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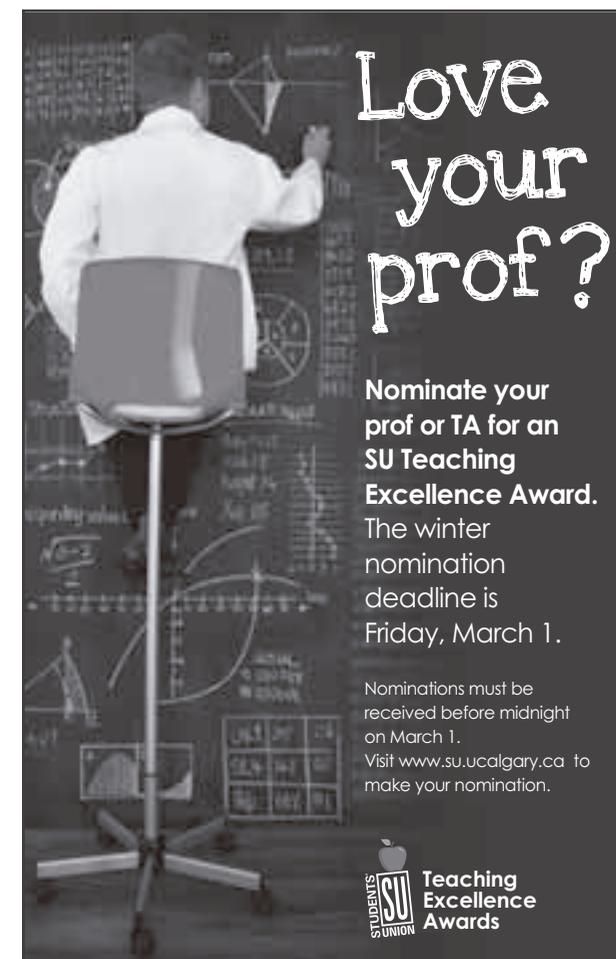
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**~Mysterioso~****Furor Arma Ministrat**

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**The Cover**

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# Freedom of the press under threat

There is a common idiom that goes, "Without journalism, there can be no democracy." Journalism spans from national giants, like the *Globe and Mail*, to, yes, student papers.

Recently, the University Students' Council of Western University informed the Western University *Gazette* that the paper would have to move out of the office they have had for 40 years to make space for the multi-faith centre. The decision was purportedly due to concern over lack of space for the multi-faith centre, however, the decision came before multi-faith leaders were even consulted. When multi-faith leaders were consulted, leaders consented that their current space was sufficient and expressed no desire to move.

The usc claims that the decision to move the multi-faith centre into the *Gazette* office was due to a report about multi-faith space that was published in October. However, the survey shows that multi-faith students are generally happy with the space. Long-term goals included moving to a more quiet area — one that was not over a major programming space, which is where the *Gazette* is purportedly located.

Based on this confounding information, it seems the reasoning for the usc to move the *Gazette* out of its office go beyond the needs of multi-faith students.

The *Gazette* and the usc haven't always been on good terms. The *Gazette*, which is one of the only student papers to publish four times a week, is not fully indepen-

dent and has a year-to-year lease with the usc. However, this has not been a problem until recently. Although events are clouded with a back-and-forth he-said, she-said, the usc suggested a representative sit in on *Gazette* editorial meetings. This would unquestionably cause a conflict of interest.

Last April, the *Gazette* gave the usc a "B-" grade for their effectiveness. Newspaper issues containing this grade disappeared from stands around Western, which *Gazette* Editor-in-Chief Gloria Dickie, in a *National Post* article, hinted the usc may have been responsible for.

One of the main responsibili-

ties of journalists is to hold political leaders accountable. Just as national newspapers need to keep Harper's government in check, student newspapers are responsible for exposing student government representatives when needed.

Clause 2.06 of the *Gazette's* policy states the following:

"It is The *Gazette's* responsibility to serve as a watchdog of the student government. usc involvement in day-to-day editorial decisions or policies would compromise objectivity, and the usc has therefore respected The *Gazette's* journalistic imperative to remain responsible but independent of its

publisher."

So, like any paper, the *Gazette* has journalistic integrity to uphold.

The *Gauntlet* is independent of the University of Calgary Students' Union, however, this has not always been the case. There have been occasions in the *Gauntlet's* 53-year history that the su has had the power — and used that power — to shut down the paper. The *Gauntlet* currently maintains a good relationship with the su, which includes their respect for our right to choose content. Although the su is a huge benefactor of the *Gauntlet*, they do not have the power to shut us down in light of criticism, because, like the *Gazette*, it is our job to keep the student government in check.

The *Gazette*, however, is not entirely autonomous from their student government, and therefore is vulnerable to abuses of power. In a letter that circulated Twitter, Stuart Thompson, a former *Gazette* editor-in-chief and current multimedia editor for the *Globe and Mail*, said, "The decision to move from one office to another is not a direct threat on press freedoms. But when the decision is made without due consultation and fair review of the consequences, the motivations become suspect."

In lieu of the Western usc's rash decision to move the *Gazette* due to what we deem political reasons, the *Gauntlet* gives Western's student government a grade of "D-" for integrity and looking out for students' best interests.

*Gauntlet* Editorial Board



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# Improving the state of mind

## Alberta government gives U of C \$3 million to support mental health

**Michael Grondin**

News Editor

“There is absolutely a negative stigma around mental illness. In society, it has been [taught to] us to think that mental illness is a huge problem and that it’s negative and dangerous, but that isn’t true,” said fourth-year University of Calgary psychology student Chantai Minet.

Students have a lot on their plates, and a huge array of factors can affect their mental, social and emotional well-being. This January, the Alberta government invested \$9 million in Alberta universities to enhance programs that help students with mental health and addictions.

Over three years, the U of C, the University of Alberta and the University of Lethbridge will each receive \$3 million.

The U of C will use the money to enhance current programming and increase education surrounding mental health for students and staff.

Director of the U of C Students’

Union Wellness Centre Debbie Bruckner said negative views surrounding mental illnesses and addictions hinder the ability to help those in need.

“Young people’s mental health has been a very critical topic in North American post-secondary institutions because over the last five to 10 years, it has become a bigger and bigger concern,” said Bruckner.

Bruckner said there continues to be an increase in the number of students who are seeking help, however, the percentage of those affected with a mental illness who seek help is still very low.

She added that fewer than 10 per cent of students who are feeling symptoms of a mental illness seek help.

“We know that next to car accidents, death by suicide is the leading cause of death for young people,” said Bruckner.

The most common mental health disorders for students are depression, anxiety and stress.

“If a young person learns how to manage academic, societal and financial issues and their own emo-



Adrienne Shumlach

Bruckner of the Wellness Centre is working to improve services.

“If people were more educated about why mental illnesses happen and how people can get help, it would greatly change how people view them.”

– Chantai Minet, U of C student

tional health, they will become more successful academically and in any other area of their life,” said Bruckner.

With the extra funding, the U of C will increase the number of psychologists within the Wellness Centre, begin a mental health triage program and add nursing and

reception staff to increase their service capacity.

Minet feels that education is one of the most important ways to eradicate the negative stereotypes surrounding mental illness.

“Especially in pop culture, media and TV shows, there’s always stereotypes where mental illness

is made out to be the villain,” said Minet. “If people were more educated about why mental illnesses happen and how people can get help, it would greatly change how people view them.”

The U of C will be moving forward with a plan to educate staff and faculty in the university about how to support students experiencing mental health distress. She said the investment will open more doors for students.

“It’s almost overwhelming. Conceptually, that amount of money was really close to our yearly budget,” said Bruckner. “We have to find a way to help every student maintain their mental health and we now have the opportunity to do that.”

SU vice-president Hayley Wade was optimistic about the investment.

“Students face a variety of issues every day and maintaining mental health is one of those issues that all students face in one form or another,” said Wade.

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## Federal government loses student loan information

**Riley Hill**

News Assistant

The Department of Human Resources and Skill Development Canada announced on Jan. 16 that they had lost a portable hard drive containing the data of 583,000 Canadians who took out student loans between 2000–06.

The lost data of Canadian Student Loans Program clients include social insurance numbers, contact information, dates of

birth and loan balances. The personal information of 250 HRSDC employees was also on the missing drive.

So far, there is no evidence that any of the information has leaked. The HRSDC and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are currently working together to find the drive.

The HRSDC is trying to contact all borrowers whose personal information was compromised.

The loss does not affect borrow-

ers from Quebec, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. None of the missing data contain medical and banking information, or the personal information of co-signers.

The loss was discovered during a separate HRSDC investigation involving a lost USB drive that contained the personal information of 5,000 Canadians.

In light of the case, several class-action lawsuits have been

filed against the HRSDC. Lawyer Bob Buckingham has launched a class-action lawsuit representing all borrowers whose data have been jeopardized. In a press release, Buckingham called the loss “the largest breach of Canadians’ private information by a federal department known to date.”

According to Buckingham, some clients have felt that the HRSDC’s response has been inadequate.

University of Calgary associ-

ate vice-provost of enrolment and registrar David Johnston said the university has received little information about the stolen data.

“While it’s possible that U of C students were on the list, we have not received any information from the federal government,” said Johnston. “We’re out of the loop at this time.”

If you think your privacy has been breached contact 1-866-885-1866

How can we improve the general outlook on mental health?

## campus quips



“Make it socially acceptable through integration.”  
– Paxton Porter, first-year business



“See it through their eyes.”  
– Grant Cheung, third-year psychology



“Talking about it more and bringing it to the public.”  
– Alyson Gey, second-year biological sciences



“Show people that these people are people too.”  
– Austin Slobodian, first-year engineering

# Student newspaper fears downsizing

**Michael Grondin**  
News Editor

The *Gazette*, Western University's student newspaper, may lose its office space to create more room for the multi-faith centre. However, the motives for the move are unclear since multi-faith groups have consented that their current space is adequate.

The *Gazette*, which was founded in 1906 and has 24 staff members, has occupied its current space for 40 years and is leased year-to-year by the Western University Students' Council.

The current multi-faith space is just under 2,000-square-feet and the *Gazette* office is roughly the same size. However, if this plan proceeds, the *Gazette* will be pushed into an office that is about 1,100-square-feet.

Consultations with stakehold-

ers are currently underway to ensure this move will be in the best interest of users, though there were no consultations prior to the decision, according to *Gazette* Editor-in-Chief Gloria Dickie.

"[The usc] came down and spoke about it with us, we were hearing some alternatives that were deemed not adequate for them," said Dickie. "They were not willing to negotiate for space with us so we took it to the media."

Dickie said the relationship between the *Gazette* and the usc was negatively impacted after last year's editorial board gave the student council a "B-" in a performance review.

"They were not too happy with that grade. They thought they did way better and deserved more recognition," she said.

Copies of the issue containing the grade were removed from



Adrienne Shumlich

## Student newspapers keep student government in check.

stands around campus. Dickie said there are only speculations about who removed the issues.

"Everyone on campus remembers that incident, and it has put a strain on the relationship between [the usc] and the *Gazette* — not that it ever should be super close to begin with, but it is more distant than it was before."

The usc suggested that they sit on all editorial meetings and receive a list of the *Gazette*'s editorial content for approval. However, the suggestion was denied.

Currently, Dickie said there has been a lot of support from students and community members.

A meeting was held on Jan. 17, in which representatives from nine multi-faith groups were in attendance.

"The usc has decided to do more of their due diligence in looking at consulting with both groups to reach an agreement," said Dickie, adding that stakeholders consented that they were satisfied with their current spaces.

"The fact that it seems the

multi-faith groups don't even want the space gives us some hope," she said. "The consensus was that nobody wanted to move."

Dickie said she hopes the decision is fair to all those involved.

According to usc vice-president communications Jeremy Santucci, the usc's main goal is to allocate space in the best interest of users. He said there were complaints of noise in the multi-faith centre.

"The *Gazette* office was a possibility for relocation, but we have been in constant discussion with them to develop a plan that works and does not infringe on their abilities to produce the *Gazette*," said Santucci.

However, the *Gazette* office purportedly receives sound pollution from the nearby events hall.

Consultations and a future resolution are still in the works.

# A look into Calgary's sex trade

**Michael Grondin**  
News Editor

Grace Samuel, a University of Calgary graduate student in the faculty of social work, is researching the health and safety of sex workers in Calgary through the Shift Program, which works with adults who have been or are currently involved in the sex trade.

Samuel has been compiling research to increase services and eradicate negative views of sex

workers. Her work will be a part of an analytical report about Calgary's sex trade released through AIDS Calgary Awareness Association this spring.

Since May, Samuel has been working with Calgary sex workers and has found that most services available are for outdoor sex workers, meaning those who perform their services on the street, whereas a majority of Calgary's sex workers are indoor-based, working through escort services,

hotels or out of their homes.

Samuel hopes to increase services for indoor sex workers.

"When you look at research on sex work, a lot of the stats say that 80 per cent of sex work is conducted indoors and 20 per cent is street-based," said Samuel. "One of the questions that came up was, Why don't we see a lot of indoor sex workers and what does indoor sex work look like in Calgary?"

According to team leader of support services at AIDS Calgary

Catharine van der Linden, the research Samuel is doing through the AIDS Calgary Shift Program will be beneficial to those in the sex industry by increasing effective services.

"Certainly there is a stigma attached to being involved in sex work. I think there's also an association with sex work being an act of exploitation," said van der Linden, who said this is not necessarily true.

"The research [Samuel] has

gathered will help us increase services accurately and effectively," said van der Linden.

Samuel became interested in this topic of research because she wanted to examine violence against women.

"It is one of my goals to raise awareness about sex workers and the issues that they face," said Samuel.

For more information  
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Michael Grondin

## Putting a spell on Frostbite

A team of U of C students dressed as students from Hogwarts is participating in Frostbite's Brainrain, a trivia and quiz event on Jan. 22. Frostbite is the U of C's "winter games" and is bringing students together to compete for ultimate glory. The events take place from Jan. 21–25.

# New emergency texting

Manal Sheikh

Gauntlet News

The University of Calgary takes a number of precautions to protect students on campus. One of these measures is the emergency text messaging service used to alert students during emergencies. The system was first tested on Jan. 15.

Emergency text messaging is the primary means the university can use to alert students to danger on campus. According to Emergency Response Plan coordinator Brian Kitching, the service will only be used for extreme circumstances.

"It is our principle method for communicating for serious emergencies, not for minor problems or notifications," said Kitching. "We will only use it to communi-



Adrienne Shumlich

Over 6,000 students signed up for the emergency texting service.

cate in a life-threatening situation such as an armed assailant, fire in one of the buildings, a chemical leak or anything that could be a

risk to life safety."

The service is provided through a contract between the university and a private company. Approximately 6,000 students have already signed up for the service. Anyone interested can sign up online through their Student Centre.

According to Kitching, other schools have adopted similar programs.

"Emergency text messaging is a very common feature in emergency management in many universities," said Kitching. "Experience shows that landline and cell phone conversations are adversely impacted by a lot of users since the lines get jammed when there is a large volume of outgoing and incoming calls."

Kitching encourages all students to sign up.

"Although it is voluntary to enrol in the text messaging program, I would like to see every student signed up," said Kitching.

In less serious emergency circumstances, students can contact Campus Security. Campus Security manager Ken Kress oversees all security operations on campus.

"I think the U of C campus is very safe. In the 17 years I've been with Campus Security, we have had very few serious or life-threatening incidents," said Kress. "The issue is to keep safety and precautions fresh in students' minds. We have to make people aware of the safety of their property as well as their personal safety when they're on campus, and that there are many different resources available for them to utilize."

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# Don't hate the player

## Unlimited wealth motivates our business leaders

**Jeremy Woo**  
Gauntlet Opinions



The Occupy Wall Street movement may be over, but an anti-business sentiment still lingers. Corporate executives have come under fire for continuing to accept millions of dollars in compensation while thousands lost their jobs and received pay cuts in the recent economic downturn. Thus, calls for significant salary cuts and even a maximum wage have stemmed from the sourness. More radically, major news sources such as the *Tampa Bay Times* and *MSNBC* have pondered the idea of arresting, imprisoning or banning CEOs in any industry that took too many risks in pursuit of profit, despite no legal wrongdoing.

Though CEOs of large companies in many sectors made poor business decisions, law-abiding executives should not be punished. Furthermore, they have every right to earn their current salaries.

Firstly, it only takes simple logic to realize that CEOs can't be punished for following the law. In cases where executives break the law, they should be brought to justice by their government, and those who do not break the law should be allowed to pursue wealth without restriction.

Poor business decisions cannot be punishable by law or otherwise,

regardless of the corporation's size or the number of people affected. For example, the president of a lemonade stand buys too much sugar and is forced to close. The neighbourhood is left without lemonade, and the little sister without a job. Does this poor business decision warrant punishment simply because the decision negatively affects other people? If executives were punished by authorities for making mistakes, few would want to enter the corporate world or go into business. While the wages earned by CEOs are certainly above average, company owners — via an elected board of directors — legally approve of hefty compensation and accept the risks because commerce has inherent risks. Clearly, arresting or punishing law-abiding corporate leaders simply for popular appeal is illogical, whether lemonade stand or financial institution.

Additionally, company executives do not have malicious intent with their actions. CEOs have a strong incentive to make smart decisions that positively affect all stakeholders — shareholders, employees and, by extension, the economy. Corporate leaders have a personal reputation to uphold with every business decision that they make. One false move could quickly ruin an executive. As with any employee of any company, a CEO's job is on the line, and the owners could revoke employment



very quickly. Also, executives are mostly compensated based on corporate performance with only a small base salary, naturally giving a CEO great incentive to make wise choices. For example, Meg Whitman, CEO of Hewlett-Packard, has no salary at all. Warren Buffett, CEO of Berkshire-Hathaway, takes home a salary less than an average family

doctor or lawyer. The remainder is all based on performance, much like running the local lemonade stand, meaning that executives are driven to care about economic well-being. Executives may have played a role in the recent recession, however, not intentionally as their livelihoods were also on the line.

Finally, executives should be

able to earn significant compensation, free of limitation. For example, if one was put in charge of a thousand lemonade stands instead of a single location, one would expect much more pay for the added responsibility. If there was a cap on the amount one could earn or if one had their earnings

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# Traversing the mists of Argyll

**Kurt Genest**  
Gauntlet Opinions



The turn of this decade was a thrilling time, if you are old enough to remember. Economic instability, glamorous celebrities and political turmoil around the globe captured the imaginations of a generation of young people. I, a precocious yuppie, naturally turned to the sweater aisle of our

city's shopping complexes in my search for answers to the problems of the day.

Sweaters may seem a curious fashion choice in troubled times — why not a spiked collar to defy ever-increasing government authority or a beret to signify the importance of individual creativity in an era of mass-produced popular culture? The sweater's strength, dear reader, lies in its versatility, which creates an unrivaled aura of comfort, warmth, raw sex appeal and,

if selected with care and precision, respectability. The beginning of the 2010s can be fondly remembered as the Golden Age of Sweaters, a time when a veritable cornucopia of patterns and colours could be found. Sadly, as evidenced by the declines of the Portuguese trading empire and '80s-style synthesizer pop music, not all great things are meant to last.

The Golden Age of Sweaters has since yielded to an irrepressible wave of argyle. It's quite impos-

sible to find a respectable sweater that does not feature this diamond pattern, which first appeared on the tartans of the Clan Campbell, residents of Scotland's Argyll region. As you scan your surroundings and watch the ebb and flow of waves of sullen, argyle-clad urbanites, you may just wonder why this particular design has become so ubiquitous. There are two possible answers to your query. The first is that the fashion industry is trying to impose conformity in

order to exploit the self-conscious and maximize profits. The second is that the Campbells, long envious of the more numerous Smiths, have sought a new manner with which to attain dominance, and what better way than having everyone wear their symbol? Unfortunately, we will not know the true reason until the corresponding document is released through WikiLeaks.

Until then, how does one circumvent this morass of argyle sweaters  
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significantly reduced, what incentive would there be to become a business leader? What incentive would there be to produce better results and improve productivity? What incentive would there be to strive to advance in one's career in the corporate world?

The technological gains, the scientific breakthroughs and the innovation that mankind enjoys every day is not based on human ingenuity alone, but the drive for compensation, improvement and advancement. Limiting financial compensation for effort would ef-

fectively reduce one's incentive to achieve better economic results.

The sour taste for corporate executives is understandable, however, their bad choices do not make them criminals worthy of bans, fines or prison time if they followed regulations and laws.

Like all humans, CEOs need incentive and compensation in return for their responsibilities to corporations, society and advancement.

When times are tough, it magnifies the fact that a select few have more lemons than others. However, it does not mean that those who

have more should be punished for unfounded crimes or shouldn't receive as much. Instead of pointing fingers, let's all work together, grab the sugar and get busy turning our economic future into lemonade to quench everyone's thirst and desires.



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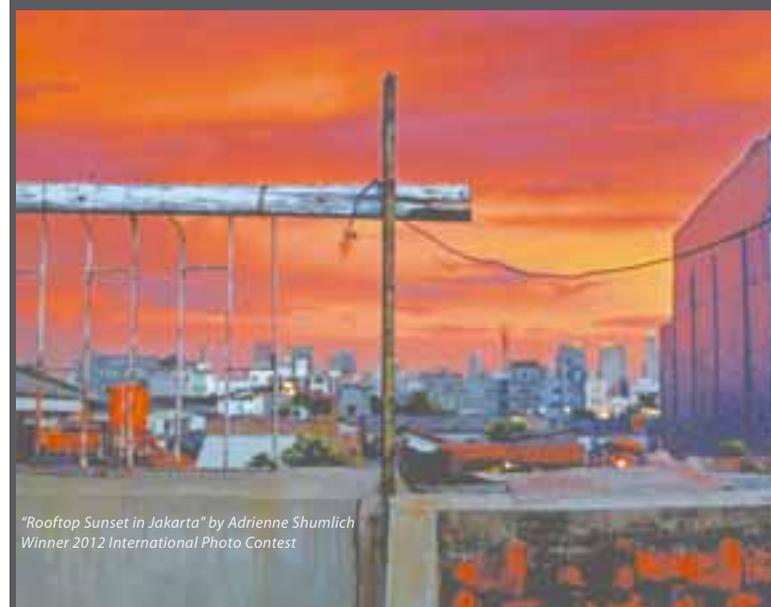
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in the marketplace? The answer is painfully obvious: a return to domestic agriculture and textile production. Fortunately, the conveniences of our modern times will be the very facilitator of a transition to the past. Packets of cottonseed can be had on the Internet for under \$10, and if wool garments are your preferred poison, you can find sheep online for as little as \$200. One can quickly obtain a large herd by purchasing a single ewe and letting her run loose around the neighbourhood. From there, simply process the wool or cotton and sew a garment.

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# Digital puppet masters

One Yellow Rabbit uses Photo Booth to perform *People You May Know*

Sean Willett

Entertainment Editor

Almost everyone who has owned a Mac or wandered into an Apple store has played with Photo Booth at least once. The popular webcam application allows users to manipulate and distort their appearance in comical ways, shrinking and expanding faces to create hilarious images. While most people are just content to use Photo Booth to have a laugh with friends, Calgary's One Yellow Rabbit Performance Theatre is much more ambitious — they are using it to perform a digital puppet show.

Running at the Big Secret Theatre as a part of the High Performance Rodeo until Feb. 2, *People You May Know* is a multi-media performance that explores the human impact of an economic crisis. Using three laptops hooked up to three different projectors, actors Andy Curtis, Denise Clark and David Rhymer each play three different characters, using Photo Booth filters to switch between them. The idea came to the members of One Yellow Rabbit when they were doing what most people do on Photo Booth — messing around with their friends.

"The actors were in the workshop with their laptops, and they were just playing around with their faces in Photo Booth," says Blake Brooker, the director of *People You May Know*. "They weren't just looking at the images though, they were also talking. Looking at that distorted face changes the way you talk, and you can create a character that way"

Curtis compares the process to an



courtesy One Yellow Rabbit Performance Theatre

exercise used by actors to help create characters.

"There is an acting exercise that involves using masks," he says. "You put on a mask that is rather grotesque or distorted, you take a mirror and look at your face and you try to form your mouth to fit the bottom of the mask. Then you start making noises, to try to find a voice for the character."

A similar method was used to create the characters of *People You May Know*, substituting the masks with technology.

"They used Photo Booth to make a kind of mask, a digital mask, and used that to create a character," says

Brooker. "We decided to explore this further, so we took the concept, threw a storyline together and voila!"

Most of the writing for the performance was done while using Photo Booth, with the actors improvising dialogue with their characters.

"We did some writing with pen and paper, but a lot of it was just looking into the screens at our goofy, distorted faces, putting on a voice and making a character," says Curtis. "It's a ton of fun. As soon as you look at your face in Photo Booth, it's funny. So we laughed a hell of a lot, which helped quite a bit."

However, with this new way of

performing came a host of new challenges, which required One Yellow Rabbit to move outside of their technological comfort zone.

"It was very difficult," says Brooker. "Playing around with your laptop in your office is one thing, but having it in the context of a theatre is something else entirely. It was a lot of trial and error to get everything right."

"There were a number of challenges along the way," says Curtis. "We had never done this before, or had even attempted this kind of a thing"

Even with these challenges facing them, Brooker is glad One Yellow Rabbit chose to perform

*People You May Know*, citing two reasons it is beneficial to try new things.

"One: It keeps you on your toes," says Brooker. "And two: it's interesting and amusing. If you do something that has never been done before or you've never done before yourself, there is the fun of learning a completely new thing. It is a refreshing feeling. When you've been doing something for such a long time, when you work in any sort of discipline, finding a new way to do things is kind of fun."

For more information and to purchase tickets visit [hprodeo.ca](http://hprodeo.ca).

## Coming Out Monologues auditions coming up

Riley Hill

News Assistant

Starting this Saturday, the Student Success Centre will begin auditions for the third annual Coming Out Monologues, a celebration of sexual diversity held at the University of Calgary. The event features various artistic performances exploring Calgary's queer community. Auditions will be held in the Women's Resource Centre.

The show, which will be premiering on March 13, features various monologues about personal experiences with questions regarding sexuality. "Allies" also speak, sharing stories about friends and family who have dealt with these issues.

Show director Aleesha Bray said anyone interested should come audition.

"No stage experience is required," says Bray. "We have

monologues there, at the audition. It's all drop in, you don't have to book or anything. You can come sit, have a cup of tea, read over [the monologues] and find one that you're comfortable with."

According to Bray, everyone is encouraged to participate in any way they feel comfortable.

"You can audition for the monologues or the artistic performances," says Bray. "You can

be a student, staff, faculty or community member. Last year we had ages ranging from 17-76 for our performers. Everyone is welcome."

Bray explains that in addition to the performances, the event will feature a photo booth and a wishing tree where people can leave messages of support.

The first Coming Out Monologues happened at the University of California Riverside in 2007.

It has since spread to university campuses across Canada and the United States.

The auditions will be taking place on Jan. 26, Jan. 28 and Jan. 30. Tickets will be available for the performance in March starting in February, and 50 per cent of sales will go towards the Calgary Sexual Health Centre.

For more information visit [comingoutmonologuesuofc.tumblr.com](http://comingoutmonologuesuofc.tumblr.com).

# Get personal with *Cool Runnings*

## Calgary celebrates the 20th anniversary of the classic film

Charis Whitbourne  
Gauntlet Entertainment

“Feel the rhythm, feel the rhyme, get on up, it’s bobsled time!” This quote has been ingrained in many Calgarian’s minds since they were children by *Cool Runnings*, a 1993 sports film classic. The movie depicts the story of the first Jamaican bobsled team, and their hardships and triumphs as they compete at the 1988 Olympic games in Calgary.

In true Calgarian spirit, the city will be hosting the 20th anniversary of this movie on Feb. 2 at Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame, located at Canada Olympic Park where both the movie was filmed and the 1988 Olympics took place. The eve-

ning will include cocktails, food, a screening of *Cool Runnings* and a meet and greet with cast members of the movie as well as members of the original Jamaican bobsled team. In attendance will be Leon Robinson, who played Dorice in the film, Doug E. Doug, who played Sanka in the film, Devin Harris, who was one of the original Jamaican bobsleders, and Pat Brown, the original coach played by the late John Candy in the movie.

Canada’s Sports Hall of Fame, which opened in 2011, is an interactive museum featuring 95,000 artifacts in their archives from 60 different sports. Attendees will be able to explore the museum at their leisure, mingling with the athletes and actors while enjoying an open bar.

Since only 120 tickets will be sold at \$100 each, this evening is meant to be an intimate and personal event, with all attendees having a chance to talk with the special guests. For those who are unable to attend this evening, there will also be a screening the next day at the Plaza Theatre followed by a question and answer period with the guests.

“This event is exciting because you’ll really have a chance to talk to the special guests and get to see how the real story is different from the movie,” says Cathy McKee, the organizer of the event and the director of the Reel Fun Film Festival. “In the end, you’ll come out with a cooler understanding of *Cool Runnings*.”

The event is helping to raise money for the Reel Fun Film Festival, a local festival in Calgary that shows movies meant for the whole family while teaching the many joys and



courtesy The Reel Fun Film Festival

*Cool Runnings* was set in Calgary, and originally premiered in 1993.

opportunities of film making.

“This festival is really unique because it doesn’t only show good films that everyone can enjoy, but is interactive as well,” says McKee. “There is something for every family — whether your family is a frat house of college boys, or par-

ents with young kids.”

The festival, which is in its seventh year, runs from Feb. 25 to March 3.

“It’s the best kept secret for film festivals in Calgary,” says McKee.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit [reelfunfilmfest.com](http://reelfunfilmfest.com).



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## New this week

**Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunter** — This film is the latest in a long line of dark, sexy fairy tale adaptations aimed at adults. It will almost certainly be absolutely atrocious.

**John Dies at the End** — An adaptation of the wonderful book of the same name, this comedy about an otherworldly invasion will hopefully be as funny as its inspiration.

**Movie 43** — Billed as a movie that is “not for the easily-offended,” this hack comedy has unfortunately sucked a lot of celebrities into its awful miasma of failure.

**The Cave** — This highly-anticipated adventure game from Ron Gilbert and Double Fine Studios is about wrongdoers being tormented by a sentient cave. It looks terrific.

**Path of Exile** — A free-to-play Diablo clone, this game’s developers have promised they won’t take advantage of players by forcing them to pay for upgrades or gear.

**Heartthrob** — The latest album from Calgarian indie rockers Tegan and Sara, who are favourites of a certain Editor-in-Chief. It is already receiving rave reviews.



Michael Issakidis

## Roam the forests of *INFRA-LOOP*

As a part of the High Performance Rodeo, Calgary’s TRUCK gallery is hosting Icelandic artist Hekla Dögg Jónsdóttir’s *INFRA-LOOP*. Using a walk-through wall of paper strips and a video of looping, colourful lights, the exhibit creates a forest of light and shadow. It will be running until Feb. 7. More information can be found at [truck.ca](http://truck.ca).

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# World Cup speed skating hits the Oval

**Fabian Mayer**

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On Jan. 19 and 20, Calgary's Olympic Oval hosted the exciting, world-class speed skating World Cup. Skaters from around the world competed in front of a sizable crowd in what was the last race prior to the World Sprint Championships on Jan. 26 and 27.

The race was a part of the International Skating Union's World Cup, a series of races held during the winter around the world. Skaters earn points towards World Cup standings based on their performance in each individual race.

In addition to the World Cup races, there are also international events held during the year. The 500- and 1000-metre distances — the sprint distances — were the events hosted in Calgary.

The World Cup event in Calgary was good preparation for the Sprint Championships being held in Salt Lake City on Jan. 26 and 27.

The Canadian team had a strong showing on the first day of competition with Jamie Gregg winning the bronze in the 500 metres and Christine Nesbitt taking home the silver in the 1000 metres.

Nesbitt, who won gold in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and is the world record holder in the 1000 metres, did not race Sunday, but managed to set a seasonal best

in her silver medal-winning performance on the first day of racing.

"I feel like every race has been getting better. It's the fastest I've gone this year by over a second so I just feel like it's going in the right direction as I focus on World Championships," said Nesbitt.

The 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia are approaching at the end of the World Cup season, which makes these races important preparation for the athletes.

"My ultimate goal is to perform to the best of my ability in Sochi and that takes all the mental and technical preparation starting right now," said Nesbitt.

The notoriously fast Oval ice allowed many skaters to achieve personal bests as well as national records. There was even one world record set in the women's 500-metre race by Korean skater Sang-Hwa Lee, who set the new mark at 36.80 seconds. Lee took the gold both days while Dutch skater Jan Smeekens swept the men's 500-metre competition.

While no Canadians made it onto the podium Sunday, there were still plenty of reasons for Canadians to be optimistic. Tyler Derraugh finished just two-tenths of a second away from winning his first ever medal in the 1000 metres.

Derraugh was pleased with his weekend after Sunday's race.

"It was definitely a breakthrough. It was a huge improvement. I was

fourth earlier this year so I knew I could be up there but doing it on the fast ice in Calgary was a big deal for me," said Derraugh.

The Winnipeg native comes from a sporting background with both parents having competed internationally in speed skating. His father competed at the 1968 Winter Olympics and Derraugh's brother is a Paralympic downhill skier who has won multiple gold medals for Canada.

"He's been competing at a high level for a long time and seeing his results and seeing him achieve some gold medals is really inspiring for me," said Derraugh of his brother, Chris Williamson.

Gregg, the other Canadian to medal on Saturday, set a personal best on his way to the bronze in the 500 metres. However, Gregg had a disappointing second day of racing as he finished 13th in the 1000 metres and dropped from third on Saturday down to 17th on Sunday in the 500 metres.

While the Canadians did not exactly own the podium last weekend, there were personal bests and significant improvements made by members of the Canadian team. The ISU World Cup races and championships are important in their own right, but are the prologue for the 2014 Sochi games and the Canadian team is looking to keep improving with that goal in mind.

## Dinos in Action

**Women's hockey:** Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. and 26 at 2 p.m. vs. the University of Alberta Pandas at Edmonton, AB, [Broadcast on CanadaWest.tv].

**Men's hockey:** Jan. 25, 7 p.m. at Father David Bauer Arena and Jan. 26 at Edmonton, AB vs. the University of Alberta Golden Bears, [Broadcast on CanadaWest.tv].

**Men's basketball:** Jan. 24 and 25 vs. the University of Winnipeg Wesmen 7 p.m. at Winnipeg, MN. [Broadcast on CanadaWest.tv].

**Women's basketball:** Jan. 24 and 25 vs. the University of Winnipeg Wesmen 5 p.m. at Winnipeg, MN [Broadcast on CanadaWest.tv].

**Men's Volleyball:** Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. and 26 at 6:30 p.m. vs. Thompson Rivers University at Jack Simpson Gym [Broadcast on CanadaWest.tv].

**Women's Volleyball:** Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and 26 at 5 p.m. vs. Thompson Rivers University at Jack Simpson Gym [Broadcast on CanadaWest.tv].

**Swimming:** Jan. 24–26, Canada West Championships at Victoria, BC.

**Ringette:** Jan. 27 vs. Surge at 4:15 p.m. Jan 28 vs. Edmonton Relit at 10:45 a.m. Both games at Winsport Arena.

# Dinos swimmers head to Canada West finals

**Taylor McKee**

Sports Editor • @TaylorMcKee\_

The University of Calgary swim team is heading to another Canadian Inter-university Sport final this year. In order to reclaim their national banners, the Dinos will start their postseason in the Canada West championships.

This season, there is an added importance to qualifying for the CIS championships because they are being held at the U of C aquatic centre on Feb. 21–23.

Entering the CW championships, the Dinos are favourites to contend for a national title. The Dinos's men's swimmers are ranked fifth in the nation and the women are ranked third.

However, the U of C will have a tough time against the perennial powerhouses, the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds. UBC is currently ranked number one in the CIS in women's swimming and the men's squad is ranked third in the nation. UBC is also the defending CIS champion in both men's and women's swimming and last year swept every single individual MVP award as well.

The UBC swim program is used to success at the CIS level as the Thunderbirds women's team captured a record of 11-straight national titles from 1998 to 2008. The

UBC men's swimming team also set a record with 10-straight titles from 1998 to 2007.

The Dinos have plenty of star power to counter the Thunderbirds. An already powerful roster, the women will receive a boost with the return of fourth-year veteran and 2012 Olympian Erica Morningstar after missing a year to train for the Olympics.

The Dinos also boast a former 50-metre world-record holder and Olympian from the 2012 Olympics, Amanda Reason. In her sophomore year at the U of C, Reason will be looking to defend her 50-metre CIS title from 2012.

The men's squad will be led by last season's two-time CIS gold medalist and fifth-year swimmer Jason Block. Block won CIS gold last year in the 50-metre breaststroke.

The Dinos were crowned as national champions in back-to-back seasons from 2009–11 and the Dinos captured the CIS title at home in 2010–11. In the 2012 edition of the CIS championships, the Dinos were able to take home 25 medals in total.

In order to qualify for the CIS championships, each athlete must qualify individually in each event during the CW finals. The CW championships take place from Jan. 24–26 at the University of Victoria Vike's pool.



courtesy David Moll

## Basketball teams travel to the 'peg

After a very successful homestand versus the Trinity Western University Spartans and the University of the Fraser Valley Cascades, both the men's and women's basketball team travel to Winnipeg for back-to-back games against the University of Winnipeg Wesmen on Jan. 24 and 25. The men's team has won three of their last four games and the women's team is sporting a 12–2 record in Canada West. Both the men's and women's games will be broadcast on CanadaWest.tv.

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# TFDL offers TeamSpot to help students get along

## Workroom file sharing technology enables better collaboration among students

**Sarah Dorchak**

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The Taylor Family Digital Library has incorporated the software TeamSpot into its workrooms in an effort to enable more efficient collaboration for students. The TFDL currently offers around 30 workrooms for students, each with a portal for TeamSpot.

Paul Pival, public services systems librarian at the TFDL, explained that TeamSpot was cho-

sen in an effort to help students “play nicely together.”

“We wanted to avoid the laptop huddle that we saw with students in MacKimmie Library,” said Pival. “Rather than take turns driving the PC, each student can now wirelessly connect to a central computer as well as to each other.”

TeamSpot, developed by Tidebreak, allows technology-wide wireless sharing. Installation instructions are posted in each workroom. According to Pival,

students first download a Java client and receive an authentication connection code from the central monitor in each workroom.

“Without the authentication code, devices can’t join in the TeamSpot session. We wanted to avoid the obvious and dubious uses that students might try to mess with each other,” he added.

Second-year chemistry major Brook Webster admitted to not having used the workrooms frequently for collaborative work, but acknowledged the benefits of

TeamSpot for students.

“It’s a pain in the butt emailing group members and getting everyone’s contact information. It can be slow and tedious,” she said. “File sharing is very useful for group projects where you’d need to review other people’s work and data.”

Second-year science graduate student Adam Coderre echoed Webster’s comments. “It sounds like the program could alleviate some of the hassle of putting things on USB sticks and passing

that around to everyone.”

With TeamSpot, “no one has to be editor; everyone can contribute at the same time,” said TFDL technology librarian Shawna Sadler. Each student can add files or open documents on the main screen while other students edit documents on their own laptops. Laptop screens can be projected onto the main screen with all students active on the screen at the same time.

“I worry about how the system will be used,” Webster said, citing possible issues of plagiarism if files were saved onto the main screen in the workrooms. “If someone comes in after you’ve left and all your files are stored there, or if you’re working on a research project that has privacy implications, there could be serious problems.”

The TFDL has been open for a year and a half, having survived criticisms and skepticism regarding whether it was a truly “digital” library. When developing the digital aspects of the library, Sadler said they focused on “learning, research and operations.”

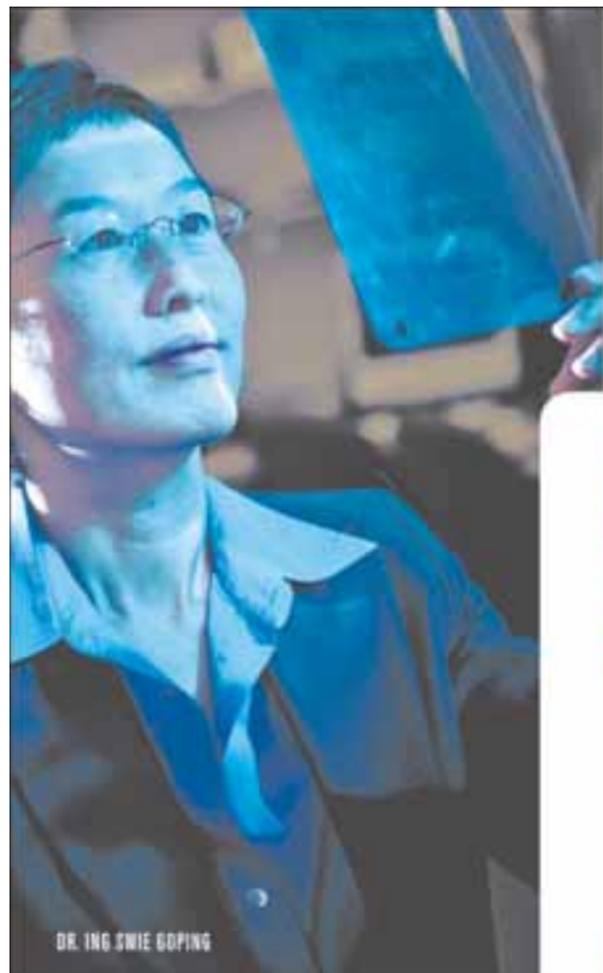
“The library provides a great variety of learning spaces,” Sadler continued. “We really support students’ use of the technology they currently own as part of their learning process.”

Workrooms can be booked on touch screens outside the rooms themselves as well as online, Pival explained. He has also been working to develop a workroom booking application for smartphones.

“It’s my dream to eventually have an online map showing available chairs on each floor,” said Pival.

In addition to incorporating TeamSpot into workrooms to ease collaboration and learning for students, the TFDL has also designed an Adaptive Technology Workroom for students with auditory and visual impairments. Students must be registered with the Disability Resource Centre and can book the room at the circulation service desk.

“These spaces are designed for flexibility,” said Sadler. “Students can choose what works best for their needs.”



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The names of the team leads successful in this competition, along with their areas of research, are below:

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Metabolomics for disease detection

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# Pubic lice declared an endangered species

## Protest group on campus outraged that more wasn't done to protect crabs

**Sarah Dorchak**

Action Activist • @StegoSarahs

Pubic lice, commonly known as crabs, were declared an endangered species last week. A 2003 study from the Australian Kirby Institute showed pubic lice as the most common sexually transmitted infection in Australia. Now, a mere 10 years later, the Kirby Institute has noted a dramatic decrease in the number of pubic lice infections.

"This decrease is probably due to an increase in grooming," explained Veronica Granger, a physician at a Calgary sexual health clinic. "The optimal habitat of pubic lice is the groin area so, with the popularity of waxing and shaving that area, it is not surprising that pubic lice populations would suffer."

Not everyone is happy about one less STI in the world. Betty Thrace, third-year biology student at the University of Calgary and leader of the "Don't Shave the Rainforest" campaign on campus, acknowledged the "extreme loss in biodiversity" that the extinction of pubic lice could cause.

"Whenever there is a threat to biodiversity, there is a threat to the overall health of ecosystems," said Thrace. "There needs to be a balance of various species in order to support a healthy planet."

Thrace's campaign has gained popularity at the U of C. A downtown rally on Jan. 19 drew a crowd of about 200 people.

"People are highly concerned about the ecological safety of our planet. We don't want pubic lice to be put on the list of avoidable extinctions," said Thrace. "Habitat loss is extremely preventable."

Along with rallies to save pubic lice, Thrace and her fellow campaign leader Cory Williams have also sent letters to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the United Nations.

"The UN declared 2011-20 to be the 'Decade on Biodiversity,'" Thrace explained. "It's time the UN stepped up and took action against something terrible in the world!"

Williams led the rally over the weekend and is attempting to organize another rally in Ottawa. "Canada was a part of the Biodiversity Convention and as such should take crabs' endangerment very seriously," Williams said.

The Biodiversity Convention is an international legally-binding treaty that aims to conserve biodiversity, sustain natural resource use and advocate for fair sharing of resources among countries. While Williams could not point to how pubic lice related to sustainable usage and equitable sharing of resources, he quickly acknowledged the need for in-

ternational attention to habitat depletion.

"First it was the polar bear, now it's pubic lice! What will be next?"

U of C biology professor Susan Ghall supported Williams and Thrace's campaign initially, allowing them to speak to her first-year biology students. "I'm happy young people are paying attention to these important issues," Ghall

said, but was confused as to why Williams and Thrace would unite behind "pubic lice, of all things."

"Even if we lost pubic lice, there is still vast lice diversity," continued Ghall. "Besides ecosystems, there's not much genetic difference between head lice and pubic lice."

Granger said that while a decrease in lice biodiversity is a

"terrible loss," it would be beneficial in the long run. "In my line of work, especially working at a sexual health clinic so close to post-secondary institutions, any decrease in infections is seen as a good thing," she said.

"This is perhaps one of the few cases that habitat destruction is beneficial in the long run," added Granger. "You know, like the tigers."



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Betty Thrace and Cory Williams are fighting against the loss of biodiversity that pubic lice extinction will cause.

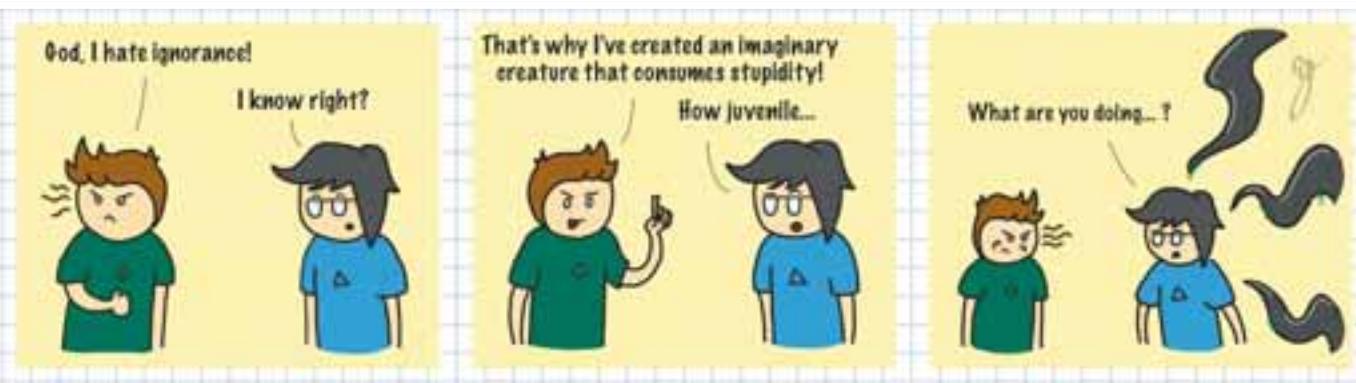
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People often refer to you as the “engaged student”. Besides going to class and studying, you volunteer on or off campus, you participate in a club as a member or executive, or you’re involved with committee work. Being engaged is a great way to fill up that extra-curricular section on your resume, make new connections and pick up some useful skills. But, there are also monetary rewards available for doing all those fabulous things you do.

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and the community at large that focus on rewarding you for being a leader in our community. Here are a couple of great examples:

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This award for student leadership honours Mr. Laurence Decore, former Edmonton mayor and leader of the Alberta Liberal party. The Laurence Decore Award recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding dedication and leadership to fellow students and to their community through involvement in student government, student associations, clubs and/or community organizations. The Laurence Decore Award is funded and administered through the Alberta Heritage

Scholarship Fund. Ten scholarships, valued at \$1,000, will be awarded this year.

Applications and criteria are available on the SU website, or at the SU office reception. Deadline: Feb. 15, 2013.

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