

# STUDENT PROTESTOR ARRESTED

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On Thursday, September 13, Alison Bodine, a former UBC activist, was arrested while attempting to cross the Peace Arch border into Washington. She was notified of a nation-wide warrant for her arrest by Customs officials. The arrest follows a previous incident on Monday September 10, when Bodine crossed the border into Canada but was forced to surrender anti-war pamphlets and personal belongings. She was attempting to retrieve these effects near midnight, September 13, when the arrest took place. Bodine, age 22 and a US citizen, had never been denied permission to cross during her frequent trips as an international student. She was an active member of several anti-war and social change organizations, such as MAWO, or the Mobilization Against War and Occupation. On June 18 2006, she crossed the border with the Pastors for Peace caravan, which was carrying humanitarian aid to Cuba. CBC news reports Bodine's statement: "This was a bit of a test, to see what happens when they arrest someone who isn't agreeing with their current foreign policy." About 60 protesters assembled outside the Canadian Citizenship & Immigration Offices at 2:00 on Friday September 14, the day after her arrest. Shannon Bundock, the Co-Chair for Mobilization Against War and Occupation (MAWO), said the arrest was a political case. "She was arrested after she was identified as a political activist and politi-



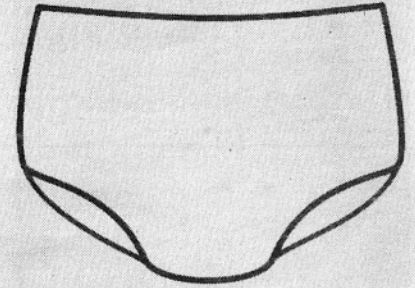
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cal materials were found in her car... We understood it as a political attack, and [Border Services] had no case." "It's scare tactics..." says Lindsay Clarke, the Social Justice Coordinator at Capilano College, "If she wasn't a political organizer, she wouldn't be in jail."

Bodine was subsequently released on the evening of Friday September 14, with the announcement that she would face an Admissibility hearing on Monday, September 17 at 2:00 PM. In an interview with Bodine, 5:30

on Monday, and she stated that, "The CBSA withdrew the request to hold a hearing today. They have not informed me or my lawyer." She further mentions that she learned of the withdrawal through the media. She returned to the Canada Border Services Agency at 10:00 on Tuesday September 18, but her Admissibility hearing was deferred again until Friday September 28 at 9 a.m. No official charges have been laid, and her vehicle, personal belongings and identification have not been returned.

## NEWS BRIEFS



### STUDENT LOAN SURVEY

The Canada Student Loans Programs is being reviewed by the Federal Government. An online, public survey is available at [www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/learning/canada\\_student\\_loan/form\\_en.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/learning/canada_student_loan/form_en.shtml). The deadline to state an opinion is September 28.

### INCONVENIENT TRUTH COMES TO COLLEGE

Jim Stephenson, a member of the Green Party and one of 1000 volunteers trained by Al Gore to deliver the Inconvenient Truth slideshow, will be presenting at Capilano College's Theatre for the Performing Arts on October 2, from 7pm - 9pm. Admission is free.

### BC RIVERS DAY

More than 100 events are planned for BC Rivers Day, which takes place on