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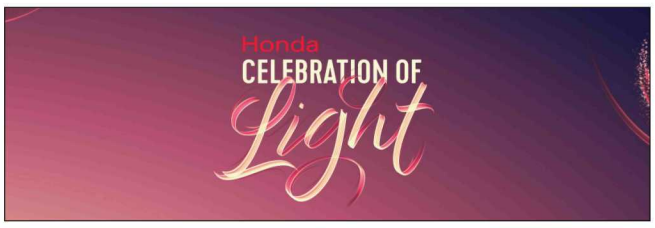

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OUR CAMPUS

SAMANTHA MCCABE
Dr. Linc Kesler was the first to helm the First Nations and Indigenous Studies Program.

Our Campus: A champion for Indigenous peoples at UBC, Linc Kesler looks back

Zak Vescera
News Editor

When Dr. Linc Kesler was growing up in Chicago, he was told to hide his Indigenous identity.

One day, he slipped up.

"I was in grade school ... and I said that my grandparents lived on a reservation," said Kesler.

"The reaction I got was not curiosity, it was not positive. When I went home and I told my mother, she just about killed me."

Kesler's mother was Oglala-Lakota, a survivor of an Indigenous boarding school not unlike Canada's Indian Residential School System (IRSS). Living in a white neighbourhood in a city dominated by racial conflict, she was adamant that their Indigenous identity remain a secret.

"It wasn't a place where you really wanted to bring attention to yourself, or be different in any way," Kesler remarked.

Now, Kesler sits in the Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre, a building dedicated to discussing the legacy of schools like the one his mother was forced into. It's a building he played a fundamental role in bringing to UBC as director of the First Nations House of Learning and senior advisor to the president on Aboriginal affairs.

Kesler is very much done hiding.

A CLEAN RUN

When Kesler arrived at UBC in 2003, he was the first to helm the First Nations and Indigenous Studies Program and the department's only Indigenous professor.

The faculty and programs were "extremely capable," he noted — but UBC was not a welcoming place for Indigenous students and scholars.

"I think Indigenous students were finding it a pretty alienating place," he remarked.

Over the next decade and a half, Kesler worked to change that. When he became UBC's first senior advisor to the president on Aboriginal affairs in 2009, one of his first decisions was to go against the trend set by other Canadian universities by refusing to set a "target" or "quota" for Indigenous enrolment.

"It made much more sense to focus on the things we can be doing to make our systems better than worrying about meeting a target," said Kesler.

It worked. UBC's Indigenous enrollment has increased dramatically since the start of Kesler's tenure — from 719 students in 2009 to 1,540 in 2017. Part of that is because of better support for Indigenous students in high school — but the other part is Kesler's insistence on quality over quota.

"In the last plan, whatever target we might have set we have exceeded it," said Kesler. "But we exceeded it by not setting it."

Kesler advocates a similar mindset to hiring Indigenous faculty, focusing on making Indigenous faculty both represented and respected as opposed to "performative" hiring.

"You're grabbing people in a sense to meet a racial target as opposed to building the faculty," said Kesler. "[When] people can see that happening they presume that all Indigenous faculty are here in that way and that they're not 'serious scholars.'"

What Kesler has done instead is work to make UBC a "desirable" place for Indigenous scholars doing research on Indigenous issues, which he noted has encouraged them to seek out UBC instead of the other way around.

DONE HIDING

Kesler, in a sense, has been preparing for his role for most of his life. He grew up in the midst of the American Civil Rights movement in Chicago, a city that he said at the time was "the most segregated city in the world outside of South Africa."

One night, Kesler said he woke up to the sound of a black family's home being bombed. During Kesler's undergraduate studies at Yale, Black Panther member Bobby Seale was being put on trial in New Haven, just a short walk away from the Ivy League school.

"You tend to think of a place like Yale as being quite removed from the real world," he said. "Nothing could be farther from the truth."

At the time, Yale was experimenting with its own admission process through need-blind applications, which aimed to admit traditionally disadvantaged students. Still, Kesler remained very aware of where he was from — and the legacy of the boarding school system his mother was placed into.

"I understood the kind of thinking that emerged for her in this place where her identity had to be submerged," said Kesler. "It was a reaction to the racism that she experienced in the school."

Kesler said he hears similar stories from Indigenous families in Canada, as the impact of the IRSS continues to spill over into younger generations.

"For people who are growing up in families where they are experiencing the effects of those things but don't have a way of understanding why, I think a centre like this," — he gestured to the Dialogue Centre — "would be quite helpful."

In some ways, Kesler acknowledged not much has changed.

"The schools were a particular manifestation of a system, and that many aspects of that system are still here and they're still doing what they did." said Kesler. "The reservation my mother comes from — at the time of the Bill Clinton presidency, it was the poorest county in the United States, and I'm sure it still is."

But after working under four different UBC presidents, Kesler is optimistic — not about where we are, but about where we are going. He noted the evolving approach to conducting research in partnership with Indigenous communities, the renewed focus on Indigenous student experience and a "broader awareness" of the legacy of the IRSS as steps — small ones, but steps nonetheless.

As he leaves UBC to pursue some of his own research — which he joked is "long, long neglected"— Kesler thinks the key difference may be hope.

"Many of the students here came from high school feeling alienated and defeated, and feeling like nothing they could ever do would change it," said Kesler.

"I think the difference now is that people will still encounter those kinds of circumstances. But the sense that there's nothing they can do is not what it was like then."

HIGHER EDUCATION //

UBC introduces Canada's first professorship of cannabis science

Alastair Spriggs
Contributor

UBC is introducing Canada's first-ever professorship of cannabis science to investigate the potential role that pot-based research could play in the mitigation of the opioid crisis and other addictive disorders.

The two-year position is being created in partnership with the BC Centre on Substance Use, BC's Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions and Ontario-based medical cannabis company Canopy Growth Corp.

The professorship will investigate potential applications of cannabinoids as an immediate treatment for opioid addiction and potential substitutes to opioids in treating acute and chronic pain.

"Medical implications of cannabis have been neglected for far too long. We are excited to have the opportunity to be positioned on the frontline of this research," said Dr. Evan Wood, UBC professor of medicine and director of the BC Centre on Substance Use.

Existing research has indicated that cannabis could play a decisive role in the mitigation of opioid addiction. A 2014 study showed that US states with legal cannabis had 25 per cent fewer deaths resulting from opioid overdoses than states where cannabis was illegal. A companion article published last year in *The International Journal of Drug Policy* found that of the 271 medicinal cannabis patients surveyed, 63 per cent used pot as a substitute for prescription drugs and 30 per cent used it as a substitute for opiates.

Locally, the Vancouver Downtown Eastside's Overdose Prevention Society has reported numerous cases where access to cannabis has helped patients curb the effects of opioid withdrawal.

"Whether it's those articles or the anecdotal experiences from the Downtown Eastside, there's lots of compelling evidence happening right now," said Wood.

While the professorship would not have been possible without the $2.5 million donation from Canopy Growth, Wood acknowledged that a pot company commissioning a university to research its product may seem unusual. But he stressed that Canopy Growth's economic and industry interests are separate from the university's public health interests.

"Nothing in our agreement tells us that we have to consult the company about the nature of research, or use their proprietary strains of cannabis," he explained. "It's very much total arm's length philanthropy."

The professorship will work alongside the BC Centre on Substance Use, which consists of 200 professionals across 15 UBC faculties. Currently, they have a range social scientists, physicians, addiction medicine scientists and basic scientists working on addiction-related research.

"These are complex issues that do not have simple solutions," said Wood. "We need as many brilliant minds as possible to get there."

For students, the opportunity to get involved in this area of research is "now greater than ever," said Stephanie Lake, president of the Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy's UBC-Vancouver chapter. The student-led organization advocates for evident and informed drug policies that are guided by public health and human rights.

"It's very much total arm's length philanthropy." FILE STEVEN DURFEE

Lake believes that students can play a two-sided role in the future of cannabis science research — as researchers and as the subjects of potential studies.

"I think our current student culture can teach us a lot about the different ranges of the application of the substance," she said. "But also, the potential use of cannabis to mitigate the opioid crisis is an emerging area that requires a lot of investigation. There is lots of room for students interested in this area to get involved, and make a change."

Both Wood and Lake hope that university pot-based research will expand post-legalization.

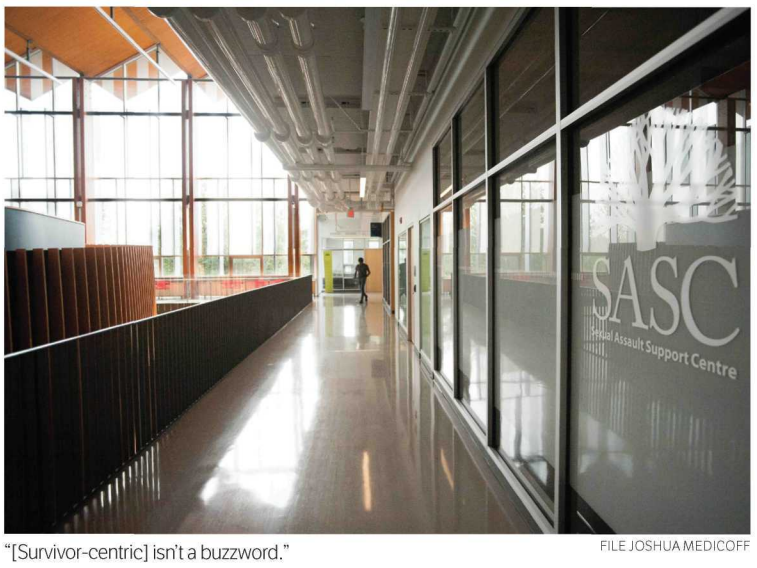
"This professorship has the potential to host postdoc and grad student research, and undergraduate level electives in the future," added Wood.

Universities traditionally develop formal structures and professorships around disease-focused research, but this level of interest or funding has never targeted addiction. According to Wood, the implications of addictive disorders and the socioeconomic burdens that they carry have been neglected for far too long.

"Now that UBC hosts ... this professorship, it gives UBC the opportunity to be at the forefront of addressing the longstanding mismatch between the burden of addiction and the lack of investment from universities to help societies get out of this mess," he said.

LAYOFFS //

AMS to cut SASC's support services with little consultation of wider survivor community



"[Survivor-centric] isn't a buzzword." FILE JOSHUA MEDICOFF

Samantha McCabe
Coordinating Editor

As of September 1, the AMS is ending all support services within their Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC). While the AMS said that this will help concentrate support around UBC's Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office (SVPRO) and allow SASC to focus on outreach and advocacy, the decision has generated intense pushback from those inside the centre.

"We have now realized that SVPRO's office is well-equipped to start offering services to students that are intersectional, inclusive as well as accessible, to all," said AMS President Marium Hamid.

According to the AMS, SASC was created in 2002 to fill a gap in support services on campus — with UBC's own office now up and running, the gap no longer exists and SVPRO can serve as the "one centralized space" for survivor support.

"SVPRO has an increased capacity, which is afforded to them by the virtue of being the one single point of contact within the university system," said AMS VP Academic and University Affairs Max Holmes.

"They're able to create those relationships with a lot of the internal departments at UBC, and also have the solubility to offer accommodations and concessions."

SASC staff members said that the change will have extensive impact on the community, removing a valuable on-campus option for sexual violence support that existed outside of university administration— and one that was also playing an important role in keeping the AMS itself accountable on issues of sexual assault.

"Institutional violence is real. There needs to exist an organization or a service outside of the institution that is supportive: truly supportive of survivors, truly survivor-centric, in that we're not trying to protect the institution," said a SASC staff member.

"These people care about students, but they're also part of that political landscape," said another SASC worker, adding that they were shocked when they found out about the change.

The AMS said that they consulted with former SASC managers in a long process of making the decision, but there has been little consultation with the current SASC team or the wider survivor community, according to SASC staff members. In a *Ubyssey* article published earlier this month, Holmes questioned decisions that were made by UBC without adequate student and survivor consultation and was vocal about the crippling lack of awareness of SVPRO on campus.

In the society's 2018 Academic Experience Survey (AES), a fifth of respondents said they would not feel comfortable accessing SVPRO. Around the same number said that UBC had not done a good job of communicating available support resources for survivors of sexual assault.

Holmes explained that most of those respondents also distrust SASC as a resource.

"A significant majority of the people who disagreed ... also said they disagreed that they would personally feel comfortable accessing services from the AMS SASC," said Holmes. "The common denominator from that 20 per cent ... are really saying that they don't feel comfortable using any of the services currently on campus."

AN EXECUTIVE DECISION

The decision was made by the AMS executive and communicated to the SASC at a June 8 meeting, which also included Hamid, Holmes, Managing Director Keith Hester and UBC SVPRO Director Sonya Boyce. Holmes said that while the AMS had conversations with UBC to ensure that they could be convenient in SVPRO's abilities to carry out support work, UBC had no bearing on the decision-making process.

"The decision was entirely made by the AMS executive, UBC was not involved in the decision-making process," he said.

The change was then communicated to AMS Council at the June 19 meeting during an in-camera session.

As Council went into the closed session, it passed an additional measure to bar AMS staff — which included the SASC staff present at the meeting — from remaining in the room.

Layoff notices have been sent out. Of the SASC's seven current staff members, three have been terminated, effective September 1. As the AMS is currently hiring a manager for the centre, Hamid and Holmes said upcoming positions to reflect the new job mandates — but they are not currently sure how many positions they will hire or what exactly they will entail.

"It's also going to be playing an enhanced and integral role in ongoing assistance for human resources, clubs' and constituencies' responses to violence, to make sure that we can also really take an internal lens about what's happening within all of these organizations," said Holmes.

But SASC support staff said that their ability to carry out informed and survivor-centric training and other outreach initiatives will be significantly impaired when they do not have staff consistently supporting the community.

"A lot of our workshops and a lot of our outreach is informed by our support work, is informed by survivors. And so without that side of the coin, outreach will cease to exist, education will cease to exist as we know it," said Nour Kachouh, SASC volunteer and outreach coordinator.

"BEING SURVIVOR-CENTERED IS AN ACTION-BY-ACTION THING"

While SASC is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, SVPRO is currently only open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Hamid said that the AMS is now considering cutting down SASC's hours to reflect the change, since SASC initially extended their hours in February 2017 to allow for extended reach of their hospital accompaniment service. Instead, SVPRO will be taking over that task.

But as reported in late 2016, another reason why SASC extended their hours was to match student needs after they found that many students had classes during the service's original operational hours.

The AMS budgeted $277,898.00 for SASC for the 2018/19 projection — a continuation of the large increase the budget got in 2017. The new funding was reportedly intended to "continue recently started initiatives that aim at increasing the range of services offered and the reach of SASC."

"[Survivor-centric] isn't a buzzword," said a SASC team member.

"And I honestly don't doubt that they care. But I think there's a real naivety about how in practice, being survivor-centered is an action-by-action thing — each action you take, you can either do it with survivors at the center, or you can do it in a way that's not survivor-centred. It's not just something you brand."

The AMS has released a statement on the change. Several hours after announcing its decision, the society announced it will be hosting a townhall on July 5 regarding the changes to SASC, with the exact time and location to be determined.

SASC has published a letter in *The Ubyssey* (page 8).

FREE SPEECH CLUB //

Students call on UBC to cancel Ben Shapiro talk in October

ALEX NGUYEN

Ben Shapiro is slated to speak at the Chan Centre this October in an event organized by the Free Speech Club.

Thea Udwadia
Contributor

Some students are calling on UBC to cancel a talk by American conservative political commentator Ben Shapiro, who is slated to speak at the Chan Centre this October in an event organized by the Free Speech Club (FSC).

Fifth-year arts student Reid Marcus encouraged members of the UBC Needs Feminism Facebook group last week to write to the Provost and VP Academic as well as the Equity offices to demand the event be cancelled.

"Shapiro is neither a scholar nor an activist," Marcus wrote in his June 10 post, which is also intended to be an email template for other students to use. "He is a pundit who amplifies puerile prejudices in order to advance his career."

Referencing Shapiro's comments on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, gender identity and Islam amongst others, he wrote that the event would violate the BC Human Rights Code's section on discriminatory publication, UBC's policy on discrimination and harassment (Policy 3) as well as its Statement on Respectful Environment. The post also suggests that the talk could create security risks to students, based on protests against Shapiro at his previous events.

As of June 14, the Provost office has received approximately 10 letters.

WHY BEN SHAPIRO?

According to polls in the FSC's Facebook page, Shapiro has been the club's most requested speaker for the past year and a half.

Angelo Isidorou, a third-year psychology student and a director of the FSC, attributed the demand for Shapiro to his "very prominent and very controversial" campus events. He then cited Shapiro's Jewish heritage, as he believes that many Jewish students feel "silenced" on campus.

"Just about [every Jewish person] that I'm friends with, or that's in the club says that 'We don't feel spoken for, we don't feel represented,'" Isidorou said.

He also believes that the backlash to Shapiro is because of his commentary on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, noting that when the FSC had Jordan Peterson to campus, they did not receive the same level of backlash.

"From what I can tell from [Marcus's Facebook post] ... that's the main gripe. It's mainly an anti-Israel thing."

Marcus, who is of Jewish background, acknowledged that there are plenty of reasons why Jewish people may not feel comfortable on campus. But he believes that it is "extraordinarily insulting" for the FSC to assume — by citing Shapiro's Jewish background as the reason for his high demand within the club — that there is a unified Jewish student community on campus that aligns with Shapiro's pro-occupation views.

He also highlighted the distinction between being pro-Israel and pro-occupation, where criticizing certain aspects of the occupation does not equate to being "anti-Israel."

This accusation, Marcus said, "is meaningless, and it's a way of trying to smear people who do not agree with their views."

TO DEBATE OR NOT TO DEBATE?

According to Isidorou, the event will consist of a one-hour speech by Shapiro, followed by a Q&A session.

"I don't want the whole Q&A to be a line of conservative bros just saying 'Hey, do you agree with me?' and then he says 'Yeah I agree with you,'" he said. "The whole reason for our event is so that we can see both sides, we can see some dialogue."

But Marcus would rather see the event cancelled than engage in a debate with Shapiro. Amongst other reasons, he stressed the futility of what he called "performative debate," where a controversial commentator is given the floor to speak and people have only a few minutes each to actually debate with them.

"It is not a good way to either arrive at truth," said Marcus, "or actually productively deal with controversial issues." He also believes that giving commentators like Shapiro a platform on a university stage gives them a sense of authority that is tied to an academic setting, which could lead more people to be inclined to accept their ideas.

"And I think it's negligent, and it's irresponsible for universities to allow that to occur," Marcus said. "I think that the debate is over. We, as a civilization, have kind of decided that you shouldn't go around dehumanizing people."

THE ROLE OF UBC

In an emailed statement to *The Ubyssey* and similar responses to students who sent in letters about the event, Provost and VP Academic Andrew Szeri affirmed UBC's commitment to "free, open, and transparent discussion, no matter how controversial the topics."

"UBC's commitment to free speech includes student groups and others using UBC venues such as the Chan Centre for guest speakers," he wrote. "This is the case even where some members of the University community may consider the guest speaker's ideas, or the way in which they expressed, to be controversial or offensive."

For those who might be affected by the event, Szeri referred them to internal support services. On the other hand, he said concerns about hate speech — which fall under the Criminal Code of Canada — should be directed to the RCMP.

Similarly, members of the UBC community, while extended the freedom of academic expression, are also required to exercise these freedoms within certain frameworks, such as those detailed in Policy 3. But invited guests are not subject to the same restrictions.

Marcus, who views this as an "oversight," is drafting a revision to Policy 3 that would require guests on campus to "abide by the same equity guidelines as any other member of the university."

"It's a preventative measure for the future to prevent even more hateful individuals from being invited," he said.

Dr. Charles Menzies, anthropology professor and a Board of Governors faculty representative for the Vancouver campus, stressed the value of a "broader base social movement" instead, adding that trying to legislate behaviours on campus might not be the best approach.

"Personally, I think it's really not a good choice to bring this gentleman on campus," Menzies said. "But if [the UBC administration] were to ban him, they would merely fuel a kind of response that would fit into a narrative that justifies what's going on."

Despite the opposition to the event, the FSC is confident it will continue as planned.

"They can try all they want," said Isidorou. "I guarantee [the event] is not going to be cancelled."

MUNICIPAL ELECTION //

UBC professor Patrick Condon aims to shake up Vancouver mayoral race

Hana Golightly
Contributor

YOUTUBE

UBC urban design professor Patrick Condon is seeking a spot in Vancouver's mayoral race this fall on a housing-centric platform informed by his scholarly and community work. He is currently seeking the nomination of the Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE), Vancouver's oldest progressive party in a crowded mayoral race.

Condon joined UBC as chair of the Landscape Architecture Program in 1992, and recently founded the Urban Design Program at UBC's School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. He has worked extensively on urban design projects in the Vancouver area, including collaborating with the city of North Vancouver on a 100-year sustainability plan to reach carbon-neutrality by 2107. Altogether, the professor brings 25 years of experience in urban planning and sustainable design to an election that hinges on the issue of affordability.

"My academic work has been entirely focused on how cities get built, how to make them sustainable and most importantly, how to make them affordable for average people," he said.

Condon added that he was pushed to enter the political ring this year after a decade of "frustration" with the trajectory of Vancouver's development.

"I saw pretty clearly that nothing was being done to stop the flow of international capital into the city," he said.

"Particularly because I had to look my students in the face every day and knew that they were probably not going to be able to afford to live in the city — not even college graduates — it started to become intolerable for me."

Students and faculty alike feel the pressure of climbing rents, which can impact how students think about their future in Vancouver after graduation. When he asked a class of 200 undergraduate students if they saw themselves being able to live in Vancouver, Condon noted that he saw only a handful of raised hands in response.

"I just think that is so sad, and it is not normal. That's not the way cities should be and it's not the way other cities are," he said.

"If you look at the regional average income and you look at the cost of rental and entry-level housing, you realize that only people making the average income and above can afford to live here. That's a disgrace to the human race."

Vancouver's affordability crisis is not completely unique. Cities around the world suffer from inflated rents and shrinking affordability, particularly 'global cities' like London or Shanghai that are positioned at the nexus of international financial flows. In Vancouver's case, Condon suggested the effects of rising costs are particularly pronounced, due to a lack of jobs and sufficient wages.

"If students want to stay in Vancouver, they better hope that an alternative market is created that is big enough to possibly include them," said Condon.

One such alternative is non-market housing, which he wants to see make up 50 per cent of Vancouver's housing inventory — a sharp increase from the city's current 15 per cent. This follows the model of Vienna, a city that recovered from a drastic housing crisis in the early twentieth century and now houses around 60 percent of residents in non-market housing.

"When a substantial amount of your housing inventory is non-market, it also lowers the rents on the market side because the market rentals also have to compete with the non-market rentals," said Condon.

When asked if he feels hopeful about the city of Vancouver's ability to return to a healthy housing market, he said both yes and no.

"No, because it would be quite a revolution for what I'm talking about to occur," Condon said.

"Yes, because I don't think we have any choice."

INDEPENDENT SHOWS //

fine. was a night of colourful storytelling and dreamy experimental pop

Bridget Berner
Contributor

This monthly showcase of talent is located at The Lido and is free to attend. BRIDGET BERNER

Since the emergence of 2018, I've made it a personal goal to check out as many independently-run shows in Vancouver as possible. By far the coolest event I've been to this year was *fine.* an evening of storytelling and otherwise.

fine. is an event created by writer Cole Nowicki, who also serves as the show's host. This monthly showcase of talent is located at The Lido and is absolutely free to attend.

The Lido is truly one of Vancouver's hidden gems. This venue is a a watering hole that calls East Broadway its home - it's a simple 99 B-Line bus ride away. The interior is eclectic to say the least, with old school art scattered on the walls, well-loved couches and scarce but very intimate lighting. The Lido has all the charm of your grandmother's cozy townhouse with an additional spoonful of hipster-curated ambiance. This raw aesthetic paired with a night of colourful storytelling by five talented comedians and writers, on top of a musical performance by experimental alternative pop musician Devours, made for a dreamy evening.

Nowicki kicks off each evening with a small essay of his own. In the case of the show on May 28, he delved into his experiences tagging along with a friend's band, and his subsequent admiration for the aesthetic of a small Saskatchewan town.

Each one of *fine.*'s performers brought something different. Writer Jocelyn Tennant ranted about an avocado-stealing bandit at her local Point Grey Safeway, who "drives a fucking Tesla, by the way," before shifting gears to an essay about her then-boyfriend's shitty play that she will not be RSVPing to. Jónína Kirton, an Icelandic and Métis writer and poet, brought the whole room a bit closer with an intimate reading of her poetry based upon experiences of womanhood, as taught to her by her aunties and mother.

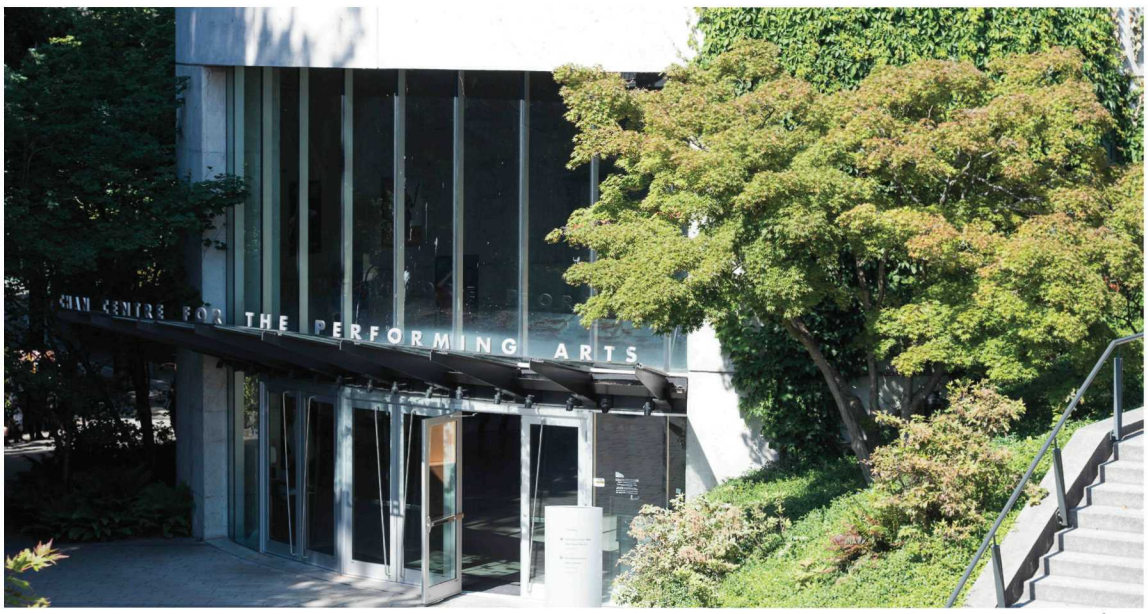
Nowicki's introductory essay, although casually humorous, spoke volumes about the implicit themes presented at *fine.*, which at its very core is about community. *fine.* is an evening of celebrating shared experiences with both laughter and universal relatability.

To finish off the evening, there was a musical performance by Devours. A dance space was created for the audience to bust out their moves to dreamy experimental pop.

Did I mention that this show is free? Do yourself a favour and go have a cozy evening of storytelling topped with a night fuelled by dancing.

LECTURES //

Joyce Hinton wants students to give the Chan a chance with the 2018/19 Chan Centre Presents series



"We have a student rush program, which we're dying to expand." ALEX NGUYEN

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The Chan Centre Presents 2018/19 series launches on September 22, 2018 and runs until April 27, 2019. With a 10-act line-up composed of artists that range from a Galician bagpipe player to a jazz ensemble, from Hawaii's first official poet laureate to a South African acapella group, co-managing director Joyce Hinton could not be more enthused about the season ahead.

The Chan Centre has been bringing in internationally-renowned musicians and artists since its opening in 1997. While many things haven't changed about the concert hall, its performance selection has taken a turn for the modern under Hinton's guidance.

"When the Chan Centre first opened, it was primarily thought of as a classical music venue, and ... so that was a lot of what was being programmed," she said.

"When I came on board and I started the [Chan Centre Presents] series, I really wanted to invite other people that were not perhaps in that audience. ... I wanted to go, 'Hey we're [a] really diverse campus and we live in a diverse city. Let's bring the top artists from other musical genres into the Chan Centre.'"

However, even with the wide variety of genres and the careful curation of international star power, a visible portion of Chan ticket subscribers are still outside of the student demographic. Whether it be a financial barrier, or a perceived intellectual one, Hinton wants to spread the word that the Chan Centre is accessible to all.

"I think that people are put off a little bit by how formal the Chan Centre looks, and it is a formal concert hall," she said.

"But ... for instance we're bringing in Goran Bregovic, a Balkan music artist [who is] a huge star in Europe. And if people were to see his concerts on YouTube, everybody's up dancing! We allow drinks in the hall. We allow dancing! ... It's just that we're not doing mainstream North America, we're bringing ... a lot of the younger artists but not necessarily wanting to compete with other things going on around town."

So while the artists in the Chan Centre Presents series may not be names you would see on a marquee at the Vogue or Orpheum, Hinton argued that the talent they're bringing in may be just as exciting. Plus, they are working to make their shows more affordable to students.

"We have a student rush program, which we're dying to expand," Hinton explained. Two weeks prior to the concert, you can buy a $15 ticket with a UBC student card. There are a minimum of 26 student rush tickets available per show and as some of the artists may be more expensive to see at other venues, Hinton believes that this is a unique opportunity for UBC students.

"[These tickets are selling out] quite often," she added. "It is a little show-specific. For instance, Anoushka Shankar, last time she came, we had almost 100 students."

Sitar player Anoushka Shankar is one of the performers returning to the Chan this fall, alongside a range of other artists. Notably, Aida Cuevas — known as "The Queen of Mariachi" — will be gracing the stage, as well as the young female folk trio I'm With Her and jazz vocalist Bobby McFerrin. There will also be a unique multimedia production that pays tribute to Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks, entitled "No Blue Memories."

"I'm really trying to bring in a lot of women and I try to look at age, ... different regions of the world, and really try to make people feel included in our community and welcomed," Hinton said. "And also to break down barriers! I always think that the arts in particular are just one fantastic way of lowering barriers and igniting curiosity about each other's cultures."

It was cultural exchange that came to mind when looking for a description of this season's overarching theme. Hinton was particularly inspired by the political turmoil in the United States and how that impacted people's visions of each other.

"You know, every time I hear about a wall being built, I just want to book more Mexicans," she laughed. "I just want to present a really different alternative to what we hear in the news and the right-wing movements. ... This is such a great way of taking away people's fear and lack of information about each other. Because artists do it so beautifully, and you can't help but get a glimpse of who they are and where they're from."

To the students who may still feel disconnected from the grandiose halls, suited senior citizens in the lobby and performance descriptions that include words like "virtuoso" or "Galacian bagpipes," Hinton urged them to give the Chan a chance.

"Just to experience it, even if it just captures a bit of their imagination. You don't have to understand it. You just have to experience it."

"C" is for "conservative"

words Thea Udwadia
design Claire Lloyd

When it comes to right-of-centre politics at UBC, self-identified conservatives are as diverse in background and opinion as UBC's broader student population.

It's not easy being a conservative on campus."

"I think if I were to be really upfront and honest about who I am and what I believe in, I think I would be met with a lot of resistance."

"People are just shocked, like it's huge, a big conspiracy to not be on the left."

Against the backdrop of an increasingly polarized political spectrum in North America and Europe, university campuses are positioned to be spaces that promote dialogue and political debate on a variety of issues just as many of their students are becoming politically active and beginning to vote for the first time. Many students across the spectrum might assume there is a somewhat ubiquitous liberal consensus on campuses and at UBC – but is this really the case?

The Ubyssey interviewed seven self-identified conservative students at UBC, in an effort to understand what conservatism looks like at UBC and how it came to look that way.

More than meets the eye

Of the seven students interviewed, some indicated that the "conservative label" evokes certain misconceptions about their beliefs or values — whether they be economic, social or both and how far from centre they veer.

"I definitely don't think that I am the sort of person that people think of when they think of conservatives, because I'm a pretty nice person," joked John Connell, a fourth-year English major.

"But I can tell that the ideas that a lot of people have are that conservatives are hateful and have bigoted opinions," he added.

This was also highlighted by Mohammad Kiani, a fourth-year computer engineering student. Stating his opinion as a conservative, he mentioned, results in people automatically associating him with the caricature of an "evil, backwards, table-thumping," conservative.

"I see this stereotype that all conservatives are white, straight men on campus," said Elisha Francis, who has completed five years at UBC studying political science. "That's not true at all. For me, I'm brown, I'm a woman and I'm conservative."

> **"I can be a feminist and I can be conservative as well."**
>
> Elisha Francis, fifth-year political science student

And the broader label of 'conservative', applied to those who lie just at or right of centre, can result in generalisations about the views and political stances of this very diverse group of people.

According to Francis and Shakiba Fadare, a third-year arts student, being a visible minority causes people to automatically assume they identify with the political left.

"It's funny because people think immigrant, not from this country, and you're a woman — you should be on that side," said Francis.

Francis also brought up her experience identifying as a conservative and as a feminist in the face of these misconceptions, mentioning that she was accused of being against women's rights from people after learning that she was conservative.

"I was like, that's crazy ridiculous! I can be a feminist and I can be conservative as well," she said.

Fadare, too, considers herself as someone who is very passionate about social justice issues. "I 100 per cent am so passionate about [women's rights]," she said. "So I find it almost offensive that people say 'Oh you can't be on the right and still be pro-woman and pro-all of these choices,' because I can be and I am."

However, Fadare hesitates to self-identify as a feminist alongside those in modern Western society, citing her Iranian background and the incomparable severity of the struggles faced by women back home, where their safety and rights are not a guaranteed freedom. "It's very hard for me to label myself a feminist with all these other people...I feel like our innate idea of what freedom is is so different."

"I feel like there are bigger fish to fry when it comes to our world," she said, while noting the significance of all feminist issues.

Conservatism doesn't have one single definition, and the people who self-identify as conservative one way or another can be as diverse as the UBC student population itself. According to Dr. Richard Johnston, professor of political science at UBC and the Canada Research Chair in Public Opinion, Elections and Representation, a potential reason for the mischaracterisation and potential generalisation of Canadian conservatives arises from the fact that people often confuse Canadian conservatives with the American Republican Party.

Emmet Mark, a first year arts student and leader of the Young Conservatives chapter at UBC agrees — given that many Canadians turn to international media outlets for news and information, this can cause people to project the political stances of the Republican party onto Canada's own conservatives.

"It's difficult to compare Canadian political movements to American political movements because the States tend to be...quite a bit more conservative actually on a lot of issues," Mark believes.

"I don't think there's really a proper analogy for the Republican Party in Canada. And there's definitely no analogy for Donald Trump in this country."

Keeping count

Conservatives at UBC are clearly a diverse group, but how large of a group they belong to is unknown. Unlike federal and provincial elections, there are no formal demonstrations of federal partisan alignment at UBC. An online poll conducted in 2015 suggests that of youth ages 18 to 24 who voted in the 2015 federal election, 20 per cent voted for the Conservative Party of Canada, compared to 45 per cent who voted Liberal and the 25 per cent who voted for the New Democratic Party (NDP).

Provincially, a survey of ten post-secondary institutions in BC in 2017 found that about an equal number of students felt represented by both the progressive BC New Democratic Party and the BC Liberals, who tend to be more conservative. At UBC, federal political club activities paints a very different landscape.

In an emailed statement to *The Ubyssey*, the UBC Young Liberals Club mentioned they had "engaged with over 200 students" the past year, but the definition of such engagement was unclear. The Green Party, while inactive last year, presently has membership of up to six students. UBC Young Conservatives had approximately 24 student members last year, and the UBC NDP Party chapter refused to disclose any information regarding their club membership or event reach.

According to Jarryd Jager, also a second-year arts student, the number of conservatives on campus tends to be larger than most people think, despite the common perception that the vast majority are liberal.

"Conservatism is the new counter-culture on campus."

Hardly unique

Taking these proportions as representative of students at UBC doesn't account for the ways in which a university population may vary politically from the population in general.

According to Johnston, there are multiple reasons for the two populations to vary. "It could be that the climate of the university changes the people who come here," he said. "Faculty members do tend to be pretty cosmopolitan... And so students may acquire those values after arriving."

> **[I]f you take seriously the project of the mind, this takes you away from simple, categorical generalizations.**
>
> Dr. Richard Johnston, professor of political science

He also acknowledged that some tend to think that, to a great extent, students arriving on campus are already relatively cosmopolitan, most coming from urban backgrounds and already "pre-programmed" to think a certain, perhaps less-conservative, way.

"What we know is...if you live in a place that is diverse, you acquire a tolerance and indeed...a taste for diversity," he said. He also mentioned that the recruitment process of students could favour those who express cosmopolitan views.

But this is not to say that universities are echo chambers at all. Citing recent research on the topic, Johnston mentioned that rather than radicalizing students, the experience of university tends to bring students towards the centre by challenging their views and revealing further nuance and ambiguity. At the same time, having taught at universities around the world, including the University of Toronto and Harvard, Johnston remarked that the tendency of college campuses to veer towards the left is apparent, and is shared by most universities.

"To some extent, I think that is the byproduct of what it means to engage seriously with ideas. That if you take seriously the project of the mind, this takes you away from simple, categorical generalizations," he believes.

"The political right tends to thrive on simple, categorical generalizations and us-versus-them characterizations...The kinds of people who can put together ideas [in high-ranking universities] are for the most part, way beyond categorical reasoning," he said. This is why, according to Johnston, as universities climb the ladder of prestige, they may display greater inclinations towards a liberal consensus.

Avoiding the Kool-Aid

In classrooms, conservatives often see themselves as challenging the perceived academic consensus.

For instance, Francis mentioned that she feels there is an "underlying assumption that the environment is way more important than the economy," in certain settings. In her experience, people that overtly support corporations over the environment are perceived "kind of like scum."

"But why can't you [support] both at the same time?" she asked. "So for me, I like to find a balance between the environment and the economy, and I don't see the problem in that."

"Sometimes it gets kind of hard to voice [different perspectives] out. Because you don't know if you're going to get attacked in class, and people won't be friendly to you."

Among the students that expressed a level of dissatisfaction with their perceived political freedom in classrooms, Kiani believes that a left-centred political frame of thought is "in the air," and results in the politicization of academic discussions. He gave the specific example of a sex, gender and philosophy class in which he believes there was "clearly no room for raising up any sort of possibility...or for [entering] into a discussion" that contradicted the more progressive approaches taken in the class.

Other conservatives have not necessarily had as unsavoury experiences. For instance, while Fadare agrees that professors do tend to be disproportionately left-leaning, she also stated that in general, they do a decent job of handling different opinions in classroom settings.

Johnston acknowledged the importance of creating a classroom setting open to different ideas. "I think that from my experience and my colleagues', most of us actually do try to foster an open classroom situation, but it's not easy to do. And you often wonder whether you're going to be punished by a student for trying to do so."

"I'm not going to lie, I wouldn't write a super right-wing paper [...] And it's sad because I have a GPA that I don't want to risk," said Francis. "I don't want to get docked marks for having a different view, and in that case it's just safer to cater to what the professors think."

In an emailed statement Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic Affairs Eric Eich expressed his faith in the faculty and staff of UBC to be unbiased and to challenge arguments from across the political spectrum.

"The University of British Columbia has some of the most eminent and talented scholars in Canada who welcome and encourage a diversity of ideas and opinions. We trust them to exercise their judgment around teaching and assessment in a reasonable and instructive way," the statement reads.

"Should a student have a concern with the conduct of an instructor affecting their academic standing, the University provides mechanisms for that standing to be reviewed."

A staff member from the Ombudsperson for Students Office said in an emailed statement to *The Ubyssey* that she personally had not handled any complaints from students who felt they had been treated unfairly because they had expressed conservative views. According to the Office, if such a situation arose, the student could request a Review of Assigned Standing or even consult UBC's Equity & Inclusion Office.

In addition, UBC's Policy 3 on Discrimination and Harassment also specifically bars discrimination at UBC based on political belief. In its recent statement on freedom of expression, UBC reiterated that is committed to balancing academic freedom with creating an inclusive environment.

"As an institution of teaching and research, [UBC] is a workplace, a learning environment and, for many community members, a home – multiple contexts in which freedom of expression may be protected differently, as it is honoured in balance with other rights and freedoms, including the right to equality of treatment, and the right to life, liberty and security of the person," reads the statement.

"The resolute and equitable protection of free expression, in balance with other constitutionally protected rights and freedoms, offers the best path toward an inclusive environment and a better world."

Driving debate

During his time at the UBC Young Conservatives, Mark has engaged in a fair amount of collaboration with different associations, clubs and students on campus. In his experience, Mark believes that as long as people are "reasonable and willing to have discussions," they don't usually to run into problems.

"I've found UBC to be a reliable, reasonable environment to express political thought."

Gustavo Villela, a second-year student in the faculty of arts, said that since starting UBC, he has not found anyone who agrees with his political opinions. "From what I've experienced, I haven't really been with someone and I'm like, 'oh yeah I agree,'" he said.

Despite this, Villela feels comfortable expressing himself, even in the presence of those who may hold conflicting views. "I'm sure other people might have been de-platformed or been called racist bigots, but personally it hasn't happened to me," he said.

> **At the very end of the day, we agree so much more rather than disagree.**
>
> Shakiba Fadare, third-year arts student

Similarly, Jager has had positive experiences engaging in political dialogue in social settings. "I've never been excluded from a group, or pushed away just because of my conservative views," he said. Rather, Jager indicated that people are usually interested to hear his point of view.

Some other students do not necessarily share this degree of comfort in expressing their views on campus. Fadare indicated that when she first moved to UBC, it was hard for her to come forward and voice her ideas.

"I didn't really have an outlet to do that, where I felt safe," she said, expressing the concern that people would change their perspective of her character, or make unfair assumptions about her beliefs.

For students like Kiani, however, feeling comfortable expressing his views is not so much about finding people who agree with him, as it is being able to have conversations with those who don't. "What I care about it is being able to have a conversation with someone who doesn't [agree with me], being able to make a friendship with someone who doesn't, and people being able to get past that sort of thing," he said.

Although he sometimes finds it "extremely uncomfortable" to express his conservative views in social and academic settings, Kiani acknowledged that he loves doing it anyway, and thrives as a voice of dissent in more liberal circles.

Perhaps conservatism at UBC is defined by its diversity of opinion, just as those on the left side of the spectrum cannot be lumped together.

"I think the biggest thing is being able to realise that so many social justice issues can't be handled unless both sides are part of the solution, and they work together. Because at the very end of the day, we agree so much more rather than disagree," said Fadare.

"I think as a whole people need to be aware that there's people that share opposing views and they can still be right, and they can still be your friends." U

SERVICE CUTS //

Letter: 16 years of support at the SASC coming to an unjust end

The Collective in Solidarity with the SASC Team

"The SASC has been given only 83 days notice to end its support services." SAMANTHA MCCABE

Recently, the AMS and UBC leadership underwent negotiations to eliminate the support services at the SASC — without involving the SASC staff, and without consideration of the survivors currently accessing services. We, at the SASC, were devastated to learn about this decision on Friday, June 8 from AMS leadership. The SASC has been given only 83 days notice to end its support services.

The AMS Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) opened 16 years ago to support survivors, students, staff and faculty and to prevent sexualized violence at UBC in response to sexual violence on-campus and the absence of any resources to support survivors. The SASC has been a vital resource on campus, providing support to the university community, including students, faculty and staff in a way that meets their unique needs by being trauma-informed, intersectional and survivor-centered.

The closure of SASC support services is not trauma-informed nor survivor-centred, and undermines the legacy and experience of 16 years serving survivors on campus at the SASC. At the SASC, we take a collaborative approach to how we provide support services and work together as a team and with survivors, and we want to ensure that survivors have options and choices to the types of support they receive.

The SASC is one of only a few support centres on a university campus in Canada and one of the only centres to provide support to people of all genders. The SASC has earned a place as a forerunner of sexual assault centres in BC for being gender-inclusive, trans-inclusive, sex-positive and adopting practices informed by anti-oppression and social justice values. Dr. Sarah Hunt, a UBC faculty member who has worked alongside the SASC over the years, highlights that "where policies and institutions are often slow to change, sexual assault centres like SASC are able to more easily integrate intersectional approaches that meet the immediate needs of survivors. Having spoken at a SASC event aimed at meeting the needs of students engaged in sex work, I have seen firsthand the immense wisdom of SASC staff and volunteers on issues that university offices often have difficulty articulating, never mind addressing."

The SASC has worked tirelessly to reduce barriers for survivors, including working with Vancouver Coastal Health's Sexual Assault Service in 2016 to bring forensic exams to the Urgent Care Centre at UBC Hospital. At that time, there was a funding request to the university to support the increase in SASC staffing to provide accompaniments to those wishing to access the service. This funding request was denied by the VP Students office.

The SASC has played an instrumental role in the the passing of Bill 23, the provincial Sexual Violence and Misconduct Act, and has worked collaboratively with other institutions. The SASC has supported other colleges and universities across the country with professional development on supporting survivors of sexual violence including planning several conferences to share best practices in the field. Former SASC Manager Ashley Bentley said that "the SASC has been a leader nationally in anti-violence work on post-secondary campuses, and has worked collaboratively to share knowledge and resources with the goal to ensure that campuses approach their work from a survivor-centered lens. The SASC is a vital resource that I have been proud to work for."

We have collaborated with UBC staff and faculty through workshops, individual consultation and collaboration — there is amazing work being done at UBC by staff and faculty who are trying to make their work more survivor-centered. In addition, the SASC is currently the only place on campus that provides space for those who have perpetrated violence, and who want support in striving to do better and to do accountability work. Recognizing the importance in breaking down the cycle of abuse is integral to support work as it recognizes the impact that violence can have on perpetrators as well as survivors. This work is nuanced and complicated.

Without support services in the SASC office, this leaves no drop-in supports for those undergoing accountability processes, be they constituencies or individuals.

We recognize the strengths and good intentions of the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office (SVPRO) and have been interested in collaborating with them since their arrival on campus in October 2017, while being adamant that a partnership cannot function if we are not equal partners. We believe that SVPRO cares about survivors and that they have different strengths and capacities than the SASC, but we still believe the decision they have been a part of, to eliminate SASC support services, will limit options for survivors, and in turn will be harmful.

Dr. Lucia Lorenzi, a member of the UBC Sexual Assault Advisory Panel, said that, "The SVPRO office has been in existence for less than a year, and while I am not privy to the successes or failures of the office's handling of individual cases, reports from the 2018 Academic Experience Survey, as reported in *The Ubyssey*, indicate that a full 20 per cent of students do not agree that they would feel comfortable accessing services at the SVPRO. A further 20 per cent of students do not agree that UBC has done an adequate job of communicating the resources and services available for survivors of sexual assault. On the other hand, the SASC is a well-known service on campus that has provided 16 years of survivor-centered care."

Despite the important work they are doing, SVPRO is, by definition, limited by working within a system that is designed to protect the reputation and liability of UBC. This makes it difficult to truly support in a survivor-centred way. Over the years that the SASC has provided support at UBC, our independence has allowed us to keep the needs for survivors at the centre of our work in a way that an organization beholden to the university would not be able to.

Jurisdictionally we have significant differences in who the two centres support and under what circumstances. The SASC will support anyone who walks through our doors. As an anti-violence organization, we understand the intersectional nature of power-based violence and believe it is inherently violent to turn someone away who is reaching out for support because of something so arbitrary as the colonial definition of geographical location the violence took place. We have seen UBC staff and faculty bring students to the SASC when they know that it will not fall under the jurisdiction of a UBC's Policy 131; they care for their students and want to ensure they can find the support they need.

As Hunt said, "As an Indigenous professor and anti-violence activist, I see student-run sexual assault centres as spaces that are essential for challenging and transforming rape culture on campus. Within any community, it is vital that survivors of sexual violence are provided with the choice to access grassroots, peer-driven support services — services which are all too often underfunded and unrecognized - along with those that are run by institutional or state representatives. In defunding SASC, the AMS and UBC has demonstrated a fundamental lack of understanding of the operation of power on our campus and the significant work of grassroots and student-led anti-violence movements over several decades. We should instead be working to build on this legacy and strengthen trust between institutional and student-led anti-violence initiatives."

The work we do is inherently political. Just like CiTR or *The Ubyssey,* we need to be able to do it in an unbiased way. We feel that by ending support at the SASC without centring survivors and staff is indicative of a wider attitude of the AMS on grass-roots organizations. The stress put upon SASC by these AMS actions has detracted from the resources he have to do this work. Replicating colonial, judicial system within universities is not the only answer. There needs to be different and more nuanced approaches that give more choice to survivors in navigating these situations in a way that makes sense and allows for the context in which this violence occurs to transform.

If you believe as we do that the loss of support at the SASC support services would be a significant set-back to the community, we ask that you stand with us. Stand with us for survivors' right to choose and stand with us against lateral and institutional violence.

Here are some ways you can help save the SASC: please share this article and get the word out about UBC and the AMS making these unilateral decisions without centring the needs of survivors. Tell the UBC Board of Governors and the AMS Council you stand with the SASC and support choices for survivors. Tweet them at @AMS_UBC and @UBC using the hashtags #SaveTheSASC and #ChoicesforSurvivors, email, phone and show up to their meetings to voice your concerns. We call on the UBC Board of Governors to update Policy 131 in order to add the SASC as a key partner to collaborate with to meet the needs of survivors, in relation to point 2.2 of said policy. Share your stories of healing, stories of support, stories of institutional failures and violence. We want to hear your experiences in your own words. Direct message twitter account @SaveTheSASC and we can tweet your story anonymously or tweet @SaveTheSASC to share the impact the SASC has had on your life or the lives of those you know. Stories can be shared anonymously by emailing *ubc.sasc@gmail.com*.

If you are a survivor, please know that even after August 31, we will still strive to work alongside you in whatever our new capacity. If support is something you are seeking, know that we will work to find new ways to ensure that if you are reaching out, someone has been reaching back to meet you.

MILLIONS OF BEACHES //

A good comeback is 'What water?' ZUBAIR HIRJI

The Ubyssey's etiquette guide for ocean swimming

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Contributor

British Columbia is unique in that it is the only place where you can actually swim in the ocean and not hate it. The Atlantic Ocean is far too cold to swim comfortably in (and who even knows what horseshoe crabs can do), The Arctic Ocean is filled with Greenland sharks and Saskatchewan is landlocked. While it seems strange and impossible, Vancouver actually has incredible beaches. But, swimming in the ocean comes with rules and practices that should not be forgotten.

When ocean swimming, you must always think about your bathing suit — No, not in that #beachbody way. You must always think about how much sand will get ingrained into every fiber of your bathing suit, ruining it forever. Because of this, the darker the suit the better — that way the sand doesn't show. If you even think of wearing that white one-piece bathing suit you bought at Urban Outfitters into the ocean, turn around, stay on shore and read up on bathing suit return policy.

Always bring a friend with you when go ocean swimming, partly in case you need them to rescue you in an emergency but mostly so they can watch your stuff. The 'hide-everything-in-your-shoes' trick doesn't really work as well when it's your whole outfit. You could also train a seagull to bite anyone who tries to take your stuff but that seems like a lot of work.

It's important to defend your choice to swim in the ocean. People might try and convince you that lake swimming is 'just as good' as ocean swimming, but those people are wrong. Lakes are often warmer than oceans, making them nature's hot tubs. And just like hot tubs they are filled with gross bacteria and goose poop. The great thing about oceans is that the currents that circulate the water and make it cold also prevent a build-up of nasty stuff. The water in lakes may be warm, but not worth the bacteria-induced rash.

Other people will always want to comment on your choice to swim in the ocean. Memorise a charming response to 'the water's cold, huh?' that cowards on the beach will say to you. Try to avoid the basic 'ha it's not that bad' with a polite smile. A good comeback is 'What water?' and continue to dry yourself off. This will stun them into confusion and they won't talk to you again.

The most important thing to remember, though, is if you don't post it on Instagram, it doesn't count. Happy swimming!

CYCLING //

Why biking on campus is horrible for everyone except for cyclists

We get it. You can do fancy wheelies and bunny hops. SAMAN SHARIATTI

Jusneel Mahal
Contributor

Biking on campus has to be addressed. More specifically, biking and skateboarding should be banned — scooters can stay because bless their pure little hearts. Our campus has slowly turned into the X Games and the walking community has had enough. Here is a list of why we need to implement a biking ban immediately.

I'M WALKING HERE

Have you ever been power-walking to a lecture across campus, listening to your favourite soft rock tunes, when you suddenly look up and see a Matt Hoffman wannabe biking like a maniac towards you? You scream and leap off the pavement, accidentally dropping your phone and spilling hot coffee on your khaki pants in the process. Meanwhile, Faux-Hoffman rides off without a care in the world, thinking they own the whole campus because there are no bike lanes to restrict them.

LOST FRIENDSHIPS & AWKWARD CONVERSATIONS

You think you made a potential friend in class and feel like you're really hitting it off with them. You both depart the lecture hall and are having a great conversation on how mullets are underrated. Things begin to fall apart when they get on their undersized bike and continue having the same conversation with you down Main Mall. They are pedaling 90 miles an hour and begin to laugh at you as they notice that you're struggling to keep up with them, are out of breath and are sweating like a person who uses only their human legs to get places.

STOP SHOWING OFF

I'm outside Sauder trying to peacefully eat my lunch and read the new edition of *Us Weekly* magazine but these biker hooligans start distracting me with their obnoxious little tricks. We get it. You can do fancy wheelies, bunny hops and kinder surprises with ease. This does not make you better than us walkers. I can skip for days but you don't see me doing this everywhere.

Let me emphasize that this is not born out of jealousy because I never learned how to ride a bike, but because I am a proud walker who has had enough.

FOOT RELATED SPORTS //

Where to watch the 2018 FIFA World Cup around campus

Here are some of the best places in and around campus to get your footy fill. FILE DAVID ELOP

Lucy Fox
Sports Editor

Football fever is in the air — and no, I don't mean the 'football' where you throw the ball with your hands. I'm talking the bicycle-kicking, penalty-kick-taking, David-Beckham-loving sport to end all sports: the 2018 World Cup is upon us.

For those who couldn't make the short trip over to Russia, here are some of the best places in and around campus to get your footy fill.

MAHONY & SONS (UBC)
5990 University Blvd

Mahony's is the go-to if you don't feel like venturing off campus to get your soccer kicks. Located right on University Boulevard, the Irish pub will be open every day and airing the 11 a.m. matchups for your viewing pleasure. They have big screen TVs and they have breakfast specials for the tournament. What more could you ask for?

BIERCRAFT
3340 Shrum Lane

For those living the Wesbrook Village life, Biercraft opens at 11 a.m. and is the hub for Belgium supporters at all three of their locations. Their bar is spacious so you and your friends can claim a high top or two and enjoy the $4 beer specials all tournament, and their patio is equally as awesome for when you inevitably want to migrate into the sun post-game. Or, go kick a ball around on the UBC fields just across the road if you feel inspired. Make a day of it! Go on, it'll be fun.

THE MANCHESTER PUB
1941 West Broadway

They have 12 screens for you to surround yourself with the World Cup fever. They're even showing the early games on occasion (check out their Facebook page for details), so if you are an early riser this could be a spot for you. The pub itself is supporting England, Australia and Germany. That said, it's a bit of a sports hub so whatever team you support, you'll likely find a fellow fanatic.

THE BIMINI
2010 West 4th Avenue

Classic. UBC. Outing. Ain't nothing better than a night out at Bims, or in this case a morning. With $4 beers all day and the bar likely to open early and stay open late for games, you could basically live here for the next month — though if the staff asks, we didn't suggest that.

They are also home to the Tottenham Hotspurs supporters club of Vancouver. Twelve of the Spurs players are set to grace the World Cup stage, so some regular football fans might be there to debate or just explain the games for you depending on your knack for the sport.

COLONY BAR KITSILANO
3255 West Broadway

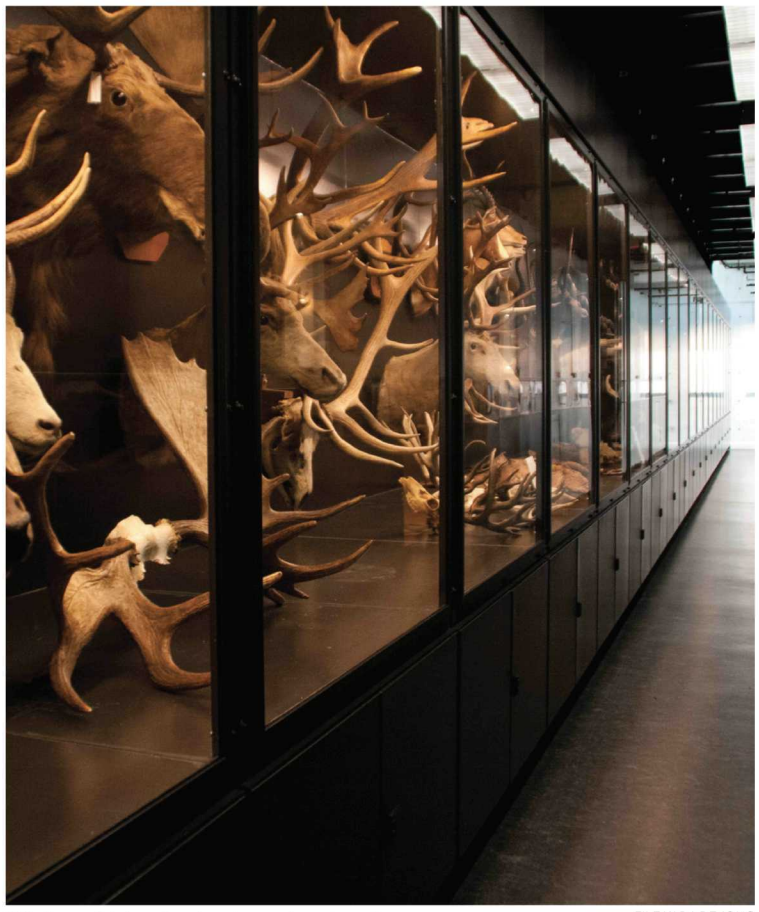
Colony is opening its doors early for select games — keep an eye on their Instagram or Twitter for when those are chosen — and for special bookings, so if you are dying to watch an early game with 30 of your closest friends, give them a call.

LOCAL EATERY
2210 Cornwall Avenue

Local opens at 11 a.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. on weekends, so those 11 a.m. games are already at the ready. They are opening their doors a little early too for you to go settle in with food and a beer before games start on weekdays — 10:30 a.m. was the go-to for the Spain game the other week. Good eats and a great view, plus a short walk across the street to Kits beach to go soak up some sun at match end.

VISITOR BIODIVERSITY //

Unveiling event marks culmination of Beaty Visitor Experience Improvement Project



"We hope [visitors] enjoy themselves here." FILE YARA DE JONG

Angela Tian
Contributor

On May 17, in culmination of its Visitor Experience Improvement Project, the Beaty Biodiversity Museum publicly unveiled its improvements to learning and social spaces within the gallery. They were made with the feedback of visitors and funding from the BC government.

Last year, in celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary, the government of BC granted $7.6 million to museums and heritage sites scattered around the province to support projects celebrating BC's distinctive cultures and heritage. In January 2017, the Beaty Museum became one of 221 recipients of the provincial grant.

The only natural history museum in Vancouver, the Beaty Museum is home to over 2.1 million specimens classified into six diverse collections and also Canada's largest blue whale skeleton.

Dr. Eric Taylor, a UBC zoology professor and the director and curator of fishes at the Beaty Museum, said, "What we do here ... is that we make an effort to get feedback from people who visit, and one of the pieces of feedback we got often was that they'd like things to be more interactive ... So we made an application [to the provincial program] to try and improve the visitor experience at the museum, which reflects Canada's natural biodiversity."

The Canada 150: Celebrating B.C. Communities and their Contributions to Canada program — which was administered by the British Columbia Museums Association alongside Heritage BC — provided successful applicants with one-time grants of up to $100,000 to fund a maximum of 80 per cent of overall project costs.

It was announced early last year that the museum received $65,000 to put towards the implementation of its project, which was completed with additional financial support from the faculty of science. Work for the project concluded in early 2018, and the results of the endeavour were officially revealed on May 17 to the public, who gathered at the museum to engage in activities exploring the full scope of the improvements.

"We hope that [the project] makes their visits here more comfortable, more educational and more inspirational," said Taylor.

"We have some better seating in the main area ... [and] some digital layers for the whale station, which is one of our most popular stops to help people learn more about the whale."

Other additions include improvements to the museum entrance and admissions area and mobile research workstations for more interactive access to the collection.

Taylor commented that the only obstacles in implementing the project were in refining the design, while aiming to enhance the displays and adding to the comfort and educational value of the exhibit and social areas.

"We hope [visitors] enjoy themselves here and learn more about things," said Taylor.

E-WASTE //

UBC researchers develop novel technique for recycling cell phone fiberglass

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In a time where technology is evolving by the second, and new devices and programs come out everyday, it is never too soon for a once-prized electronic object to be deemed obsolete and tossed aside. As innocent as this may appear, the repercussions of ill-mannered disposal of technology are concerning.

One significant example of a device whose waste poses concern is the cellphone. Engineers have devised methods to extract the precious metals within the device — such as the gold, copper and palladium — but the fiberglass circuit board poses an issue because there is not an efficient and practical manner to extract something of use from it.

UBC mining engineering professor Maria Holuszko and PhD student Amit Kumar have teamed up to research and develop methodologies to eliminate destructive waste produced by the disposal of electronics.

Holuszko said that the level of e-waste that is present in landfills, unfortunately, is rapidly expanding.

"Approximately two billion phones are sold per year and in 2016, the amount of e-waste in the landfills was approximately 46 million tonnes," Holuszko said. "There is a four per cent e-waste growth rate, which is highly concerning."

Holuszko and Kumar's research paper notes that most countries suffer from greater production of harmful gases and chemicals from the landfill accumulation of the circuit board structures, which are composed of fiberglass and resin. The rigid, interwoven structure of fiberglass and resin in the circuit board makes extraction and reuse of the individual materials virtually impossible — and this inability to recycle means circuit boards are dumped in landfill systems.

Holuszko and Kumar designed a system relying on physical separation — specifically density separation — along with shredding, crushing and grinding of the materials to reduce their size and differentiate the resin from the fiberglass structures. The use of density separation allows the lightweight materials to move away from the heavyweight ones, allowing engineers to extract the fiberglass and reuse it in different applications or creations. The process relies on water-based gravity separation, which disintegrates the circuit board by placing the object in a liquid with intermediate density compared to the densities of the minerals the object is composed of. This then results in the heavy density grains sinking and the light grains floating.

Kumar highlighted that while this process is a giant leap forward in the reduction of destructive waste, it still does not allow for 100 per cent reuse of the disposed e-waste.

Holuszko explained that one of the key factors in recycling and reuse processes is that the methodologies used to decompose and reset the primary material must be affordable and relatively easy to replicate, in order to perform at a massive scale. Redesigning all the materials within an obsolete electronic would eliminate the value gained, as more resources are used in producing rather than recycling the actual primary product — so the process must also ensure proper use of the funds, time and labor invested.

The research team is currently working with BC recycling company, Ronin8, to work out the any existing knots within their system, as well as to create a commercially viable model to fuel an industry fighting for reuse of materials.

As they move forward with the expansion of their results, the researchers stressed the importance of ensuring that the production of the commercial model is environmentally efficient.

"When working with e-waste, companies may suggest using chemicals to reduce the material to a minimum, or something along similar lines — and while this may be economically efficient, it still has environmental repercussions, which is something we want to eliminate to the maximum extent," said Kumar.

"So with Ronin, while we do have a pilot model, we need to ensure that the expansion into the commercial model is beneficial and viable on a monetary and environmental scale."

Holuszko emphasized the importance of teamwork and sharing knowledge. As the research team moves towards the creation of a commercial model, they are also collaborating with international firms and governmental organizations.

The value of collaborations lies in the fact that everyone learns a lot more at a quicker pace and more avenues proposing various solutions can be explored. Additionally, if one company or country is more advanced in a certain arena, they can share success tips which would aid the rest.

When Holuszko and Kumar were asked what they view as one of their biggest achievements with this research project, the unanimous vote was the fact that this research is occurring in the first place.

"Considering the alarming statistics regarding e-waste disposal, it is crucial that society starts becoming more aware about the damage the careless disposal is causing, and working together to resolve the issue," Holuszko said.

This goal seems to be well in progress, as the researchers also shared that Kumar's research paper regarding the topic was widely downloaded.

"Approximately two billion phones are sold per year," according to UBC professor Maria Holuszko. G. WILMORE/FLICKR

CHAMPIONSHIPS //

Women's golf keeps the good times rolling with third straight national title

Lucy Fox
Sports Editor

It was a historic week for the women of UBC's golf team at the Canadian University/College Championships, as they claimed their third consecutive title banner at the national tournament in Chilliwack on Friday.

The team sat a convincing 34 strokes ahead of the second place University of Victoria Vikes at +19 to claim top prize.

It's their 13th victory in the women's team division.

T-Birds powerhouse Avril Li also claimed the women's individual gold after a dominating four rounds on the course. She finished the tournament at 4-under, seven shots ahead of her nearest opponent Sarah Dunning of the University of Guelph Gryphons.

With the victory, Li gets an exemption into the Canadian Amateur Championship and a spot in the 2019 Summer Universiade.

Two other T-Birds also made it into the top 10 of the week for the ladies. Rookies Kelly Hellman and Shania Remandaban finished finished in seventh and fourth respectively. Good news for the T-Birds, as both still have time left on their T-Bird eligibility clock, as does Li.

The women's team was all smiles after the championship win.
COURTESY CHUCK RUSSELL/GOLF CANADA

"I'm so proud of my team," said Li when asked about the final day on the course. "I was a bit shaky personally in the start but after five holes it got better."

"It was really fun. We had three freshmen play really well and then Avril Li, who's been our leader all year ... played a great tournament," UBC head coach Chris MacDonald said after the tournament. ... It just went really well."

On the men's side, slip-ups in the third and fourth round found them slide from second to sixth place by tournament close with a score of +6.

Similarly, in the individual event, Andrew Harrison started the final day tied for fifth. A rough day on the course would slide him down to a 14th place finish, while teammate Zaahidali Nathu took the men's team's highest placing: ninth with a score of -2.

Daniel Campbell of the University of Fraser Valley Cascades took home the title for the men's event with a dominating final score of -11.

So it was a weekend for the women this time around and capped off a memorable year for their side. The T-Bird women already won their conference title this season — for the ninth straight year — and intimidated at the NAIA women's golf national championship last weekend with a seventh-place finish.

The women have also claimed top prize at the Saint Martin's Invitational, the Fraser Valley Spring Invitational and the Grand View Battle at Primm this season.

On the men's side, notable results this year include gold at the Concordia (Oregon) Invitational and a second-place finish at the Western Washington Invitational.

— With files from Golf Canada

BEAUTIFUL BC //

Places to Be: A day trip to Bowen Island

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Contributor

For well over a decade my family has been going to Bowen Island. Though changes have inevitably happened over the years — new buildings have gone up and taco shops have gone down — the island has been able to protect its core identity with quirky shops and never-ending forests.

It's hard to find a bad thing to say about a trip to the island but if I was forced to choose it would be the parking at the Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal. A day on Bowen doesn't call for a car, but the parking at the ferry terminal is barely adequate for a sock puppet show. On this trip, the parking attempt ended in defeat and we spent an extra $30 so that the car could join our adventure.

After a short ferry ride with only enough time to contemplate the lost $30, we arrived.

Snug Cove is a small ferry port with a concentration of the town's commercial buildings lining one side of the main street. Like the name suggests, Snug Cove has always made me think that the land is hugging the ocean. Long rocky arms encircle the water, cutting it off from the rest of the world. The water is so calm that it appears more like a lake than a finger of the Pacific Ocean.

The first hike that we set out on after parking the car beside the incoming Bowen Island Pub is Dorman Point. A 1.5-kilometre hike right next to the ferry terminal, it involves a steep uphill climb. While it is no Grouse Grind, it did get my noodle legs working. The trail winds its way through thick forest that covers the island. The green foliage that surrounds the path is breathtaking and overhead trees create a dense ceiling blocking out the sun and replacing it with fifty shades of green. The world feels like it begins and ends on either side of the mulch path until the cove comes back into view, peeking through the arbutus branches.

As we climbed, the path grew steeper with each turn, but my puppy with her two-inch legs powered on ahead. The end of the trail is marked by a small clearing of rock circles, fenced in by tall trees creating a natural porch. I look for UBC and Lighthouse park across the channel and was unable to see either, but it didn't matter as the view was beautiful and the spot was perfect for a recoup.

Turning back, we continued across the street, passing by the public library which is just as adorable as the town as a whole. White wood and red trim on the public library are typical of the old town charm that is Bowen. Next, we set off on the Killarney Lake Loop within Crippen Park. It is a 10-kilometre walk and the most popular hike on Bowen — the trailhead is within walking distance of the ferry terminal.

The hike towards the lake is stunning, passing through walls of foliage that rise up on either side of the trail. Along the way there is a small path that leads off to the salmon ladder and down to a deteriorating staircase. We made a short detour to check out the salmon ladder. It looked like a small waterfall. The waterway was the only source of noise in the hidden coven — it's a quiet day on the island

Continuing back on the path to the lake, the forest thinned out and a swamp began to form. Standing water lay on either side of the bridges where topless trees jutted out. A small strata of beaver damns had been constructed inches from the side of the path. As we continued on, it wasn't long until the foliage began to thicken again and the seemingly sound proof walls of the forest again surrounded us.

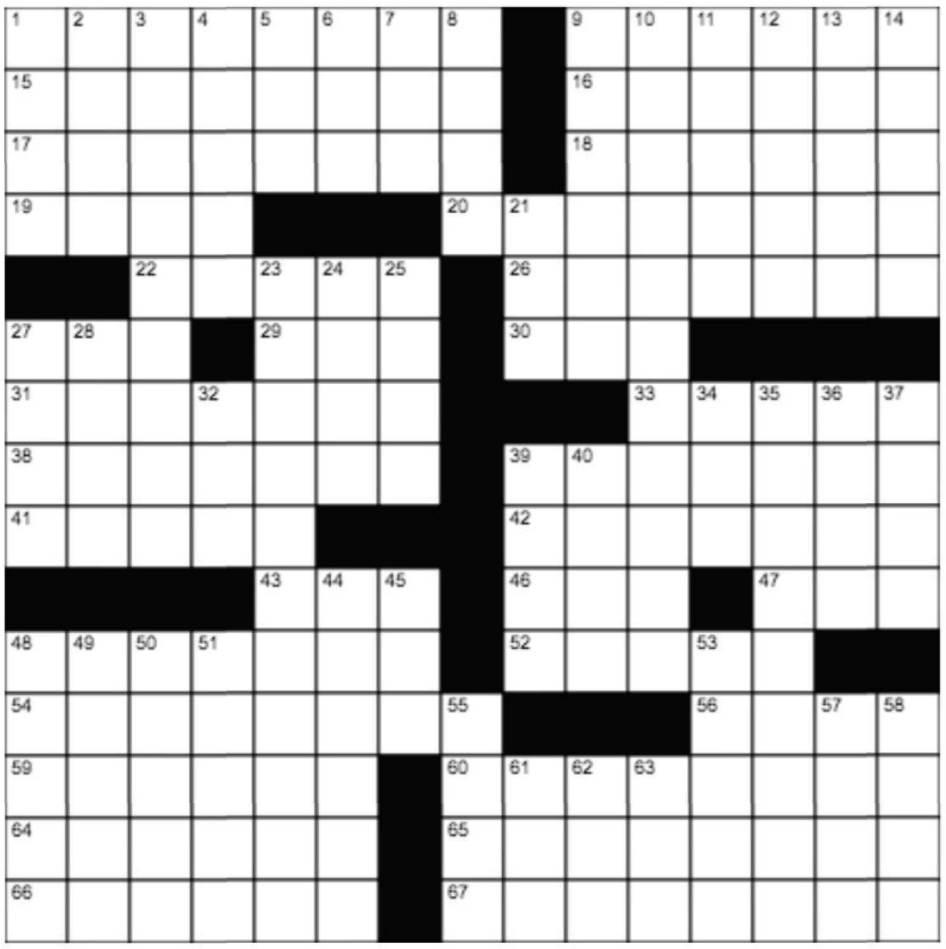
It was a quiet, beautiful day on the island.
COURTESY JORDAN-ELIZABETH LIDDELL

When the lake came into sight, there was a small picnic area that led to the trail loop around the lake. Like the Dorman Point hike, the thicket of greenery is only interrupted by views of the still water.

Once done the lake loop, the real hike began. We all know the best way to end any exercise – with chocolate. Walking back down to the main road, we passed a hitchhiking stop — which is a thing here on Bowen — and a scooter rental agency (which also seemed to be quite a popular thing). We headed up the small path behind the local grocery store marked "Artisan Square."

Though it was only 800 metres long, it was almost completely vertical so we didn't feel too bad about indulging at the top at Cocoa West, a store offering hot chocolate and hand made truffles as well as ice cream that my puppy had her eyes on. Their hot chocolate is, with no exaggeration, the best hot chocolate in the entire world.

The ferry ride home from Bowen was satisfying, as always, as we felt sweaty and tired but filled with chocolate. Total bliss.



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22- Greek fabulist;
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27- Guggenheim display;
29- Bambi's aunt;
30- Dug in;
31- Not aligned;
33- Portals;
38- Casserole dish;
39- Sour in taste;
41- Pertaining to the small intestine;
42- Carrion-eating stork;
43- Battleship letters;
46- Mandela's org.;
47- Old Ford;
48- Conspiracy;
52- Port-au-Prince is its capital;
54- An opening;
56- Arch type;
59- Containing wine;
60- Abnormal;
64- Make certain;
65- Revolver;
66- Like some gas;
67- Land along the sea;

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2- Freudian topics;
3- Very small painting;
4- Make up;
5- Forty winks;
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7- Cambodia's Lon ___;
8- ___ Little Tenderness;
9- Conniption;
10- Until we see each other again;
11- View;
12- Rhino relative;
13- Prepares for publication or release;
14- Color anew;
21- Rx watchdog;
23- Raising of silkworms;
24- ___ epic scale;
25- Ashen;
27- Against;
28- Film unit;
32- Song syllable;
34- Are you a man ___ mouse?;
35- Not to be omitted;
36- Civil disturbance;
37- Gulf War missile;
39- Eastern nanny;
40- Injectable diazepam, in military lingo;
44- Drunk;
45- Orch. section;
48- Trivial objection;
49- Express a viewpoint;
50- The brainy bunch;
51- Arrogant;
53- Law of Moses;
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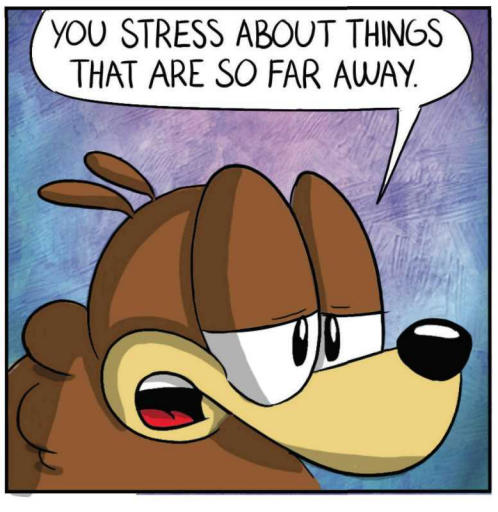

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