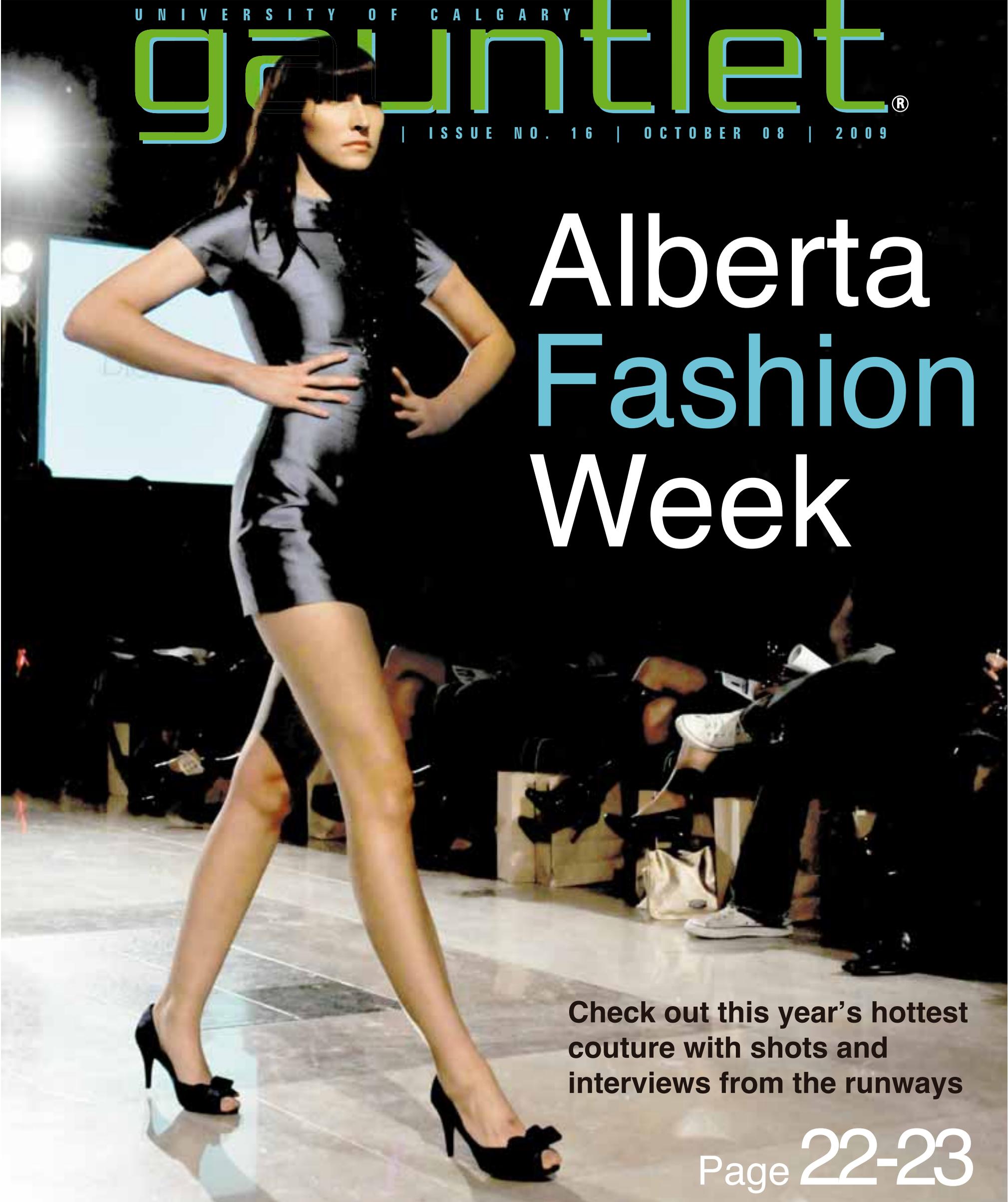


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The great grad student escape

Reflections on leaving the Canadian Federation of Students

Unfortunately for students, post-secondary politics are no stranger to bureaucratic labyrinths. The University of Calgary's Graduate Students' Association's ongoing efforts to leave the Canadian Federation of Students is a good demonstration of this.

Despite filing a petition with CFS last year, the GSA is back at Stage 1 in their efforts to abandon the national lobby group. Part of the reason for this is the strictly regimented procedure that student organizations must follow to remove themselves from the CFS roster.

It is understandable that a national group would require some formal way for its constituent organizations to leave. If it didn't it would be severely impeded in its ability to function, as it could never be sure whom it was representing. This problem is accentuated by the nature of most students' unions and associations, which change their leadership over from year to year. Lacking a firmly established membership, CFS would be too unstable to properly carry out its mandate.

Yet there is a great difficulty when an organization clutches onto its membership too tightly. Even though some continuity must be established in order for the lobby to function, there must

remain a simple way for its members to exit, if they so desire. Otherwise, they risk losing the legitimacy they need to represent their constituents' interests. There is simply no way a national body can say it speaks for a group that would leave, if it could.

It is instructive to look to the governing guidelines of both CFS and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, the two national post-secondary education student lobby groups. The latter has a relatively simple mechanism for student groups to opt out: they are required to file a notice 12 months prior stating their intention. CFS, on the other hand, imposes an onerous process that members must follow in order to leave, including a petition and a referendum. CFS has 90 days to review the petition, after which the referendum is held between 60 and 90 days later. Given that referendums cannot be held between April 15 and Sept. 15 or between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15, and that the period in which CFS may respond and when the referendum can be held may stretch up to nearly six months, there is a limited window in which to act.

The issue here fundamentally

returns to the problematic single-year terms of most students' association executives. Setting up such a difficult way for student groups to exit the organization clearly damages its legitimacy. In a democratic society, a supposedly representative group should be comprised solely of organizations that want to be members. Allowances must be made for the stability of the national organization, but these should be restricted to the bare minimum necessary and a reasonable and simple pro-

cess for cessation of membership should be employed.

Agreements must be honoured and an organization should certainly not wantonly abandon their commitments, but if a carefully considered decision is made to leave a particular lobby group, there is absolutely no legitimate reason not to let that organization go freely. Such a position merely renders CFS illegitimate.

Cam Cotton-O'Brien
Editor-in-Chief



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The great Canadian Federation of Students exodus

Graduate Students' Association one of 13 organizations petitioning to leave national lobby group

Annalise Klingbeil

News Assistant

Students from 13 post-secondary institutions across Canada — including the University of Calgary — are in the process of circulating petitions asking their peers if they wish to evaluate membership with Canada's largest student lobby group, the Canadian Federation of Students.

Students organizing petitions allege a variety of problems with the CFS, including questionable finances, ineffectiveness and vicious litigation.

The CFS was formed in 1981 to provide students with an effective and united voice and today more than 80 university and college students' unions across Canada belong to the federation.

"The CFS is quite simply not an effective lobby group for a variety of reasons," said Mike Horn, a petition organizer at Trent University.

/// There must be something that's not working for enough student unions right now to feel that they are not being heard and this is their way of making a statement

— Veronique Dorais, U of C Graduate Students' Association president

"Canadian universities host a diverse group of students, and the CFS is far too political to stand for every student."

University of Guelph petition organizer Curtis Batuszkin said there are a number of reasons behind his school's petition.

"The CFS has been lobbying for almost 30 years and in that time, tuition has tripled," said Batuszkin.

Batuszkin said most Guelph students were infants when the school decided to join the CFS and now



Chris Pedersen/the Gauntlet

"The fact that there are 13 organizations across the country looking at leaving should raise alarm bells with everyone else involved with this organization," said Matt Musson, a PhD student who is circulating a petition at the U of C to hold a referendum to leave the national student lobby group CFS.

they deserve the right to choose if they want to remain a part of what he calls a "failed business."

"Students have the right to choose who they think will best accomplish the goals of lowering tuition. . . . We have the right to

membership in the Canadian Federation of Students."

President Veronique Dorais said the GSA is circulating the petition because they want an opportunity to re-evaluate their membership with the CFS.

"We have been mandated by our council to go forth with the petition because students want more information on the pros and cons of the CFS," she said.

If U of C graduate students do want to leave CFS, the petition is the first step in what could be a potentially long road — and a road the GSA has been on before.

According to Dorais, the relationship with CFS is an issue dating back to 1999.

"Our relationship with CFS has come up in the past," said Dorais.

The GSA started the petition process in 2008 and it ultimately proved to be unsuccessful. A petition was sent to CFS last year and no response was received until March or April, said Dorais.

When the CFS did respond they stated the GSA owed them money

before CFS could acknowledge the petition.

The GSA decided to start the entire process again this year, following the CFS bylaws exactly.

"Instead of continuing on with [last year's] petition where there could have been a possibility to invalidate some of the signatures because of graduating students, we decided to restart the petition this year," said Matt Musson, the PhD student spearheading the petition at the U of C.

"The first step is circulating a petition, it will then go to the CFS office, they will determine the validity of the petition, and whether or not they want to accept it, and then proceed with the referendum," said Musson.

In a 105-page bilingual constitution and bylaw booklet, which was amended November 2008, the CFS states that "a petition calling for a referendum shall be signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the individual members of the member local association." In the case of the GSA, that means approximately 600 signatures.

According to Musson, the GSA has already reached the 10 per cent mark, but he is continuing to

circulate the petition.

"We're aiming for a lot more than 10 per cent," said Musson.

At both Guelph and Trent, petitions have been signed and already delivered to the CFS office.

CFS bylaws state that within 90 days of receiving the petition, CFS will review it to determine if it is in order and then, if it is, they will schedule a referendum that is not less than 60 days and not more than 90 days following. As well, voting is not allowed to take place between April 15 and Sept. 15 or Dec. 15 and Jan. 15.

"[The CFS'] bylaws are incredibly tight and incredibly strict, but it's the only way to actually hear from them," said Dorais.

Dorais said that despite being a long process, the road to re-evaluate membership with the CFS is worth the time and effort and is an issue that is on students' minds.

"A lot of students come to talk to us about it, so it's worth the time and effort," she said.

Legal Hot water

Musson is prepared to follow the CFS' rules exactly. In the past student groups that have tried to de-federate from CFS have found themselves in legal trouble.

According to a March 11, 2008, press release by the Kwantlen University College Student Association, the CFS applied to the Supreme Court of B.C. for an injunction to stop the KSA referendum to leave CFS. Ultimately the CFS failed in court and the KSA went ahead with a referendum. An April 15, 2008, news release states that 56 per cent of Kwantlen students voted to remain a member of the CFS.

According to an article in *The Peak*, Simon Fraser University's independent newspaper, the CFS sued the Students' Union at Acadia University following the union's

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Pop Quiz! What do you think CFS stands for?



"Crime Fighting Syndicate."
— Aazil Lallany,
second-year
computer science



"Cow Faced Syndrome"
— Pete Klassen,
second-year East
Asian language
studies



"Canadian Film School."
— Aline Labrie
second-year
geology



"Calgary For Sale."
— Stephanie Sfikas,
first-year law and
society

Plan It finally set to hit the streets

Some stakeholders pull support after closed door meeting, amendments

Jeremy Zhao
Gauntlet News

What will Calgary look like in 60 years? That's the question Calgary's city council tried to answer last Monday when they unanimously voted in favour of Plan It, a combination of documents that will shape how Calgary will grow economically, socially and environmentally. All stakeholders were generally happy to see Plan It passed, but for various reasons.

Mary Axworthy, Director of Land Use Planning and Policy, was encouraged to see Plan It voted through and stated that "all members [were] supportive."

She noted that while some were disappointed by certain amendments, the most important thing was that this was a real shift in approach for the city.

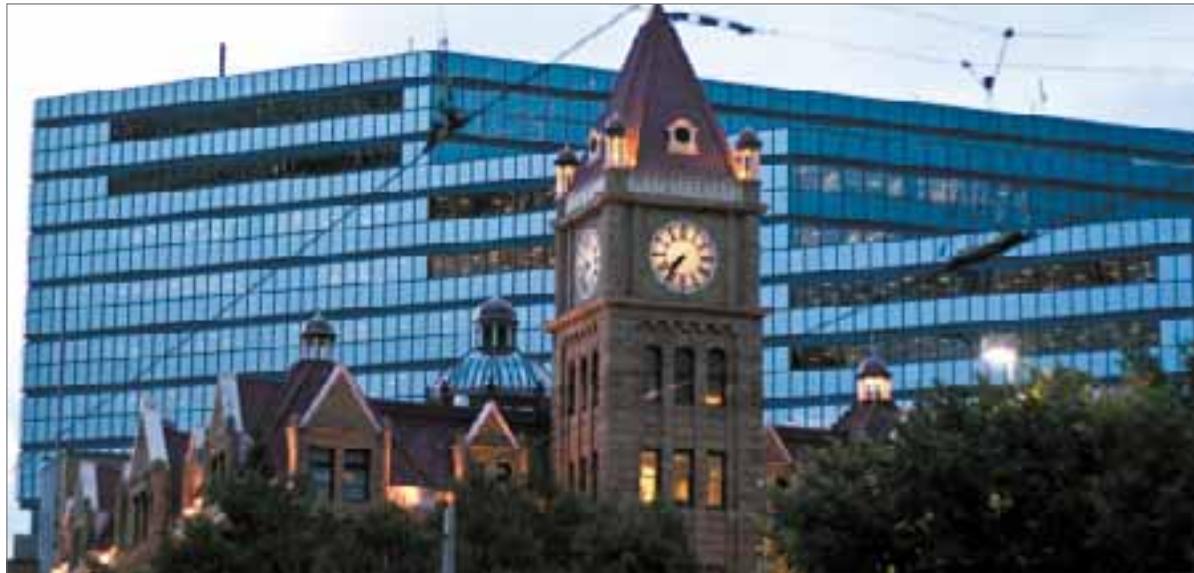
The most contentious amendment was to lower the density threshold from 70 residents per gross developable hectare to 60 residents and jobs per hectare in new communities. Despite this change, Axworthy noted there will still be more intensification in developed areas, and none of those goals were amended.

Tom Howard, president of the Urban Calgary Students' Association, had mixed feelings about Plan It.

"On the one hand I'm cautiously happy that Plan It was passed," Howard said. "On the other hand, I'm very concerned with the precedent this sets for future development and future citizen participation in the planning process."

Howard criticized council for holding a private meeting with key developers to lower density thresholds as part of a compromise on Plan It. He thought it was "pretty disastrous" and that "students [would be] disheartened by the process."

Grace Lui, senior development manager of Carma Developers, disagreed with the assertion that this



Elton Gjata/the Gauntlet

Many Plan It proponents are unhappy with the weakened density amendments to the document.

gave developers an advantage over other party stakeholders.

"That particular meeting was no different than the electorate meeting with aldermen," said Lui.

She said that while industry is much happier with some of the changes, there were still reservations regarding Plan It's implementation. One of them includes densification near corridors and major activity nodes in communities.

"I think it's really good to have a vitality of activity centres and corridors," Lui said. Developers were not adverse to the concept, she said, but goals such as complete streets are hard to achieve due to problems like heavy traffic.

One of the biggest proponents of the plan was local advocacy group, the Better Calgary Campaign, but they have since pulled their support.

Naheed Nenshi, a Mount Royal University professor and BCC volunteer, said that there was "a very big problem" and it was a content issue that caused the group to pull its support. He noted that the closed door deal was unacceptable because city council and the developers "could have done it two years ago" if they wanted to.

Nenshi also pointed to the

amendment as being "incredibly ambiguous." He said the wording could allow developers to build communities with lower densities than existing communities.

"We can't build a primary transit network if there's no density on the edges," Nenshi said.

Richard Priest, chief operating officer of Apex Limited Partnership, had a different opinion on Plan It. Priest pointed out that while developers didn't get everything they wanted, the amendment was a good compromise. He noted that the density thresholds were still too prescriptive.

Priest acknowledged that students did not want to live on the fringes of the city, but that developers still want to make a positive impact for the community and students.

"We are trying to make sure there is affordable housing," Priest said.

Priest was one of the participants who met with Mayor Dave Bronconnier and city council to discuss the amendment, and thought it was important that the developers had a voice at the table.

"We're the guys that have to risk millions of dollars," Priest said. "We are the main stakeholders."

However, James Schwinn, presi-

dent of Aixecar Incorporated, argued that while mixed-use urban development is more complicated, there is actually less risk involved.

He also noted that the distribution of density was important.

"When you loosen the boundary conditions, you can radically change the outcome," Schwinn said.

Schwinn added that city council is not an expert on development, and the input of sociologists, community leaders and urban planners should be sought on top of that of developers.

Urban Development Institution executive director Michael Flynn was pleased with the final version because it allowed for a business perspective. He said developers had a different role to play because they had capital to consider.

Flynn was also happy that an implementation team will be created to oversee Plan It. He noted the density threshold set was realistic, and that single family units are still the most preferred and valuable product.

Aldermen were generally content with the direction of Plan It.

Ald. Joe Connelly said it was "a

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Counting Plan It

\$50 billion - the amount of infrastructure that will be affected by Plan It

\$11.2 billion - the amount of money saved if the original Plan It document was implemented

\$6 million - the amount spent researching and developing Plan It

1.3 million - the number of people expected to become Calgarians over the next 60-70 years

185,000 - the number of people the city can currently accommodate in single family and semi-detached homes

\$150,000 - cost per hectare gap between the direct costs of infrastructure and the recovery of those costs from developers

18,000 - the number of Calgarians involved to create Plan It through imagineCalgary's Plan For Long Range Urban Sustainability

700 - number of written submissions sent to city hall for or against Plan It

76 - original number of amendments that would change Plan It on first reading

60 - the number of residents and jobs per gross developable hectare the city wants to achieve

15 - the number of city council votes in favour of Plan It — unanimous

3 - number of days it took to debate the first reading of Plan It

2 - number of years it took for Plan It to be consulted and presented to the public

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The changing face of air travel in light of climate change

Rachelle Meeres
Gauntlet News

Do you worry about global warming? If so, you don't possess a solitary sentiment. Thankfully, though, ethics and policies are changing in response to Earth's changing climate.

"The value system which drives our society permits the satisfaction of personal pleasure,"

said University of Calgary geography professor Dianne Drapper. "Our system is so far removed from the reality of most. Maybe we could think differently about our choices.

"We need to make big changes in order to reduce the rate of change," she said. "The problem is ongoing and will be for a long time."

Drapper's conviction that global climate change is a problem needing urgent attention

is strongly supported by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Drapper said she highly respects the work of the IPCC.

"Physical and biological systems on all continents and in most oceans are already being affected by recent climate changes, particularly regional temperature increases," states the IPCC's latest report.

There are many industrial sectors which re-

lease CO₂ emissions to our atmosphere, but Drapper argued that, "air travel has a significant impact."

Air travellers are categorized into three different groups: business, pleasure and social aide. This system is used both by Drapper as well as in the March, 2008, issue of *The New Internationalist*, a social action magazine.

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President's pension a 'handshake' deal

Auditor General's report says continual over-compensation of senior executives a risk

Trevor Bacque
Gauntlet News

University of Calgary President Harvey Weingarten secured his \$4.5-million pension package with a "handshake deal" according to a government report.

Alberta's Auditor General Fred Dunn's annual report states the handshake deal did not go into contract until February 1, 2008.

Implications and risks for the university, according to the report, include continual over-compensation of senior executives, legal liability for disputed compensation agreements and damage to its reputation, along with potentially dissuading executives to consider the U of C as a career option.

Dunn said the U of C is an influential institution but said the anomaly of the verbal contract casts a poor reflection on the post-secondary institution.

"Six years to finalize something that should be done on the front end is unbelievable," said Dunn in a phone interview.

Dunn openly questioned why university administration, the Board of Governors, financial staff and accountants were not advised during this time.

"We have no idea what that process looked like or how it was able to slip through the cracks," said Students' Union president Charlotte Kingston.

"That's a real problem, there's clearly no



Katy Anderson/the Gauntlet

The Auditor General said the length of time to finalize the deal was "unbelievable."

accountability and no transparency in the financial processes that are happening at the Board of Governors level," she said.

Because of the rotating nature of a board of governors, it is important for the terms and parameters of a contract to be clear, according to Dunn.

"The president told us that he signed the

contract knowing it did not include significant benefits for him, on the basis that he had a 'handshake' deal with the university and that he trusted they would do the right thing," read the report.

To Weingarten's credit, he reportedly tried multiple times between 2003 and 2005 to reopen the dialogue in regards to his employ-

ment contract but each time was thwarted by "inaction and unfulfilled promises."

The 362-page document says the university is a provincially-funded corporation with a duty to disclose executive salaries, cash and non-cash benefits earned each year in its annual financial statements, in accordance with an Alberta Treasury Board directive.

The initial phase of Weingarten's employment contract took two years to finalize, which happened in 2003, but failed to include pertinent details such as a pension term, which was decided upon five years later.

The finalization of the contract was termed "highly unusual" by the auditor general's report. Kingston called Dunn's remarks fair.

With the university actively seeking a new commander-in-chief by January, Kingston felt the report could make the process more difficult.

"We should be aware of what that means especially now that we're looking to recruit a new president," she said.

Weingarten's pension, which he will begin receiving at age 65, will treat his 31.5 years in post-secondary education as if all were served at the U of C, instead of having his former employer, McMaster University, contribute to the pension, a deal arranged when he was hired.

With 14, the U of C has the highest number of outstanding recommendations by Dunn of any post-secondary institution in the province.

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departure from the national lobby group in 1996.

An April 5, 2007, story on *Macleans.ca* stated that Robyn Doolittle, editor-in-chief at Ryerson University's student newspaper *The Eyeopener*, received a letter from CFS-Ontario warning the paper not to include certain statements in an article or face legal action.

"We're trying to follow their rules to the letter. Cross your Ts and dot your Is. Every single thing that is in their rules we are trying to adhere to. We don't want to be sued, if we can avoid that at all costs that would be great," said Musson.

Horn, from Trent, said he will welcome it if the CFS takes the student association to court.

If they do take legal action it

will confirm the allegations against them, said Horn.

Guelph's Batuszkin said he finds the CFS' track record in regards to suing student associations worrisome.

"There is nothing more disgusting than having the very same group that is trying to protect students, sue students and do it with our own money," said Batuszkin.

"There are hundreds of student articles talking about the disgusting track record of the CFS' ligation efforts against students or the media," he said.

"If the CFS was as vicious and Machiavellian with their lobbying as they are with suing their own constituents, we'd be paying \$100 a year to go to school."

Student Association Support

At the U of C, the GSA is behind the petition; however, it's a different story at campuses across Canada.

At Trent, the Trent Central Student Association has not yet taken an official stance on the issue of de-federation with the CFS and the petition remains strictly a student initiative.

At the University of Western Ontario, a few students have begun circulating a petition, although the Society of Graduate Students is not involved.

Rick Telfer, the president of SOGS, said the society has been a proud member of the CFS and knows it is an effective organization.

"SOGS has been a proud member association of the Canadian Federa-

tion of Students for well over two decades. We are active participants in the Federation. We do not just believe that the Federation is effective — we know that the Federation is effective," said Telfer.

"Among countless other victories, the Federation won a national system of grants for students, stopped tuition fee increases in numerous provinces, won greater government funding for post-secondary education and secured more scholarship monies for graduate students."

What's next?

If the U of C GSA petition is deemed valid by the CFS the next step will be setting a referendum date.

While student associations have

in the past tried to leave the CFS, this appears to be the first time so many have been circulating petitions at the same time.

Both Musson and Dorais from the U of C said the number of students' associations currently circulating petitions regarding membership with the CFS speaks volumes.

"The fact that there are 13 organizations across the country looking at leaving should raise alarm bells with everyone else involved with this organization," said Musson.

"There must be something that's not working for enough student unions right now to feel that they are not being heard and this is their way of making a statement," said Dorais.

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Examining the Honduran crisis

School of Public Policy aims to educate, create active solutions

Emily Ask

Gauntlet News

While many Canadian students enjoyed sunshine, beer and camping trips over the summer, things turned upside down for Honduras students. What happened? Does this affect Canada? What's the situation like in Honduras?

These questions, and others regarding a variety of topics in the news, were piqued as students settled into the new school year.

Enter the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy, which aims not only to answer these questions, but create active solutions through education, analysis and discussion. One aspect of this is the free beer and pizza that draws students to the lectures held by the school throughout the school year.

Stephen Randall, a U of C history professor and Institute for U.S. policy research director, addressed the Honduras situation at last Thursday's public policy talk.

Randall described the 2001 Summit of the Americas, for which he was present, where the Inter-American Democratic Charter was proposed; the charter was accepted by the Organization of American States on Sept. 11, 2001.

The OAS agreed any participating



Andy Williams/the Gauntlet

U of C prof Stephen Randall gave a lecture over free beer and pizza.

government that transgressed the democratic principles within the charter should be suspended. This suspension, Randall said, is what essentially happened to Manuel Zelaya, the Honduran president.

Yet it is hard to determine what Zelaya's specific crime against the charter was, Randall continued. He wished to add a ballot to the elections that would allow the possibility to revise the Constitution, which

is not unheard of in democratic countries, but the Honduras Supreme court, congress and military were opposed to this.

Zelaya was detained and exiled by the military June 28, and congress president Roberto Micheletti assumed the presidency.

Zelaya is currently being housed in the Brazilian Embassy. The situation has resulted in political unrest in Honduras between Zelaya's sup-

porters and the military.

Randall postulated the coup does not entirely leave our country unaffected, even though Canada does no major trade with Honduras and interaction is mostly limited to humanitarian aid.

"As the *de facto* government clamps down on civil liberties, the rights and safety of Honduran citizens is compromised," he said. "Civil strife impacts forced migration; if the situation were to blow up there we'll be inundated with refugee claims.

"Narcotics and arms trafficking by South American gangs is a national security concern recognized by the RCMP, which would lead to more intense screenings for immigrants," he continued.

Still, Randall asserted Canada's foremost interest in Honduras mainly rests on the two pillars of Canadian foreign policy: peace and security.

"We have an interest in insuring that the democratic charter is enforced, we have an interest in the promotion of democracy in [the] Americas," he concluded.

The next School of Public Policy talk, scheduled for Oct. 14th, features executive director Jack Mintz and is titled "Is Alberta Losing Its Tax Advantage?" Admission is free for students, but requires registration.

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pretty good plan at the end of the day."

He thought Plan It created a bipolar council and was glad the mayor stepped in to make a compromise.

Connelly was quoted by the *Calgary Herald* saying that Calgary did not have an urban sprawl problem, but a transportation problem. He pointed to Crowchild Trail failing every rush hour, and said Calgarians still want smaller cars or electric hybrids.

"Plan It will not result in cheaper housing," Connelly said, and elaborated that students will want single family housing units in the future because it is stressful to raise a family in a condominium.

Ald. Druh Farrell was disappointed in the lower density thresholds, but thought it was a step forward and signified a shift for Calgary.

Farrell said an urban lifestyle has more benefits, and believes students may not necessarily want to move into a single-family house.

Brentwood resident and Civic-Camp volunteer Cheri Macaulay thought Plan It had come a long way, noting that transit-oriented development around her community, for example, will benefit both students and the general population.

"Change is not always easy in any established community, [but] the more they know [about it], the more they are willing to embrace it," Macaulay said.

U of C nears top of list for research institutions

The results are in and the University of Calgary is the 148th best research organization in the world.

The U of C came in 148th out of 2,000 ranked organizations according to the 2009 scimago Institutions Rankings World Report, published by the scimago Research Group.

Harvard University and Tokyo Daigaku were the leading universities. Amongst Canadian schools, the U of C placed sixth — behind the University of Toronto, 12th; University of British Columbia, 37th; McGill University, 61st; University of Alberta, 65th; and McMaster University, 110th. The Uni-

versity of Lethbridge was listed in 1,424th place. The University of Winnipeg was the lowest-ranked Canadian school at 1,960.

The scimago Institutions Rankings are designed to analyze the quality, frequency and output of each institution's research to assist organizations in assessing their performance. Organizational rankings are based upon research output, levels of collaboration, number of citations received of that organization's research and the importance of the journals publishing their research. Rankings were based upon research output from 2003 to 2007.

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Students prepare for faculty amalgamation

Michelle Varem
Gauntlet News

As thousands of University of Calgary students prepare for the April faculty amalgamation — the faculties of social sciences, humanities, fine arts and communication and culture will be combined into a 7,000-student super faculty — a group of students is making an effort to unite the four faculties.

The first meeting of the Faculty of the Arts Academic Club Council is Oct. 15. Humanities faculty representative Britney Luimes is excited about the new group.

“It’ll be a small student community before the big faculty starts up in April,” she said.

The new group is starting courtesy of the four faculty reps that will be combined.

“Last spring is when the whole idea of the FAACC came up,” says Luimes.

It’s not a new idea, Communication and Culture have had a clubs council for their faculty for some time now.

The whole premise of the FAACC



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SU faculty reps for the four faculties that will be amalgamated April 1, from left, Jalisa Barnett, Chris Kalantzis, Lindsay Ogden and Britney Luimes, are aiming to unite students of the future super faculty.

is to bring together and assists all of the clubs that are going to be under the super faculty. Their target audience is representatives from the different faculty clubs and any other students who are going to be in this super faculty. It will be an open forum where any issues that clubs or students are having can be

discussed and where club representatives can work together, explained Luimes.

It will be a place where students can ask questions and will provide them a direct link to their faculty representatives. Many students don’t know how to get in touch with the representatives who can answer

any questions they have about their faculty, especially concerning the amalgamation.

“I think there is a lot of anxiety about the faculties amalgamating,” noted Luimes.

She is hoping the students that do come to the meeting will get their questions about the amalgamation

answered and then pass the information along to others by word of mouth.

The first meeting will be quite informal.

“What we hope to accomplish at the first meeting is to let people know why they’re [making the change],” said Luimes.

Students will be able to get to know each other and then there will be an open forum type discussion about the objectives and goals the council has.

One of the goals Luimes said the FAACC is working toward is getting a permanent space on campus for the clubs under the super faculty.

She said that they were looking at trying to get a trailer, so the clubs have a space for an office. Not all of the faculty clubs have permanent offices or even offices at all, so this would be an improvement.

Another goal is making the communication flow between the faculties, clubs and representatives easier.

The first meeting is Oct. 15 in the MacEwan Student Centre Council Chambers from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and is open to anyone interested.

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STANDING up for Darfur

This past Friday students stood up for the dead at Broken City Social Club.

The event, hosted by campus club STAND, aimed to give a more personal look at the crisis going on in Darfur.

“I think we’re a lot different than other social advocacy groups on campus,” said University of Calgary STAND president Michelle Cheung. “It’s about coming up with new ideas of how to approach advocacy. We hold events that have music because I’m a huge fan of music, or it involves art because we’re all interested in art. It is a serious topic and we shouldn’t forget that but we can also have fun while raising awareness.”

STAND Canada is a youth-based advocacy group started in 2005 and has chapters on several campuses across Canada. The organization is devoted to speaking out and acting against genocide all over the world, with a specific focus on the crisis in Darfur.

With deaths in Darfur reaching 400,000 the actual individual lives involved in the crisis can get lost. STAND has chosen to bring individuals and their stories to the forefront.

“We really feel this year because of the economy that Darfur has sort of fallen by the wayside and a lot of people have forgotten about the issues and the conflict. We want to make sure that it is in people’s faces this year through our events,” said Cheung.

One of the main ways STAND encourages people to get involved is to simply pick up the phone and let the government know you want something to be done about Darfur. That sentiment is something they will promote at their events throughout the year.

Cheung says the goal is to make people aware and get them involved in fighting for the people of Darfur, but also have fun at the same time.

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The search to fill Weingarten's shoes

University stakeholders nail down desired characteristics, seek to fill space by January

Brent Constantin
News Assistant

The search is still on for the eighth president in the 42-year history of the University of Calgary. With president Harvey Weingarten scheduled to retire this January after eight years at the U of C, the Presidential Advisory Search Committee has been tasked with recommending a new candidate.

The PASC, established last year, has been consulting with stakeholders throughout the summer to determine the characteristics desired in a new top executive. "Ideally [we'd like to] select someone who is well respected in the academic community, in Calgary, as well as in the government community," said Graduate Students' Association president and PASC member Veronique Dorais. "They should understand graduate and undergraduate success."

But with only three months left before Weingarten leaves, the chances of having a president at the institute for Jan. 1 are unlikely. Dorais described the timeline as ambitious but says she has confidence in the committee.

"[We are] hoping to have someone for January, whether or not that happens is up to their flexibility," said the GSA president. "Summer for sure."

Flexibility is something that may be hard to come by. High-level executives are most often hired from across institutions, needing a certain amount of time to give notice to their current organization before they are available to start with a new employer and typically, the more prestigious the hire, the longer the notice period.

If a replacement cannot be found by January, an interim president will be appointed.

"The interim hasn't [yet] been decided,"



Chris Pedersen/the Gauntlet

Potential candidates for the U of C's eighth president are under tight wraps.

explained Dorais. "The Board of Governors makes that decision."

Charlotte Kingston, the other student representative on the committee and the Students' Union president, said that she's optimistic a replacement will be found within the timeline.

"We aren't currently looking at an interim," said Kingston. "I'm hopeful we'll find someone by January, but that doesn't mean that person will be standing here."

The first phase of the search process, stakeholder consultations, occurred this past spring and summer, helping to finalize the criteria for candidate assessment.

The full list of criteria, which is available online at ucalgary.ca/presidential_search, includes: an established academic reputation; a

commitment to the enhancement of teaching; a successful track record in fundraising from public and private sources and a willingness to place that activity high on the agenda; and demonstrated capabilities in sound financial management.

"I'm impressed with the level of consultation," said Kingston. "The committee [has been] receptive to feedback on behalf of students so far."

Concurrently with the criteria formation, hired search consultants Ray & Berndtson Canada have been identifying and contacting potential applicants recommended by the committee, through their own search process for qualified candidates.

If this sounds a bit like head-hunting, it's because it is. In the increasingly corporate

world of academics the best candidates are often already employed.

"The school basically stole [Weingarten] from McMaster," said Dorais, referring to his last position as vice-president academic and provost at McMaster University. "It's a competitive atmosphere, we are on the market the same time as several other schools."

Within the last year, several post-secondary institutions across the country have replaced their president, including the University of Northern British Columbia, the University of the Fraser Valley, the University of Western Ontario, Trent University and the University of New Brunswick.

Once considered only the domain of qualified post-secondary leaders, universities have started looking outside the academic realm. This past April Dominic Giroux became Laurentian University's ninth president after serving in the Ontario government as assistant deputy minister with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

On its website, Memorial University, which is also currently searching for a president, said "university presidential searches both in Canada and abroad, normally take between six and 10 months to complete — that is, from the start of the search until the name of the successful candidate is made public. There may also be some lag time required from when that name is made public to when the successful candidate is available to take up the position of president."

The Newfoundland-based university has been seeking a new president since May 2007.

"It's not going to be easy to find someone," said Dorais. "This is a crucial time in the U of C's history. Harvey has done a lot for the school, building its reputation. He's set a foundation for someone to take it to the next level."

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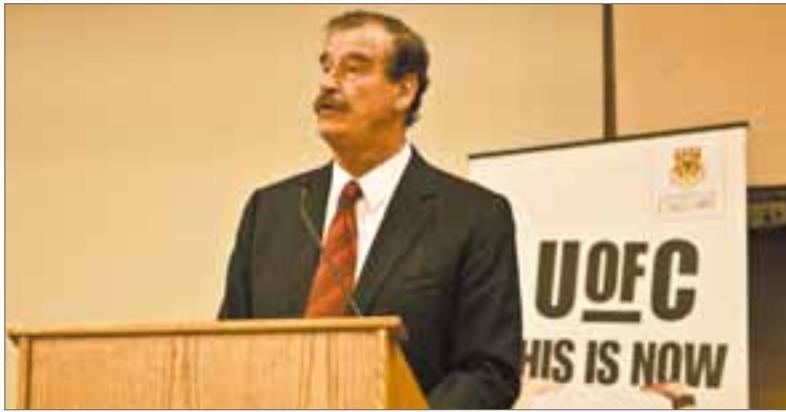
Former Mexican president talks leadership

Tristan Taylor
Gauntlet News

Former Mexican president Vicente Fox spoke to students at the University of Calgary on Oct. 5. He is the first guest in a series of events hosted by the UC International's new speaker series. The goal of the program is to bring international awareness to campus.

During his speech Fox discussed Latin American history and the future of world economics. He then tied these topics into the importance of leadership.

"We are all born leaders. We are leaders all of our lives. We are leaders in any activity we choose."



Chris Pedersen/the Gauntlet

Former Mexican top boss Vicente Fox was on campus Tuesday.

He said hockey is an example of how kids learn to be leaders here.

From a young age, kids who play

hockey are taught the values of leadership, giving them experience.

Leadership, said Fox, is an everyday

mindset and process that develops throughout life.

Fox gave a small history lesson detailing Latin America's past 100 years, whilst weaving in the importance of leadership.

Latin America has progressed from a dictatorship filled culture, to being one of democracy and equality, said Fox, insisting this is because of the leadership of citizens.

By taking their lives into their own hands, they could provide for themselves and make progress in the world's economy.

NAFTA, said Fox, is the only way North America will be able to compete in the future world economy. According to statistics that Fox

quoted, by 2040, China will be the World's largest economy, followed by the United States, Japan, England and then Mexico.

He insisted that we must work together as an economic block to survive in an increasingly volatile world climate.

If we use our leadership skills and work together as responsible citizens, we will be productive members of society, he said.

Fox spoke to a group of students and faculty at the MacEwan Students Centre.

After a 40-minute speech, attendees were given the chance to ask the former Mexican president questions.

Evolution of Info Commons celebrated on 10th anniversary of student space

Michael Ridley, chief information officer and university librarian, gave a presentation commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Information Commons, a well-known, well-organized, well-used technological resource centre for students founded in 1999.

Following Ridley's presentation Oct. 2, a panel of University of Calgary leaders held a Q and A session about "The 21st century learning environment."

The Information Commons offers 24-hour access to over 245 computers, (175 of which are "full service" meaning they include the complete spectrum of Microsoft Office and email tools and access to the library's online catalogues), six printing stations housing several printers, 10 rooms each designed for groups of six to eight and a veritable army of knowledgeable staff.

"The purpose of the Information Commons is to en-

hance learning," said Ridley. "We discovered that universities had various resources for writing and research, but they were scattered all over the campus. The idea is to place all these resources in one place and provide students with simple, easy access to them."

Ridley's presentation dealt with the evolution of information commons, and the challenges and strategies of academic engagement within the shared space.

Among the panelists that attended the discussion was Thomas Hickerson, vice-provost of libraries and cultural resources and university librarian.

"The focus has moved from discovering information in 1999 to choosing which information to incorporate into our knowledge and learning, and how to share it," said Martin.

..Ken Hunt

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Lama inspires day of action

Annalise Klingbeil
News Assistant

Two-hundred students participated in actNOW, a day of action in the Calgary community which was meant to bridge together the Dalai Lama's message of compassion with community engagement.

The students were divided into 17 teams and participated in various volunteer projects throughout the city — everything from helping Habitat for Humanity build a house to working at a community garden at Fort Calgary.

Melanie Walker, special projects assistant for the engageNOW conference was touched by the students' volunteer work.

"It brought tears to my eyes."

Walker said a goal of actNOW was for students to volunteer in the community and think about how to connect community engagement with their academic work.

"[The students] touched me in terms of the work that they did and how hard they worked and the thought process from beginning to end," she said.

Sociology major Alycia Lauzon was the student leader at the Fort Calgary community garden where students spent the day harvesting vegetables to be used at non-profit agencies.

Lauzon said she enjoyed the day,



Katy Anderson/the Gauntlet

ActNOW aims to continue the spirit of the Dalai Lama's message.

but found it interesting to consider how the work would have been completed, had her team not been there.

"It was crazy. There was six of us and we worked all day. Just to think of how much time it would have taken the people that work there to do all the work we did . . . it was kind of amazing."

Lauzon saw the Dalai Lama speak twice and said she enjoyed his message and feels it is important that students get involved in volunteering.

"I think it's important to give back," said Lauzon. "You can learn a lot from volunteering. I think often the person volunteering gets more out of it than the person who's being volunteered for."

Walker said she hopes students who heard the Dalai Lama in person, or online, can take values he spoke about such as compassion and self-confidence, connect these values with their academic learning and volunteering, and ultimately realize why it is important to give back to their community.

Walker admitted it may be hard for students to find time to volunteer, but said a lot can be taken away from volunteering.

She even knows students who volunteer before and after-exams because it can be such a great stress-reliever.

"It's so hard to find time to sleep, let alone to volunteer," she said, noting volunteering prepares students for life after school.

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"The segment that could be reduced is pleasure," said Drapper, while, *The New Internationalist* went as far as to postulate that air travel for pleasure should be all but eradicated.

As for business, Drapper suggested that technological advancements such as the Internet and Skype should be able to significantly reduce the necessity of air travel.

"It's really important to maintain a high quality of life, without compromising our future generation's opportunity for the same," said Pembina Institute researcher and technical analyst Greg Powell.

A multiplier called the radiative forcing index is applied to emissions from air travel because the pollutants emitted at high altitude create cloud cover and reflect sunlight. While this may appear to be a good thing, keeping the incoming rays away from the earth, the negative ef-

fect is that they keep heat from being released back into the atmosphere, said Pembina analyst in corporate consulting Richard Wong.

The aviation industry is aware of the problem posed by high-altitude emissions and the International Air Travel Association has a plan to reduce the industry's CO₂ emissions. The plan will be presented at the UN's climate change conference in Copenhagen this December.

"We are calling on governments to adopt a global sectorial approach to reducing aviation emissions," said IATA assistant director of aviation environment, Quentin Browell.

Browell said that between 2008 and 2009 there has been a 1.8 per cent reduction in carbon emissions from increased industrial efficiencies with 4.5 per cent coming from capacity cuts, largely because of the global economic recession.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office	Number of Vacancies
Operations & Finance Commission	1
SAA Faculty Representative, Schulich School of Engineering	1

Voting will take place on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd days of October 2009. Online voting will take place 9:30 am October 20 until 4 pm, October 22 through the my UofC portal. Polling station locations and hours are as follows:

Tuesday, Oct. 20	9:30 am to 4 pm, MacEwan Student Centre 9:30 am to 4 pm, Social Sciences
Wednesday, Oct. 21	9:30 am to 4 pm, MacEwan Student Centre 9:30 am to 4 pm, Social Sciences
Thursday, Oct. 22	9:30 am to 4 pm, MacEwan Student Centre 9:30 am to 4 pm, Social Sciences

All University of Calgary undergraduate students registered in the Fall 2009 session are eligible to vote. For more information, visit www.su.ucalgary.ca.

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In accordance with section 26 of the Election bylaw, the Chief Returning Officer declares the following persons elected to the positions to which they were nominated:

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The hunt for polar bear sustainability

Sydney Stokoe
Gauntlet Opinions



It can't be easy being a polar bear. When they aren't busy losing their territory to climate change, they're trying not to be one of the 176 bears killed in the annual polar bear hunt. Hunted bears are split between Baffin Bay and Greenland. 108 hunting permits are handed out in Canada, while Greenland distributes 68. The combined numbers have been deemed unsustainable by both government and environmental groups. Last year, the numbers were reviewed and a reduction in the hunting quota was suggested. It was subsequently ignored.

The Nunavut government has asked that the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board cut the number of bears in the Canadian portion of the hunt down to 64,

the same number that was suggested (and ignored) last year. Hunters aren't keen on the idea that the animal they love to chase could be in serious trouble, claiming that contrary to numbers shown in research, the polar bear population has actually risen in the Baffin Bay area. Their argument is based on the number of bears sighted by locals. Bear tracking research suggests otherwise.

Why is it, then, that more bears are being spotted? In a nutshell, climate change. Polar bears have long inhabited the ice flows in the Baffin Bay area and, due to rising temperatures, these ice flows have been melting, leaving the bears with nowhere to go but the land. Their living space is quite literally vanishing beneath their furry paws. With such a massive reduction of territory, it seems obvious that bear sightings have become more frequent.

Hunters are less than pleased about their bear hunting prospects



for the coming year. There was a point in time when the hunt was a necessary part of life. There was a point in time when all parts of the bear were used to support the daily lives of the northern people. How-

ever, in today's society, is it really necessary? Cultural importance of the bear hunt only goes so far before it crosses into mistreatment of nature. Considering how recently the bears were on the endangered

species list — less than four decades ago — it wouldn't take much for the scales to tip back.

Since 1988, polar bear populations have dropped by 22 per cent in the Baffin Bay region. Given our current precarious environmental situation, it's more important than ever that we allow for the success of such an important species.

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board is contemplating three choices: they either set the quota at 64 bears, review the quota altogether or put a moratorium on the entire hunt. Officials are expected to reach a decision some time in the next week.

Being the top of the northern food chain, a healthy bear population keeps the rest of the food chain in check. A diminished bear population would lead to a boom in the seal population. A bigger seal population would, in effect, lead to more seals to club during the annual seal hunt. And quite honestly, that's a big enough mess as it is.

Reversing the curse of the Hudson's Bay Company

Ken Hunt
Gauntlet Opinions

Canadians shed a frustrated tear when American businessman Jerry Zucker took ownership of The Hudson's Bay Company in 2006. He died abruptly two years later due to

Hudson's Curse which, allegedly, will not allow a non-Canadian to own the company. Because of Hudson's vengeful spirit and the fact that the U.S. economy is now about as stable as a two-legged chair, the company may soon be back in Canadian hands where it belongs.

While New York-based private equity firm NDRC, which took over after Zucker in 2008, claims to have made improvements to the company and increased profits, these came as a result of job cuts — as most "improvements" in corporate America do. Rich-

ard Baker, current president of NDRC, stated his "great hope is to return the Hudson's Bay Company to the people of Canada through an initial public offering, perhaps as early as the first half of 2011." Having no doubt endured numerous unwelcome visits from Henry

Hudson's angry ghost, as well as numerous unwelcome visits from angry stockholders, Baker's decision comes as no surprise.

As of yet, it hasn't been decided how much of the company will go public, and Baker was quoted say-
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Help the SU Green Their Operations

Joey Brocke
VP Operations
& Finance



I hope that you all enjoyed Debt City earlier this week. I know that I always have a great time camping out on campus. By now you may have noticed there have been more activities than usual going on in Mac Hall. October is Wellness Month, a month where the Students' Union hosts a number of events highlighting everything from responsible consumption of alcohol to sexual awareness.

As a part of wellness month, the SU will be addressing issues related to environmental sustainability with a couple

of events. In the last couple years the SU has been working to improve the impact of our operations and the two events we will be hosting demonstrate important aspects of this direction: internal review and partnership with community.

My Market, which took place on Monday Oct 5, will be back for its second year. This event is organized by students and presented in partnership with the SU. This is an excellent example of the SU helping groups on campus get their own projects off the ground. The first market of the year included live music provided by CJSW and some local musicians, a graffiti artist and a break dance painter. While this week's event was a large one, you can be sure to check out the fresh produce vendors and

various products from local artisans all year long. The market will take place on the first Monday of each month, except for December when the market will be hosted on November 30th and January when classes have not yet resumed. I would like to take the time to recognize the team for their hard work on this event, specifically the organizer Zina Kwan — Great work!

The second sustainability related event hosted by the Students' Union this month is our Green Café. This initiative, which started last year under the direction of former Vice President Alex Judd, brings together interested students, university employees and staff that are interested in improving sustainability on our campus. Last year the Green Café was used as a

forum for people who were interested in getting involved. This year the SU is using the café for a more specific purpose, to help generate ideas for the Students' Union three year sustainability action plan. The event will be held on Tuesday October 13th, from 11:30 to 1pm in Cassio (*Conference & Event Centre meeting room*). Come on out, enjoy some refreshments and bring your ideas on how the SU can make their operations a little more environmentally friendly.

I hope to see you there!

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Of communism, jazz and cardigans

Explaining hipsters, scenesters and 21st century life

Roy Cotton-O'Brien
Fishing With Dynamite



A plain t-shirt and pants — the perfect attire. Seemingly not caring but at the same time enough to be considered fashionable. On the way to the concert I really did believe it was important to dress to impress.

It's just after eight on a crisp August night. As I enter the bar I am greeted by the musky scent of the previous evening's alcohol. The dim atmosphere is brightened by a ragtag set of colour-changing stage lights worthy of the feeble concert I am about to witness. It seems every aspiring garage band between the ages of 14 and 20 has assembled to establish their foothold in Calgary's music community.

The night commences with a young band hailing from Red Deer who kick off with a Phil Collins-esque drum solo. Several bands later it is established that, with a few more guitar instructors, Calgary would have a very potent music scene. Dancing to a hearty rendition of "All The Small Things," I become suddenly aware that I am the only plain t-shirt wearing member of the audience. Somehow I have become immersed in a sea of cardigans and v-necks, skinny jeans, glasses frames and the occasional sweatband. Reeling in confusion I check my ticket for some indication of a dress code. Nothing. Bewilderment consumes me. I become lost among the lambent colors. Between the ka-chunk of offbeat power chords, the lyrics of popular Canadian rock band the Constantines thunder through my ears. Hours later, walking home under the crepuscular sky those words still resonate inside my head, "you are not your generation."

In a culture obsessed with individuality it is peculiar that so many cardigans can be sported simultaneously at an open-ended public event. Upon further investigation it became clear that I had stumbled upon a convergence of scenesters. To correctly understand a scenester a person must first examine the argot of

the counter-culture. Many people would trace scenesters' lineage to hippies in the 1960s, but in fact they emerged during the Second World War.

At the height of the Jazz Age a breed of rambunctious musicians diverged from the social norm. Fast-paced improvisation accompanying a distinct style of dress and a radical new vocabulary exploded across America as the youth embraced nonconformity. This "bebop" movement quickly evolved with the changing world, from folk to psychedelia, glam metal to grunge, eventually creating the modern day scenesters.

Many are unclear on what exactly a scenester is. As a sect of non-conformists, scenesters oppose popular culture. By embracing underground music, fashion and film, they have created a similar trend to Hunter S. Thompson's "freak power movement." Although the modern day scenester is constantly changing they are successful at maintaining their roots, cre-

ating a smorgasbord of fashions stretching from grunge to ultra-pop. The idea of scenester is hard to isolate because it transcends a specific label, more clearly defined as lacking one. Opposition to the social norm has been around as long as society, however a speed bump to this concept has abruptly appeared. The idea of non-conformity has become the idea of conforming to non-conformity.

It is peculiar that a group of non-conforming individuals could be so easily identified in a dark concert hall and yet their matching sweaters and fluorescent headbands are difficult to miss. Approaching this oddity from a logical perspective it is apparent that this phenomenon must have a rational explanation. These conformers must have some sort of guide to scenester behaviour and dress — a common ground in which they can stay familiar with the most popular ways of being an individual. This trick of keeping with the current trend is facilitated by a redun-

dancy: American Apparel.

Some self-proclaimed scenesters will hastily declare that a true scenester avoids American Apparel at all costs. They will claim that it *used* to be cool until a flock of "posers" discovered it and the store was branded as a very un-scenester place to shop. Seen everywhere, this American Apparel-clothed horde is in fact a subgroup of the counter culture known as hipsters. Some claim that true scenesters navigated the masses to American Apparel, which in turn became frequented by the prevalent customer branded as a hipster. I find this opinion of no consequence; Vladimir Lenin and an anonymous Soviet farm worker both have incredibly different roles but ultimately both are communists.

The grey area of the scenesters' relation to hipsters remains disputed, but a subtle difference is clear. Although both may look alike, act alike and be found in each other's company, the scenester has a distinct edge on a hipster. They are

cool. To the untrained eye the action of wearing non-prescription glasses is simple but only a true scenester is able to do so while maintaining the essence of cool.

With the ambiguity of the scenester established, the concept of American Apparel must be addressed. Founded in 1989, American Apparel is built upon a cynical view of American pop-culture. Created to oppose a society driven by brand-name labels and superficiality, it is a store created for the everyday person. Through sexually-charged ad campaigns and innovative designs American Apparel locations rapidly multiplied.

During its beginnings the fashion culture was dominated by branding. Human beings were most clearly defined through their clothes. Clothing with specific company insignia quickly opened rifts in society. People were given insight into total strangers. By examining the relative price of clothing the economic status of the individual could be inferred. Branding also allows for the ideals of a subgroup to be expressed. A person's outfit may offer some elaboration of their general outlook. Immensely overpriced clothing was purchased in order to fit into a specific cultural niche, rendering aesthetic value an outdated concept.

To combat this trivialization of society a line of non-branded clothes emerged. The idea of judging people on who they are as a person rather than who they are as a mannequin caught fire. The non-conformist idealism of the ever-existent counter-culture quickly fused with the trendy style of American Apparel. As in any market, increased demand shot prices through the roof. This condition creates the irony that is American Apparel. The company that created its own distinct subculture, aimed at escaping the labels of the other subcultures, manufactured a catch-22. To throw off the chains of overpriced branding, people must buy overpriced plain clothing that labels them as conformers of individuality. Somehow, American Apparel has allowed the path of eccentricity to merge with the path of conformity. Perhaps the Constantines were mistaken — you really are your generation.

These conformers must have some sort of guide to scenester behaviour and dress — a common ground in which they can stay familiar with the most popular ways of being an individual.



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Pounding out an understanding of the fist bump

Savannah Hall
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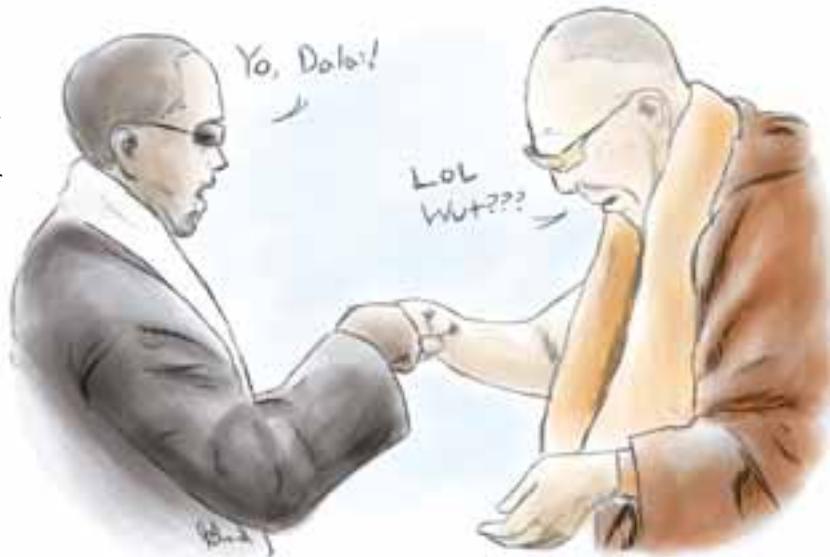


The fist pound or first bump is a gesture of greeting that was popular a few years ago, but has re-emerged, and with good reason. The Mayor of Memphis, Myron Lowery, got a lot of media attention for fist bumping the Dalai Lama. His Holiness was there to accept an award from the National Civil Rights Museum of Memphis and was greeted with a “Hello Dalai” followed by him and the mayor “pounding it.” Some say the salutation was inappropriate, when in actuality what the mayor did was kickstart a motion that will benefit all humanity.

He cites the swine flu as one of

the main reasons he thought the fist pound was a better option than the standard hand shake. H1N1 is spread through bodily fluid and the palms of your hands are home to all sorts of goodies. If we eliminate hand-shaking the exchange of fluids can be cut down drastically. This is just one reason, albeit a main one, that the fist pound should make a comeback.

What is lurking on another’s hand is unknown. Aside from the many diseases and bacteria that can unknowingly make it to your hand then to your mouth or eyes and into your body, there is also bodily contact. The handshake requires you to interlock limbs with someone else. Their or your hands could be cold or clammy or rough or hot or sweaty or a combination. Nothing is worse than trying to discretely wipe someone else’s sweat off your hands onto



your pants while looking them in the eye and trying not to cringe.

One other reason is the formality of the handshake. It’s a given upon meeting to shake hands but after that it gets rather confusing figuring out for

who and when one should outstretch their arm. The fist pound can be used with anyone all the time, no second guessing.

The first pound is quick and painless. It can be done in passing, quickly tap knuckles and be on

your way. The handshake requires those involved to stop, turn to each other, reach out their hands and shake. It also runs the risk of varied degrees of pressure and force. Shaking hands with someone who crushes your hand, gives you limp hand or moves your hand/arm in such a fast and furious motion that your whole body shakes is not exactly desirable.

With the fist pound you can still hold stuff in your hand. Running around campus holding books in one hand and a cell in the other is no worry when giving the fist pound before going into class. The handshake requires you to try and juggle your books and cell around so you have a free hand. This can end in your precious items falling and you looking like a klutz.

Barack and Michelle Obama have been known to engage in a fist pound. If the Obamas endorse it, then, yes, we can.

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Debunking myths of a sexual nature

No, splooshing your junk in Diet Coke will not prevent pregnancy



**Ayla Musial and
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Campus Coitus

The basics of sex are essentially instinctual. But with a little bit of creativity and practice people can usually figure out the more complicated stuff, too. Unfortunately the contraceptive ideas some creative people come up with can be pretty ridiculous. Sex myths may be hilarious, but when people believe them they can lead to some undesirable side effects. Babies, for example. So we have dug up the truth about some of the better known and outrageous sex myths.

Myth: You can't get pregnant during unprotected sex if the man pulls out before he ejaculates.

False! Even if the dude doesn't ejaculate, sperm can still be present in his pre-cum. And yes pre-cum exists, too, it's not something your third period CALM teacher made up to scare you. It's the clear, sticky substance that is released when a guy is aroused. You're also gambling that the guy has enough control to know exactly when he's going to burst. It just takes one little sperm to ruin all your fun.

Myth: Wearing two condoms makes you safer! It's like you're 200 per cent protected!

False! Condoms work because they provide a protective barrier between your naughty bits and your partners naughty bits. There is no reason to add in an extra condom. Using two causes more friction between the condoms than between your junk and a condom. This is caused because condoms don't self lubricate like you do. The increased friction from the extra rubber makes both condoms more likely to break or fall off. If you're worried about condom breakage don't use two, grab some lube instead, you can even get it in convenient condom-sized packets!

Myth : You can't get pregnant while having sex standing up, girl

on top or the upside-down lotus.

False! As most physics majors will tell you, gravity revolves on a "what goes up must come down" set of principles. However, this does not mean that you won't get pregnant just because you are riding bareback on top. That's just silly. Sperm is still able to travel up the vaginal cavity to the uterus. If you have unprotected sex you can get pregnant, no matter how or where you do it.

Myth: Peeing after sex washes out sperm and prevents pregnancy.

False! Urine exits the bladder through the urethra, which lies above the vaginal opening. They are not the same tract. If you are peeing through your vaginal opening, see a doctor. A good one. Since sperm does not connect with the urethra, any sperm in the vagina won't even get wet when you wee.

Myth: Washing your genitals with Coke (or Pepsi at the U of C) after sex can kill sperm and thus prevent pregnancy.

The belief used to be that warm Coke, and especially Diet Coke, was an excellent spermicide. Directly following sex, the girl would take a warm bottle of Coke and shake it well. Once shaken, the tip and neck of the bottle would be inserted into the vagina and the carbonation would force the Coke upward into the vagina. It was thought that the carbonation and sugar would kill sperm. It will only cause a really bad infection.

Myth: If you have sex in water (like a swimming pool or shower) the chlorine will kill sperm and STIs.

False! While chlorine in a pool can kill sperm and some germs, it is not concentrated enough to kill most bacteria or all the sperm. There is the risk that during submerged sex, water can be forced into the cervix, providing a breeding ground for infections. Water is also a poor lubricant and can rinse away your natural secretions. This makes it more likely that both partners can get micro-abrasions and tears in their equipment. These tears are not just painful but

create additional routes for nasty infections to get into your body. Save yourselves some hassle and if you must have sex in water, keep it in the shower and use lube.

Myth: If you ejaculate three times in a row then you've gotten rid of all of your sperm and can't get someone pregnant.

While you could theoretically exhaust your supply of man batter, it would take a hell of a lot more than three spurts. The whole point of the male reproductive system is to make and deliver sperm, and by the time it runs out, you wouldn't want to be having anymore sex anyway. Even if your loads are getting smaller it still only takes one.

Sex myths can be crazy, fun to laugh about, and there are several more that we didn't have space for here. So keep your brains turned on, even in the heat of the moment. Sexual safety is important to both the newbies and the senior sexters. While the picture of a woman and a coke bottle is both



hilarious and horrifying, keep in mind that in Amsterdam, women smoke cigars out of their vaginas and write sentences through pelvic thrusting and a strategically placed

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A look at the many problems with pesticides

Sierra Love
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It is always strange how, over a relatively short period of time, certain things are deemed necessary or important. This happens with both material possessions and things like appearances. We construct an ideal and then, whether this ideal is actually good or even if it leads to negative consequences, we continue to uphold it. It is almost like we forget we created the so-called ideal and believe we have no choice in its continued propagation. At this point several things come to mind;

consumerism, certainly, but in this case I mean dandelions.

Growing up, I loved dandelions. I was allowed to pick as many as I wanted, they were fun to make wishes on in the fall, you could colour your knees yellow with them and we pretended that the white fluid inside could heal scratches. Now, I still love them. They bring colour to otherwise drab areas of the city, they provide food for bees early in the year, and — if they haven't been sprayed — there are some really good dandelion recipes out there. My parents, on the other hand, would like to conform to the ideal of the immaculate lawn. We happen to have one of those “pesticide free yard” signs on our front lawn, so we're more than happy to spend time outside in the sunshine

digging up the dandelions. Or, if we're busy, let the few we have be. There are some very good reasons to have one of those signs.

Picture this, you are out for a stroll in the park and see little kids playing in the grass — perhaps they have a puppy — and they are all romping and rolling and putting things in their mouths. You turn the corner and notice a bright yellow rectangle at the start of the path. Pesticides are poison. They put those signs up for a reason. More than once I have seen children and people with their pets unaware of recent spraying in an area, and once I tell them they immediately scoop up their precious cargo and keep them off the grass. I often find that areas are not marked well enough or that signs have fallen over. There is particular concern if spraying is done next to yards with chain link fences, with vegetable gardens, when it is windy or too close to water.

Pesticides affect more than their target animal or plant. They destroy the soil ecology, affect helpful bacteria and insects and are passed through the food chain into birds and mammals. On top of all this, dandelions don't seem to care much that we are spraying them year after year, poisoning our soil and water. There are still just as many dandelions as there were when I was younger, if not more. And they are heartier, too. They use all sorts of different chemicals to rid us of “unsightly” pests. This is why these pesticides are called cosmetic. They are unnecessary and they should be banned.

Numerous cities across Canada



have stopped spraying cosmetic pesticides and Calgary is inching towards that wisdom, too. Unfortunately this makes certain companies very unhappy, so they pressure the government to continue with the status quo and weaken the coming bylaw. It also makes people who have been ingrained with the idea of the ideal lawn (which takes far too much water anyways) and people maintaining public property somewhat unhappy. Which is why I have to question the so-called ideal of the ideal lawn. As my good friends at the Coalition for a Healthy Calgary would say, “dandelions don't hurt people, pesticides do.”

We have reached another cru-

cial juncture here in Calgary, our politicians are going to make a decision. Will they give us the bylaw that we deserve? Will they protect our children and pets, our health and our ecology? One certainly hopes so. Aldermen are consulting their constituents, and some are looking to other stakeholders. This is important, this is about our city's future. I, for one, will definitely take the little time it takes to make a couple phone calls to the city. Unless they hear it from us, there are several fence sitters who may side with those promoting the toxic fantasy of the ideal lawn. When they do make their decision, I hope they know it's not just about the dandelions.

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ing, “we would still be involved and very active in the business.” Pretty ballsy thing to say, considering his soul lies in the balance.

On the bright side, the company did unveil its uniform design for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic winter games last Thursday and Baker apparently promised that if either the Canadian men's or women's hockey team takes home a gold medal, he'll display the Canadian flag, team photos and team uniforms in the flagship Lord and Taylor store on New York's fifth avenue. A noble effort to appease Hudson, but it will not succeed. Maybe he'll try marketing Olympic uniforms as a

hot new clothing line.

After dropping 700 of its beloved brands, which accounted for more than half the brands it carried, to make room for 150 new American brands, The Bay's cultural enamel has been severely eroded. This kind of ruthless slaughter of a company's tradition in the name of profits is exactly what Canadians feared would happen to The Bay. Baker even went so far as to criticize the store's previous owners for continuing to run things certain ways simply because that's the way they had always been run. Well, if it ain't broke, don't try to fix it. The Bay is North America's oldest company and they've obvi-

ously been doing something right to have survived for 339 years.

International business co-operation is essential to keeping the world economy afloat, but when a company's ties to its country of origin and original market of consumers are thrown overboard in favour of profit opportunities, not only do consumers lose their loyalty and faith in the company itself, but countries like Canada lose a chunk of their economies. Thankfully, justice still exists, in a supernatural form. Just leave your Hudson's Bay Company stocks at the Toronto exchange and back away slowly, Mr. Baker. It's the only way to lift the curse.

Dinos set sights on 11th straight home win



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Jon Roe
Sports Editor

In years past, the Dinos may have looked at the schedule and cringed after seeing their upcoming game against the University of Manitoba Bisons. The Bisons won the Vanier Cup in 2007 and compiled back-to-back 8-0 regular seasons in 2006 and 2007. They also amassed an 18-game regular season winning streak during that time.

“My first ever CIS game was against Manitoba,” says fifth-year defensive back Matt Grohn, referring to a week one tilt in Winnipeg in 2005. “We went out there and they laid it on us 51-10 and it was a pretty bad game and I remember it, so hopefully we can return the favour this week.”

Since the Bisons hoisted the Va-

nier Cup, the Dinos have turned the tide. First the Dinos ended the aforementioned 18-game winning streak last season at home with a 37-17 victory. Then they walked into Winnipeg and broke a streak of their own — 10 years without a win at the U of M — with a 25-18 victory on Oct. 18 last year.

Now the Dinos are looking downwards from the top with a 4-1 record at a 2-2 Bisons squad floating in the middle-of-the-pack of the conference standings.

“It definitely feels good,” says Grohn. “I think a lot of the guys that were with the team when the score was on the other end, we don’t forget those scores.”

Recent success or not, Dinos head coach Blake Nill knows that the Bisons are not to be taken lightly. As he points out, they are only two

seasons removed from a national championship and they still boast players who have won it all before.

“I look at them still as one of the top programs in the conference, if not the country,” Nill says. “They have the potential and the ability to turn it up to a notch that most programs can’t and we’re going to have to be ready to play perhaps our toughest football game of the year on Saturday.”

Though the Dinos have been racking up impressive victory margins — 24 points over the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds in Vancouver last week, 27 points over the Simon Fraser University Clan at home the week before, 26 points over the University of Regina Rams in Regina the week before that — they have also been guilty of taking their foot off the gas pedal and letting opponents pick up

scores in the second half.

In their first home game of the year, back-to-back touchdowns for the University of Alberta Golden Bears brought them within a field goal in the final minute of the fourth quarter. Two touchdowns for the Clan in the fourth made the score closer than it should have been in the Dinos second home game of the year. Then last week, the Dinos allowed a 10-play, 108-yard touchdown drive from the T-Birds in the fourth. Those kinds of efforts won’t be acceptable against the Bisons.

“We’re going to have to be in a position where we are executing for 60 minutes,” says Nill.

So far this year, the Dinos have the second best defence in the conference, with a stingy rush defence (which has allowed only 85 yards per game, the least amount in Canada

Taking on the herd

The University of Manitoba Bisons (2-2) come to McMahon Stadium on Saturday. Game time is 1 p.m.

Bisons:

Leading passer: Nathan Friesen 32-78, 433 yards, 2 TDs, 6 INTs

Leading rusher: Matt Henry 339 yards, 1 TD

Leading receiver: Clancy Doiron 138 yards, 2 TDs

Last match-ups with the Dinos:

Oct. 18, 2008 @ Manitoba

25-18 Dinos

Sept. 6, 2008 @ Calgary

37-17 Dinos

West), but a generous pass defence (which has allowed 277.6 yards per game, the most in Canada West).

“Teams always want to focus in and develop the run, but our front seven is doing such a great job this year, that they’re not getting yards,” explains Grohn.

He adds that though the secondary has to step up, as long as the team keeps winning that’s all that matters.

It hasn’t been a problem for a while for the Dinos to win at home. They are currently on a 10-game winning streak at McMahon and besides, no one wants to be in Manitoba in the fall.

“We usually go to B.C. or we go out east to Winnipeg, so it’s nice to go out into B.C. this year instead of going out there,” says fifth-year linebacker Chase Moore. “It’s not a fun trip, it’s nice to get them at home for sure.”

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Bears:

Top Scorers (through 2 GP):

Chad Klassen 3G 4A, 7 pts
Derek Ryan 2G 4A, 6 pts
Ian Barteaux 2G 1A, 3 pts

Conference games:

Oct. 2, 2009 @Alberta, versus the University of Regina Cougars 9-2 Bears

Oct. 3, 2009 @Alberta, versus the Cougars 5-3 Bears

Dinos:

Top Scorers (last season):

Torrie Wheat 12G 14A, 26 pts, 26 GP
Brock Nixon 13G 12A, 25 pts, 28 GP
Brett O'Malley 13G 7A, 20 pts 26 GP



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Hockeysaurs open season against Bears

Jon Roe
Sports Editor

New season. New coach. Familiar opponent.

The Dinos men's hockey team kicks off the season with a home-at-home with their northern rival, the University of Alberta Golden Bears.

It'll be a tough opening test for the Dinos, considering the Bears, though finishing third at last year's

CIS championships, have won eight of the last nine conference titles and three of the last five national titles.

"You find out where you stack up, immediately," says Dinos head coach Mark Howell. "There's not going to be any false sense of security or anything like that. You're going to know right away how your team's going to do, your depth and your talent and where you stack up, for sure."

The Dinos will have to measure

up well if they are going to accomplish the lofty goal Howell says he has in mind for this team. He says that though a top-four finish and a playoff spot would be acceptable, the team wants to shoot to be top-two in the conference. That means either knocking off the Bears, or the equally tough University of Saskatchewan Huskies, from their perch.

"Your start is really important, not just who you're playing, just having a real good start," says Howell. "You want to come out of the gate really well and build some confidence at the start of the season. In saying that, we can't get ahead of ourselves too far. We know we have lots of work to do to change and adapt to how we want to play."

They've had a bit of time to implement Howell's system. Howell took over as head coach in June, and has had five pre-season games to find out what his team is made of. Though they dropped four of the five, three of them were against tough NCAA Division I opponents Colorado College, Denver and Air Force, which they lost by competitive scores of 4-2, 3-2 and 3-1 respectively.

Howell says his team needs a bit of work on playing a good defensive system, but the trip helped the team.

"We learned a renewed sense of work ethic . . . and what's required

to play at a high level all the time," says Howell. "It's a real good test for our guys, to go down there. It was good to get together and know each other a little bit."

They may have needed it, with all new coaches, including assistant coaches Brad Isbister and Cory Cross, both former NHLers, and seven new faces on the roster, including four new d-men. The Dinos return Canada West top-10 scorers in Torrie Wheat and Brock Nixon, though, and fifth-year Jeff Weber and Canada West all-freshman Dustin Butler in net.

For Howell at least, it's been an easy adjustment.

"I've enjoyed it," says Howell. "I think the transition's been good. Administratively, there's a lot of similarities [with coaching in junior] . . . On the academic side, making sure we stay on top of our guys and make sure their classes are in order — those are the differences."

Last year, the Dinos missed the playoffs by finishing last in the conference. This year, the expectations are high, but it's a long road to the playoffs and the Bears present the first in a series of tests, including four of their first six games on the road.

"It's going to take some time," says Howell. "We do wanna make sure our guys understand the urgency of the first 10 games of the year."

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Both the men's and women's Dinos soccer teams took on the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns in home-at-home action this past weekend. The women took both games from the Pronghorns and the men split the series, with each team winning a game at home. Both Dinos squads are within two points of a playoff position.

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Also, I'll teach you a few tricks about real sports, like a short trick to remember which way to put your helmet on and which way to hold a stick if you want to win the Golden Stick award. Hint: it's not the way you think!

Come up to the *Gauntlet* office, room 319, MacHall, at the top of the stairs by the Den and ask for Jon.

— Jon Roe,
Sports Editor
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Snow!!! Yes, the season for colourful tuques and oh-so-trendy Ugg boots has arrived, but with that comes responsibility. How best do you wear such simple accessories as hats and boots? Channel your inner fashionista and send in a TLF! Bring your TLF to MSC 319 or e-mail them to tlfs@thegauntlet.ca. All submissions must include your name, ID number, phone number and signature. Submissions judged to be racist, sexist, homophobic or attacks of a personal nature will not be tolerated.

To the fiery fraulein from the Oktoberfest ad, who I assume works for the *Gauntlet* in some capacity: You tried to sell me a ticket to the trimedia cab, but I resisted, insisting on paying at the door. Well, with much regret I missed the cab, and so I'll continue to enjoy my Kolsch from a dixie cup. Most regrettable of all though, I fear I may have missed my only opportunity to take your hand in the Schupplattler dance. Auf wiedersehen.

– Sockeye
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– Shut the fuck up!!!
[Green eyEd monster]

Dear T.J.,
Montreal sucks. Oh, and I will beat you at pool one of these days... you just wait and see (you might have to give me a 6 ball lead though).

– B

To Qed:
"I Will Follow You Into the Dark"
– Death Cab
But then you wanted to "Call It Off"
– Tegan and Sara
At least now I can "Breathe"

– Taylor Swift
[ImpressEd]

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I like chemistry, but I hate the chemistry department. My lab assignment requires me to know stuff we haven't even come close to covering in lecture. I'm supposed to look it up in the textbook, effectively teaching it to myself. Of course, the way concepts build upon each other requires me to dig through several chapters of information. If I wanted to teach myself chemistry, I wouldn't be paying \$600 for course tuition.

[Not always gonna be spoon fEd]

To my little sister:
Wait, they have souls?
Sincerely, BB

When I was your age Pluto was still a planet!

[OpinionatEd]

Life lessons from a drafting lecture: Mistakes aren't bad things; they just bring you to the next chapter of what you're about to learn.

– Not a Drama major

Have I mentioned how much I despise that "I am a girl with a floppy tuque on the back half of my head" look? They look like gay gnomes.

Some people never go crazy, What truly horrible lives they must live.

– Charles Bukowski

Girls, Uggs have their place. It is not at the bottom of a pair of tight skinny jeans or leggings — you look like big-foot. Save them for sweatpant casual wear or for slippers.

[Well informEd]

What's up with this weather?
I bet Mother Nature thinks she's clever!
She has nothing better to do,
Than try and confuse me and you.
A jacket, a sweater or maybe something better?
Nah, I'll just wear TNA pants, a Lululemon hoodie and Uggs.

– Andy Williams

Magnet!
I miss your crazy cavewoman days of tacking on buffalo pictures to my door. I miss our joint pierogi and dance party obsession. I miss hearing "Show Me The Money" blasting next door. WAH-HHH... But wait, guess what? I'm coming for a visit this Friday! And even better... I'm coming out for Halloween! Oh by the way... you know those 'tives you were gonna get in with? I met one ;)

– Love, Casper
[ReunitEd]

University, I don't want to make money. I just want to be wonderful. Love, M.M.

Someone once said it's the good girls who keep diaries. The bad girls never have the time. Me... I just wanna live a life I'm gonna remember. Even if I don't write it down.

– SWAK

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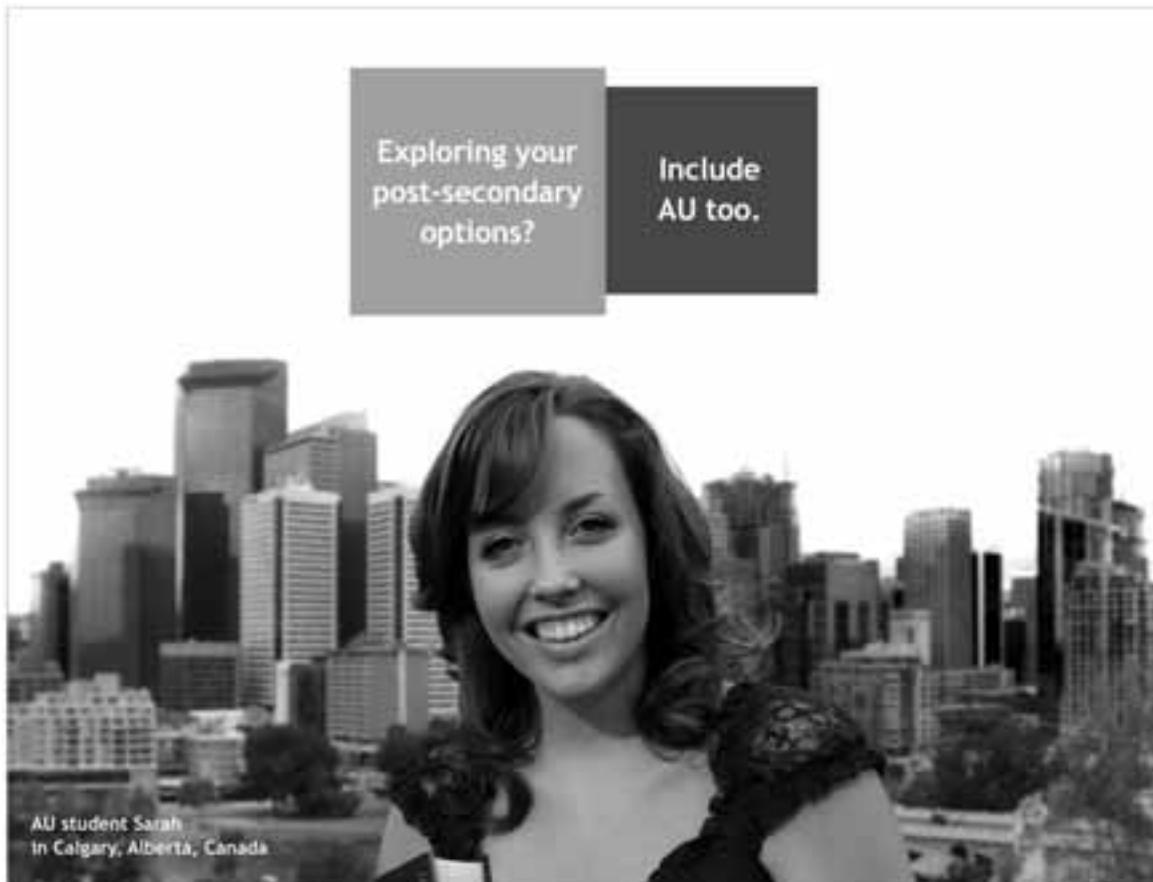
Fact-o' the week:
Moray eels have pharyngeal jaws, just like the aliens from the movie Alien.
– Isaac the Science Genie

It's not like I like you... I just wanna be with you when you're standing next to me.

[UndecidEd]

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ALBERTA FASHION WEEK, WEEK ONE

Even nightmares won't prevent the fashion from coming forward this week

INTERVIEWS BY ADRIANA SVEEN, PHOTOS BY ANGELA LARSEN



Name: Camille Prins

Occupation: Designer

Label: Dutch Blonde

Age: 28

Hometown: Calgary

G: How did you get into fashion?

CP: I used to go to the [University of Calgary]. I was enrolled in business and I would just sit in my classes sketching. So I transferred to George Brown college in Toronto and took fashion design. I live in Toronto now.

G: What kind of exposure have you gotten so far?

CP: I was on season two of *Project Runway* with [Calgary designer] Ad-

ejoke Taiwo. We were roommates. I also worked in London, backstage at shows for a label called Customer's Own Property.

G: Any last minute jitters?

CP: It's funny that you asked that! Last night I had a nightmare that my driver dropped me off at my show and drove away with my designs. I only had three dresses and I just . . . couldn't move my arms and legs. But I've been really focused today, no messing around.

G: Where should we go to see more of your designs?

CP: You can see my designs on my website, dutchblonde.ca. My Fall/Winter '09 designs will be sold at the Alberta Fashion Week trunk sales.

Name: Nicholette Freele

Occupation: Designer Liaison for Alberta Fashion Week

Hometown: Calgary, AB

G: What does a designer liaison do?

NF: I handle any concerns or questions the designers have. Sometimes they'll spring things on you like, "Oh, I actually have 14 models." It can be frustrating.

G: Where does your love for fashion come from?

NF: As a kid, I watched *Fashion File* and read *Vogue* with my mom. I worked at [the clothing brand] BCBG when I was 17.

G: Compared to other international fashion shows, how does Alberta Fashion Week stack up?

NF: I think that it's been seamless and on par with Milan, Paris and New York Fashion weeks.

G: How did the idea for Alberta Fashion Week come to be?

NF: David [Politi, Alberta Fashion Week head organizer] used to do guerrilla fashion shows around Calgary.

I was asking him what happened to [the now defunct] Calgary Fashion Week and just said, "Why not do Alberta Fashion Week?" So we did.

That was in March and it wasn't a lot of time to get things together.



Name: Alizee Paradis

Occupation: Model

Age: 22

G: What was the casting call for Alberta Fashion week like?

AP: There were lots of girls there. About half were signed to agen-

cies, and half were unsigned. I am unsigned. I have an agent but I am looking for a company to sign with.

G: What was the atmosphere backstage like?

AP: It was really laid back and friendly. Everyone was sharing shoes because we were the same size. But there were very few breaks

because we want everything to look seamless on the runway.

G: Was this your first runway show?

AP: No, I just walked in New York fashion week last week. I was amazed at how good Alberta Fashion Week has been so far, compared to New York.

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Keys to the VIP guys talk chicks 'n' wings

Katy Anderson
News Editor

Under the guise of promoting their show, *Keys to the VIP*, two men wearing too much hair product and two bald dudes spread out across the country promoting the allegedly delicious new Wingstreet Pizza Hut chicken wings.

Keys to the VIP is a reality comedy show featuring a group of four panelists colour commentating on competitions between so-called "players."

The show is structured into three challenges, which have in the past included getting a girl's phone number by first convincing her she reminds you of your mother and admitting you have an intense foot fetish.

The panelists, who represent the self-described "four corners of the male psyche," include "all-star jock" Peachez, the "hopeless romantic" Chris Greidanus, the "cold, calculated" Alen Bubich and the "mysterious" Sheldon. The latter two headed west to talk shop and promote the Ultimate Wing-

man contest with Pizza Hut.

After a "rough" night out at Melrose, Tantra and the Roadhouse defending their honour from unabashed Calgary girls who were trying to outdrink them — "I felt like I came to a gunfight with a knife," says Bubich — the creators of "the first professional league for players" met this reporter for a midday beer in the Den.

While I was curious if the panelists ever got into trouble with ladies who felt the show was an unabashed celebration of chauvin-

ism, Bubich assures me they hadn't run into any "femanazis" yet.

"It's not actually not a show about women, it's a show about men, if you think about it, the real humour and comedy comes from these guys failing," says Bubich. "I mean the women are the bit players in this."

The premise for the show spawned from Bubich and Sheldon's adventures at Guelph University where the two lived together.

"We were in a constant competition," says Bubich, who graduated with an honours degree in computer science. "Some of the stuff that we were doing at the time was ridiculous."

"People loved watching it, we'd get a little crowd at the bar and they'd observe and laugh," says Sheldon.

The pair then teamed with Peachez, also a friend from Guelph, raised \$60,000, hired a director and crew and shot their pilot episode.

"That whole process was some of the most fun we had," says Bubich.

Sheldon, a varsity soccer player who graduated from Guelph with an honours arts degree and went on to get an education degree, says university is a great place to learn how to meet people.

"It's the best place to learn game because you're actually in sort of an isolated environment, all living the same experiences," he says. "They're just so many single available women."

Although the show takes place in nightclubs, Bubich says "our whole world is being played out."

"As soon as you walk into a club you know what's happening. Women are there to be seduced and judged, while men are there to pander, to beg."

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Wordy wanderings come a-callin'

W o r d f e s t
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Jordyn Marcellus
Entertainment Editor

The written and spoken word has a strong history in Calgary. The city hosts two of the medium's biggest festivals, Wordfest and the Calgary International Spoken Word Festival. Calgaryan Craig Davidson — a man who sacrificed his own body twice for his 2007 novel *The Fighter* by taking a full steroid cycle during research and then being defeated in a boxing match during publicity for the same book — is a rising star who has been compared to alt-lit writer Chuck Palahniuk.

With this year's exciting lineup, which includes strong young voices like poet Zoe Whittall, graphic novelists like the pseudonym-

ous Seth and local writers like Davidson, Wordfest offers opportunities for Calgaryans to witness a wide range of artists showcase the art of wordsmithing.

"We always aim to bring the very best calibre of writers to Calgary and Banff and a broad program that will appeal to our community and a broad audience," says festival director Anne Green. "It's certainly not a festival aimed to the literati in its outreach. Our outreach is to the entire community, and if you look at the program it's a very populist program."

The festival, entering its 14th year, has been directed by Green since its inception in 1996. Founded by a group of organizations including the Calgary Public Library, then-Mount Royal College, the Writers Guild of Alberta and the Banff Centre, the festival has gained traction every year it's been around.

"We all went into [it] not knowing what the end result was going to be, whether or not it

would be a one-off or what it would be," says Green. "Next year will be our 15th anniversary, so there you go — it's grown from one little event into one of North America's premier literary events."

One thing that Wordfest organizers try to do, with a great deal of success, is make their festival accessible to all Calgaryans. The festival features diverse programming across the city, including a free Wednesday, September 13 workshop with budding young writers like Whittall in the Rozsa Centre.

"For many years we've tried to broaden [our programming]," says Green. "We work a lot with writers who are extending their platforms. We work with performance artists, writers who work with musicians — Kris De-

meanor is playing, [and so is] Roland Pemberton [rapper Cadence Weapon]. . . . What we try to do is include a reflection of what's going on in the world."

University students get a really good deal too: with a student ID in hand, tickets for events over \$10 are half-off.

"We try to make the festival as accessible as

/// We try to make the festival as accessible as possible. — Anne Green, Wordfest director.

possible," says Green. "There's a number of free events also. Several events are directed to writers and those who are interested into getting into the writing trade."

Wordfest kicks off Tues., Oct. 13. Check out wordfest.com for more information about events and ticket prices.

Fagan touches up *Jacob Two-Two*

C a r y F a g a n
a u t h o r i n t e r v i e w

Cam Cotton-O'Brien
Editor-in-Chief

Cary Fagan spent a decade unable to publish a book. Then he published three in one year.

Since that initial blitz, the Toronto-based author has penned a plethora of children's and adult fiction, including the recently released continuation of Mordecai Richler's *Jacob Two-Two* series.

Fagan notes that writing *Jacob Two-Two on the High Seas* presented some unique challenges.

"The others, of course, were written by Mordecai Richler and I wanted a kid reading to think he or she was reading another Jacob Two-Two story, not think, 'Oh, this was written by a different writer,'" explains Fagan. "At the same time, I wanted it to be a good story and the only way it could be a good story was if I really made it my own."

The 2007 Wordfest alum says that, though he felt some pressure at the

outset of working on the book, he overcame this after a draft or two. He started to have more fun with the book, inserting his own style of humour and writing it in the same fashion as his other works.

These other works comprise a long list, amongst which rests *Gogol's Coat*, a children's book based on Nikolai Gogol's crushing story *The Overcoat* — the same story credited with inspiring no less an author than Dostoevsky.

Though he is coming to Wordfest primarily to discuss his children's work, Fagan also writes adult fiction. Cormorant Press in Toronto recently released his fifth adult novel, *Valentine's Fall*.

"I've been working on it on and off for about 10 years, so I'm pretty glad to have it out there," says Fagan.

Fall, originally set entirely during the characters' high school years, underwent a transformation after Fagan had worked on it for a couple of years. After completing some children's books and another novel, *Fall* was rewritten, with Fagan deciding that the high school setting wasn't enough. He wrote an essentially new novel set 25 years after the first one, allowing his

characters to reflect on their lives and what had transpired since their youthful high school hopes. He then incorporated some aspects of the original manuscript, oscillating the narrative between the two time periods.

Fagan explains that setting aside *Valentine's Fall* to work on other books followed his usual working pattern. Typically at work on a novel, Fagan usually leaves it aside after a few months to work on children's books, squeezing picture books into two- or three-day blocks when he can.

"As long as I'm working on something, I know that something will eventually get finished," he says.

Cary Fagan will be at the Glenbow Museum Wed., Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m.

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- 3 **VARIOUS**** *Beatroute: 5 Year Compilation* (Beatroute)
- 4 **SHAGBOTS**** *We Were Born Tigers* (Self-Released)
- 5 **MOUNT EERIE** *Wind's Poem* (P.W. Elverum & Sun)
- 6 **BRANDI DISTERHEFT*** *Second Side* (Justin Time)
- 7 **PINX** *Look What You Made Me Do* (Self-Released)
- 8 **ARCTIC MONKEYS** *Humbug* (Domino)
- 9 **FINK** *Sort Of Revolution* (Ninja Tune)
- 10 **VAMPIRES OF DARTMOORE** *Dracula's Music Cabinet* (B-Music)
- 11 **FRAMEWORK*** *Before Tonight* (Last Gang)
- 12 **HEALTH** *Get Color* (Lovepump United)
- 13 **LIGHTNING DUST*** *Infinite Light* (Jagjaguwar)
- 14 **SINISTRIO**** *Ride The Dragon* (Chronograph)
- 15 **BLOODSHOT BILL*** *Git High Tonight!* (Transistor 66)
- 16 **WHY?** *Eskimo Snow* (Anticon)
- 17 **SLARAFFENLAND** *We're On Your Side* (Hometales)
- 18 **PAPER CRANES*** *Chivalry's Dead* (Unfamiliar)
- 19 **VIC CHESNUTT** *At The Cut* (Constellation)
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WORLD

- 1 **VARIOUS** *Rocksteady: The Roots Of Reggae* (Moll-Selekta)
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- 3 **NAHINA DOUMBIA** *Percussion And Songs From Mali* (Arc)
- 4 **TINARIWEN** *Imidiwan: Companions* (Outside)
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- 1 **BRANDI DISTERHEFT*** *Second Side* (Justin Time)
- 2 **OCTOBER TRIO & BRAD TURNER*** *Looks Like It's Going To Snow* (Songlines)
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U of C prof Bök re-releases book

Christian Bök
poet interview

Amy Badry

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The first few sentences of "Chapter E" in Christian Bök's *Eunoia* read, "Enfettered, these sentences repress free speech/The text deletes selected letters/He rebels. He sets new precedents."

This is a good explanation for the influential writer and University of Calgary professor's book. Bök has rebelled against the standard of modern day writing and set new precedent with the award-winning *Eunoia*. The avant-garde poet pushes the boundaries of language and literature, creating the eccen-

tric and ingenious book.

Bök attempted something never done before in the history of literature, writing a book where each chapter employs only one vowel. It took Bök seven years to achieve this task, a feat formidable in itself. It is being re-released at a reading on Oct. 8 at Pages on Kensington.

In order to complete *Eunoia* — which means beautiful thinking and is the shortest English word containing all five vowels — he read through the dictionary five times to find every univowel word. He then manually separated the words into categories of verbs, nouns, etc. Bök describes the process as "very difficult, very depressing and not much fun."

"*Eunoia* shows the degree to which language can thrive under all kinds of extreme conditions,"

says Bök. "Like a weed, language can find a crack in which to grow... it finds ways to be funny, sublime, uncanny despite our desire to fully control it."

Bök's ingenuity transcends the borders of literature, creating a unique style that experiments with all the components of language. From syntax and diction to semantics and form, the self-described mad scientist uses brilliant experimental poetry to explore more than the typical human sentiment. Poetry can be experimental and investigative; a kind of science reaching beyond the mainstream borders of literary art.

Other Calgary writers have been invited to read poetry inspired by *Eunoia*.

"[It will be an] occasion we get to celebrate the achievement of

other people and have a little party for the newly designed book itself," says Bök.

The new material in the book includes a translated version of the French poem *Viole* by Arthur Rimbaud.

"The sonnet is a description of all the colours of the vowels," explains Bök.

Bök expands the way one thinks about the English language and the way we perceive our forms. It would be difficult for such a project to be possible in other languages. Therefore Bök's writing creates romanticism for the English language, proving our language is both provocative and intriguing to read and play with.

Christian Bök reads from *Eunoia* at Pages on Kensington Thur., Oct. 8. Event starts at 8 p.m.

Brown's latest lost cause for late night studying

The Lost Symbol
book review

Cam Cotton-O'Brien

Editor-in-Chief

Dan Brown's works present a paradox, and not because they are jammed full of codes and puzzles to break. They are the type of fiction ideally suited to consumption by sleepy readers incapable of following along with denser, more literary works. But they are also dangerously captivating, proving difficult to put down for proper sleep. Sleep deprivation from reading his books long into the night

prevents the reader from attempting any other literary quests, creating a cycle of Dan Brown dependency that can only end with the conclusion of the book.

The lack of sleep and the consequent clouded memory unfortunately prevent the reader from retaining the more nuanced aspects of Brown's newest, *The Lost Symbol*. These are found in the details, as the book follows largely the same trajectory as the two earlier in the Robert Langdon series, *Angels and Demons* and *The Da Vinci Code*.

Symbol familiarly pitches Langdon into a bizarre opening scene that quickly comes to involve an

insidious villain and untrustworthy authorities. The story is told in small chapters, cutting back and forth between different characters to keep things fresh as Langdon and his new female counterpart struggle to solve a mystery before all hell breaks loose.

As with Brown's previous massive best sellers, *The Lost Symbol* is a strange, three-way hybrid between an exhilarating detective novel, a trivia book and a travel guide. It is interesting that Brown's books have caused the controversy they have. They don't delve deeply into any contentious issues, but merely present an excess of information that may or may not be offensive to some, if taken too seri-

ously, which the novels certainly don't warrant. There are some points in *Symbol* where Brown attempts limited political commentary, but caught up in the larger narrative and drowned out by the cascade of historical and mythological minutiae as they are, they come across as flippant. There is no profound insight to be gained, though the research that obviously went into the book is impressive. It is simply a very good thriller.

Brown has undoubtedly written a solid thrill-ride. Just don't read it when there's studying to be done — it won't help.

The Lost Symbol is out now in all major bookstores. Check out www.thelostsymbol.com for more info.

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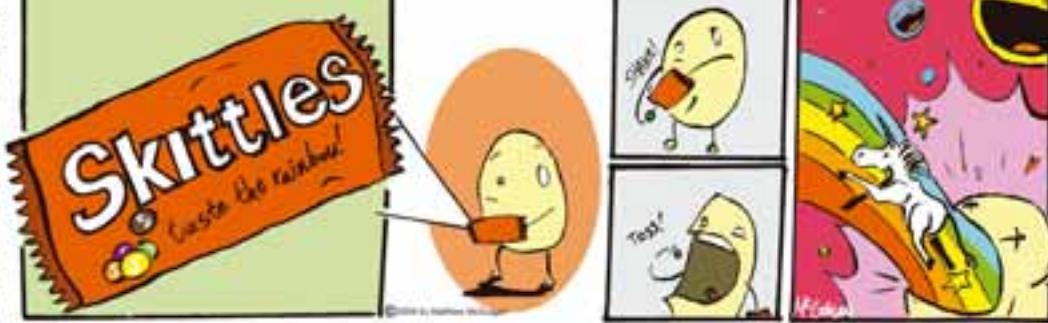
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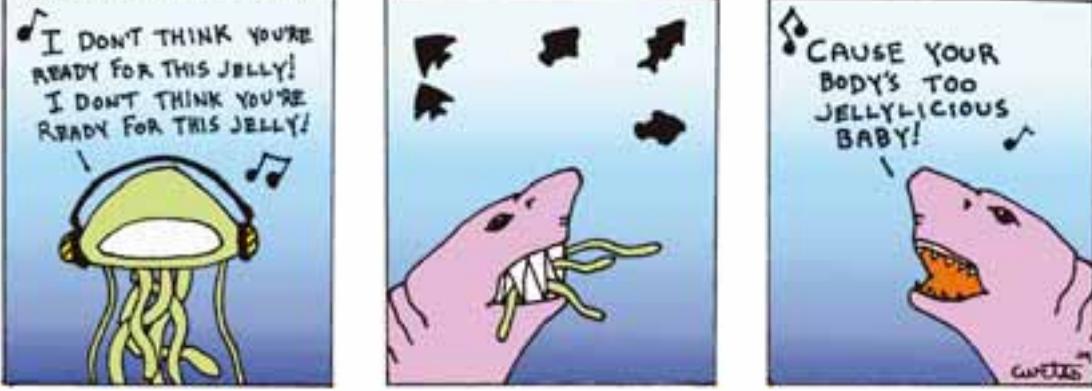


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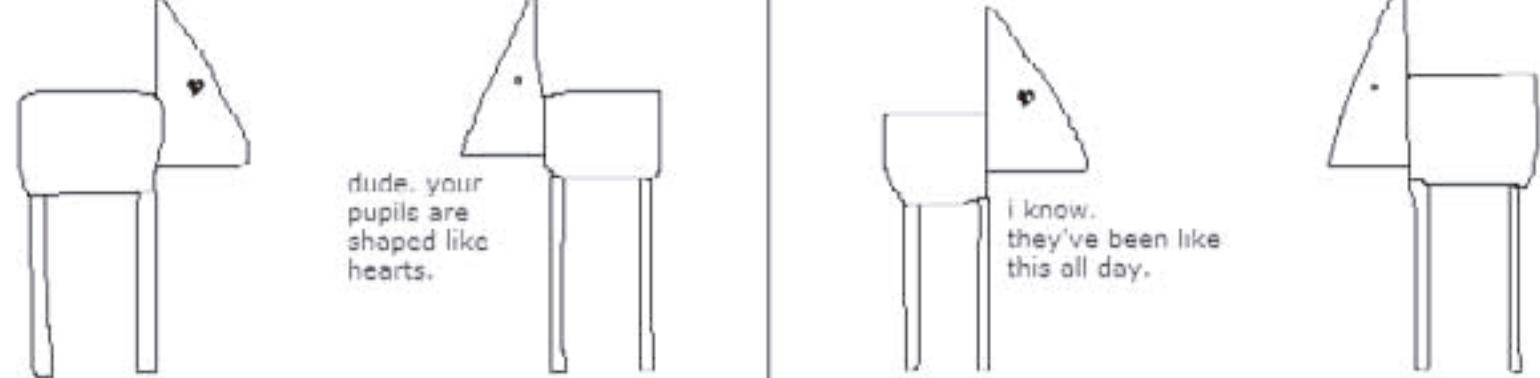


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