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TUITION AND FEES »

Tuition increases for engineering, law and MBA program on the table

Chris Adams
News Editor

The University of Calgary will propose three market modifiers valued at \$170 per course in engineering, \$250 per course in law and \$300 per course in the Masters of Business Administration program (MBA).

The government of Alberta sent out the call for universities to submit proposals for market modifiers, increases in tuition for faculties with a perceived higher earning potential, this summer. Engineering and MBA students learned the details of their faculty's proposals around three weeks before the provincial government's Oct. 15 deadline for proposal submissions.

The faculty of engineering wants to bring tuition on par with the University of Alberta's engineering program.

Engineering dean William Roseheart notified engineering students of the proposed increase in an email sent on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Seventy per cent of the increase will go to the faculty and 30 per cent will go to administration.

Twenty per cent of total revenue market modifier revenue will go to scholarships and bursaries.

According to Roseheart's email, a total of \$3.85 million per year will be raised from the faculty of engineering's modifier.

Engineering Students' Society (ESS) survey results on market modifiers were published Wednesday, Oct. 1. Eighty-three per cent of respondents said they don't support the market modifier proposal.

Twenty-three per cent of engineering students responded to the survey.

ESS waited until they got the survey results to declare support or opposition to the proposal. ESS president Christine Ochitwa said they now officially



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ESS president Christine Ochitwa isn't happy with administration's student consultation.

oppose the market modifier.

Fifty-two per cent of respondents said they would have enrolled in a different program if tuition in engineering had been higher when they applied.

Both Students' Union engineering representatives and Ochitwa met with Roseheart last week to discuss the modifier.

Both sides acknowledged that student groups and faculty have opposing views on the modifier. Ochitwa said that instead of debating whether or not a modifier should be adopted, they discussed how the faculty should spend the revenue if the proposal is accepted.

Roseheart said the faculty will submit the proposal regardless of student opinion at an engineering town hall held Friday, Sept. 26

Ochitwa said she's not happy with the consultation process.

"It's kind of distressing when you know the decision has already been made and you're

just figuring out how your fate's being allocated," Ochitwa said.

SU vice-president external Levi Nilson questioned the necessity of consultation if the faculty of engineering will submit the proposal no matter what.

"That will have a huge effect on how engineering students interact with their faculty and definitely how we interact with administration," Nilson said.

SU president Jarett Henry said increasing tuition will reduce access to the program.

"Tuition around the country shouldn't be a game of leap frog. If we are able to run a great program with a lower tuition than another institution, that should be a point of pride, not a game of catch up," Henry said.

Faculty of business dean Jim Dewald consulted with both the Masters of Business Administration Students' Association and the Graduate Students' Association. He hosted two town

halls and said MBA students in attendance largely supported the modifier.

Dewald said the proposed \$300 per course increase will help the faculty expand its internship program.

"We've been experimenting with this for a year. The full-time MBA students, it gives them an opportunity through the summer to put their skills to work. Now we need the money to really make it a big part of the program. That would be a huge loss if we weren't able to do that," Dewald said.

Faculty of law dean Ian Holloway unveiled his faculty's proposal at a town hall Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Holloway said that if the Society of Law Students (SLS) doesn't support the modifier, he won't propose it. However, SLS submitted a letter of approval in support of the modifier to Holloway Wednesday, Oct. 1

Institute for Public Health receives \$12-million donation

Fabian Mayer
Staff Writer

The University of Calgary Institute for Public Health, now dubbed the O'Brien Institute for Public Health (OIPH) received a \$12-million donation from Calgary philanthropists Gail and David O'Brien on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

OIPH scientific director William Ghali said the donation will help the institute continue its work on disease prevention and improving public health in Alberta.

"The new funding is really going to give us a solid base from which we can now increase our investment in people to undertake health and health-care projects and also to catalyze new initiatives," Ghali said.

The institute is based in the U of C's medical school and has members from the faculties of science, arts, social work and nursing.

"We're interested in studying ways of keeping people healthy but also ways to make the health-care system better," Ghali said.

The institute is publicly funded. However, Ghali said private donations allow them to be at the forefront of health-care research.

"They inject a flexibility into our funding model and they give us an ability to undertake more daring and bold initiatives," Ghali said.

The institute was launched in 2010 and now has over 320 members. Recent projects include research on food policy, walkable cities and patient flow within health-care systems.

Den staff trained to identify dangerous bar behaviour

Chris Adams
News Editor

Staff at the Den have taken steps to prevent sexual assault with bystander intervention training taught by the Calgary Sexual Health Centre (CSHC).

The Students' Union and the Consent Awareness and Sexual Education (CASE) club partnered with CSHC to host the training session on Sunday, Sept. 28.

CSHC community resource manager Becky VanTassel said the program, called Creating a Culture of Respect, trains staff to identify and approach people in uncomfortable situations and to help them get out of it safely.

Sunday's three-hour session included role-playing and discussions about the staff's experience with sexual harassment. Around 40 people, including SU vice-president student life Jonah Ardiel, participated in the training.

The program also educated staff on issues like heteronormativity, gender norms and healthy sexual behaviour.

"If you can't talk about healthy sexuality comfortably or openly, how can you talk about what unhealthy sexuality looks like?" said CASE president Emily Leedham.



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Leedham helped bring the training to the Den.

Staff were trained not to over-react if someone they approach doesn't respond to the intervention.

"If a person is not responding to [bystander intervention], it's about maintaining calmness and repeating the same messaging so it's not matching intense feelings with intense feelings," VanTassel said.

CSHC warned staff against becoming vigilantes. Staff learned

how to support individuals in uncomfortable situations, not to inadvertently shame them.

"You're supporting patrons in their right to feel comfortable and enforce their boundaries," Leedham said.

Ardiel hopes people will be deterred from harassing others if they know Den staff are trained to prevent it. But if that's not enough, he said Den staff know how to handle dangerous individuals.

"[Den staff] can intervene immediately and mitigate a potentially dangerous situation that could escalate into, god forbid, a full-blown assault," Ardiel said.

Campus Security sent out six security alerts last year for sexual offences. Two of those alerts reported sexual assaults, one of which took place after Thursden.

According to Statistics Canada, only six per cent of sexual assaults are reported to police.

Leedham said no particular incident inspired her to bring the program to the Den.

"We know that sexual harassment and assault happen more often than we like to think. Just because it's not on a headline doesn't mean it's not happening," Leedham said.

Leedham said CSHC will train more staff in the winter semester if there's enough turnover at the Den. If there's not, CASE will work to make bystander intervention part of the training for all future Den staff.

"I think this training will help empower everyone to stand up for each other and create a space where everyone can enjoy themselves," Leedham said.

While CSHC haven't trained staff at other bars in Calgary, VanTassel hopes they will in the future

U of C ranks high among young universities

Fabian Mayer
Staff Writer

The University of Calgary is the 171st-ranked university in the world and the ninth among universities under 50 years old, according to Quacquarelli Symonds Limited's (QS) annual world university rankings.

The ninth-place ranking makes the U of C the top-rated young university in Canada and the second-best rated in North America, behind University of California Irvine, which placed

seventh worldwide among universities under 50. The U of C moved up four spots among young universities from 2013's rankings.

The U of C moved up 30 places from last year's overall rankings. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology was the number-one ranked university in the world for the third consecutive year.

QS's list is considered one of the most comprehensive in the world and ranks schools on categories like research, teaching,

employability and internationalization.

The U of C didn't fare well in QS's ranking for access, receiving just three out of five stars. Access is based on the availability of bursaries and scholarships, disabled access, gender balance and low-income outreach.

Students' Union vice-president academic Hana Kadri said the ranking will make the U of C a more desirable place to go to school.

"I think it also means that it's

going to be a more competitive institution. Many students, whether they are domestic or international, choose universities based on a level of prestige," Kadri said.

While Kadri believes that rankings are important, she doesn't think they should factor into the U of C's decision making.

"I don't think that ranking systems should affect the amount of funding put into any particular area, unless of course we're lagging in an area," Kadri said.

INTERNATIONAL »

U of C hires company for international recruitment

Danielle Torrie
Gauntlet News

The University of Calgary recently hired Illuminate Consulting Group (icg), a San Francisco-based consulting firm, to analyze the University of Calgary's international student recruitment strategy.

icg will analyze the services U of C international students use including the registrar, wellness services and residence services.

The U of C's strategic plan aims to increase international student enrolment from the current 10 to 15 per cent by 2016.

"We have not had a very large contingent of international students on campus until now," said deputy provost Kevin McQuillan. "This raises questions as to what services we might need to create or

expand to make the campus as welcoming as it can be to those students."

icg contacted the Student Success Centre, Students' Union, Registrar's Office and various U of C faculties. icg approached su vice-president academic Hana Kadri to discuss student perspectives on improving the current strategy.

Kadri shared the su perspective on the challenges faced by international and domestic students with icg, including the need to improve the accessibility of student services.

Kadri is concerned about how increasing the number of international students will influence the number of seats available to domestic students.

"We are actively trying to find space to ensure that we can accommodate the extra international students with

the current population that we have right now," Kadri said.

The strategy was released in March 2014 after plans to build an international college on campus were scrapped. Administration planned to contract a corporation to operate the college.

The new strategy points out regions and countries the U of C should focus on for recruitment. The U of C is looking to icg to determine whether they should continue to focus on these geographic areas.

The icg will deliver a report in mid-October outlining the U of C's current ability to recruit international students and provide recommendations.

icg's contract will conclude once they submit their report. Administration will then analyze the findings and adjust the strategy accordingly.

SU ELECTIONS »

SU to hold by-election from Oct. 15-17

Babur Ilchi
Gauntlet News

The Students' Union will hold by-elections for nursing and social work faculty representative positions from Oct. 15-17.

The nomination process ended Wednesday, Oct. 1. By Friday, Oct. 3, the candidates' information will be posted on the su website. As of Oct. 1 at 4:00 p.m., no candidates have been named.

su chief returning officer (cro) Chris Yan manages all su elections.

"Only students in the two faculties [nursing and social work] can vote in this by-election. Voting will take place online through the Student

Centre Portal, as well as polling stations set up at each faculty."

The cro enforces su bylaws, manages the nomination process and answers candidates' questions.

Yan said if nobody runs for the positions, they will be declared vacant. If that happens, a hiring process begins.

"The su Student Services department will go through a recruiting and interview process to appoint an individual from the faculty," Yan said.

Faculty representatives sit on the Students' Legislative Council (slc). Representative terms end in April. The su holds elections for executive and faculty representative positions every March.



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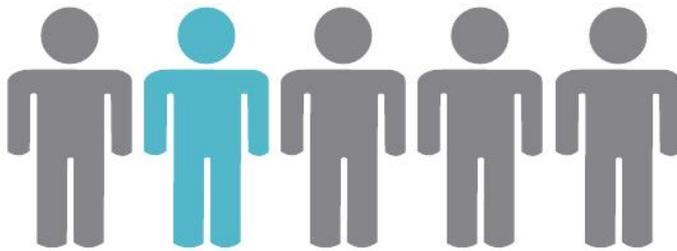
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STUDENT RESOURCES »

Student ombuds office releases annual report

Scott Strasser
News Assistant

The University of Calgary student ombuds office released its report to the university community Tuesday, Sept. 23. The report outlines statistics from 2013-14 and recommended office improvements to university administration.

The ombudsperson gives students confidential and impartial counsel on academic and non-academic issues.

"[My role] is to listen to the complaints and provide options to help students understand the system," said ombudsperson Duncan McDonald. "In a large organization, students generally find themselves in a culture they're not used to. When they run into conflicts, they're not really sure how to manage them and move forward."

Academic appeals — such as changing a grade on an essay or withdrawing from the university — are the most common issues the ombuds office deals with.

McDonald said students often aren't aware of all the "mitigating factors" that go into administration's decisions on academic appeals. The ombuds office is meant to ease that process.

According to the report, the ombuds office dealt with 326 undergraduate cases and 64 graduate cases this past year.

Academic appeals made up 37 per cent of undergraduate and 23 per cent of graduate case files.

Housing concerns were the second most common issues undergraduate students came

to the ombuds office with. Relationship conflict was the second most common for graduate students.

The report ends with recommendations for university administration. For 2014-15, suggestions included increasing student-support services for international students, reviewing the academic integrity policy and procedures and reviewing the academic appeals process.

The ombuds office operates independently of the university. They report to a board that represents the Students' Union and Graduate Students' Association.

su vice-president academic Hana Kadri said the board wants to make the ombuds office more visible. They've considered moving the ombuds office from the education building to a more populated area on campus.

"Right now [the ombuds office] is a service that a lot of students don't know about," Kadri said. "One of the things we've discussed is potentially moving the office. We don't know if that's something we're going to be doing this year or later on."

But McDonald said a move wouldn't fit the ombuds office's founding principles. He said the current location has a lot of advantages.

"A lot of people in distress want quiet, confidential access to a space. Going through large groups of people isn't a great idea," McDonald said.

Kadri said they might also start promoting the office during orientation week.

The ombuds office is located in EDC 176.

Correction

We ran a story last week entitled "Changes coming to academic misconduct policy." There were a few things wrong with the article.

There is currently no academic misconduct policy at the U of C. The story stated faculty-specific academic misconduct policies were merging, when administration is only talking about centralizing

different faculty regulations. These talks are still in their early stages, and a centralized academic misconduct policy won't come this year.

The article also stated that two years of consultation were done on the academic misconduct policy. Since talks are still in their early stages, no consultation has been done yet.

EDITORIAL »

Students can't be passive about tuition increases

The University of Calgary recently proposed new market modifiers. These are tuition increases for faculties that have a perceived higher earning potential after graduation, like engineering and business. For the faculty of engineering, undergraduate students are looking at an added \$170 per course.

University administration will try to sell students on the idea that market modifiers aren't tuition increases. They'll talk about how it's a one-time increase to correct a market anomaly. That's not true.

In 2010, the provincial government promised that any future tuition increases would be limited to the consumer price index. They lied.

Market modifiers are a tuition increase that gets around tuition caps. University administration is using a political opportunity to force a fee hike on students.

Every student I've talked to about this is frustrated. It's a shock to realize that your yearly tuition could go up by almost \$2,000.

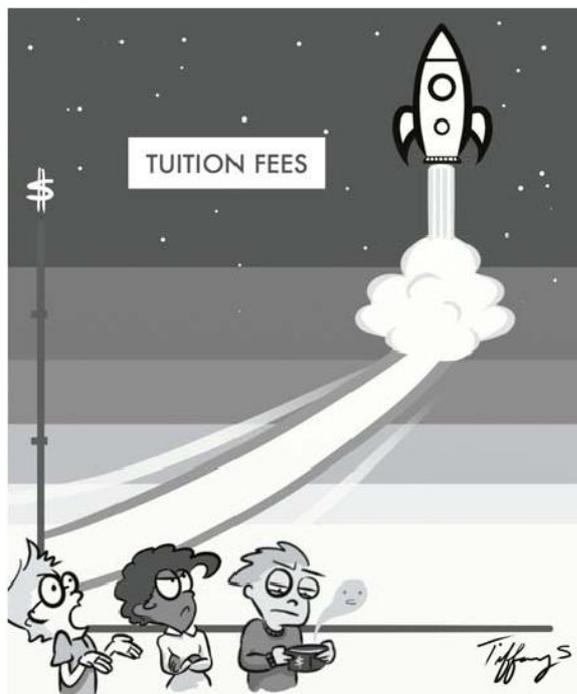
The purported goal of market modifiers is to increase the quality of students' education. But administration will be collecting 30 per cent of the revenue from your increased tuition. That's money that won't be going anywhere near the engineering department, let alone students.

Administration insists that they're consulting with students.

// If administration doesn't listen to students, make them.

But they were talking about fee hikes for several weeks before engineering students were informed of the conversation.

When administration does consult students, it isn't about



TIFFANY SENSAVANG

increased tuition. Students' Union engineering representative Parsa Samavati said his conversations with the dean of engineering skipped the debate over fee increases. Instead, they discussed how the faculty of engineering planned to spend the \$3.85 million they'll get from this tuition increase.

Eighty-three per cent of engineering students polled in last week's survey by the Engineering Students' Society oppose new market modifiers.

Administration hasn't convinced students and the university must pay a cost when acting against overwhelming student opinion.

New market modifiers aren't

inevitable. You haven't started paying the extra \$2,000 in tuition.

Talking to administration at the U of C is a rigged game. We can't rely on consultations with administration when all you get from the long process is a couple of small concessions. If we play by their rules, we'll lose every time.

But if students act together, we have the ability to fight back. A single student showing up at Students' Legislative Council when market modifiers are on the agenda is an expression of irritation. A hundred students showing up is an expression of solidarity.

Senior university administrators have decades of experience dealing with students that don't like their decisions. Student consultation is treated as a minor inconvenience before they can do what

they want. Prove them wrong.

Tuition increases don't appear out of nowhere. They're created by people with names and offices. And these particular tuition increases aren't set in stone.

Demand that the Students' Union fights with you. Make them put this on the agenda at SLC. Their job is to advocate on our behalf. When students overwhelmingly disagree with a proposal, creating an uproar is exactly within the SU's job description.

If administration doesn't listen to students, make them. Protest. Email schulich@ucalgary.ca to let them know you disagree with tuition hikes, no matter what faculty you're in. Delay paying your tuition. Complain on Facebook. Contact your SU representatives and let them know this issue is important to you.

Demand answers from administration. I'm sure they would love to consult with you, so email them at provost@ucalgary.ca.

Refuse to roll over on important issues. Students are an important part of universities and administrative decisions are not inevitable. There's no guarantee that administration will win this fight, unless we don't fight at all.

We encourage students to pressure administration on these fee increases. The current consultation process is a guaranteed loss.

Keep talking. If no one is listening, start talking in places where it's impossible to ignore you. Their shiny new offices in the administration building would be a good place to start.

Speak up. University administration isn't listening to you and you're getting swindled because of it.

Kate Jacobson
Gauntlet Editorial Board

short form

Would you be in favour of a \$170 per course tuition increase?



"Hell no, the school seems to already charge enough."

- Ingo Ionesu,
fourth-year science



"No, I don't want to spend the extra money."

- Brett Langston,
sixth-year arts



"Probably not, higher tuition equals more debt."

- Vanessa To,
second-year arts



"No, Haskayne already has a really high tuition."

- Sunny Jawal,
third-year business

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STUDENT LIFE »

Campus mental-health resources inadequate

Kaleem Khan
Graphics Artist

Suicide is one of the leading causes of death among university-aged Canadians. As far as social issues go, it's more widely discussed now than it was 10 years ago, but that hasn't translated into quality mental-health services on campus.

Mental health is a medical issue. Our hearts are in the right place, but undergraduate students aren't mental-health professionals. We don't have the necessary skills to create programming that will improve the mental health of thousands of students.

Programs like pet therapy, where students spend time with

dogs brought to campus, are fun ideas. But there's no evidence that this will have any lasting effect on students' mental health. Pet therapy requires consistent extended time periods with animals. An hour waiting in line to spend 10 minutes petting a dog is not what psychologists have in mind.

Another Students' Union stress-reduction initiative is Open Mic, which is designed to foster community among students. It's a well meaning event, but events like this bring out students who are already social. Open mic nights cater to students who are looking for a fun time, not students who need qualified advice on mental illness.

Effective mental-health treatments are hard to come by, even

off campus with Alberta Health Services. Wait lists for publicly offered mental-health services are long and allow the illness to worsen before treatment.

Students are particularly susceptible to mental illness due to stress and unhealthy lifestyles. It's hard to stay healthy when you have to write a series of exams and papers each month. Band-aid solutions aren't good enough. Students require treatments backed by scientific evidence.

The underlying issue here is that mental-health services on campus probably shouldn't be the responsibility of the su. And when services on campus are offered by mental-health professionals, they're spotty at best.

Over the course of their degree, students are offered 10 free counselling sessions. In a four-year degree, this is little more than a couple times a year. This might sound adequate, but the American Psychological Association recommends 14-16 sessions for an episode of severe mental illness. That's more sessions than you're given for your entire degree.

Many students are unaware of the availability of these services, which results in students never receiving treatment. If more students used these resources, there would be an incentive for them to expand and improve.

Awareness campaigns help bring student attention to services offered on campus, but there's still a lot of money and energy going into gimmicky conferences and events. We miss a large part of the conversation when the su presents themselves as the complete face of mental-health initiatives on campus.

All those mental-health campaigns have helped to increase the amount of discussion we have on campus. The problem now is how we talk about mental health.

Once you get past the surface-level discussion, there's no public discourse on substantive mental-health solutions.

Serious mental-health problems won't be solved with mellow acoustic guitar music every other month and public art. These ideas are important initiatives that help to build a campus community, but they aren't real solutions to a medical issue.

Neglecting the issue of mental illness is problematic. Watching your friends embarrass themselves on stage might be a good laugh, but it's not a treatment.

There aren't easy solutions, but we can start by acknowledging that what we're doing now is inadequate. We should lobby university administration and the provincial government to create programming. Continuing to hold conferences might make us feel better, but it won't make a dent in the problem.

Our general quality of life is important, but it's not the same issue as mental health. Mental illness shouldn't be a campaigning point in su elections. We all deserve better than that.

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TUITION AND FEES »

Optional donations are in good faith

Jeremy Woo
Gauntlet Opinions

When you paid your student fees this year, they probably included a \$10 donation to help struggling University of Calgary students.

The Student Peer Assistance Bursary Program is funded by a \$10 donation that's wrapped into your student fees. Unless you opt out, \$10 from your student fees goes towards this program.

The ability to opt-out is crucial. Without it, the donation would look less like charity and more like a cash-grab. A small donation by default provides a convenient and effortless channel for students to be generous.

On the other hand, an opt-in donation would reduce the effectiveness of the program. The current system catches well-meaning students who might not remember to donate, but are pleased to see their student fees go to a worthy cause.

The more serious subject of organ donation is an apt comparison. According to B.C. Transplant, a government agency organizing organ transplants, 85 per cent of British Columbians



support the idea of organ donation. However, only 17 per cent are registered to donate their organs when they die.

Nationwide, 90 per cent of Canadians support organ and tissue donations, but only 25 per cent plan to donate. A recent study in Atlantic Canada showed that a majority of respondents would even prefer an opt-out system, where people would donate their organs by default, unless this was against their wishes.

Countries that practice organ donation by default, such as Sweden and Denmark, donate at a rate upwards of 80 per cent, much higher than Canada's 25 per cent.

This idea of opt-out donations applies to the less controversial \$10 donation. Many may be willing to support bursaries for low-income students, but few would make a donation on their own.

We can thank the status quo bias for this oddity in human



ANDREA SANCHEZ-PONTON / KAYLA LEUNG

behaviour. Humans are predisposed to do nothing or to maintain the previous decision made by following the status quo. Our current system of opt-out donations make generosity the easiest decision.

Donation by default reflects our predisposition to give. If you were on the fence about donating, the status-quo bias pushes you to donate anyway, as it requires effort and resistance to opt out of the small donation. Even if

these donations are due to laziness, they make higher learning possible for students in need.

Students are pitching in for a good reason. The program began democratically in 1996 following a referendum on the bursary donation. All undergraduate students are eligible to apply for the award through the regular awards program, which means undergraduates have access if they fall on a tough year.

If you're a student that doesn't agree with this donation, you only need to fill out a short form to opt out of the donation.

September is always a rough time for students. In one fell swoop, we watched our hard-earned summer cash quietly slip away into a bureaucratic nightmare. We paid all this money for the far off promise of a degree, only to face endless essays, sleepless nights and overdue assignments. It's hard to part with your money.

We're already watching thousands of dollars leave our bank account, so an extra \$10 donation to help your fellow students shouldn't be a cause for concern. If you really do have a problem with it, the opt-out form only has six boxes.

CLASSROOM »

These lecturers can't get no respect

Derek Baker
Gauntlet Opinions

Now that September has come to an end, classes are in full swing.

We're now in the regular rhythm of lectures, a sequence of cramming students into the theatre, feverishly taking notes and filing everyone back out. Theoretically, even if a large lecture isn't enjoyable, it should at least be an easy way to have large amounts of information communicated to you.

Or maybe not.

There is a blatant disregard for common courtesy in lectures. Students' lack of etiquette isn't out of spite, but we're surrounded by hundreds of people who are trying to focus. We could all stand to be a little bit more polite.

To start off, getting into a lecture theatre is a process in itself. The finishing class collides with the next, leaving everyone smushed together and squeezing through the doorway.

This could all be solved if everyone just waited an extra minute to let the previous class leave the theatre. Think of it like entering an elevator — you let people out and then you go in. It's not like there's any space in the theatre at that moment anyways. Calm down. Class hasn't even started.

Now that you're finally in the theatre, you walk down the stairs and try to find the least creaky seat in the lecture hall. You see an empty seat in the middle and step towards it mission-impossible style, avoiding backpacks and

half-finished pumpkin spice lattes. No one makes eye contact with you, even though you see each other three times a week.

Class starts and you're resigned to sitting there for the next 50 minutes. The professor gives his or her lecture when someone raises their hand for a question. Over the sound of the person eating breakfast behind you, tapping pens and whispered gossip, you listen to their question and think, "yeah, that's a good question."

Then another hand is raised. And another. Soon it's been 10 minutes and the professor is still on the second slide.

There's no such thing as a stupid question, but there are stupid times to ask a question. Being the ninth person in a row to ask a question in

lecture is one of these times. The professor needs to get through the material.

If everyone in class has a personal conversation with the professor, you'll end up going through the last couple slides in a frenzied pace as you grasp your pen in a death grip.

Consider whether your question is really just a statement. If the question can be answered by the assigned reading or in the first two paragraphs of a Wikipedia page, don't ask it. Most questions are best asked at the end of class or during a professor's office hours anyway.

It's approaching the 50th minute and you start getting ready for the 10 minute sprint to your next class. Around you, people begin packing up their bags. The professor vainly tries to keep going

through his or her presentation, as class hasn't actually ended yet.

The lecture finishes a couple minutes early because the professor finally gave up trying to talk over the sound of backpacks being aggressively zipped up. Though you tried to sit near the end of a row, you're stuck in the middle and surrounded by people taking their time packing up. You shouldn't feel like you're being pressured to pack up quickly, but if you don't need to be anywhere, let the people who need to leave through.

With the rapid pace of university, it's easy to become self-absorbed. But in class we're surrounded by countless people who are as busy as we are. Some common courtesy would make all of our lives easier.

LOCAL FOOD »

Sait campus abuzz with rooftop beehives

Gillian Taylor
Gauntlet Entertainment

Sait Polytechnic started a sweet project this June. For the last four years, Chef Instructor Andrew Hewson wanted to bring bees to campus to act as an outdoor classroom for the culinary arts program.

After Sait's Culinary and Urban Agriculture research group and Applied Research and Innovation Services (ARIS) partnered with the Calgary and District Beekeeping Association, Sait finally had the resources to bring bees to campus.

Chef Hewson sees the hives as a way to educate students about the issues surrounding bees, including natural threats and colony collapse disorder.

"[It's] a great opportunity for students to really understand what's going on with bees and our food system, and how critical they are to what we do every day as chefs in the kitchen," says Hewson.

Bees are busy, as the saying goes, and Hewson and the research team — including Aja Horsley, an ARIS researcher working on the project — need to keep a close eye on them. They monitor the health of the hives every few weeks and



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Chef Instructor Andrew Hewson tends to Sait's rooftop beehives.

ensure the queen is healthy.

This summer alone, Sait researchers and beekeepers collected 300 pounds of honey.

The collection is done using a four-frame extractor, which Hewson says is a bit like a "giant salad spinner."

"We scrape the cone to break it up, and then stand the frames in this big metal drum and put a lid on it. It spins around and the centrifugal force spits all the honey out of the cone," says

Hewson. "It's not very high tech, but it's very messy."

A small portion of the honey is used in Sait's teaching restaurant, the Highwood, as an

ingredient in cocktails, desserts and main courses. The remainder is packaged and sold at the market at Sait's downtown campus.

Once all of the honey is out of the cones, a substantial amount of wax is left-over.

Horsley says they're developing a steam beeswax extractor at Sait to make the process of melting and extracting the wax easier.

During the winter, it's important that the bees are comfortable. Horsley, Hewson and the research team finished collecting this season's honey and are preparing the hives for the colder months. Currently, they're feeding the bees sugar syrup so they'll have extra food for the winter. They'll bring the hives together and cover them with insulation wrap on the sides and the top. Horsley says the bees will then "conglomerate together to conserve heat, and vibrate their wings, and that creates heat for them."

In the meantime, stop by Sait to learn more about bees and grab a jar of the locally-made honey.

/// [It's] a great opportunity for students to really understand what's going on with bees and our food system, and how critical they are to what we do every day — Andrew Hewson, Chef Instructor at Sait

CALGARY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL »

The 2014 Calgary International Film Festival concludes with record attendance

Melanie Bethune
Humour Editor

The Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) proved again this year that nothing beats a night out at the movies.

After a thrilling 11 days of original film, the renowned festival wrapped up its 15th season on Sept. 29 with record attendance and box office sales.

Over 200 documentaries, narratives and shorts from around the world were showcased during the festival.

Previous audience attendance records were shattered with a 42 per cent increase to a staggering 28,869 filmgoers, up from last year's 20,000 attendees. As well, box office revenue was 50 per cent higher than 2013's festival.

The festival showcased everything from youth-made short films as part of the YVC Short Film Series to major Oscar contenders such as the much talked about *Foxcatcher*, starring Steve Carell and Channing Tatum.

The Discovery Awards

highlighted first-time filmmakers' outstanding achievement in cinema. Matt Livadary's *Queens and Cowboys: A Straight Year on the Gay Rodeo* won the award for documentary filmmaking while Lukas Huffman took home the award for the narrative with his sibling dramedy *When the Ocean Met the Sky*.

"While our film does not have a big budget, nor any stars behind it, we do have a strong story and a lot of heart," Huffman said in a press release. "I

thank the CIFF audience for their appreciation of raw, honest cinema such as ours."

Audience choice awards for best narrative and documentary went to Damien Chazelle's psychologically thrilling *Whiplash* and Grant Baldwin's illuminating *Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story*. The award for choice animated short was Bernardo Britto's *Yearbook*, while the documentary or live-action short award went to Judd Palmer's *The Old Trout Puppet*

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With such a year of success, movie lovers can only look forward to a brighter and bigger future when CIFF returns next year.

"This has been a breakthrough year for the Calgary International Film Festival," said CIFF executive director Stephen Schroeder said in a statement. "Audience reaction has been overwhelmingly positive and many of the filmmakers who attended have told us CIFF is the best festival they've ever been to."

NEW MUSIC »



Perfume Genius
Too Bright
Sept. 23, 2014 (Matador)

Mike Hadreas, aka Perfume Genius, has done a lot of growing since 2012's aching and mournful *Put Your Back N 2 It*.

His newest album, *Too Bright*, features soul-searching intimacy filtered through extroversion and a newfound acceptance of his homosexuality and idiosyncratic tendencies.

Songs like "Queen," with its fantastically provocative line "No family is safe, as I sashay,"

showcases Hadreas turning away from songs about how he sees the world. Instead he's looking at how the world sees him and how he wants to be seen. The song's eerie synths and throbbing bass reflect the fancifulness of old-school glam and new wave, influences immediately seen on the cover.

His lyrics on the delicate ballad "Don't Let Them In" talk of his inability to face the outside

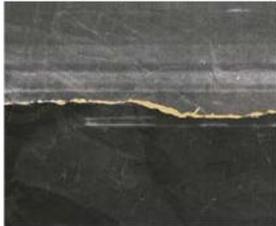
world, as the energy of carrying his persona leaves him unable to carry himself.

Like a post-modern Ziggy Stardust, Hadreas injects ironic glamour into an original and sonically diverse work. On "Grid" he's the extravagant critic bellowing about swallowing shit-covered diamonds, whereas on "I'm A Mother," he's nothing but a muffled squeak on top of ambient piano.

On "Fool" he's buying dresses, embracing both his sexuality and the hand of the man he loves. In that same song he's bleeding on that dress, singing that he doesn't need "your love," all he needs is someone to listen.

Hadreas has always been able to devastate, but on *Too Bright* he wreaks emotional havoc whilst confidently ambling down the catwalk.

Liam Harrison



The Rural Alberta Advantage
Mended with Gold
Sept. 30, 2014 (Paper Bag Records)

The Rural Alberta Advantage is a three-piece Toronto-based band with a reputation for wistful and compelling folk songs drawn from lead singer Nils Edenloff's upbringing in rural Alberta. Previous efforts weave Edenloff's tenor with Paul Banwatt's remarkable, driving percussion, supplemented by multi-instrumentalist Amy Cole, who plays the keyboard and provides backing vocals.

Mended With Gold departs from the group's sparse but insistent production as they wrestle with themes of love and loss.

The songs are more complex, but lack the rawness and simplicity that defined early efforts. Previous songs relied on strong storytelling, infectious energy and rough-around-the-edges charm. But on *Mended*, the group embraces a fuller sound that just doesn't fit.

That's not to say it's all bad. With "On the Rocks," Edenloff's vocals are bolstered by Cole's back-up singing and Banwatt's immensely talented drumming.

The same can be said about "Vulcan, AB," another high point. The songs sound new but capture the intention and intensity of earlier work. They feel both novel and familiar at the same time, and are a definite step forward for the band.

Ultimately, the Rural Alberta Advantage are at a crossroads. Their attempts to flesh out the direction of earlier work with more intricacy fall short. But when they step outside their comfort zone, they uncover a new way to deliver the storytelling and lyricism they're known for, and it works well. Overall, it's not a bad record — it's just not great.

Andy Williams



Aphex Twin
Syro
Sept. 22, 2014 (Warp Records)

Aphex Twin — the pseudonym of electronic musician Richard D. James — has been on hiatus for the past 13 years. Luckily for his fans, his new record, *Syro*, was released Sept. 22. And the wait proves to be worthwhile, as the album incorporates countless ideas and styles in its 12 tracks.

James refuses to settle into a single idea or pattern on the

album. The first song, "minipops 67 [120.2]," showcases a hyperactive tendency with no beat staying consistent for more than a few measures. Despite the jagged flow, the song never ceases to be catchy and endlessly danceable.

Other highlights have their own distinct feeling. "XMAS_EVET10 [120]" is uncharacteristic of the artist, building upon

a simple beat to create a beautifully textured song. "Aisatana [102]" is a haunting ambient piece that evokes imagery of a post-apocalyptic wasteland as the album closes.

One problem with *Syro* is that many songs fail to distinguish themselves. The stylistic choice James made when titling the songs doesn't help here, as it can be hard to

remember or reference a specific song on the record. Even so, the songs remain immersive and listening to them never becomes a chore.

With *Syro*, Aphex Twin proves why he's revered in the electronic music community and this mesmerizing album is a beautiful demonstration of his mastery over the genre.

Jason Herring

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LOCAL ART »



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The University of Calgary's campus art gallery, Nickel Galleries, opened their newest exhibit, *Made in Calgary: The 2000s*, on Sept. 25. *Made in Calgary* is a five-part series curated by the Glenbow Museum. The series examines the evolution of Calgary's artistic community from 1960 to 2010. Each exhibit focuses on a decade, with the work at Nickel Galleries representing the fifth and final instalment, *The 2000s*. Admission to the gallery is free. Nickel Galleries is open daily until 5:00 p.m., with extended hours to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

STAFF PICKS »
OCT. 2 - OCT. 8**Thursday, Oct. 2:**

The book launch of *Life Real Loud*, a true-story of online gambling.
Place: Shelf Life Books
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3:

Del Barber & The Profiteers perform with guests.
Place: Palomino Smokehouse
Time: 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4:

Light the Night, a walk to raise money for leukemia and lymphoma. Participants carry coloured lanterns in honour of loved ones.
Place: Eau Claire Market
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5:

Paint Nite. Create masterpieces and drink cocktails.
Place: Kilkenny Irish Pub
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 6:

Hector and the Search for Happiness. A film about a psychiatrist's journey to find a global solution for happiness.
Place: Eau Claire Cinema
Time: 5:20 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7:

Still Burning, a showcase of artists supported by the Burns Visual Arts Society, the .
Place: Passage Art Space
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8:

Check out M:ST (Mountain Standard Time), a festival celebrating performing arts in Alberta.
Place: Various locations
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

LOCAL FOOD »

Lettuce Beet pedals good food

Erika Roy
Gauntlet Entertainment

The Lettuce Beet Food Trike pedalled its way into business this summer, selling salads to downtown lunch-goers while putting a healthy and sustainable twist on Calgary's food truck scene.

While working downtown, Lettuce Beet's creator Kirsten Lankester was having trouble finding a lunch that fit her criteria — one that she felt good about, didn't take much time to grab and was reasonably priced.

"I thought there was a gap in the market, especially in fast food where you could get something super quick but still feel really good about what you were eating," Lankester says.

All of Lettuce Beet's salads are gluten free, with vegan, paleo, high-protein and dairy-free options available. The salads are full of superfoods, including beets, coconut, kale and a variety of seeds. Lankester is committed to using certified organic ingredients which are sourced locally as much as possible.

Lankester also places importance on operating in an environmentally friendly way. Lettuce Beet's salads are sold in recyclable and compostable containers, and the company composts and provides recycling bins at its vending location. The trike also uses pedal power, cutting energy.



LOUIE VILLANUEVA

Kirsten Lankester delivers healthy food to hungry Calgaryans with the Lettuce Beet food trike.

The socially conscious food trike had a successful first summer in downtown Calgary.

"I think people are more aware not just of what they're eating, but of how businesses impact community and the environment," Lankester says. "I

think with the growing awareness, if you are a business, and you don't put that into place, you're losing customers."

Lankester has yet to decide if Lettuce Beet will continue during the winter or if it will remain a seasonal trike.

ON CAMPUS »

Film studies gets new screening room

Michelle Li
Gauntlet Entertainment

The University of Calgary's film studies department started the school year with a new state-of-the-art screening room in Social Sciences 203.

Lee Carruthers, assistant professor of film and communications, says the lab is the result years of planning to find a more suitable location to teach film classes.

"We've had to work really hard for classrooms that are suitable," Carruthers says, noting that lecture halls turned into screening rooms are difficult to teach in as there are often problems with sound and projection. "[Those screens] might be good for power point presentations, but are not meant for film showing."

The screening lab is built to mimic the style of a commercial movie theatre with black walls, surround sound and lights that can fade to complete darkness.

In addition to modern theatre amenities, the lab is outfitted with a set of 16mm projectors which can screen the U of C's large collection of vintage films.

Carruthers says the big screen allows for a clear view from all vantage points so students can see the film and also participate in group discussions more easily.

The film studies department has rented out the room to the U of C Film Society, because they want to room to be used not only as a classroom, but as a social space as well.

"Maybe sometime in the future we can open it up and make it a community space," says Carruthers, noting that she'd love to see the room used for film festivals in the future.

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HOCKEY »

Dinos dominate Bisons in home opener

Sonny Sachdeva
Sports Assistant

The Dinos hockey team ran the University of Manitoba Bisons off a cliff with a 6-1 win for their first home game on Sept. 26.

The Dinos offensive wizardry was on full display as they posted six goals from six different scorers. Fresh off a stint at the Tampa Bay Lightning's NHL rookie camp, defenceman Kodie Curran led the Dinos with a three-point performance — one goal and two assists — and five shots on net.

Playing his first game as team captain, Kevin King had a tremendous outing in his new role, finishing with three points and the game-winning goal.

With King's usual linemate Walter Wintoneak out of the lineup, head coach Mark Howell had to improvise with a new combination of wingers, settling on Phil Tot and Dylan Walchuk. The experiment proved successful as the trio combined for seven points and an endless string of dazzling chances.

Forward Spencer Edwards kicked off the Dinos' scoring parade seven minutes into the



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The Dinos sliced and diced the Bisons' defence all night long.

first period, connecting on the power play. The Bisons' Chad Robinson answered back with a power-play goal two minutes later. But from then on, the game was all Calgary.

King scored the Dinos' second goal near the end of the first period, pouncing on a rebound to tuck one past Manitoba goaltender Deven Dubyk.

Walchuk, who made national headlines last year for his inclusion in Team Canada's Olympic preparations, was determined to use the Dinos'

first game to prove himself after he missed most of his first season because of academic and injury issues. He raced up ice in the second period after the opening faceoff and buried his first goal of the season, extending the Dinos' lead to 3-1.

Calgary continued to frustrate the Manitoba defence as the game wore on, which led to some chippy penalties from the Bisons. Elgin Pearce capitalized on one of the Bisons' penalties in the final

minute of the second period, and the Dinos' looked to have the game put away with 20 minutes remaining.

Cain Franson, who proved himself a solid contributor during the Dinos' pre-season, came through with a goal and an assist in his first regular season game, both coming in the final period.

The tension mounted as the Bisons continued to funnel players into the penalty box.

The game's first star, Curran, put this one further out

of reach when he notched the Dinos' third and final power-play goal of the game (and sixth goal in total) halfway through the third period.

The performance left little to be desired as the Dinos looked much quicker and more skilled from start to finish. Howell stressed that despite this excellent start, the Dinos have another level they can reach.

"One thing we talked about at the end of the game was making sure we're more consistent with our effort," Howell said. "We played how we wanted to play with lots of intensity and support off the puck, and we played real well. It just wasn't consistent enough."

Howell's sentiments were echoed by Curran, who said that the team knows they must embrace this consistency to take the next step.

"Last year we got off to a real good start," Curran said. "This year we're just trying to stay consistent and not get too far ahead of ourselves."

The Dinos continue their season on Friday, Oct. 3 at the Flames Community Arenas where they will take on the Mount Royal Cougars as part of the Crowchild Classic.

FOOTBALL »

Dinos forced to forfeit win against U of A

Ashton Chugh
Sports Editor

The University of Calgary announced on Sept. 29 that the Dinos football team will forfeit its Sept. 5 victory over the University of Alberta because two student-athletes were not eligible to play.

The problem was caused by an academic administrative error in the athletic department. The discovery of the football program's error was reported to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport and Canada West, where automatic

sanctions include forfeiture of competitions in which ineligible student-athletes played. Additional punishments will be confirmed once the CIS has concluded its disciplinary process. However, the U of C elected to take this initial step.

The error stemmed from anomalies in the recognition of course credits from last academic year. Student-athlete must take a minimum of six half-course classes over the academic year to be eligible to play under CIS regulations. The courses the two players took did not qualify

for the 2014-15 season. This wasn't caught when the athletic department performed its eligibility checks for the football team.

"Our football program has a reputation for excellence, and in this situation we failed in our responsibility to our players, coach Nill, the coaching staff and everyone associated with the program," said Dinos athletic director Ron Wuotila. "We are profoundly disappointed by this regrettable mistake, and we will work diligently to re-evaluate our compliance systems to ensure

a situation like this does not happen again."

The University of Alberta Golden Bears head coach Chris Morris defended Calgary's mistake and said it could easily happen to any team.

"It's not a straightforward process," Morris told the *Edmonton Journal*. "It seems like a simple process, but it's not. There are a million rules about which courses count and which courses don't. There's a lot of minutia involved, and there's a lot of stuff to chew through. It's clearly something that just slipped under their radar."

The players in question have not participated in any of the Dinos' subsequent games.

The result of the game, originally a 71-3 victory by the Dinos, is now officially recorded as a 1-0 win for the U of A Golden Bears. All statistics from the game remain intact, except those recorded by the ineligible players.

The forfeiture ends the quest for an undefeated 2014 Canada West campaign by the Dinos. The second-ranked university football team in Canada has made three Vanier Cup appearances in the last five years.

2014-15 Calgary Flames season preview

Stephanie Tang
Gauntlet Sports

As the preseason comes to an end, the Calgary Flames have given fans plenty to get excited about for the upcoming season.

As a rebuilding organization, they've focused on acquiring younger and faster talent. Key trades and high draft picks have brought a slew of fresh names. On a team that has struggled with size and age, it's no surprise that the Flames' young prospects have stolen the preseason show.

Sam Bennett, the highest draft pick in franchise history, was named the first star in his NHL debut. He picked up an assist in his second game against the Vancouver Canucks and put up a team-high seven shots on net. Bennett was ranked the No. 1 skater in North America by Central Scouting prior to the draft. He produced 36 goals and 55 assists in his last season with the Kingston Frontenacs and he's marked by pundits as a player to watch.

Johnny Gaudreau, a 5'9, 150 lb. left-winger from Boston College has impressed with his hockey sense and ability to manoeuvre on the ice. The Hobey Baker award winner — which is the awarded to the top hockey player in the NCAA,



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scored in his NHL debut with the Flames in April 2014, redirecting a shot past Vancouver goalie Jacob Markstrom. In the split-squad match against the Edmonton Oilers, Gaudreau managed four shots on goal. Talk about the smooth-skating rookie usually surrounds his mountain of 80 points in 40 games with Boston College. Time will tell if he can live up to his nickname, Johnny Hockey.

Sean Monahan had a solid start to his sophomore season, generating scoring chances and netting a goal against the Canucks. He'll face more aggressive opponents this year, but if last season's numbers are any indication, Monahan stands to play most of his minutes on the first or second line.

The Flames also signed Mason Raymond and Devin Setoguchi over the off-season. Neither player posted spectacular

offensive numbers last season, but they might make good anchors on the second and third line and add to a lacking depth chart.

Assuming the prospects can make the main roster in a fashion reminiscent of Monahan's stellar junior season, the Flames are set from an offensive standpoint. A mix of dynamic prospects and solid veterans gives them an unpredictability that has been lacking in past seasons.

The blueline is murkier territory. Mark Giordano and TJ Brodie stand out as a top-tier defensive pair. Joining them is the recently acquired Deryk Engelland. The Flames signed the 32-year-old to a three-year, \$8.7-million deal. At 6'2, he adds size and physicality to the Flames' blueline. The same is true for the newly acquired Ladislav Smid at 6'3.

Raphael Diaz is auditioning for a spot. He registered 23:27 minutes of ice time against the Oilers, blocking four shots and managing five of his own. If he's offered a contract for the upcoming season, he'll add to the Flames' list of talented defensive forwards. Still, the Flames are missing a pool of highly-praised blue-liner prospects.

On the goaltending side, the Flames acquired free agent Jonas Hiller in a two-year

deal. Hiller holds a career record of 162-110-32, 2.51 goals against average and a .916 save percentage. He brings experience to a crease that was filled last season by rookie goalies Joni Ortio and Karri Ramo.

Hiller will likely be the starting goalie, with Ramo as his backup. If Hiller can bring the level of success that he attained with the Anaheim Ducks, the Flames stand to see drastic improvement in one of their weakest areas. This is good news for a team that finished 27th out of 30 teams last year and hasn't qualified for the playoffs since the 2008-09 season.

Overall, the Flames' future looks promising. With a good balance of experienced veterans, a crop of prospects and younger guys coming off of a few seasons in the AHL, the Flames have established a solid base to build on. However, it may be a few years before they become a serious Cup contender.

A playoff run this year is possible, but shouldn't be expected. The younger players will need time to learn the game at an NHL level and the defensive situation still needs work. General manager Brad Treliving has a lot to prove, but the potential is definitely there.

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last 12 months. We know it's hard to juggle everything life throws at you - we've been there! *Meet Your Monkey* is your opportunity to be a part of something bigger, something that can lead to real change. *Meet Your Monkey* is the first totally student-led conference at the University of Calgary that will shine a spotlight on mental health on our campus, in our city and around our province.

We're bringing together students to

share their perspectives on common student stressors and concerns like academia and social life, seeking help, helping friends and addiction. We hope to talk about what's working, what isn't working, and come up with real solutions. This won't be all work; we're going to have a ton of fun throughout the weekend. *Meet Your Monkey* is happening Oct. 17-18, 2014 and is open to all U of C students.

Registration is open now and space is limited. All the information is here: www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/studentsummit. We encourage all

students (yes you!) to participate regardless of your background, knowledge, or area of study. With *Meet Your Monkey* we hope to provide a unique vehicle for raising awareness and reducing the stigma that remains around mental health. Your opinion matters, so make sure it's heard before we bring our ideas to the people who make decisions!

If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information about *Meet Your Monkey* or anything going on, feel free to text me (403) 619-4143.



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BASEBALL »

2014 MLB post-season predictions

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It's finally time for some meaningful baseball again. October has come, bringing with it the return of the playoffs.

This year's crop of post-season teams would have seemed alien five years ago. Nevertheless, they are diverse, erratic and exemplify the shifting balance of power in Major League Baseball.

Only after breaking down each team can we see what they've done to succeed and what makes them unique. Let's begin.

The National League:

Washington Nationals (No.1) — NL East-Division Champions

Back in the playoffs for the second time in three seasons, Washington secured home-field during the NL championship series. When it comes to the playoffs, there's nothing more important than pitching, which the Nationals definitely have.

The Nats pitching rotations have the lowest earned run average (3.07) while giving up the fewest home-runs (110) of any team in the majors. Pitcher Jordan Zimmerman even managed a no-hitter in the final game of the regular season. However, their lack of playoff experience may prevent a deep post-season run.

Los Angeles Dodgers (No.2) — NL West-Division Champions

The Dodgers are coming off of their second consecutive National League West division championship and may have the most to prove this October.

Los Angeles has the league's highest payroll and the best road record. The Dodgers also yield two of the league's best pitchers, Clayton Kershaw



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The *Gauntlet* predicts that the Los Angeles Angels will win the World Series.

and Zack Greinke. Combined with strong hitting and playoff experience, the Dodgers are the most well-rounded and most favoured team in the NL. Barring an upset, they should make the World Series.

St. Louis Cardinals (No.3) — NL Central Division Champions

Many long-time baseball fans lovingly refer to the St. Louis Cardinals as the "playoff pests," but St. Louis knows October baseball. The Cardinals have historically found a way to win, making three consecutive NLCS appearances and the World Series in 2011 and 2013.

St. Louis had balanced hitting and a stellar bullpen this year. The Cards have seven players in the lineup with 100-plus hits and the team leads the league in saved games. If they get past the Dodgers, the Cardinals will make it to the World Series.

Pittsburgh Pirates (No.4) — No. 1 Wildcard team

The Pirates are undoubtedly the league's hottest team coming into the post-season.

Pittsburgh was a smoking 18-9 in September and they will host their second straight Wildcard game against the Giants, having won the season series 4-2.

Historically, teams that enter the playoffs with strong finishes in September have the best shot at a deep playoff run. Led by all-stars Andrew McCutchen and Josh Harrison, Pittsburgh's explosive offence and momentum should get them through San Francisco. The next round may be a different story.

San Francisco Giants (No.5) — No. 2 Wildcard team

The Giants are looking for their third World Series in five years. San Francisco is certainly a great hitting team, but only when they're healthy, which they're not. Nagging injuries will ultimately prevent the Giants from making noise in this year's playoffs.

The American League:

Los Angeles Angels (No.1) — AL West Division Champions

The Angels are a favourite to win the World Series. They're complete in every

sense, rounded with power hitters, speed and incredible pitching since the all-star break. The Angels are strong offensively, leading the league in runs and owning the best home record of any team. Regardless of the outcome of the AL Wildcard game, expect the Angels to win the AL Championship.

Baltimore Orioles (No.2) — AL East Division Champions

Baltimore's domination of the AL East was no fluke. They have everything a successful team needs to win their first-round series with the Tigers.

The Orioles lead the league in home runs by a mile, while their pitching team combined for a 2.83 ERA since the all-star break, second best overall. They're the only team that can give the Angels a run for the AL pennant.

Detroit Tigers (No.3) — AL Central Division Champions

The Tigers enter the playoffs in a toss-up for their first-round series. Detroit's pitching rotation appeared unusually

off in the last month, while their hitting — thanks to superstar Miguel Cabrera — was strong.

They are no strangers to the playoffs, advancing to the ALCS the last three seasons. But this year's pitching squad doesn't show the promise of Octobers past.

Going up against the league leaders in home runs, expect a tight series, but an impending playoff exit in Baltimore.

Kansas City Royals (No.4) — No. 1 Wildcard team

Kansas City enters the playoffs for the first time since 1985 and it's hard not to be excited.

Probably because they're the first team to ever make the playoffs dead last in home runs and walks. From the outset, Kansas City has no idea what playoff baseball looks like, and they're an offensive laughing stock. However, they beat the Oakland Athletics 9-8 in 12 innings. The Royals will face a tough test against the Angels. Though they don't stand much of a chance, it's great to see new faces in the playoffs.

Oakland Athletics (No.5) — No. 2 Wildcard team

It was difficult to imagine the Oakland A's winning any significant post-season baseball after their embarrassing final third of the season. A World Series favourite at the beginning of 2014, the A's owned a 72-44 record and led the AL West division before losing 30 of their last 46 games to only barely squeak into the playoffs in the second wildcard spot.

The A's were disappointingly bounced from the playoffs in the first round again.

World Series Prediction:

Angels vs. Dodgers — Angels win in six games.

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WAGES AND INCOME »

City to introduce negative minimum wage

Andrew Kermle
Prone to angry fist shaking

The Calgary Chamber of Commerce (ccc) threw its weight into the affordability and poverty debate this week by proposing a policy known as "negative minimum wage."

The plan provides a blueprint for legislation that would remove a minimum of \$10.20 from employees' paycheques hourly, feeding directly into a

universal pool for shareholders and upper management.

"This is the single most efficient wage system devised in modern history," said a ccc spokesperson wearing a suit made entirely of \$100 bills. "The main issue with trickle-down economics is that our companies are still expected to produce something. That costs money. But with a negative minimum wage, we're under no obligation to produce anything at all, and yet we still

make a profit. The savings for businesses will be extraordinary."

The policy is in contrast to current wage laws, which the ccc described as "draconian socialism crafted by mean pooppy-heads."

"They say 'the freer the market, the freer the people.' Well this might just be the freest market you can possibly conceive," said F.U. Sayek, a senior researcher with the Fraser Institute who helped draft the

policy proposal. "You can most certainly have a free lunch if you just take from other people's plates. Ultimately, this increased freedom will be best for everyone."

Critics question how a negative income could help middle- and lower-class workers that are barely making ends meet as it is. However, the ccc says it's a simple matter of economics.

"With wages so low, the price of goods will drop substantially.

This deflation will make goods more affordable, and thus increase general welfare without restricting business practices," said the spokesperson.

When a reporter asked if consumers would be able to afford anything without consistent income despite lower prices, or why prices even mattered, the ccc spokesperson lunged from the podium and bit the journalist in the neck. He is currently in stable condition.



Filbert Comics -Anthony Labonte



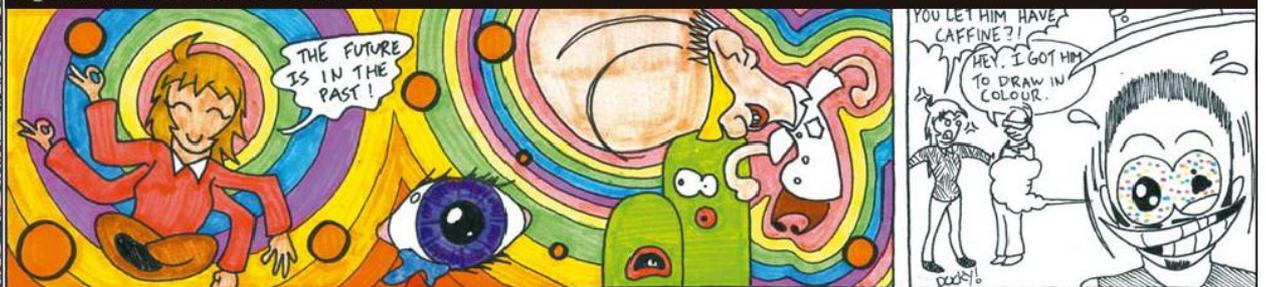
THIS WEEK

This Saturday, Oct. 4, is Vodka Day. Vodka is Slavic for "little water" and may be useful to those of you still grieving George Clooney's recent status change to a married man. More locally for you future animal doctors, the Vet-Med faculty is holding an open house on Oct. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Finally, embrace your inner activist/athlete by participating in the Outrun the Stigma fundraiser on October 5. Registration is \$15 and proceeds go to mental health support programs in the city.

Life Scream -Sean Willett



Right Ho, James! -James Stevenson



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