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An AMS guide to *The Ubyyssey*

About the YOU-buh-see

- We've been your student paper since 1918, independent since 1995.
- We are funded through a combination of student fees, advertising and Gov't of Canada grants
- We release stories daily online, and publish a print edition every two weeks.
- We're UBC's de facto undergrad journalism school.

HOW WE WORK.

- *The Ubysey* has 7 written sections and 3 visual ones, all managed by 12 paid (9 full-time, three half-time) editors. Most articles are written by volunteers.
- Like you, we're all students. Like you, we're all elected (editors by *Ubysey* staff, board members by the student body).
- Our coordinating editor, Anabella McElroy, keeps us organized and makes sure we don't get sued! If you have concerns about the paper as a whole, reach her at coordinating@ubysesey.ca.

Each section is autonomous.

Editors have control over what is published in their section. If you have a story you think they should write or an issue with what they've published, email *[section name]@ubyssey.ca*

- **News:** AMS/UBC affairs and other timely stories.
- **Sports:** Sports AND recreation coverage - from varsity to intramural
- **Culture:** How students live and what they create.
- **Humour:** Satire, jokes and memes.
- **Opinion:** Letters, editorials and columns.
- **Features:** Longform, investigations and profiles of community members.
- **Science:** Making confusing research understandable!

What is our relationship with the AMS?

- Previous to 1994 we were part of the AMS but subsequent to a student referendum that same year we became an independent not-for-profit society.
- We have an agreement with the AMS for an office (Room 2208) in the Nest in exchange for advertising.
- Covering the AMS is part of our mandate — we'll likely be in touch for interviews.
- You probably won't always like our coverage. If you did, we wouldn't be doing our job.

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. Public council meetings are on the record.
- You can also talk to us off the record or anonymously in certain cases. These may still be recorded by the reporter.
- We don't send questions or drafts in advance.
- We aim to give you a reasonable amount of time to respond, but will publish without you if you don't get back to us.



Our source guide!

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 the UBC community. The editor (Spencer) also reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.
- We also publish columns explaining what's going on in student governance.



*Submit an opinion,
and read our Opinions
Policy here!*

Board of Directors

- Our Board is comprised of 9 members
 - 5 community representatives
 - 1 editorial representative
 - 2 staff representatives
 - 1 alumni representative
- Oversight of The Ubysey Publications Society as a whole
- The BoD is separate from the editorial, and has no involvement in the content of the paper

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Questions?