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Raquel was birthed miraculously in a puddle of paint with a pencil clutched in her fist at the base of the Three Sisters mountains in Cameroon. A holy child of creativity, we aren't sure how she came to be or where she draws her power from. But we feel truly blessed that she has chosen to share that power with us and paint us with her lively spirit.

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THE GAUNTLET ALWAYS ACCEPTS NEW VOLUNTEERS

SU ELECTION »

U of C students elect 73rd Students' Legislative Council

Fabian Mayer
News Assistant

Weeks of campaigning for the 2015-16 Students' Union election concluded when Chief Returning Officer Chris Yan announced the winners of the election on Thursday, March 5 at the Den. A boisterous crowd packed the dance floor to hear who would represent students on next year's Students' Legislative Council.

Romy Garrido won the race for vice-president external with 29 per cent of the vote, besting runner-up Tristan Bray who came in an unbelievably close second with 28 per cent of the vote. Only 51 votes separated Bray from Garrido.

"I feel really shocked. I can't believe that I won," Garrido said. "I'm so excited to serve our campus next year and I hope I do a great job."

David McDonald came in third with 26 per cent of the vote, while Kyle Schole finished fourth with 17 per cent. Vice-president external was by far the closest race.

Sarah Pousette was elected vice-president operations and finance after receiving 53 per cent of the vote. Kean Bexte came in second with 38 per cent. Dan Jore received nine per cent.

"I am totally in shock right now, 53 per cent of the vote," Pousette said. "I never anticipated that coming. I thought it was going to be a really tight race."

Kirsty McGowan took the vice-president student life position, receiving 55 per cent of the vote. Patrick Ma came in second with 26 per cent, while Matt Ray took 18 per cent.

"I'm so glad that all my hard work has meant something. I just feel ecstatic right now," McGowan said.

Runner-up Patrick Ma was upbeat despite losing the race.

"Kirsty McGowan definitely deserved it. She knows what she's doing and she's going to make a great vice-president student life," Ma said.

Stephan Guscott was elected vice-president academic with 62 per cent of the vote. He beat his sole competitor, Sherin Mohammad, who took 38 per cent of the vote.

Guscott credited relentless campaigning for his victory.



The new Students' Union executive. May they not go gentle into that good night.

LOUIE VILLANUEVA

"[I was] constantly thinking I was behind and just didn't stop campaigning," Guscott said.

Outgoing vice-president academic Hana Kadri said that Guscott deserves the position.

"I have the utmost faith in him," Kadri said. "I don't think a better candidate could have won."

Levi Nilson acclaimed the presidency. He's the first president to acclaim the position in decades, and one of three student association presidents in Alberta to acclaim their presidency this year. Nilson said he was pleased with the results and that he looks forward to working with the incoming executives.

"It's gonna be a fucking sick year," Nilson said. "This is a fantastic team. I couldn't have asked for anything more."

Outgoing SU president Jarett Henry was also happy with the results.

"It looks like an excellent team. This year it seemed like all the candidates were pretty knowledgeable," Henry said.

Just over 25 per cent of undergraduate students voted, totalling 6,190 students. Last year, 7,339 students cast their vote, a 28.8 per cent voter turnout. Voter turnout was down 3.4

There were fewer candidates. Last year there were 64 candidates, this year there were 47. So it makes sense that voter turnout was a littler lower.

—Outgoing Students' Union president Jarett Henry

per cent from last year.

Henry wasn't surprised by the lower turnout.

"There were fewer candidates. Last year there were 64 candidates, this year there were 47. So it makes sense that voter turnout was a little lower," Henry said.

Michael Tom was elected as the undergraduate Board of Governors representative with 31 per cent of the vote.

Emily Leedham, Shubir Shaikh, Jen Tokarek and Haider Ali were elected as arts representatives.

Kaylyn Schnell and Negin Hemati were elected as engineering representatives.

The science representative positions were taken by Julie Le, Hou-da El Sidawi and Conrad Jaeger.

Shubidito Ahmed, Jovey Sharma

won the three-way race for the two medicine representative positions.

Jordan Grant and Conrad Lowe were elected as business representatives.

Megan Kolmatiski acclaimed the sole kinesiology representative position. Education representative was acclaimed by Christopher Klune. Alicia Lunz retained her position as nursing representative. Tasneem Zaman is the new social work representative after acclaiming the position and Mark Shearer acclaimed the position of law representative. Scott Vu and Emily Macphail will stay on as senate representatives after acclaiming the two positions.

Veterinary medicine representative remained vacant as there were no candidates for the position.

U of C poli-sci professor says voting is not an effective political strategy for Alberta students

Riley Hill
Editor-in-Chief

Conventional wisdom says that politicians would take students seriously if more of them voted. According to University of Calgary political science professor Melanee Thomas, students don't have the numbers to form an effective voting bloc and the electoral system is not tailored to represent their interests. If students want to influence politics, they should look at other options.

The Gauntlet: Could students at the University of Calgary form a voting bloc that deters the government from cutting post-secondary funding or removing the tuition cap?

Melanee Thomas: Everyone seems to think that students all vote as a bloc. That makes some pretty powerful assumptions about how many students there are and where they live.

What is clear in our system is that we prioritize geographical representation over everything. So if you think about the U of C specifically, students don't live here. We have a very low residence take-up rate.

If every single student who attended the U of C lived on campus and all voted in the same district, then you could say students are a voting bloc. The U of C is not that. The U of C is a commuter campus which means students, who are a particular community of interest, are spread everywhere.

So the idea that the government's policy direction would change if more students voted...

That's asking students to determine geographically-bounded elections when they are dispersed across geographies. So the system works against them.

I'm not saying this is an active discrimination. But if you expect this particular demographic to vote in a bloc, the system has to be set up in a different way.

Hypothetically, what would an effective student-voting bloc look like?

Let's assume maximum student engagement. Say you have 20,000 undergrads and say they all live on campus and 100 per cent of them vote. That might be enough to win one provincial constituency.

But federally, that would not work. The number of electors, people able



Students may be better off taking to the streets to express their political views than assuming they can make change by voting. LOUIE VILLANUEVA

to vote, is up to 100,000 people in some constituencies. So if you wanted to make this a federal thing and all students were together, they would be 20,000 of 100,000. That's not enough even for a plurality.

Under a different system, say, where we take geography out of the equation, you can at least hypothetically imagine a students' party. But in the current system geography trumps everything, and it makes it look as though student issues and concerns aren't there because they're not geographically concentrated.

Do students generally vote the same during elections?

Students, like any other community of interest, are ideologically diverse. They have a diversity of opinions. Students will disagree on what the most important issue for them is because identity is complex. Similarly, students have partisan identifications just like everybody does.

In my profession, we see these as socialized lenses or perceptual screens that colour how students see more immediate information. This colours how you view changes to student issues, and everyone will see things a little differently which means you will see a diversity of views.

The kind of diversity you see in the

whole population is mirrored in students. This is why it's a pretty strong assumption to say students would be in lock step on any issue.

Isn't it still students' fault that they're not more engaged in politics?

We know that the younger people are, the less likely they are to participate in politics.

There are two things that contribute

you pay property tax, or when your kids get sick and you have to access a family doctor.

The other thing that's working against this particular generation is that when we compare participation levels by generation, for every younger generation the starting point is lower. What does this mean? Say 50 per cent of a generation start voting at age 18, then as they get older 70 per cent

have worked for students?

In Quebec, they have some of the lowest fees in the country. But they protest in the street loudly every time the government wants to change the tuition-fee policy because it works every time.

Here in Alberta, in 2013, everyone said, "Why are they complaining? Don't they realize that it's so much worse elsewhere." The counter argument is if you know it works, why wouldn't you protest every single time if you opposed a policy direction?

But the student protests were widely condemned by older generations. Isn't this counter productive?

People like to tell students that they should just vote their interest. They make assumptions that the system is set up to facilitate that.

The system is not set up to facilitate that. So people make errors about the system then blame students when the system works as designed.

Then when some students get frustrated — students in Montreal are a great example of this — they take to the streets then are told, "What's wrong with you. You shouldn't be doing this."

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—U of C political science professor Melanee Thomas

to this. The first is called life-cycle effects. There is something about being young which means you're doing other things. It's usually not until people have experiences like having children, or having career-stable employment as opposed to part-time work, that they become more engaged.

The way I like to think about it is that as you get older, your contacts with the state increase, especially the welfare state. It might be the first time

eventually participate. With the next generation, only 40 per cent will start voting at 18, and 65 per cent might vote when they're 50. The same thing happens with the next generation.

What's important to understand is that the youngest don't participate in part because of how old they are and what that means in terms of their lives.

What other political strategies

Edited for clarity and brevity.

MacHall lease negotiations inch forward

Mystery panties found in res room



Henry's term as SU president ends in May.

LOUIE VILLANUEVA

Susan Anderson
Gauntlet News

After over a year of negotiations, the Students' Union is still far from signing a new MacHall lease agreement with the university.

The lease agreement dictates how the SU and university administration use the building. The previous 15-year lease expired Dec. 9, 2014 and was renewed for one year.

Negotiations were last pushed back in February 2014. Former SU vice-president operations and finance Eric Termuende said negotiations slowed because two of the three negotiators on administration's side left their jobs, forcing the SU to negotiate with new people. Former SU president Raphael Jacob also cited "fundamental disagreements" between them and administration.

Current vice-president operations and finance Adam Swertz said the negotiations went well this year, but that long agreements take time. He said they've made the most progress on MacHall's management and cleaning.

But in an interview conducted after he acclaimed the SU presidency, current vice-president external Levi Nilson said administration is waiting for a weaker SU executive before signing any agreement.

"I think they would love for weak executives to come in and sign a deal that isn't good for students and then be done with it. I know [SU president] Jarrett [Henry] and Adam [Swertz] have been pretty tough on them so far this year and now they're kind of pushing it down the line," Nilson said.

The current SU executive will hand over the negotiations to Nilson and newly-elected vice-president operations and finance Sarah Pousette, who take over May 1.

The SU generates about \$18 million in revenue from MacHall every year. This revenue has kept SU fees among the lowest in Canada.

The outgoing executive team wants to sign a letter of intent with administration to cement the progress they've made.

"There could be a chance that we would sign a letter of intent that kind of signifies the high-level principles of which we are agreeing to, that would be a milestone in the negotiations so far," Henry said.

Swertz said that administration is happy with how the SU takes care of the building, but that there's a lot of deferred maintenance in MacHall and the building is showing its age.

Henry said they want to include a capital depreciation fund in the new

agreement to save money for future work on MacHall.

"With each dollar we spend on the building, [we could] also put away money to keep up with future repairs," Henry said.

Swertz said that both sides use the building, so both contribute to its long-term upkeep. They're looking at how to fairly divide up the maintenance costs.

Swertz said administration and the SU have an effective working relationship. They collaborate across campus on programs such as recycling and locker rentals. He said it makes sense to keep that in mind over the course of the negotiations.

Neither Henry nor Swertz thought there were long-term consequences to the failure of the MacHall redevelopment levy last March, saying it doesn't affect how

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—Incoming SU president Levi Nilson

the lease agreement is negotiated.

Swertz also said that an indefinite agreement would be best. He doesn't see the SU or the university ever leaving the building, so their goal is to sign the longest agreement they can.

In the past, the quickest the two sides have re-negotiated the lease was three years. While Swertz isn't big on timelines, he said if they could sign it in the next year they'd "be at a landmark pace."

Nilson said he is happy with the progress Henry and Swertz have made.

"They're leaving me in a pretty good spot," he said, comparing where Henry was last year.

Administration last commented on the negotiation in October in a prepared statement from vice-provost student experience Susan Barker. She said the goal is to ensure students have an "outstanding experience" in MacHall and they continue to provide "high quality facilities."

Administration refused to provide comment when the Gauntlet requested one this week.

Chris Adams
News Editor

Residence Services issued a security alert to all students living in residence on March 6 after three female students found dozens of pairs of underwear in their Yamnuska Hall dorm rooms.

They reported the incident to Residence Services on Jan. 9, 2015, after they returned from winter break. Some of the underwear they found went missing from their rooms, but they also found dozens of pairs of bras and panties that didn't belong to them.

One girl found 75 pairs of used panties in her room. Most weren't hers.

In an interview with the *Calgary Herald*, one of the girls' fathers said it looks like "someone is actively stalking them."

Campus Security director Brian Sembo said they aren't exactly sure what happened.

"There's no visible sign of forced entry. The students weren't sure if the doors were always locked. There was a number of factors there that we couldn't just say that the doors were opened in a normal break in," Sembo said. "But it was serious enough that Calgary Police Services (CPS) got involved."

Residence Services issued another alert on March 9 informing residence students that others have reported stolen belongings.

Sembo said two other students reported missing items from their rooms, but that one of the students have already located what they thought went missing.

"We do have one that thinks they may have lost some belongings here over the last little while. But we're treating it as if it is being investigated as a potential theft," Sembo said.

Sembo said residence break-ins are "very rare." Two were reported in 2014.

Residence Services added a bolt-lock to the girls' door, but haven't increased security in other residence rooms. Campus Security said they've increased patrols in the area and are considering adding a "door-sweep" — a device that locks at the bottom of a door — to increase security.

Campus Security urged any students who have information about the incident or have had items stolen from their rooms to report to CPS.

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Graduate Students' Association election results

Hayden McBennett
News Assistant

The Graduate Students' Association elected their 2015-16 executive board on Wednesday, March 11. Only one of the positions was contested.

The two-candidate race for president ended Wednesday with Mike Webster taking the majority of the vote. He edged out opponent Arman Hemmati by 21 votes. Only 329 students voted, a turnout of 5.7 per cent.

Webster said he was glad the race was so close.

"I wish that more people voted. But considering that we haven't had a race for president in a long time, it's a good start. Hopefully we can do some things over the next year to encourage more competitors and voters," Webster said.

All other executive positions were acclaimed. Danika MacDonald is the new vice-president student life and Blake Lewis acclaimed vice-president academic. Former Students' Legislative Council speaker Sam Hossak acclaimed vice-president finance and services and Erica McLachlan will take over as vice-president external.

Only four GSA executive positions have been contested in the past four years. Two candidates in last year's election dropped out the day before voting began.

The GSA represents 5,804 University of Calgary graduate students. However, they've traditionally had trouble getting students interested in their elections. Last year, only 258 students voted.

Current GSA president Sarah Akierman has some theories on why there is so little interest in the elections.

"When you're elected into a Students' Union position, you're almost given a leave of absence from your studies, where you're not really taking any courses. For a lot of reasons, that's not possible while completing graduate studies, so people just aren't as motivated," Akierman said.

Online voting was held March 9-10 through D2L. There was no physical voting station.

"We don't really have an area like MacHall where we can easily target graduate students," Akierman said.

LGBTQ »

Alberta legislature passes Bill 10

Alexander Kim
Gauntlet News

The Alberta legislature passed an amended Bill 10 on Tuesday, March 10, allowing gay-straight alliances (GSAs) in all of Alberta's schools.

Minister of education Gordon Dirks revealed the revamped bill to the Alberta legislature on Tuesday. The bill specifies that a GSA may be formed in any school where students want one. The group must be allowed to meet on school grounds and students may not be restricted from naming the group a gay-straight alliance or a queer-straight alliance.

GSAs are student-organized groups that provide safe spaces and resources for LGBTQ youth. According to Alberta Education, there are 94 GSAs in Alberta schools, but none in Alberta's faith-based schools.

High-school student Austin Bender, who founded a GSA at Springbank High School, said there shouldn't be any obstructions to forming a GSA.

"If a student wants to start one, they should be allowed to. There shouldn't be any roadblocks," Bender said.

Bill 10 also updates the Alberta Bill of Rights to include the terms sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. A big win for LGBTQ rights in Alberta.

Only two MLAs voted against the bill, Progressive Conservatives Ian Donovan and Bruce Rowe.

Alberta Premier Jim Prentice first introduced Bill 10 to the legislature on Dec. 1, 2014. Earlier versions of the bill would have allowed school boards to block the



Springbank High School GSA found Austin Bender speaks at RMCLA survey results event.

ALEXANDER KIM

formation of a GSA. The PCs proposed setting up an appeals process for students who were denied GSAs and allow them to be set up off school property.

The bill triggered public backlash and Prentice put it on hold. He said he would seek input from the public before revisiting the issue.

The Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association (RMCLA) held public hearings on the issue in Calgary and Edmonton in late January. They solicited feedback from

the community on whether the Alberta government should pass legislation on GSAs and how it should be worded.

RMCLA held a meeting last week to release the report on their consultation.

"GSAs don't interfere with the rights of anyone not involved in the club. It's only the rights of students [that are interfered with] when they are denied the ability to form a GSA," said RMCLA president Kelly Ernst.

RMCLA met with education minister

Gordon Dirks to discuss the report. Ernst said Dirks agreed with many of their recommendations.

RMCLA also conducted an online poll during their consultation. According to the poll, 82.5 per cent of Albertans agree that GSAs should be allowed in all schools. Only 11 per cent of respondents agreed that schools should be able to block their formation.

"People in Alberta want GSAs to be available in any school to any students who want one, with no exceptions," Ernst said.

Human Rights Act amendment sent back to House

Cazzy Lewchuk
The Other Press

VANCOUVER — A provision to the Canadian Human Rights Act known as Bill C-279, which covers issues of transgender-inclusiveness, has been amended and sent back for debate in the House of Commons. The bill likely won't pass until after the next federal election.

The Canadian Human Rights Act is a statute within the Canadian legal code that allows equal opportunity to all citizens of Canada. Currently, the full text of the bill allows for claims of discrimination based on nationality, race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, disability, marital and family

status, pardoned or suspended conviction and age.

Introduced by NDP MP Randall Garrison, Bill C-279 is informally known as the "Gender Identity Bill." The proposed amendment was introduced in the House of Commons to add the phrases "gender identity" and "gender expression" into the Human Rights Act. This proposal would also add the phrases to the Criminal Code of Canada in the section that determines hate towards those groups as a motivation for sentencing.

The bill originally passed in Parliament with unanimous support from Green, NDP, Liberal and Bloc Quebecois MPs on March 20, 2013. Although the majority of Conservative

MPs voted against the bill, 18 of them voted in favour. Bill C-279 has since been delayed and amended by the Senate, particularly the Conservative majority section.

Conservative Senator Don Plett introduced an amendment that would prevent transgendered people from entering designated single-sex areas, such as washrooms, under the basis that this could allow "biological males" to enter designated female-only facilities.

Other politicians have criticized Plett's stance on the issue, including Garrison himself, who the *Globe and Mail* reported as saying the amendment "is contradictory to the whole purpose of the bill and illustrates the

transphobia the bill is designed to fight."

The House will break for the summer before being dissolved in preparation for the upcoming federal election in the fall.

Although the Human Rights Act and Criminal Code protect all Canadians on a federal level, each province has a separate law in its own code that may amend or add rights to certain groups. Seven provinces — Alberta, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan — have introduced acts protecting sex and gender identity in their provincial codes since the bill was originally brought to Parliament.

BRIEFS

Ireland accidentally legalizes ecstasy, other drugs

Ireland's drug community caught a break this week when possession of drugs like ecstasy, ketamine and crystal meth were temporarily legalized.

A court ruling struck down parts of Ireland's drug law determining that new drugs were being added to the list of prohibited substances in an unconstitutional manner.

The ruling forced the Irish parliament to rush through legislation to, once again, criminalize possession of the drugs. At the earliest, the loophole could close Wednesday at midnight.

Direct flights to Ireland run around eight hours from Calgary to Dublin at roughly \$1,000 per person.

Club M off Dublin's Temple Bar is a known hot spot.

Taber bans swear-words and spitting in public

The southern Alberta town of Taber has banned swearing and spitting in public.

Taber town council adopted the bylaw last month.

Swearing in public now carries a \$150 fine for the first offence and \$250 for the second. Spitting carries a fine of \$75.

The bylaw also includes a provision that allows peace officers to break up assemblies of three or more people. That part of the bylaw has been widely condemned as unconstitutional, because it is.

Matthew de Grood to stand trial for five counts of first-degree murder in Brentwood stabbings

Matthew de Grood, the man accused of killing five people at a Brentwood house party following Bermuda Shorts Day last April, will stand trial for five counts of first-degree murder.

The judge found that there was sufficient evidence after the preliminary hearing to move forward.

The Crown called 13 witnesses to the stand during the preliminary hearings. A publication ban was placed on those hearings.

It has yet to be determined whether de Grood is criminally responsible for his actions.

U of C researchers say January's tremors caused by fracking

According to University of Calgary researchers, earthquakes that hit the Alberta town of Fox Creek, a town three-hours north of Edmonton in January were caused by fracking.

Fracking is a controversial process that involves pumping a mixture of water, sand and chemicals into the ground to extract oil and gas.

The largest quake measured 4.4 on the Richter scale and was felt by residents, though no one was injured.

The Alberta Energy Regulator implemented new fracking rules following the earthquakes.



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#throwbackthursday: ceramics program gets axed in 1991

STUDENTS' UNION »

SU looks to become preferred food provider for campus events

Stephanie Tang
Gauntlet News

Need a function catered? The Students' Union may soon be the go-to food provider for events at the University of Calgary.

The U of C announced that it would seek both a new preferred food caterer and food services provider once its contract with Chartwells expires at the end of April. This is the first time the U of C has offered two separate

contracts for the services.

The SU will submit a proposal for catering services, something SU vice-president operations and finance Adam Swertz said students would benefit from.

"Catering on campus brings in a lot of revenue for our events, our programs, our services, and it all goes right back to students," Swertz said.

While the SU has catered conferences and events held in MacHall for years, there has never been an official

agreement between them and administration for the rest of campus.

"This process would be, from our perspective, just formalizing that and making it really clear," Swertz said. "Where you can cater, where you can't cater, things of that nature."

The U of C has not released a request for proposals for the preferred food caterer, but Swertz said they should announce the new food services provider in the next few weeks.

Looking for a per job on campus?

Andrea Okunshyld
Events Coordinator

The Students' Union is hiring! Now that the epic SU General Election is done we can talk to you about other AMAZING ways to get involved with the SU! Along with our elected officials, we have a whole army of student staff who get to work with students in unique ways like running events and organizing volunteer programs.

The Students' Union is guided by three pillars: quality of student life, quality of

education, and accessibility. All of our student jobs contribute to these goals in different ways that let you have an impact on campus and gain amazing experience.

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Who is to blame for Alberta's current economic crisis?



"It's definitely the fault of oil and gas companies."

– Tanis Bailey,
second-year English



"The conservative party. They keep overspending."

– Tieu Long Trac,
fourth-year software engineering



"We're too dependant on oil, but there aren't good alternatives."

– Emily Poole,
third-year communications

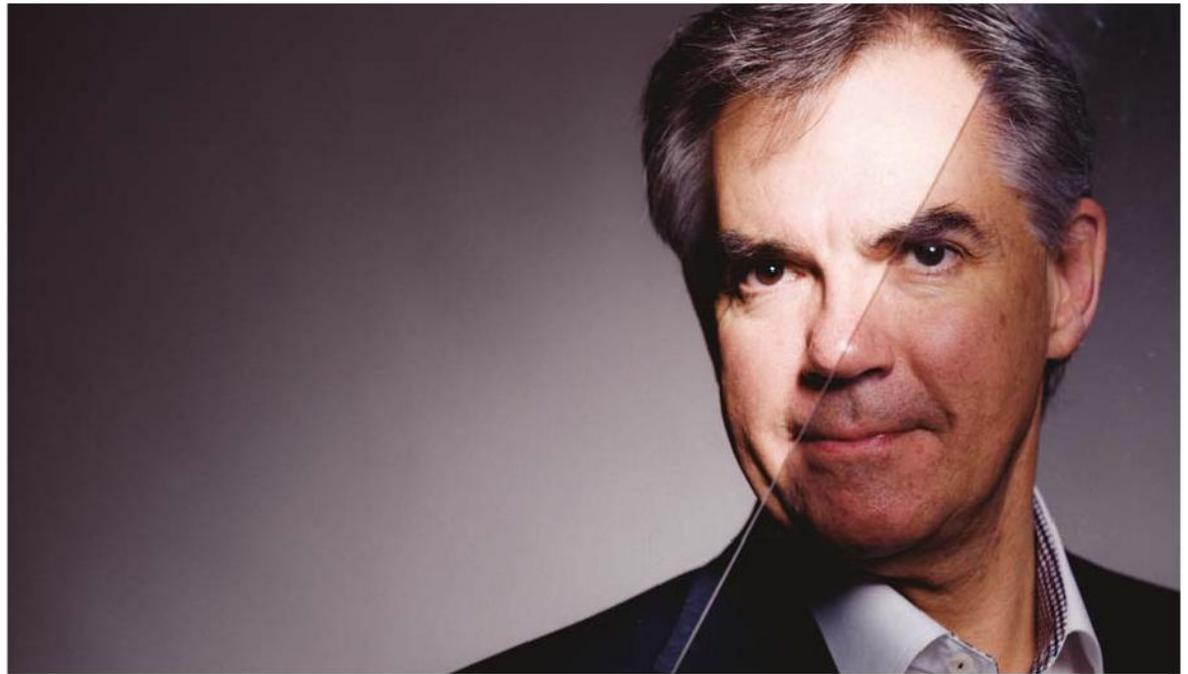


"I don't know who to blame. We need to spend on sustainability."

– Clare Ripley,
first-year English

Photos: Louie Villanueva, Interviews: Rachel Woodward

EDITORIAL »



LOUIE VILLANUEVA

Who's to blame for Alberta's mess?

Alberta premier Jim Prentice faced backlash last week after implying that Albertans are to blame for the government's \$7-billion revenue shortfall. Prentice said on CBC's radio program *Alberta@Noon* that Albertans "need only look in the mirror" to see who is responsible for the province's budgetary woes.

The story made headlines around the country, and the hashtag #Prentice-BlamesAlbertans trended nationally. The comment was an obvious blunder, but it does raise the question — who is to blame for Alberta's fiscal crisis?

The truth is that no one person or institution is at fault. The government is most responsible, and they do deserve part of the blame. But the Albertans who continue to elect that government aren't without blame. So too are the opposition parties that refuse to cooperate and seem content in their irrelevance.

The Progressive Conservatives have governed Alberta for 43 consecutive years, and they've repeatedly failed to prepare for fluctuations in the price of oil. They consistently spend more on public services than every other province in Canada. This isn't a problem in and of itself, but these expenditures are funded in part by oil and gas royalties, and they still need to be paid for

when oil prices decline.

The current low price for a barrel of oil means that the government isn't getting their royalties and can't balance the budget. Economists have said for years that the government should consider other revenue streams to avoid the current predicament. The PC government has stubbornly refused to either rein in spending or increase revenue from other sources. The result is a \$7-billion hole in the budget, for which the PCs deserve much of the blame.

Prentice was right though — Albertans are at least partially to blame. The PCs couldn't have so grossly mismanaged the province's finances if they hadn't been elected over and over again, winning an astonishing 11 straight elections since 1971.

The party has a record that is far from spotless and the PCs have given Albertans numerous opportunities to vote them out of office. The party continues to win large majority governments, even with economic mismanagement and various scandals.

A \$7-billion revenue shortfall and inevitable budget cuts are unlikely to stop Albertans from giving the PCs a 12th consecutive mandate in the anticipated spring election. We appear content to let a party that has done nothing in 43 years to prepare for our

current economic uncertainty form the government — again.

Left wing and centrist opposition parties rarely present a viable alternative to the PCs. Their refusal to cooperate with each other has paved the way for the policies that led to the current crisis.

Alberta has four parties left of the PCs on the political spectrum. The Alberta Party, the Evergreens, the New Democrats and the Liberals split the vote in many ridings, consistently ending up with less than a handful of seats between them.

The presence of multiple left-wing parties in a conservative province virtually guarantees none of them will ever form the government. The Liberals and the NDP rejected a merger even after their defeats in four separate by-elections in November. A proposal by Liberal MLA Laurie Blakeman to merge with the Alberta party was rejected by the Liberals in February.

If these parties cared about having their ideas implemented, they would cooperate and find a way to challenge the PCs. While a united left-of-centre party still might not win too many elections, they would at least form an opposition strong enough to keep the PCs accountable.

Refusing to cooperate with each

other consigns Alberta's left wing and centrist parties to obscurity. There are differences between them, but they agree on most major issues. All would raise corporate taxes and implement a progressive income tax to deal with Alberta's revenue shortfall. Albertans who prefer these solutions will have to choose between four parties this spring, once again assuring a PC victory.

From the right, the Wildrose Party was the closest thing to a valid opposition Alberta has seen in a long time. But after leader Danielle Smith led most of the party across the floor in December, the Wildrose is left with a handful of irrelevant social conservatives that can't find a stable seat in one of the most conservative provinces in Canada.

The Wildrose would deal with the budgetary shortfall by cutting social spending to the bare minimum. But right-wing opposition to the PCs has all but disappeared from public discussions.

Jim Prentice made a mistake when he blamed Albertans for the current revenue crisis. Not because he was wrong, but because we don't want to admit it ourselves.

Fabian Mayer
Gauntlet Editorial Board

RESIDENCE »

Security changes needed in residence

Melanie Woods
Humour Editor

On Friday, March 6, I received an email security alert from Residence Services. It said an unknown intruder had broken into the apartment of three female students and left behind dozens of pairs of used underwear stolen from them and others.

One room in particular contained 75 pairs of worn panties left by the perpetrator. The email finished by claiming the police are investigating who the perpetrator could be and how they got into the apartment. After the security alert was issued, more students came forward with reports of missing underwear.

The details of the incident sound like a network crime drama. But the real kicker is that this crime didn't happen the same day, week or even month as the alert. The incident occurred over Christmas break and was first reported to Residence Services and the RCMP on Jan. 9, 2015. But

Residence Services didn't let the rest of the students living in the building know until two months later.

This delay is alarming. Students often choose to live in residence because it's supposed to be safer than the outside world. There are Community Advisors on call 24 hours a day, indoor bike storage and video surveillance. You need a key to get into the building, into each apartment and into each bedroom. All of these things are supposed to come together to create a safe environment. Overpriced residence fees are presumably justified by that sense of safety.

But in reality, anybody can get into the building if they follow behind someone with a key. There's only one barrier to accessing Yamnuska Hall, and it's a small plastic nub programmed to give access to my building, apartment and room. These layers of security are hardly impenetrable and once you trick the electronic key system, you're in. And if the batteries in the doors stop working, even momentarily, the room is open.



Residence Services has said they will install deadbolts on the doors of the apartment that was entered, but they've made only fleeting mentions of enhanced security for the building's other residents.

It's the responsibility of Residence Services to ensure the safety and comfort of all students. This quick

fix of a few deadbolts on one apartment isn't going to solve the problem. It just means the perpetrator might move on to a different apartment next time.

When incidents like this occur, it's also the responsibility of Residence Services to let those who could be affected know. We deserve to know

when the safety we pay for is compromised. That's what security alerts are supposed to do. Issuing an alert two months later doesn't do anything but create retroactive worry.

I'm not saying we need to turn residence into an Orwellian surveillance state, or that Residence Services and the police are being purposefully incompetent. Nor am I saying that they should have immediately released the names and details of victims. But Residence Services could have handled the situation a lot better.

Waiting two months to send out the security alert is a gross oversight, and not having proper security measures beyond the fallible electronic key system in place is insulting to the students who pay for and rely on the security systems that residence provides.

This person is still out there. They have been for the past two months. I'd sleep a lot easier if I knew I could deadbolt my door at night. And I'd sleep better if I could have known the perpetrator was a threat in the first place.

PROVINCE »

Unions aren't to blame for the province's budget

Andrew Kermle
Gauntlet Opinions

Alberta is facing difficult economic times. In the face of this uncertainty, Premier Jim Prentice is warning public sector employees that they'll have to shoulder some of the burden.

He can dance around it all he likes, but Prentice is talking about decreasing the wages and benefits of public sector workers to make up for the upcoming \$7-billion budget shortage that Alberta faces.

Attempting to solve Alberta's finances by taking from public-sector workers will do nothing but negatively impact government services. Unionized public employees form the backbone of this province, with members ranging from lab technicians at the University of Calgary to emergency room nurses.

It's also more than fair compensation that Prentice wants to put on the table. He's been talking about overhauling the collective bargaining process. When politicians say this, they're talking about taking away the ability

of workers to organize and bargain for better wages and working conditions. In a province where the corporate-tax rate is the lowest in Canada and the highest income earners pay the same 10 per cent income tax as the lowest, Prentice is going after unions as a problem that needs to be fixed.

His government insists that it's fair to ask public workers to shoulder some of the burden of Alberta's declining oil revenues because they already receive higher wages than most Canadian public servants. This is true, but the context of these higher

salaries is important.

On average, Albertan workers, both private and public, are paid more than the Canadian average. This is because of both oil wealth and increased cost of living. The difference in pay is negligible when the cost of living is factored in.

There are a lot of ways to balance the budget. The government could introduce a progressive income, corporate or sales tax. But Prentice is going after parts of the population that already take up the bulk of the burden of Alberta's falling oil revenues.

Middle-class families and workers form the bulk of Alberta's consumer spending power. The idea that a weak middle class leads to a weakened economy is rudimentary economics. It's cliché at this point, but a strong middle class does make for a stronger economy.

Union workers, students, teachers and public employees already carry more than their fair share of Alberta's economic burden. Asking them to take reduced wages while leaving the province's richest people and corporations untouched and untaxed is unfair.



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LOCAL THEATRE »

Coming Out Monologues returns to Calgary

Connor Sadler
Entertainment Assistant

Coming out is an important milestone for members of the LGBTQ community. The *Coming Out Monologues* provide a forum for individuals to take ownership of their experiences. The event was first held at the University of Calgary six years ago, after starting at the University of California, Riverside in 2007.

Madeleine Hardy, director of the *Coming Out Monologues*, says the event features a variety of performances that explore the subject of declaring one's sexual or gender identity.

"We've had dance pieces, we've had musical pieces and we've had art pieces. This year we have a student from ACAD who does a lot of queer art and [they] talk about their piece," Hardy says.

In the spirit of inclusivity, the show doesn't focus solely on homosexual, bisexual or transgender stories, with some of the monologues exploring lesser discussed identities, such as asexuality or polyamory.

According to Hardy, there are stories of people who have come out after being married for 17 years and of



The *Coming Out Monologues* give LGBTQ people a way to share their stories.

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people whose platonic relationships are constantly being misconstrued as a romantic or sexual partnership.

Events like the *Monologues* play an important role in LGBTQ communities, acting as a way to educate people about issues around declaring

an LGBTQ identity.

The event also supports queer-identifying individuals who are in the process of coming out and to help them feel like they are part of the community.

"The coming out stories seem to

almost be a rite of passage in the queer communities. Often they're really emotional stories [and] the *Coming Out Monologues* gives space to explore and take ownership of that story," Hardy says. "For LGBTQ-identified individuals you don't just

come out once. It's this continuous process."

While it started out as a small production, the *Monologues* have grown into a three-night event — one that nearly sold out last year. Hardy urges everyone to attend as the event helps to develop a dialogue around LGBTQ issues.

This year, the *Monologues* is partnering with Hillhurst United Church to create *Coming Out in Faith*, an event which centres around the experiences of people who are openly queer in religious organizations. Hardy says a lot of these stories are painful while others are inspiring.

"It's a way of sharing our stories that builds resiliency and understanding. That gets down to the idea that we're all just people," Hardy says. "Stories shape you and change you and challenge your day-to-day."

The *Coming Out Monologues* run from March 18–20 at the John Dutton Theatre. General admission tickets are \$15 or \$12 for students and seniors. The show on March 18 is pay-what-you-can.

For more information visit
comingoutatyc.com

LOCAL ART »

Glenbow opens a cabinet of curiosities in new show

Diltaj Atwal
Gauntlet Entertainment

Museum exhibits usually organize information in a linear and straightforward way. But the Glenbow Museum's newest exhibit, *Cabinets of Curiosity*, takes this experience to bizarre and strange places.

The exhibit is a collection of flamboyant and eye-catching oddities from the prairies of Alberta to the coasts of Australia. The cabinets hold items such as a tattooed doll, a cow skeleton and small miniature Dalmatian figurines.

Exhibit creator Lyndal Osborne says the show comes from the 17th-century tradition of 'wunderkammer,' or wonder rooms. During that time, it was fashionable for wealthy people to assemble collections of unusual and exotic items to stand as a testament to their affluence and status.

"Floor to ceiling was covered in



Cabinets of Curiosity is now on display at the Glenbow Museum.

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objects, maybe a turtle shell right next to a shrunken head. Sometimes they had frightening things like human skulls," Osborne says. "I

wanted [the exhibit] to have some aspects to be a little bit unnerving. Some of the actual objects have a dark side to them too."

Osborne says the show is about experimentation and creating new meanings by juxtaposing unrelated objects.

"When I was invited to do this

show I thought a cabinet of curiosities was a way to enable you to put things together that don't necessarily belong," Osborne says. "You can have things from the popular world with something natural."

The displays fuse natural and frightening items with mystery and wonder. The interactive exhibit encourages people to open and explore the cabinets' compartments, which are brimming with oddities.

Osborne, a visual artist from Edmonton, was born in Australia and immigrated to Canada in 1971. The exhibition is inspired by her experiences and is made from objects she collected from places she's lived and visited.

The exhibition is on display at the Glenbow Museum from now until Jan. 17, 2016.

Find more information at
glenbow.org

NEW MUSIC »



B.A. Johnston
Shit Sucks
Feb. 24, 2015 (Mammoth Cave)

B.A. Johnston is often seen as a gag musician, and it's easy to see why.

With an album title like *Shit Sucks* — which features cover art of Johnston chained up à la Princess Leia in front of Jabba the Hutt — and songs about how much he hates his shitty cat, it can be hard to take this folk singer from Hamilton seriously.

But between jokey, nonsensical songs like "IKEA Hotdog" and "Bat in the House," there are tracks that touch on problems familiar to aimless Canadian 20-somethings.

"Gonna End Up Working in Fort McMurray" is a ballad about a dependent maritimer considering leaving his home for a job in the Alberta oil sands. Similarly, "Nuke Toronto" is about those who leave their

small-town life for the big city, only to find that city living isn't quite what they wanted it to be.

There are a couple of surprisingly earnest love songs thrown into the mix. "I Am A Dump Bear" tugs at the heartstrings despite its unflattering title and "I Want To Love You But I Am Too Stupid" tells a relatable story while working in an extended reference to *Duck Hunt*.

A friend of mine once jokingly called Johnston "the voice of our generation," and I'm not sure that's entirely wrong. Johnston manages to capture the feeling of frustration and hopelessness that comes with being an unemployed millennial with no

clear plans for the future. He sings about the problems that plague those attempting to strike out on their own, despite having no clue how to be an actual adult. Even his dumber songs can be strangely poetic, touching on the universal minutiae of modern life in a way that can be as reaffirming as it is funny.

But enough of that pretentious crap. All you need to know is that *Shit Sucks* is a great album from start to finish — even if you are just in it for the novelty of hearing a song called "BK Has a New King," about various *Star Wars* characters visiting a Burger King.

Sean Willett



Father John Misty
I Love You, Honeybear
Feb. 10, 2015 (Sub Pop)

When Josh Tillman, former drummer for the popular folk band Fleet

Foxes, began releasing his own music he called himself Father John Misty.

On his first album, *Fear Fun*, Tillman seemed to be writing detached music under an impersonal alias. While the psychedelic-rock escapades of his first album were enjoyable, the emotional distance of the music prevented *Fear Fun* from being a truly great album.

That's why *I Love You, Honeybear*, Tillman's sophomore album as Father John Misty, feels like such an incredible change. A lot of music in the indie scene is marred by cynicism and an unwillingness to express emotions, so it's refreshing to hear such earnest expression on an album.

Most songs revolve around Tillman's wife, Emma, whom he married in between the release of his two albums. The low-key and romantic "I Went to the Store One Day" is a recollection of when the couple met in the parking lot of a convenience store, and takes a retrospective look at their relationship.

Still, Tillman hasn't entirely grown out of the pessimism that characterized his old work. Much of the album sees the singer struggling to come to terms with his feelings of love. The singer's sarcastic asides about romance and mortality are a big part of what makes the album so enjoyable.

This can be seen in the

optimistic "Holy Shit," where Tillman sings, "Maybe love is just an economy based on resource scarcity / What I fail to see is what that's got to do with you and me."

Musically, the album is beautiful, bouncing between layered chamber pop arrangements in "Chateau Lobby #4 (In C For Two Virgins)," and Elton John-esque piano in the hilarious "Bored in the USA."

I Love You, Honeybear is a gorgeous and honest album that offers a pure and unfiltered look at the ways love can change someone. The record's sincerity gives it a weight that few singer-songwriter albums have.

Jason Herring

CAMPUS STYLE »



Mackenzie Symons, a second-year business student, describes her style as modern and simplistic. Her use of complimentary colours works well and is refreshing compared to the popular look of monotone outfits. Mackenzie finds most of her digs at Aritzia.

Hayden McBennett

STAFF PICKS »
MARCH 12 - 18**Thursday, March 12 - Apr. 12:**

Theatre Calgary presents Shakespeare's classic tragedy *King Lear*.
Place: Max Bell Theatre
Time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and Sundays.

Thursday, March 12:

Calgary Cinematheque is screening *Joy of Man's Desiring*, an open-ended contemporary film about the human rituals often found in workplaces and our desire to keep busy.
Place: The Plaza Theatre
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12 - 21:

Reasons To Be Happy is a play that centres around a group of people who are trying to navigate adulthood and relationships. The comedy asks how far we're willing to go to find happiness.
Place: Vertigo Theatre
Time: Daily at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13:

Calgary improv group The Kinkonauts perform their latest show *Beauty Love*

Truth, with local musician Alexa Borden providing inspiration.
Place: The Birds and Stones Theatre
Time: 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14:

A multimedia noise performance featuring Duet, Women of Jazz, Sex With God, älskling and Dante Guthrie.
Place: EMMEDIA Gallery
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Until Sunday, March 15:

The Big Taste Foodie Festival. Over 70 restaurants across Calgary showcase their culinary talents in this annual festival of delectable delights.
Place: Various venues
Time: Check restaurants for hours

Sunday, March 15 - 16:

National Geographic Live: Coral, Fire and Ice: Exploring Secret Underwater Worlds with David Doubilet and Jennifer Hayes showcases the couple's underwater photographs.
Place: Epcor Centre
Time: 2:00 p.m.

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MEN'S HOCKEY »

Golden Bears oust Dinos for the third consecutive time in west finals



The Dinos were overwhelmed in game one.

LOUIE VILLANUEVA



U of A won game two to eliminate the Dinos.

LOUIE VILLANUEVA

GAME ONE

Sonny Sachdeva
Sports Assistant

The Dinos men's hockey team opened their Canada West finals series against the University of Alberta Golden Bears in front of 1,806 fans at Edmonton's Clare Drake Arena on March 5.

After falling to the No. 1 ranked Golden Bears in the finals for the last two seasons, the Dinos saw game one of the series follow a similar pattern as U of A came out on top with a decisive 5-2 victory.

Offensive pressure proved to be the difference as the Golden Bears outshot the Dinos by a staggering 39-9.

U of A's potent offence struck three minutes into the game as Golden Bears forward Joshua Derko capitalized on traffic in front of the Dinos' net to wire in a quick shot.

Ten minutes later, a power-play goal from the Dinos evened things up at 1-1. Forward Elgin Pearce scored the goal for Calgary, stuffing a rebound past Golden Bears netminder Kurtis Mucha.

But less than a minute later, U of A regained the lead as forward Jamie Crooks tipped a puck by Dinos goaltender Kris Lazaruk.

Heading into the second period

down 2-1, the Dinos looked to come out strong and keep the game close.

Unfortunately, it slipped further out of reach.

The Golden Bears team captain piled on two more goals in the second stanza. The first, a quick shot from Kruike Reddick, came 29 seconds into the period.

The second was the result of a power play awarded to U of A after Dinos defenceman Phil Tot was called for boarding. Golden Bears forward Brett Ferguson tallied the man-advantage goal for U of A, taking a pass from T.J. Foster — who led the Canada West regular season in scoring — to extend his team's lead to 4-1.

Head coach Mark Howell elected to make a change in net to start the third period, switching out Lazaruk for Jacob DeSerres in an attempt to give his team a spark.

The change did little, however, as Crooks scored his second goal of the game, giving the Golden Bears a dominant 5-1 lead just six minutes into the final frame.

Calgary fought back with a shorthanded tally midway through the third period — courtesy of forward Brooks Myers — but the goal would not be enough to cue a late comeback.

GAME TWO

Sonny Sachdeva
Sports Assistant

Facing elimination at the hands of the University of Alberta Golden Bears for the third consecutive year, the Dinos men's hockey team hoped to bounce back in their Canada West finals series with a win in game two.

Unfortunately, their redemption was not to be.

In front of 3,009 fans at Edmonton's Clare Drake Arena, the Golden Bears outshot the Dinos 41-20 en route to a 2-1 victory.

Goaltender Jacob DeSerres got the call for the Dinos in game two, supplanting Kris Lazaruk, who started game one against U of A as well as all three games for the Dinos in the semifinal.

DeSerres put forth an excellent effort, allowing only two goals on 41 shots, but his solid play was not enough to earn Calgary a chance to play game three for the Canada West title.

The game was scoreless through the first two periods. Dinos forward Brooks Myers broke the deadlock at 8:34 of the third to give Calgary a 1-0 lead.

Five minutes later, the Golden Bears tied the game when team captain Kruike Reddick tipped a shot past

DeSerres. The goal was Reddick's second of the series.

Both teams battled down the stretch as the Dinos looked to force game three.

However, with two minutes left in the contest, U of A forward Stephane Legault broke in alone on DeSerres and beat him with a low shot to give the Golden Bears a 2-1 lead.

Unable to get one past Golden Bears netminder Luke Siemens in the final minutes, the Dinos saw the game end in U of A's favour.

The win gives U of A their third consecutive Canada West finals victory over the Dinos.

Despite the loss, the Dinos still qualify for the University Cup — the Canadian Interuniversity Sport's national championship tournament.

The Dinos enter the tournament as the sixth seed after their loss to U of A, who will enter as the No. 1 ranked seed.

Calgary will take on the University of Guelph Gryphons, who enter the tournament as the third seed after winning five-straight playoff games en route to the Ontario University Athletics division title.

The Dinos and Gryphons face off on March 12 at 10 p.m. at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax.

CIS Awards

In the Spotlight Athletes to watch this week

Iya Gavrilova

Fourth-year Dinos forward Iya Gavrilova was named the 2014-15 CIS women's hockey player of the year. She is the second Dino to ever capture the award, joining teammate Hayley Wickenheiser, who did so in 2011.

Elgin Pearce

Dinos men's hockey forward Elgin Pearce was awarded the R.W. Pugh Award as the most sportsmanlike player in the CIS this season. Pearce received the award last season as well, making him the first Dino to win it back-to-back since 1986-87.

4,815

The total attendance of the two-game series between the Dinos and the Golden Bears men's hockey teams in Edmonton.

J. Ogungbemi-Jackson

Fifth-year men's basketball guard Jarred Ogungbemi-Jackson earned a place on the CIS All-Canadian Second Team. J.O.J. finished fourth in Canada West scoring this season and finished as the third-highest scorer in Dinos history.

Kris Lazaruk

Kris Lazaruk, goaltender for the Dinos men's hockey team, was named to the CIS All-Canadian Second Team. Lazaruk set a Canada West regular season record this season, posting a shutout streak of 275:03 minutes.

HEALTH & WELLNESS »

Getting to the root of cold-symptom cures

Ayesha Chugh
Gauntlet Sports

The common cold is tedious and spares no one. As the cold season continues, everyone seems to have a remedy or quick fix to get healthy. If you're tired of hearing the same old "lots of rest" and "eat chicken noodle soup," here are some not so common remedies from around the world that can help cure cold symptoms.

Turmeric

In India, turmeric is used to help you regain strength through its anti-oxidant properties. Turmeric is a plant from the ginger family and a key ingredient in many Indian recipes. Receive the full benefits of this spice by combining it with a glass of warm milk or tea.

Turnips

Turnips are used in Iran as a remedy for colds. Turnips are high in calcium and vitamin C. They can also be used as a blood purifier to help with cold symptoms and can be ingested either by steeping bits

into tea or simply eating mashed.

Onion juice

Stemming from old Israeli folk medicine, onion juice is used to provide instant relief from sinus congestion. Onions have a chemical compound called quercetin, which fights histamines due to its anti-inflammatory properties. This reduces swelling in your nose and relieves congestion. To make onion juice, slice an onion in half and place it in a bowl. Then add some sugar and honey to allow the onion to release its natural juices.

Ginger

In Japan, ginger is used to clear the sinuses and other microcirculatory channels in the body, all of which tend to inflame during a cold. To gain the full benefits of the root, grate ginger into boiling water and inhale to relieve congestion.

Garlic

Aside from warding off vampires, garlic has many health benefits. It contains allicin, which has antibacterial and anti-viral properties that help the body regain its

strength during a cold. In Morocco, it's common to have a garlic-stuffed omelette. In Mexico, the root is put in tea.

Spicy foods

Spicy foods are known across cultures for providing relief for sinus issues. In Mexico, some people eat habaneros to clear up their sinuses. In Thailand, the famous Tom Yum Goong soup is filled with ginger and chili peppers to open nasal pathways. The compound capsaicin, found in chili peppers, thins mucus providing relief that helps to clear sinuses.

Rum

Any university student should be pleased to hear about this remedy. In Scotland, hot rum is combined with peppermint to create a drink known as the seaman's cure for colds. The alcohol in rum dilates blood vessels, which can help the body deal with an infection by clearing mucus membranes. However, rum is only beneficial in small amounts. An excess will lead to negative health effects, like a weakened immune system.

SPEED SKATING »



Sven Kramer wowed fans at the Oval with his speed.

LOUIE VILLANUEVA

2015 world speed skating championships

Emilie Medland-Marchen
Gauntlet Sports

The ice was fast and the athletes were at their best in a world class speed skating event held on campus last weekend.

The 2015 world all round speed skating championships took place at the Calgary Olympic Oval, which played host to the 48-top international male and female speed skaters.

Fans from around the world packed into the Oval to watch the best compete, and the energy in the venue was astounding.

Speed skating in the Netherlands has a large fanbase resembling that of professional sports like hockey in Canada. The cheers from Dutch, Norwegian, Polish and Czech fans echoed over the 400m track, adding to the energy of the skaters.

Canadian national team athletes Denny Morrison and Ted-Jan Bloemen competed in the men's division, which included 500m, 1,500m, 5km and 10km races. Morrison posted impressive results, including a win in the 500m. He skated to a finishing time of 34.98, nearly one second ahead of second place.

Bloemen's strength as a long-distance skater shone through in the 5km, placing eighth in the race. In the overall standings, Morrison placed seventh and Bloemen 16th.

In the women's category, Calgary skaters Kali Christ and Ivania Blondin raced to competitive placements. On Saturday, Christ skated to a silver medal in the 500m with a time of 38.67. She also set a personal record in her fourth-place finish in the 1,500m on Sunday.

Blondin also set a personal best

time in the 3km, skating a 4:04.03 and placing sixth in the race. The two went head-to-head in the women's 5km, where Blondin's strength as a distance skater resulted in a fifth-place finish.

In the overall results, the Canadian women's strong finishes placed them sixth and eighth.

Dutch superstar Sven Kramer dominated the distance events by winning the 5km and 10km races, placing first overall, defending his title as the fastest skater in the world.

Kramer's wins were met by loud cheers from the "sea of orange" that made up the majority of fans.

Czech skater Martina Sablikova took the women's golden title with wins in the 3km and 5km. She won the 5km by over 12 seconds. Sablikova came only two seconds away from setting a new world record in the 3km. The current record has been held by Canada's Cindy Klassen since 2006.

Sablikova currently holds world records in both the 5km and 10km events. Her strength as a distance skater showed this weekend thanks to her impeccable technique and stamina.

The last time the Olympic Oval hosted the all round speed skating championships was in 2011. Since then the Oval has remained a top-tier facility for speed skating.

The Oval was built in 1988 for the Calgary Winter Olympics, and has been dubbed "the fastest ice in the world." This title was defended this weekend as skaters came close to setting new world records.

The last speed skating competition of the year, the Olympic Oval Finale, takes place March 19-22 at the Oval. Entry is free to the public.

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Vegas heat brings cold prospects for the NHL

Stephane Arnault
Gauntlet Sports

Once again the National Hockey League's commissioner, Gary Bettman, is talking expansion. He reportedly wants to add two more teams to the league's already bloated list of 30.

Why expand? There are 16 teams in the Eastern Conference and 14 in the West — an imbalance Bettman wants to fix.

What really bugs me is that recent reports have indicated that Las Vegas is inching closer to landing one of those NHL expansion teams.

The effort is being spearheaded by Bill Foley, a businessman reported to be worth over \$600 million. The group of prospective buyers is being advised by Wayne Gretzky, who was a part-owner of the Phoenix Coyotes before it went bankrupt.

Back in December, the NHL gave Foley the green light to conduct a season-ticket drive to determine if Las Vegas can support a hockey team. At this point, Foley has received over 8,000 deposits from people interested in purchasing season tickets. He hopes

to reach 10,000 by the end of March.

On top of that, the state-of-the-art 20,000 seat MGM-AEG arena is under construction in the heart of the Vegas Strip and should be done by early 2016.

Mr. Bettman, the desert and the NHL don't mix. Just look at the NHL's only desert team, the Arizona Coyotes.

The Coyotes have ranked at or near the bottom of the NHL in attendance for the last five seasons. They ranked last in three of their previous five seasons, and are third last so far in 2014-15.

During that time, the Coyotes posted an overall record of 163-135-57, along with one division championship and two playoff appearances. This is a winning team.

The desert doesn't draw fans — regardless of how successful their team is.

However, Canadian cities usually sell out hockey arenas so long as there's a team. Even the dismal Edmonton Oilers sell out most games.

There are many alternatives to Las Vegas. One is bringing back the Quebec Nordiques, which should be considered before Las Vegas.

There are still tons of Nordiques fans out there. Even in the face of massive cuts to public spending, Quebec



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labour minister Sam Hamad has said that Quebec City is considering putting taxpayer money towards building a new arena in an effort to bring back the Nordiques.

Another viable option is Seattle. It's a sports-crazy town and the Seahawks are notorious for having

the loudest fans in the NFL.

If a team didn't work in Phoenix under similar circumstances, then why would Las Vegas be any different?

Some people might think that Las Vegas and Phoenix are two different markets. I understand where they're coming from, but the desert is the

desert no matter what. You can surround it with as many expensive hotels, luxurious casinos and glamorous lights as you want, but at the end of the day the NHL has no business being there.

Don't get me wrong, I think Las Vegas is a great city — a great city to destroy young players' careers. Coaches will have a tough time keeping millionaire kids focused on hockey when they're playing in an arena located in the centre of escapism.

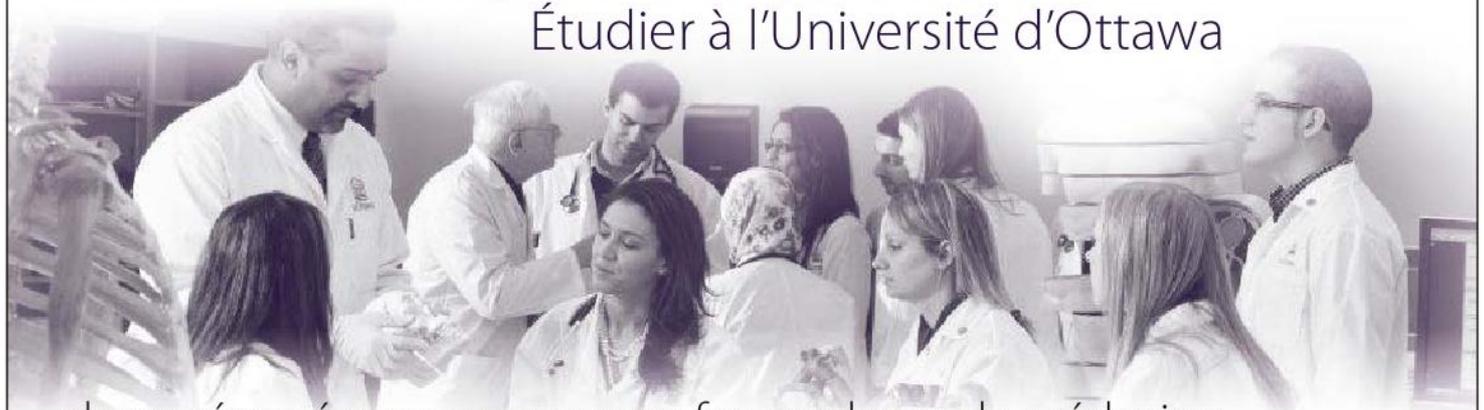
Many sports teams have strayed from Vegas and its close connection to gambling because of the precarious notion of maintaining the integrity of the sport and its players. Even Gretzky's wife, Janet Jones, has been investigated by the FBI for placing bets on the outcome of Phoenix Coyotes games when Gretzky was a part-owner.

People go to Las Vegas to get away from the cold, not to spend their night at a hockey rink. Who will go to the games if the majority of Vegas's workforce works in the evening?

Free tickets to Las Vegas hockey games would be as throw-away as handout escort cards on the strip because no one will go. It's better to place a team in a city that cares about hockey.

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DRUGS AND SHIT »

Science B bake sales sling dope goods

Fabian Mayer
Head of the testing committee

A *Gauntlet* investigation has revealed that the majority of the bake sales held in Science B have been selling goods that contain marijuana and other mind-altering drugs.

Eating cakes or brownies made with marijuana can produce the same effects as smoking the drug. *Gauntlet* staff volunteered to test the pastries. They concluded that around half of all baked goods sold contained drugs ranging from marijuana to crystal meth. On an unrelated note, we apologize for there being no issue of the *Gauntlet* last week.

University of Calgary administration will not implement any formal disciplinary measures, but bake sales are banned until further notice. Campus Security director Burt Killjoy said he wasn't surprised and that there were signs the clubs were selling more than plain pastries.

"In hindsight, I guess there were some clues. Some items often cost \$6-7 more than other treats. Faculty also overheard students referring



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Weed brownies have been selling like "pot-cakes," mumbling about all the beauty in the world.

"I was shocked. I usually buy the most expensive items to support the clubs. I had no idea I was eating space cakes," Cartwright said. He then began stroking the cement wall beside him and murmuring about the nature of the human soul.

The scandal came to light when fourth-year engineering student Henry Cartwright was found staring out the skylight in Science Theatres

the past year.

"I found it a little harder to focus in my classes. I would often sit at the back and watch cat videos while giggling to myself. My grades have gone downhill as well, but I've been strangely okay with it," Cartwright said. "It's all chill."

Jackie McCrae represents one of the clubs who sold space cakes to raise money for their organization. She defends the move to sell more

than just traditional baked goods. "You gotta adapt to a changing marketplace. The kids want drugs, we give them drugs," McCrae said. "Really, we're providing a service that is safer and more convenient than your run-of-the-mill drug dealer. We also tripled our fundraising after introducing the new products. My LSD banana bread is pretty gosh-darn delicious, if I do say so myself."

McCrae maintained the clubs thought everybody knew about the extra ingredients and they were tolerated so long as normal cookies and cakes were also sold.

"I thought it was pretty obvious. The fact that there are bake sales held there every single day is a bit of a giveaway. Do people really think that every single club on campus wants to have a traditional bake sale? Nobody is going to buy boring old brownies five days a week," McCrae said. "But weed brownies? They're selling like hotcakes. Or should I say, 'pot cakes!'"

The future of campus bake sales is in jeopardy. A petition to bring the bake sales back has been signed by over 60 per cent of students and over 90 per cent of faculty.

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HEADLINES

Degrees to be given for feats of strength

As part of the Eyes High strategy, University of Calgary president Elizabeth Cannon announced that the U of C will start giving bachelor's degrees for feats of strength. Certificates equivalent to four years of study will be awarded to students who can lift large rocks, push trees over, punch the prairie chicken without crying and sit through a four hour lecture on tariffs and trade economics without falling asleep.

Bullies United Club to host annual Spring Nerd-Bashing

The U of C Bullies United club, most notable for recently raiding a Geeks United meeting, will be hosting their annual Spring Nerd Bashing this weekend.

"Tis the season for beating up some weenies," said club president Bruce Musclehound.

Dog eats entire pepperoni stick off table

Last Tuesday, a dog ate an entire pepperoni stick off of the table. He was being a very bad dog.

Student kills bamboo plant, figures he'll never find love

Last Wednesday, fourth-year economics major Tim Smith managed to kill an Ikea bamboo plant his aunt gave him last summer.

"If I let it die," Smith said. "How can I keep love alive?"

The *Gauntlet* set to hire new staff

Applications were due on March 9 for editorial positions at the *Gauntlet*.

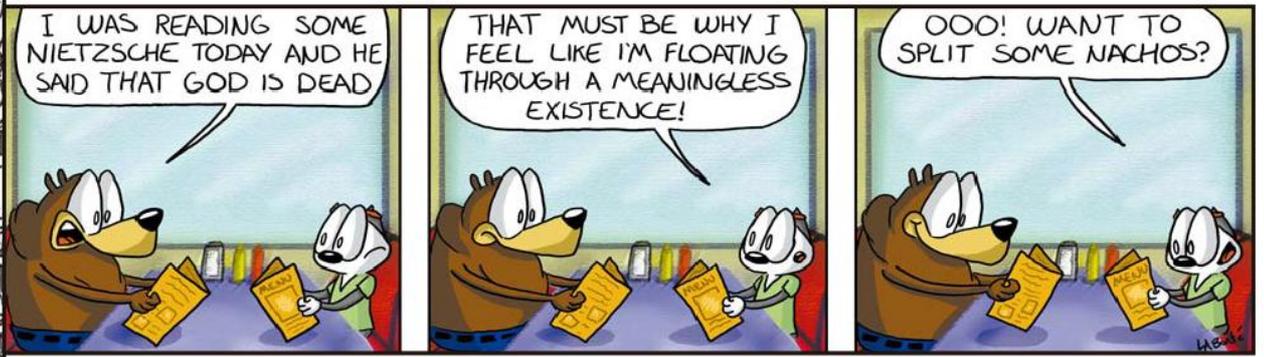
Promising applicants include a chicken saté sub, several company hacks, and the guy in the back of your economics class who eats nothing but jalapeno cheetos. Lord help us all.

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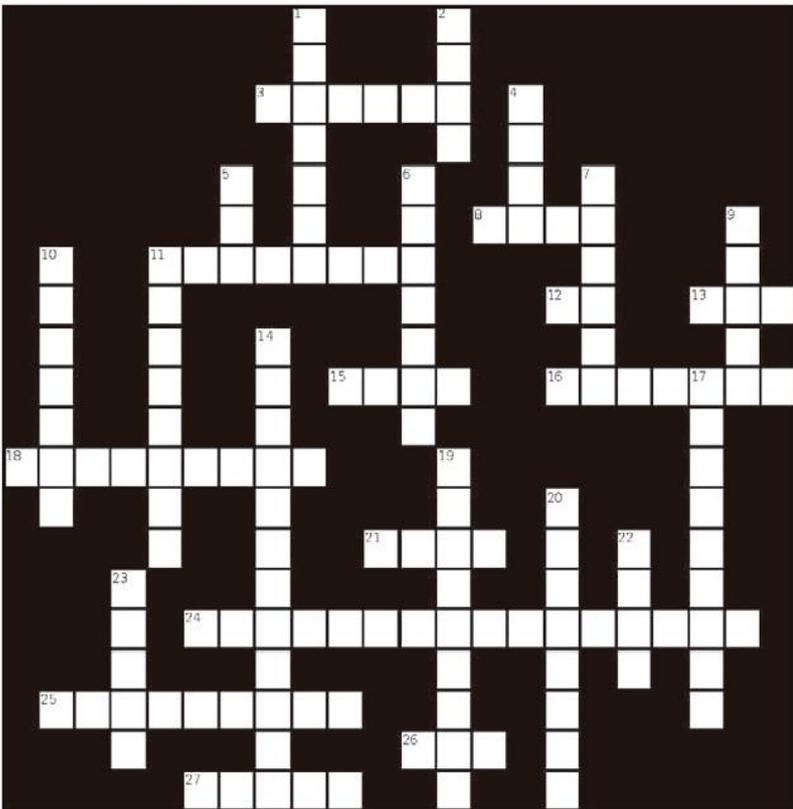
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THIS WEEK
 Well, we have had about a week to grieve over the dear little hour that Daylight Savings stole from us, so it's about time to retire those half-heated excuses about being tired and late, and embrace the extra sunshine. Looking ahead, this Saturday March 14 is Pi Day, so treat yourself to a slice of your favourite pie. In fact, take a second slice. Hell, have the whole pie. It's a little known fact, but on this magical day, pies are not made of calories, but pure, unadulterated math. Finally, Tuesday, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, so wear your finest olive- or pine-colored sweaters, pinch your friends, and find out how many green beers it takes to permanently tint your teeth.

Filbert Comics -Anthony Labonte



It Goes Without Saying -Dawn Muenchrath



ACROSS:

- 3. KRISTEN BELL AND IDINA MENZEL SANG IN THIS ANIMATED FILM.
- 8. "IF I'M DOING A FAKE MOVIE, IT'S GONNA BE A FAKE HIT."
- 11. MOVIE CONTINUATION OF FIREFLY.
- 12. SECOND ANIMATED FILM IN HISTORY TO BE NOMINATED FOR BEST PICTURE (2009).
- 13. "I'M A COTTON-HEADED NINNY-MUGGINS."
- 15. 2008 FILM STARRING SEAN PENN.
- 16. STAN LEE CHARACTER PORTRAYED BY ROBERT DOWNEY JR.
- 18. "DO AS YOU ARE TRAINED... AND KILL THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER!"
- 21. "WELCOME TO MUTANT HIGH."
- 24. THE MOVIE THAT MADE MARK ZUCKERBERG FAMOUS.
- 25. 1999 MOVIE BASED ON BOOK BY CHUCK PALAHNIUK.
- 26. 1988 COMEDY WITH TOM HANKS
- 27. "WE CAN STAY UP LATE, SWAPPING MANLY STORIES, AND IN THE MORNING, I'M MAKING WAFFLES!"

DOWN:

- 1. 2015 OSCAR WINNER FOR BEST PICTURE.
- 2. "THAT AIN'T NO ETCH-A-SKETCH. THIS IS ONE DOODLE THAT CAN'T BE UN-DID, HOMESKILLET."
- 4. MARVEL DEMIGOD OF ASGARD.
- 5. IT'S SET IN THE FUTURE BUT THEY WEAR REALLY HIGH PANTS.
- 6. 2012 JAMES BOND MOVIE.

- 9. CHRONICLE OF MLK'S CAMPAIGN FOR EQUAL VOTING RIGHTS (2014).
- 10. PATRICIA ARQUETTE WON BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE (2015).
- 11. "SAY 'HELLO' TO MY LITTLE FRIEND."
- 14. MOST RECENT FILM BY CHRISTOPHER NOLAN.
- 17. "YOU SMELL LIKE A BABY PROSTITUTE."
- 19. THE HEIGHT OF KEANU REEVES' CAREER IN 1999.
- 20. ABOUT A BENGAL TIGER, AN ORANGUTAN, A ZEBRA, AND A HYENA TRYING TO SURVIVE ON A RAFT.
- 22. 1975 SPIELBERG FILM.
- 23. 1996 MOVIE WITH A MEMORABLE WOOD CHIPPER SCENE.

LAST WEEK

