

Ubysey 101 (you-buh-see)

- We've been UBC's student paper since 1918 (101 years!)
- Since 1995, we've been an independent publications society.
- We're funded by a levy of \$6.89 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.

How it works

- *The Ubysey* is divided into 11 sections: 7 written and 3 visual. We also have a team of web developers who keep our site up and running. The whole operation is overseen by the coordinating editor. The bulk of our articles are written by volunteers.
- Each section is autonomous and the section editor has control over what is published in their section.
- 9 of us work full time (33 hours a week but really more like 50) and 2 of us work half time (16.5 hours a week but really more like 30).
- Like you, we're all students. Like you, we're all elected (by *Ubysey* staffers).

Section breakdown

- Blog: light-hearted, funny stuff
- Culture: how students live and what they create
- Features: longform, investigations & community highlights
- News: timely, impactful stories
- Opinion: letters, editorials & columns
- Science: research & other nerd stuff
- Sports and Recreation: sports, sports, sports
- We also have Illustration, Photo, Video and Web Development sections

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 to expect from us

- 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. 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.

Key contacts

- Got a pitch related to AMS/UBC affairs? That's Emma Livingstone and Henry Anderson at news@ubyssey.ca
- Is there a cultural initiative you think should be highlighted? Thomas O'Donnell at culture@ubyssey.ca
- Got an opinion on something? Tristan Wheeler at opinion@ubyssey.ca
- Got a question or concern about general *Ubysey* operations? Alex Nguyen at coordinating@ubyssey.ca