Since 1918
About us!

- It’s pronounced “you-buh-see.”
- We’ve been your student paper since 1918!
- Since 1995, we’ve been an independent publications society.
- We’re funded by a levy of ~$7 per student. Anyone can opt out.
- We release stories daily online, and publish a print edition every two weeks.
- Last year, we attracted almost 2 million page views online.
- We have alumni in every major Canadian media outlet.
- Like you, we’re all students. Like you, we’re all elected (by Ubyssey staffers).
How we work.

*The Ubyssey* has 7 written sections and 3 visual ones, all managed by 11 paid (Nine full-time, two half-time) editors. The bulk of our articles are written by volunteers.

- **News**: Timely, impactful stories.
- **Sports & Recreation**: Self explanatory!
- **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.
- **Science**: Making confusing science-y things understandable!

Our coordinating editor, Lua Presidio, keeps us organized and makes sure we don’t get sued!
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 Charlotte and Nathan at news@ubyssey.ca.

Is there a cultural initiative you think should be highlighted? Tianne Jensen–DesJardins at culture@ubyssey.ca.

Got an opinion on something? Thomas McLeod at opinion@ubyssey.ca.

Got a question or concern about general Ubyssey operations? Lua Presidio at coordinating@ubyssey.ca.
What’s our relationship with the AMS?

We operated under the society until 1994, until we ran some questionable content and this full page ad in our spoof issue. But, we’ve been independent since 1995 after a successful referendum!

Covering you is part of our mandate! We’ll likely be in touch for interviews.

AMS executives, employees, councillors, etc. can’t write for us (conflict of interest). But they can submit opinion letters.

We lease an office (Room 2208) in the Nest, where we usually spend all of our time, 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.
Know of any governments that hire their friends, play favorites with clubs, ignore their constituency, are obsessed with turning a profit?

Look no further.

We know you’re not listening. We know you don’t care. This is really an ad to help get us reelected. It’s kind of self-serving, but so is our entire administration! If you really want to, you can submit stuff to us, but we won’t regard it. We have our own ideas of how to run our government, and those are the ones that we’re going to enforce.

You stupid students don’t understand the process of governing enough; you’re too dumb to even be on this stupid, useless waste of money committee. So we’re going to do it all our way. Fuck you! You elected us, now you’re going to have to live with us for the rest of the year!

For more info, go fuck yourself.
What you can expect from news.

You are entitled to fair comment. We don’t do “gotcha” journalism.

“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.

You can also talk to us off the record or anonymously in certain cases.

We don’t send questions or drafts in advance.

If you don’t respond to a request for comment, we’ll probably publish anyway. But we do try to give you a reasonable amount of time to respond.

If there’s anything you think we should know, get in touch!
Opinion letters & columns

AMS executives, employees & councillors can’t participate as reporters since it’s a conflict of interest, but they can write opinion letters.

Topics of opinion letters must be relevant to UBC students, staff and faculty. The editor (Thomas) also reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

The section is currently open to contributors for the columns AMS Decoded and Relate to the Senate, as well as some lively debate. If you’re interested in participating, send an email to opinion@ubyssey.ca.
Questions?