, all of which are impossible to visit on such a short stay — or so we thought. A family friend recommended we reach out to Tokyo Free Guide, which provides local tour guides who volunteer their time to show tourists around the city simply for the pleasure of meeting new people from around the world and having a chance to practice their English. Our guide arrived the next morning at our apartment and introduced herself as Kazumi. She had a bright smile, impeccable English and was keen to get our day started. We went to a local cafe near the train station to have coffee and plan out our next couple of days together.

Kazumi had quite an ambitious plan for us — visit nine districts over the next two days, getting to each district by train or by foot. If it wasn't obvious already by the noodle experience the night before, we knew very little Japanese, and by very little, I mean absolutely none. There must have been 25 different train lines, each more confusing than the previous one. Thank goodness for Kazumi and her navigation skills, leading us through the crowds of people and helping us transfer trains.

This is what Japanese soul food is all about.

KELSEA FRANZKE



Walking through the streets felt like I was stepping into a photograph.

KELSEA FRANZKE

Our first stop was the famous Shibuya Crossing. Imagine Times Square, but in Asia. This was the place that everyone came to meet and hangout, and by everyone, I mean absolutely everyone. Locals were mulling about in every direction and navigating smoothly through the crowd. As a tourist, I felt like an elephant, clumsily knocking into people, stepping on toes and generally getting lost in the throng.

After wandering out of the crossing and further into the streets of Shibuya, we made our way to the Meiji Shrine. We entered through grandiose gates and strolled down the shaded paths to the Shrine. While marveling at the architecture, we were bustled out of the way to make way for a wedding procession. The wedding party donned traditional clothing, with the bride and groom being shaded from the intense sun by a bright red umbrella. The procession made their way through the square and into the shrine, all the while being photographed by those around.

From Shibuya we walked to Harajuku; the district famous for young women seen dressed up as dolls. Takeshita street is where these young women are known to be seen, so we ventured through the crowds. The sheer amount of people was slightly claustrophobic and quite scary, for one misstep would cause a massive domino effect with thousands of people toppling over. Fortunately we managed the three blocks without incident, although it did take us over 30 minutes simply to wade through the people.

Hopping on another train, we made our way to Shinjuku, the red-light district of Tokyo. The neon signs glowed in the setting sun, and the buildings crammed into tight spaces were filled with people. Walking through the streets felt like I was stepping into a photograph. The colours were so brightly saturated and the hustle and bustle in the street was palpable. Despite it being the end of the day, the excitement we felt exploring the city did not fade and we wandered for a couple of hours longer.

Day two was just as intense. We ran all over the city to visit the Imperial Palace, explore the Tsukiji fish market, took in the view from the top of the government building, and wandered through the streets at the Senso-ji temple. To rest our feet at the end of the day, we sat down at a little Izakaya to enjoy some cold beer and food. The street was filled with Izakayas as far as we could see. People were laughing with friends and enjoying the sunshine, all with a glow on their cheeks, courtesy of the cold brews.

Squished in beside us at our little table was a young couple with their infant son enjoying a quick dinner. When we sat down next to them we exchanged the universal greeting of smiles, waves and awkward head-nods, and then did our best not to invade their personal space. Kazumi helped us order some food, and by the time the dishes showed up we were ravenous and quickly dug in, jousting with our chopsticks amongst the dishes.

On the side we had a small dish of edamame beans, which I kept going back to again and again because they were so surprisingly flavourful. One bean, however, decided to rebel against me, and when I bit the top of the bean to pop the pea into my mouth, out shot the bottom pea like a missile, grazing the faces of our table-mates, before getting lost somewhere on their table. Right then and there, I wanted to crawl under the table and never come up. I gasped emphatically, my cheeks were on fire from embarrassment, and I apologized profusely to the young family sitting beside us. Fortunately they thought it was hilarious and it broke the ice a bit. It also gained me a new admirer— their son could not stop giggling whenever he looked at me.

While excited to continue our trip in Yokohama, Hakodate, Muroran and Petropavlovsk, Russia, we were sad to leave Tokyo. The food was some of the best I've ever tasted, the culture was both fast-paced and calm and the sites were a photographer's dream. Our short time in Tokyo was filled with wonderment and hasty adventure, and fortunately we managed to leave without causing an international incident — although the business with the flying edamame was definitely a close call.

SIGNAGE //

Letter: Dear CVC, thank you for not spamming the roads

CVC Member promoting the club during Imagine Day 2017. PATRICK GILLIN

Will Zhang
Contributor

They're there every year — dozens of makeshift graffiti signs spaced 5 to 10 metres apart on both sides of the road leading to UBC. They serve no real marketing purpose (they're equivalent to spam marketing), are highly distracting to drivers due to their frequency, feature what I can only imagine is marginally racist symbolism (what's with the bananas?) and get easily knocked over and turned into road debris by mildly strong winds.

They're distracting and that alone is plain unacceptable for anything placed along a high-speed road with intersections. When they were knocked over and ended up on the road last year, they became debris which many drivers had to swerve to avoid, lest they rip the bumpers off their super-low cars.

The signs don't even say anything beyond "Join CVC." Is the Chinese Varsity Club so ignorant to genuinely believe it's fine and dandy to sacrifice road users' safety (and patience) just to get across the notion that you should join their club? Apparently this club is so big that they can get away with clumping hard-to-read, confusing and otherwise pointless signs along the same stretch of road — just in case I missed the first one... and the second one... and the third one... and the fourth...

I thought I'd graduated high school already where even this type of marketing is limited to maybe two banners and almost never on medians on high-speed public roadways. If posting signage across bridges over freeways is highly regulated and requires permits, this should too.

Since I originally wrote this letter, the signs have subsequently been taken down along Southwest Marine Drive out of respect for the area, according to the CVC. Nevertheless, I am choosing to publish this regardless in hopes that it would influence future CVC leadership to avoid similar situations in the future as this is not the first time they have taken their signs down along the highway.

Will Zhang is a fourth-year student studying commerce.

YEAR ABROAD //

Their Campus: Searching for similarities between home and Glasgow

Jusneel Mahal
Contributor

Hogwarts or Glasgow University? UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW INSTAGRAM

After a summer of heavy anticipation, September has finally arrived and my journey of studying abroad in Scotland, at the University of Glasgow, has begun. In my opinion, Scotland is basically the Canada of the United Kingdom — we're both overshadowed by our loud, attention seeking, larger populated neighbours (those being the United States and England). Plus, we're both known for not having great weather, but our scenery is epic and we're renowned for being kind.

At orientation, the first thing the administration tells you is that the English in Glasgow can sound like a foreign language at times. The accents can be extremely difficult to understand but being called "darling" and "sweetie" by my local grocery clerk makes up for it. In Glasgow, instead of greeting people by saying "hello" they usually say, "are you alright" or "you fine love?"

The first major difference between UBC and Glasgow that I noticed was the course breakdown. How does one final paper worth 100 per cent of your final grade sound? Well, that sort of class breakdown is very common in the UK. They do not have many assignments or papers, which puts a lot of pressure on students to kill it during that one assignment.

The second major difference between the two schools is that the student accommodations in Glasgow are located 20 to 30 minutes away from campus. While many students at UBC are dispersed around the city, a lot of students are still on campus. But out here, they are all around the city of Glasgow, with the only self-catered hall located 55 minutes away from campus. It is a benefit though that Glasgow looks like something straight from Harry Potter and one of my lecture hall seats are like one long sofa, which are a bit too comfortable during class, but I won't complain too much.

Finally, there is the class schedule; at Glasgow most non-100 level classes run only once per week for only one or two hours and there is little interaction between the prof and students. The students are expected to be independent and keep up with everything on their own time.

Overall, Glasgow and Vancouver have different vibes, but they're both built around rain, rain and more rain.

THANK YOU //

Last Words: No longer a sinking feeling from the

Water springs from the tap and my heart cries out of happiness. PATRICK GILLIN

Ubyssey Staff

Not to be dramatic, but the gods have smiled down upon us for the first time in months. Our prayers have been answered and our skin is clear. We are well-rested, and we think we have achieved a state of nirvana. Or, in other words, the AMS has finally replaced the sinks in the Nest washrooms.

Gone are the days of going down an entire line of those "high tech" motion sensor sinks only to discover that after multiple attempts of waving, hitting, begging, crying and praying for them to work, you must go around the corner, find a different washroom or summit a small Arctic glacier mountain to find an elder who will teach you the ways of water-bending in order to wash your hands.

Our theory is that the hand sensors were purposely ineffective and their real function was instead a fingerprint scanner created by the government, but we digress. Let us wash our hands (heh) of the old, and shower ourselves in the new (heh heh).

Let's face it: the new sinks are sexy. Their tall, lean, elegant structure ensures a hand washing experience void of contact with any part of the device that isn't cascading, warm, clear water. And above them awakening some sort of sink-related fetish we'll have to unpack with a therapist for years to come, they actually fucking work — a detail seemingly unimportant to the original designers of the Nest washrooms.

Try them for yourselves, tell us what you think, come to our office and do that joke where you say the residual water left on your hands is actually pee and wipe it on our couches. We can all rejoice in the small comfort of knowing that the majority of people leaving the washrooms in the Nest have actually washed their hands rather than tried for a minute to "activate" the government motion sensor and left ashamed and dirty-handed.

The toilets may still mysteriously flush, the soap dispensers may still dispense an amount suitable for the hands of a three-month old fetus, the washrooms may very well still be haunted — but we can all rest knowing we start this school year with full hearts and functioning sinks.

We're just wondering how much they cost.

ENVIRONMENT //

Study: UBC research finds climate change might be making fish smaller

Alexandra Valahu
Contributer

Fish are expected to shrink in body size as climate change causes ocean temperatures to increase, according to a study from UBC's Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries (IOF).

Since fish are cold-blooded organisms, their body temperature is related to the temperature of their environment. In warmer waters, their metabolic activity increases and they require more oxygen.

The amount of oxygen that fish can get is limited by the surface area of their gills, explained Dr. William Cheung, associate professor at the IOF. As fish get bigger, "the growth of the area of the gills cannot keep up with the growth of the body," he said.

Eventually, fish cannot get enough oxygen and will stop growing.

Ocean deoxygenation — the loss of oxygen from the ocean as a consequence of manmade greenhouse gases — makes it even more difficult for fish to absorb oxygen from the water. This exacerbates the problem.

These findings are not new. In 2013, Cheung and Dr. Daniel Pauly published a study on the effects of climate change on the body size of fish. Using a qualitative model, they looked at over 600 species and found that from 2000 to 2050 the maximum body weight of fish was expected to shrink by 14-24 per cent globally.

Earlier this year, colleagues in Europe criticized their study, arguing that their mathematical models could be improved. Pauly and Cheung took their advice and clarified that their mathematical model is based on "Gill Oxygen Limitation Theory," which hypothesizes that the rate of oxygen supplied by the gills of fish constrains their activities and performance.

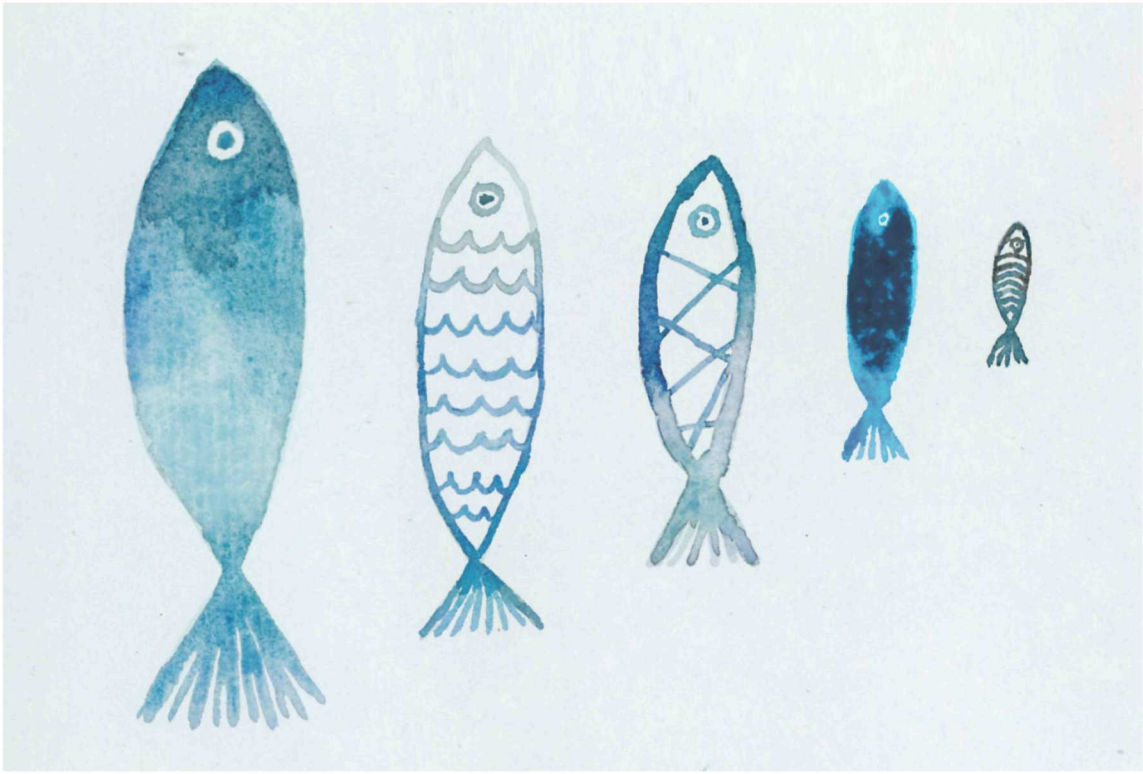
In a new study recently published in the Global Change Biology journal, Pauly and Cheung used more realistic information and actually found that they had underestimated the severity of the problem.

In fact, fish like tunas "will maybe have a decrease in body size that is relatively higher compared to other smaller or slow-moving fish," said Cheung. Tuna is a very active fish and requires a lot of oxygen, so it may be more vulnerable to ocean warming.

Empirical observations show that "fish are moving to deeper waters, and also to high latitude regions where the water is cooler," Cheung said. He explained that we will have a band of area in the ocean where we notice a decrease in the diversity of fish.

Fish moving away will disrupt the structure of the ecosystem.

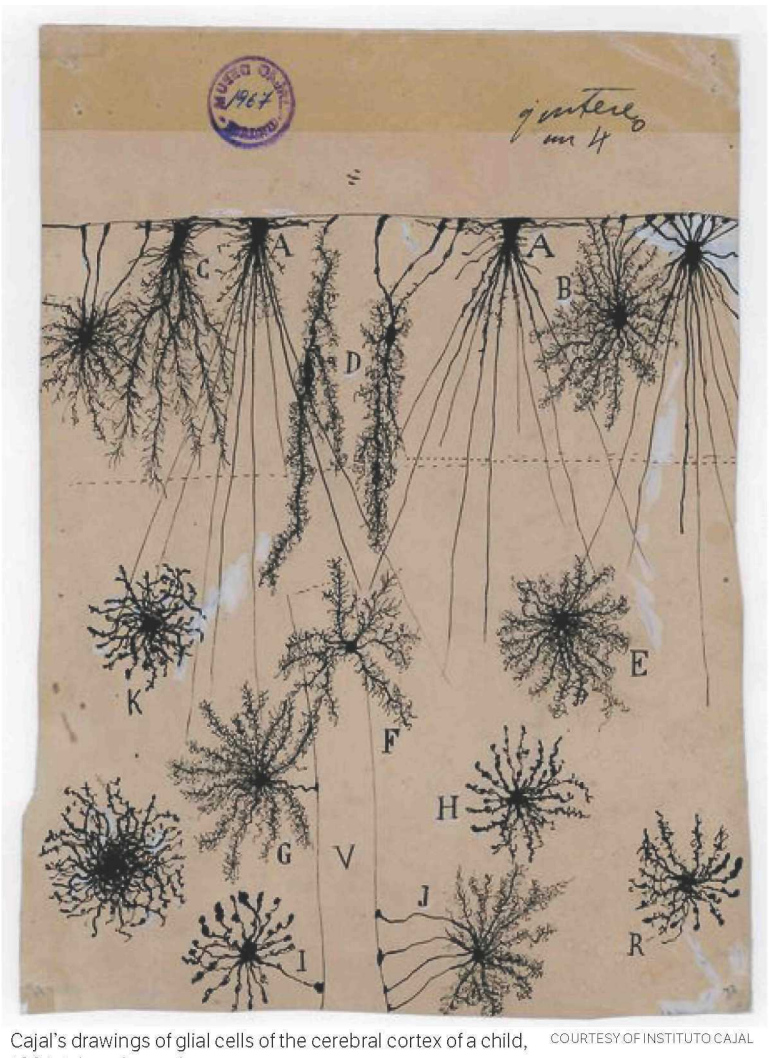
"Big fish eat small fish," said Cheung. "So when the body size of the fish changes, it really disrupts the interaction between different species and ultimately affects ecosystem structure."



With warming waters, fish may not get enough oxygen, resulting in decreased body size. AIKEN LAO

ART //

Belkin opens exhibition of anatomical drawings by renowned "hell-raiser" neuroscientist



Cajal's drawings of glial cells of the cerebral cortex of a child, 1904, ink and pencil on paper. COURTESY OF INSTITUTO CAJAL

Nivretta Thatra
Science Editor

An oblong shape of bodies collects on stage. A wave unfurls through, the arms in the middle wicking outwards to the edges. The movement intensifies in one direction and the density spreads to one side. A quick dispersing of legs splits the oblong mass in two: one collecting to the left and the other to the right.

Thus the dancers of the Arts Umbrella Dance Company began their performance, with two neuroanatomical drawings of renowned scientist and Nobel laureate Santiago Ramón y Cajal projected behind them.

They danced to welcome the original drawings of Cajal to the UBC's Belkin Art Gallery on September 7. The drawings were brought to Vancouver by the Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health in collaboration with the Universities of Southern California and Minnesota and the Cajal Institute.

The Beautiful Brain: The Drawings of Santiago Ramón y Cajal will be at Belkin until December 3, 2017.

In an opening talk, University of Southern California neuroscientist Dr. Larry Swanson stressed that Cajal's many contributions to neuroscience are difficult to explain concisely. Although Darwin and Einstein's key deductions can be summarized by the phrases "evolution" and "E=MC^2," respectively, Cajal's insights were so vast that one-phrase descriptions don't quite cut it.

For the past two years, Dr. Brian MacVicar — co-director of UBC's Centre for Brain Health — worked on bringing the exhibition to campus, he explained in an interview with *The Ubyssey*. As soon as he found out that his friends and colleagues were organizing an exhibition of Cajal's original drawings around the US, he decided that "it has to come Canada."

"When I was a student, I would often go to scientific talks, and almost everyone would start out with, 'As first shown by Ramón y Cajal...'" said MacVicar, describing his motivations for encouraging the showing of Cajal's drawings at UBC.

"I've seen these reproductions for years, but when I first saw the drawings — I went to Minneapolis to see the exhibition — I was really impressed by the power of actually seeing the originals."

Other neuroscientists at the opening reception regaled the audience with stories of Cajal's obsessive stages.

"He was a bit of a hell-raiser as a child," said Dr. A. Jon Stoessl, co-director of the Centre for Brain Health. Cajal was intensely charismatic, explained the Cajal Institute's Dr. Alfonso Araque; in his youth he took a self-portrait dressed as a Robinson Crusoe-like character, became a body-builder to get a girl and insisted on studying art until his father signed him up under a shoe-making apprentice.

But in his mid-thirties, Cajal found what would become his lifelong passion. He was handed a glass slide of cells stained with the Golgi technique, and had a classic "Eureka!" moment. He realized that, contrary to the prevailing theory at the time time that the nervous system was one giant "net" in the human body, each cell in the nervous system is a single unit. This idea is now known as the neuron doctrine.

Cajal devoted most of his adult life to drawing — completely by hand — the intricate neurons he saw. In 1892, he was the first to draw a cell-based electrical circuit diagram. All this was done in hopes to substantiate the neuron doctrine, and was described by Cajal in his prolific two volume treatise.

The neuroscientists at the opening reception made a strong case for all members of the UBC community and beyond to attend the exhibition at Belkin.

With this unique training in both the arts and medicine, Cajal was able to make deductions from his drawings that are still being proven today. Artists and scientists alike marvel at Cajal's contributions.

"Both the scientist and artist have sifted through layers of data to identify signal from noise," said speaker and UBC professor Dr. Claudia Krebs. "[They] give meaning to chaos."

MOMENTUM CHANGE //

Thunderbirds pick up pace against Trinity Western and the University of Fraser Valley

Olamide Olaniyan
Contributor

It was a beautiful weekend for the UBC women's soccer team.

On Friday, three early goals from two veteran Thunderbirds secured the team's first win of the season against the Trinity Western University Spartans. Their second win came the next day — a 3-1 victory against the University of Fraser Valley Cascades (UFV)

After a frustrating 1-0 loss against the University of Victoria Vikes in their season opener last weekend, the T-Birds were looking to improve their conference record as they prepared to face two of the toughest teams in the league.

From kick off, the 'Birds came out in full force; their immediate attack paid off, with two goals scored in the first few minutes. The first goal of the match — and of the team's season — came in the second minute when Jasmin Dhanda crossed the ball towards the goal and Aman Shergill finished it. In the fourth minute, Dhanda scored one of her own to take the 'Birds up 2-0.

The third and final goal came in the 17th, when Shergill got on the ball after a mad scramble in the box and put it in the back of the net.

Though the early goals caught the Spartans off guard, they refused to let any more in for the rest of the game. UBC would finish the match with that three goal lead, putting them one up in the win column for the season.

The game against the Cascades on Saturday was more closely matched, though it wavered slightly in UBC's favour. In the 32nd minute, rookie forward Danielle Steer scored the Thunderbirds' first goal of the match with a penalty kick that sent the ball one way and UFV's keeper the other. The Cascades equalized in the 47th minute though when forward Sarah Parker found some space and shot the ball past UBC goalie Emily Moore.

In the 72nd minute, Dhanda got on the scoreboard for the second time that weekend with a streaker into the top right corner of the Cascades' net. Ten minutes later, a cross from Steer deflected off of a UFV defender to seal it for the 'Birds, as they climbed past UFV 3-1.

This weekend saw Shergill and Steer — new additions to the T-Bird offence — really settle into their roles on the team; both players ran circles around their opponents and created several opportunities for the Thunderbirds. All three of the forwards — Shergill, Steer and Dhanda — currently have two goals each to their name.

T-Birds rookie Danielle Steer battles for the ball between two Trinity Western defenders. LUCY FOX

After this weekend, the Thunderbirds look ready to handle any trouble that comes their way.

UBC will face the University of Winnipeg Wesmen for their first home game of the season on September 15.

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TAKING FLIGHT //

T-Birds trounce Manitoba in first regular season home game

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Coming off of a 36-20 defeat in the first game of the season, the UBC football team earned a 32-18 win against the Manitoba Bisons on Saturday, September 9 — their home opener of the 2017 season at Thunderbird Stadium.

"We don't like losing and we knew what we had to do this week to overcome that loss," said T-Bird running back Ben Cummings, who finished the match with an impressive 145 rushing yards.

With a little over three minutes remaining in the first, UBC took the initial lead when Michael O'Connor threw a five-yard pass to Trivel Pinto for the first touchdown.

At the start of the second quarter, Greg Hutchins successfully kicked two field goals, increasing the 'Birds' lead to 13-0. Still, momentum began to fade for UBC toward halftime as the Bisons responded with a touchdown and field goal, cutting UBC's lead to 13-10.

The 'Birds then had a momentum surge in the third quarter, where they made all the scoring plays.

Four minutes into the frame, Marcus Davis picked up UBC's second touchdown. On the Bisons' ensuing possession, they found themselves within three yards of the end zone, but it was the 'Birds that scored the touchdown as Elliot Graham intercepted Theo Deezar's pass and ran it 107 yards.

With the play, Graham set a school record for the longest interception return.

"It was definitely one of the biggest moments in my football career," said Graham. "It was a long run. It was hard, but I owe it to my defence for helping me."

The scoring didn't end there. Manitoba conceded a safety on their return to offence before Greg Hutchins recorded another field goal in the final two minutes to give the 'Birds' a 32-10 lead.

Desperate to make up for the deficit, the Bisons opened the fourth quarter with a touchdown.

Graham, UBC's #90, is in his first year with the T-Birds. His 107-yard interception return breaks a 17-year-old record in the 'Birds history books. PHOTO COURTESY BOB FRID/UBC ATHLETICS

Thanks to tight defence by both teams, it would be the only scoring play in the period as UBC came out on top 32-18.

Despite the win, UBC head coach Blake Nill felt that the team still has room for improvement in the games ahead.

"We've got to be more consistent offensively, finishing when we're in the end zone. That's something that's plagued us for a season now," said Nill.

Still, he believes his team is headed in the right direction.

"We're going to get better. Our goal each and every week is just to get better. We got to find a way to manufacture a win," said Nill.

The 'Birds will remain at home next week to host the Saskatchewan Huskies in the Homecoming Game. Kickoff is set for 5 p.m. at Thunderbird Stadium, with celebrations starting as early as 1 p.m. on campus.

The 'Birds now sit in fouth place in Canada West early on in the season, with one loss and one win to open 2017. PHOTO COURTESY BOB FRID/UBC ATHLETICS

BRAGGING RIGHTS //

Men's hockey hosts SFU in first match of inaugural Captains Cup

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On Friday, September 15, the battle begins for men's hockey as they kick of the first game of the inaugural Captains Cup against Simon Fraser University (SFU).

The three-game exhibition tournament will see the men's hockey programs of UBC, SFU and Trinity Western University face off against each other at Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre and Surrey Sport & Leisure Centre on the weekends of September 15 and September 30.

The tournament, presented in conjunction with the Vancouver Giants, is designed to both promote intercollegiate hockey in the Lower Mainland and showcase the Western Hockey League (WHL) scholarship program, which provides over 200 scholarships to student athletes each year.

Currently, the T-Birds team boasts four players who have had WHL experience in Vancouver over the past years, including current 'Birds captain Wes Vannieuwenhuizen — he is the former captain of the Vancouver Giants.

"The big thing [with the Captains Cup] is to just put university and collegiate hockey on the map in Vancouver. In university sports, your budget goes towards taking care of the players and there's not a lot of marketing ... so it can be tough to just raise awareness." said men's hockey assistant coach Kelvin Cech — who is going into his second season with the men's program.

The UBC Thunderbirds have spent months training and preparing for the upcoming game, building their lineup back up after losing several key players to professional teams in the off-season.

"It's just like any training camp atmosphere," said Cech.

Unfortunately, Cech noted that the 'Birds are down one of their prize recruits as Austin Glover, a first-year on the UBC roster, is at the Edmonton Oilers rookie camp. That type of player, as explained by Cech, often shocks fans who are "surprised at the caliber of the hockey" these teams play.

Over the two weekends of play, each team will face each other once; the team with the best record overall will earn bragging rights for the year and get their hands on the Captains Cup.

UBC faces off against SFU at 7 p.m. on Friday at Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre.

UBC last faced SFU for the 2016/17 pre-season, defeating them 3-1. PHOTO COURTESY RICH LAM/UBC ATHLETICS

Last Weekend's Fixtures

Sport	Home	Score	Away
Friday, September 1			
Soccer (W)	Trinity Western	0-3	UBC
Saturday, September 2			
Football	UBC	32-18	Manitoba
Soccer (W)	Fraser Valley	1-3	UBC

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