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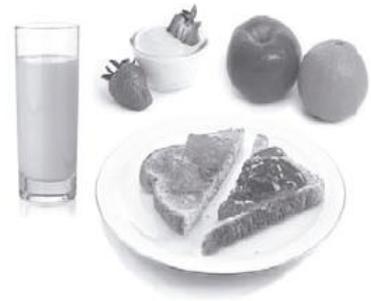
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Jeff was wearing a striped shirt when we took this, which obviously means he's either a mime or a convicted felon, though we think the latter is way cooler. We're hoping our pal Jeff can teach us some sweet tips for lock-picking or killing a man. If he's a mime though, learning how to escape an invisible box would be cool too.

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ADMINISTRATION »

University fires back as MacHall ownership dispute intensifies

Fabian Mayer
 News Editor

The University of Calgary has responded to the new information made public by the Students' Union in the dispute over the management and ownership of MacHall.

In an open letter sent to the SU on Sept. 22, provost Dru Marshall said the university was "disappointed with the SU's starting position for negotiations this fall and its threat of legal action."

The letter was a response to an SU e-mail that sought to lay down some ground rules in negotiations for a new MacHall operating agreement. SU president Levi Nilson was disappointed by the university's delayed response.

"It took them 13 days to respond to an e-mail that had some basic things in it that I've not only asked for, but [my predecessors] asked for," Nilson said.

The university also pointed out that the current License of Occupation, Operating and Management Agreement signed in 1999 identifies the university as the owner of MacHall in article 4.1 of the document.

The SU believes this clause was drafted in error and points to the original 1969 agreement, which gives the SU 55 per cent ownership and the university 45 per cent.

The SU filed a statement of claim with the provincial courts on April 28, 2015, but Nilson said they have yet to serve it to the university. He believes that if a deal can not be reached the conflict will likely be settled in court.

Nilson made the dispute public last week after the first negotiation session of the year with university administration did not go well.

"It was clear that we're kind of losing hope in getting a deal," Nilson said. "We still want to go back to the table, but we don't think that having it behind closed doors will be productive anymore."

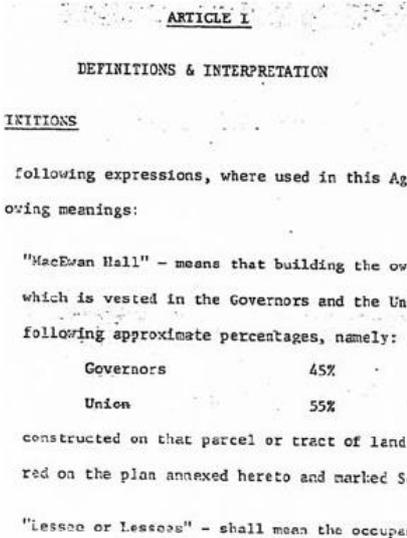
Marshall could not be reached for comment.

Nilson believes the SU has a strong case for majority ownership of MacHall and claims it is seeking an agreement that reflects that.

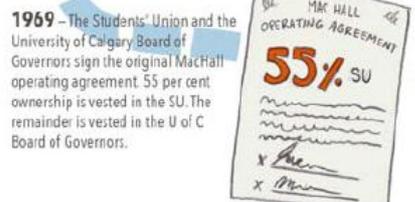
"Finding ownership kind of changed things in the way that we



BABUR ILCHI



1967 - MacHall opens to students. Final construction costs total \$3,557,300.



1969 - The Students' Union and the University of Calgary Board of Governors sign the original MacHall operating agreement. 55 per cent ownership is vested in the SU. The remainder is vested in the U of C Board of Governors.



1985 - Construction begins on MacEwan Student Centre, an expansion of MacHall. The SU claims it contributed \$4 million - 18 per cent of the total - with the majority of the remainder provided by the provincial government.



1998 - Another MacHall redevelopment project begins. According to the SU, it contributed \$13.1 million to the project while the university contributed \$3.5 million.



2013 - The SU and the university begin the current negotiations on a new operating agreement.

Dec. 9, 2015 -

The current operating agreement expires

The SU found the original MacHall agreement during negotiations with the university. SAMANTHA LUCY

would get a deal," Nilson said. "A lot of what the university is asking for would make our rights and responsibilities less within the building."

Nilson said one of the ground rules outlined in their original e-mail was that the agreement needed to be detailed and unambiguous. According to Nilson, the university has not been receptive to that demand.

"That's one of the things that I don't understand that the university wouldn't want," Nilson said. "The more clarity, the better, in our opinion."

Negotiations on a new operating

agreement for MacHall started two-and-a-half years ago when the current operating agreement was set to expire. The current agreement expires on Dec. 9 of this year. Nilson isn't sure what will happen if a deal isn't reached between now and then, but said it would put the SU and the services it provides at risk.

In Marshall's letter, she said the university would be willing to extend the existing agreement until May 1, 2016. However, that extension will be rescinded if the SU decides to take legal action.

Marshall claims the SU would have the option of retaining the

spaces it currently occupies.

According to the SU, they have invested \$19,025,000 in the building since 1969 compared to the university's \$3,500,000.

"We have a pretty strong set of facts on our side as far as ownership goes and we think it's fair that students know about it," Nilson said.

The SU has managed MacHall for over 40 years with lease agreements renegotiated periodically. Much of the union's revenue comes from operating the building. As a result, U of C students pay some of the lowest union fees in the country.

BRIEFS

AIDS drug sees 5,000 per cent price hike

An American pharmaceutical company is defending its decision to increase prices 5,000 per cent for the drug Daraprim, often used to treat AIDS patients.

Turing Pharmaceuticals, who acquired the rights to Daraprim in August, have increased the price for the drug from \$13.50 to \$750 per tablet.

The Infectious Diseases Society of America and the HIV Medicine Association are calling the price increase "unjustifiable."

Turing Pharmaceuticals CEO Martin Shkreli said in an interview Tuesday that the price would be lowered to make the drug more affordable.

Gang member shot in northeast Calgary

Henry Le Nguyen was shot multiple times by a masked gunman Monday morning outside a townhouse in northeast Calgary.

According to police reports, Nguyen was leaving his home shortly after 9:00 a.m. when the attack occurred.

Nguyen is currently under house-arrest for conspiracy to commit murder in connection with a purported plot targeting a member of a rival gang.

According to eye witnesses, the shooters fled in a white SUV.

Calgary police said Nguyen is in hospital in stable condition.

STUDENTS' UNION »

Expanded flu clinic proposal voted down

Scott Strasser
News Assistant

Student's Legislative Council voted against approving \$6,880 in additional Quality Money funding for an on-campus flu clinic last week.

The initial Quality Money proposal was for a three-day flu-shot clinic for students. Quality Money committee approved the original application of \$7,350 last year.

The vote on the recent proposal was split, with 10 voting in favour of the funding increase and 10 against. A majority of 50 per cent plus one was required to approve the funding.

Quality Money is a partnership between the SU and the university that hands out roughly \$1.5 million to "projects that will enhance the overall student experience."

Project creators Andrew Stewart and SU vice-president academic Stephan Guscott originally aimed to vaccinate between 300-500 students.

Guscott said Stewart applied for the extra funding in order to increase the scope of the clinic. According to the new proposal, the funding would have allowed the clinic to last 10 days and vaccinate approximately 2,500 additional students and staff.

The adapted application would have also allowed staff and faculty members to receive a vaccine.



The proposal asked for an additional \$6,880 to vaccinate around 2,500 more students and staff.

Vice-president operations and finance Sarah Pousette brought the new proposal to SLC and voted in favour of granting the additional funding.

"Because this was a significant change in scope, there were questions [from SLC members] as to whether they believed it was following the original idea of the proposal," Pousette said.

Vice-president student life Kirsty McGowan was one of the 10 SLC members who voted against the

request.

"I was extremely supportive of the original project because of its clear focus on students," McGowan said. "I didn't feel comfortable approving a funding increase that was for the primary purpose of adding staff to the project."

Guscott abstained from the vote due to his personal involvement with the flu clinic project.

Although the increase in funding wasn't approved, Pousette said the SU is still working alongside the

Wellness Centre to make sure the event still happens with the original scope and budget.

According to Guscott, the event will be the first physical flu clinic for students on campus.

"The closest Alberta health services clinic is in Brentwood," Guscott said. "From what I know, the clinics that were on campus in the past were organized by staff wellness and were for staff only."

The flu clinic is slated to take place in late October.



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Calgary Confederation NDP candidate talks pipelines and student debt reform

Fabian Mayer
News Editor

Throughout the federal election the *Gauntlet* will interview candidates running in Calgary Confederation. This newly created riding includes the University of Calgary and many surrounding communities.

Former journalist and communications lead for environmental think tank the Pembina Institute Kirk Heuser is the NDP candidate for the riding. We spoke with him about student issues, pipelines and more.

The Gauntlet: Why should people in Calgary Confederation vote NDP?

Kirk Heuser: As we've seen in a lot of the polls, it's really hard to distinguish between the parties if you look at popular support among decided voters. But one of the things that we know is absolutely clear in every poll is that 80 per cent of the people or more want change. We're the only party that's offering actual change. What I mean by that is the Conservatives are no longer considered an option. But if you look at the Liberal record, the Liberals have supported the Conservatives on C-51, they've supported all of their budgets including giving tax breaks to large corporations. They've supported their omnibus budget bills, which include little side things that take away the rights of voters. When you're looking at the three parties, the only party that's offering actual change is the NDP.

G: Why would you make a good representative for residents of Calgary Confederation?

KH: I think I would make a good representative because of my experience as a journalist. I've spent nearly 20 years in Alberta talking to Albertans, talking to Calgarians, talking to Canadians about the issues that are important to them. I've been an advocate for them for nearly two decades. I've done stories that delve deeply into the challenges that are facing every day Calgarians and everyday Canadians. I've been an advocate for change on their behalf. I have almost



Kirk Heuser is the NDP candidate for Calgary Confederation. SEAN WILLETT two decades experience working for the people of my community.

G: Student issues haven't been talked about very much by any party, including the NDP. What would the NDP do for students?

KH: Students should vote for us because we're the only party talking about making it more affordable to go to university. We've attempted on several occasions to pass a post-secondary act in the House of Commons. This has been voted down by the Conservatives and Mr. Trudeau has not turned up for the votes. What we need to do is put something in place that keeps tuition down and makes post-secondary education more affordable for students across the country. I think that you're seeing action like that when it comes to the NDP government here in Alberta.

One of the other things that we're talking about is student loans. We know that the average student graduates from university now with about

\$26,000 in debt. The Conservatives unfortunately have decided that the way they're going to address student loan debt is to become more aggressive in collecting those debts and the Liberals aren't talking about it at all. The NDP is the only party, that's talking about keeping those student loans low.

G: What is the NDP's policy on marijuana and have you ever personally consumed the drug?

KH: Yes I have. I haven't smoked a joint in about 13 years. I was one of those unfortunate people that all of a sudden it started giving me headaches and things like that. Maybe I just got a little too old. Our policy, and my policy, is that as soon as we're elected to government we will decriminalize marijuana. It's very important that we do that right away because we need to take its distribution out of the hands of criminal organizations.

Once we've decriminalized it we will actually work towards legalizing it. It's a huge tax opportunity, I'm not

going to lie. But it is also a very useful tool when it comes to dealing with a lot of health issues that people are facing these days and we shouldn't be denying people access to it. A little edgier slant on it — I was a bartender for many years. I worked in bars to work my way through school and I've said it many times: I would rather be in a room full of people smoking marijuana than a room full of drunk people.

G: The NDP have come out against both Keystone XL and Northern Gateway. Is that hurting your campaign?

KH: Well I need to make a correction there. We haven't come out against those projects. When Tom Mulcair talked about Keystone, what he was saying was that the 40,000 jobs that Keystone is going to create in the United States, we should keep those here. That's 10s of 1000s of jobs that we could keep in Canada through value-added processes.

The problem with [Northern] Gateway is the way that the Conservative government tried to hammer it through. It was an 'our way or no way' approach. So now is the process is stalled because the Conservative government refused to invite the people who had to be at the table to be part of the approval process. Now you've got those groups making constitutional challenges to the approval process. That's what is slowing that down.

When it comes to pipelines, the NDP are in favour of pipelines. We need to get our bitumen, our raw products to market and how we do that is we build Energy East. We also need to expand the Kinder-Morgan pipeline to the southern coast of British Columbia. The fantastic thing about that is most of the infrastructure is already in place. The ports have already been developed and by going that way instead of the Northern Gateway route we preserve pristine coastline in Northern BC.

G: Are there any NDP policies that you disagree with?

KH: I can honestly say no.

G: Is there anything you'd like to see more or less emphasis on from the NDP?

KH: I think that when it comes to putting a price on carbon, we're

going to have to be very open to the best ways of doing that because there are a number of different systems in place across Canada. When it comes to developing a national strategy to lower greenhouse gases to take effective action on climate change that is going to have to be a discussion with all provinces. It's a discussion we're open to having and have to be prepared to accept all potential solutions.

G: A Calgary Confederation poll has the Conservatives at 38 per cent, the Liberals at 37 per cent and the NDP at 19 per cent. Do you believe you can still win this riding?

KH: Absolutely, because we've done internal polling of our own that is considerably more reliable and it shows us considerably ahead of the Liberals and right behind the Conservatives. There's all kinds of polls going on right now. I hate to use the cliché that the only one that counts is on election day, but it really is. We're still more than a month out and a lot can change in a month.

There are polls going around that are amalgam polls where the Liberal candidate in Calgary Confederation is doing better than he actually is because of how the Liberal candidate is doing in Calgary Centre or in Calgary Skyview. Mr. Webber and the Conservatives are also polling high because of how well the Conservative candidates are doing around them. I'm the highest polling NDP candidate in the entire city, so based on the theories some of these polls use, my numbers are actually being dragged down.

These polls that are going around now, I don't know the methodology behind the poll that you're referring to. As I understand it from one person who got a phone call, it was an automated poll — highly unreliable. It doesn't factor into my day at all because I know what I'm hearing on the doorsteps. I know what we're getting in the way of support and things are looking fantastic.

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Vet-med students to choose faculty rep in October byelection

Babur Ilchi
Gauntlet News

The Students' Union is holding a byelection for the position of veterinary medicine representative from Oct. 14-16.

The budget for the byelection estimates the costs at over \$14,000. This includes the cost for licensing online voting software, the salaries of the two Chief Returning Officers, candidate funds and election staff training.

Vice-president operations and finance Sarah Pousette said the byelection is the result of nobody running for the position last year. She stressed that the final cost likely won't be as high as the budget indicates.

"We're doing all of our promotion at the vet med campus. It's all going to be focused there and so it [costs] significantly less," Pousette said.

The software used for the byelection is CanVote, which allows students to vote using their My U of C account. It is the same one used during the general election. Pousette said the cost of licensing the CanVote software is inevitable.

"Basically we pay [for CanVote] in different instalments twice a year and that covers the cost of our entire election process — our general election and byelection."

Pousette believes that representation of veterinary medicine students is important. The veterinary medicine students have classes at the Spyhill campus and have had problems finding student representatives in the past.

"I know this number for CanVote seems high, but I don't think you can put a price on student representation," Pousette said.

Nomination days for the position run from Sept. 28-30.

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U of C designated fair trade campus

Fabian Mayer
News Editor

After three years of work, the University of Calgary has finally been designated a fair trade campus.

The announcement was made on Sept. 21 at the Sustainability Resource Centre. The U of C is the first campus in Alberta and the 10th in Canada to attain the certification.

Student club Engineers Without Borders (EWB) is behind the effort to make the U of C a fair trade campus. Club members Keon Ma and Linda Zhao spearheaded the project. Ma said the hardest part was getting all the various groups on campus on board.

"All of them have to be involved in order to get the designation so that was a more drawn out process, but I'm glad everything came together," Ma said.

The Fair Trade Campus program is run by non-profit organization Fairtrade Canada. To receive certification, universities must form a fair trade steering committee, offer fair trade products and engage in awareness in education.

The Students' Union, Graduate Students' Association (GSA) and campus food provider Aramark all had to incorporate fair trade options into their food locations. A push to get the designation failed in 2014 when the GSA did not meet the requirements.

Ma said EWB has been working



Engineers Without Borders member Keon Ma helped the U of C attain Fair Trade Campus status. **FABIAN MAYER**

to raise awareness around fair trade for many years. The group holds regular "Fair Trade Friday" events where they offer free fair trade coffee to get people interested in the initiative.

"It's a really important issue that we kind of take for granted a lot of times," Ma said.

He admitted fair trade isn't a perfect system, but hopes it will force people to think about where their food comes from.

"We might be striving for the

best deals at the supermarket but then when you think about the other side, maybe they're struggling to survive. Maybe they're not making enough for a living," Ma said.

Associate director of food and conference services Jill Blackie said she is excited about the designation and highlighted the student involvement in the project. She also stressed the difficulties of coordinating with all the different parties involved.

"Everybody that was part of the proposal was very amicable to switching over," Blackie said.

Blackie believes universities can play a significant role in spreading awareness.

"It's a status that recognizes the leadership of Canadian colleges and universities," Blackie said. "It has a global impact."

A committee made up of the various stakeholders will meet quarterly to ensure the U of C retains its status.



LOUIE VILLANUEVA

Local fruits and veggies were on offer last week when the University of Calgary hosted its second annual farmers' market on Sept. 18.

OPINIONS

EDITORIAL »

Student groups need to stop playing nice with administration

The Students' Union recently went public with their two-and-a-half year dispute over the ownership of MacHall, effectively halting their closed-door negotiations with the university. The two organizations have been negotiating over who owns MacHall for the better part of the last three years, with the SU recently making new information regarding the building's ownership public.

And while it all sounds very dramatic, this is exactly what these negotiations need. Students have no business doing closed-door bargaining with any type of powerful governing body.

When it comes to the sheer amount of money and time these two organizations have, the university will come out on top every time.

Like most student organizations, the SU experiences yearly student-staff turnover. If the university doesn't like negotiating with an SU president, all they have to do is stall for one more year. University administrators come to these jobs at the peak of their careers, with decades of experience in their fields and salaries to match. And while the SU does have full-time staff, it's difficult for them to match the university's resources.

Students have a bad habit of convincing ourselves that if we play by the rules, these powerful



SAMANTHA LUCY

organizations will suddenly respect us and give us what we want. But there's no benefit to entering closed-door negotiations with people and organizations more powerful than us.

We don't want tuition to increase, so we enter into lengthy consultation processes with the provincial government. We want secondary suites legalized, so we sign petitions and meet with city councillors. We want a detailed operating agreement for MacHall, so we start negotiating with university administration.

Spoiler alert: none of those have worked out well for students. The state of MacHall is in flux, city council is debating secondary suites for the millionth time and we had to elect a new provincial

government to stop tuition hikes. That's because students — through no fault of our own — aren't on a level playing field with those in power.

So what do we do? We can't just throw our hands in the air and resign ourselves to getting fucked over every time someone tries something we don't like.

Students need to start embracing the conflicting nature of our relationships with powerful institutions, and we need to start using the tactics and skills we have at our disposal.

As organizations, the SU and the university are almost always going to be at odds with each other. That's fine. It doesn't mean the SU shouldn't be polite and professional in its dealings with the university,

but it does mean we should stop lying to ourselves about university administration just wanting what's best for students.

The SU also has advantages that the university doesn't. They're much more involved in the day-to-day lives of students than the university, they have a larger support base and they're a far more sympathetic player in any power struggle than the high-paid staff of a heavily-corporatized university administration.

These are all advantages the SU loses in closed-door negotiations. They are also advantages any student organization loses the moment we enter negotiations "in good faith," as if powerful institutions have the same vested interest in these issues that we do.

Negotiations are a fight. They're a fight that should be professional and courteous, but everyone at the negotiating table is ultimately trying to get what's best for them. The SU should treat their ongoing dispute with MacHall like the conflict that it is.

Now that students know the details of the SU's dispute with university administration, we can feel a lot more comfortable taking sides. And that's one of the advantages the SU is going to need if they want to stay in control of MacHall.

Kate Jacobson
 Gauntlet Editorial Board

STUDENT LIFE »

Religious students deserve space on campus

Ahmad Nasser
 Gauntlet Opinions

Praying five times a day sounds like a big commitment. But for Muslims, it's a daily routine.

On campus, however, the multi-faith room on the third floor of MacHall is not equipped to house an adequate amount of students and staff during prayer times. This small space forces students into neighbouring hallways and disrupts others who use this area. While the University of Calgary is constructing a space in the Dining Centre, we need a new centralized, permanent space allocated for prayer.

Over the past couple of years, many renovations and construction

projects have been completed on campus. The new Q Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity opened to students, costing upwards of \$200,000 to complete. Over the summer, the Den underwent a significant facelift that cost the SU just under \$500,000.

These projects are welcoming and visually pleasing spaces that give students a place to spend time on campus outside of classes. But despite these large-scale investments into student well-being, there is still a large gap where students of faith are concerned.

The commitment to prayer is carried out by a large portion of Muslims on campus, but a large enough area has not yet been secured for

religious purposes. Asking for this space isn't unreasonable — many initiatives have taken place over the last few years to fund spaces for different communities and groups on campus.

Room for prayer space is in similarly high demand. Prayer is important for many religious students at this school. So it's time for a new prayer space on campus that will suit the needs of both Muslim students and those of all faiths.

Although a new development called the Vitruvian Space is slated to open later this semester, the location isn't ideal for most students and faculty. Prayer times are different every day, and sometimes praying at the correct time means

doing so in between classes. Walking across campus to the Dining Centre will pose a challenge when crunched for time.

The Loft on the fourth floor of MacHall was a convenient temporary prayer area last year, and Muslim students and faculty enjoyed the comfort of the space. Unfortunately, The Loft has only been designated as a temporary solution while the Vitruvian Space is being renovated.

Facilitating an accessible multi-cultural area dedicated to prayer for the religious population on campus is in dire need. The Loft is the perfect space to revamp as a permanent, centralized multi-faith space on campus.

short form

Do you think religious students deserve dedicated prayer spaces?



"Yes. We are a free country and it's their right to practice it."

- Kanwal Samra,
 first-year law and society



"No, they can do that anywhere."

- Billy Le,
 first-year business



"No. I am religious and I keep that out of school."

- Emmalyne Clisby,
 fifth-year French



"Yes, it is our right as Canadians."

- Courtney Singer,
 first-year geophysics

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Strategic voting could sink Conservatives

Fabian Mayer
News Editor

Four weeks out from election day, polls are showing a three-way tie between the NDP, Liberals and Conservatives. But just because each party has around 30 per cent support doesn't mean they all have an equal chance of forming government.

Things are looking especially tough for the ruling Conservatives. Anger towards Harper is nearing an all-time high, and polls show a significant majority of Canadians want a change in government — nearly 70 per cent in the latest poll.

If those people vote strategically and decide ousting Harper is more important than their preferred progressive party winning, the Conservatives are in deep trouble. And there are many indications that this is the case. Only about 40 per cent of NDP and Liberal voters say they're considering just one party. This suggests many so-called progressive voters are willing to support whichever party has the best chance of defeating the Conservatives.

If either opposition party gains a lead and emerges as the clear challenger, the anti-Conservative vote will likely coalesce behind that party. And if this takes place on a national scale then the Conservatives will lose — badly.

Even if this scenario doesn't play out nationwide, strategic voting among progressives still has the potential to ruin Stephen Harper's election night. As it stands, the Conservatives need to win numerous close ridings if they even hope to remain in office. Strategic voting on a riding level has the potential to make that an impossible task.

Several grassroots efforts have sprung up in an attempt to stop vote-splitting among the Liberals, NDP and Green Party. Slick-looking websites offer voters advice on which non-Conservative candidate is best positioned to win their riding. Some are even crowdfunding local polling in order to make accurate projections.

According to one of these websites, votetogether.ca, over 65,000 people have pledged to support the local candidate best placed to beat the Conservatives — a number that will only grow between now and election day.

Over 338 constituencies, that number only works out to about 200 votes per riding. However, there is greater incentive to vote strategically in close ridings, meaning that those votes may be much more concentrated than they appear.

Calgary Confederation, where the U of C is located, is one riding where strategic voting may make a big difference. A recent poll showed the Conservatives and Liberals are virtually tied with 38 and 37 per cent support respectively. NDP supporters who look at that poll and see their candidate essentially out of the race at 19 per cent have the potential to swing the election in the Liberal's favour — as long as their first priority is stopping the Conservatives.

Similar situations are playing out across the country. In the greater Toronto area, eight seats were decided by three per cent or less in the last election. Seven of those went to the Conservatives.

In an election that might be decided by a handful of seats, strategic voters have potential to be a big headache for the Conservatives come election night.

If you're looking for a new pet, give snakes a chance

Sean Willett
Opinions Editor

I own a pet snake — a ball python, to be specific. A five-foot-long reptilian predator that has evolved to kill mammalian prey. An animal that would strike fear into the hearts of many people. An animal some would kill on sight. A pest.

But I love her, as much as someone might love their dog or cat. And you might be surprised to find that you can love one too.

But why would someone want a reptile in the first place? The answer is different for different people. Some people keep reptiles because they like the idea of having an exotic pet. Others keep reptiles to breed and sell them. My reason was the reason most people have pets — I wanted something to take care of.

I owned a reptile when growing up, but I was too young to properly look after her. Reptiles, like any other pet, need your time and energy. Many people buy lizards, snakes and turtles thinking they're 'low-maintenance' pets. But in reality, reptiles can be some of the most demanding pets to care for. Like mammals and birds, they need owners who can ensure their living conditions are exactly tailored to the needs of their species.

This time, I did my research beforehand and settled on a ball python due to their reputation as good beginner pets. I made sure to buy an enclosure that was the right size and shape, then set up heating pads and accessories that reflected the habitat these snakes have in the wild. I also found a reliable local breeder, as I didn't want to buy from a potentially untrustworthy pet store.

Elaine was only a couple months old when I got her. She was small enough to fit into the palm of my



Like mammals, snakes can be rewarding pets.

LOUIE VILLANUEVA

hand, and a little on the thin side for a ball python her age. I made sure to hold her container under my coat as we drove back home through the snow, hoping to keep her cold-blooded body warm until we got home. My paranoia made me check on her every few minutes, peering under my jacket to see Elaine's dark, bright eyes and puppy-like snout peering back. I was smitten.

As the weeks went by, I took the time to handle her and get her used to being near people. She was nervous at first, but Elaine soon warmed up to me, becoming more curious and less anxious every time she came out of her enclosure. I can even take her into public, where she tolerates being pet and held by curious strangers.

As someone who was used to only interacting with mammals like cats and dogs, I wasn't expecting a snake to learn or communicate. But Elaine continues to surprise me with the level of intelligence and emotional depth she is capable of.

She can recognize me by sight,

greeting me when I come home by moving out from her burrow and towards me. While I'm handling her, Elaine will always tap my nose with hers as soon as I take her out of her enclosure, and will rub her head against my hand to ask me to massage her cheeks. The fact that she even lets me touch her head means that she knows I'm friendly. It means that she trusts me.

As mammals, we tend to think that only other mammals can be complicated, emotional beings. It's a misconception that has plagued both science and popular thought for years. Only recently, with new attitudes and research, are we beginning to understand that we are wrong.

While reptiles can be difficult and demanding pets, keeping a lizard, snake or turtle can be just as rewarding as any warm-blooded creature. Reptiles are different from us in so many ways, but that doesn't mean we don't share deep-rooted similarities. Many are intelligent and caring. All they ask is that you take the time to care for them back.



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FILM FESTIVAL »

Calgary International Film Festival shows diverse films from Canada and abroad

Danielle Kim
Gauntlet Entertainment

The Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is gearing up for its 16th annual year. The 12-day festival starts on Sept. 23 and brings a lineup of over 200 international and Canadian films to Eau Claire Cineplex and Globe Cinema.

Since the festival's inception in 2000, CIFF has experienced a tremendous increase in popularity. Attendance grew by 42 per cent last year, resulting in a turnout of nearly 30,000. Despite the spike in moviegoers, executive director Steve Schroeder says the festival hasn't strayed from its philosophy of showcasing movies purely for the enjoyment of the public.

"We're a festival that's first and foremost an audience festival," Schroeder says. "We're here for the general public — regular people who love movies — to come and celebrate the best of what's being produced in the world right now. Our focus on the audience has gotten more and more clear."

The festival has evolved to complement its increasing popularity, and



Green Room is one of the films playing at Calgary International Film Festival.

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moviegoers may end up getting more than they bargained for at screenings. CIFF has organized pop-up performances and concerts between certain films to keep the crowd entertained and engaged. The idea began as a pilot project last year with performances at roughly half the screenings. Schroeder says CIFF hopes to expand on the idea in coming years so that

even those waiting in line for popcorn can be entertained.

"People are at a festival so we want to make it as vibrant as possible. Let's fill up every corner that we can with something thematically related to what's on screen," Schroeder says.

There's a film for everyone at CIFF this year. Some particularly noteworthy films like *Green Room* — a

crime thriller in which Patrick Stewart portrays a neo-Nazi who owns a punk-rock club — have already made a splash at the Toronto International Film Festival.

CIFF also places importance on celebrating Canadian film, so keep an eye out for *Sleeping Giant* — a coming-of-age drama and the first feature film directed by Ontarian Andrew Cividino.

To ease audience selection, films are organized into easily recognizable categories. Though feature films may garner most of the attention at CIFF, Schroeder advises festival-goers not to count out the short film packages, which include eight or nine consecutive short films focused on a central theme.

"We have a really, really loyal and rabid short film audience. Those people are rabid about shorts because they're so fun to go to," he says.

The complete festival lineup and schedule is posted on the CIFF website. Tickets can be purchased online or at the box office located on the main floor of Eau Claire Market.

Schroeder has a piece of advice for those who may feel overwhelmed by the vast selection.

"Don't be intimidated by the amount of content. Just focus on the ones that jump out at you and take a risk," he says. "Maybe it's going to be one of the best films you've ever seen."

For more information about the Calgary International Film Festival, visit calgaryfilm.com.

LOCAL FESTIVAL »

Flamenco Festival blends dance and visual art

Rachel Woodward
Entertainment Assistant

The Calgary International Flamenco Festival is returning to town for a fifth year to showcase Flamenco dance and culture at venues across the city from Sept. 27–Oct. 3. With dancers coming to town from Spain and local artists rounding out the schedule, the festival aims to expose Calgarians to Flamenco culture. Artistic director Fiona Malena is thrilled that the festival has reached its milestone fifth year.

"It's a very special opportunity to see flamenco because it's something quite new to the city," Malena says. "It's such a dynamic cultural art form that it draws people who are interested — not just in the artistic aspects, but the cultural aspects as well. It's multi-disciplinary, so I think it appeals to a lot of people in that sense. You get a really heavily visual show. It's dynamic and it's engaging and that's why audiences keep coming back."

There are a variety of events taking place at venues throughout the city.

The main concert, *Arbolé*, features Malena and Spanish dancer Karen Lugo and opens the festival on Sept. 27 at University Theatre. And free events like the downtown *Flamenco at Noon* give more opportunities for casual fans to check out the festival.

“Flamenco is such a dynamic cultural art form that it draws people who are interested — not just in artistic aspects, but the cultural aspects as well.”

Festival organizer Olivia Rocskar particularly looks forward to the community event taking place at the Jam Evening Oct. 3 at Cafe Koi.

"It's just a way of connecting with the community, not only to promote Flamenco, but also to give back to the arts," she says.

Workshops are offered throughout the festival, and lessons will be taught for all levels of dancers. Advanced students will be given the opportunity to

work with guest artists coming from Spain, while beginner lessons are taught by local teachers.

Another feature of the festival is the Flamenco Art Exhibition, taking place at the Van Ginkel Art Gallery in Inglewood. Rocskar is excited about

the combination of performance and visual art.

"Art isn't just about performance. It's also the visual arts, so the greater connection we can make is more beneficial to the community and to propagate Flamenco and to have that exposure," Rocskar says.

For more information about Calgary International Flamenco Festival, visit calgaryflamencofestival.com.



A dancer performs at last year's Flamenco Festival. COURTESY IVAN KARABOLIEV

CAMPUS STYLE »



Third year psychology major Lauren Chehowy keeps comfortable and luxe in a soft turtleneck. Lauren's favourite digs come from Oak and Fort, Tommy Hilfiger and Aritzia. When she isn't busy throwing together looks or hitting the books you can find Lauren singing Young Thug or getting turnt with friends.

Hayden McBennett

STAFF PICKS » SEPTEMBER 24 - 30

Friday, September 25:

Ottawa art group The Windows Collective will take over a downtown park as they screen short films on urban landscapes.

Place: Central Memorial Park

Time: 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 26:

The Alberta Printmakers non-profit holds their annual Print It Yourself festival. Learn the basics of printmaking from local artists in a free workshop or hang out and check out their work.

Place: 4025 4th Street SE

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 28:

The School of Creative and Performing Arts present jazz saxophonist Eli Manning. He'll be joined by the Calgary Creative Arts Ensemble, a local big band.

Place: University Theatre

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Monday, September 28:

Lunchbox Theatre presents *Dirty Laundry: Degenerate Hospital*, the 16th season of a live, improvised soap opera set in a hospital. It's sure to be a delightful mess.

Place: Lunchbox Theatre

Time: 7:30 p.m.

NEW MUSIC »



Kurt Vile *b'lieve i'm goin' down...*

September 25, 2015 (Matador)

American singer-songwriter Kurt Vile has made effortless-sounding music for his entire career. His care-free demeanor coupled with fuzzy backing guitars creates laid-back jams with a magnetic appeal. Vile now returns with his sixth studio album, *b'lieve i'm goin' down...*, his most confident record yet.

On the album, Vile ditches the electric guitar fuzz that characterized his previous albums, perhaps

because *b'lieve* was conceived entirely on the road. An accompanying note from Vile reveals inspiration for this album is still grounded in his lackadaisical lifestyle.

Album opener "Pretty Pimpin" fits that description exactly. Vile muses through an old cliché about the unrecognizable man in the mirror, but doesn't seem to care. "So I laughed and I said, 'oh silly me, that's just me.'" Vile sings with a blasé indifference.

The album is a sonic shrug, and Vile spends *b'lieve* pinballing between complete apathy and unguarded wisdom. He takes on the role of the archetypal stoner psychologist, an attitude best captured on "That's life, tho (al-mo-hate to say)," a nonchalant ad-libbing that's both the album's centerpiece and its mantra. It's sometimes hard to believe Vile actually writes his lyrics — it sounds like he's just recording random

musings about the meaning of life.

Musically, *b'lieve* is a casual masterpiece. Vile possesses a seemingly endless array of melancholic acoustic riffs that he occasionally pairs with keys, harps, horns and resonators. "I'm strumming unsuccessfully, but moreso just pressin' keys," coos Vile on "All in a Daze Work."

Similar messages are sprawled across the album, but subtle variations in instruments and effects keep each song fresh. With several of Vile's most daring vocal melodies to date, *b'lieve* represents a significant leap in confidence and self-awareness.

For those looking for a soundtrack to their autumn walks on campus, downtown or to nowhere in particular, *b'lieve i'm goin' down...* is the perfect album. And don't be surprised if you pick up some wisdom on the way.

Or whatever.

Jarrett Edmund

LOCAL NEWS

Local band Viet Cong plans name change amid controversy

Calgary post-punk band Viet Cong released a statement Sept. 19 addressing controversy surrounding their name.

The band was named after the North Vietnamese insurgency that fought against South Vietnamese and American troops during the Vietnam War. Critics argue the name is culturally appropriative, and the band had an Ohio concert cancelled earlier this year because of their name.

"We've been listening, talking and having lots of valuable conversations with the members of the Vietnamese community

about the name," the band says in a statement released Sept. 19. "Through this dialogue and hearing about what the name means to so many people, we have decided we will be changing the name of our band."

The band has not yet announced what they will change their name to, but they won't be known as Viet Cong when they release their forthcoming sophomore album.

"Art and music are about creative expression. However, our band name is not our cause and we are not going to fight for it."

Viet Cong released their acclaimed self-titled debut album, which was shortlisted for the 2015 Polaris Musical Prize, in January of 2015.

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EXPO »

Calgary Reptile Expo slithers into town

Sean Willett
Opinions Editor

Are you looking for a new pet, but want something a little more interesting than a hamster? Are you okay with an animal that slithers, crawls or hops? Then you might just find a new best friend at the Calgary Reptile Expo.

Organized by the Alberta Reptile and Amphibian Society, the expo will take place from Sept. 26–27 at the Mid-Sun Community Centre in the southeast Calgary. Over 30 different vendors will attend, including reptile breeders, pet equipment suppliers, artists and educators.

Many vendors are long-time veterans of the expo, but Rebecca Thorn of Calgary-based Thorn's Pythons is a vendor at the expo for the first time.

"I only started breeding snakes this year," Thorn says. "I got into the hobby because of the snake I already had. He's a super friendly, adorable pastel ball python and I wondered what kind of babies he could make."

Thorn primarily breeds ball pythons, but also has several boas, blood pythons and carpet pythons in her collection. She will be bringing many of these animals to the expo, both for show and for sale.

"I'll be displaying a few not-for-sale reptiles so I can show what I have and what kinds of snakes I'll be producing next year," Thorn says. "I'll be selling a few breeding pairs along with some females that are proven breeders."

Breeding is a popular hobby among reptile owners, as it can produce reptile varieties known as morphs that exhibit a



Snakes, chameleons, geckos, turtles, iguanas, frogs, salamanders and more are on display at the Calgary Reptile Expo. COURTESY MAXINE POWER

Breeders often give these morphs colourful nicknames like 'bumblebee' or 'banana', and certain types can be particularly rare and valuable.

— a pastel special champagne with a ringer. I can't believe how beautiful he is. I'll be bringing him to the expo as well.

Thorn will also be bringing a

/// I can't believe it when someone says they don't want to hold a snake. Who doesn't want to hold a beautiful snake?

"You have to figure out which genes work well with each other," Thorn explains. "For example, I have a world's first in my collection

snake she rescued after it sustained a serious injury.

"Her name is Temperance and she is a beautiful albino boa that

was attacked by her family's dog. She has pretty bad scars on her back, but now she is all healed up and is accustomed to dogs again. She's feeling like a million bucks," she says.

Thorn hopes snakes like Temperance, along with the other reptiles and amphibians at the Calgary Reptile Expo, will help show people that these animals aren't as scary as some people think.

"The expo is a great way to educate people that may think that reptiles are bad or aggressive," she says. "I can't believe it when someone says they don't want to hold one. Some organizations use corn

snakes and ball pythons as companion animals to help treat depression and anxiety. Who doesn't want to look at a beautiful snake? Who doesn't want to hold a beautiful snake?"

And for some people, the expo might be the place they find a new companion.

"There are so many different kinds of lizards and snakes, all with different personalities," Thorn says. "You just have to find one that really speaks to you."

For more information about the Calgary Reptile Expo, visit albertareptilesociety.org.

Prime professor or a terrific TA?

Submit your nominations for SU Teaching Excellence Awards



Some of you may remember one particular teacher who sparked your interest in the area that you're now majoring in. Others may recall a passionate instructor who made even the driest topic riveting. Luckily, excellent teachers are by no means limited to your past, and in recognition of this, the SU Teaching Excellence Awards (TEA) were created as a way to honour exceptional teachers at the university level.

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at 4:30 pm. Nomination forms are available electronically on the SU website at www.su.ucalgary.ca/tea

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Pizza Week serves up twists on a classic dish

Clara Sadler
Online Editor

They say a good pizza consists of crust, cheese and toppings. But the dishes served up at YYC Pizza Week contain a whole lot more than that.

Starting on Sept. 25, restaurants across Calgary will create unique pizzas sold for \$20. Participating restaurants and pizza connoisseurs are encouraged to explore the city to discover new restaurants, try outlandish pizzas and vote on their favourites, with winners announced at the festival's conclusion. Three dollars from each pizza sold goes to Calgary Meals on Wheels.

YYC Pizza Week team member Cory Chapdelaine says the event was inspired by other food events taking place around the city.

"A Poutine Crawl has been done. YYC Burger Week has been done. I think the idea was, 'what is a type of food that everyone eats?'" Chapdelaine says. "Pizza is something that's very cultural and all age groups love it, so I think it was just a natural fit. The question was, 'why isn't there a Pizza Week?'"

This year's pizza lineup includes classics like the meatball pizza from Una Pizza + Wine, as well as fancier pies like the smoked



Double Zero is serving a bacon and potato chip pizza during YYC Pizza Week.

JASON HERRING

turkey, pear and goat cheese pizza from Dickens Pub. Restaurants are free to create and offer any type of unique pizza. Chapdelaine says the freedom helps restaurants catch public interest.

"Anyone can do a Hawaiian [pizza], and then there's gonna be an argument over who has the best

Hawaiian. But if you do something that's never been done before, it's really innovative," he says. "[Last year there was] this tropical Hawaiian chicken pizza with saffron rice on top, and when we brought it to Mayor Nenshi to eat, he almost ate the whole pizza himself. I don't think you'll stand out with

a normal Hawaiian pizza, no matter how good it is."

Chapdelaine says including unusual pizzas gives people a reason to check out restaurants they normally wouldn't eat at. Many restaurants experience increased business before and after Pizza Week.

"We were getting restaurants

asking back in February when [the next Pizza Week would be]," Chapdelaine says. "We noticed a lot of pizza places in town started stepping up their menus and some of the ones around here are starting to be more creative on a daily basis."

Pizza Week is encouraging increased variety by adding a new gluten-free pizza category. Chapdelaine says he hopes this initiative will allow more people to enjoy the festivities.

But Pizza Week isn't limited to restaurants. There's been a lot of community support for the festival, and Chapdelaine says plans are in place for more types of events in the future.

"We're approaching community associations all over the city and we're trying to get them involved one way or another. Whether it's doing pizza crawls, or hosting pop-up pizza parties," Chapdelaine says. "We're supporting Meals on Wheels and we're finding that everyone is stepping up. They want to support this charity."

YYC Pizza Week will take place at 42 Calgary pizzerias and restaurants from Sept. 25–Oct. 4.

For more information about YYC Pizza Week, visit yycpizzaweek.com.

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SPORTS

DINOS RUGBY »

Dinos rugby open season with victory

Emilie Medland-Marchen
Sports Assistant

The Dinos women's rugby team battled through a tough match with the University of Alberta Pandas on Sept. 20, finishing with a 34-19 victory.

The Dinos set the tone early in the first half of the game when All-Canadian Dinos prop DaLeaka Menin scored a try and conversion in the first 20 minutes, putting the Dinos up 7-0.

The Dinos' aggression and defensive skill matched up well against the Pandas' speed. While the U of A came close, it was the Dinos who ultimately managed to push through and execute at a higher level.

The Dinos extended their lead to 14-5 early in the second half of the game. The Pandas pushed back with a breakaway soon after, but were forcibly shut down by a few hard tackles.

With 15 minutes left in the match, Dinos captain Natasha Loucks stepped up with a key try to increase the University of Calgary's lead to 24-12. The Pandas managed to take control of the ball to score another try, but two impressive plays from the Dinos' Elysa Sandron — last year's Canada West rookie of the year — sealed the victory for U of C in their first match of the season.

Dinos head coach Simon Chi believes the team's focus leading up



The Dinos aggressive new approach was too much for the Pandas in the season's first game. LOUIE VILLANUEVA

to the match was key to their success.

"We went in with a game plan," Chi said after the win. "Obviously it was something we built from day one and that we stuck with. It was a bit different than what we've done in the past. Our biggest Achilles heel in the past few years was that we'd always start very slow. The focus today was to come out really hard physically and we were rewarded for that."

The Dinos relished the victory, as it was the Pandas who eliminated

them from the playoffs last season. While U of A kept the match close, the Dinos trusted in their strategy and continued to push forward.

"I just came out here wanting to do my best for the team," Sandron said. "I knew if I kept my spirit up and did everything I could, the team would pull through together and be able to do it."

Sandron's performance accounted for the majority of the Dinos' 34 points, and her combination of strength and speed overpowered the Pandas' defence.

"I like to lead by example," Sandron said. "I know that if I bring my game up, my teammates are going to want to do the same. I just give it all I've got and hope they can do the same."

The Dinos now look ahead to a two-game road trip that will see them line up against the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds on Sept. 25 and the University of Victoria Vikes on Sept. 27. The team returns home to face the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns on Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. at U of C's Field 7.

DINOS FOOTBALL »

U of C football ranked No. 1 in the country

Sonny Sachdeva
Sports Editor

The Dinos football team has looked unstoppable thus far this season. The club has gone 3-0 through the first three weeks, piling up a combined 175 total points.

While the Dinos' first two wins seemed decisive enough — they topped 40 points in each game — their most recent victory saw them reach a whole new level. Led by a monster performance from quarterback Andrew Buckley (who threw for 452 yards and three touchdowns), the Dinos dominated the University of Alberta Golden Bears to the tune of a 80-18 win, marking the most points ever scored by University of Calgary in a Canada West game.

The victory positioned the Dinos as the top team in the country and the only remaining undefeated squad in the CIS. It's the first time the Dinos

have held the number-one spot since 2011, when they did so for a single week.

The Dinos certainly seem to be on the precipice of a special campaign as their offence continues to run rampant over the rest of the league.

U of C's best currently lead the CIS at nearly every position. Buckley sits first among all CIS quarterbacks with 998 passing yards through three games. Running back Mercer Timmis similarly sits atop his competitors, leading all running backs with 526 rushing yards, while also racking up a league-leading seven touchdowns. Dinos receiver Rashaun Simonise leads all receivers with 439 yards, and has the highest yards-per-game mark as well, with 146.

Even with all of these decorated offensive weapons on the roster, the Dinos most impressive contributor might just be kicker Johnny Mark.

Mark currently leads the CIS with 50 points through three games, largely due to his league-leading 10 field goals. He recently became the highest scorer in CIS history after posting 20 points against the U of A, taking his career total to 442 points. With 75 total field goals in his career, Mark is only nine shy of breaking that CIS record as well, an accomplishment that would cement his place as the finest kicker to ever suit up in the CIS.

While the record-breaking performances and number-one status are a good sign for the club, Dinos head coach Wayne Harris knows it also brings added expectations.

"If you're going to get ranked number one, you have to play like you're number one," Harris said. "Our guys are doing what they need to do to be successful."

The Dinos have five regular season games remaining before they

set their sights on the Canada West Playoffs. Their next four games will come against Saskatchewan's two university clubs, starting with a match-up against the University of Regina Rams at Regina's Mosaic Stadium on Sept. 26.

Calgary dominated U of R in both meetings last season, winning 59-7 in their lone regular season match-up and 56-0 in the playoffs. The Dinos also topped the University of Saskatchewan in their only meeting last season as well. Calgary's final regular season game will come against the U of A, who seem unlikely to contend with the red and gold after their recent drubbing.

With such a favourable schedule ahead of them, the Dinos have an excellent chance at remaining in the number-one spot for the rest of the season, and should earn another shot at the Vanier Cup in November.

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vs. Regina**
Sept. 25, 7 p.m.



The Dinos have gone 3-2 through their first five exhibition games, and now look ahead to a back-to-back series with the University of Regina on Sept. 25-26. Calgary went 5-0 against U of R last season, and they'll hope to continue that trend as they prepare for their regular season schedule. Both games take place at Max Bell Arena.

**Dinos Field Hockey
vs. UBC**
Sept. 26, 11 a.m.



The Dinos field hockey team begin their season against UBC, who beat them four times in 2014. After losing all eight of their games last season, the Dinos are surely looking to start their new season off right with a statement win. The game takes place at Hawkins Field at 11 a.m.

**Dinos Soccer (M)
vs. MacEwan**
Sept. 26, 12 p.m.



The Dinos men's soccer team is undefeated through their first two games. They continue against the MacEwan University Griffins in Edmonton on Sept. 26. U of C swept all three games against the Griffins last season, and hope to continue that trend to take their record to 3-0.

**Dinos Soccer (W)
vs. Manitoba**
Sept. 26, 1 p.m.



After dominating in the pre-season and rolling through three straight wins to start their conference schedule, the Dinos women's soccer team suffered their first loss last week against U of S. They'll look to get back on track with a win against Manitoba on Sept. 26.

**Dinos Football
vs. Regina**
Sept. 26, 4 p.m.



No team in the CIS has been able to stop the Dinos football team yet this season. The club is 4-0 so far, and fresh off of a dominant 80-18 victory. The Dinos continue their banner season against the U of R at Regina's Mosaic Stadium, where they hope to remain the only undefeated squad in the CIS.



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Flames prospects take down Dinos

Sonny Sachdeva
Sports Editor

The Dinos men's hockey team took the ice at the Markin MacPhail Centre on Sept. 16 to face the Calgary Flames prospects at the peak of both groups' exhibition schedule.

While the Dinos seemed to match up well with the prospects at certain points in the game, the finishing ability of the latter group proved to be the difference as the Flames prospects piled up four goals in the first period en route to a 5-1 victory.

Dinos head coach Mark Howell believes his club's decisive defeat was caused largely by their own shortcomings.

"We didn't play responsibly. We didn't play hard to start the game," Howell said. "I thought in the third period we had lots of chances and controlled part of the play, but that's three games in a row where we're not as prepared as we need to play."

While the Dinos certainly did themselves no favours, the elite skill of the Flames prospects played a key role in exacerbating these issues.

"We got caught cheating on the wrong side of the puck, gave up a bunch of odd-man rushes in the first period and they scored on all of them," Howell said.

Dinos forward Coda Gordon, who was drafted by the Flames in 2012, scored the lone goal for U of C, deflecting in a shot from defenceman Drydn Dow with just under six minutes remaining in the final frame.

But the goal came only after the Flames prospects had piled up five tallies in spectacular fashion. Pavel Karnaukhov led the way with two goals, while Morgan Klimchuk, Tyson Baillie and Kenney Morrison tallied for the Flames as well.

Though the Dinos didn't get the result they were looking for, the team still appreciates the chance to suit up against some of the top young talents in the sport.

"We felt like we could skate with them," Dinos forward Spencer Edwards said. "We didn't really put together our best effort tonight, which is unfortunate. But any time you get to play against players of that calibre, it's a great learning block for our team — as individuals and as a group."

The Dinos are now looking ahead to the rest of their preseason schedule, which continues with a two-day trip to Regina to face the University of Saskatchewan Huskies on Sept. 18 and the University of Manitoba Bisons on Sept. 19.

The club returns home to face the University of Regina at Max Bell Arena in back-to-back games on Sept. 25-26.

2015 NFL Season Preview

David Song
Gauntlet Sports

The 2015-16 NFL season is underway and a few of the league's top clubs will have different looks as a number of star players have donned new jerseys.

With the NFL driven by its marquee stars at every position, the prospect of these top talents switching loyalties brings a significant power shift. The new season could result in a very different playoff picture once these newly acquired stars have settled in.

One of the biggest names on the list of transfers is tight-end Jimmy Graham. The 6'7" 265-pounder spent the first five years of his career with the New Orleans Saints, where he earned a Pro Bowl nomination and put up more than 1,200 receiving yards on two separate occasions. Graham has now moved on from the dynamic duo he formed with veteran Saints quarterback Drew Brees, opting to join the cagey and quick-footed Russell Wilson and his Seattle Seahawks. At 28 years old, Graham provides his new squad with the one thing they formerly lacked — an elite, big-bodied receiver capable of dominating the red zone.

As long as Graham stays healthy, he and star running back Marshawn Lynch are poised to form one of the league's most dangerous offensive duos. With the Seahawks already boasting an elite quarterback and one

of the best running backs in the game, Graham's tremendous combination of size, skill and athleticism should allow their offence to reach a new level. The Seahawks were already one of the sport's top organizations — evidenced by their two back-to-back Super Bowl appearances — and with Graham on board, they should have all the tools needed to challenge for the Super Bowl once again.

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Another big-bodied receiver, wideout Brandon Marshall, has joined the New York Jets after three years with the Chicago Bears. Despite the inconsistent accuracy of Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, Marshall racked up 1,508 and 1,295 receiving yards in his first two seasons in Chicago, demonstrating his exceptional skill. Marshall can also use his 6'4" 230-pound frame to fight for extra yards after the catch — adding yet another weapon to his already well-rounded receiving skillset.

In his first game as a Jet, Marshall racked up 62 receiving yards and a highlight-reel touchdown where he outfought Pro Bowl cornerback Joe Haden for the ball.

Haden, who has quite a bit of experience covering bigger, stronger receivers, was unable to shut down Marshall, demonstrating that the 31-year-old wideout has plenty left in the tank. Although New York's Ryan Fitzpatrick isn't an elite quarterback and Geno Smith is still a work in progress, Marshall provides the club with an explosive weapon to help take their

passing game to a new level.

Veteran running back Frank Gore, who topped 1,000 rushing yards eight times with the San Francisco 49ers, is now an Indianapolis Colt. Gore seemed uncomfortable in his new environment during Week One, rushing eight times for only 31 yards and no touchdowns. Despite his age, the 32-year-old Gore is still a powerful and experienced runner. If he can find his groove, the Colts' offense could post some significant numbers this season. They could potentially boast a strong running game to supplement the elite passing game of young quarterback Andrew Luck, allowing them to finally take the next step in their ascension to contender status.

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CAMPUS FEUDS »

MacHall slated for demolition, leaving very large, very dark hole in its place

Melanie Woods
 Full of crippling existential angst

The Students' Union and university administration finally settled their ongoing feud regarding ownership of MacHall. To avoid future disputes, both parties agreed to completely demolish the building and replace it with a very large, very dark hole.

The two sides came to the agreement last Monday during a secret meeting held in the basement of the Administration building.

"After years of negotiation, the University has tried every solution to iron out a deal regarding the lease agreement," provost Dru Marshall said in a statement after repeatedly denying interview requests. "Rap battles, *Settlers of Catan* tournaments, coin-flips — nothing would budge the negotiations. This was the final straw."

SU president Levi Nilson and several members of upper university administration agreed to meet in the dimly-lit hallway and settle things once and for all.

"We've had enough of meetings in fancy boardrooms," Nilson said. "We needed to take this to the streets and get something done."

During the meeting, Marshall's personal goons and the entire Students' Legislative Council rhythmically snapped their fingers and said "ooooohhh" repeatedly be-



A very large, very dark hole will replace the university's popular student centre.

JEFFREY MILLS

hind their respective sides. Late into the evening, the decision to demolish MacHall and replace it with a very large, very dark hole was finally agreed upon.

"This is the most efficient solution," Marshall said. "After years of deliberation, both the University and the Students' Union agree that complete destruction of the facility is better than arguing any more about it. Frankly, we're all getting pretty old here."

With MacHall's destruction, the space it previously occupied will now be known as MacHole. The

very large, very dark hole will be incredibly deep and very scary.

Nilson said a large hole is the perfect representation of the negotiation process in recent years.

"It's been grim," he sighed. "Really fucking grim."

The very large, very dark hole will exist as neutral ground. Neither the SU or university administration will hold any jurisdiction over it.

"Students will make of the hole what they want to make of it," the statement read. "It's up to them to decide what the very large, very

dark hole means to them and how they can best use it."

Student services previously located in the building will be moved to various locations across campus. The Wellness Centre will now be housed in the basement of Engineering F, voted as the most accessible place on campus. Campus radio station CJSW will begin broadcasting from the southeast corner of the sixth floor of TFDL.

"It's a silent floor, so we have to be a little quieter than usual," CJSW station manager Myke Atkinson said in a hushed whisper.

"But, it's the only place with good reception, so we'll make do. Radio doesn't require loud sound, right?"

Experts are also predicting an exponential increase in queue levels at the Murray Fraser Hall Tim Hortons with the loss of the three side-by-side MacHall locations.

Nilson said it's unfortunate that an agreement to leave MacHall intact could not be reached, but the hole will ultimately benefit to students.

"I really think students are going to take full advantage of the whole hole," Nilson said. "It has lots of dark, desolate space where you can hide from the crippling existential angst of the post-secondary experience."

In a formal statement to all students, President Elizabeth Cannon hopes the presence of the hole will allow students to further "lift up thine eyes," as they will be at the bottom of a very deep and very dark hole.

Both sides warn that the destruction of MacHall won't happen overnight.

"Students can expect to see large fences surrounding the building with signs of construction, but very little visible progress for years," administration warned. "Students should not worry, as this is typical of university construction protocol."

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Virgo
 (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)
 You will be drafted into the Skeleton War. After you die, your bones will rise from the grave to fight for a cause they truly believe in.

Libra
 (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)
 An off-brand Minion toy that you won at a county fair will haunt you. It will follow you no matter where you go.

Scorpio
 (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)
 After making the fateful decision to try La Taqueria's fabled Oreo® churro, you will feel compelled

to eat one every day for the rest of your sad, pathetic life.

Sagittarius
 (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)
 After sassing your co-worker one too many times, it will be declared that you are 'feuding.' The chart you will make to keep track of these feuds will go viral on Vine.

Capricorn
 (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)
 After being asked to run to your professor's office and retrieve her glasses, she will later request you run to a different class to retrieve her lecture notes. This will escalate until she hands you the one ring and asks you to journey to Mt. Doom to destroy it. You will not survive.

Aquarius
 (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)
 While walking downtown one day, you will see an old friend in the crowd. Only as you approach will you realize that the 'friend' you thought you saw is actually WWE wrestler John Cena. How did you not notice his theme song playing quietly in the background?

Pisces
 (Feb. 19 – March 20)
 After falling asleep during the first half of your lecture on petroleum economics, you'll slowly realize that yes, the person two rows in front of you has been playing *Hearthstone* all lecture.

Aries
 (March 21 – April 19)
 You will order a bulk pack

of Nerf® darts, but instead of regular soft foam ammunition, these darts will be made of solid steel. What started as a fun game will turn deadly.

Taurus
 (April 20 – May 20)
 While playing with a childhood friend on the farm, you will accidentally halve them with a machete. A nearby doctor will rush to their aid, but your friend will ultimately die. The doctor will say that it is one of the worst cases of being cut in half she's ever seen.

Gemini
 (May 21 – June 20)
 You will order and consume an entire extra-large Dominoes® donair pizza. The shame of this act will follow you for several days afterwards.

Cancer
 (June 21 – July 22)
 After downloading the *Ticket to Ride* app, you will slowly become more and more invested in completing train routes across North America and then Europe as you pay \$2.29 for the expansion. The game and its plethora of trains, routes, tickets and locomotives will replace all of your relationships. You brought this upon yourself.

Leo
 (July 23 – Aug. 22)
 Upon discovering a web game where you play a small cell trying to eat other cells, your character will be eaten by the dreaded Doge cell. This will crush your spirit and you will vow to never love again.

Five ways to speed up your campus commute

Derek Baker
Ludacris' number one fan

Congested hallways are a common problem at the University of Calgary as students travel between classes. Sometimes your commute is doubled just by the number of people around. Here are a few revolutionary ways to travel through the university's traffic.

Razor scooter: The beloved childhood toy is a fantastic way to get to your next class. A scooter is also a great way to boost your street-cred with your peers as you push your way through the tunnels. As an added bonus, you will develop the beefiest calf muscle in your pushing leg. Don't forget your helmet, and don't listen to the haters — you are the epitome of cool.

VESPA: You cheeky, cultured individual, you. Don't allow yourself to get frustrated with the stagnant crowd. Instead, hop on your Italian moped and imagine yourself far away from here. As you cruise through MacHall, picture the

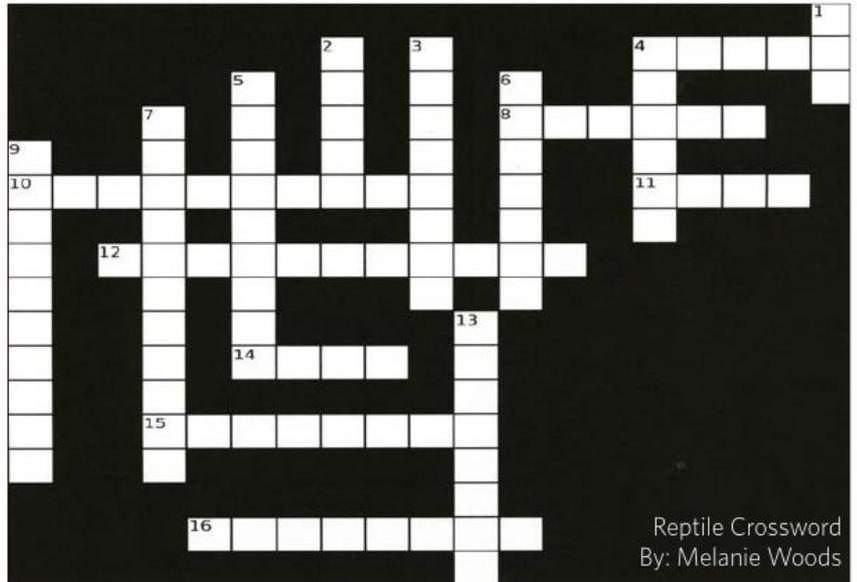
fast-food kiosks as little European bakeries while you wave "Ciao!" to all your friends.

Bubble Soccer ball: To make it to your next lecture on time, roll your way through first-floor Science Theatres while blasting the audio masterpiece that is Ludacris' "Move Bitch."

Private helicopter: Avoid the general student population altogether by flying over it. Plans for helicopter landing pads are underway on top of TFDL, Biological Sciences, and the Olympic Oval. President Cannon will commend your travel method and all of us will raise our eyes high to watch you fly to your ECON 201 class.

Teleportation: The physics department was hard at work over the summer perfecting their teleportation machines. Step in and be instantly zapped to wherever you'd like to go around campus. Be warned: the technology is still a prototype and there have been reports of clothes not making it through the void of time and space.

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Reptile Crossword
By: Melanie Woods

ACROSS:

- 4. This animal evolved to hunt mammals. They also used to have legs.
- 8. The bearded dragon is a type of _____.
- 10. The only continent without reptiles.
- 11. Reptiles usually hatch from _____.
- 12. Reptiles are _____.
- 14. The Calgary Reptile _____ is happening from Sept. 26-27 at Mid-Sun Community Centre.
- 15. Spanish name for the reptile that changes colours.
- 16. The class under which reptiles are categorized.

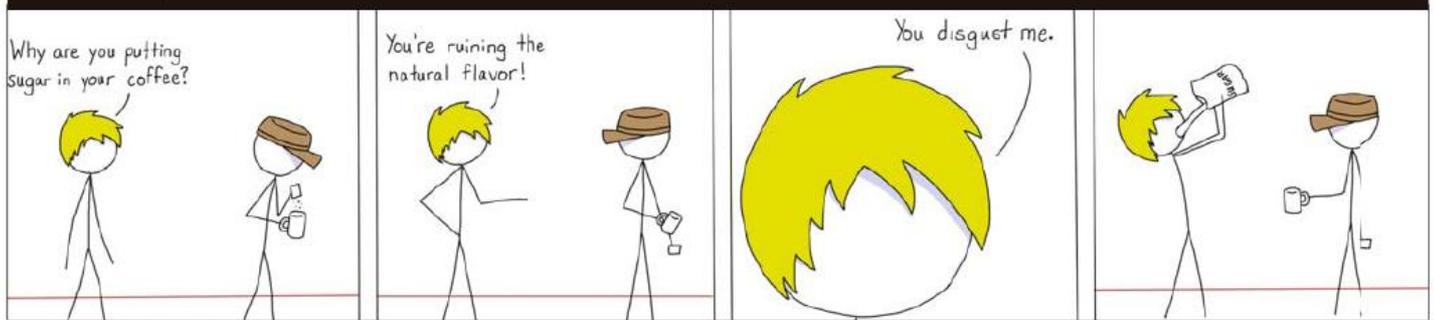
DOWN:

- 1. The Dinos mascot.
- 2. A reptile found in the popular *Mario* games.
- 3. What you call the first four-limbed vertebrates and their descendant.
- 4. Many reptiles have _____, but they don't use them to weigh anything!
- 5. Often confused with an alligator.
- 6. The best way to describe how snakes move.
- 7. _____ rattlesnakes are found around Arizona.
- 9. This type of pet snake is often described as having a "puppy-dog face."
- 13. Friendly neighbourhood turtle from a children's show.

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