

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Martlet Publishing Society are:

1. To inform students about issues and events affecting the university community, analyze issues and events affecting the university community, and provide materials for the community's education and entertainment;
2. To cover issues and events fairly and accurately;
3. To act as an agent of constructive social change, working to entrench civil, land, and human rights for all people and eliminate oppressive social barriers, including those based on political beliefs, sex, religion, race, colour, ethnic group, sexual preference, citizenship and socioeconomic class, and support other groups and individuals who apply these principles in their entirety;
4. To generate other revenue to offset the operating costs of the Society and prevent reliance upon membership fees as a source of income;
5. To provide an environment where members and staff can learn writing, editing, photography, layout and design skills and become familiar with the role and objectives of the press.

PREAMBLE

This document is the Constitution of the Martlet and is the document by which the staff of the Martlet shall govern themselves, in accordance with the B.C. Societies Act, and by which editorial content of the paper shall be determined. This provision is unalterable.

The Martlet is editorially and financially independent from the UVic Students' Society. This provision is unalterable.

PRINCIPLES

- a. We believe student publications exist as an essential component of the student communities they come from and that they should be accessible to those communities.
- b. In addition, we believe the student press should maintain a critical perspective, and keep in mind the needs and concerns of non-students.
- c. We believe student papers can be valuable and constructive within their communities by providing information and analysis.
- d. Our mandate is to cover issues that affect students. However, we believe that no subject need fall outside the grasp of the student press, and that we best serve our purposes when we help widen the boundaries of debate on educational and social issues.
- e. Thus, we intend to defend freedom of expression, and make possible an atmosphere of critical inquiry and imaginative thought. As it recognizes the potential dangers of the concentration of corporate media ownership, CUP our organization recognizes its responsibility to work towards and promote an atmosphere of media diversity.

f. In pursuit of these ideals, we shall employ educative, investigative and active methods. We also will try to recognize our own limitations, and to maintain a sense of humour and humility. These objectives shall be carried out mainly but not exclusively by volunteers and paid part-time and full-time staff. This provision is unalterable.

DISSOLUTION

In the event of the winding up or dissolution of the Society, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities shall be reallocated to an organization that best serves the interests of the MPS's fee-paying members. This may be decided by the members of the Society at the time of the winding up or dissolution. This provision is alterable.