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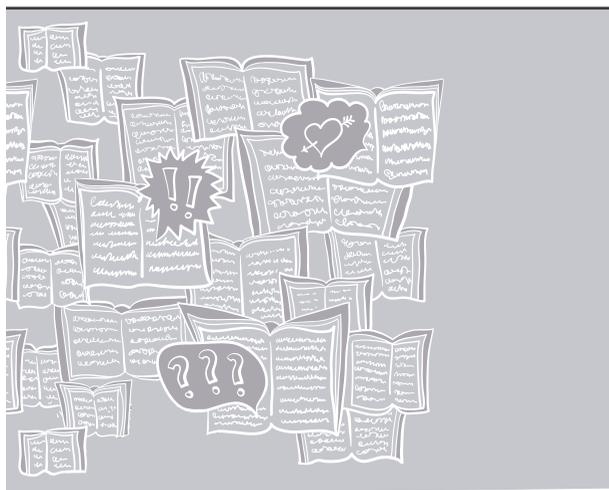



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# Anti-homosexuality bill sparks culture war

As a "Christmas gift" to its citizens, the Ugandan Parliament hopes to pass a bill this December legislating the death penalty for homosexual people. The bill, also known as the "kill the gays" bill, was first introduced in 2009 by Ugandan Member of Parliament David Bahati. When confronted with the possibility of being cut off from international aid, the bill was stalled. It was resurrected this February in response to mounting pressure from groups wanting to preserve the traditional family.

There is a large portion of countries in the Middle East and Africa that outlaw homosexuality. It is illegal to engage in homosexual acts in nearly two-thirds of the countries in Africa, including Egypt, Morocco, Ethiopia and Nigeria. Punishments vary from minor penalties, life imprisonment and the death sentence. It is already against the law to engage in homosexual acts in Uganda, and those accused can face up to 14 years of imprisonment. The anti-homosexuality bill is calling for a tougher stance that would involve a life sentence for people in same-sex relationships; extradition and prosecution of LGBT Ugandans living abroad; jail for anyone who doesn't report suspected gay people within 24 hours; and the death penalty for repeat offenders of "aggravated homosexuality."

The pervasive culture of homophobia in Uganda has been used to justify human rights violations of its LGBT community.



In 2010, *Rolling Stone*, a tabloid newspaper in Uganda, published a story with photos of the "top 100 gays and lesbians" with their names and addresses next to a title that said "hang them." The Speaker of Parliament Rebecca Kadaga is convinced the bill will be passed, claiming that Ugandans are "demanding it."

The response coming from leaders of the international community has been one of outrage and contempt. American President Barack Obama has called the proposal "odious," while others threaten economic sanctions to the already struggling African country.

Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs John Baird slammed Kadaga at the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference on Oct. 25 in Quebec City, alluding to previous human rights abuses towards gay and lesbian Ugandans. Baird said Uganda should protect its people regardless of sex, sexuality or faith. Kadaga defended the anti-gay stance, stating that Ugandans will not be forced to embrace homosexuality because they are not a Canadian colony. This response incited a

huge reaction from some Ugandans who, upon her return home, greeted Kadaga with triumphal applause.

Uganda gained independence from Britain in 1962, but in many ways it continues to bear the scar of colonialism. As a fairly new nation, leaders resist any attempts from outsiders to dictate policies and lawmaking initiatives that are not of their own making. However, many Ugandan beliefs are guided by the remnants of the colonial imposition of religion. American evangelicals like Rick Warren have a strong influence on Ugandan Christians, who oppose the use of condoms and the separation of church and state.

Uganda is one of the poorest nations in the world. Corruption is rife in the political realm and, despite some national economic growth, poverty continues to impact most people. The international community should not threaten to withhold aid to Uganda if the bill passes for a few different reasons. Firstly, given their past colonial history, it would be unwise to employ coercion. Having endured

so many years of oppression, Ugandans will fight tooth and nail to maintain their ideological independence. Secondly, there is no way to target individuals through sanctions. Everyone, including those the international community wishes to protect, would be harmed.

The international community must allow Ugandans who are against the anti-homosexuality bill to do the groundwork needed to fight their own battle. In August, Uganda hosted its first ever gay pride events, demonstrating that despite the over-arching anti-gay sentiment, there is a growing movement of people willing to stand up for their rights. Recognizing that the Ugandan people are strong and fully capable of pursuing justice in their country, dissolves the external pressures of the perceived culture war between developing African nations and the West. If the bill does go through, there is legal recourse as it would violate Uganda's own constitution, which declares the rights of equality and freedom from discrimination for everyone.

There are courageous and capable Ugandan human rights organizations and allies working hard to protect Ugandans. The international community would do best to focus on offering asylum and support for those who request it and model the type of world where all people are valued, regardless of sexuality.

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# Deal with China under scrutiny

## Should Canada allow more Chinese investment?

**Manal Sheikh**

Gauntlet News

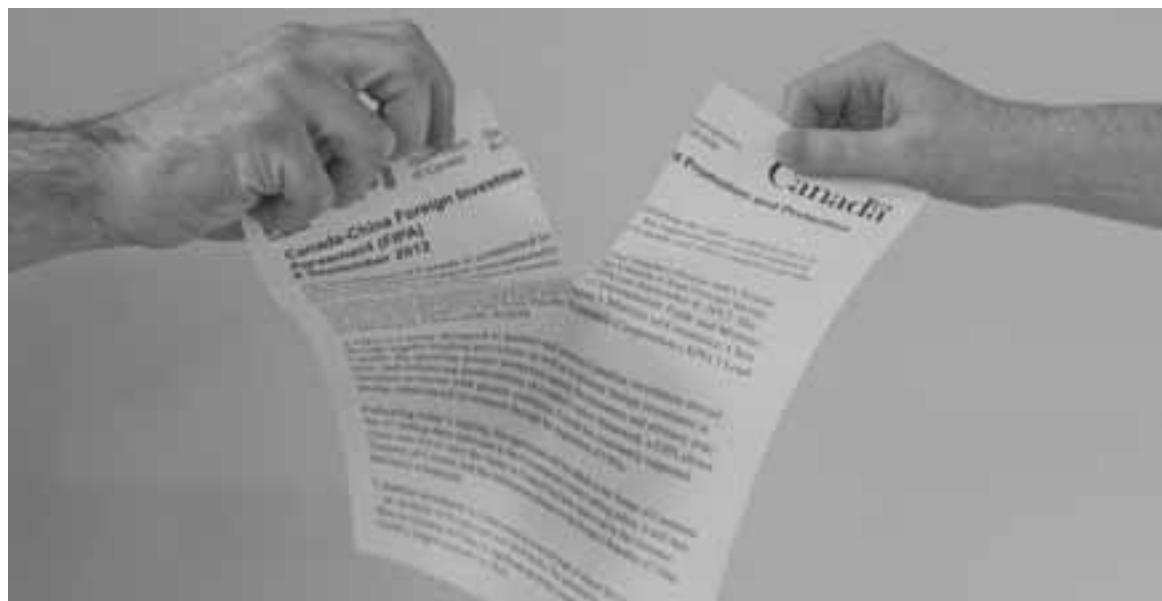
On Sept. 9, 2012, the Canadian government signed the Canada-China Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Act, an extensive investment agreement that allows Chinese investors greater access to Canadian markets. The agreement was to be ratified in early November, however, this has been delayed.

The details of the agreement were not shared with the public until the deal was brought to parliament on Sept. 26. Political commentators, journalists, lawyers and concerned citizens have since pointed out the lack of a democratic process in creating the deal. Other concerns were the costs to Canadians, the damage to the environment and sovereignty of Canadian resources.

The creation of FIPPA has been ongoing since the Chrétien administration about 11 years ago. If put into effect, it would bind Canada for a minimum of 15 years. Canada would have to give a year's notice to get out of the deal.

Mount Royal University academic strategist Sandra Hindson said FIPPA excludes Canadian citizens from the decision-making process.

"The way FIPPA is proceeding leaves me feeling in the dark, not informed or educated," said Hindson. "I became aware as I spoke to people about the upcoming ratification of this deal and how few people knew about it. It was disconcerting. I question the role of the major media providers — have they fulfilled their mission to inform Canadians of this important government decision?"



Adrienne Shumlich

### Should we tear up the FIPPA agreement that may have a large impact on Canadian resources?

There is also confusion regarding what FIPPA promises. U of C business and law professor Robert Malach said the federal government should be clear about decisions that affect the entire country.

"It is important for the Canadian government to thoughtfully and clearly define the policy so that foreign investors can have certainty regarding the conditions for investment in Canada," said Malach. "I think it is important to have those conditions clearly defined before any large investments proceed."

In addition to the lack of information provided to the public, Hindson said Canadian sovereignty may also be threatened.

"FIPPA has the ability to challenge environmental laws and regulations, and if a Chinese investment is challenged by government legislation, they can sue us outside of our Canadian court system," said Hindson.

The only MP actively oppos-

ing FIPPA is Green Party Leader Elizabeth May.

An advantage of FIPPA for Canada would be an increase of rights for Canadian businesses in China.

"State-owned entities should expect a higher level of scrutiny for a number of reasons. There should be some degree of fair play involved and our government should factor in state-owned investors' rules in their native land to see if Canadian investors are treated equivalently in those jurisdictions," said Malach. "If Canadian investment is not as easily welcomed in that jurisdiction, then I believe that gives Canadians an opportunity to diplomatically discuss reciprocity."

Hindson said the affects FIPPA will have on Canadian businesses over the next few decades should also be considered.

"We want to know that Canadian rights are being protected. Harper's government has been under incredible pressure from the oil industry to get other mar-

kets for Alberta's oil. We now have foreign corporations with rights and privileges developing the tar sands at an unprecedented rate that does not allow for adequate environmental assessment," said Hindson. "The industry has grown too quickly, and so we have external pressures to find solutions made in haste."

Hindson thinks the government should be prudent before agreeing to deals like FIPPA.

"We need to go through the debate process, step back, take our time, understand the implications and consequences of this kind of agreement. We need to have the government be transparent about both the positives and the negatives," said Hindson. "The next generation is vulnerable to an increasing tax burden due to the potential of growing litigation fees and penalties to American and foreign investors."

Malach said parts of FIPPA are vital for economic growth because foreign investment is such

an important part of the Canadian economy.

"I support our government's efforts to look at foreign investment in these contexts. I would encourage students to thoughtfully think about these issues and to support our government's efforts to define a policy that balances economic growth while protecting our national interests in the long and short term," said Malach. "I would encourage students to create a constituency of well-informed voters that influence public policy."

Hindson advises students to get involved, vote and write concerns to the federal government and local MPs.

"Questions are more important than answers. Think critically, ask yourself the hard questions — it's part of the quest," she said.

Second-year U of C nursing student Jelena Vukosavljević said the agreement will negatively affect Canadian sovereignty.

"I think that allowing communist China to become directly involved in our natural resource industry would have negative implications on us and our domestic market by jeopardizing our sovereignty," she said.

Fourth-year U of C biological science student Anna Golovaneva said foreign investment can be beneficial, but all factors must be considered.

"It's a good thing that foreign investors like China want to invest in Canada, but the policy makers should assess every detail to make sure the deal is good for Canada as a whole," said Golovaneva. "They will have to find ways to minimize the negative impacts while not exaggerating positive impacts."

What's your opinion?  
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What is your opinion on foreign investment in Canadian resources?

## campus quips



"Our natural resources should benefit North Americans."

– Logan Irvine,  
third-year  
history



"Any business is good business if we can increase our exports."

– Jordan Maretzki,  
fourth-year  
engineering



"It would be expanding our global trade network."

– Kendra Kaminsky,  
first-year english  
and education



"I think Canada has a lot of great resources to offer, so I support it."

– Keny-Jade Pinto,  
fifth-year international  
relations

# 16 Days of Activism

## Women's Resource Centre raises awareness about violence against women

**Michael Grondin**  
News Editor

Violence against women is an issue that affects everyone. From Nov. 25 to Dec. 10, the Women's Resource Centre at the University of Calgary is holding 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, a campaign to raise awareness and educate the campus community on gender violence.

The WRC has over 70 volunteers and offers a space for U of C students to share and work towards gender equality. They hold events and awareness campaigns throughout the year.

Member of the WRC's events and education team and third-year U of C psychology student Taylor Holland said the 16 Days of Activism campaign is an international effort to raise awareness about violence against women.

"We want to get the word out and educate people on what gender violence is and how people can help," said Holland. "It is an international campaign and, through the WRC, we bring it to the [U of C]."

The annual event began in 2009. This year's focus is on vio-

lence against aboriginal women. Holland said many aboriginal women go missing or are murdered, a fact that often goes unnoticed.

"It's often overlooked by the media. It's pushed aside as if it doesn't matter and we want to show people that, just because aboriginal people are a minority, their issues should not be ignored," said Holland.

According to the WRC's coordinator Nanako Furuyama, gender violence is more complicated than many people assume.

"Unfortunately, gender-based violence is still a large issue, and it affects everybody," said Furuyama. "Statistics show that regardless of all the services and prevention programs, gender violence is still very prevalent. Violence is still happening in the community, on campus, and we need to raise awareness and work to stop it."

The events of the 16 Days of Activism include workshops on sexual abuse, portrayals of gender violence in the media, rape awareness and prevention and human rights in general. There will be donation drives, candle making, film viewing and dances.

The event will also incorporate a thought of the day to commemorate those affected by gender violence.

Holland said that many students might not be aware of the prevalence of gender violence.

"As a university student and a middle-class student in Calgary, I have grown up not knowing very much about [gender violence]. I have been fortunate enough to not have these issues affect my personal life," said Holland. "I never knew until this year how serious gender violence is, even in Canada. It happens every day, it happens in families all over and it can happen to anyone."

Every year, a commemorative event is held by the WRC to honour the 14 women killed at Montreal's École Polytechnique on Dec. 6, 1989. This was Canada's worst mass shooting and an extreme act of violence against women. The commemorative event will be held at the Rosza Centre on Dec. 6.

"It is important for people, no matter what their economic class, their gender, their age or ethnicity, to know that this happens," said Holland.

For more information on events and planning visit [ucalgary.ca/women/16days](http://ucalgary.ca/women/16days)



Michael Grondin

WRC members make candles for 16 Days of Activism campaign.

## Powering off pollution

**Michael Grondin**  
News Editor

The PowerOFF challenge is a competition between buildings at the University of Calgary to reduce the energy consumption by turning off lights, reducing heat and limiting water use between Nov. 19 to Dec. 7.

The U of C has 125 buildings that have an annual utility cost of about \$28 million and produce over 240,000 metric tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions every year.

The PowerOFF challenge, previously called Cut the Carbs, began at the U of C in 2008. At first, students did not play a large role. This year, the challenge is branching out to include students.

The money saved by the reduction of energy use will be donated to the United Way, said U of C sustainability office co-op-

engagement co-ordinator and third-year political science student Amy Glassman.

"Aside from the obvious, which is reducing energy use on campus, I think it's important that we spread awareness," said Glassman. "People are not always aware of how much energy they consume or how much energy the university uses."

The U of C's main campus, foothills campus, downtown campus and residence buildings will participate in the challenge.

A new addition to this year's event is the SustainabilityOn coordinators, a team of students who are raising awareness of energy consumption and promoting PowerOFF.

Second-year business student Jessie Cheung is part of the coordination team this year. He has been working to raise awareness by placing stickers on light switches, putting up posters and

speaking with students about energy consumption.

"In past years, [PowerOFF] has been at a faculty level, and students were left in the dark about the challenge. This year, we are trying to give more awareness to the students so they can participate," said Cheung.

Cheung said the Eyes High strategic goal of becoming a top-five research university by 2016 has a focus on sustainability and green practices, and the PowerOFF challenge is an easy way to reduce the university's footprint.

"Right now, the university has a big push for Eyes High, and one of the pillars is sustainability. This challenge is just a small part of what students, administration and faculty can do to promote better sustainability on campus," said Cheung.

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# Science A construction wrapping up

Michael Grondin

News Editor

With files from Louie Villanueva

Science A has been under construction since fall 2011 to increase the building's capacity. The construction has been an inconvenience for University of Calgary students as Science A provided an indoor passageway to the west side of campus, connecting MacEwan Student Centre and Science Theatres.

The first phase was set to be complete by the end of the fall 2012 semester. According to director of campus planning Jon Greggs, the passageway will be open to students by the end of January 2013. The construction

will be complete by the 2013 spring semester. The cost for construction is estimated at \$14.75 million.

"It's always been a fairly intensely used building with biology and chemistry laboratories, as well as some general purpose instruction space," said Greggs. "Fundamentally, it's been well-used, but buildings get old and tired and they need renewal, so that was one of the drivers. The other driver was, in the short term, to generate general use instruction space classrooms with added capacity."

Greggs said the faculty of science is in need of more classrooms and overall space. When Science A, which was initially opened in



Louie Villanueva

Science A provided an indoor passageway, but has been closed for a year due to construction.

the 1960s, is completed, it will have new upgrades to meet the needs of science students.

"The current work that's going to be finished fairly soon is adding two new staircases, a new elevator, new and expanded washrooms and . . . we end up with 11 new classrooms," said Greggs. "The overall scheme for Science

A is actually to make the building bigger."

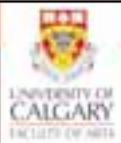
First-year U of C history and education student Henry Lung said he has been confused about the closed route.

"I find it annoying as a first-year student, especially trying to get used to getting to classes and stuff. It kind of sucks knowing that

one of the really, really convenient routes is always closed," said Lung. "There's too much construction going on, mirroring the rest of Calgary, and it feels counter-productive sometimes."

A new floor will be added in phase two.

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# Alberta's *Heart of Darkness*

## Calgarian play explores what it means to be human

**Tamara Cottle**

Opinions Editor

The novel *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad was both loved and reviled when it was first published in 1899, but the atrocities of colonialism presented in the book often obscure the deeper question at its core. Theatre Encounter, Calgary's alternative classic theatre, explores the central question at the heart of the novella in the world premier of this modern reimagining.

"The real question that Conrad was asking," says Mike Unrau, director of the production, "was, What does it mean to be human?"

*Heart of Darkness* uses an existential lens to examine the controversial character of Mr. Kurtz and the god-like power he held over others.

"The locals were equally afraid of him as they were in awe of him, and the question is, Why?" says Unrau. "What quality did he have as an individual to elicit that type of response?"

The original story was meant to draw attention to the Congo at the turn of the 19th century, when King Leopold was treating the colony like a fiefdom while brutally violating people for his own personal profit. Although Conrad was pivotal in bringing international attention to the atrocities in the Congo, he was also condemned for reinforcing racial stereotypes.

"There were a lot of complications in what [Conrad] actu-



courtesy Mike Unrau

Mike Unrau's experimental adaptation of *Heart of Darkness* is set in modern-day Alberta, and explores the deeper concepts of Joseph Conrad's original novel.

ally said," says Unrau. "And there's been a lot of critique from a feminist point of view and from a racial point of view that he was subjecting individuals to stereotypical notions of what it meant to be of a different culture or a different gender. So acknowledging that, we decided to make it a contemporary interpretation, setting it in Alberta instead of Africa."

Theatre Encounter is known for

reinterpreting classic texts using experimental physical theatre renderings to engage the audience in a unique way.

"The performance is not what you call standard theatre," says Unrau. "It's much more physical and sometimes this catches people off guard. We believe that a standard play, which has text and dialogue, really appeals to the intellect. Physical movement and dance is

not as intellectual — it's more visceral, which means that the audience is relating to the performance in a different kind of way"

Direction at Theatre Encounter is heavily influenced by the work of Jerzy Grotowski, a Polish theatre innovator who created the concept of 'poor theatre.' Recognizing that film was largely reliant on technological devices, Grotowski moved to scale back the use of props in

theatre and emphasize the actor-audience relationship. In order to achieve this relationship, the actor must remove energy blockages and fully connect with voice and body. The playwright for *Heart of Darkness*, explains Unrau, rendered the book into the essence of what Conrad was trying to say.

"The rendering is what the actor and director works with in order to transform the book into a physical piece," says Unrau. "We're working off the heart of what Conrad was trying to say as opposed to a more literal interpretation. This is experimental because standard approaches to theatre tend not to do this. There are some elements that are similar but when you see the production you will notice it's quite different."

The show, which runs from Nov. 21–24 at the Theatre Grand Junction, incorporates elements of dance, movement, song and dialogue woven together to create a different type of experience that students, in particular, can appreciate.

"I think what students often crave is something that is unique, something that is different from the norm, but something that still challenges them," Unrau says. "This work will be challenging to many people, because it takes a different approach to the relationships between dialogue, theatre, movement and dance."

To learn more about *Heart of Darkness* visit [theatrejunction.ca](http://theatrejunction.ca).

## Movie review: *Rise of the Guardians*

**Matthew Parkinson**

Gauntlet Entertainment

It's strange to think that the various folkloric figures present in our culture have never been retooled into action heroes. *Rise of the Guardians* does exactly this, as an all-star cast of well-known characters team up to save the earth. The film's characters are far from obscure — Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy and the Sandman have been in our culture's collective consciousness for decades. In *Rise of the Guard-*

*ians*, however, their role has shifted from being simple gift givers to protectors of children across the world.

The one character that does rise to new heights is the newest guardian, Jack Frost (Chris Pine). Recently appointed as a guardian by the moon, he is forced to join forces with the rest of the cast in order to thwart the evil plan of the boogeyman, Pitch Black (Jude Law). The villain's plan involves replacing dreams with nightmares and ensuring that children no longer believe in the

guardians, removing the source of their power. The film makes no attempt to stall the narrative — at least not right away — as it jumps into this plot almost immediately. The villain is established, the good guys are introduced and we await a war that will end all wars. However, that is something audiences are forced to wait a long time to see.

Instead of putting the protagonists into action-hero roles that they are ready and willing to fulfil right off the bat, the film first feels the need to show the guardians act

out each other's traditional roles. For example, the Tooth Fairy (Isla Fisher) loses her minions, the ones that go around each night replacing teeth with coins, and the rest of the cast has to make up for that loss and perform those duties. This happens multiple times and serves little purpose, and is what makes *Rise of the Guardians* feel far too long despite its short 90 minute run time.

There are also, conveniently, two action scenes that happen off-screen. They are mentioned by the characters but all the audience

gets is the aftermath. The absence of these action scenes is perplexing, since they would presumably entertain the young target audience more than Santa Claus (Alec Baldwin) stealing teeth from children. Perhaps it was to keep the tone unashamedly light, which the film succeeds in doing — it is almost admirable how innocent and happy it is throughout.

The secondary characters seem to be more important than the guardians themselves. Santa's elves and yetis get more laughs

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than Santa despite spending far less time on-screen. The Tooth Fairy has a group of mini-fairies, which are cute and troublesome despite being so innocent. Jack Frost is the most bland of all the characters, although it's hard to determine if this is because of his predictable character arc, the fact that he's voiced by the less-than-enthusiastic Chris Pine, the lacklustre writing or the probable combination of all three. Only the Easter Bunny (Hugh Jackman) is enjoyable throughout. The Sandman is a mute and disappears early on in the film, only to be brought back near the end as a deus ex machina without any explanation.

As with most of Dreamworks's animated pictures, the majority of the film looks very good. The animation is smooth, the backgrounds are detailed and every non-humanoid creature looks incredible. It's the humans and human-like creatures that always seem to look off. It's the poorly-rendered skin, which simply isn't as detailed as the hair — it makes



courtesy DreamWorks

the animation look barely a step up from a Playstation 2-era *Final Fantasy* game. This is a problem when the majority of the cast are humans, or at least look human enough to be afflicted with this issue.

*Rise of the Guardians* is a film that will entertain its target audience, but unlike much of Pixar's work or Dreamworks's own *Shrek*

and *How to Train Your Dragon*, it isn't going to do much for anyone over the age of 12 — even children may have hoped for it to be a lot more. However, it's still a valiant effort and a decent execution of a novel idea, and it opens the doors for potential future instalments. Hopefully, the next one will make a believer out of me. This one didn't quite do it.



courtesy Janelle Price

## We're gonna need a Dance Montage

Every year, the University of Calgary showcases some of the best and brightest dancers in Calgary with Dance Montage. "It is always an eclectic performance," says Anne Flynn, the artistic director of Dance Montage. "They call it a montage for a reason." The performance will feature a variety of dancing styles, and will run from Nov. 22–24 at the University Theatre. More information can be found at [dance.ucalgary.ca](http://dance.ucalgary.ca).

## NEW THIS WEEK

*Life of Pi* — Ang Lee has tried his hand at filming the surreal story of a boy and a tiger trapped on a raft. Although the novel was considered unfilmable, it looks like Lee may have pulled it off.

*Red Dawn* — This remake of a 1984 Cold War film pays tribute to the original by being just as jingoistic and shallow, except now the Russians have been replaced by North Koreans. How relevant.

*Hitchcock* — Anthony Hopkins stars in this movie about the love life of one of the world's most influential directors of horror and mystery films, which seems quite appropriate.

*The Walking Dead* — This game based off of the wildly popular comic series is apparently far better than both its source material and the TV adaptation. Take that, traditional forms of media!

*Far Cry 3* — The newest instalment in this tropical shooter franchise is being called one of the best shooters of the year, improving on the lacklustre *Far Cry 2*.

*Global Warming* — It is fitting that the infamous rapper Pitbull would name his newest album *Global Warming* after his exile to Alaska earlier this year.

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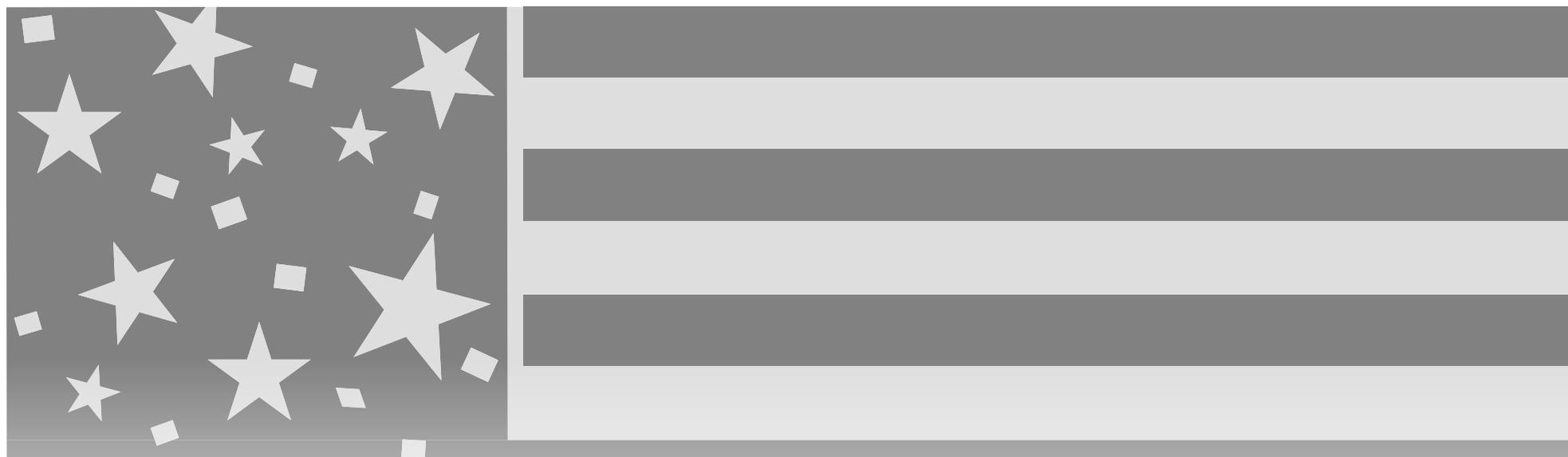
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# DEFENDER OF DEMOCRACY

The U.S. electoral process needs to make every vote count

**Jeremy Woo**

Gauntlet Opinions



Is America truly the world's great defender of democracy? In many ways, Canada's southern neighbour models the democratic principles that give power to the people. However, the recent presidential elections in the United States raise some concerns about the state of American democracy. The integrity of the electoral system has been damaged this election by incidents of voter confusion, partisanship and voting irregularities. A few changes to electoral laws could vastly improve the fairness of American democracy, including the elimination of the confusing electoral college system, the creation of a federal standardized election commission and the replacement of troublesome electronic voting methods.

In presidential elections, the U.S. uses the confusing electoral college system that serves as an impediment to fairness. In short, Americans do not vote directly for a president but, rather, the candidate with the greatest number of votes in each state receives a proportional number of electoral college votes. The candidate with the most electoral college votes becomes the president. This has numerous disadvantages. Firstly, the system confuses voters because of its sheer complexity. Secondly, voters in states where one party is heavily favoured may cast a ballot that is virtually thrown away.

For example, a few Democratic voters in Republican-leaning Alabama will have no effect on the election's outcome, as their rivals would carry the state anyway. Finally, the system pushes presidential candidates to effectively meld their campaigns to only a handful of swing states, taking for granted states that are secure or clearly out of grasp of winning. California was virtually ignored by Republi-

can candidate Mitt Romney, while Democrat Barack Obama was hardly seen in Texas. Instead, the campaign focused on the voters of the few swing states that would decide the election.

It would be more effective for the U.S. to adopt a simpler system based solely on the popular vote. Eliminating the complex electoral vote and replacing it with a popular vote system ensures that every

vote from every person nationwide truly counts.

Additionally, an unbiased federal election commission is required to ensure the future integrity of American democracy. In the most recent election, individual state governments altered the voting process in a way that could be interpreted as biased towards one party. For example, Republican Governor Rick Scott of Florida was accused of shortening the early voting period and cutting polling stations in Democrat-heavy areas to discourage Obama supporters from voting. Whether or not Scott's electoral law changes had partisan undertones to support the Republican Party is unclear, but the controversy could have been prevented with the simple creation of a national, non-partisan electoral authority.

Additionally, a national body could standardize and simplify ballots across the nation, shortening long ballots in states such as Ohio, where the ballot was up to 12 pages in length, confusing voters with many lengthy questions. In fact, 65 per cent of ballots were rejected in one county in Florida because they were filled out incorrectly. Clearly, standardization at a federal, non-partisan level is necessary to preserve democratic integrity in the U.S.

It seems that the American electorate has a short memory in regards to automated voting stations. Despite numerous electronic voting irregularities in the controversial 2000 presidential elections that led to the election of George W. Bush, many American states such as Flor-

ida and Pennsylvania are still utilizing voting machines. The irregularities were still prevalent in the most recent elections, with reports of voters not being able to vote for their candidate of choice because of problematic machines. Additionally, voting machines raise concerns that malicious programmers or elections officials could tamper with the devices, causing biased results. The convenience in counting the votes is not worth the potential for problems and the damage to democracy. However, there is a simple, easy solution: paper ballots with pen markings. The re-adoption of pen and paper would take any doubt out of the voting process.

It is clear that election results must be conclusive and definitive without error or tampering. Voting machines have proven to be problematic too many times and must be eliminated in favour of paper and pen for the sake of integrity.

Unfortunately, no democracy is perfect. The U.S. is no different. A confusing electoral system, inconsistent voting procedures, extreme partisanship and irregularities in electronic voting have all damaged the integrity of the American democratic system. However, these problems are far from irreparable.

The implementation of a simple popular vote for presidential elections, the creation of a standardized, non-partisan election commission and using paper ballots could improve the battered electoral system. With a few simple steps, the world's self-proclaimed defender of democracy can truly place power back into the hands of the people.



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by: Victoria Parent

Sean Sullivan

*A closer look at contemporary relationships and our understanding of sexual assault*

Sexual assault is often associated with a redundant Hollywood movie scene — the one where the innocent female lead is stalked by the creepy middle-aged man with over-sized glasses in a sketchy van. This Hollywood scene is unrealistic, especially considering that one in four North American women are sexually assaulted in their lifetime, often by someone they know. The stereotypical roles of the male perpetrator and the female victim need to be challenged because sexual assault can happen to anyone by anyone. People need to change their attitude and understanding of what sexual assault is and how it happens — open discussion will help change distorted perceptions and attitudes.

Women do experience the majority of sexual assault. In 2006, Statistics Canada reported that young women under 25 experience the highest rates of sexual assault.

However, women are not the only ones victimized. Men are also victims who may not be aware of how to prevent sexual assault. Sexual assault is not strictly a women's issue — it is a social issue that affects everyone.

Students, especially men, need to ask serious questions like, Why is sexual violence being perpetrated by men on university campuses?

"Most men in their lives will not commit sexual violence, but most acts of sexual violence are committed by men," says Joe Campbell from Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse, the primary sexual abuse and sexual as-

sault crisis and education service provider for Calgary and the surrounding area.

Campbell emphasizes that general attitudes about women need to change. Potential attackers may not realize that their attitude or behaviour may lead to an assault.

"I would love to challenge men to talk about women the same way they would want another man to talk about their mother, sister or girlfriend. It is important to challenge this sexist language that exists within guy culture," says Campbell.

Campbell educates University of Calgary students on sexual assault through the Women's Resource Centre and provides a self-described male perspective through talks about masculinity.

"Women have the right to dress the way they want, the right to flirt and the right to get drunk. But no one has the right to sexually assault someone," says Campbell. He also says the current methods of educating women about preventative measures implies that the responsibility is solely on the victim. Education of preventative measures, such as the buddy system or being aware of the effects of alcohol consumption, should be targeted toward everyone, not just women, so everyone can understand their possible role in sexual assault.

According to the Edmonton Police Service's website, sexual assault "is an assault of a sexual nature that violates the sexual integrity of the victim." The Supreme Court of Canada states

that "The act of sexual assault does not depend solely on contact with any specific part of the human anatomy but rather the act of a sexual nature that violates the sexual integrity of the victim. When investigating a sexual assault case, there are certain relevant factors to consider: the part of the body touched, the nature of the contact, the situation in which the contact occurred, the words and gestures accompanying the act, all other circumstances surrounding the act, any threats that may or may not be accompanied."

Sexual integrity is an individual conception of boundaries regarding one's personal levels of comfort and the extent to which someone desires to be physically intimate.

These definitions show the many grey areas associated with sexual assault. Most people don't realize the severe consequences of sexual assault. Sexual assault is a federal offence that, in the case of conviction, can mean a jail sentence of two years less a day. These cold, hard facts can be quite alarming as not everyone is aware that they could be charged with sexual assault without having sexual intercourse. According to the Criminal Code of Canada, verbal abuse of a sexual nature is classified as sexual harassment, and unwanted touching of a sexual nature is considered sexual assault.

In contrast to the idea of the creepy middle-aged man with over-sized glasses, victims frequently know their assaulters. A Calgary police

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— Andréa Rojas, 21-year-old U of C student

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officer, who has to be off the record for legal reasons, says that 40 per cent of sexual assault victims are assaulted by someone they know and 60 per cent of victims are under 18 years old.

Stories exist of assaulters being, “the guy who I flirted with in French class for four months,” or “the girl who randomly started talking to me in the library — we met at the football game and texted every day after that.” The relationship can be innocent before sexual assault happens. An assaulter may not realize that he or she has sexually assaulted a friend. People in a relationship also do not have a permanent get-out-of-jail-free card. Sexual as-

sault happens in relationships of varying degrees of commitment, from friends to casual dating partners to marriages.

Georgia Thompson\*, an 18-year-old U of C student, had been seeing a guy for four months before he sexually assaulted her.

“We were together all afternoon, he picked me up . . . it was a good date, we had lunch in the park,” says Thompson. “That night I went out with my girlfriends and got super drunk. He was the only one who would pick me up at four in the morning. He picked me up and took me home. I told him I didn’t want to have sex with him. He reassured me that he just wanted to cuddle. I asked him the

next morning if we had sex. I honestly could not remember anything from that night. That night was the night I lost my virginity. I could not believe that he could do something like that to me.”

Andréa Rojas, a 21-year-old U of C student and former *Gauntlet* editor who was sexually assaulted a year ago, also knew her assaulter.

“He wasn’t a 50-year-old man lurking in the bushes late at night. He was a Dinos varsity sports player, he was charming and attractive, he was in my degree program and in a couple of my classes. We went on one date and I told him I wanted to continue on as friends afterwards because his aggressiveness was off-putting —

that was the only red flag.”

There are stories of drunken hook-ups or walks of shame from a one-night stand. What if, in fact, these stories are really cases of sexual assault? A lack of knowledge about consent and alcohol consumption play a part in sexual assault. When alcohol is involved, lines get blurry — in Canada, consent can’t be given if either party is impaired or intoxicated. Being intoxicated and inviting sexual contact does not qualify as consent. When the victim is sober, he or she can press charges for being sexually assaulted. Silence or implied consent is not recognized by Canadian courts as a defence against sexual assault charges.

“We need to get away from this old thinking of ‘no means no,’ but rather implement ‘yes means yes.’ There has to be an affirmative yes. There is a big difference between sexual assault and regret,” says Campbell.

A drunken hook-up can be a mutual decision made jointly between two people, but sexual assault is a single decision made and carried out by one person. This is why the lines get blurry — if both people are drunk and don’t know what they’re doing, is it a drunken hook-up or sexual assault?

“The most common incidents we hear of are alcohol-facilitated acquaintance sexual assault on campus,” says Campbell. “Often-times people use being intoxicated as a scapegoat for sexual assault, stating that they were too drunk to control themselves or that they don’t remember what happened.

But if you drink and drive, you will be held accountable for any actions that you take. The same thing goes for being intoxicated and committing sexual violence.”

Pat Morrison\*, a 26-year-old U of C student, says that sex is always about power and control, whether it is consensual or not.

“I think the idea that there is no power or gender or anything bounded up in consensual sex is one of the reasons why sexual assault has become so difficult to categorize and discuss,” says Morrison.

Morrison experienced sexual assault while in a committed relationship, but did not want to share her specific story.

“I’m sure he thought it was consensual,” she says of her experience with sexual assault. “I’m sure he thought it was fine.”

After experiencing sexual assault, victims may experience feelings of shame and guilt. They might also blame themselves for the incident.

“Did I feel guilty? Yes, immediately, because I felt as though I betrayed my partner,” says Morrison. “It was that instant feeling of, ‘Oh, my God, what have I done to us?’ Then it took me about a week to tell him.”

An individual who has experienced sexual assault has a choice about whether he or she will press charges. Pressing charges can be the ultimate act of closure, the one thing that will help the individual move forward by confronting their attackers. Pressing charges can also result in a legal mess with a strong

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possibility of a mistrial. According to a 2006 Statistics Canada report, victimization surveys suggest that less than 10 per cent of sexual assaults are reported to police.

"I'm aware of how the legal system works. I'm aware of how these cases can drag on for two, three years," says Morrison. "At the end of the day, the law is not about morality. One needs to always be aware of how much it will end up costing in terms of time and psychological effort. I have to work really hard to be the kind of person I want to be, I'm not going to let anything jeopardize that process."

Morrison's mother and sibling encouraged her to press charges. Morrison went to the Calgary Sexual Assault Response Team, which is part of Alberta Health Services and provides comprehensive care to victims of sexual assault within 72 hours, including gathering of forensic evidence, counselling and help with police reporting. The staff at CSART informed Morrison that if she wanted to press charges, they would encourage her to consent to giving medical evidence. She said that the experience of doctors prodding at her was more traumatic than the sexual assault itself. Although Morrison had strong external pressures, she made the decision not to press charges.

As Morrison's story shows, the process of pressing charges and gathering physical and verbal evidence can create an environment where the victim has to re-live the crime, which is one of the reasons why sexual assaults are rarely reported.

For others, like Rojas, pressing

charges is an act of re-gaining that control.

"It took me two months to come forward as I wasn't even sure that what happened between us was assault and I wanted to forget the situation and move on with my life. When I investigated the Criminal Code and realized what he did to me was illegal as well as morally wrong and personally traumatic, I went to the police, who told me that it was unlikely the case would go to trial as I had waited so long. But I felt that as long as I kept silent he still had that control over me. I never wanted him to go to prison and was well aware that it was unlikely that my statement would lead to a conviction. It was enough for me that the police showed up knocking on the doorstep of his parents' house, because I knew that would let him know that what he did was not okay and, in fact, a legal offence."

Rojas is not ashamed of her experience.

"What happened to me was not my fault, it was a crime committed against me by someone else," says Rojas.

Men who have been sexually assaulted endure another kind of pressure when trying to press charges or find closure.

"Men aren't even allowed to identify what had happened to them as sexual violence because of those pre-existing stereotypes that say that males aren't victims," remarks Campbell.

Campbell relates that many male victims of sexual assault who he has worked with have feelings of shame. Also, a female assaulter can cause them to question their sexual orientation because when confiding in friends about their

experience, the reaction is often something along the lines of, "Dude, you got laid. What's the problem?"

The act of sexual assault doesn't just pertain to heterosexuality. The lines are just as blurry in drunken homosexual hook-ups.

Sexual assault affects an individual mentally, physically and socially. It violates the individual in all possible ways. Even after the assault, doctor's appointments and testing, professional counselling, group therapy and adapting to society with new eyes can all feel threatening.

Individuals process their experiences differently.

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— Georgia Thompson, 18-year-old U of C student

physical self. There was a little bit of feeling like my sexual identity was gone. There was a little bit of crying when I touched my boyfriend's skin. You question your worth for a little while," explains Morrison.

"In the long run, sexual assault ultimately doesn't change anything. Having something bad happen to you doesn't make you any less good," she says.

The silence surrounding sexual assault needs to be broken so fewer victims feel stigmatized and can

come forward with their stories in order to create awareness and understanding.

*A few of the victims interviewed wished for their stories not to be in print but they have inspired this article nonetheless. Most articles end with a conclusion, which stops the mind from pondering the ideas presented. However, discussions about this heavily-charged subject should be ongoing.*

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# Dinos routed in the Mitchell Bowl

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The drive for five ended in Hamilton for the University of Calgary Dinos football team after losing to the McMaster University Marauders on Nov. 17 by a score of 6–45. The game was the first ever meeting between the U of C and McMaster in Canadian Interuniversity Sport football history and it did not go as planned for the Dinos.

By any estimation, the Marauders entered the 2012 Mitchell Bowl as the overwhelming favourites to return to the Vanier Cup. McMaster was the number-one ranked school in the nation, had an unbeaten regular season with 20-straight wins overall and had the best defence in their conference. However, the Dinos were coming off of their fifth-straight Canada West championship and had the highest scoring offence in the CIS. The Dinos would have needed to play a near-perfect game to beat McMaster, a mark wholly missed by the U of C in this game. The Dinos were not able to get any offensive traction and took far too many penalties against a team that outclassed them in every facet of the game.



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As was the case in the Hardy Cup on Nov. 10, the Dinos looked nervous on their first possessions — they were unable to start effectively on offence, including an early turnover on downs. McMaster was able to score their first points of the game on the last play of the first quarter. The first touchdown was scored on a drive aided by five penalties committed by the Dinos, including two major fouls and two offside penalties that allowed McMaster to punch in a touchdown from the one-yard line and take a 3–7 lead into the second quarter.

The second quarter was dominated by McMaster, scoring two touchdowns and only allowing one point

— a missed field-goal — from the Dinos. The 4–24 lead that McMaster was able to gain in the second quarter was ultimately too much for the Dinos to recover from.

The offence was absolutely stymied in the first half, constantly being overrun by McMaster's tenacious pass-rush. Quarterback Eric Dzwilewski was flushed out of the pocket on several occasions and sacked four times in the first-half alone.

Despite the offensive struggles, the story of the first-half for the Dinos was penalties. The Dinos were the most penalized team in the CW conference and this trend continued in the Mitchell Bowl.

Thirteen penalties for 106 yards for the Dinos completely hamstrung both the offence and defence, including Jordan Verdone taking two unnecessary roughness penalties. The Dinos may have been able to get away with taking multiple penalties against less powerful schools but McMaster made the Dinos pay at every turn.

When interviewed at half-time on TSN, coach Blake Nill was unimpressed with the discipline of the Dinos in the first half. "Penalties are going to kill us. Some were poor decisions, some were aggression, but we can't have that," said Nill. The lack of offence was also addressed: "It is critical that we move the offence, we can't leave the defence with a short field."

McMaster scored another touchdown on their first possession of the second-half, extending the lead further. The offensive struggles continued throughout the half for the Dinos, who looked anemic throughout the whole game. Dzwilewski looked out of sync with his receivers and was unable to move the ball in the air, being forced to settle for short gains rather than big plays. The offence was unable to put any sustained drives together and this put too much

stress on the defence, who were unable to keep McMaster from scoring at will.

It was a poor way to play the final game of a CIS career for Dinos fifth-year players like safety Wyatt Getty, offensive lineman Reed Alexander and receiver Richard Snyder. The Dinos will return a lot of their 2012 team into next season, but will undoubtedly feel the sting of this loss for many months to come. The Dinos have now lost five-consecutive times in either national finals or semifinals under Nill and, in nearly all of these games, the Dinos have been outmatched. While it was a successful season by many measurements, the Dinos will not be pleased with the finish. The Dinos were expected to win the big game and, when it mattered most, could not make enough plays to push them over the top.

With Université Laval routing Acadia University in the Uteck Bowl 31–7, the Vanier Cup will now be a rematch of last year's game — a McMaster victory that is largely regarded as the one of the best football games in Canadian history.

The Vanier Cup is on Friday, Nov. 23 at 5:30 p.m. in Toronto, ON. The game will be broadcast on TSN.

## Jays go all out this off-season

**Richard Goldberger**

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Last week's blockbuster 12-player trade between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Miami Marlins shook the very foundation of the baseball world. In an unexpected fashion, the Marlins agreed to send four-time all-star shortstop Jose Reyes, pitchers Josh Johnson and Mark Buehrle, catcher John Buck and infielder Emilio Bonifacio to Toronto.

In return, Miami receive struggling shortstop Yunel Escobar, pitcher Henderson Alvarez, catcher Jeff Mathis and four minor-leaguers. The trade has Blue Jay fans ecstatic about the rapid improvement of the roster.

The Blue Jays's monster deal with the Marlins works out unequivocally in Toronto's favour, a trade that instantly turned Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos into a folk hero.

When compared to the injury riddled rotation the Jays fielded last

season, the Jays's new five-man rotation will rank as one of the strongest pitching staffs in the American League. This makes Toronto a contender to challenge the aging New York Yankees and budding Baltimore Orioles for their division next season.

In addition, the recent signing of former San Francisco Giants all-star Melky Cabrera was the cherry on top of an incredible week for the Jays. Cabrera, who is coming off a controversial suspension for performance enhancing drugs, was one of the Major League's most proficient hitters and the MVP of the 2012 all-star game before his suspension. Despite only being a month into free agency, these recent acquisitions have skyrocketed the Blue Jays in the Las Vegas betting lines from 35–1 to 11–1 — the same odds as the Yankees — to win the 2013 World Series.

However, this trade raised eyebrows around the league before being finalized on Nov. 19. The issues

surrounding the trade primarily focused on Miami Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria.

After playing their inaugural season in a brand new \$634 million dollar Sun Life Stadium — a publicly-funded park — the Marlins spent heavily in the 2011 off-season with a combined salary of \$191 million for the 2012 season. This included key members of the Blue Jays trade, Jose Reyes and Mark Buehrle. After a be-

yond disappointing 69–93 season, the Marlins have traded \$161 million of that \$191 and left zero dollars committed for the 2014 season.

However, even though the team spent so much to bring these players to Miami, most of these players were given back-loaded contracts — the majority of their paychecks would come later in their contracts. This gave Loria the opportunity to dump off an overwhelming major-

ity of the salaries before ever having to pay them.

The fans in Miami have been outraged by this deal, many whom have expressed disgust with Loria's apparent deceitfulness. Loria is being targeted for essentially pocketing fan revenue from their new stadium in attempt to protect his own wealth. What was at first a promise to contend for a division title by bringing in quality talent is now considered a shameful and complete embarrassment to baseball.

When a team doesn't perform, sometimes a good manager knows when it's time to rebuild, especially since the Marlins finished last in their division last season. On the other hand, dismantling a team in this fashion is not typical after one losing season, raising overwhelming suspicion regarding the motives of the Marlins's head office.

Blue Jays fans can now look forward to spring training as they prepare to field one of the strongest lineups in the Major Leagues.





Ken working out on the rowing machine

courtesy David Moll

# 100th GREY CUP

**Football** — On Sunday, Nov. 25, the Calgary Stampeders and the Toronto Argonauts will face off in the 100th Grey Cup in Toronto, ON. The game will feature three former University of Calgary Dinos, all playing for the Stampeders: receiver Anthony Parker, offensive lineman Mark Dewit and running-back Matt Walter. This game is a rematch of the 1991 and 1971 Grey Cups with each team winning once, the Stamps in '91 and the Argos in '71. The Stamps enter the game as modest favourites even though they have not beaten Toronto this season. Kickoff is at 4 p.m. on TSN.

## Trainer's corner: Ken Nguyen

Ken is a certified personal trainer and strength and conditioning specialist. He graduated from kinesiology at the University of Calgary in 2010 and works as a personal and group trainer. He is currently in school for massage therapy.

Countless times I've walked into the fitness center and have seen the same people do the same repetitive cardio workout, going at xx kilometres per hour at a certain level on whatever machine is their favourite for literally hours on end. Day in and day out, these individuals go through the same routine expecting to see amazing improvements in their cardio capacity or a significant drop in body fat percentage. However, they are usually unable to obtain anticipated results.

Why? Repeating the same workout over and over again will mean the body will plateau because it has become used to that type and intensity of exercise. The solution? Change it up!

Frequency, intensity, time and type are principles of training that determine the results of an exercise program. Changing up the intensity of the exercise is one of the easiest and fastest ways to kickstart your body to change. Upping the intensity in any form of exercise will result in higher caloric expenditure in the 24 hours post-exercise — even when just sitting and resting — compared to not doing anything or doing steady-state cardio like a steady five km/hr run.

This type of more intense training, called high-intensity interval training, is perfect for the time-crunched student looking to get their exercise fix. With HIT, you can spend less time in the gym, but gain the same benefits. In terms of aerobic exercise, studies show that

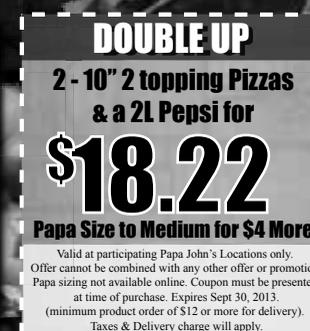
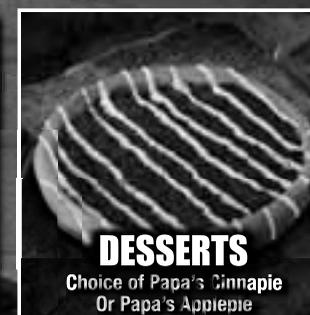
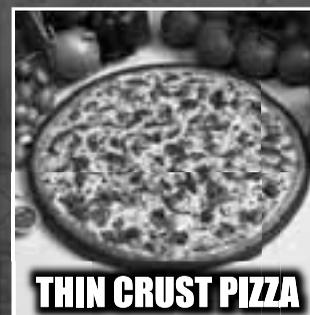
HITT will lead to more fat loss, as well as the ability to work harder for longer compared with steady-state exercise. Additionally, since HITT is more metabolically strenuous on the body, you don't have to spend nearly as long doing it. As few as 10 minutes of intervals is enough to gain the desired results, such as decreased body fat, increased energy levels, improved focus and attention in your studies and a strengthened immune system to combat those nasty bugs floating around during exam time.

How can you incorporate HITT into your cardio workouts? Break your workout into intervals, one for work and one for rest. The optimal ratio of work to rest recommended for beginners is 1:3, with the goal of decreasing the resting time to a 1:1 ratio as you improve. After a light warm-up for five minutes, move into the interval training. For example, simply bike, run, row or do the stairs as hard and fast as you can for one minute, then slow it down to recover for three minutes. Increasing intensity can be as easy as manipulating speed, inclination or resistance. Repeat 3–10 times. After, make sure you do an easy cool down for 3–5 minutes. Challenge yourself every workout by decreasing the rest time or increasing the work time by 15–30 seconds at a time.

This is not to say that steady-state exercise should be abandoned entirely — it is great for building up your cardio-base, lowering stress and aiding recovery from a heavy weightlifting day. If you have more time and are doing a longer cardio session, 15–20 minutes of HITT training integrated into your steady-state cardio routine will keep your workouts fresh and your body constantly guessing to achieve your fitness goals.

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Have you ever walked past a lab and thought about what was in those little petri dishes? Or noticed a student surrounded by dozens of books in the library and wondered what they were looking for?

From the tiniest organisms, to the complexities of the human brain, students at the University of Calgary conduct all kinds of research throughout the year. Now, it's your chance to check out their discoveries at the SU Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS) on Thursday Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Over the past 6 years the symposium has grown to become a prestigious event on campus and an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of undergraduate students. It is the only venue on campus where student researchers from all faculties can come together and share their knowledge.

The centerpiece of the event is the collection of over 80 poster presentations in MacHall where visitors can view projects and ask researchers about their work. Whether you are interested in social return on investments, attitudes toward accented speech, nomenclature

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Students participating this year will

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The symposium will also feature displays in the MacHall foyer from a range of programs, offering assistance to help you get involved in research on campus. If you are looking for writing support, need help finding resources for your project, want to know how to get published, or are just starting out and need help navigating your faculty's opportunities for conducting research, the SU has you covered.

For more information on this event, please visit: [www.su.ucalgary.ca/symposium](http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/symposium).

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