

THE SPEAKER



Alumni Movements —

Youth Parliament alumni news seen and heard around the UBC Law School

It appears to be one of the immutable laws of the universe **Alan C.L. Ip, Senator, Alumni Affairs Director** that a good percentage of Youth Parliament alumni will invariably find their way into law school (and perhaps end up at Davis & Company). A few alumni I ran across while at UBC Law include:

Sharon Sutherland teaches Dispute Resolution and mediation at UBC Law;

Jason Herbert (Chair of Senate, 57th to 62nd) and **Ruby Chan** coached the winning UBC/UVic Moot Team;

Shannon Salter (66th to 69th) was on the winning Corporate/Securities Moot team and also won the 2nd place Oralist prize;

Victor Tuomi (Senator, 64th to 65th) can be found at the Curtis Building completing his LL.M.;

Sharon Steele has been seen at 222 Main Street prosecuting matters for the Federal Crown; After spending first year law at the University of Manitoba, **Aniz Alani** (Senator, 69th to 74th) will be completing his law school career at the University of Toronto - can Davis & Company be far behind?

Alan Ip (Alumni Affairs Director, 69th to 74th) placed runner-up in the Peter Burns Criminal Trial Moot, and continue to spend most of his time in criminal court (as counsel for clients of the Law Students' Legal Advice Program) and not in class.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society



10:00am, 21 November 2004

Room 215, Henry Angus Building
Sauder School of Business
2053 Main Mall
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia



Senate 2004 — Meet the “new” Senators.



Aniz Alani was a member of the 69th - 74th Parliaments, during which time he held the portfolios of Intergovernmental Affairs (Regional Youth Parliaments), Finance, Deputy Premier, Camp Phoenix, State (Human Resources), Premier, Leader of the Opposition, and twice served as Attorney General. Aniz was first introduced to youth parliament through the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, where he served as Attorney General, Premier, and Leader of the Opposition. Aniz is a second year law student at the University of Toronto, continuing his purely coincidental trend of heading further east with each passing year of retirement from youth parliament. This is Aniz's first year as an elected Senator.

Tracy Tang was a member of the 64th and 65th BCYP Parliaments. She served as an Opposition Member, as well as Critic of RYPS and Service Projects. A former Premier of the Lower Mainland East Youth Parliament, Tracy was actively involved in the 1995 and the 1996 Dinner and Auction, the 1996 Western Canadian Youth Parliament, as well as the first ever West Kootenay Youth Parliament held in Trail. Originally from Coquitlam, Tracy has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and French Literature and is presently a Public Affairs Officer with the Ministry of Finance in Victoria. She is also pursuing a Certificate in Public Relations at the University of Victoria. Tracy is a volunteer with Big Brothers and Big Sisters and races annually with a dragon boat team.



Camp Phoenix 2004 — Minister “proud to have completed such an amazing project.”



As the 75th year of BCYP comes to a close, it is a time to reminisce about the past year and everything the organization has been through.

Dorothy Wong, Minister of Camp Phoenix and Premier, 76th Parliament

As Minister of Camp Phoenix and Camp Administrator this year, I am proud to have completed such an amazing project. Camp Phoenix 2004 was held on Camp Fircom on Gambier Island from August 29 - September 4, 2004. Fifty staff, consisting of mostly BCYP members, came together to help make the lives of forty children better. Camp was a great success through the seven days that it ran; surprisingly enough, the week seemed a little short for me. We were lucky to have the campfire ban removed just days prior to the commencement of camp and to only have one day of rain! There were a number of different programs for the campers, including Arts & Crafts, Sports & Games, Outdoor Adventures, Swimming, Boating, Theatre, Laboratory, and Environment.

The forty children came from many different parts of the province, most of them from families with financial hardship. Regardless of their background or history, all the children had an amazing experience and have BCYP to thank for that.

This project continues to remind us of the values of BC Youth Parliament. We aren't just a mock parliament; we go out into our communities and make a difference in others' lives. And that, to me, is truly the heart of BCYP.

The 76th year of BCYP looks to be a promising one. As Premier, I and Cabinet have plans to make this a memorable one. Thank you to all alumni who continue to support BC Youth Parliament and it is your dedication to this organization that makes our events possible.



BC Hosted Western Canada Youth Parliament 2004 — Cabinet averted repeat of Totemgate despite staying at Totem once again.



Julia Lockhart, Minister of External Affairs

Finally, we successfully tested a new way of managing members and keeping track of their whereabouts. We imposed a curfew and most people seemed to work with us on that.

I really appreciate in particular the support of alumni who helped me get an understanding of the project (Bruce Hallisor and Solomon Wong), who helped draft waivers and deal with PIPA (Victor Tuomi, Jason Herbert, Rhonda Vanderfluit), or tracked down the history of Westerns (Geoff Glave, Johann Beda and Sean Vanderfluit). But in particular I'd like to thank Kerry Simmons and Bea McCutcheon for helping endlessly with details before session, for coming to session and for supervising and taking responsibility for all the members. Thanks for playing the bad cops! It was great to have you there!

Westerns is done! Finished! Finito!

Thanks and congratulations to all those who were involved. Members of BCYP and Senators drove, attended as a members, clerked or came for Camp night, supervised and all worked together to make Westerns 2004 possible. Westerns is a unique experience but Westerns in BC is almost like Halley's comet... Thanks for coming out!

At the end of the day we had 63 members from all over Western Canada. 23 from Manitoba, 9 from Saskatchewan, 5 from the Northwest Territories, 11 from Alberta and 15 from BC. We had 25 year olds and 15 year olds. We had people on their 100th day in session and people on their first day ever! From this diversity we learned and had a great time.

While more details will be available in my continuity report in September all three goals for the weekend were successfully completed: (1) no one died, (2) we didn't run out of food and (3) everyone made their flights.

The members debated 4 bills, 2 of which were passed: the Western Canada Youth Parliament Act and the Official Languages Education Act. The Water Exportation Act and the Dietary Reform Act were defeated. They also debated and passed a PMR concerning the US ballistic missile defense shield.

Members also participated in mixers, a photo scavenger hunt and a Camp Night. The upshot of the camp night and the weekend is that a member from TUXIS (Alberta) is coming to Camp!!!



Alumni Update Form / Change of address form

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Session/Former Position: _____

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For decades, the Youth Parliament Alumni Society has provided valuable support for BCYP. As the official sponsor, we organize and resource the annual session for youth from across the province. It provides a valuable opportunity for youth to gain leadership experience, and encourages a spirit of volunteerism and community responsibility through individual and group service projects.

The Alumni Society Needs Your Support!

In this era of increasing government fiscal restraint, our grants have decreased. Additionally, our operating expenses for the session, including transportation and accommodation for members have continued to rise. We are attempting to keep session fees at reasonable levels to encourage a diverse group of participants, and are actively pursuing alternative fundraising opportunities.

Alumni contributions to BCYP, such as participation in the Sweet Dreams Auction are of tremendous help to keep initiatives like Camp Phoenix alive, we hope to see you there!

We would also ask at this time that you consider donating to the Alumni Society to help us make this year's session a success.

Making a donation to the Youth Parliament Alumni Society ensures that young people from around the province can participate in an organization that benefits not only themselves but also their community.

Yes, I want to help support the Alumni Society sponsor BCYP! Please send your donation along with this card to:

The Youth Parliament of British Columbia Alumni Society

c/o Sang-Kiet Ly, Treasurer
2546 Scott Street
Victoria, BC V8R 4H7

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