



Since 1918

Who are we?

We're Alexandra Nguyen and Zak Vescera, otherwise known as the news editors.

We're in touch for interviews a lot, and cover each and every public Council, UBCV Senate and BoG meeting.

We do a lot of Tweeting.

You can reach us at news@ubyssey.ca.

It's pronounced "you-buh-see"

We've been your student paper since 1918 (happy birthday to us).

Since 1995, we've been an independent publications society.

We're funded by a levy of \$6.71 per student. Anyone can opt out.

We release stories daily online, and publish a print edition each Tuesday.

We attract 45,000+ pageviews per week, and have a print circulation of 8,000.

We have alumni in every major Canadian media outlet.

Certain troublemakers call us the country's best J-School.

Here's how it works

The Ubyyssey has 7 written sections and three visual ones, all managed by 11 editors. The bulk of our articles are written by volunteers.

- **Sports and recreation:** sports sports sports.
- **Culture:** How students live and what they create.
- **Blog:** Fun, light-hearted and innocuous content.
- **Opinion:** Letters and editorials.
- **Features:** Longform, investigations and community highlights.
- **News:** Timely, impactful stories.
- **Science:** Nerd stuff.

Our **coordinating editor, Sam McCabe**, commands this whole mess. She's the boss.

We cute!

9 of us work full-time (33 hours/week, but really more like 50).

2 of us are part time (16.5 hours per week, but really more like 30).

Like you, we're all students. Like you, we're all elected (by *Ubyyssey* staffers).

Each section is autonomous

Editors have control over what is published in their section. So if you have a pitch or concern, that editor is the place to start.

Got a pitch related to AMS/UBC affairs? That's Alex and Zak at news@ubyssey.ca.

Is there a cultural initiative you think should be highlighted? Bridget Chase at culture@ubyssey.ca

Got an opinion on something? Tristan Wheeler at opinion@ubyssey.ca

Got a question or concern about general *Ubysey* operations? Samantha McCabe at coordinating@ubyssey.ca

What's our relationship with the AMS?

We operated under the society until 1994. It was not a good breakup.

Covering you is part of our mandate. We're in touch for interviews a lot.

AMS executives, employees, Councillors, etc can't write for us (conflict of interest). But they can, and do, submit opinion letters.

We lease an office (Room 2208) in the Nest in exchange for one full-page ad per month.

You probably won't always like our coverage. If you did, we wouldn't be doing our job.

What you can expect

No matter which section you're in contact with, here are some ground rules.

You are entitled to fair comment. We don't do "gotcha" journalism.

"Press time" depends on the story, but is usually at least two days.

"On the record" means you are aware what you say may be printed and attributed to you. Just because we are recording does not mean we're on the record. **Everything you say in a public council meeting is on the record.**

We don't send questions or drafts in advance. Seriously, don't even try.

If you don't respond to a request for comment, we'll probably publish anyway.



Questions?