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STUDENT LIFE »

Administration approves proposal for gender-inclusive washroom

Chris Adams
News Editor

University of Calgary administration approved a Students' Union proposal to build a multi-stall gender-inclusive washroom on campus Friday, Nov. 28.

The gender-inclusive washroom — bathrooms not specifically for men or women — will replace the mens washroom between the conference rooms and the su Q Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity on MacH-ll's second floor.

su vice-president student life Jonah Ardiel presented the proposal to U of C vice-provost student experience Susan Barker, Campus Security director Brian Sembo and executive director of risk Rae Ann Aldridge. He said they're on board with the new proposal, calling it a "big win" for the U of C.

"It has everything that we wanted. It has everything that the trans community wants. This project is underway now," Ardiel said.

Barker said administration supports the proposal, citing successful gender-inclusive washrooms at the University of Victoria and the University of Alberta.

"By creating the gender-inclusive washroom, I think it gives the signal that they belong here. The gender-inclusive washroom is a respectful, accessible and inclusive amenity for our community," Barker said.

The su's proposal states that "at the University of Calgary, our queer, non-binary gender expressing and transgender (trans) students do not have access to washrooms that are specifically gender-inclusive."

The Q Centre has advocated for a gender-inclusive washroom on campus for over a year. Ardiel said administration had pushed back multiple meetings, expressing security,



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The Q Centre has pushed for a gender-inclusive washroom for over a year.

location and design concerns.

Administration initially wanted floor-to-ceiling partitions between stalls, but the approved proposal calls for regular open-ended stalls. Administration also had concerns about the washroom's proximity to the Den.

Q Centre coordinator Leah Schmidt said it took so long to get approved because they didn't want to make concessions.

"We wanted multi-stall, we wanted it to be open and available all the time. We wanted it to be gender inclusive and we wanted to reno an existing washroom," Schmidt said. "Basically, the university wanted it to be either single stall or floor to ceiling walls in between each stall. Or they wanted it locked at 4 p.m. every day. We didn't want to concede anything."

According to a UCLA School of Law study on transgender

people who use gender-segregated washrooms, 68 per cent of trans people were told they were in the wrong bathroom, threatened or gawked at. The study found that nine per cent of transgender people were sexually or physically assaulted because they used a gender-segregated washroom.

Schmidt said not having multi-stall gender-inclusive washrooms limits the options for marginalized students on campus. She said the U of C has a pretty large percentage of transgender, gender non-conforming and gender queer students.

"If they go into a gendered washroom, there's a significant risk to themselves," Schmidt said. "In general, if you look masculine-of-centre and you go into a women's washroom, it's probably not

going to bode well for you."

The only gender-neutral washrooms on campus now are single-stall, which Ardiel said sends the wrong message.

"You have to close the door when you enter. It sends the message that they're not welcome," Ardiel said.

The new washroom will have multiple stalls and divided urinals, just like pre-existing bathrooms.

There isn't a deadline for when it will open, but Schmidt said the su will renovate the washroom over the winter semester with the intent to open it in September 2015. Ardiel said the washroom will be finished as soon as possible.

The first year will be a pilot phase. Administration will monitor the washroom for safety and security concerns over the year to see if it's successful.

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Arts representative Lexi Narowski says team names like "Frigid Whore" are sexist.

Students say free speech trumped by political correctness

Chris Adams
News Editor

Students at the University of Calgary have responded to Active Living's decision to ban offensive team names for intramural sports teams, set to take effect next semester. Opponents of the ban call it an unnecessary limitation on free speech, while its proponents claim the names are offensive and perpetuate rape culture.

Students' Union arts representative Lexi Narowski approached Active Living, the organization that governs U of C intramural sports, in October. She said a friend informed her of the names — such as Beats By Ray, Cunning Stunts and Frigid Whore — before lobbying Active Living to ban them because of their sexist nature.

Active Living banned offensive names, saying they would closely monitor any new names for sexism, racism and homophobia, among other things.

Narowski said many students she has talked to are happy with the changes.

"People can say whatever they feel they need to say towards me. This issue still needs to be brought to light, especially in an academic environment," Narowski said.

But Josh Bijak, one of the administrators for the Allow All Team Names in U of C Intramural Sports Facebook page, said the change isn't reflective of the sports community.

Bijak is involved in intramurals

on campus, having participated in bubble soccer, volleyball and wrestling.

"If you take it negatively and that offends you, it's a team name that won't ever be published and the only time it's ever seen is when you check the standings online. It's not like it can actually do harm. It's an issue that shouldn't be an issue," Bijak said.

The page's moderators started an online petition to pressure Active Living to reverse the ban.

// It's not about what some students find funny. It's about what all students find appropriate.

—SU arts rep Lexi Narowski

Bijak said Narowski overstepped her bounds when she spoke to Active Living. Narowski made clear that she wasn't undertaking a Students' Union initiative, but acted alone to change the names.

Bijak's group will lobby Active Living to reverse their decision. Bijak said Active Living was doing good enough monitoring the team names before the change. He said the ban is unnecessary since "one of the fun aspects of playing intramural sports is you

can name your team whatever you like," adding that people can choose whether or not to be offended by something.

Narowski was questioned by a group of students at Students' Legislative Council after question period on Tuesday, Nov. 26. They asked why she went to Active Living to request a "blanket change" to the team names.

The student were directed to su president Jarrett Henry, who explained that they would have to talk with the university, as the ban wasn't an su initiative.

Narowski said she welcomes debate.

"Purely because I feel like if a discussion like this is still controversial in a school, then obviously there's a lot more learning that needs to be done," Narowski said.

Bijak said he and the page's other moderators don't think the name of an intramural team can perpetuate rape culture. He said people have the right to be offended, but also to offend.

"The point is that none of these names that were deemed offensive were in any way overtly offensive in the sense that they were like hate speech. They were just clever puns that people found mildly offensive," Bijak said.

But Narowski said that the changes put in place by Active Living are positive.

"Overall, it's not about what some students find funny, it's about what all students deem appropriate. By having these names changed, it is creating an inclusive environment for all students," Narowski said.

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TEXTBOOKS»

Peering under the hood of open textbooks

Alexander Kim
Gauntlet News

Textbooks make up a large portion of the cost of a university education. To fight rising prices, some faculty members want to use free online, open-source books known as open textbooks.

Math 211: Linear Methods I, has been using one since fall 2013.

Claude Laflamme is the course coordinator for Math 211 and the president of Lyryx Learning, the company that developed the open textbook he uses in class. He said the textbook and the homework system Lyryx developed have been well received by students.

"The open textbook, as edited by Lyryx, is actually of very good quality," Laflamme said.

The homework platform can be used for free in computer labs on campus or purchased for \$40.

According to Lyryx Learning, over 3,200 students have used the textbook so far.

But not all university instructors are convinced open textbooks are suitable.

Joseph Ling, course coordinator for Math 249: Introductory Calculus, considered using an open textbook from Lyryx this year, but decided against it. He said the physical textbook he chose is better suited for the course.

The current Math 249 textbook costs \$122.95 new at the University of Calgary Bookstore.

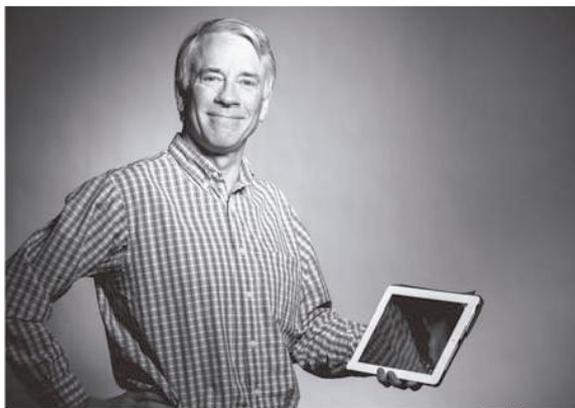
Ling said when he selects a textbook for a course, quality comes first.

"I don't think that students would like it if we gave them a free book that didn't work," he said.

Despite this, Ling said calculus courses might use an open textbook in the future.

"I'm constantly looking at new textbooks. I'm [constantly] evaluating new products and Lyryx is constantly updating their textbooks, so I'm open to [using them]," he said.

Instructor Michael Cavers, who is currently teaching both Math 211 and Math 249, said



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Laflamme uses an open textbook in his math class.

the department needs to be more aware of open textbooks in order to get more courses to use them.

U of C associate head of math and statistics Jim Stallard said that instructors are aware of open textbooks, but there haven't been any formal discussions about them in the department.

"It's something that we'll have to discuss sometime in the future," he said.

But some students are keen to use them. First-year education and math major Erica Bayley said free open textbooks are more convenient than traditional textbooks.

"I like that it's on the computer

so you don't have to carry around a heavy book and you can access it anywhere," Bayley said.

The Alberta government has \$2 million set aside to fund open textbook development projects. Students' Union president Jarrett Henry sits on the steering committee for the fund.

"[Open textbooks are] the way of the future. It's just a matter of how fast we're going to get there," Henry said.

The steering committee will ask for grant proposals to develop different open educational resources. Henry said proposals will be accepted in late December, and the committee will start funding projects in March.

ADMINISTRATION»

GFC gets quorum wrong since 2004

Hayden McBennett
Gauntlet News

To meet quorum — the required number of people that need to be present for an organization to vote — at General Faculties Council (GFC), one-half of its members must be present. However, since 2004, GFC thought quorum required one-third of its members to be present, calling the legitimacy of some votes into question.

The Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA) mandates GFC's duties, but doesn't outline how many members are necessary to meet quorum.

However, Alberta's Interpretation Act, which passed in 2004, states any governing body operating under an Alberta statute must have one-half of its members to meet quorum.

GFC failed to meet quorum seven times since 2004, meaning they may need to vote on those issues a second time.

Students' Union vice-president academic Hana Kadri said GFC recently realized that the Interpretation Act applies to the PSLA.

"The PSLA does not speak about quorum of the governing bodies that have to exist in an institution," Kadri said.

Kadri said most of the times GFC missed quorum were over the summer when there weren't

as many people on campus.

"There isn't much that goes through GFC during the summer time for that reason. At this moment there's nothing to be concerned over. They're just looking back to see if there's anything significant enough that they have to bring it back to GFC," Kadri said.

Administration is revisiting GFC's terms of reference and declined to comment.

U of C faculty association president Sandra Hoenle, who sits on GFC, said the council should have never missed quorum.

"Having said that, I believe the administration is working to correct this situation," Hoenle said.

Kadri said the new terms will state that GFC has to meet one-half quorum instead of the one-third they thought they needed.

GFC is the second highest governing body at the U of C, below the Board of Governors. The PSLA stipulates that GFC handles academic proceedings at the university.

The 113-member council creates programs, academic plans, research plans and has members from administration, faculty and the student body.

Although it's only mandated by the PSLA that two students sit on council as voting members, the U of C allows around 10 students.

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Heroin recovery program first of its kind in North America

Angela Espinoza
The Other Press

NEW WESTMINSTER — On Nov. 26, Vancouver became the first city in North America to offer prescription heroin to recovering addicts. Trials started in 2011, with permission from Health Canada and delivery from Europe, to test the distribution of prescribed heroin to heavily addicted users.

Providence Crosstown Clinic, a walk-in clinic located in the downtown eastside, provides the prescriptions.

Over 200 people reportedly took part in the Study to Assess Longer-term Opioid Medication Effectiveness (SALOME) trials. The purpose of the SALOME trials, and prescription practice overall, was to benefit addicts who had attempted other forms of heroin rehabilitation, such as methadone maintenance therapy and have previously failed to recover. The addict must also have recorded evidence of having used heroin for at least five years and still be using often.



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Providence Crosstown.

While trials will run into 2015, only 120 participants immediately met requirements to officially receive prescriptions.

The Providence Crosstown Clinic will receive prescription heroin on a case-by-case basis. Patient requests can be made via the federal Special Access Program. If approved, patients will receive a prescribed dose.

Those who have received prescriptions will be monitored by their doctor and won't be able to

take their prescriptions outside the clinic. Prescribed patients must also visit the clinic three times a day to receive their prescriptions.

Scott MacDonald, physician lead at the Providence Crosstown Clinic, told CBC that using illicit heroin multiple times a day is dangerous.

"That destroys lives. This is an alternative," MacDonald said.

According to the second edition study Drug Situation in Vancouver, conducted by the Urban Health Research Initiative and published in June 2013, heroin is the second-most available illicit drug in Vancouver in 2011, second to crack cocaine.

However, overall daily use of heroin by Vancouver addicts decreased significantly over the years, from nearly 40 per cent of illicit drug users claiming to use heroin daily in 1998 to less than 15 per cent in 2011. Part of the decline in use is a result of heroin's reported price tag of roughly \$20 per 0.1 gram.

Idea Scale pushed back

Babur Ilchi
Gauntlet News

The Students' Union has delayed the launch of their Idea Scale profile, an online platform that will allow students to consult directly with the SU, until after their elections in March.

The platform will allow students to post policy suggestions on the Idea Scale website and up-vote other students' ideas.

SU president Jarett Henry said they hope to get a better picture of student priorities.

"It allows us to get to work on these ideas. Whether it's advocating for the university to change something or something internal," Henry said. "We can also respond to them, and

our response is public for everyone to see."

The University of Calgary originally piloted Idea Scale when the provincial government cut the post-secondary budget in 2013. Staff and students gave input on how to save money to deal with the cuts. However, it was discontinued afterward.

"One of the highlights of the Idea Scale is being able to respond with information on where we stand. If that's happening during the election process, we're compromising our impartiality," Henry said.

Henry said the original plan was to launch the Idea Scale in October. However, they delayed it to focus on market modifiers.

STUDENT SERVICES »

Student law clinic appoints new executives

Scott Strasser
News Assistant

Student Legal Assistance Society (SLA) appointed a new group of student executives for 2015. The nine appointed members will begin their one-year terms Jan. 1.

The SLA is the University of Calgary's non-profit law clinic. The service provides legal assistance to undergraduate students and low-income earners who can't afford a lawyer.

While nine student executives handle the day-to-day running of the clinic, the SLA also has a board of directors composed of Albertan lawyers who assist and advise them.

Law student Suzan Wurtz is the incoming student director. Both she and Weisenberger said the SLA offers law students the chance to supplement their course work with practical legal experience.

"I saw the SLA as an opportunity to help people, but also as an avenue to develop the skills necessary to my career, such as public speaking as well as client and time management," Wurtz said.

Law students at the U of C can volunteer as SLA caseworkers. Current student director Elizabeth Weisenberger said almost half of the 350 law students at the U of C volunteer for the SLA.

"We have 150 student volunteers at the moment, which is some of our highest numbers yet," Weisenberger said.

The SLA mainly assists with non-indictable offences, meaning less serious crimes.

"If you're charged with a criminal offence in Alberta and you're not facing jail time, legal aid won't help you," Weisenberger said. "We step in and take any of those non-indictable offences."

The SLA operates under the Alberta Law Society Act. Caseworkers have standing to appear in the Provincial Court of Alberta, but not the higher Court of Queen's Bench, which deals with more serious cases.

The SLA doesn't assist with divorce cases, emergency protection orders and other offences that are typically dealt with through the Court of Queen's Bench.

Weisenberger said the most common offences the SLA deals with include small claims matters, minor criminal offences, traffic violations and family matters.

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Gender-inclusive washrooms create safe spaces on campus



MELANIE BETHUNE

A new multi-stall and gender-inclusive washroom was approved on campus last week. Gender-inclusive washrooms are bathrooms open to people who identify as any gender. They're specifically designed to cater to the transgender and gender non-conforming communities.

Gender-segregated washrooms are the norm. When you use a washroom on campus, they're typically divided into male and female, with stick figure depictions of each gender. For people whose gender

are unsafe spaces.

When transgender people use segregated washrooms, they are often met with intimidation, harassment or assault. According to the UCLA school of law, almost 10 per cent of transgender people have been sexually or physically assaulted just for using gender-segregated washrooms.

It doesn't matter whether the people facing this violence are trans, gender non-conforming or cisgendered individuals who present their gender in a way that isn't considered typical.

Policing people's gender identities is wrong. Anyone should be allowed to use the washroom they believe is most fitting for them. Gender-inclusive washrooms function as intentionally safe spaces designed to include people.

A washroom like this means that trans and gender non-conforming people don't stand out in ways that make them vulnerable. Everyone is allowed, so there isn't a need to exclude people based on what you think a man or a woman should look like.

We've all probably used gender-inclusive washrooms. In our homes, there aren't separate washrooms for men and women. There's no problems with different genders sharing a washroom in private, indicating that it can be done in public.

There's a tendency to assume that gender-inclusive washrooms are somehow less safe than segregated washrooms. Washrooms on campus are public spaces, but they're still designed to give people privacy.

When people talk about safety concerns with gender-inclusive washrooms, they're

usually talking about the safety of cisgender women. While this is an important issue, the safety of cisgender women isn't more important than the safety of the trans and gender non-conforming communities. And a sign on a door won't keep someone who is genuinely dangerous out of a room.

This gender-inclusive washroom is also an explicit way for the Students' Union and U of C administration to prove they care about gender and sexual minorities on campus. Rhetoric about being inclusive and caring is important. But backing your words up with resources that improve the quality of people's lives is what affects marginalized communities. For a group of people already disadvantaged on campus, being told that your needs and concerns as a community are valid is important.

It's also important this washroom is designed like others on campus. It isn't single-stall, with a door that locks behind you. The new washroom will have multiple stalls and divided urinals, just like pre-existing bathrooms. It's an average washroom. The only difference is that it will serve a community that deals with problems in an area of their life that cisgender people probably never think about.

If gender-inclusive washrooms really bother you, your priorities are in the wrong place. Most washrooms on campus are designed to cater to cisgender people. If you have a problem, you don't have to use this washroom. And if gender-inclusive washrooms bother people, that's too bad. The right of bigots to feel comfortable isn't more important than the right of trans and gender nonconforming people to be safe on campus.

Kate Jacobson
Gauntlet Editorial Board

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What do you think of the new gender-neutral washrooms in MacHall?



"It's a good thing."

- Ryan Lefebvre,
third-year sociology



"What's the point of that?"

- Morgan Atkinson,
first-year nursing



"I guess they're okay."

- Mark St. Jean,
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- Dylan Tolhearst,
first-year mathematics

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// Gender-inclusive washrooms function as intentionally safe spaces designed to include people.

identity matches the gender they were assigned at birth — cisgender people — this isn't a problem.

But for people who don't identify as either binary gender or for people whose gender identity differs from the gender they were assigned at birth — gender non-conforming and trans people — these gender-segregated washrooms

What does matter is that everyone has the right to be safe at the University of Calgary. Gender-inclusive washrooms are an easy way to accomplish that.

Caring for the health of everyone on campus isn't a burden. Administration must prove that they value everyone's presence, and that they care about the health and safety of vulnerable groups.

Small changes are better than nothing

RE: Environmental troubles can't be solved with buzzwords

While it is true environmental issues are not to be solved by buzzwords, neither will they be solved by articles that have the same ambiguous prescriptions that the author himself laments against. By discounting almost entirely the effect of individual action no real change can occur. It all has to start somewhere and every little bit counts. Today, as with many subjects, particularly environmentalism, there is too much emphasis on radical change, that it must be massive and immediate. As the expression goes, "Rome wasn't built in a day," so too with building a sustainable society. Instantly cutting all ties with the energy industry that makes all life in the western world possible is financial and literal suicide for society and this institution of learning. In fact, by coming here everybody has already taken the first step. It doesn't matter what faculty you are in because we are all taught how to solve problems. The solutions to environmental problems and sustainability are likely to be found here if anywhere, so stop telling others what to do and do it yourself. Others will follow and change can snowball.

Tom Wenger, fourth-year political science

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Protests create conversations

Babur Ilchi
Gauntlet Opinions

Solidarity movements are important, but they're often critiqued as a way for people to feel good about problems they can't solve. Calgaryans can't change international politics by standing in front of city hall.

But solidarity movements, like this summer's protests against Israel's invasion of Gaza or last week's gathering in solidarity with protestors in Ferguson, are more than a way to influence policy.

A group of people with signs outside city hall won't change Israel's foreign policy. A candlelight vigil won't change how the police act in Ferguson. But they can start conversations about issues in Calgary.

We've been talking more about racism in law enforcement in the past couple weeks than in the last few years. At a city council budget hearing on Nov. 27, Calgary Police chief Rick Hanson spoke about police wearing body cams to assist with evidence-gathering



RHYS SOSNOWSKI

and to defend against police inappropriety. This probably isn't a direct result of Calgary's Nov. 25 protest in solidarity with Ferguson, but it shows that our actions have a context. The problems we face transcend geographic boundaries.

Shows of solidarity aren't for people already in power. They're for people who are fighting those in power. Protesting against Israel's military operations in Gaza is irrelevant to the Israeli

government. But to Gazan civilians facing war, these protests validated their struggle.

Knowing you have the support of people around the world helps when you're directly involved in a conflict. Solidarity movements are so far removed from the original issues that they may not change policy by themselves. But they encourage and promote the less powerful side in any conflict.

The biggest issue with solidarity movements is that they

require numbers. Efforts on campus to stand with Hong Kong students failed because there wasn't enough interest. If you can't get hundreds of people out on the streets, it's difficult to convince the world that you care.

While major geopolitical issues usually get their time in the news, smaller events like Ferguson rely on solidarity to stay relevant. When black teenager Michael Brown was pursued and killed by white police officer Darren Wilson, protests around the world kept conversations about race and police violence part of the public discussion. Without a large reaction, Ferguson is easy to ignore.

Solidarity protests are more than a way to lobby governments. People in power have experience ignoring things they don't want to acknowledge, including people in the streets.

We have to prove to each other that we care about important issues, even when they don't directly affect us. Solidarity is about supporting each other and keeping issues we care about at the forefront of public discussion.

Hooking-up can't replace dating

Hayden McBennett
Gauntlet Opinions

The term hook-up is tossed around lightly. Hook-ups are casual interactions that differ from dating. They usually involve acts of intimacy — anything from kissing to sex.

Where dating looks like a traditional relationship, hook-ups are deliberately casual. But the confusing line between hooking-up with someone and being in a relationship is where problems arise.

Women embracing casual sex is now less stigmatized. The archaic view that a woman's worth and purity hinges on her chastity is dead. And there's nothing wrong with women embracing fulfilling and casual sex lives.

The effect of living in a culture that prioritizes hook-ups over dating is subtle. Our media depicts an idealized version of casual hook-ups. Your encounter might end with a relationship, but it's impossible to count on

this happening outside of a Justin Timberlake movie. It's rare that a casual hookup after a couple of beers will end in a happy and fulfilling relationship. Expecting it to only results in more problems.

Relationships involve knowing someone physically and emotionally. The lack of emotional connections in hook-up culture makes it hard to genuinely date someone.

Hook-up culture has the ability to shape people's ideas about dating. You probably won't go looking for a serious relationship if you're constantly bombarded with the idea that hooking up is the norm.

Students living on campus often feel that it isn't their choice whether or not they want to be in a relationship. Instead, hook-up culture dictates that dating is the abnormal choice when pursuing a relationship. Despite these ideas being so prevalent, it isn't what students actually want.

According to the Journal of

Sex Research, 63 per cent of college-aged men and 83 per cent of college-aged women want to be in a relationship, with 95 per cent of women and 77 per cent of men preferring dating to hooking-up.

Sex and emotional connections aren't synonymous. Poor communication about what both people are looking for in a relationship is how people get hurt and feel used. The American Psychological Association reports that relationships stemming from friends-with-benefits situations have lower levels of satisfaction than relationships that didn't start with casual sex.

Having sex on your first date doesn't determine where the relationship is going. Some people are comfortable with casual sex, while others need to know their partner well before they're comfortable with physical intimacy. If only one of these options is the norm, it can be difficult for those who prefer relationships over casual hook-ups to find

romantic fulfillment.

If you're looking to have casual sex, that's your call. But one person can find themselves with unreturned feelings for the other. This leads to difficult and complex situations that can be draining for both people.

It's important to be transparent about what you want in a relationship, serious or not. If it isn't enjoyable, remove yourself from the situation.

And if casual sex is your thing, do it safely. Continued and enthusiastic consent is mandatory. Use protection, set boundaries and have realistic expectations. If one party develops feelings that aren't mutual, it's time to call it quits. Your sexuality is your own, so don't feel pressured to have more or less sex than you want.

And don't be afraid to ask someone on a real date. The worst they can say is no, and sex is more fun when you're able to connect completely with your partner.

LOCAL ART »

Guerrilla art exhibition takes over streets of Calgary

Liv Ingram
Entertainment Editor

There's a new art exhibition in Calgary, but you won't find it in a gallery. In fact, you might walk right past and not even realize it.

The Calgary Biennial is a contemporary guerrilla art exhibition that features public art pieces on billboards, bus stops, cellphones, telephone poles, newspapers and alleyways from now until March 2015.

"The public's perception of public art definitely trends towards more permanent, monumental things," says Calgary Biennial curator Steven Cottingham. "[The exhibition] is doing a lot of temporary, sometimes invisible, actions that are equally public art."

The inaugural Biennial in 2012, entitled *Hearts of the West*, explored the concept of home. This year's exposition, *Atlas Sighed*, examines how people interact with that home and challenges society's relationship with capitalism.

Over a dozen artists will create



COURTESY BRITTNEY BEAR HAT

Brittney Bear Hat's *Blackfoot* will be displayed as part of the Calgary Biennial.

works around town, with new installations appearing every few weeks. The art will not be marked as part of an art exposition, but will subtly infiltrate the environment.

Artist Alannah Clamp placed a classified ad in the *Calgary Herald* on Dec. 2 that read "Let's fall in love and split the rent." Cottingham says the ad represents

an "endearing desperation for intimacy" that is also a pragmatic view of modern love.

Dan Zimmerman's LikeBlockr is a free, downloadable app that hides the number of likes a photo has on Instagram. The app encourages people to enjoy the quality of photos as opposed to absently 'liking' them and moving to the next image.

Cottingham says the most ambitious work of the exhibition is Brittney Bear Hat's *Blackfoot*. On a billboard near the intersection of Blackfoot Trail and Glenmore Trail, Bear Hat superimposes a photo of her ancestors, Blackfoot chiefs, over a photo of the intersection.

"She very simply is asking what are we doing when we

name things specifically after these Aboriginal cultural identifiers," says Cottingham. "What is the purpose? Are we paying respect? Are we acknowledging the problematic history and in some way apologizing? Or is it just another way or appropriating something that did not belong to us and integrating it into our culture?"

Cottingham didn't consult the city about the exhibition and is unsure about the legality of it, but he hopes the Biennial will encourage people to reclaim public space and interact with the city.

"I want to challenge the way we think of public space and who's in control of it. If we're being democratic, it belongs to everyone and not just people who have money to erect buildings and monuments," Cottingham says. "I just want people to think more about equality, the roots of democracy and what it means to try and do the best for everyone."

For more information visit
calgarybiennial.ca

LOCAL ART »

Uptown 7th adds a scrawl of fun to mundane downtown

Jason Herring
Gauntlet Entertainment

If you take the train through downtown, you probably know the building across from the 1st Street SW LRT station. The building has chalkboards lining the front featuring quirky quotations. At times, the building's speakers play music that can be heard from the train platform across the road.

The building, operating under the name Uptown 7th, is owned and maintained by Jonathan Sunstrum. Sunstrum saw potential for the location to be used as a public art space with the potential to be seen by hundreds of thousands of Calgarians travelling through the downtown core.

"The whole point of art is to

make a person rethink a place or space," Sunstrum says. "Why not do something where you have a built-in audience?"

The chalkboard quotations lining the store — which Sunstrum calls "verbal vitamins" — were the first artistic project incorporated into the building.

"The point of the chalkboard is to provide people some stimulus. When I put something there, I'm specifically vague and vaguely specific at times. I expect people to either sort it out in their own mind, or if they want to, talk to me face-to-face," Sunstrum says.

Other initiatives taken by Sunstrum to bring life to 7th Avenue range from bigger projects, such as having people play music that is broadcasted to the public, to small acts, like spreading balloons and



LOUIE VILLANUEVA

Uptown 7th brightens up the drab sidewalk. Bubbles onto the street to catch the eye of pedestrians.

"The bubbles are amazing because it changes disposi-

tions of people on the street," Sunstrum says.

There are also a few old tube televisions in the building's

windows, which transmit everything from hockey games to episodes of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* TV show.

Sunstrum says the purpose of Uptown 7th is to liven up transit riders' days.

The immediate future for the small strip of 7th Avenue between Centre and 1st Street lies in the abandoned pawn shop next to Uptown 7th, which Sunstrum and his partners are turning into an art gallery. They hope they can have the space opened up within the next two weeks.

Beyond that, Sunstrum says the future of Uptown 7th is less certain.

"Two years ago, I expected [I'd be here] four to six months. It's now been two years," says Sunstrum. "This is a big gamble here, so we'll see how it goes."

NEW MUSIC »



Little Boots
Business Pleasure
Dec. 1, 2014 (On Repeat)

British electronic singer-songwriter Victoria Hesketh, better known as Little Boots, has left the pop radio scene. But she's still busy producing her own music.

After departing from her previous label, 679/Atlantic Records, Hesketh started her own label, On Repeat Records. She released her newest EP, *Business Pleasure*, on the label this week.

The change brings a deeper, rhythmic house feel to Hesketh's music. *Business Pleasure* presents four tracks with infectious bass, highlighted by

Hesketh's light voice. The opening track and lead single, "Taste It," sounds like new-age Blondie meets deep house.

"Heroine," a hypnotic track with simple construction just begs to be danced to. The album's title track, "Business Pleasure," offers an upbeat, futuristic-sounding groove.

"Pretty Tough" closes the EP with harmonies and synths. The song adds to the overall atmosphere of the EP, as Little Boots asserts, "You think I'm pretty, oh? Well I can be pretty tough." Overall the EP is a solid effort, but the high notes in this song are jarring and abrasive, making it a problematic track. About halfway through, a high-pitched whistling sound appears and detracts from the music.

Little Boots has found her niche with *Business Pleasure*, stylistically picking up where previous album *Nocturnes* left off. Many electronic songs lack originality and are overproduced, but Hesketh manages to maintain a unique and catchy sound.

Derek Baker



Ariel Pink
pom pom
Nov. 18, 2014 (4AD)

Ariel Pink, like most indie-pop oddities, has a puzzling personality. With an affinity for lo-fi cassette recordings and a tendency to experiment with his music, Pink found success with albums *Before Today* and *Mature Themes*. Unfortunately, in his most recent double LP, *pom pom*, Pink falls short of his previous work.

The record features over an hour of noise-pop experiments that range from annoying to completely unlistenable. The songs are a smattering of mismatched sounds backed by garish '80s synthesizers and drum machines.

The horrendous "Dinosaur Carebears" is a prime example, featuring a nauseating

combination of clashing melodies that should never have made it out of the recording studio.

Throughout the album, Pink assumes a glam-rock persona that feels as if he's trying to emulate David Bowie or T-Rex. But Pink lacks both the personality and the creative capacity of the artists he's trying to imitate to make the charade convincing.

Lyricaly, all that Ariel Pink seems to be able to sing about is a confused sexuality, most notable in "Sexual Athletics," where Pink boasts his sexual prowess and proclaims himself the "sex king on a velvet swing."

Even the best song on the album, "Put Your Number In My Phone," feels so impotent that it wouldn't be surprising to hear in an Old Navy commercial. It only holds the distinction of being the album's best track because the rest of the songs are so bad.

Although *pom pom* is a double album, there's not enough worthwhile material on the release to even justify an EP. Even in its best moments, Ariel Pink's latest project only manages mediocrity.

Jason Herring

CHRISTMAS »

Deck your iPod with the kitschiest Christmas tunes

Melanie Bethune
Humour Editor

We've all heard "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "Santa Claus is Coming To Town" enough this

holiday season, so you might be looking to shake up your Christmas playlist. Thankfully, Christmas music has come a long way since you were a kid, and there are hundreds of fantastic mixes out there.

Whether you're a fan of popular mainstream jams, nostalgic campy fun, or a relaxed set to listen to on a quiet afternoon, there is a Christmas album out there for you. Here are a few of our top picks.



Michael Bublé
Christmas

A modern day classic. You'd be hard pressed to go anywhere during the holiday season without hearing the sweet crooning of Michael Bublé's *Christmas*.

He's a Canadian hero, bravely driving us through the cold with his accompanying jazz band. There's a great range to this festive collection, making it suitable and appealing to every holiday listener.

From the subdued stillness of "Ave Maria" to an uptempo remix of "Jingle Bells," Bublé keeps us entertained and in the holiday spirit until the end.

The album avoids traditional religious carols and focuses on covers of commercialized hits. It includes Mariah Carey's ever-present "All I Want For Christmas is You" and Bing Crosby's "White Christmas." All the songs have Bublé's signature swing and vibrance. Stick around until the end of the album and you'll be treated to a five-second greeting from the man himself.

"This is Michael Bublé wishing you a very Merry Christmas," he says. Oh, Mr. Bublé, we shall, so long as your songs keep us warm.



Boney M
Christmas Album

Celine Dion, Mariah Carey, Bing Crosby and John Lennon were on constant rotation in our house during the holiday season. But one selection sticks out in my memory: Boney M and their 1981 Christmas album, aptly titled *Christmas Album*. This group of Jamaican singers brought together by a German producer are everything you could wish for and more.

Lovable in its pure absurdity, it's the perfect combination of late-70s disco covers and surprisingly innovative originals. "Mary's Boy Child - Oh My Lord," has somehow snuck its

way into the Christmas canon. The recurring chorus of "And man will live, forever more, because of Christmas day" is as earwormy as they come. You'll find a smile on your face and your hips starting to shake and as soon as it starts. If you're looking for an upbeat and fun soundtrack to your Christmas exploits, this serves as the perfect party mix to laugh and drink a few glasses of rum and eggnog to.

For an added bonus, look up the "Mary's Boy Child" music video and marvel in the masses of white fur coats and 1970s era lens flares.



She & Him
A Very She & Him Christmas

For those not willing to commit to the full pop treatment, the debut of She & Him's *A Very She & Him Christmas* in 2011 was a magical gift.

These calming tracks are a quiet and pleasant contrast to any holiday madness that may plague your life. Fans of the now-classic holiday film *Elf* will remember a "Baby It's Cold Outside" duet with Will Ferrell and Zoëy Deschanel in her pre-fringe-bang days. She returns to the tune on the album, only this time with bandmate M. Ward. The song is suave and sexy, combining Ward and Deschanel's vocals with a groovy swing.

The duo becomes as hot as a burning hearth on updated covers of classics such as "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and "Little St. Nick," bringing a sense of easy listening to each track.

The casual strumming of a ukelele may not be the first thing you associate with Christmas time, but it adds a much needed sense of serenity to your holiday gatherings.

No single track on the album stands out as particularly blaring or obtrusive, offering an enchanting listen for a quiet day at home by the fire with the people you love.

GRAPHIC NOVEL »

Fungus-infected zombies descend on comic convention

Connor Sadler
Entertainment Assistant

Octospore Book 1: *Suburban Squid* is a graphic novel by Albertan artists Jesse James Higgins and Scott Dewey that explores how we use modern technology to communicate in times of crisis.

The comic takes an unusual approach to disaster. Instead of a tornado or earthquake causing destruction, hundreds of attendees at a comic convention are turned into tentacle-infested "octozombies" who attack American suburbia.

Higgins and Dewey drew inspiration for the octozombies from a fungus called cordyceps. Found in the Amazon jungle, cordyceps spores infect the brains of ants. The fungus controls the ant's mind, making it climb up a branch. Once the ant is stationary at the top, a new cordyceps plant grows from its body, releasing spores to infect other ants.

"I couldn't think of anything more terrifying than seeing what was happening to those ants actually happen to a person," Higgins says. "It would freak me right the F out."

The "octopocalypse" is set in motion by Octavius Du Pont, a mentally unstable heir to a weapons manufacturing company. Octavius is disgusted with



COURTESY RED RAGE COMICS

A comic-lover transforms into an "octozombie."

how fast-paced people's lives have become due to modern technology. He releases the fungus at what he believes to be the centre of modern escapism and pop culture — a comic convention.

As the zombies descend upon the population, panicked citizens turn to their smartphones to contact police and loved ones. Unlike a traditional graphic novel that uses speech bubbles to convey dialogue, the text in *Octospore* is at the side of the artwork written in which space outside the illustration.

"There's a series of text messages between a father and daughter as the daughter is transforming into an octozombie," Higgins

says. "You see the beginning of their communication, and then you see the father as the communication gets stranger and stranger."

Octavius thinks releasing the cordyceps spores will make people slow down and bring them back to reality.

"One of [Octavius'] mantras is that in order to bring humanity back to a state of realism, you have to kill their heroes," Higgins says. "If he replaces this sort of comic book fallacy of humanity, then he can insert a projection of humanity that is more practical and more reality-based. Almost like a way to imbue people with super human capabilities, minus the superhero."

PHOTO CONTEST »



KAVAN MOTAZEDI

Winter by photo contest winner Kavan Motazedi

"The photo was taken when I went on my last road trip back in my home country (Iran, Asadabad Road), just before I moved to Canada, to actually get a sense of what winter in Calgary feels like," says Motazedi. "It was cold, beautiful and the last one. And that's why it's special to me."

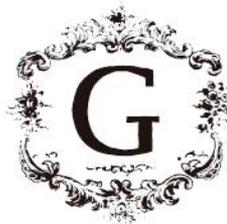
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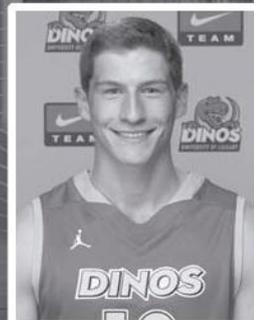
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DINOS

ROOKIES OF THE MONTH



Lars Schlueter Dinos Basketball

Freshman Lars Schlueter has started in every single game the Dinos have played this season thus far and is a regular contributor. On the team, he is currently fourth in points with 87 and points per game at 8.7. The Dinos have had a great start this season in the month of November and sit atop the standings with a 8-2 record.



Rachael Grothe Dinos Swimming

Rookie Rachael Grothe began her career as a Dino on Nov. 21 when the Dinos swim teams competed at the Canada West Championships. The Boulder City, NV native won three medals over that weekend including a silver in the 100m fly, a bronze in the 50m fly and a silver as part of the 4x100m medley relay team.

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FOOTBALL »

Carabins win their first ever Vanier Cup

Stephane Arnault
Gauntlet Sports

The Université de Montréal Carabins have captured their first-ever national championship in breath-taking fashion.

The Carabins came from behind to defeat the McMaster University Marauders 20-19 at the Vanier Cup in front of 22,649 fans at Percival Molson Memorial Stadium in Montreal, Quebec, on Nov. 30.

"I've been dreaming of this moment since I was a little kid," said Montreal quarterback Gabriel Cousineau. "It seems like it's a movie right now. It's a dream come true."

In the final minute of the game, McMaster was trailing 20-19. Their last hope rested on their kicker, Tyler Crapigna, who attempted a 31-yard field goal that was blocked by Montreal defensive lineman Mathieu Girard. Carabins linebacker Byron Archambault recovered the ball.

Game, set and match for the Carabins.

"People didn't think we were going to stop them. They probably thought McMaster was going to make that field goal," Archambault said. "But no one on that sideline doubted us because we're brothers. We won today because we had faith."

Carabins Mathieu Girard wasn't shy about his reaction after blocking the field goal.



STEPHANE ARNAULT

The Carabins celebrate their victory in front of their home fans.

"I looked at my teammates and said, 'let's put our balls on the table and play like men and win this cup for the school.'"

The Carabins' offence ran out the clock to preserve the win.

Saturday's victory capped an 11-game winning streak for Montréal. The undefeated streak is the longest in the team's history.

"There's a mental toughness about these kids," said Carabins' head coach Danny Maciocia. "They never doubted themselves. Not once, whether it was today or the course of the year, they just keep believing and supporting one

another."

Maciocia is the first coach to win both a Grey Cup and a Vanier Cup. In 2005 he guided the Edmonton Eskimos to a CFL championship victory in the 93rd Grey Cup.

The first touchdown of the game came in the second quarter, when Marauders runningback Wayne Moore dashed 35 yards to give McMaster a 13-3 lead.

Despite trailing by 10 points at halftime, the Carabins remained confident in the dressing room.

"They were happy. They were looking at one another and say-

ing it's just 10 points, it's no big deal," Maciocia said. "We said that we needed to make this exciting because that's what we're all about this year."

In the second half, McMaster kick returner Isaiah Mels fumbled the opening kickoff, which Montréal recovered.

Cousineau took advantage of the excellent field position, completing pass after pass as Montréal marched into enemy territory. He polished off the drive with a nine-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Philip Enchill.

McMaster answered with two more field goals. They led 19-10

heading into the final quarter.

Cousineau demonstrated in the fourth quarter why he is ranked third in total passing yards in Canada. A 31-yard bomb to wide receiver Regis Cibasu set up a three-yard touchdown for runningback Sean Thomas-Er.

"I thought [Cousineau] had a pretty good second half," Maciocia said. "He kept the faith and kept believing and we prevailed."

Montréal continued to gain momentum as the crowd roared. With three minutes remaining, L.P. Simoneau kicked a 13-yard field goal that was the game winner.

Cibasau had six receptions for 90 yards, and was named the Vanier Cup MVP.

"I didn't do it alone," Cibasu said. "I had help from all my teammates. We just believed until the end."

Girard spoke about how winning the Vanier Cup can do wonders for the Carabins' reputation.

"This year we talked to each other and we wanted to start a revolution. We wanted to show the country that there's not only one team in Quebec."

Montreal ended Laval's unprecedented 70-game home winning streak prior to defeating McMaster for their first championship in school history.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS »

The cognitive benefits of aerobic exercise

Ayesha Chugh
Gauntlet Sports

Preparing for exam season can be a daunting task. Many university students look for new solutions to ease the process. But students should stick with the basics rather than looking for a quick fix.

We all know the benefits of exercise for our physical

and mental health. Exercise helps to reduce cholesterol, improve sleep and mood, and can reduce stress and anxiety. However, we tend to forget the cognitive benefits of exercise.

Researchers from the University of Adelaide in Australia recently conducted a study that analyzed healthy adults after 30 minutes of aerobic

exercise and its effects on the plasticity of the brain.

Brain plasticity is the brain's ability to change in response to new information. Whether it's remembering somebody's name or learning how to play a sport, brain plasticity plays a vital role in personal development.

Head researcher of the Adelaide study, Michael Ridding,

found that the more plastic the brain becomes, the more it's able to reorganize itself, modifying the number and strength of connections between nerve cells and different brain areas.

Their results show that exercise helps to expand and improve brain plasticity, enabling the growth of this process.

Researchers suggest that

exercise helps to alter the brain at cellular and molecular levels, which can result in a higher level of cognitive functioning. Specifically, these alterations help to improve memory.

Memory functions are enhanced as these cellular connections are strengthened.

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BASKETBALL »

Canadians are taking over the NBA

Sonny Sachdeva
Sports Assistant

America has always dominated the game of basketball. There may be standout players from all across the globe playing in the NBA, but at the end of the day, the sport is dominated by the stars and stripes, both on the court and in the stands.

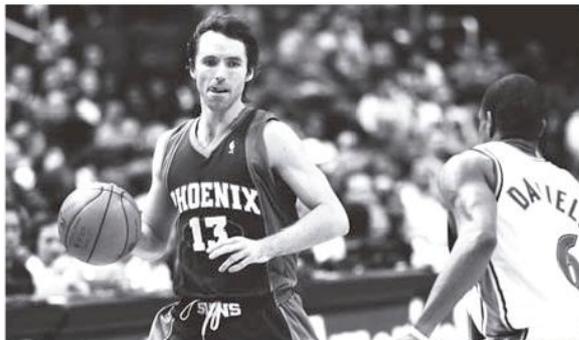
In the NBA, Canada has always amounted to little more than the USA's goofy cousin to the north, churning out a few quality players here and there and one lowly team, but not much else.

After a seemingly endless wait, however, it looks like that is about to change.

The 2014–15 season marks a new era for Canadian basketball, as the red and white have been dominating the game as of late.

Canada's lone NBA squad, the Toronto Raptors, have risen up from their last-place finishes to become one of the most elite clubs in the league.

The Raptors surprised everyone last season by finishing first in the Atlantic division for the first time in seven seasons and only the second time in history. Their division title placed them third in the eastern conference. The banner-raising season positioned the Raptors above hallowed clubs like the Chicago Bulls



COURTESY KIETH ALLISON

Steve Nash paved the way for Canadian basketball

and the New York Knicks.

They haven't slowed down this season. Led by star guard DeMar DeRozan, the Raptors reign as the top team in the East and they are ranked third-best in the league.

With a talented young squad that is hungry to prove they are a legitimate threat, there's no telling how far the Raptors could go in the post-season.

Toronto isn't the only place Canadian basketball is making a dent. Canada has dominated the NBA draft as well.

Canadians Andrew Wiggins and Anthony Bennett were both drafted first overall in 2013 and 2014, respectively. Not only were they the first Canadians ever to be drafted No. 1 overall, but they also marked the first time any

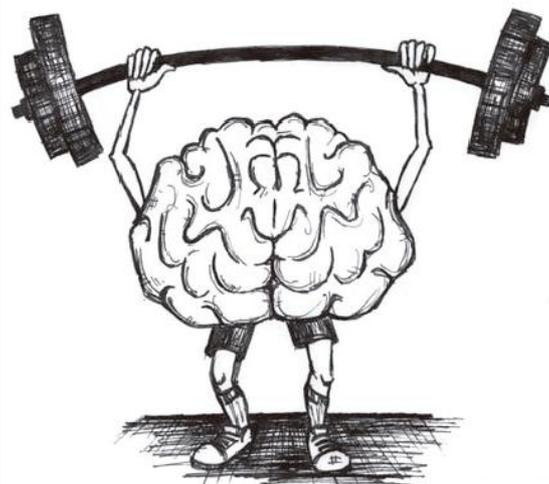
country other than the USA has had players taken first overall in consecutive years.

It's apt that as the red and white begin their NBA takeover, the greatest Canadian to ever play the game, two-time league MVP Steve Nash, approaches the final chapter of his storied career.

The future Hall of Fame inductee has been everything his country could have asked for as an ambassador for Canadian basketball, but injuries have forced Nash to finally hang up his kicks.

As he does, the Canadian basketball legacy will live on through Wiggins and Bennett, and through the now-dominant Raptors, who all seem more than capable of carrying the Canadian torch forward.

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DAWN MUENCHRATH

Exercising regularly can strengthen one's brain power.

The University of British Columbia found similar benefits from aerobic exercise. Their study found that forms of exercise that get your heart and sweat glands working have direct effects on the hippocampus — the area of the brain involved in learning and verbal memory. Researchers claim that forms of aerobic exercise increases the blood flow in the brain which can improve memory performance.

Another study done by the Center for BrainHealth at the University of Texas showed direct benefits associated with increased blood flow to the

hippocampus. This is also the region affected by Alzheimer's disease. Researchers suggest that maintaining a healthy blood flow the hippocampus area can significantly improve memory functions and reduce memory loss in the long term.

According to U of T Center of BrainHealth's chief director Sandra Bond Chapman, physical exercise may be one of the most beneficial and cost-effective therapies available to elevate memory performance.

So go ahead and give yourself a well deserved break from TFDL for some exercise, the benefits are endless.

Stress Less with Your SU



Jonah Ardiel
VP Student Life



We know that the end of the semester is crunch time and you're no doubt pulling all-nighters and spending every spare moment studying in the TFDL (if you ever find a seat). We're finishing off this semester with the newest SU event, the second annual **Stress Less Week**. We will be bringing you a

week full of stress relieving and fun activities in Mac Hall to give you a little break before you get back to studying.

On Monday come out to the North Courtyard for some **Destruction Therapy** which will include the hotly anticipated return of the "bubble wrap dance floor". On Tuesday come de-stress with our **Relaxation Therapy** in the North Courtyard from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Remember how fun finger

painting was? Come relive your childhood with **Art Therapy** in the North Courtyard on Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Finger painting not your thing? We'll have brushes too! Finally, finish off the week with a **Carnival**, from 12 – 2 p.m. in the North and South Courtyard. We'll have cotton candy, sumo wrestling, a photo booth full of fun accessories and more!

We know that hanging out with puppies helps to relieve stress and

give you an energy boost! We'll be having **Pet Therapy Sessions** (a.k.a. Puppy Rooms) in That Empty Space on Monday (12 – 1:30 p.m.), Wednesday (1:30 – 3 p.m.) and Friday (11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.). There are a limited number of students allowed in the room at a time so line up early.

We hope Stress Less Week helps you to have a little fun during crunch time! See you there!

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HOCKEY »

Dinos clip Thunderbirds on controversial play

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The University of Calgary men's hockey team clinched first place in the Canada West standings on Nov. 28, defeating the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds 4-3 in overtime at Father David Bauer Arena.

The match started after a short delay, which saw the crowd cheer the tardy referees onto the ice, undoubtedly hindered by the blizzard on Friday night.

Despite the horrid conditions outside, the Dinos were anything but cold facing their western rivals.

Jumping off to a quick start, the Dinos forced the play into the Thunderbirds' zone and took the lead within 30 seconds of the first period. The goal came on an unassuming point shot scored by Colton Grant, his first of the season.

Five penalties were called in the first period alone. The Thunderbirds took the first one 10 minutes into the game on a tripping call.

The Dinos made no mistakes on their first power play, using shots from the point. This resulted in a misplayed puck by Thunderbirds goaltender Matt Hewitt, which



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The Dinos will get a well deserved break after their recent on-ice dominance.

Dinos forward Spencer Edwards quickly tapped in.

Calgary soon found themselves in trouble, taking three consecutive penalties to finish off the first period.

Fortunately for the Dinos, their penalty kill was up to the task. The Thunderbirds registered a total of three shots on goal. Calgary's defensive work provided limited access to the net, with Jacob DeSerres stopping what little got through.

"We were really happy with

how the first period went," said Dinos head coach Mark Howell. Despite a stellar first period, DeSerres was beat by the first shot of the second period. Thunderbirds forward Cole Wilson cut the lead in half after a cross-crease feed by a streaking winger Anthony Bardaro.

"We started turning over pucks, got a little lazy and stopped skating and it cost us," Howell said.

The remainder of the second period was a tight checking affair. Calgary had most of the

opportunities, but they were unable to find success against Hewitt.

However, with four minutes left, Calgary's defence didn't find the same result. Following a broken play in their own zone, UBC forward Manraj Hayer to chip the puck over DeSerres, leveling the game at 2-2.

Dinos forward Ryan Harrison helped break the tie with five minutes left in the third. Harrison intercepted a pass at half, split the defence and dropped the puck to

a wide open Christopher Collins, who slapped it into the net.

Not to be outdone, the Thunderbirds quickly tied it up with a wristshot from Nate Fleming along the boards, which sneaked through DeSerres' five-hole. The goal forced the game into overtime.

There was a high-paced back and forth between the two teams in overtime. A bad pass by Calgary in the Thunderbirds' zone led to a two on nothing chance for UBC. DeSerres, however, decided to take matters into his own hands, knocking his own net off its moorings before a shot could be taken.

DeSerres' action forced a penalty shot after a lot of deliberation and some protests from an upset UBC bench. The Dinos netminder came up huge, making a confident glove save on UBC's potentially game-winning opportunity.

"It just happened so quick," said DeSerres on the choice to move his net. "I had to make a decision, so I made one."

It was a game winning decision, as Calgary's Collins scored his second goal of the night on the next play to win the game.

The Dinos have a break until Jan. 3 when they will face off against the University of Alberta Golden Bears in Edmonton.

SCHOLARSHIPS »

Dinos swimmer named Rhodes Scholar

Ashton Chugh
Sports Editor

University of Calgary swimmer Bogdan Knezevic has been named a Rhodes Scholar. He is one of 11 Canadian students to earn the distinction this year.

The Rhodes Scholarship pays for two years of graduate school and living costs at Oxford University. Famous recipients include journalist and MP Chrystia Freeland, *New Yorker* writer Atul Gawande and former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

Knezevic's family left conflict-ridden Serbia in the 1990s to start a new life in Canada. As they overcame language and cultural barriers, Knezevic said his parents' perseverance inspired him every day.

"I'm thrilled to be able to

pursue my dream of studying medical sciences in a global context at Oxford. I'm very thankful for my supportive family and faculty who encouraged me to apply," Knezevic said.

Throughout his five-year tenure at the U of C, Knezevic has dominated in both athletics and academics, consistently being named to the Dean's List with a 4.0 GPA while studying neurosciences.

Knezevic was recently named the Academic All-America of the Year by Capital One. He is also an Academic All-Canadian Scholar athlete for his accomplishments in the pool and is the reigning Canadian Interuniversity Sport 200-metre individual medley champion.

When studying medical sciences across the pond, Knezevic plans to continue swimming,



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Knezevic prospered during his time with the Dinos swimming program.

"My swimming is very important to me. I plan to continue my swimming while at Oxford," Knezevic said. "I understand there's a great coach there who

can work with me as I train for the 2016 Olympics."

The Rhodes Scholarship is among the world's most prestigious student awards. They are

given annually to 83 students worldwide who are of outstanding intellect, character, leadership and commitment to service.

VERY SERIOUS NEWS

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THE DARK SIDE OF DE-STRESSING »

Puppy room revealed to be front for underground dog-fighting operation

Melanie Bethune
Tepid animal rights activist

After weeks of investigation, Campus Security has issued an official report condemning former Students Union vice-president student life Ben Cannon for operating an underground dog-fighting ring under the guise of "Pet Therapy."

"What many students and staff might have seen as a harmless de-stressing event is actually the front for underground gambling," the report read.

According to the report, the puppy room, operating under the street name "POOCH PACK SMACKDOWN," housed dogs for students to interact with during the day. However, at night it was converted into a melee style bloodsport venue.

"This isn't the first operation of this scale that has been reported," said head of campus security Byron Hornsby. "Last year, security at UBC found almost \$500,000 worth of cocaine being transferred in the stomachs of their dogs. Putting dogs and university



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Jonah Ardiel said he is as much a victim of this crime as this adorable dog

students together is an inherently shady operation."

Hornsby questioned why administration and security didn't attempt an investigation earlier.

"There were warning signs from the start. The SU advertised it as a puppy room yet brought in adult dogs, almost all of which were incredibly

muscular pitbulls," Hornsby said.

The operation was uncovered after a flyer advertising the upcoming end of semester "Stress-less Brawl in MacHall" was found improperly sorted into a MacHall food-court compost bin.

"Nothing says stress-less week like gambling your life's

savings away on the most brutal animal fight of the century," the flyer said in blaring orange comic sans, with a low-resolution image of Cannon holding a chihuahua wearing boxing gloves in the background.

"This isn't a poor man's operation," Cannon said. "It's a lot of hard work, from connecting

with vendors to organizing the actual betting system to coming up with signature merch."

He then turned to show off his bedazzled jean jacket bearing the words "TOP DAWG" in rhinestones on the back.

It is estimated that Cannon has made upwards of \$3 million since December of last year.

"Don't get me wrong, I love animals and I don't want to hurt them," Cannon said. "But I also love cold hard cash. These puppies have been helping me make it rain all year. I'd do it all again in a heartbeat. I have no regrets, man."

Current vice-president student life Jonah Ardiel claimed absolutely no involvement in the operation and said he had no idea what Cannon was doing with the dogs after hours.

"I love puppies and I love putting them in a room. That's all," he said, quietly sobbing into the tail of a golden retriever. "How could Ben do such a thing? Gosh, he seemed so swell."

The dog obviously knew Ardiel was stressed and made no attempt to move away.

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THIS WEEK
 Well, that's all folks. Friday Dec. 5 marks the last day of fall term lectures. If this is your first year at university, you may find yourself looking ahead to the mysterious unknowns of finals with wide eyes and a nervous heart, while you seasoned experts may find yourselves facing the prospect of a 9th, 10th or 11th round of finals with something more akin to boredom. But for all of you, as hard as it may be, put the last of your will-power to good use for the homestretch, and then sell, trash or burn your course materials and enjoy the holidays. Merry Hanukkah, Good Christmas, Happy Tidings, Welcome New Year, Dah who dor-aze. We'll be back in block week.



FUN FACTS ABOUT CJSW

Want a quick primer on CJSW? These facts should get you started:

- We receive over 3,500 records per year.
- Mayor Naheed Nenshi read the news on CJSW when he was a student at the U of C.
- Our series "Today in Canadian History" hit #1 on the iTunes podcast charts with over a half-million downloads to date.
- We host around 100 live band performances in our studio every year.
- Our annual charity hockey tournament "Slurpee Cup" has raised over \$20,000 for local charities.
- CJSW was the first station in Calgary to feature a female DJ.
- "Megawatt Mayhem," Saturdays 10:00 to 12:00 PM, is the longest running metal show in Canada.
- Over 100 awesome local businesses support the station every year by participating in a discount card for station donors.
- We support over 50 different festivals through the year including Sled Island, Calgary Folk Music Festival, Afrikadey!, Lilac Fest, Blues Fest, and the Calgary International Film Festival.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The station has over 300 volunteers from the university and community at large. Volunteers can receive industry-standard training in audio production, library archiving, and on-air broadcasting. Every DJ you hear on the radio is a volunteer who programs for the love of music and spreading the word to their communities.

Students from the University of Calgary can take advantage of spoken-word training from



our news department, access our 100,000-piece library, and make valuable connections in Calgary's arts and culture sector. If you host a show, you will have thousands of listeners ready to hear your message.

If you're interested in getting involved with Calgary's only campus and community radio station, email office@cjsw.com or drop by the station located at Room 312 in MacEwan Hall, just around the corner from the Ballroom.

WHAT IS CJSW?

CJSW is Calgary's campus and community radio station, broadcasting 24/7 throughout the city on 90.9 FM, and around the world at cjsw.com. The station is maintained and operated by a group of six staff members and over 300 amazing volunteers.

Our goal is to provide an alternative to commercial media by recognizing and promoting the diverse musical styles, points of view and cultures that exist within our city. CJSW strives to provide programming to a diverse audience by programmers that are varied in their ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, age, and physical and mental ability. Our diverse programming includes music, arts, spoken word and multicultural programs.

With our ongoing commitment to providing a true radio alternative in the Calgary region, CJSW is listener-driven radio, with a very loyal audience. This loyalty is particularly evident during the station's annual week-long funding drive, during which the station raises approximately \$200,000 annually - the highest amount raised by any campus or community radio station in the nation!

A model for the rest of the community radio sector in Canada, the award-winning radio produced at CJSW shows the power, vitality and importance of volunteer-programmed radio.