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Golden Spatula

In honour of the cuts to Alberta's post-secondary institutions, student unknown is the Golden Spatula recipient this week. The *Gauntlet* acknowledges that the U of C student body will unquestionably be affected by the budget cuts and that we have become nothing but faceless numbers to our government. Fuck you too, Redford!

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Alberta shafts students

After one absorbs all the details about the 2013 Alberta budget, one thing remains clear: budgets are a messy business and there is absolutely no pleasing everyone. A budget reflects the priorities of a government through the choices — albeit tough ones — made on how to spend and what to cut. In 2013, Redford made it known that post-secondary education is not a serious priority for the Alberta government.

In total, universities in Alberta are being faced with a 6.8 per cent decrease in their operating grants despite the fact that they were promised a 2 per cent increase in 2012. In reality, this is an absolutely devastating 9 per cent cut across the board. These cuts are not restricted to only the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta, they affect every post-secondary institution in the province including SAIT and NAIT. These cuts also come at a time when some Alberta universities are in need of an increase in funding just to cover expenses.

The U of A estimated that it would need a 4 per cent increase in spending to simply cover inflation. The U of C was promised \$142 million to expand the Schulich School of Engineering and will now receive only \$42 million spread out over five years. Similarly, Mount Royal University is now \$55 million short on their planned Library and Learning Centre. Also, the \$650 million over three years committed by the

Redford government for post-secondary construction projects are now certainly on the back burner.

What is perplexing about this budget is that the government is clearly willing to spend despite the bleak predictions of province-wide belt-tightening. Alberta is going to borrow \$12.7 billion over three years for capital projects. The spending promised by the budget also comes with the guarantee that there would be no increase in taxes, a campaign promise of Redford's.

Currently, Alberta's large corporate tax rate is 10 per cent, which — along with New Brunswick and British Columbia — is the lowest in the nation. If the Alberta government were to raise the corporate tax rate to the level of Ontario's 11.5 per cent, or even Saskatchewan's and Manitoba's 12 per cent, it is estimated that up to \$2.7 billion in revenue could be generated by the province.

The value of the resources that represent a large portion of our province's revenue is extremely volatile. A possible hedge against this volatility would be a consistently fair taxation system that could generate revenue. Due to the falling price of bitumen, which is still currently over \$600 per cubic metre, Alberta is predictably experiencing a revenue shortfall — one that could be mitigated by the introduction of fair corporate taxation. However, in Albertan politics, raising taxes is akin to denying the Holocaust — any party that pledges to do

so willingly forfeits their chance at being elected. Time and again, Premier Redford pledged that she would not raise taxes — she kept her promise and demonstrated the priorities of her party.

It is entirely unreasonable to take raising any sort of tax off the table. Any province — especially one so inextricably linked to non-renewable resources — must be flexible enough to change their policies in order to meet new economic challenges and taxation is one of the most important weapons in their revenue-generating arsenal. While it is true that no one enjoys the thought of new taxes, it makes more sense to adjust our taxation to the levels of the rest of the country than to damage the institutions that train the future leaders of our province.

Some suggest that any increase in corporate taxation would simply cause businesses to leave the province entirely for foreign markets. While the industry will do its best to scaremonger the public into believing that it will pack up and go at a moment's notice, consider their options. The resource that sits in our soil is valuable — very valuable. It seems unlikely that any company that would pack up over a 1 or 2 per cent increase in taxation would rather incur the expense of relocating their operations.

Post-secondary education addresses a very different type of resource, one that is extremely valuable and difficult to quantify. If Alberta wishes to be prosper-



ous for the "next 20 years," as stated in the budget speech, it will need the best and brightest Albertan minds to stay in the province. The idea that Alberta could lose students — future engineers, technicians, researchers etc. — to other provinces should make post-secondary education a priority for the government rather than a target for greater "efficiencies."

Gallingly, during the budget announcement, Minister of Finance Doug Horner noted that, "Post-secondary education remains a key priority area for our province, and we will continue to support post-secondary students." No matter how the Redford government would like to appear, the cuts demonstrate, in no uncertain terms, that when faced with making tough decisions, cuts to post-secondary-education are an easy choice.

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Future of post-secondary unknown

Provincial budget slashes \$147 million from Alberta's universities

Michael Grondin

News Editor

The 2013-14 Alberta provincial budget has slashed \$147 million from post-secondary education operational funding, a 6.8 per cent decrease from last year's budget.

The provincial budget aims to reduce Alberta's deficit, which, prior to the budget cuts, was projected at \$4 billion. The new budget reduces the projected deficit to \$2 billion, but has still generated criticism from opposing political parties who feel the ruling Progressive Conservatives have handled the budget irresponsibly and failed on campaign promises.

Government-sponsored programs such as pay support for low-income seniors and provincial courtrooms also received cuts. However, post-secondary education will receive one of the largest cuts this year.

When elected in 2012, Alison Redford's government promised to increase funding for post-secondary by 2 per cent annually over the next three years, making this budget all the more surprising for universities that planned their budgets on the assumption of greater provincial funding.

Treasury Board and Finance Minister Doug Horner announced the budget in Edmonton on March 7, 2013 with a promise to deliver "responsible change."

The Summer Temporary Employment Program, a student employment program established in 1972, will be indefinitely suspended, leaving many students without summer jobs.

University of Calgary president Elizabeth Cannon was dissatisfied with the province's decision and

said there will be serious ramifications to students, faculty and staff as well as decreases in research opportunities.

"The University of Calgary is surprised and extremely disappointed that the Government of Alberta has made an operating budget cut of 6.8 per cent to the post-secondary sector," said Cannon in a U of C statement.

The specific impacts these cuts will have on the U of C are unknown at this time. The U of C's executive and leadership team will be reviewing the budget over the next few weeks to determine and develop long-term goals for the U of C.

The provincial government said tuition will not increase and that there will not be any changes to scholarships and bursaries.

Alberta Innovates, a collaborative organization that funds academic projects, will receive a 3.7 per cent decrease in funding from the provincial government.

According to Students' Union vice-president external and chair of the Council of Alberta University Students Raphael Jacob, these cuts will immediately impact the quality of education in Alberta. He fears faculty downsizing, which could lead to larger class sizes and fewer class choices.

"We cannot speculate how the university will be recouping said costs, but we do know that staff is the single largest budget line that they have, so reduced faculty and staff will result in larger classes and fewer choices of classes," said Jacob. "It is certainly unfortunate that we are getting such a cut. It was also very shocking because the cut was much worse than we had projected."

Jacob also said that potential



Gauntlet file photo

President Elizabeth Cannon was disappointed by education cuts.

fee increases may occur, adding that students may feel the consequences.

"Our greatest fear is that though tuition will not increase, fees are wholly unregulated and that all institutions will raise fees to recoup those losses," said Jacob.

U of C economics professor Robert Mansell said the deficit was not a surprise. However, the cuts to advanced education were unanticipated.

"I wasn't surprised in that we knew there was a big problem. I was a bit surprised about the cut to advanced education," said Mansell. "My assumption is the U of C was planning on a 2 per cent increase that had been promised before, so this is quite a swing and I imagine that they are looking at all of the available options."

There will be a \$282 million investment by the provincial government over the next three years to improve infrastructure at post-secondary institutions, supporting five construction projects

across the province, including the expansion of the Schulich School of Engineering at the U of C.

"On the one hand we certainly need infrastructure and maintenance. We need places to go study and do research in, so I am grateful that money is being spent on infrastructure, but it is still unfortunate that we have received such a significant cut," said Jacob.

Faculty of arts dean Richard Sigurdson said that each faculty will have to outline how to maintain a positive student experience at the U of C.

"The university will have to make some decisions about how this will be dealt with internally, externally and what kind of distribution between faculties is needed," said Sigurdson. "Every faculty does face its own unique circumstances in this situation.

There is no question that each faculty is going to have to work hard to ensure that students receive what they expect, that they can graduate on time and be in

the classes they need and want to take. We need to ensure that we put students first and that the student experience is not harmed or diminished."

A leaked email found by Alberta NDP Enterprise and Advanced Education critic Rachel Notley sent to the faculty of education at the University of Alberta states that certain departments must prepare for 20 per cent cuts. Whether this will also happen at the U of C is unknown at this time.

"There is a lot of uncertainty, and a lot of students are unsure how this will all play out, but despite the budget, there is still a lot of work to do and it's not all doom and gloom necessarily," said Jacob.

Fifth-year astrophysics student Russell Shanahan said that this budget cut will likely lead to teaching staff and faculty downsizing.

"It's stupid because [this cut] will probably lead to our teachers and researchers getting cut and students will just want to go to other places for school," said Shanahan. "We need better teachers, not dumb renovations to MacHall. Our teachers need to be paid so that they actually care about their jobs and care about teaching us."

Shanahan also said that students' ability to enter graduate school may also be impacted.

"I am about to apply to grad school and if the funding is cut to grad programs, that means I will have a tough time getting in," said Shanahan.

The U of C will be holding two townhall meetings to discuss the budget cuts with students, faculty and staff on March 21 at 2:30 p.m. in Science Theatres 135 and on March 27 at 2 p.m. in the Dining Centre Blue Room.

campus quips

How do you think the budget cuts will affect you?



"I could see fees going up and there will probably be layoffs. There probably won't be anymore expansions."

– Kristian Berg,
second-year business



"It sucks. I want better teachers and that will probably mean fewer teachers."

– Melany Mclean,
fourth-year physics



"They will probably cut faculty first and, if there is fewer faculty, then you get less of an opportunity to learn what you want."

– Zachary Shand,
fourth-year physics

2013 Students' Union election results

Student voter turnout at 27.8 per cent, a 5 per cent increase from 2012

Riley Hill

News Assistant

After two weeks of campaigning, the 2013-14 University of Calgary Students' Union election results have been announced.

There was a 27.8 per cent voter turnout, a five per cent increase from last year's SU election. The newly elected staff will take office on May 3, 2013.

Raphael Jacob has been elected as the 71st SU president, taking 51 per cent of the votes. Candidate Stefana Pancic received 19 per cent and current president Hardave Birk received 31 per cent.

"I'm very happy and very excited," said Jacob. "Thank you, U of C."

Birk was gracious in his defeat, offering kind words to Jacob.

"I think [students] made a great choice in Raphael. We're going to have a great president next year," said Birk.

Emily Macphail narrowly beat Tynan Wenarchuk and Hana Kadri for the vice-president academic position, taking 38 per cent of the votes. Wenarchuk took 37 per cent of the votes and Kadri received 25 per cent.

"I think the biggest surprise tonight is VP academic," said current arts representative Kelsy Norman. "Emily Macphail finally came through. She's run in so many elections and she won this year. Hard work pays off and she's proof of that."

Current vice-president academic Kenya-Jade Pinto is confident in Macphail's ability to do the job.

"We were lucky to have a slate of candidates for vice-president academic who were all so incredibly qualified in their own right," said Pinto. "Emily will do a great job and will be supported by incredible staff."

Ben Cannon took the vice-president student life position over Mallory Lupick and Richard "Dick" Gariepy, taking a hefty 55 per cent of the votes. Cannon jumped in excitement to cheers from the audience upon announcement.

"Work on the puppy room starts tomorrow," said Cannon, referencing one of his campaign promises. "If I don't follow through on



Michael Grondin

Supporters jump for joy as Cannon (second from right) is announced vice-president student life.

the puppy room, I'm going to be hung in the south courtyard."

Current vice-president student life Haley Wade gave Cannon support.

"I'm very confident in his abilities and excited to see what he can do over the next year," said Wade.

Conner Brown acclaimed vice-president external and Eric Termuende acclaimed vice-president operations and finance. Termuende was enthusiastic for next

year. "I'm excited about the team," said Termuende. "The students spoke and this is what we came out with. I'm looking forward to working with the people that represent students."

Michael Smith took the Board of Governors position over Sam Adegabayike, receiving 58 per

Never forget what your number one priority is, why you're really here — it's to represent the student body.

— Dylan Jones, former Students' Union president

cent of the votes.

Jarett Henry, Zainab Malik, Levi Nilson and Maggie Pham took the four arts representative positions.

Malik was hugged by a group of excited supporters after she was voted in.

"I feel damn good right now. I'm so excited," said Malik. "I've never done anything like this before and for it to come through makes me so happy."

Jacqueline Boon, Amar Deshwar and Jacob Nasser were elected as science representatives.

Jay Wang was elected medical representative. Jasmine Chitroda and Krzysztof Iwanicki took the two business representative positions.

The other faculty representatives were all acclaimed for their positions.

A referendum to increase the Gauntlet's levy failed to pass with 57 per cent of students voting against the increase.

Former SU president Dylan Jones attended the announcement at The Den, offering advice to the future executive.

"Never forget what your number one priority is, why you're really here — it's to represent the student body," said Jones. "If you ever feel tension, bring yourself back to the reason why you are there."

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STUDENTS' UNION OPPORTUNITY

Senate, Student at Large Representative (2)

Term: April until October

Student at Large representatives are the main communication link between the SU and the University of Calgary Senate. They are responsible for representing and promoting the interests of the student body. Successful candidates will be reliable, flexible and have superior interpersonal, organizational and writing skills.

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Deadline Date: Thursday March 28, 2013 at 4 pm



5 Days for the Homeless

Sleeping in the cold for insight into homelessness

Michael Grondin
News Editor

Over five days, six University of Calgary students will be living homeless on campus from March 11-15. The initiative is part of 5 Days for the Homeless, a national campaign that began at the University of Alberta in 2008 and has raised \$985,000 so far. This year, 26 universities are participating.

This will be the U of C's inaugural year of the challenge. Students are allowed to attend classes and go inside the buildings on campus, however, they are not allowed to have their wallets, cell phones or house keys and must sleep outside. Participants can only eat donated food.

In Calgary, all proceeds will be donated to Boys and Girls Club Avenue 15, an organization that aids homeless and runaway youth between 12-17 years of age in Calgary.

The U of C's 5 Days for the Homeless chair and accounting student Haley Kemmer said they hope to raise \$10,000.

"They'll be sleeping outside, they have no shelter, no income

and anything that they eat all has to be donated to them," said Kemmer.

She hopes the initiative can raise awareness of youth homelessness.

"The campaign is working to combat some negative stereotypes that there might be regarding youth homelessness," said Kemmer. "Youth homelessness is often an invisible issue, people don't see it every day, so they think that it doesn't exist. It actually is a strong problem in Calgary right now."

Kemmer hopes that as many U of C students as possible engage with the initiative.

"We're really hoping that this campaign is campus-wide," said Kemmer. "We really want to make sure that everyone knows this is a university initiative, and even going beyond that — it's a Calgary initiative."

Fifth-year law and society student Ryland Brennan is participating in 5 Days for the Homeless. He said that although it is tough, he is very excited about the reaction the initiative has received.

"What I've noticed is that, especially with the eating, because there's a barrier to your access to



Michael Grondin

Alissa Fahrner, Cole Amantea and Rachel Petit are participants.

food, it's all you think about," said Brennan. "Applying this experience to experiencing poverty and those barriers every day, it baffles me what people who go through poverty in their everyday lives experience."

The participants are sleeping outside of the Kinesiology Building. Brennan said that the cold and the snow have been challenging.

"We're indebted in terms of our degrees, but that's a very different aspect of poverty than not be-

ing able to eat or to literally sleep out on the streets," said Brennan. "I hope that this campaign encourages students to think about homelessness in a new way."

Second-year business student and participant Alissa Fahrner said 5 Days for the Homeless offers a new way to learn about homelessness.

"We are out and about and it's a new and different way to create awareness," said Fahrner.

A closing ceremony will be held on March 15 in the Taylor Family Quadrangle at 5 p.m.

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Parking prices rising

Michael Grondin

News Editor

Parking rates at Calgary's medical centres and hospitals will be rising as of April 1, 2013 as part of a three-year implementation period to meet increasing market demands for parking.

The rate per 30 minutes will increase from \$1.75 to \$2, weekly parking passes will raise to \$41 up from \$40 and monthly passes will increase from \$105 to \$125 for the first year, according to documents released by Alberta Health Services.

The fees will continue to increase at similar rates every April until 2015 to cover costs of increased facilities management and construction of parking lots.

For now, daily maximum rates will remain at \$13, which is good news for University of Calgary

medical and nursing students who often use the facilities at the Foothills Hospital.

However, these increases were not communicated to nursing or medical students.

Third-year U of C nursing student and Students' Union faculty of nursing representative Riley Simister said he was disappointed that the adjustments to parking rates were not communicated to U of C students.

"There was no way of letting us know that there were going to be increases. There was no way of indicating to students that the prices were going up — no email, no notification," said Simister.

As it currently stands, medical and nursing students have to pay the same rates as all medical centre users.

Nursing students have to be at the Foothills Campus twice a week. According to Simister, the

parking fees add up quickly.

"We are struggling for parking here at the U of C, and that's \$5. It's sucky, but it's an easier pill to swallow than \$13 a day," said Simister. "The deals and discounts that the hospital offer do very little to assist people who spend a lot of time there."

Though there are no plans to increase the maximum price per day at this time, Simister said that the prices are still extremely high and pose a barrier to everyone who uses or visits the hospital.

"Parking at the hospital is already at such an astronomical level. We're paying \$13 a day for premium parking," said Simister. "For students and staff and even patients and people going to visit their families and friends at the hospital, \$13 is a huge crunch."

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Adrienne Shumlich

Afghanistan Awareness Week

The third annual Afghanistan Awareness Week occurred from March 11–15. On March 13, a kite flying event occurred in MacEwan Student Centre and money is being raised to donate to underprivileged students. "Afghanistan Awareness Week is bringing awareness to the current situation in Afghanistan," said third-year law and society student Yelda Anwari.

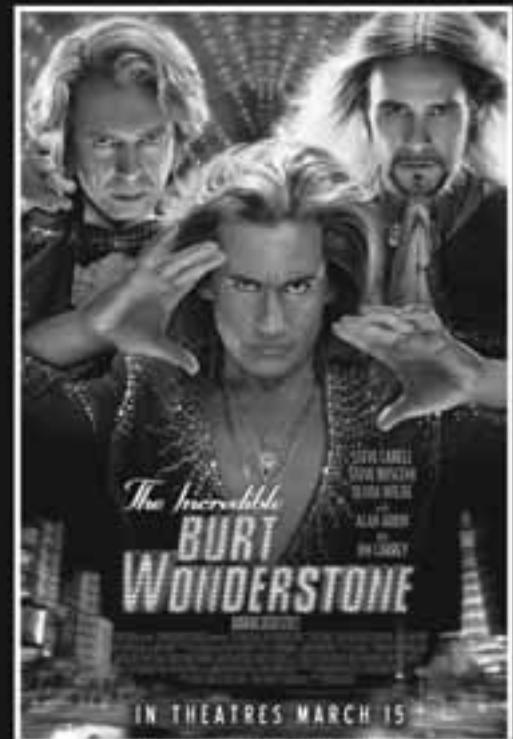
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Scholarship to assist adults with ADHD

Michael Grondin

News Editor

On March 1, 2013, Shire Canada Incorporated launched a new scholarship to assist adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder who are pursuing a post-secondary education.

This scholarship is the first of its kind in Canada and will be offered to students in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta.

Shire Canada is a subsidiary of Shire International, a health-care organization that helps individuals with life-altering health conditions.

The scholarship will give five students with ADHD \$1,500 and one year of coaching and specialized ADHD tutoring services. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 27, 2013.

President and executive director of the Centre for ADHD Awareness Canada Heidi Bernhardt said that ADHD is a large problem that is difficult to diagnose and treat.

"ADHD is a neurobiological disorder that, in most cases, is genetic," said Bernhardt. "The three core symptoms are inattention, but more correctly it's difficulty regulating attention, hyperactivity and impulsivity."

She said that helping post-secondary students with ADHD is important.

"It's really in the last 15 years that adult ADHD has come to the forefront," said Bernhardt. "We

used to think that children outgrew ADHD in their adolescence. We know that for about 60 per cent of children with ADHD, that is not the case."

Bernhardt said that ADHD negatively affects students' ability to learn.

"It's being able to pay attention, stay focused, stay on task for lengths of time, difficulty in staying focused on the teacher when the lesson is being taught, so their mind doesn't wander or shut off. They will find that frequently they miss a lot of the instruction," she said.

Bernhardt said that funding for ADHD is sometimes difficult to find.

"We very rarely get any type of funding for students, children and even adults with ADHD," said Bernhardt.

Bernhardt said the specialized, one-on-one tutoring students receive will be very beneficial.

"While the \$1,500 is nice, a year of coaching is of huge benefit to students in post-secondary and will set them up to be successful," said Bernhardt. "We know that for people with ADHD, what is extremely important is that they get into a career that interests them, pushes their buttons where they get excited and can actually shine."

She hopes that the program expands to other parts of Canada and continues in the future.

For more information
 visit shireadhdsscholarship.com

Memorial for Margo Husby

Riley Hill

News Assistant

An on-campus memorial service will be held for University of Calgary professor Margo Husby on March 20 from 7-9 p.m. in Craigie Hall C Room 105.

Husby passed away on Feb. 13 after a month-long battle with the H1N1 virus. She was 64 years old.

Her death was the first H1N1 death in Calgary since 2009.

Husby first came to the U of C as a mature student, studying as an undergraduate in communications studies. She eventually received her PhD in philosophy and worked

as a professor in the department of communications and culture.

Husby was completing her fourth degree, a Master of Social Work, at the time of her death.

"Husby was an inspired teacher and friend to everyone in the communications and culture department and the arts faculty," stated a U of C press release.

The U of C has set up the Margo Husby Mature Student Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to students who write essays on the subject of compassion.

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Dancing like a pro

Students work with professional choreographers at Mainstage Dance 2013

Sean Willett
Entertainment Editor

The show University of Calgary dance students have been waiting for all year is fast approaching: Mainstage Dance 2013. This performance gives U of C dance students the chance to work with professional choreographers, preparing them for the rigour and challenge that comes with a career as a professional dancer.

Mainstage Dance 2013 will be performed from March 14–16 at the University Theatre, with tickets available for free for U of C students through the Claim Your Seat program. Dancers this year were choreographed by faculty members Michèle Moss, Wojciech Mochniej and Melissa Monteros, along with guest choreographer Tania Alvarado. Moss explains that Mainstage Dance has been an important part of the U of C's dance department for decades, helping countless students get ready for careers as professional dancers.

"We're not quite sure how long it has been going on, but it has been over 30 years, maybe closer to 40," says Moss. "I performed in Main-

stage from 1980–84, and I know a bit of the event's history because I lived it. It is a good opportunity for students to work with faculty who are also working professionals and creators."

Moss says that the students are treated like professionals during the preparation for this show, and that they are expected to work like professionals.

"I don't approach this much differently than my other work," says Moss. "My expectations are high, and for the most part the students really perform to the best of their ability and where they are in their process of developing their professional careers. I look at them and try to find where their voice is, and the teacher in me also presents challenges for them that I hope will cause them to triumph and ascend."

This treatment means that the students are pushed to their limits. Chelsea Bleigh, one of the students choreographed by Alvarado, explains that it is nothing like what they are used to.

"It's one thing to learn the material, memorize it and put it on stage, and another to actually create that material," says Bleigh. "The amount of work it takes is



Students rehearse for choreographer Tania Alvarado's contemporary dance routine.

Louie Villanueva

exponentially higher."

Alvarado, who also choreographed a Mainstage piece in 2008, hopes that her unique style of choreography will help give the students she works with a new perspective on dance.

"My biggest hope for them is for them to learn to work with different choreographers and different processes," says Alvarado. "My process is quite specific, so it is a huge learning opportunity for them to learn to work this way."

Using collaborative methods and improvisation, Alvarado worked closely with her students to develop a piece specifically for them. Chandler Smith, one of

these students, says that this experience left its mark.

"It really helped to work with [Alvarado]," says Smith. "She helped me develop my own creative process because she took a different approach to choreographing that I had never seen before. It really helped my growth as a dancer."

The chance to perform at Mainstage is one of the most important parts of any dance student's time at the U of C, and will help set the groundwork for their emerging careers as professional dancers.

"Many of us have had these pivotal experiences, whether you are performing or playing on a sports

team, and they are so powerful," says Moss.

For other students, Mainstage Dance 2013 presents a different opportunity: the chance to experience an evening of exceptional dancing.

"Dancing is an amazing experience to come and watch because it has a connection to every person," says Bleigh. "It doesn't matter where you come from or what you know, you are going to take something away from this if you come and see it. As a U of C student you get a free ticket, so come support your peers!"

For more information on Mainstage Dance 2013 visit dance.ucalgary.ca.

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Film review: *Oz the Great and Powerful*



James Franco
dissapoints in this
bland corporate
cash-in.

courtesy Disney Pictures

Matt Parkinson
Gauntlet Entertainment

It's difficult to see *Oz the Great and Powerful* as anything other than a corporate film — a movie that was created simply because the studio behind it, Disney, knew it would make a ton of money at the box office. That's how the trailers made it out to look and, after seeing it, those suspicions are confirmed.

This is a mostly lifeless production, one that looks good but is almost exactly the same as 2010's *Alice in Wonderland*. It is a bland, boring adventure movie about a person exploring a mysterious place while also fulfilling some prophecy to destroy the villain who isn't even that evil in the first place. Replace Alice with the Wizard, Wonderland with Oz and the Queen of Hearts with a pair of evil witches and, according to Disney, you have a new movie. This might not be a huge issue, but *Alice in Wonderland* was fairly recent, meaning the similarities are even more obvious and frustrating.

This is compounded by the fact that *Oz the Great and Powerful* is technically a prequel to MGM's 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*, meaning it has to both set up and do that film justice. It would almost be a relief for the film to be released in a vacuum so that it could be judged strictly on its own merits

— it wouldn't seem like trudging through another *Alice in Wonderland*.

Surprisingly, *Oz the Great and Powerful* begins so well that I was prepared to call it the first great film of the year. After some interesting opening credits, the first 15 minutes are presented in black and white and in the 4:3 silent film ratio, which makes it feel like the 1939 film. We meet our magician, Oz (James Franco), who works at a carnival performing tricks for gullible audiences. After a show, he finds himself being chased by a couple of characters and, while escaping, he gets into a hot air balloon that promptly heads straight into a twister. He begs for his life, is transported to the magical land of Oz and the film gradually transitions into colour and the more familiar widescreen aspect ratio.

In Oz, he learns that he's a wizard that has been prophesied to arrive and save the kingdom from the evil witches (Rachel Weisz and Mila Kunis), with the help of a monkey (voice of Zach Braff), a china doll (voice of Joey King) and the one good witch (Michelle Williams). He doesn't believe himself to actually be the wizard of the prophecy, but since there's gold involved he decides to follow his greed and begin the adventure. I imagined that this is exactly the path taken by the executives who green-lit this film.

This is a very dull adventure film. Most of the experience consists of uninteresting characters either talking about nothing of importance or walking to some destination that won't really matter. While *Oz the Great and Powerful* does look fantastic, pretty visuals can only get you so far and, with this film, they're not far enough. They also can't distract from how terrible Franco is in the leading role. While the film often takes a campy approach to the material, Franco seems lost alongside both the CGI and the live action actors. Weisz is the only actor who seems to acclimate herself well, absolutely killing the villain role she's been assigned. It's unfortunate that her character is relegated as the second fiddle to Kunis's character, who becomes the green Witch of the West in a way that looks far worse than the makeup and prosthetics of the original film.

It's not that *Oz the Great and Powerful* is offensively bad. It will pass the time, it will certainly keep the attention span of the children who will desperately want to see it and the way it wraps everything up at the end is clever. It just isn't very exciting — it feels too familiar to a property that is only three years old and it doesn't do the original film justice. If you liked *Alice in Wonderland*, this is simply more of the same and you'll probably enjoy it just as well.

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Showcase lets new artists take centre stage

Enactus Calgary's smART program will be presenting their Emerge event in MacEwan Student Centre's That Empty Space on March 15. A showcase of visual art and musical performances from artists across Calgary, Emerge will give upcoming artists experience with showcasing their work. The event will go from 12:00–5:00 p.m.

New this week

Spring Breakers — This is a movie about James Franco leading a group of bikini-clad women on a crime spree because there is no god.

The Incredible Burt Wonderstone — Steve Carell and Jim Carrey tread uncharted territory by making fun of Siegfried and Roy. Very topical.

Gears of War: Judgement — The game that kicked off the beefy space-marine craze is back to show us all how it's done. It's going to suck.

Starcraft II: Heart of the Swarm — This expansion to Blizzard's beloved strategy game will please fans of games people take way too seriously.

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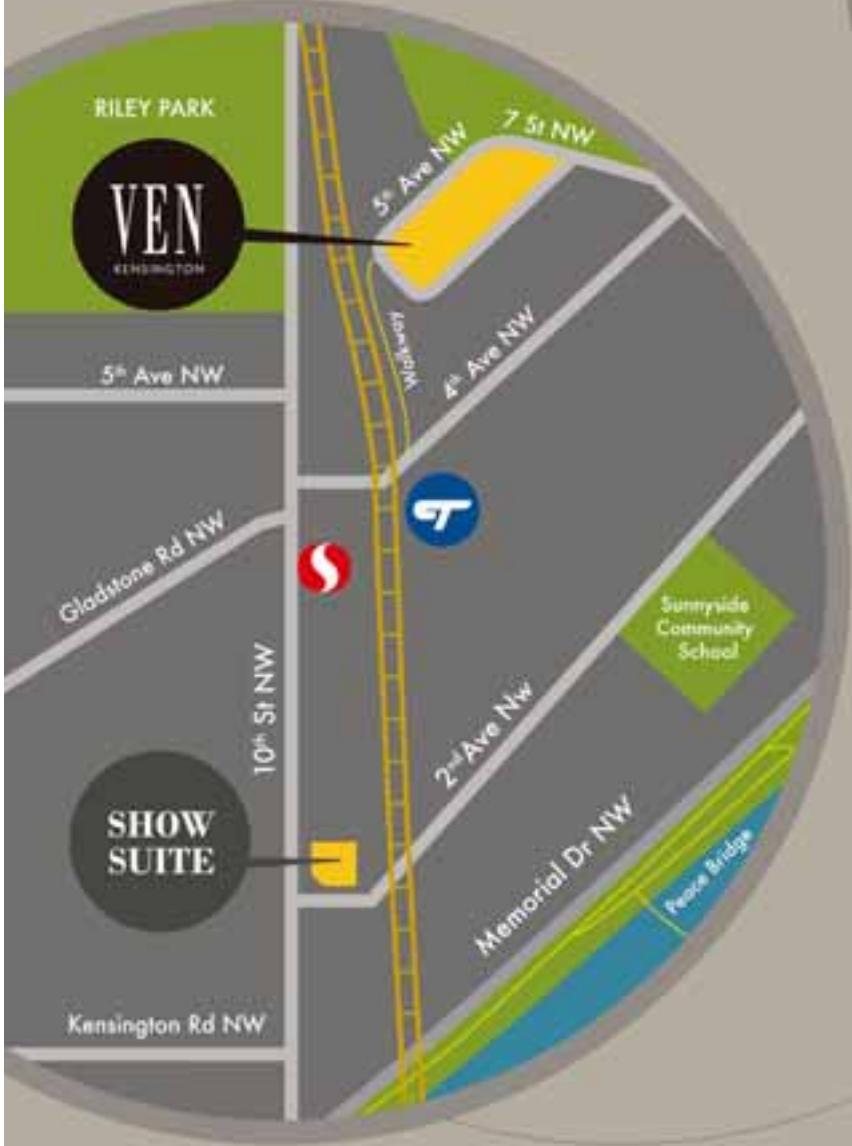
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Venezuela's economic gambit

Chavez's death could impact Alberta oil revenue

Tobias Ma
Gauntlet Opinions



The Venezuelan President, Hugo Chavez, is dead. The former army officer who rose to power following a 1998 election has been lauded as the patriot who freed the marginalized proletariat from the boots of corporations and a corrupt, oligarchical government. He was also condemned as a tyrant who suffered no slights, harassing and sometimes jailing political opponents, or as a bumbler who has left the management of Venezuela's abundant energy reserves in shambles. How his legacy will effect the future of Venezuelan oil will dictate the Venezuelan economy, as well as foreign economies, particularly here in Alberta.

The Albertan government's take on Chavez's death will be interesting and worth paying attention to when attempting to read the economic winds. Conservatives have generally applauded the end of Chavez's reign. However, Alberta is positioned for a more polarized reaction because we share Venezuela's dependence on oil to supply our infrastructure. The value Alberta is getting out of the oil sands is dropping and several recent high-profile disasters, such as the implosion of Suncor's Voyager project have companies scrambling to restructure. The exhalation of this "bitumen bubble,"

alongside alleged Tory corruption will see Alberta over \$2 billion in debt this year.

Venezuela is in a similar mess. Chavez has been accused by many American media outlets of using the Petróleos de Venezuela S.A., Venezuela's national energy company, as a piggy bank to fund failing socialist venture policies. Critics have complained that when Chavez nationalized Venezuela's oil reserves, driving out corporations such as ExxonMobil, he suffocated profits and failed to attract talent in an industry that could have propelled the country to first-world status. Government interference in large revenue industries often causes political mayhem — many Albertans are still bitter about the National Energy Program under Pierre Trudeau.

Given Chavez's intensely confrontational approach to American foreign policy — he referred to George W. Bush as a donkey and once called him the devil during a memorable UN address — accusations made regarding his energy policy must be taken with a grain of salt. But the numbers don't lie — Petróleos de Venezuela is a sinking ship that was left only 11 per cent of its total income to fund operations, compared to 17 and 29 per cent for Mexico and Brazil's state-owned corporations, respectively.

Much of the money from Venezuela's black gold has been siphoned to pay for health care, education and food subsidization programs. These programs have



Sean Sullivan

had debatable success and the country is still in substantial debt. Even before Chavez's body was cold, media speculators were hypothesizing the effect his demise would have on global oil consumption.

If the new Venezuelan president has a similar ideology and continues imposing severe tariffs on oil exports, the American and Chinese governments will continue to view Alberta with interest. If he is replaced with a capitalist, however, Alberta's economy might experience deep incursions. Chavez has been sick for several years — maybe foreign financial interests were waiting for him to die.

In the short term, Venezuela will desire the expertise of Albertan companies if they want to mobilize their unconventional oil sand reserves. Companies like Nexen, Suncor, Husky and ConocoPhillips have been milking oil sands for decades and have valuable experience that Venezuelan engineers will need to take their project off

the ground. While this could prove temporarily profitable for Albertans and might even drag us out of a looming recession, we need to remember that heavy crude, which comprises the bulk of our reserves, is expensive to transmute. The price of oil necessary for processing to be worthwhile fluctuates at around \$70 a barrel, depending on inflation and technological streamlining. If Venezuela really gets their operation off the ground, their abundance of both unconventional and conventional, easily mineable oil — of which they have the largest supply in the world — could drive prices below the acceptable markers for Albertan production, making it fiscally impossible to extract our own crude.

The debate over what causes oil prices to rise and fall is both politically charged and difficult to fully grasp given the amorphousness of pricing factors. Even in Alberta, some say that dropping oil prices can be attributed to insufficient pipeline services. Others claim

that the solution is to build refineries and stop shipping away our crude, which is often resold to us at an American premium. There are counter arguments to the counter arguments — building refineries is unfeasible because of Alberta's labour shortage or increased supply to America is driving prices down by glutting the markets with product. China's peaking growth and America's renewed interest in its own unconventional energy sources will play important, unpredictable roles during the industry's future shifts.

Venezuela's petroleum industry faces many of the same threats: fickle superpowers, transportation and logistical woes and a saturated buyer's market. How they handle these problems will affect Alberta perhaps more than anticipated. Chavez's death suggests a new era for the future of Venezuela's substantial energy stores, but that future will have to join a larger, more convoluted discussion.



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An opportunity for courage

Joey Maslen

Gauntlet Opinions

The world is teetering on the edge of an abyss. The earth's average temperature has already increased by one degree Celsius since the beginning of the industrial revolution and, at current emission levels, most scientists agree will increase by another degree in four or five years. This increase in temperature will bring about droughts, floods, storms and mass extinctions.

The scale and severity of this problem calls for nothing less than a momentous display of courage and action to solve it. The only group with the vitality, freedom and will to answer such a call is us, the young people.

Some view this as a burden, but I view it as an opportunity. Never has there been a more real and more urgent invitation for

heroism, and yet our generation seems uninterested.

Apathy, laziness, timidity and indecision are the most popular charges laid against us, but these charges are incorrect.

At lunch hour, a whole mob of students willingly strain their bodies at the gym. A multitude of different sports teams carry out rigorous daily training programs. Hundreds of motivated students are cramped in every corner of the TFDL to study. Our generation is anything but apathetic, lazy, timid and indecisive.

The problem is not that our generation lacks courage and vitality, it is that we are putting our efforts towards make-believe settings. We are spending all of our energy playing sports, studying for tests and trying to win competitions when there are real, urgent problems that we should be working on.

If we directed only half of this energy towards solving the looming environmental crisis, we could

save the world in less than a day.

So what are we waiting for? Now is the time to forget about awards

and resumés and start talking to each other, start seeking the truth and start acting. Now is the time

to finally use our courage towards solving a problem that really matters.



Letter: stinky locker rooms need the SU's attention

With the victory of Raphael Jacob as the new Students' Union president, I sincerely hope that money and time is applied to renovate the main locker rooms at the University of Calgary. While a lot of money has been devoted to ren-

ovating MacEwan Student Centre, little to no effort has been put towards fixing the locker rooms. These rooms are decrepit, have old showers, horrific smelling bathrooms and, worst of all, many broken lockers. Week after week, no

one fixes these problems. This results in many people unable to use the facilities because they have nowhere to store their stuff. Although the U of C is resurfacing the main gym floor, they do not pay any attention to the locker rooms, which

are in much need of repair. Many people use these locker rooms, including sports teams and performers from around the world. This is a crucial issue and the next su administration should make a devoted effort to improve the facili-

ties that thousands of people use on a weekly basis. I implore the su, Jacob and the student body to do the right thing.

Adam Strashok

Second-year arts student

Where does your garden grow? *SU Volunteer Services' Hunger Week begins March 18 in MSC*

Hayley Wade
VP Student Life



Ever wonder why it's so much cheaper to eat salty noodles than to satisfy your belly with hearty fresh vegetables and proteins? SU Volunteer Services and Meal Exchange have teamed up to present **Hunger Week: Where does your garden grow?**, a week of fun and educational events about food security and socially conscious cuisine.

Join us on Monday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the MSC north

courtyard and check out **Snack Pack In Mac**. Answer a question, decorate the wall, and enjoy a free snack pack.

U of C student expert Scott Weir presents a hugely popular workshop **From Hand to Fork**. Learn all about growing food and communities through urban agriculture on Tuesday at 2 p.m. in That Empty Space.

On Wednesday, check out **Nurture Your Opportunities for Growth** in the MSC north courtyard from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Let us take you around our city and the world to explore different sustainable and socially conscious food options.

For a look at food insecurity in Canada and how to trace your food footprint, drop by That Empty Space on Thursday in from 2 to 3 p.m. for **What's In Your System?**

Finally, it's time to find out how all of our **Hamper Project** participants fared during their week living off of a hamper donated from the SU Campus Food Bank. Come participate in our panel discussion in That Empty Space from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

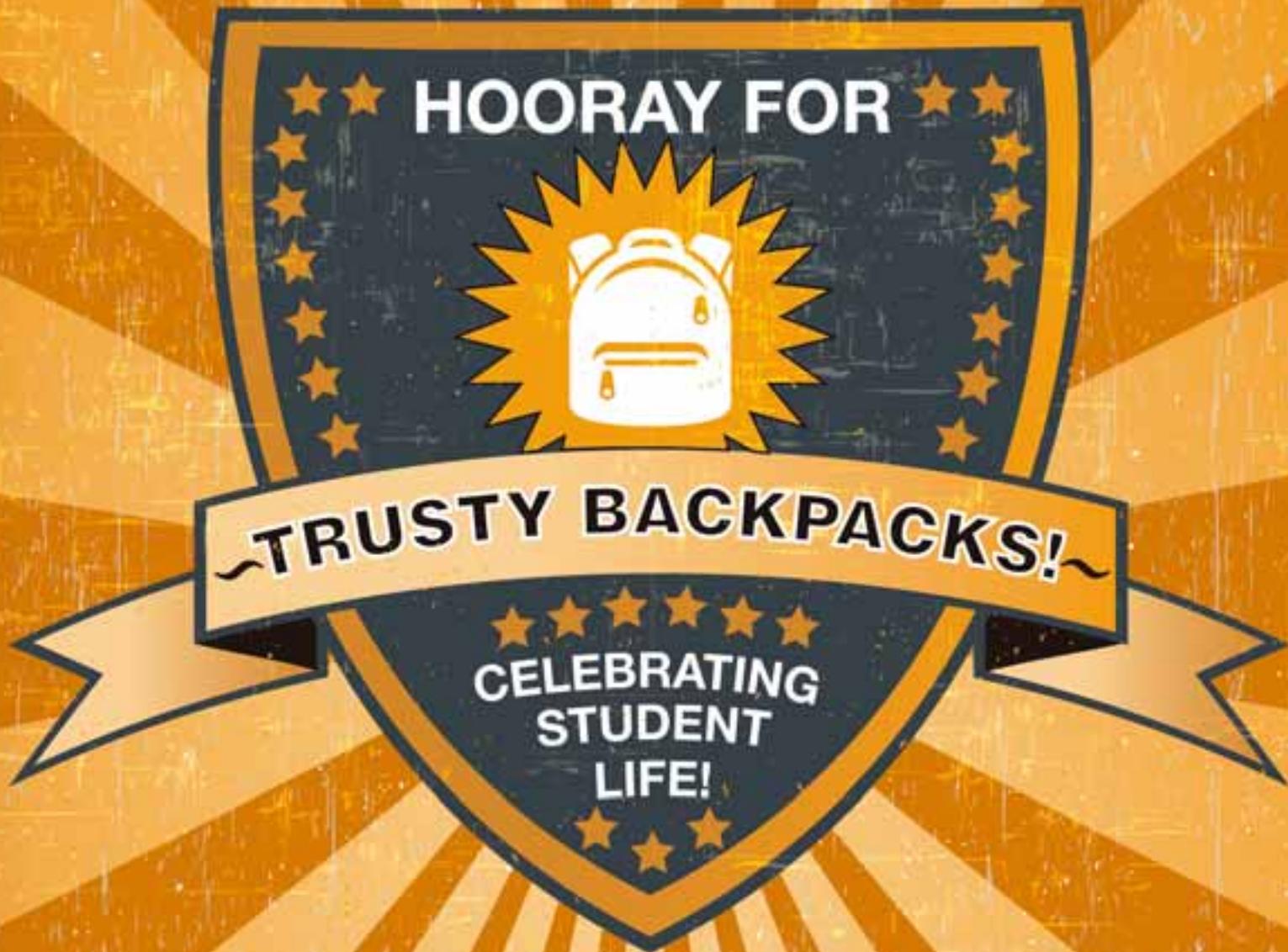
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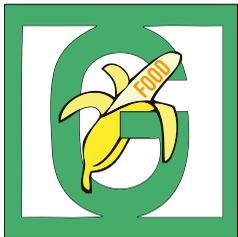
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story and photos by Susan Anderson

How to divert organic waste from landfills back to the earth



This week's feature is the third in a four-part series on food security. The first part looked at a Canadian perspective, the second looked at organic farms in

New Orleans. This week's is about the benefit of composting food waste. Stay tuned for how to reduce inorganic food waste next week. To see the previous articles or to comment on this story, visit thegauntlet.ca.

Have you ever thought about what happens to food you throw in the garbage? What happens when the food gets to a landfill? Canadians waste billions of dollars a year in edible food. The Natural Resources Defense Council estimates that 40 per cent of food in the United States gets thrown out — this percentage is comparable for Canada. Although reducing food waste is another topic entirely, Canadians and Californians specifically need to think about what to do with the food that will be thrown out.

Everything that goes into a landfill is meant to stay in the landfill for as long as human engineering can contain it. Once thrown into the garbage, organic matter and minerals in food will never leave. However, the City of Calgary estimates that 80 per

cent of what ends up in a landfill could have been diverted. They also estimate that over half of household garbage is compostable food and yard waste.

Food and yard waste does not break down into a useful product because there isn't any oxygen in a landfill. The organic matter and minerals will never be used to grow another plant.

In the landfill, food and yard waste breaks down very slowly — if at all — in anaerobic conditions and releases methane. Landfills have ways of collecting methane, yet some escapes into the atmosphere.

Food and yard waste adds a lot of water to the landfill. The water gets contaminated by the rest of the garbage in the landfill creating leachate — a toxic and poisonous substance. Leachate needs to be contained so that it doesn't contaminate groundwater, yet all liners will leak — if not today, then sometime in the future.

However, there is a reasonable solution to the problem of filling landfills with organic waste: composting.

Composting is a worthwhile activity because it improves food security by completing nature's nutrient cycle and doesn't create more toxins in landfills. The nutrients in the food are essentially lost when they are put in a landfill. Composting returns organic matter and minerals to the soil. When these products are composted, they create a beneficial fertilizer.

Suzanne Lewis writes in *Composting for Canada* that finished compost — also called humus — has all the macro and micronutrients that plants need. Gardeners and farmers colloquially refer to it as black gold.

So how can we compost? Different ways to compost range from small-scale backyard composting to registered facilities, and methods include aerobic, anaerobic and worm composting. Not all composting requires worms — bacteria and other microorganisms can effectively break down organic matter.

The City of Calgary has been running a pilot composting program — a green cart program — in the communities of Abbeydale, Brentwood, Cougar Ridge and Southwood.

The program has been running for about a year and, in April, the managers of the pilot project will present the findings of the program to City Council. City Council will then vote whether a citywide composting program should be implemented.

Lindsay Lofthouse is a waste diversions specialist at the City of Calgary and she reports that the pilot program is going very well.

"Residents are finding it very easy and convenient to use," says Lofthouse. The pilot communities have seen a 40 per cent reduction in the amount of waste going into their black carts, the contents of which go to the landfill.

"Pilot residents can reduce garbage significantly," says Lofthouse. "They love see-

ing less garbage going out." The managers of the pilot program are currently studying how much organic waste gets put into the green carts, as compared to how much still goes into black carts.

At first, some residents were hesitant about the program, and they didn't understand why organic waste shouldn't go in the landfill.

"A lot of residents in pilot and non-pilot communities believe that it's OK to put food and yard waste in the landfill because they think it breaks down and it's not harmful, but in fact there is methane and carbon dioxide released when they slowly break down over time," says Lofthouse.

Lofthouse says that one of the challenges of the program was educating residents on why the program is necessary, including what are the benefits of composting and what are the harmful effects from throwing food waste in the landfill. Educators went out in the communities to spread the message, and as the pilot continued, the residents understood more and more about the purpose of the pilot and why it's a good idea. Overall, residents are seeing a real environmental benefit because the compost can be put back into the earth.

If this program becomes citywide, a new facility would have to be built to handle the volume of organic waste that would be collected from Calgary residents.

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This new facility might seem like unnecessary spending of taxpayers' money, but landfills cost a lot to build and operate too and they are quickly filling up. The City of Calgary reports that residents in and around Calgary don't want a new landfill built near them, and many landfill develop-

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—Lindsay Lofthouse,
waste diversion specialist

ment permits are denied. Existing landfills shouldn't be full of products that could have been turned into something else.

Residents were surveyed three times over the course of the program. Currently, 91 per cent of pilot-community residents support the pilot program becoming citywide, which Lofthouse says is very strong support. Additionally, 89 per cent of residents are satisfied with the pilot program. Lofthouse also says that a lot of residents may not have supported it at the beginning but they have changed their mind and would now advocate it going forward.

University of Calgary students may have noticed the compost bins in MacEwan Student Centre. Scott Weir, Students' Union vice-president operations and finance, says the SU tried doing their own composting, but they would have needed many massive tanks, which would freeze up in the winter. The volumes of organic waste couldn't be composted reasonably, so sending the organic waste to a facility was easier.

"The facilities work better anyway because they break down everything," says Weir. He says facilities can take a certain amount of garbage that is contaminating the compost, but after a point they will not accept compost from a place with a lot of contaminants. So students at the U of C need to know what is compostable and what is not, which is why the compost educator program was brought in — "to make sure we're

doing the best we can to just get compost," says Weir.

To help reduce the need to sort compostable materials from non-compostable, organic clamshells have been used in MSC since September 2011, and compostable cutlery was brought in this January.

"Most of the vendors have been pretty onside with it," says Weir. Eventually, the use of compostable cutlery and clamshells will be part of the leases the SU makes with vendors, but currently vendors have to be willing to switch to compostable food containers and cutlery.

Weir says that the transition to compostable cutlery was pretty smooth. However, some vendors bought biodegradable cutlery instead of compostable, and didn't know or didn't care about the difference between the two terms.

"They thought it was compostable. They thought that's what they were supposed to have, but it was actually just biodegradable," says Weir.

So what is the difference between biodegradable and compostable? Biodegradable means that the product will simply break down. Yet there aren't any rules around the term because it could break down in 1,000 years, it could break down to something harmful, it could just break down to smaller pieces.

"Compostable means that it will break down in a set amount of time, given a set environment to base elements, and to something that's safe for the environment," says Weir.

Weir also explains that, a lot of

What can go in green carts:

- all food: plate scrapings, fruit and vegetable scraps, meat, shellfish, bones, dairy, oils, pastries
- tea bags and coffee grounds
- paper plates and napkins
- leaves, plants and weeds



What can go in worm bins:

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- fruits
- plain pasta, rice
- tea bags and coffee grounds
- dust pan collections
- crushed eggshells
- no citrus
- no dairy, meat or fatty oils



the time, the biodegradable product breaks down to something that is actually more harmful for the environment than before it broke down. The term biodegradable shows corporate "green washing," meaning companies will try to appear environmentally-friendly by having biodegradable products.

"It's cheaper to make biodegradable stuff, but at the same time there's no benefit to it really," says Weir.

When the SU was trying to find compostable cutlery, Weir often found that the companies offering biodegradable products didn't know the difference between the two terms. Some companies would say, "this product is 75 per cent biodegradable," and think that's what the SU wanted to use in MSC.

When choosing between compostable cutlery, the SU has to balance cost with availability and

whether they are able to buy in bulk. With these limitations, most of the vendors in MSC go through one or two sources.

Compostable cutlery does cost more than plastic — where plastic might approximately cost one cent per four pieces of cutlery, compostable cutlery might cost one cent per piece. Vendors were allowed to raise their prices up to 10 cents to compensate.

"The cost is still very minimal, but it is more," says Weir.

The SU would like to bring in compostable cups next, yet Weir has found two big problems with this plan. The first is branding because the Pepsi cups are in the contract the SU has with Pepsi, and the change would currently have to come from Pepsi. The second problem is that there aren't a lot of different-sized cups on the market that are both brandable and compostable. However, the SU found the same issue with compostable cutlery a few years ago. Weir noted that the supply of compostable cutlery on the market has changed a lot in the past few years, and he hopes that the market will change in terms of compostable cups too. Tim Hortons cups, when the lid is removed, are compostable.

Although the SU has looked at plastics 1-7 recycling, the hardest part about that program is the need to wash plastic recyclables. With compostable cutlery and containers, everything can go into the compost bins.

So where does all this collected compost go? Neil Wiens is the owner of Bio-Cycle Nutrient Solutions Limited, which operates a registered Class 1 composting facility north of Strathmore, Alberta. The facility has been established since 1997, but Wiens has owned

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it for the past year and a half. The facility can handle 20,000 metric tonnes of product a year. Organic waste from both Calgary's pilot green cart program and MSC goes out to the facility. Bio-Cycle has processed about 2,500 tonnes from the four pilot communities, and approximately 200 tonnes from MSC.

Like landfills, the composting facility charges a tipping fee at the gate. And although Wiens is legally allowed to accept anything organic, he has to be mindful of the balance of bacteria.

Being a Class 1 facility, Bio-Cycle can accept food waste, biosolids and agri-food processing waste. A Class 2 facility can only accept manure and plant matter.

"Because it is a registered facility, it has an impermeable base. I have water catch basins, I have six water-drain wells around the facility, which we keep tabs on, so I do check often that we're not doing anything [harmful]," says Wiens. "My main environmental concern, personally, is the odor — to make sure that I'm composting right so that I don't odor out my neighbours."

There are some challenges to operating these facilities throughout

North America. "The majority of people figure out they can compost but they forget that they have to market the product on the back end and, in general, the majority of them end up getting shut down because they turn into a landfill because they bring everything in and forget to take it out," says Wiens.

Wiens said he has no problem marketing his finished compost — 95 per cent of the product from his facility goes to agriculture, meaning back to farmers' fields.

"I grow food with the food that we just composted," says Wiens.

Wiens noted that organic food waste is one of the main products going into landfills today.

"I think we should be composting a lot more," says Wiens. "I'm not sure why we don't do more of it, to be honest." He explained that composting isn't very hard if you have a little bit of expertise and skill.

I started my own worm bin last September because I was curious about the benefits of composting. My worms are still alive and thriving and I have learned how to balance the environment in the bin. If you can get over the 'ick factor,' worms make great pets, especially for students because you can forget



about them for a week if midterms take over your life. And unlike most pets, their food is free.

The worms are vegans, meaning that you can't feed them meat, fats, milk products, whole eggs, sugars and inorganic materials. But the worms are great at handling vegetable scraps. The bin doesn't smell unless the material compresses to a point that no oxygen is getting to it and anaerobic decomposition

starts. Flies and other decomposers might want to share in the food, but freezing all the food beforehand greatly reduces the amount of flies. I would recommend doing some research before starting a worm bin, but it is a manageable task that will teach you about how nature takes care of waste.

For his own worm bin, Weir collects compostable food, blends it in a food processor, freezes it and

then unthaws it for the worms.

With a little education, Calgarians can embrace composting for what it is: a way to allow the natural nutrient cycle to continue, and an easy way to reduce the amount of organic material being lost to landfills and the amount of toxins reaching the environment from landfills. Putting organic waste in landfills is harmful, and the alternative is very attractive.

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Dinos downed in gold-medal finals

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The University of Calgary women's hockey team was defeated at the hands of the Université de Montreal Carabins in the Dinos's attempt to defend their national championship title on March 2 in Toronto by a score of 3-2. It was the first Canadian Interuniversity Sport title in program history for the Carabins. Despite the remarkable efforts the defending champions made in the final game, the Dinos's labours ultimately fell short and they failed to capitalize on several opportunities to pull away from their opponents.

The tournament included the champions from all three CIS conferences, the host school and the second-place team from the Canada West conference. On the opening day of the six-team tournament, the Dinos soundly defeated the Atlantic Conference champions and second-ranked St. Francis Xavier University X-Women 4-0. The Dinos's three power-play goals were the story of

the game and the team ultimately proved their superiority by outshooting the X-Women 45-17. Dinos goalie Amanda Tapp was confident in game one and earned what would be the only shutout of the entire tournament.

"Tapp played really strong. When she's in we have a really good chance to win so we just have to keep playing as hard as we can to back her up," said captain Tanya Morgan after the first game. Morgan had a goal and two assists in the opener.

With the win, the Dinos were granted Friday off and awaited Queen's University Golden-Gaels on Saturday afternoon. "We've never played them before but I think every team here is ready for every game — we're expecting a hard battle but we're ready to go," said Morgan.

Saturday's game saw the Dinos defeat the Golden-Gaels 5-4 in overtime. Queen's — coming off of a 2-1 overtime loss to St. FX the previous night — were sluggish throughout the first two periods against the well-rested U of C squad, allowing the Dinos

a 4-1 lead heading into the final period. The Dinos only needed to reach overtime to secure their spot in the national championship game on Sunday night. Already with goals from Iya Gavrilova and Haley Wickenheiser, Stephanie Ramsey and Erika Mitschke both netted goals 33 seconds apart in the middle of the second and seemed poised going into the final frame.

However, the Dinos surrendered three goals in the final 10 minutes of the third period, which included the Queen's tying goal with only 15 seconds remaining in regulation. Regardless, the Dinos had guaranteed their spot in the championship game.

"At the end of the day, we didn't follow the game plan that we put together today, but it's a lesson learned," said Dinos head coach Danielle Goyette. "When we play with speed and we share the puck that's when we're effective as a team. I feel we did that part of the game but not all of it, and that's why we finished the way we finished — we had to finish together for 60 minutes."

Gavrilova eventually scored her second of the game on the power play, four minutes into overtime, avoiding what would have been a humiliating come from behind loss.

"Gavrilova is a gifted player, she has good hands and she played perfectly for our advantage," said Goyette. "We played our game today. As a team, if you want to be successful you need to have your best players to be the best players and they did that today, and we needed them today — they came out hard."

Ramsey was named player of the game as she recorded a goal and an assist in the second period.

With the win, the Dinos locked their spot with the Pool A winners Montreal for the gold-medal game. The top-ranked Carabins qualified for their second-consecutive tournament final after eliminating the McGill Martlets and joined the U of C as the only returning teams from last year's championships in Edmonton. With wins over the hosts the University of Toronto Varsity Blue and University of British Colum-

bia Thunderbirds, a rematch from last year's gold-medal game was secured.

However, it was the Carabins who would taste revenge in the gold-medal game, handing the Dinos a crushing 3-2 loss and a silver medal. The Dinos's inability to find the back of the net in the second half of the game ultimately allowed Montreal's spectacular defence to settle in and control the pace of the game.

"We had ups and down this year, but the players put everything on the ice tonight and I'm proud the way they played," said Goyette following the loss. "When I look back on the way we finished the season as a team, that's the most important thing. The sad thing is that for some players it's their last game and it's always more fun to finish on a positive note."

The Dinos were without the service of Wickenheiser in the gold-medal game as she suffered a lower-body injury from Saturday's game against Queen's. Forwards Sinead Tracey and Stephanie Zvonkovic scored the two

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Road to redemption runs through Regina

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With a second-place finish in the Canada West Final Four, the University of Calgary Dinos women's basketball team is off to Regina for the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Final Eight on March 15-17.

On March 17, 2012, the Dinos shocked the CIS by defeating the number-one ranked University of Regina Cougars in front of a raucous home crowd during the 2011-12 national championships.

The win was significant because the Dinos — eliminated in the first-round of the Canada West playoffs — were only eligible to play in the tournament because they were the host team. The Dinos would finish the tournament in fourth place, but their performance was an unquestionable success.

However, at the start of the 2012-13 season, whatever momentum gained from that win was stalled by the uncertainty of a new head coach, Damian Jennings. This would be the first new head coach for the Dinos in over a decade as Jennings replaced iconic head coach Shawnee Harle, who retired after the 2011-12 season.

To the surprise of many, the Dinos parlayed their stunning upset last season into one of the best



Taylor McKee

regular seasons in program history, finishing with 19 wins and only three losses. The performance of the Dinos earned Jennings CW coach of the year honours and guard Tamara Jarrett earned CW defensive player of the year.

Heading into the CW Final Four, the Dinos were the number-one seed — meaning for the first time since 1991, the Dinos would host the tournament themselves. On March 1, the Dinos rallied from as much as 15 points down to beat the

University of Alberta Pandas to advance to the CW finals while earning a berth in the CIS Final Eight by being one of the final two CW teams.

Their opponent in the CW final was the same squad that they had eliminated from the national tournament last season, the U of R Cougars. The Dinos were absolutely stymied in the CW final game on March 2. Held to their lowest point total of the entire season, the Dinos lost 53-137 and left the CW Final Four with an impressive — albeit bitter-

sweet — silver medal.

"We didn't play our game today," said Jarrett post-game. "Maybe we let the pressure get to us but we have to get back to the way we play: up-tempo and fast-paced."

"We are going to get back to the drawing board and make sure we tighten things up," said assistant coach Jackson Parker. The Dinos were unable to contain the Cougars offence, which is one of the best in the country. "I think the girls

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The head-to-head record of the Dinos versus the University of Regina Cougars this season

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The last time the Dinos won a CIS women's basketball championship

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Titans of track and field

Women's track and field capture fourth-ever CIS title

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On March 9, the University of Calgary captured their fourth women's track and field Canadian Inter-university Sport championship title. The Dinos won the meet, held in Edmonton, by a margin of just three and a half points with the battle for the banner coming down to the last event of the competition.

The U of C needed a bronze-medal finish or better in the deciding 4x400-metre relay to edge out the University of Toronto Varsity Blues for the title. In the end, the squad captured the silver medal in the event.

The Dinos have also won a CIS title in 1987, 1991 and 2007. In 2013, the Dinos dominated the Canada West conference, winning a CW title.

Captain of the team Kelsey Lawton ran the second-leg for the relay team that wound up clinching the competition.

"I don't think I've ever been that nervous before, suddenly you don't just have three people riding on your run, you've got 23 people praying for it to come together," said Lotwin. "It just came down to making sure we had a nice, clean race with good hand

offs and we ended up doing above and beyond what we needed to and got second."

The championship was especially meaningful for Lotwin as this was her last chance at winning a national title.

"I came to this school because they won the year before I showed up. That was one of the deciding factors for me to come to the Dinos," said Lotwin.

Lotwin credited the team dynamic as well as some outstanding performances as keys to making it an extremely successful weekend.

"It was probably the best experience I've had as a team, and not even just winning the trophy but watching the girls and the energy on the track was amazing," said Lotwin.

Head coach Doug Lamont said he knew that the meet was going to be close between the three top teams. Calgary entered the competition ranked third behind the Guelph University Gryphons and the U of T.

"On any given day any one of those three teams could win the championship. It just depends on what you do on that day. Our girls performed at the peak of their abilities and just happened to hit it on the right day and that's what won it for us," said Lamont.

Being at the helm of the winning team earned Lamont coach of the year honors but he downplayed the individual award.

"It's really not so much what I do, it's a recognition of the entire coaching staff and my feelings are that it just confirms that the University of Calgary has one of the best coaching staffs of the country," said Lamont.

Earlier on the final day of competition, Rachel Machin won gold in the high jump, beating out the number-one ranked high jumper from Trinity Western University. Machin had already won a silver in the 60-metre hurdles and a gold medal in the long jump on the second day of competition. On the first day of the CIS finals, Machin won silver in the entathlon with the U of C's Rachel McIntosh winning gold.

Jenna Westaway won a silver medal in the 600-metre finals, a silver in the 1000-metre finals and was also a member of the silver-medal-winning 4x400-metre team.

Coach of the year was just one many awards won by various members of the team at the meet and throughout the year. Jenna Westaway won CIS track athlete of the year and Rachel Machin took home female athlete of the meet honours.

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ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

JENNA WESTWAY
 Dinos Track & Field

Jenna Westaway came away from the Canada West Championships as not only the Female Rookie of the Year award, but also as the Female Outstanding Track Performer. She won the 600m run by just 0.01 seconds and would later win a second gold with her 4x400m relay team, helping break a 29-year-old record in the process. On Day 1, the rookie also earned a silver in the 1000m run. She was also named the CIS Rookie of the Year at the CIS Championships.

TIANNA RISSLING
 Dinos Swimming

Tianna Rissling was a star performer for the Calgary Dinos at the CIS Swimming Championships. In her first championships, the rookie won four individual medals over the course of the meet and that earned her CIS Rookie of the Year honours. The Redcliff native went on to set a new CIS Championship record in the 400m IM with a time of 4:37.81. She also won a gold medal in the 50m breaststroke.

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Dinos goals, both of which were assisted from Dinos player of the tournament Iya Gavrilova. Gavrilova was undoubtedly the Dinos' best player in Toronto, recording three goals and three assists in the three games played.

"We really stuck together and played as a team today, but it just wasn't our game night. Some periods we outplayed them but just couldn't get the puck in the net," said Gavrilova. "Of course we wanted to get first place — it's what we were going for from the beginning. I think the whole team just played spectacular, especially this tournament. We stuck to the plan and played as a team."

Calgary surrendered two of the three Carabins goals in the final minute of the first and second periods — the first goal with only 23 seconds remaining in the first period and the third goal with only 24 seconds remaining in the second period. Afterwards, the Montreal defence shut the Dinos offence down entirely.

"Things like that are going to happen. We're going to win and lose as a team and that's what we talked about — no matter what happens on the ice we have to play for each other and go shift by shift, minute by minute," said Goyette.

St. FX eventually won the bronze with a win over host U of T, while the cw champions UBC squad finished in fifth, defeating the winless Queen's. Despite their fifth-seeded ranking entering their second national championship tournament, the Dinos had one of the best regular season records in the country, which was only one of the many successes of the 2012-13 campaign.

The Dinos were dominant throughout the regular season, posting a 23-4-1 record before winning an additional seven games in the cw playoffs and CIS Championships. Ranked number two in the country for the majority of the season, the Dinos secured home-ice advantage in the cw playoffs.

The Dinos also had four players named to the 2012-13 cw women's hockey all-star roster as Wickenheiser, Ramsay and Gavrilova were all named first-team all-stars, while Tapp was named to the second team.

This year, the future hockey hall-of-famer Wickenheiser was named the cw women's hockey player of the year for the second time in the past three seasons as

a result of her unprecedented total of 115 points in 53 conference games since 2010.

Morgan was awarded the Student-Athlete Community Service Award for her outstanding academic achievements in addition to being recognized for her extensive involvement in the hockey community. Furthermore, after being named a first-team all-star at the CIS finals, Gavrilova was named to the Russian national team for next year's Olympics in her home country.

Despite the less-than-perfect finish, the 2012-13 season was remarkably successful and full of memorable moments. With the first ever instalment of the Crowchild Classic versus the Mount Royal Cougars at the Scotiabank Saddledome, the Dinos set one of the highest attendance records in

cw women's hockey history — a game that exhibited the strength of the Dinos program in a 5-2 beating of their cross-town rivals.

With the addition of Wickenheiser and Gavrilova over the past two seasons, the U of C women's hockey program has had tremendous recruiting classes the past three seasons. Senior players like Tanya Morgan, Elana Lovell, Erin Davidson, Melissa Zubick and Jennifer Mallard — who all played their final games this past weekend — have made such a substantial impact to the Dinos hockey program in just four seasons at the CIS level. The opportunity to attract top players to the U of C has improved substantially due in part to the legacy that this team has left on the ice, becoming one of the most elite programs in their conference and the country.

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worked their tails off on defence today. We held a very good team to 53 and that is something to be proud of."

After the loss in the cw final, Jennings was quick to point out that the loss was not indicative of the Dinos' season so far. "We are disappointed today but that is 40 minutes of basketball in amongst a whole year of overachieving," said Jennings. "Ultimately, we have been together for six months . . . I am just completely proud of what they have done until now and hopefully we can take the lessons we have learned today into the Final Eight."

Following the loss, the Dinos have had two weeks of practice time to prepare for the CIS finals in Regina. This is valuable time to rest, recuperate and prepare to face off against the best teams in the nation — one of them being the host team

and cw champion Cougars.

When describing their season, both Jarrett and Jennings referenced "overachieving" as their preferred nomenclature. The Dinos are clearly embracing the role of the underdog, a niche that served them well in last year's CIS Final Eight. However, no matter how the Dinos describe their own season, they will undoubtedly be disappointed if they do not improve on last year's fourth-place finish.

Jennings's Dinos have earned their spot this year. The Dinos are no longer happy to be included in the discussion of the nation's top women's basketball programs, they want to make appearing in the Final Eight a regular habit. There is no better place to make a statement to the country than in the home court of the team that denied the Dinos a cw title.



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