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ACADEMICS »

Administration presents concept paper for elite graduate college

Chris Adams
 News Editor

The University of Calgary's top graduate and post-doctoral students may soon find themselves with a new space to live, work and study.

Graduate residential colleges (GRCs) are elite colleges for faculty, graduates and post-doctoral students within a larger university. They give high-achieving students and faculty a place to live and study together.

Students living and using GRCs take part in academic events, attend speaking seminars and study with visiting scholars and academics.

Members of administration presented a conceptual white paper — a document used to explore "the value and possible concepts for a future GRC at the U of C" — to General Faculties Council (GFC) on Dec. 11, 2014.

GFC carried a motion recommending the U of C develop a proposal to create a GRC based on the paper. Information detailing the college isn't final, but the paper details how the college could look.

The paper suggests the top one or two floors of the new graduate residence, Crownsnest Hall, house the college. Fifty per cent of college members could be graduate students living in the residence, 20 per cent graduate students living outside residence, 20 per cent "senior scholars," with post-doctoral students and visiting members at five per cent each.

The paper outlined four phases. It said the college could enter a "soft launch" phase next fall. If the white paper's outline is followed, between 40-70 members would enter the college between 2015-17. Phases two and three would expand membership to 125 members by 2020 before completion that year.

Graduate Students' Association (GSA) vice-president finance and services Mike Webster, who will sit on the GRC committee, said the faculty of graduate studies voted in favour of the project "in principle," and that the GSA tentatively supports the college.

But he said there are some things he wants to watch out for.

"There were a number of grad program directors who wanted to make



The GRC white paper said the top floors of Crownsnest Hall could house the college. LOUIE VILLANUEVA

sure that it wasn't overly elitist — that there were other ways to get into the college other than just academic performance," Webster said. "They [also] wanted to know what spin-off benefits might accrue to the rest of campus."

Students' Union president Jarett Henry said administration wants to use the college as a recruitment tool, boost interdisciplinary research and as a means to plan events.

Henry initially had concerns about whether "main campus resources" would support an elite graduate college, but he said those concerns were addressed by the concept paper.

"I was actually happy with the proposal that they had. They want to get it off the ground in a small testing phase and then look for a donor to fund the college in the long term so there wouldn't be resources going from the

main campus to the college," Henry said.

Provost and vice-president academic Dru Marshall emphasized the infancy of the college, calling it a "gleam of an idea."

"We had a white paper that was put together by a couple of people in the academy. We talked about it at length. They brought the idea to GFC with the idea of putting a proposal together," Marshall said.

Both the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto have GRCs. The U of T's Massey College houses 130 students. Members are selected from the U of T and the broader community.

Students are admitted to Massey College based on academic achievement, scholarships received and community engagement.

Conceptual White Paper for Graduate Residential College

The building could take up the top two floors of Crownsnest hall with 40-70 members by 2017. Phase three could see the college expand to 125 members by 2020.



University to award \$25,000 for healthy campus ideas

Alesia Sullivan
Gauntlet News

Champions for a Healthier Campus, a new Wellness Centre initiative, will award \$5,000 to five groups of students for ideas to make the University of Calgary healthier.

Wellness Centre health promotion coordinator Russell Thomson said it's important to take student suggestions into account when making changes to campus.

"[Students] being able to implement their own ideas on campus, giving back to their own community, that's huge," Thomson said. "I think it's important for students to have a say in how health policies and health programs are delivered and disseminated in their community."

The contest is open to all students. Groups of three to seven must submit proposals outlining how they plan to make campus healthier. Some students, like third-year urban studies major Erin Lloyd, are already formalizing their ideas.

"Maybe a campus tax system. If you go for the sugary Gatorade over water, you'd pay extra, and that extra would go towards [something] like helping fund the reconstruction of MacHall," Lloyd said.

Students' Union vice-president student life Jonah Ardiel said restrictions are loose. He expects students to submit lots of ideas.

"When you provide an opportunity like this and they give you the money to do it, they're more likely to take the effort," Ardiel said.

Committee formed to revise 25-year-old sexual harassment policy

Chris Adams
News Editor

A sub-committee called Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence formed on Jan. 21 to develop recommendations on how to prevent sexual harassment both on campus and online.

The University of Calgary defines sexual harassment as "any type of conduct that emphasizes the sexuality, gender or sexual orientation of an individual and creates for them an offensive, intimidating or hostile environment."

Current policy suggests individuals stop sexual harassment by informing the harasser that they're being offensive. If that doesn't work, they suggest contacting the sexual harassment advisor, a dean, an administrator or the police.

The committee will first meet on Jan. 29, taking the next three to four months to develop a list of recommended changes to the current policy. They'll report their findings to provost and vice-president academic Dru Marshall in May.

Consent Awareness and Sexual Education (CASE) club president Emily Leedham is the undergraduate representative on the committee. Leedham said she was harassed on the U of C Confessions Facebook page and reached out to vice-provost student experience Susan Barker.

"We let her know the situation and said this might be a good time to be a leader on university campuses and be proactive in addressing online harassment. She completely agreed and was completely supportive. She said that they would be willing to work with us and find some solutions," Leedham said.

The committee has two students, four faculty representatives and five "subject matter experts," including Women's Resource Centre coordinator Nanako Furuyama.

Furuyama hopes the committee discourages a culture of victim blaming, saying any policy should be victim-centred.



Leedham sits on the new sexual harassment committee. LOUIE VILLANUEVA

The sexual harassment policy was last changed in January 1990, despite the policy claiming that "due to the nature of the issue of sexual harassment, the policy and procedures are regularly revised and updated."

U of C policy doesn't currently mention sexual harassment on social media.

"Things have changed since. There is no formal policy on sexual violence, and recently there are a lot of cases online that aren't included in the sexual harassment policy," Furuyama said.

The committee's mandates include understanding "current trends

related to sexual harassment and sexual violence both on campus and through social media, assessing the effectiveness of current policies and determining if any gaps exist in those policies."

Other post-secondaries in Canada have found themselves embroiled in controversy over cases of sexual harassment and assault. These include the recent Dalhousie University scandal where male dentistry students made misogynistic Facebook comments toward female students.

Without naming names, Marshall said the U of C has a chance to learn "inexpensive lessons" given what's happened at other schools in Canada.

"It's forced us to make sure that if those kinds of events happened at our institution, we would have processes to deal with any of the eventualities," Marshall said.



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STUDENTS' UNION »

UBCO to study weed as treatment for PTSD

Kaitlyn Kokoska
The Martlet

VICTORIA — The University of British Columbia Okanagan (UCBO) and Tilray, a Health Canada-licensed producer of medicinal marijuana, will team up in a study to treat veterans, first-responders and sexual assault victims with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Tilray employs over 200 Canadians from its location in Nanaimo and, pending approval, will provide marijuana to participants for the study this summer.

The study aims to lessen symptoms of PTSD such as flashbacks, anxiety, insomnia and depression with marijuana as an alternative to pharmaceuticals and therapy.

In 2013, the American Psychiatric

Association's manual for diagnosing mental disorders added recurrent traumatic events to the criteria for causes of PTSD. These include situations police officers and first-responders experience that cause constant mental and emotional stress on the job, causing impairments in brain function.

UBCO associate professor Zach Walsh and his team will train participants to take the substance through vaporizers, a non-smoke method of ingestion. The study's ultimate goal is to use the substance in a healthy manner in the hopes that the data will help physicians with informed decisions about treatment options.

Many people with PTSD self-medicate with drugs and alcohol. This dulls symptoms in the short term, but has detrimental long-term health effects like addiction.

TUITION AND FEES »

Students' Union finalizes new market modifier policy

Fabian Mayer
News Assistant

The Students' Union passed a new policy on market modifiers Jan. 20, saying what the SU expects of university administration before it would consider approving a market modifier proposal.

The policy suggests the university spend more time demonstrating the necessity of a market modifier. This includes demonstrating student demand for better programs and a clear disparity in program quality between the U of C and other institutions in Canada.

The policy also states that the university should provide a clear explanation of how market modifier revenue would be spent.

The SU wants to see broad consultation with students in the form of town halls and data collection through surveys.

SU vice-president external Levi Nilson thinks the new policy, which replaced a policy adopted in 2012, will help the SU deal with market modifiers in the future.

"The old [policy] didn't really give us any flexibility to have any negotiation with the university

about what we'd like to see," he said.

Market modifiers allow universities in Alberta to raise tuition in certain faculties beyond the rate of inflation.

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—Levi Nilson, SU VP external

The new policy is largely based on the SU's experience advocating against market modifiers in late 2014, when market modifiers were debated.

Nilson was unhappy with the consultation process when market modifiers were used to increase tuition in the engineering and law programs at the U of C in the fall semester.

He said the new policy will create

better communication between the SU and administration.

"It really allows us to have clear expectations for what we want for consultation and how we expect the university to engage with students," Nilson said.

U of C provost and vice-president academic Dru Marshall believes that the university's consultation on market modifiers last year was adequate.

"We talked to the students at the tuition and fee consultation committee much more than is required by the ministry," Marshall said. "Having talked to the government, they held up our process as gold standard."

With the Alberta government's financial problems, Nilson said he is worried about market modifiers being used again in the future. Marshall did not say whether administration will make use of them again.

"Market modifiers have been done twice. I am not sure if market modifiers are going to be entertained into the future. At this point I think it's hypothetical," Marshall said.

Marshall praised the SU's advocacy efforts surrounding the issue of market modifiers.

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BRIEFS

Students' Union business representative calls for a re-vote on law rep's semester-long excusal motion

SU law representative George Huang's excusal for the winter semester is in jeopardy after business rep Tyler Hodgson called for the approval to be rescinded.

Huang moved to Toronto to attend law school with his fiancée. He will continue to get paid and said he can still do "75 per cent" of his duties as an elected official.

The SU will vote on whether or not to rescind the excusal request at Students' Legislative Council on Tuesday Feb. 3.

SU changes MacHall tenant advertising bylaws

The Students' Union is making it easier for tenants in MacHall to advertise their services. Third-party tenants including Jugo Juice or Kobe Beef can now put up banners for two weeks each year. This works out to 32 banners for all tenants throughout the school year.

SU vice-president operations and finance Adam Swertz said the SU wanted to give tenants more ways to advertise.

"We never want MacHall to become a shopping centre or have that feel to it," Swertz said.

STUDENT LIFE »

Science representatives find space for new science students' lounge

Scott Strasser
News Assistant

A students' lounge for the faculty of science may open by fall 2016 in ST 142, according to Students' Union science representative Kean Bexte.

Bexte said science reps started working to secure a lounge last year and now have a space.

Commonly known as the Elbow Room, ST 142 is a computer lab between Science Theatre's two largest lecture halls, ST 140 and ST 148.

Bexte said the Elbow Room is the ideal location for the new lounge. The room is roughly twice the size of the arts lounge and can fit around 120 people.

"The walls are all windows, it's spacious, we can have office space for the students' society, meeting space, lounging space, collaborative workspace — whatever the students want," Bexte said.

The SU was supposed to hold four focus groups to see what science students want the lounge to look like. However, Bexte said they will now send out a survey due to a lack of student interest in the focus groups. Undergrads in the faculty



Students' Union science rep Kean Bexte helped secure ST 142 to use as a science students' lounge. LOUIE VILLANUEVA

of science will vote on the results.

The SU will then send students' suggestions to administration for approval.

Science is the second largest faculty at the U of C, but it's the largest

without a students' lounge. The faculty houses 18 programs and has roughly 5,000 undergraduate students.

While a Quality Money grant will fund most of the \$100,000-200,000 needed for the lounge, Bexte hopes

the faculty can secure corporate sponsorship as well.

"It would definitely be nice to have some industry sponsors. Imagine walking into the BP Science Lounge. That'd be awesome," Bexte said.

STUDENTS' UNION »

SU downsizes Get Out The Vote campaign

Hayden McBennett
Gauntlet News

This year, the Students' Union will spend \$10,000 on their Get Out The Vote campaign, \$11,000 less than what they spent in 2012.

Get Out The Vote is a campaign that offers students incentives like iPads and Macbooks in exchange for their personal information. Students are then reminded how to vote on election day.

The SU will spend just under \$10,000, with \$3,436 going to general prizes, \$3,000 in coupons for MacHall vendors and \$1,250 for club incentives.

The SU will begin a "soft launch" phase between Feb. 2-13 before a "hard launch" leading up to the expected provincial election from March 9-April 14. The campaign will conclude during O-Week next

fall with a final push for the federal election.

SU vice-president external Levi Nilson helped outline the campaign's 2015 budget.

"We over shot it last [time]. We gave out prizes and we had way too many," Nilson said.

Nilson hopes the campaign will show the government that students are a group worth listening to.

"We haven't really seen the government make good choices in regards to post-secondary and with good indications, they're not going to make good choices in the very near future. It's basically showing them that we do vote," Nilson said.

Only 38.8 per cent of people 18-24 voted in the last provincial election.

The SU receives a list of the students who vote. Get Out The Vote hopes to encourage 7,500 students to vote this year.

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EDITORIAL »

Sexual harassment isn't inevitable



I have pages of graphic rape and death threats organized in a folder. They're arranged by date, and multiple threats sent by the same person are colour-coded with sticky notes. The threats aren't unusual. I've accumulated them as the result of being a woman on the Internet.

Conventional advice suggests that I should ignore these threats. It's like avoiding bullies in a school yard in the hope that they'll go away. But receiving graphic descriptions of someone's plan to rape me shouldn't be the price I have to pay for using the Internet.

Sexual harassment isn't inevitable. It's not an occupational hazard of being online. Women are harassed

intentionally by people who want to hurt and intimidate us. We deserve to feel safe both online and in the real world.

Women are much more likely than men to be harassed online. University of Maryland researchers conducted a study where they created fake chat room profiles with either feminine or masculine names. Accounts with feminine names received around 100 threatening or sexually explicit messages a day, while accounts with masculine names received around 3.7.

Currently, the University of Calgary's policy on sexual harassment doesn't mention social media. Their suggested first step to stop harassment

is "informing the alleged harasser that such behaviour is offensive." Victims of harassment shouldn't be asked to assume responsibility for stopping it. That's why we have Campus Security and a university administration. Sending back a polite email to the person who threatened to slit my throat and rape me isn't going to help anyone.

Taking steps against sexual harassment on social media is hindered by the idea that threats on the Internet are less real or less violent than threats delivered via mail or in person. But this isn't true.

Women who are harassed and intimidated online aren't better off than women who are harassed and

DAWN MUENCHRATH

intimidated while walking down the street. A rape threat isn't less frightening when you receive it via Twitter.

The U of C's sexual harassment policy hasn't been updated since January 1990. In the 25 years since then, our understanding of sexual harassment has changed.

Social media didn't exist 25 years ago. The current policy can't do anything about students being harassed on Twitter because it was written before the site existed. Having a policy that doesn't address any of these changes is a gross misstep, especially considering that the U of C claims the policy is "regularly revised and updated."

Addressing the sexual harassment that women face should be more than a photo op. It requires constant work. Writing policy isn't the end of creating a safe campus for women. We need to ensure that the dialogue surrounding sexual harassment and assault prioritizes the voices of people affected. We need to make sure the people handling these cases are trained to handle them with sensitivity and tact.

Forming a committee to address the prevention of sexual harassment and sexual violence is a good first step. But it's just a first step. We should have done this a long time ago. Being a woman online doesn't have to be dangerous.

Kate Jacobson
 Gauntlet Editorial Board

short form

Should the U of C's harassment policy cover social media?



"Yes, why wouldn't it? It's a technological world."

- Corrine Stahl, fourth-year natural sciences



"Yes, harassment has no boundaries."

- Peter Ip, third-year business



"Yes, but there has to be checks and balance. Free speech is important too."

- Christopher Klune, third-year education



"Yes. Most interactions are online in social media."

- Tonie Minhas, fifth-year political science

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ADMINISTRATION »

Blame the government, not U of C admin

Derek Baker
 Gauntlet Opinions

When the university doesn't have enough money, students are often asked to pick up the cost.

Students are quick to criticize any attempt by administration to raise tuition or residence fees. We complain when the university attempts to cut programs or pull back on services. Our reaction is understandable, but our complaints are misplaced.

In March 2013, the provincial government cut \$147 million from post-secondary funding across Alberta. Though a fraction of that money was returned to university operating budgets in November that same year, the University of Calgary expected a \$36-million

revenue gap in this year's budget. This disparity means the university is operating under fiscal pressure. This gap was also cited as a reason for market modifiers last year.

The Albertan government has returned a portion of the cuts, but post-secondary schools across the province still receive \$64.5 million less than they did in 2012. Coupled with inflation and a rising student population, many institutions don't have enough money to keep everything running.

The return in funding hasn't been distributed evenly across the province. Some institutions received an increase in funding to the level they were at before the cuts, while others are close to breaking even. But the U of C hasn't recovered the same funding from

before the 2013 cuts. Administration can't demand more money from the government, but they can demand it from students.

It's important that students are active in the face of fee hikes. Our opposition to decisions that hurt our education should be organized and widespread. But we need to re-evaluate who we're putting pressure on. University administration is handed a set amount of money from the provincial government. Complaining to admin won't make more money appear.

University administration isn't completely blameless. There are problems at the administrative level, including higher-than-average executive salaries. But the underlying issue is an Albertan government that

refuses to invest in the future.

Alberta's economy lives on oil royalties. Energy is an economically volatile resource and our fortunes rise and fall with the price of oil. Right now, the price for a barrel of oil is less than half of what it was a year ago. Making up this shortfall in revenue means austerity, where important services like health care and education are cut to balance the budget.

As the provincial government begins to talk about austerity, it's more important for students to pressure the government not to slash away at post-secondary funding. We should also consider giving U of C administrators a little less grief while they scramble to deal with the provincial government's mishandling of money.

Secret ballots against the spirit of SLC

Kate Jacobson
Opinions Editor

On Jan. 13, Students' Union law representative George Huang was excused from Student Legislative Council (SLC) for the rest of this semester. The excusal motion is required for Huang to keep his position. Without it, he would be impeached after missing four SLC meetings.

We don't know how anyone sitting on SLC voted on this motion, as the vote was carried out via secret ballot. Other than speculative gossip, no one on SLC knows what their fellow representatives think.

Of course, their constituents don't know either. For an organization that loves to talk about accountability and transparency, everyone hid behind a secret ballot the moment an issue was divisive.

According to SU bylaws, an elected representative can be excused from attending SLC for a term due to religious convictions, family emergencies, medical emergencies or required course components. Huang is moving to Toronto to spend time with his fiancée. The fact that the SU approved his term excusal is suspicious enough. It's even more suspect that they're unwilling to share how they voted.

Our SU isn't like the federal or provincial governments. They control MacHall and clubs policy, not the military or the health care system. There's no need for secrecy, and

there's no reason we shouldn't know how SU representatives vote on every issue.

If you aren't willing to publicly put your name to your opinion, then you should reconsider what you think. Our representatives had enough of an opinion on Huang's excusal motion to vote on it. But they'll never have to defend their decisions because it's impossible to hold them accountable if we don't know how they voted.

Accountability is important and it's good that the SU talks about it. But talk isn't enough. The SU needs to live up to their promises and buzzwords. Having a transparent voting process is either important to them or it's not.

Accountability means making uncomfortable decisions publicly. It means answering to your constituents for your decisions. And it means continuing to do so, even when you're uncomfortable with the topic at hand.

It's hypocritical of the SU to abandon these values so no one has to feel uncomfortable during a vote. Your organization is either transparent or it isn't. We shouldn't have different rules based on how representatives feel.

I expect more from my SU. I'd like this conversation to be about whether Huang deserved an excusal motion or not. But we can't start a conversation or hold our representatives accountable when we don't know how they voted.

Council under the influence

Ashley Grey
Gauntlet Opinions

Alcohol and work should never mix. Yet last week's city council meeting wasted time arguing whether councillors should be able to drink on the job.

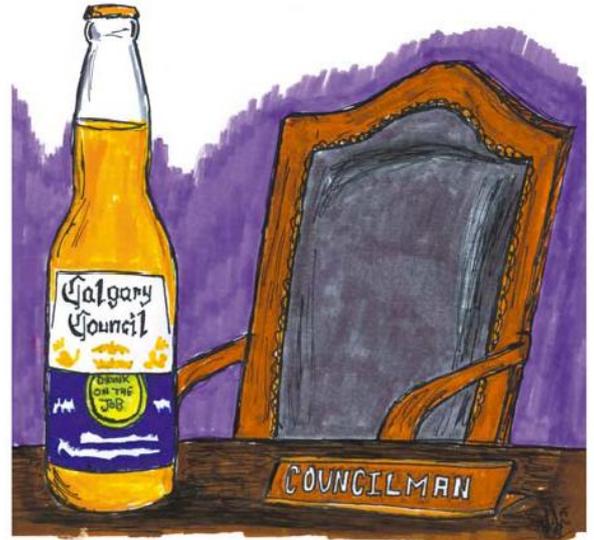
The fact that this is even being discussed is embarrassing to our city. Instead of focusing on important municipal issues, councillors spent the meeting tattling on each other.

Accusations of alcohol and drug use flew around the room in a style suited for reality television. Mayor Naheed Nenshi, as mediator, reminded the councillors that they aren't in "junior high." Like the Rob Ford scandal, these accusations made national news, embarrassing Calgarians.

Most companies already have a zero-tolerance policy for alcohol. In fact, city bureaucrats are banned from drinking on the job. But city councillors aren't city employees and can escape this rule.

It's reasonable to expect that councillors make their judgment calls sober. When council meetings aren't imitating soap operas, they discuss issues like transit, tourism and taxes. Each councillor represents a portion of Calgary, and one of these councillors represents you. I don't want councillors impaired when they're discussing important issues.

I expect people who make decisions on my behalf to make them with clarity of mind. No one else is allowed to drink on the job. Do your professors pregame with a swig of whiskey before lecturing? Of course not, because they would be fired if



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they did so. The people in charge of your education manage to work without the help of alcohol. It's reasonable to expect the same of city council.

Ward 4 councillor Sean Chu argued that working weekends and holidays should give councillors the right to a drink every now and then. But liquor retailers, bartenders and servers all work weekends and holidays and still aren't allowed to drink on the job.

Ward 1 councillor Ward Sutherland questioned whether or not he could have a glass of wine at community events. As a voter, I say no. Drinking doesn't always equal intoxication, but drinking always equals impairment. Any amount of alcohol can affect a person's judgment and alcohol is not

a necessity, especially while at work. Councillors should work to represent their constituencies as best as possible.

Ultimately, council decided to tighten the rules controlling liquor consumption for city councillors. They banned liquor on the job, except for some controlled drinking at special functions.

While the rest of Canada giggles at our politicians, Calgary should look ahead to 2017. Municipal elections mean we can keep our council around or kick them to the curb. We should be looking for hardworking, professional candidates who represent our beliefs and values at city hall — not candidates who can't put a cork in their drinking habits.

101 Things You've Always Wanted to Know about Sex



Jonah Ardiel
VP Student Life



Admit it: you have questions about sex. Everybody does! That's why from Feb. 2–6, the Students' Union, SU Wellness Centre and the Women's Resource Centre (WRC) are teaming up to bring you Sex Week. Check out workshops, lectures and discussions all around MacHall, covering everything you've ever wanted to know about sex.

Check out **Everything You Wanted to Know about Sexuality but Didn't Want to Ask!** presented by Heather Cobb from Alberta Health Services. This workshop is your chance to ask everything you wanted to about sexuality, but didn't know who to ask! Learn how safer sex can be fun and pleasurable!

Check out **Bedmates, Booze, and Babies: A Discussion of the Intersection of Sex, Alcohol and Alcohol-Exposed Pregnancies**

Thursday at 12 p.m. in the WRC, presented by Calgary Fetal Alcohol Network. This seminar-style presentation will invite participants to consider the relationship between sex and gender in an alcoholic culture. This session involves theory, practice... and yes, treats.

Still haven't found what you're looking for? Not to worry, we're not done yet. On Monday come by the **Sex Week Carnival in the North Courtyard of MSC.**

Other workshops and lecture topics this week include

- **Emotional Connection in Intimate Relationships**
- **Introduction to Kink & BDSM**
- **Gender Diversity for Friends, Allies and Helping Professionals**
- **Rethinking Prevention** and more!

Sex Week runs Feb. 2–6 throughout MacHall. For a complete list of Sex Week events and details, visit www.su.ucalgary.ca/sexweek

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- Demonstrated organizational skills with ability to multi-task and manage priorities.
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NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAYS

**THE STUDENTS' UNION,
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Notice is hereby given that Nomination Days are Monday, February 9 to Wednesday, February 11, 2015 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the Students' Union, MSC 251 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Nomination Days.

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Vice President Student Life	1
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Faculty Representatives, Haskayne School of Business	2
Faculty Representative, Kinesiology	1
Faculty Representative, Law	1
Faculty Representative, Cumming School of Medicine	2
Faculty Representative, Nursing	1
Faculty Representatives, Schulich School of Engineering	2
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Faculty Representative, Social Work	1
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LOCAL BOOKS »

Bart Beaty is the man of 1,000 *Archies*Melanie Bethune
Humour Editor

When most people talk about *Archie*, the conversation doesn't gravitate towards academic research. University of Calgary professor Bart Beaty might change that.

His new book, *12-Cent Archie*, explores a decade of *Archie* comic history through 100 short chapters.

For research, Beaty purchased and read over 900 *Archie* comics published between 1961 and 1969.

"It took months to track them all down, mostly with online comics retailers in Colorado and Texas and across the United States," he says. "People started getting word that I was looking for these things."

However, finding the comics was just the beginning.

"Then it was arranging them, sitting down, reading them and taking huge, huge amounts of notes," Beaty says. "I think I have about 900 pages of notes on these. You had to write everything down because you know you're not going to be able to remember anything in the future."

While writing *12-Cent Archie*, Beaty says he found the comics



U of C professor Bart Beaty's new book *12-Cent Archie* examines *Archie* comics academically. LOUIE VILLANUEVA

particularly fascinating for the way they are able to reinvent their simplicity.

"These are very one-dimensional characters and they have very one-dimensional plots," he says. "A lot of them barely have plots, these stories, but they're still able to generate

hundreds and hundreds of different scenarios and gags without repeating themselves as much as I thought they would."

Beaty read comics voraciously in his youth but tapered off in his teens. He didn't begin to look at comics with a close eye until his graduate studies.

"A number of works like *Maus* and *Watchmen* drew me back into comics [as an adult]," Beaty says. "I ended up doing a course paper on comics. One thing led to another and I ended up writing a dissertation on it years later."

Since then, Beaty has published over a dozen books on everything

from the formal elements of comic strips to a survey of superheroes. With *12-Cent Archie*, he shifted focus to a series that hasn't received much attention from academics.

"Everyone wants to write about great comics. No one wants to write about ordinary comics," he says. "So I chose these comics that I'd always loved when I was really small and still remembered loving, but hadn't read at all in 30, 35 years."

Beaty says *Archie* provides an interesting commentary on how children's media deals with, or rather, doesn't deal with, social issues.

"*Archie* is a comic that deals with the major issues of its time by not dealing with them," Beaty says. "And what I mean by that is if you were an alien and came down to this planet to learn about the 1960s just by reading *Archie* comics, you would never know that there is a Vietnam war, you would never know that there was a civil rights movement and you would never know that there were black people because there are none in Riverdale in that era. They just kind of ignored all of the most important issues of their day."

12-Cent Archie can be purchased on Amazon or at your local comic shop.

AROUND TOWN »

Calgary Story Slam brings tall tales to local audiences

Connor Sadler
Entertainment Assistant

Stories are an intrinsic part of our lives. From drunken talks over beers to tales about meeting crazy people while travelling, everyone has their stories.

The Calgary Story Slam, created by Jilliane Yawney in October 2012, gives Calgarians the opportunity to share stories of their own.

After attending poetry slams around the city, Yawney applied the same concept to the story slam.

The first slam, held at Shelf Life Books, was similar to a poetry slam, and the format has stayed the same since. Narrators sign up for a five-minute slot and judges are randomly selected from the audience. They critique the performances and award the best narrator a prize at the end of the night.

Since 2012, attendance has grown



Phil Dack tells a story at a recent Calgary Story Slam at the Rose & Crown Pub.

COURTESY STEPHANIE JAGER

and the slam has moved to the Rose & Crown Pub.

To prevent the same stories from being repeated, each slam has a different theme. Recent ones include, "It All Began When," "Revenge" and "Under Cover."

"That [theme change] has the effect of generating different ideas and bringing different stories forward," Yawney says. "It's sort of like a springboard for thoughts and inspiration."

Previous themes have reflected events in Calgary. Last year there was

a slam focused on accounts from the 2013 flood.

"The stories are all 100 per cent first person," she says. "That's what's so wonderful about this event. You meet strangers and they tell you about personal things that have happened to

them in a beautiful, artistic way."

Stories about love and travelling are told alongside humorous tales about people stealing random objects to get back at their bosses.

Yawney describes the atmosphere as relaxed and informal with a lot of regulars who return each month. Story tellers are as young as six and as old as 85.

Although the slam has been a popular event for years, Yawney says it needs support from the community to grow.

"I need volunteers. I need people who want to put it on with me and that's a challenge because we just barely scrape by. At the moment we're just keeping it running, I love it the way it is though."

The next slam is on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose & Crown Pub.

For more information visit
[facebook.com/CalgaryStorySlam](https://www.facebook.com/CalgaryStorySlam)

LOCAL ARTS »

MRU to open new performing arts centre

Connor Sadler
Entertainment Assistant

Opening this summer, Mount Royal University's (MRU) Conservatory and Bella Concert Hall will be the first performing arts centre built in Calgary since the Epcor Centre opened in 1985.

The centre will grow MRU's conservatory music program, adding new classrooms, six specialized rehearsal rooms and a 773-seat concert hall. Classrooms in the conservatory will be available for public use.

"[The new space] really allows us to be more creative with what we do and serve a broader community," conservatory director Paul Dornian says. "We wanted to create a space that adds value to the whole arts community and the community at large."

Dornian says that it's not uncommon for cities to go years without building new arts centres, considering the resources needed. The Bella Concert Hall received over \$70 million from the government and the Taylor family to fund construction. The centre is named after Taylor family matriarch Mary Belle Taylor,



An artist's rendition of the completed Conservatory and Bella Concert Hall. COURTESY MOUNT ROYAL CONSERVATORY

known as Bella to friends and family.

"When you stop and think of the complexity and how much is involved, [you need] growth in the community to warrant [construction of new arts centres]," Dornian says. "In any community, this sort of thing

doesn't happen that often."

The centre's design is inspired by local landscapes, such as the prairies and mountains. This provincial theme is carried into the main concert hall by the acoustic panneling modelled after an Alberta wild rose.

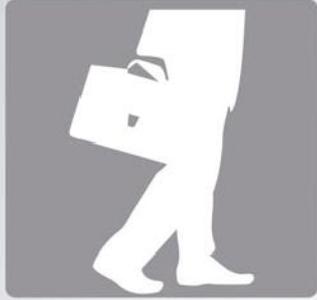
"I remember a stunning picture of an old barn in the foothills," Dornian says. "[The architects] translated that into this very striking steel beam architecture on the interior of the concert hall that works as both a structural and a striking design feature."

CAMPUS STYLE »



Jessica Lee's hybrid of classic styles and modern cuts is nothing short of adorable. Jessica, a third-year international relations student, draws inspiration from the sophisticated Tilda Swinton paired with the evocative sounds of jazz. And if the polka dots and ruffled collar weren't enough to make you swoon, her socks have glasses on them.

Hayden McBennett



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STAFF PICKS »
JAN. 29 - FEB. 4

Friday, Jan. 30:

Elevated Etiquette hip hop open mic night. Enjoy the entertainment or flex your skills on the mic.
Place: Cafe Koi
Time: 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30:

The U of C Film Society's weekly screening series features Billy Wilder's 1951 film noir *Ace in the Hole*. Screenings are free for members or memberships can be purchased for \$5.
Place: SS 203
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30 - Thursday, Feb. 5:

The Great Digital Film Festival. A week of films given a second chance on the silver screen, including the *X-men* series (screened in reverse order), *Blade Runner*, a 25th anniversary screening of *Dick Tracy*, the *Kill Bill* series and many more.
Place: Scotiabank Theatre Chinook
Time: 1:00 p.m. - Feb. 5

Friday, Jan. 30:

Past Your Bedtime Improv. Billed as "late night improv with a twist," actors create hilarious and off-beat scenes based on audience suggestions.
Place: Loose Moose Theatre Company
Time: 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 4:

Orthicon and Tropic Harbour perform with local electronic group Beach Season in what promises to be a hell of a show.
Place: Broken City
Time: 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 4 - Sunday, Feb. 8:

PARTICLE + WAVE media arts festival. A showcase of art that is constantly evolving and changing by using technology.
Place: EMMEDIA Gallery & Production Society
Time: Varies

NEW MUSIC »



Panda Bear
Panda Bear Meets the Grim Reaper
Jan. 9, 2015 (Domino)

Animal Collective's Noah Lennox, aka Panda Bear, is a man whose life revolves around family. His solo album, *Person Pitch*, filtered his move

to Lisbon and his relationship with his brother through a sunny, sample-heavy lens. His follow-up, *Tomboy*, featured murky compositions focused on his paranoia of one day not being able to provide for his family.

Panda Bear Meets the Grim Reaper is a departure from the past. The album deals with overcoming the fear of death. Lennox's treatment of dark subject matter marks an artistic triumph in his career.

Grim Reaper has Lennox's taste for early '90s hip hop all over it. Booming bass drums and powering high-hats define "Crosswords." The relatively uninspired melody on "Boys Latin" is augmented with engaging vocal atmospherics and pulsing, bubbling synths, reminiscent of

the Dust Brothers.

The gorgeous "Tropic of Cancer" is a career highlight. It's a melodic, Tchaikovsky-sampling attempt to sympathize with the cancer that took Lennox's father's life. This song, along with "Lonely Wanderer," exhibits the fragile yet assured tenor of Lennox's voice as it glides along droning ambient sounds and luscious piano.

In "Selfish Gene" he covers familiar territory in a flowing ballad devoted to the need for family. Lastly, "Acid Wash" is a triumphant take-off (it features jet-engine sounds) and a jubilant reaction to defeating his demons. *Grim Reaper* is an interesting and compelling ride that's worth taking.

Liam Harrison



Sleater-Kinney
No Cities to Love
Jan. 20, 2015 (Sub Pop)

After a 10-year break from recording, punk-rock staple Sleater-Kinney have returned with the triumphant *No Cities to Love*. The band certainly hasn't

let their talent wither — the new album is as powerful and disarming as the work that precedes it.

The band features dual guitarists and vocalists Corin Tucker and Carrie Brownstein, who are backed by Janet Weiss on drums. Known for their vocal support of feminism and liberalism, these ideals drive Sleater-Kinney's music.

From the album's opening track, "Price Tag," these beliefs are paired alongside distorted punk guitars with lyrics that criticize America's skewed distribution of wealth.

However, politics don't define the album. The instrumentals and hooks on the record are strong enough to stand alone.

A particularly impressive song is

the anthemic title track, which showcases the band's affinity for mixing punk instrumentals with infectious vocal hooks.

The group also explores pop music territory as they introduce synthesizers on "Fangless." While the move will upset punk-rock purists, these elements are tastefully added and the music doesn't lose its bite.

In contrast, "No Anthems" is the most abrasive music the band has ever released, with jagged guitars looping through the verses before the song explodes into a defiant chorus.

No Cities to Love is an incredible release from a band that has earned their place as punk icons. Let's hope they're here to stay.

Jason Herring

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BASKETBALL »

Dinos split series with Vikes

Scott Strasser
Gauntlet Sports

The Dinos men's basketball team maintained their position on top of the pioneer division after splitting their home series with the University of Victoria Vikes over the weekend. Game one ended 81-63 for the Vikes, but the Dinos got their revenge in game two, winning 79-73.

The Dinos now have an 11-4 record and are two points ahead of the second place University of Saskatchewan Huskies with five games left in the regular season.

The Vikes were easily the better team on Friday, shooting .524 compared to the Dinos' .385. The Vikes were also better from the three-point line, shooting .292 compared to the Dinos' .125.

"We didn't shoot the ball well," Dinos head coach Dan Vanhooren said. "We missed a few assignments defensively that we should have had and we gave some shots to some guys who normally don't score as many points as they did tonight."

Point guard Marcus Tibbs was key for the Vikes, putting up 22 points and nine assists.

Dinos star and fifth-year point guard Jarred Ogungbemi-Jackson managed 15 points, enough to put him third on the Dinos' all-time scoring list.

Ogungbemi-Jackson said he had mixed feelings about his success while



The Vikes won game one with their stellar defence.

LOUIE VILLANUEVA

his team was down.

"I'm a team-first guy to begin with, so I want to see our team win before I get accolades," Ogungbemi-Jackson said.

It was a close first quarter, ending with the Vikes up 18-16. In the second frame, the Vikes went on a 7-0 run and ended the half 38-30.

The second half was all Victoria. Despite Ogungbemi-Jackson making two three-point plays, the Vikes took advantage of the Dinos' soft defence. By the end of the third quarter, the Vikes were up 63-48.

The Dinos never came any closer, falling behind by 24 at one point. Early into the fourth, the Vikes went on a 6-0 run, knocking in three easy lay-ups en route to an 18-point victory.

"We have to be able to compete with

the top teams in our league," Vanhooren said. "We have to get healthier. We have to move the ball and trust ourselves to get the job done."

The Dinos fared much better on Saturday, getting revenge in a game that was neck-and-neck until the final minutes.

The Dinos shot .483 from the field and .474 from the three-point line, a vast improvement from Friday.

The defence was notably stronger, keeping Tibbs to 11 points — just half of what he had achieved the night before.

Ogungbemi-Jackson and fifth-year forward Philip Barndt were key to the Dinos' victory, proving the importance of experience.

"Friday night we only played one half of basketball. Saturday was a full team

effort. The energy was a lot better and we played for four quarters," Ogungbemi-Jackson said.

The Vikes' best player on Saturday was fifth-year forward Chris McLaughlin, who managed 18 points and nine rebounds.

After a tight first quarter that ended tied at 22, the Vikes led 35-34 going into the half.

Barndt had a great third quarter for the Dinos, keeping his team in the game with a series of three pointers. Barndt shot .64, ending the game with 18 points.

The match was tied again going into the fourth quarter. The Vikes pulled ahead early, but Ogungbemi-Jackson put up 13 points to win the game for the Dinos in a thrilling finish. He finished with 29 points, tying his season high.

After a frustrating 2013-14 season, the Dinos now look like a lock to compete in the playoffs. Vanhooren credits the attitudes of his player for the team's improvement.

"We changed our team. We have a stronger team culture," Vanhooren said. "The guys are working hard at what we're trying to do and I think they're finding some success with it."

The Dinos head west on Jan. 30-31 to take on the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds, who currently are riding an eight-game winning streak.



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JOJ moves into third all time on the Dinos' scoring list

Scott Strasser
Gauntlet Sports

Fifth-year point guard Jarred Ogungbemi-Jackson (JOJ) became the Dinos' third all-time highest scorer last weekend in the first game of a double header against the University of Victoria Vikes.

Ogungbemi-Jackson needed 14 points to move ahead of John Riad's total of 1,687 points. Expectations were high considering he averaged just under 20 points per game throughout the season.

He ended the game with 15, overcoming Riad's record with 7:40 left in the fourth quarter.

"I'm extremely proud of it and it's a great accomplishment," Ogungbemi-Jackson said. "As I came closer to the scoring mark people started telling me about it. When you know you're only 10 or 15 points away, obviously it's in your head. But going into games I wasn't really thinking about it."

The Dinos lost the game 81-63, causing mixed emotions for the record breaker.

"Getting the record but being down by 20 was a different type of feeling," Ogungbemi-Jackson said. "At the time my focus was on how we were going to get back in the game and try to get a win on our home floor."

In game two, JOJ equaled a season-high 29 points en route to a crucial 79-73 victory for the Dinos.

JOJ now has 1,707 points. The two players ahead of him are Karl Tilleman at 2,090 points and Richard Bohne at 2,171.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY »

Shorthanded Dinos smash Pronghorns

Stephane Arnault
Gauntlet Sports

The University of Calgary Dinos (11-5-4) women's hockey team thumped the last place University of Lethbridge Pronghorns (4-16-0) 5-0 at the Father David Bauer Arena on Jan. 23.

"I'm really happy with the way we played tonight," said Dinos head coach Danielle Goyette.

The Dinos won without all-star forward Hayley Wickenheiser in their lineup.

Wickenheiser was attending the Canadian National Women's Hockey Camp in Montreal.

"She's hopefully coming back for next game," Goyette said.

Dinos forward Jenna Smith scored first halfway through the opening peri-

od. Smith crashed the net and jammed the puck home to give the Dinos a 1-0 edge.

Two minutes into the second, Dinos forward Heather Berzins swept in her own rebound on one knee, doubling Calgary's lead to 2-0.

"After I shot it, I saw the puck and I just kind of knew," Berzins said. "I'm kind of falling into my own confidence on this team, so that was kind of a good point for me to get to tonight."

Later in the period, Kate Lumley sniped a shot from the slot, going crossbar-down and in.

Calgary peppered Lethbridge goalie Crystal Patterson with 14 shots in the middle frame, carrying a 3-0 lead into the final period.

The Dinos netted two more goals in the third, courtesy of Janelle Parent and Iya Gavrilo. Parent finished the

night with a goal and an assist. Gavrilo's marker was her league-leading 18th goal and 33rd point of the season.

Late in the contest, Lethbridge winger Sadie Lenstra dished out a questionable hit on Dinos forward Jenna Smith. Lenstra clipped Smith with a high check. Smith wasn't injured on the play.

"This is not something we need in our game," Goyette said. "We can't forget they're students. They're not paid to play hockey, and a hit like that is not something we like to see."

The Dinos outshot the Pronghorns 34-18, firing everything they could at Patterson. The Pronghorn netminder leads the league with 716 total saves this season.

"She's big and covers the net," Goyette said. "We knew if we tried to be fancy and just put a couple pucks on

net it was going to be difficult for us. We put a lot of pucks on net and looked for the rebound because if we don't have traffic in front, she will stop the first shot."

The win was a vital confidence booster for the Dinos. The club was coming off a two-game sweep at the hands of their cross-town rivals, the Mount Royal Cougars.

"It was a really tough weekend for us last week," Goyette said. "I feel we came back today and were ready to play."

Dinos goalie Hayley Dowling made 18 saves for her first shutout of the season. It was Calgary's first shutout of the season.

The Dinos will take on the Regina Cougars in a pair of home-and-home games on Jan. 30 and 31. Puck drop for game one goes on Friday at 7 p.m. and at 3 p.m. on Saturday for game two.

Calgary Flames 2015 midseason report

David Song
Gauntlet Sports

The Calgary Flames went into the National Hockey League's all-star weekend with 25 wins, 19 losses and three overtime losses. They sit fourth in the Pacific Division and eighth in the Western Conference. If the season had ended after the all-star break, the Flames would have made the playoffs, booking a postseason date with the league-leading Anaheim Ducks.

They've defied expectations with their goaltending, work ethic and emerging young stars.

The Flames' last outing before the break was a 6-3 loss to the Ducks. They were overpowered despite a gutsy comeback. Despite all of this, they're in the race for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

In net, Calgary is served equally by former Ducks goaltender Jonas Hiller and Kontinental Hockey League import Karri Ramo, with up-and-coming Finn Joni Ortio also in the mix. Together, Hiller and Ramo represent fine depth in net.

Meanwhile, Ortio has an excellent save percentage of .931 and a goals against average of 1.98 through five games. Should he manage to round out his game, Ortio will become an elite goalie.

Last season, Calgary competed in a franchise-record 48 one-goal games, showing they work hard to keep it close. It's the same so far this season. Head coach Bob Hartley has set the tone in the locker room, reminding his troops to play a full 60 minutes every game. As a result, the Flames have become tenacious, willing to take on their opponents with their

never-ending hustle.

That said, Calgary also has its fair share of talent. Rookie sensation Johnny Gaudreau has 35 points in 46 games, using his quickness and puck-handling skills to create offence.

Sean Monahan, a first-round pick in 2013, has 30 points and a plus-seven rating through 47 games. He has played most games with blue-collar forwards Curtis Glencross and David Jones. They have been crucial in shutting down the opposition and giving Gaudreau and Jiri Hudler time and space to work with.

Captain Mark Giordano is on pace for 70 points and a plus-33 rating, a truly sensational performance for a defenceman. In fact, the Flames have had more scoring from their defence than any other team in the league, with T.J. Brodie and Dennis Wideman on pace for 51 and 49 points,



Joni Ortio stepped up when the Flames needed him most. COURTESY HEPHAION

respectively. Blue-line production has allowed the Flames to score goals in situations where the forwards had their hands full.

The Calgary Flames could still miss the playoffs, but even if they do,

this season will be a success. They've shown they can compete with the best and that they are developing spades of young talent. Calgary hockey fans really do have something to cheer about.

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Superbowl XLIX preview

Melanie Bethune
Humour Editor

Inflate your footballs everyone, the Superbowl is here.

The Internet has been in an uproar lately over allegations that the New England Patriots deflated the footballs used in their victory over the Indianapolis Colts for the AFC Championship. Dubbed everything from "deflate-gate" to "ballgazi," the scandal has been blown to epic proportions.

The investigation will take weeks, but there's still football to be played.

Superbowl XLIX will be played at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, on Feb. 1 between the Patriots and the defending champions, the Seattle Seahawks.

While the matchup is advertised as a battle between New England's stellar offence and Seattle's pounding legion-of-boom defence, both teams are coming into the game ready to dominate on both sides of the ball.

New England hasn't won a Superbowl in 10 years. Only two players remain from their last championship team, including quarterback Tom Brady. Despite a fresh roster, the team still has an air of legacy about them. It probably doesn't hurt that they've been one of the top two seeds in the AFC for five years running.

Brady and Belichick are legendary by now, and they've surrounded themselves with spectacular talent. Rob Gronkowski is easily the best tight end in football. The Patriots also have a



The Gauntlet predicts the Seattle Seahawks will win. COURTESY ART01852

unique backfield, headed by the beast-like LeGarrette Blount. Couple that with Brady's passing attack and danger is in store whenever they're on the field.

When the Patriots offence comes up against Seattle's defence, all eyes will be on Seattle safety Kam Chancellor's coverage of Gronkowski. Seattle's defence has a minor crack when it comes to tight ends. They allowed 11 touchdowns during the regular season, tied for the third most in the league. After Chancellor's spectacular interception versus Carolina in the divisional round, everyone is anticipating how he deals with Gronk.

But Seattle's offence can hardly be shrugged aside. Quarterback Russell Wilson and runningback Marshawn Lynch represent a unique dual threat on the ground. Add in Wilson's passing attack and the Patriots defence will have to be careful not to open

a lane to either runner. Both are capable of breakaway plays, and Wilson is creative and mobile enough to escape in third-down and big-yardage situations. Expect some creative play calls from the New England sideline as they work to stifle Seattle's offence.

Seattle wants to become the first repeat Superbowl champions since the 2003-04 New England Patriots. Meanwhile, New England is looking to regain the title that defined them for nearly a decade. It's a battle of two dynasties, old versus new.

It's going to be a tight matchup, but my money's on Seattle stealing this one with their dominant defence and Wilson's improvisation. Tune in on Feb. 1 — not just to see the halftime show and commercials — to watch the two best teams in the league duke it out for the right to leave the season as champions.

OPINION »

Stop hating on the New Year's gym crowd

Sonny Sachdeva
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Jan. 1 is a dreaded day for gym regulars. It marks the first day the New Year's resolution crowd fills the gym in an effort to turn their year into one of personal growth and physical improvement.

The sudden rush of gym-goers can be annoying. According to *Men's Health* magazine, many gyms see their attendance rise by 30 to 50 per cent in January. Smaller gyms like the University of Calgary's fitness centre crowd easily, but this pales in comparison to the worst result of said rush — the endless complaining.

We've all heard the whining from that guy who walks around in full Under Armour gear. He drinks exclusively from his shaker cup and laments how "brutal" it is that all these people have encroached on his own personal workout time. Maybe even your good friends, who seem like decent human beings, draw the line when the gym comes into play.

I get it. It's not fun losing the

freedom to use any machine at any time and run on an open track.

But guess what? The gym doesn't belong to me. I'm not entitled to any special treatment when I'm there and I shouldn't expect to be.

It's selfish to get annoyed and act rude to people coming to the gym to do the same thing you're doing because you think they're an inconvenience. Especially when they're experiencing the gym for the first time.

Yet it's a sentiment that is expressed often and without much

// Recognize that those fresh faces are in the same place you were when you first decided to improve your health.

protest.

Regulars aren't the only ones mildly annoyed. I've heard friends speak as if it's the end of the world. "They'll all fade away by March,"



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Going to the gym is already be difficult without someone hating on you.

they say, "and then things can go back to normal."

Let's take a step back.

What are these new gym-goers

doing to you? What's so horrible about finding the motivation to get healthy and resolving to step into the gym for the first time?

What would you rather be — an ambassador for health and wellness who's happy to see people making the effort? Or an irritated troll angry in the gym because other people are getting in your way with their healthy decisions and goal-setting?

If you want to earn your place in the gym, be there for yourself. Recognize your place within the community. You don't have to show anyone the ropes or give up your machine to every passing newbie. You just have to dial down the misguided selfishness. Recognize that those fresh faces are in the same place you were when you first decided to improve your health.

Would you want to start down a road to a better life in a room full of people waiting for you to fail?

The New Year's crowd isn't simply a lazy, inconvenient mob pretending they are active. They're people looking to make a change for the better.

If you aren't going to do anything to make that transition easier, the least you can do is refrain from making it more difficult.

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What does your future hold?

Melanie Bethune
Devoted Fire Overlord follower

Aquarius
(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
The warm weather is a sign that the Fire Overlords are gaining strength. Fortify your home, protect your loved ones and stock up on deodorant and iced tea in preparation for the apocalypse.

Pisces
(Feb. 19 - March 20)
A tall, bright stranger — one of the Fire Overlords — will ask for your hand in marriage. Take it and don't ask questions. The Fire Overlord will treat you nicely, respect you and, more importantly, maybe not bathe the entire planet in cleansing flame right away. The future of the human race depends on your union.

Aries
(March 21 - April 19)
You may think that

fighting fire with fire is the only solution to the Fire Overlords' tyrannical reign. Of course, as the saying goes, the fire will only grow larger and with it, so will the strength of the Fire Overlord regime.

Taurus
(April 20 - May 20)
You'll begin to question your life decisions. In Fire Overlord society, post-secondary institutions will be incinerated, so you might as well prepare for that. Abandon your studies, throw out that half-finished paper on Altman's syntactic analysis of film and stop going to class. Nobody will give a fuck about academics once the Fire Overlords have taken over.

Gemini
(May 21 - June 20)
Your routine will be interrupted, as the Fire Overlords run society very differently than you're used to. Be prepared to sweat, burn and cry out in pain and agony.

Cancer
(June 21 - July 22)
You will likely feel lonely in the new Fire Overlord regime. If you want to invite a fire overlord into your bed, douse your naked body in gasoline. At less than 80 cents a litre, it's a cheap option. Besides, nothing gets a Fire Overlord hornier than the scent of fresh gasoline.

Leo
(July 23 - Aug. 22)
Sharing will be of great benefit to you, as the Fire Overlords believe in the communal experience. That is, no matter their economic standing, every man, woman and child will be subjected to the same level of searing hate fire.

Virgo
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You will be faced with a political choice. In the upcoming Canadian federal election, vote for independent candidate Tom Smith. He has promised to negotiate with

the Fire Overlords to settle some appeasement strategy. Trudeau, Mulcair and Harper will just fight pitifully in an attempt to be "noble" and thus vainly delay the inevitable rule of the Fire Overlords.

Libra
(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
Keep an eye on your finances, as paper money and bills will all be incinerated upon the arrival of the Fire Overlords. Liquidate all of your assets into gold bars and store them in Elizabeth Cannon's vault, located a kilometre beneath the Science A building. Of course, even gold will have no value after the Fire Overlords have enacted their flaming regime.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
Appeasement will be incredibly important under the Fire Overlords' rule. Offer up all of your flammable items including all bed linens, chintzy tea towels, pets,

newspapers and Christmas trees. If they are pleased, the Fire Overlords will spare you and your loved ones until the end of the cleansing flame bath.

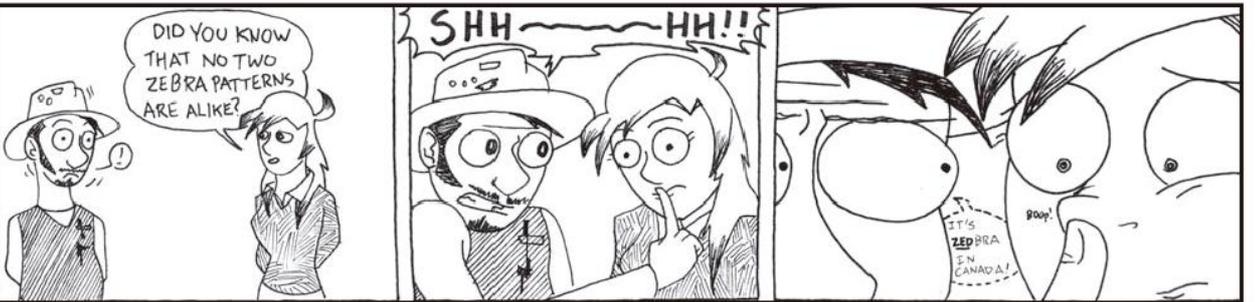
Sagittarius
(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Be careful when dealing with authority figures, as everything changed when the Fire Overlords attacked. The leaders of the fire overlords have already captured your loved ones and are holding them hostage at the centre of a blazing inferno. They will use the threat of harming them as leverage in getting you to do their fiery bidding.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You might think you can escape but you won't. Accept your inevitable fiery fate and maybe purchase some marshmallows. If you're lucky, you'll be able to toast them before the Fire Overlords arrive in full force.

THIS WEEK
As a reminder, term fees are due this Friday, but before you get too depressed about your dwindling funds, just think your barren student bank account probably won't see such a drain again until next September. In other news, Sunday Feb. 1 is World Hijab Day, which aims to break down the misconceptions about headscarves by challenging both muslim and non-muslim women to wear one for a day. Finally, this Monday is Ground Hog Day, a rare event in which the rodents of the world elect to tell us the the future weather trends. Although no match to the insight of the ground hog, using the lesser powers of common sense, I recommend that Calgarians prepare themselves to wear both their winter parkas and sundresses simultaneously for the next six weeks.



Right Ho, James! -James Stevenson



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