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STUDENTS' UNION »

Hope for negotiated MacHall agreement "fading fast"

Fabian Mayer
 News Editor

Discussions between the Students' Union and the University of Calgary over the operation and ownership of MacHall remain at an impasse. SU president Levi Nilson recently sent a letter to university president Elizabeth Cannon and Board of Governors chair Bonnie DuPont asking them to re-evaluate their position on MacHall.

Nilson suggested the board should become more involved to make a negotiated solution possible.

"I'm calling on Dr. Cannon and Ms. DuPont to take a closer look at what's going on because we're really disappointed with where we're at right now," Nilson said in an interview.

The university believes its ownership of MacHall is clearly stated in the latest operating agreement signed between the two parties. In an Oct. 8 letter to the SU, provost Dru Marshall said the university was unwilling to negotiate with the SU over the ownership of MacHall.

The SU stakes its claim to MacHall on the original building agreement, which provides the SU with 55 per cent ownership. Nilson believes the question of ownership needs to be dealt with during negotiations.

"They don't even want to talk about it even though they're claiming that they have 50 years of documentation. But they refuse to show it to us," Nilson said. "We think students deserve better than that, considering the stakes."

Marshall is leading negotiations for the university. Nilson called Marshall's refusal to discuss ownership "hugely irresponsible," prompting him to bypass Marshall and appeal directly to Cannon and DuPont.

"We would think that their superiors would — considering the weight of evidence in our favour and the complete lack of transparency on their end — realize that something is wrong here and would hopefully show some leadership and step in," Nilson said.

DuPont responded with a letter on Oct. 19 where she reiterated the university's commitment to return to the negotiating table. She also took a firm stance on the



The Students' Union has called on President Cannon to intervene in the MacHall dispute. LOUISE VILLANUEVA

issue of ownership. "The university is not prepared to enter into negotiations with the SU relating to the legal ownership of MacHall," the letter said.

DuPont also said the relationship between the SU and the university was "characterized by a willingness to set aside differences."

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University administration denied interview requests regarding the dispute.

Nilson said MacHall was too important to set aside their differences.

"They're asking us to give up ownership of the building and

that's not something we're willing to do for goodness of the relationship," Nilson said.

His latest letter did not bring the response he was looking from administration.

"We thought that by escalating it to the board chair and President Cannon they'd be willing to step

up and have this conversation, but it's clear they're not," Nilson said. The SU filed a statement of claim with provincial courts in April but have yet to serve the lawsuit to the university. Nilson said his confidence in a negotiated solution is "fading fast."

Nilson said they will be deciding whether it's worth it to respond with another letter in the coming days. A lawsuit remains an option for the SU.

"It's becoming much more likely, extremely likely," Nilson said.

If the SU decides to pursue legal action, Nilson said it will be before the current MacHall operating agreement expires on Dec. 9. He is confident the SU would win a legal battle.

"It wouldn't have been something that we filed if we weren't really confident in the evidence that we have," Nilson said.

Negotiations on a new MacHall operating agreement entered their third year this semester but stalled after the first meeting.

The SU first made its dispute with the university public in September. The two sides have exchanged letters since then, but have not returned to the negotiating table.

MacHall businesses post strong September numbers

Scott Strasser
News Assistant

The Students' Union had a solid financial start to the semester, with their MacHall businesses posting strong September numbers.

La Taqueria, the SU's new Mexican food vendor, had approximately 500 visitors per day in September — roughly twice the expected number. SU vice-president operations and finance Sarah Pousette attributed La Taqueria's success to the range of food options available.

"I think students really enjoy having a different food option in MacHall and enjoy having a guaranteed vegan choice and a guaranteed halal choice," Pousette said. "At the same time, students are still able to get things like fries, which is what they enjoyed about the previous vendor there."

On the other side of MacHall, Stör enjoyed a 20 per cent sales increase from last September.

While Pousette believes higher enrolment numbers contributed to this bump, Stör's increase in business was also helped by adding credit and debit payment options this summer.

"The convenience to students has been enhanced and we're glad we can have that and that students are using it," Pousette said. "We've been selling out our fresh food options there almost every day, which are made in the Den."

Thirty-eight per cent of Stör's September sales were purchased with debit or credit.

The Den and Black Lounge also had a successful September. The Den re-opened on Sept. 3 after receiving a \$480,000 renovation this summer.

"I know there were a lot of students interested in coming to see the Den once it was renovated," Pousette said.

According to Pousette, Thursday has been at its 800-person capacity every week this semester. This is an improvement over last year when the Den struggled with sales in September.

Both Stör and the Den made about \$20,000 more in gross revenue compared to last year.

"I think the number one thing is that we've enhanced our customer service, as well as the ease of use for customers coming in, so I think that is why [businesses] have been successful."

Liberals win majority, Conservatives hang on in Calgary Confederation

Fabian Mayer
News Editor

The Liberals' near 50-year drought in Calgary is over. The party won both Calgary Skyview and Calgary Centre as part of a dramatic nation-wide resurgence that saw them form a majority government.

In Calgary Confederation, a tight two-way race between the Conservatives and Liberals saw former PC MLA Len Webber elected for the Conservative party by a roughly two per cent margin.

Webber said he was elated about winning the riding, but was less enthusiastic about the Conservative's national results.

"All I know is we're going to make [Trudeau] accountable," Webber said.

Webber narrowly beat out 32-year-old Liberal candidate Matt Grant, who held out hope long after CBC projected Webber to win the riding shortly after 10 p.m. on election night, claiming his team was still waiting on a handful of poll results to come in before conceding.

The remaining polls made it clear Webber had won the riding by around 1,300 votes. NDP candidate Kirk Heuser finished a distant third, while Green Party candidate Natalie Odd and Marxist Leninist Party candidate Kevan Hunter finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

"It is disappointing, but the reality is we have a lot to be proud of," Grant said.

Grant claims he began campaigning two years ago, and his team knocked on 115,000 doors in the riding.

"I would have done everything exactly the same," Grant said. "I'm really proud of the campaign. Our

team worked so hard."

Eight of Calgary's 10 ridings went to the Conservatives. The tightest race in the city was Calgary Centre, where former Liberal MLA Kent Hehr defeated Conservative incumbent Joan Crockatt by just over one per cent of the vote.

Before Oct. 19, the last Liberal to win a seat in Calgary was Pat Mahoney, who won in 1968 when Trudeau's father for Justin's father Pierre Trudeau swept the country.

Provincial Liberal leader David Swann worked on Grant's campaign and was at his election night party. Swann admitted he was surprised by the national results.

"I've been an MLA 11 years and now I'm the last Liberal in Alberta, so it appeared that Albertans were turning their backs on Liberals. Justin Trudeau has helped to turn the wave the other way," Swann said.

Swann hoped this might provide a boost to the struggling provincial Liberals.

"This is tremendous news for Canada and for Alberta to see real opportunity for real and more progressive leadership, more inclusive leadership, more respectful leadership in Alberta as well as the rest of Canada," Swann said.

The Liberals won 184 seats, the Conservatives 99, the NDP 44, the Bloc Quebecois 10 and the Green party one.

Calgary Confederation had the highest voter turnout in Calgary at over 75 per cent.

University of Calgary Students' Union president Levi Nilson believes the SU's Get Out The Vote Campaign was partly responsible.

"The campaign itself was fantastic. We ended up getting through all 8,500-8,600 students that we called," Nilson said.



Justin Trudeau is the Prime Minister-designate.

FABIAN MAYER



Conservative Len Webber won Calgary Confederation. COURTESY LW CAMPAIGN

University plans to replace degree navigator

Scott Strasser
News Assistant

The University of Calgary registrar's office wants to phase out Degree Navigator in the next year and replace it with a software program called Academic Advising.

Like Degree Navigator, Academic Advising is a software module that tracks students' degree progress. It is already integrated with PeopleSoft, the U of C's online management system.

According to registrar Angelique Saweczko, the university already licenses Academic Advising, although the software is not currently

activated. She said the new module will integrate better with PeopleSoft, improving course planning and registration for students.

"The current software has proven to not offer all of the features that our students need," Saweczko said.

Currently, Degree Navigator cannot determine if a student has met requirements for concurrent degrees or double majors. Students' Union vice-president academic Stephan Guscott said the software isn't useful for students in such programs.

"There's a lot of complexity and freedom in doing [a double major] and Degree Navigator doesn't

address that adequately," Guscott said.

Guscott hopes the registrar's office will take student feedback into account when implementing the new software.

"One thing I would push for is to have students involved in the process somehow, to have feedback," Guscott said. "The registrar's office does have ways to do that. I want to make sure we have the opportunity to voice our opinion in the way it's implemented."

The U of C used Degree Navigator for nine years. While there are six versions of the software, the university currently uses the fourth.

"Any move away from the current

software, I would see as a good direction," Guscott said. "Academic Advising would alleviate a lot of the concerns we've had from students with course registration."

The university is also exploring using time-tabling software to help students avoid conflicts when registering for courses. Saweczko said this will be going through a request for proposal (RFP) process.

"It would allow students to pick classes that would work together with their schedule," Guscott said. "Because it's an RFP, it would address the needs that they're asking for and the software would be designed around that, so it allows for that flexibility."

Wellness Centre says more students seeking mental-health counselling

Fabian Mayer
News Editor

More students are seeing Wellness Centre counsellors for mental-health counselling than in previous years.

University of Calgary director of student wellness Debbie Bruckner said the increase is partially a result of the SU Wellness Centre expanding its services. The centre recently added more counsellors and extended its hours.

"I think the good news part of that is meeting capacity and meeting demand," Bruckner said. "We are also now able to see more students earlier in the term before issues become complex to deal with."

Bruckner could not provide exact numbers for how many students are seeing counsellors, but estimated the centre sees 100-150 students each day. She said the most common problems are anxiety and relationship issues.

The Wellness Centre is now open an additional 10 hours per week. According to Bruckner, the Wellness Centre also changed how it handles students' initial visits to the centre.

"One of the things we're doing differently at intake is trying to do a more accurate assessment of the presenting issues. So that if someone is in a crisis state they're seen immediately," Bruckner said.

Bruckner believes efforts to reduce stigma around mental-health problems also play a part in increased visits earlier in the semester.

A 2013 national college health assessment (NCHA) showed



The Wellness Centre has expanded its services and extended its hours to meet higher demand. LOUIE VILLANUEVA

mental health to be an area of concern for both the U of C and other Canadian campuses. The survey found 27.2 per cent of Canadian students felt so depressed they had difficulty functioning at some point in the last 12 months. Another 7.4 per cent of students reported they had seriously considered suicide within the last year.

"We saw that anxiety, depression and isolation were issues. We've been educating every faculty on what to expect and how to respond to people who are

stressed," Bruckner said. The next NCHA report comes out in February of 2016. Bruckner said she is interested to see whether anything has changed.

Students' Union vice-president student life Kirsty McGowan said the SU partners with the Wellness Centre to reduce stigma around mental-health problems.

"Stigma surrounding mental-health issues can be one of the largest barriers to many students seeking help," McGowan said. "It's really positive that more students

feel comfortable reaching out to the SU Wellness Centre for help."

Bruckner said the centre has implemented group counselling sessions and that its mood group and happiness group sessions have been very successful.

She expects demand for the Wellness Centre's services to continue to grow, and argues it is a positive development.

"If there's more services available to students then we're very happy those services are being utilized," Bruckner said.

BRIEFS

Calgary police investigate murder in city's northeast

Two bodies were found inside a Coventry Hills home in northeast Calgary around 10:00 a.m. Monday morning.

Calgary police believe the attack was pre-meditated and deliberate.

According to neighbours' accounts, a woman moved into the home last year. Many of those living in the 200 block of Coventry Hills said the resident mainly kept to herself.

"They were really quiet, nice people. We really didn't hear anything, so we didn't suspect anything," said one neighbour who

asked not to be identified in an interview with the *Calgary Herald*.

Autopsies have not yet been scheduled. The names of the victims have not yet been released.

Obama and Trudeau talk trade, terrorism, climate and hair

American President Barack Obama phoned newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Tuesday afternoon to congratulate him on his victory — and to joke about his hair, which he doesn't think will keep its rich chestnut colour for long. Obama expects some grey hairs to appear any day now.

"He said I will probably get

some quite soon, just like him," Trudeau said at a press conference in Ottawa where he described their chat as "warm."

According to a transcript from the White House, the leaders discussed the two countries' relationship. Trade, terrorism and climate change were other topics of conversation.

Obama also advised him to cherish time with his young children.

Alberta's retailers hit hard by province's economic downturn

Retailers in Alberta suffered the biggest decline in the wholesale sector of any province this year,

with wholesale sales dropping 7.7 per cent from a year ago.

Wholesale is when a large retailer — like Costco — sells its goods to other retailers, stores or anyone other than an individual customer.

Since July, sales from wholesale retailers in Alberta dropped 0.9 per cent.

ATB Financial economist Nick Ford says wholesale sales are a strong indicator of the health of an economy's retail sector.

"The yearly decline in wholesale trade is a telling feature of current retail conditions," said Ford. "Alberta has seen its wholesale numbers dwindle, due in part to the negative sentiment clouding our retail sector."

Students' Union concerned about \$500 admissions deposit

Babur Ilchi
Gauntlet News

The Students' Union isn't sold on the University of Calgary's new \$500 admissions deposit for incoming students.

SU president Levi Nilson thinks the new policy will help ensure fewer problems with enrolment, but still has some concerns.

"I think it puts a lot of pressure and extra stress on students coming out of high school," Nilson said.

University registrar Angeliqe Saweczko said the practice is common among other Canadian universities.

"We were finding, especially in some of the high demand programs, that students were accepting the admission offer but weren't intending on coming," Saweczko said. "We have programs with lots of waitlists and we want to ensure we are maximizing our space for students."

Nilson argues students will not have financial aid in the form of student loans and grants available before the deposit's deadline.

"I don't know the exact right amount to incentivize somebody. If you pay \$500, is that going to make you stay compared to \$300?" Nilson said.

Nilson argues making the deposit due after students receive financial aid would make it easier for students to pay.

"Timing is the biggest thing by far," Nilson said. "That was the concern we raised last year when this went to our tuition consultation committee."

Saweczko isn't sure what will happen to the money from deposits paid by students who don't wind up attending the university.

"We're not looking to make money from these deposits — that's not really the intent. We just want students to make a firm commitment."

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— Adam Kerr,
second-year engineering



"No, because it's illegal."

— Claudio Ghanain,
fourth-year economics



"I already have last weekend."

— Zoe Bryan,
third-year linguistics

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EDITORIAL »

City council waited too long to legislate ridesharing services

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi told citizens that Uber drivers are breaking the law after the app-based ridesharing service launched in Calgary last week. The city said it will fine Uber drivers up to \$4,500 if they are caught picking up passengers.

Uber Canada promised to pay any fines charged to their 500 Calgary drivers. According to their website, Uber now operates in over 340 cities in 60 countries worldwide. In Canada, the company operates in a number of cities, including Toronto, Montreal and Quebec City.

Uber's arrival in Calgary was inevitable. The company has relentlessly expanded into any market where there is sufficient demand. Anybody who regularly tries to get a cab on a weekend evening knows Calgary is such a city.

The popular ridesharing service launched in Edmonton in December 2014, making it even more obvious Calgary was one of Uber's next targets. City council has no excuse for not being prepared.

Yet no legislation has been passed to regulate Uber's inevitable arrival, forcing the mayor to grandstand about its legality and threaten its drivers with fines.

Council rejected a proposal to eliminate restrictions on limo services that would have allowed a



SAMANTHA LUCY

luxury version of Uber to operate. Councillors instead resorted to their favourite tactic when facing a difficult issue — asking bureaucrats to study the various options and present them when council meets on Nov. 16.

While this process can yield positive results, it started way too late. Had city council been more proactive, it could have passed some basic regulations before Uber entered the market, dealing with some of the very real safety concerns surrounding the service.

Instead, they will have to try and pass something while Uber is

already up and running, making councillors' task much more difficult. Had regulations on licensing and insurance for drivers already been in place, Uber would have had the opportunity to comply as it entered the market.

If the company didn't, Nenshi telling drivers they are breaking the law would have carried much more weight. Instead, Uber drivers' transgressions appear to be more a result of council dragging their heels than any unreasonable action on Uber's part.

And now that Uber is here, any attempts by council to block or

legalize the service will create an instant controversy. Calgarians suddenly finding it easier to get a ride home after downtown bars close will be pitted against taxi drivers looking to protect their livelihoods.

Edmonton is currently going through that same messy process. In a September council meeting, cab drivers chanted in protest of a new proposed bylaw. Calgary is likely to see similar scenes if council makes any attempt to legalize and regulate ridesharing services.

Regardless of when council dealt with the issue, there would have been pushback. Now, each new proposal will receive more attention and discussions will become increasingly emotionally charged.

Uber is able to operate in 340 cities for a reason — they provide a service that is clearly needed. The city had more than enough time to prepare for Uber's arrival. Had council had the foresight to accomplish something before Uber made its debut in Calgary, we would have been spared what is likely to be a major controversy in the coming months.

Instead, all sides are gearing up for a fight. Regulating Uber just became a lot more difficult.

Fabian Mayer
Gauntlet Editorial Board

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How to plan for a stress-free orgy

Rik Weatherby
Gauntlet Columnist

I went to see the Canadian comedy *How to Plan an Orgy in a Small Town* when it was screened at this year's Calgary International Film Festival. The movie opens with the typical dorky girl as she's being humiliated at a house party. All she wants to do is lose her virginity to her boyfriend, but the popular girls bust into the bedroom and chase our heroine out.

She then runs around her town naked, moves to Toronto, becomes a hot-shot sex columnist and finds her way back to her hometown a decade later, where she winds up planning an orgy for all the prudish yokels she left behind.

The movie's two hours taught me

how I'd plan an orgy of my own.

First off, don't treat it like a one-night stand. The ideal bacchanal attendee has to hit that sweet spot between close friend and total stranger. Even if the server at Jugo Juice or dude from your bus stop is super attractive, don't invite them. It's just as important not to invite your childhood homies. Would you feel comfortable reaching over their naked torso to grab a double dildo? If not, they shouldn't be there.

Next, make sure to set the mood. Let the music tell your orgy story. Start out with something fun, not corny. Don't sully your group-sex experience with bad music. Resist the urge to play Marvin Gaye, but don't shy away from warming the room with a little Ginuwine. The first few tracks need to get everyone ready

for fun, not intimidate them. Dance, laugh and get loose.

Once everyone's ready to get started, don't kill the mood by pulling out every few tracks to change the song. Set the playlist beforehand and make sure it reflects your orgy's personality. Play some early Weekend if you're going to rail lines of blow off each other's genitals. Throw on some Buckcherry if you're hosting in the back of an F-350. Maybe take a poll beforehand.

If everything goes smoothly, wondrous things might happen. *How to Plan an Orgy* taught me that group love can lead to more than a tantric sexual romp. You might learn a thing or two about yourself. Someone may hit a spot you never knew you had. Maybe a little bi-curiosity will bubble to the surface. Or you might

just start something more meaningful with one of your newfound sexual partners.

The most important takeaway is that you can't force anything. It won't be perfect. It'll almost certainly be awkward. But, once everyone's gotten over the awkwardness, a sense of ease will set in and comfortability will come — hopefully everyone else will too.

However, make sure you temper your expectations. Like your first time having sex, the first time you attend an orgy probably won't go swimmingly. You might even find that group sex just isn't your thing. But that shouldn't stop you from trying. The worst thing that can happen is an awkward memory shared between a handful of open-minded friends.

SOCIAL ISSUES »

Fair trade isn't a long-term solution to poverty

Kent Wong

Gauntlet Opinions

Fair trade, the social initiative that's slapped on your coffee, tea and hot chocolate, is waging a bitter fight behind the scenes of your local coffee shop.

The University Calgary recently became a certified "Fair Trade Campus." It is the first school in Alberta to receive the designation from Fairtrade Canada. To an average student, this means paying a premium — for coffee, in particular — in exchange for the promise that producers of these products are fairly compensated. In reality, we throw money at an intermediary organization in the hope they solve a problem we don't know much about. The Fair Trade Campus Steering Committee says it's a step in the right direction, but fair trade may not be the solution to poverty many think it is.

Fair trade and the other similar designations are supposed to improve the lives of farmers in developing countries. A bad year for commodity prices or a spoiled harvest means coffee and cocoa bean farmers are in for a rough ride. Fair trade farmers are supposedly safe, but they often only barely get by with the minimum set prices.

Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of non-fair trade farmers either go hungry or switch to growing cocaine, a more profitable alternative to legal crops. When damaged crops caused coffee production in Peru to drop by 90 per cent earlier this year, many families found that they could make the same amount of money growing cocaine while using only a quarter of the land needed for coffee production. When faced with a starving family, the choice is an easy one.

The instability of commodity prices and the widespread adoption of illegal crops are symptoms of a failed system that can't be fixed with a band-aid solution like fair trade. These designations do nothing to alleviate long-term poverty, and economists like Victor Clear have shown that fair trade rules will never reduce poverty on a larger scale.

Fixing these problems is better handled by organizations that provide farmers with the tools and knowledge they need to better manage the sustainable growth and production of legal crops. Instead, fair trade relies on the hope that money will make the problems facing impoverished farmers magically go away. To make matters worse, only about 10 per cent of fair trade premiums actually reach farmers.



While fair trade helps some coffee farmers scrape by, others remain in poverty.

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To most charities, those numbers would be considered a failure.

A big part of fair trade on campus comes back to how we feel about the designation. Since there's no evidence this certification is helping farmers in the long term, we

embrace the designation as a feel good marketing tool or interpret it as a step in the right direction and hope for the best. Those options aren't good enough.

As a university student, I don't want to just hope problems fix

themselves. I want to solve them. There are far better and more immediate steps to fixing global poverty than paying a little extra at the till. We need to take those steps instead of settling for a flashy logo and a false sense of good-samaritanism.

U OF C MYTHBUSTERS »

Did anyone ever climb up the Social Sciences building?

Jill Girgulis

Gauntlet Columnist

Have you ever heard about the kid who tried to climb up the side of the Social Sciences building?

"Totally. He stuck squash balls between the ridges on the wall but got stuck near the top where the texture runs out. Firefighters had to come bring him down."

"No, I think he climbed up using tennis balls, and then he had to get rescued by a helicopter."

"It was with rock-climbing gear, and the police were waiting at the top to arrest him."

These are just three of the many variations I've heard of this University of Calgary legend. The overall premise remains the same, but the details change from story to story — and who's to say which version is true, or if it ever happened at all?

In an attempt to either confirm the event or pull back the curtain on the whole affair, I contacted faculty, staff and past students to hear what they knew.

But this method of verifying a rumor produced more dead ends than clues. Initially, my only lead was the fact that the fabled climb took place about 30 years ago.



A climb up the Social Sciences building would be difficult, even with squash balls.

LOUIE VILLANUEVA

Officially, it appears the event never happened. Campus Security claim there is no record of such an event anywhere in their records, immediately casting doubt on the veracity of this myth.

But two former undergraduate students, Bill Lindsay and Calum MacDonald, were able to confirm that an attempt to scale Social Sciences had taken place. Both sources claimed to have witnessed the

entire scene. They also suggested I narrow my search to the last day of classes before the summer of either 1982 or 1983. It's likely that such a shenanigan was pulled on Bermuda Shorts Day.

Political science professor Barry Cooper and department of philosophy staff member Merlette Schnell both had recollections of a similar incident, and both have worked at the university since at least 1982.

The former had some memory of the event being covered by news outlets, including the *Calgary Herald*. Unfortunately, combing through archives did not produce any documented proof to support this claim.

It should also be noted that a small black ball sits wedged in the wall just above the Social Sciences building sign, visible from the +15 that connects the tower to the

administration building.

So did someone actually climb up that wall? There are multiple people who claimed to have witnessed the event, and the ridged texture of the building would make a feat possible — though still difficult — for an experienced rock climber. But a lack of any official documentation that this ever happened throws doubt on those claims.

I began researching this story in the hopes of finding out whether or not someone really did ever use a sack of squash balls to climb a building. But all I can state with certainty is that you can find a vending machine with Cadbury mini eggs in the Social Sciences tower.

In the end, it doesn't really matter if no one actually climbed that tower. It's stories like this that give a campus its character. Every year, orientation leaders are provided with a handbook full of urban legends and fun facts about U of C. Regardless of the factuality of the stories, they help new students see the school as more than an institution that exchanges money for education. And this mythical tower climb fits the bill.

As for this myth, the best I can say for now is: **PLAUSIBLE**.

ON CAMPUS »

School of Creative and Performing Arts opens season with play about refugees

Jason Herring
Entertainment Editor

The drama season at the University of Calgary's School of Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA) opens with *The Container*, which runs until Oct. 31. The play explores themes of refugees and human trafficking, and is set entirely in a plexiglass container on the stage of University Theatre.

The play follows five refugees as they flee the violence of their home countries in a container headed for England. Clare Bayley wrote the play for the 2007 Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where it won multiple awards. Though it was written years ago, director and graduate student Azri Ali says the contemporary timing of the play is fitting.

"*The Container* talks about refugees and their journey to Europe, so it's a very topical time to stage it with what's happening now in Syria," Ali says.

There's another level of realism involved with the play, thanks to the set work of graduate student Michael Sinnott. The actors portraying migrants will perform in a transparent container on the stage



The Container is staged in a plexiglass container on the stage of University Theatre.

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with audiences situated on all sides.

"We set up the play in a plexiglass container, which is trying to imitate the experience of refugees who have been transported from Afghanistan to Europe," Ali says. "We're not using the conventional space."

This unique arrangement means

the theatre only has a capacity of 108 audience members for performances. Third-year drama student Behrad Moshtagh, who plays Kurdistanian refugee Jemal, says he's looking forward to the intimacy of sharing the stage with audience members.

"Having the audience close

changes the way you act. When they're further away, you need to reach the outermost audience members and your actions and voice are bigger. But when they're closer, you get to be intimate with people," Moshtagh says. "Having them that close brings a sense of closeness to the real importance

of both what's happening within the theatre and what's happening outside the theatre with the Syria crisis."

Moshtagh thinks the play's unique design and contemporary resonance makes it an ideal show for students who don't watch much theatre. The unique staging will allow audiences a familiarity with the cast usually impossible in theatrical performances.

"Even if you're not one to see theatre often, this is a play to see," Moshtagh says. "And not only because of the gravity of the situation and the context of what's taking place now the play itself is much more modern and contemporary. The way it's staged is very contemporary."

Moshtagh thinks *The Container* runs at the University Theatre at 2:00 p.m. on Oct. 25 and at 7:30 p.m. from Oct. 22–23 and Oct. 28–31. Tickets are free for students through the Claim Your Seat program, but the SCPA says seating is not guaranteed due to limited capacity.

For more information about *The Container*, visit scpa.ucalgary.ca/events/container

ON CAMPUS »

Nickle Gallery showcases Albertan clay paintings

Rachel Woodward
Entertainment Assistant

The University of Calgary's Nickle Galleries is presenting *Surface Tension*, a series of "clay paintings" by functional potter and artist John Chalke until Dec. 19. The exhibit is the gallery's latest and is located on the main floor of the TFDL.

Chalke, who passed away early last year, specialized in mixtures of painting and sculpture, particularly textured and glazed clay art partially based on Albertan landscapes. The collection's pieces focus on finding intimacy and subtlety in everyday objects.

Exhibit curator Michele Hardy believes Chalke's pieces provide insight into his artistic style.

"He takes the normal, takes the daily, and turns it upside down. It makes you slow down and look at these things in a different way," she says.

Throughout his career, Chalke experimented with glazing techniques in order to achieve texture and detail. Many of his glaze tests are on display in the exhibit.

"He has literally thousands and thousands and thousands of glaze tests. Every time he would fire his kiln, he would fire a few more," Hardy says. "He had this wonderful quote about how not firing glaze tests was like going to a party without beer. It was something he was kind of obsessive about — he called himself a 'glaze monk.'"

Surface Tension is a comprehensive overview of Chalke's career, with featured works dating back to the early '70s. A section of the exhibit is dedicated to Chalke's work mapping out Albertan landscapes and culture, while another portion shows works created by using a slingshot to shoot paint onto a glazed surface, achieving a meteor-like effect.

Quotes from Chalke describing his work accompany pieces

throughout the exhibit.

"The outline of Alberta is not pretty, nor better than other shapes, but familiar," reads a quote near the exhibit's entrance. "It's a symbol, a metaphor, a device from the past and a constantly unfolding future."

Hardy says this exhibition is unique to the Nickle Galleries, and that nothing similar has been shown for at least eight years. He believes Chalke's attention to detail provides geological insight.

"He is a historian. He is very informed and knowledgeable about ceramic history and plays with that," Hardy says. "He takes a vintage plate, but cuts it and re-mounts it and glazes it to create something entirely different, entirely new. It's about the layers."

Entrance to the Nickle Galleries is free for students.

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For more information about *Surface Tension*, visit nicke.ucalgary.ca



John Chalke's work fills the top floor of the Nickle Galleries. LOUIE VILLANUEVA

FOOD & DRINK »



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Whip up a stew-pendous pumpkin spice dish

Chris Adams
Features Editor

Autumn's here, and that means it's time to fill our bellies with some pumpkin spice stew. It's a simple meal, but it does require a little more effort than pouring your pumpkin spice latte over a bowl of meat and vegetables — if only it were that simple.

This recipe is a variation on a classic beef and ale stew. You can use any ale you like, though the meal is still tasty with a darker brew. For this recipe, we'll use a

nice, light pumpkin spice ale.

Fortunately, you don't have to pre-cook anything or use a bunch of different pans for this recipe. Just toss everything into your crock pot and stir it up.

Some notes: I use veal because it's tender, but lamb works well too. The regular stewing beef you buy at the grocery store is tough to cook well and often goes dry and stringy. The lightness of pumpkin ale goes well with something a little younger, but you can dice up a prime cut of beef if you've got ethical qualms with eating baby animals.

Ingredients:

2 medium red onions
1 bushel of carrots
Olive oil
2 bay leaves
1 package of diced veal, lamb or beef
1tbsp. flour
1 bottle of Rogue Pumpkin Patch Ale or a similar pumpkin-spiced brew
1 can of diced tomatoes
Loads of salt
Heaps of pepper
10-15 tiny potatoes
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 3 hours

Directions:

1. Take a crock pot and turn it to medium heat. Peel and chop onions and carrots and add them to the pot. Drizzle olive oil over the veggies before adding bay leaves and warming everything for 10 minutes.
2. Add meat and flour to the mix.
3. Waste no time pouring your pumpkin-spiced bevy into the pot. Add tomatoes, salt and pepper before stirring everything together.
4. Halve those tiny potatoes and add them in. Make sure they're fully submerged in the ale.

5. Turn heat to high and bring your stew to a boil. Then, turn it back to medium and let simmer for three hours. Leave the pot covered for two-and-a-half hours, but let the stew breathe for the remainder of the cooking time.
6. While cooking, taste intermittently and spice to your pleasure. Smoked paprika and cayenne pepper work well.
7. Remove bay leaves from stew.
8. Pour into a bowl and enjoy some delicious pumpkin stew!

RECREATION »

Escape rooms offer puzzling alternative to a Friday night out

Clara Sadler
Online Editor

Though escape rooms originated in Japan, the puzzle-based games have swept across North America and a number of Calgary companies now offer them.

During a game, you and your friends are locked inside a room and must solve a series of puzzles to escape. The puzzles range from finding hidden keys to solving complex word puzzles and anagrams.

Trying to figure out how to put everyone's information together without strangling your teammates becomes a puzzle in itself.

Maxim's Dinner Party, run by Escape Capers and located in the middle of an Ogden industrial park, is one of these rooms. While other themed rooms in the city force players to struggle through a zombie apocalypse or escape from a retro video game, Maxim's Dinner Party embraces classic murder mystery tropes.

Before the game starts, you're briefed with the backstory — an invitation to a dinner party hosted by Maxim Buckerson, who has poisoned all of you. You have an hour to find the antidote and key to escape the room.

You're then brought to a posh drawing room full of antique furniture while classical music plays in the background. The scene creates an ominous feeling in the room without being needlessly spooky.

But atmosphere and storyline are secondary to the puzzles needed

and attempt to crack codes.

Maxim's house lends itself exceptionally well to this strategy, as puzzles are presented in a non-linear sequence. However, clues add up quickly, and trying to figure out how to put everyone's information together without strangling your teammates becomes a puzzle in itself.

Fortunately, if you're really stuck, Maxim's butler is an omnipresent entity in the room and offers cryptic clues from time to time. It's a helpful and well-implemented mechanic that never feels patronizing. Notepads and pencils are provided to keep track of clues, something that's missing in many of the city's escape rooms.

Overall, Maxim's Dinner Party is an excellent escape room, though the surplus of puzzles can feel a little overwhelming. While it may be a little much for first time escape artists, those who have cleared a room or two should find this room a satisfying challenge.

For more information about Escape Capers, visit escapecapers.com



A glimpse inside Escape Capers' mildly spooky room. COURTESY ERIC BOUDREAU

NEW MUSIC »

Disclosure
Caracal

September 25, 2015 (Island)

English electronic duo Disclosure emerged in 2013 with their debut album, *Settle*, containing a collection of singles that haven't left the radio waves since. The group, composed of brothers Guy and Howard Lawrence, now return with their sophomore effort, *Caracal*. The release continues their UK garage and house style while including guest vocals from artists of all genres.

Disclosure still boasts the same vibrating rhythm and electrifying beats of their first album, though there are a few twists. The duo mix their electronic tunes with hints of synth-pop and R&B. The resulting sound is similar to their first album, but the songs are much more thrilling.

Guest vocalists bring vibrancy to *Caracal*'s tracks. The smooth vocalizations of simple and poetic lyrics from these contributors complement the ambient, skipping beats. The Weeknd features on album

opener "Nocturnal," contributing his contemporary R&B style for a song that's sure to soundtrack many late nights at the club. And Sam Smith collaborates with Disclosure again after the smash-hit "Latch" to lend his angelic voice in the upbeat lead-single "Omen."

"Holding On" adapts a different mood, featuring jazz vocalist Gregory Porter and offering heavier and more distinct beat drops. Indie-pop star Lorde lends soothing vocals to "Magnets," a straightforward electro-pop tune.

The album concludes with "Masterpiece," a neo-soul collaboration with Australian crooner Jordan Rakei that fans of D'Angelo will love. All these guests bring an energy that brilliantly complement Disclosure's subtle and calculated tinkering.

But the brothers succeed even without bringing guests into the studio. "Jaded" stuns with hints of 80's music, as Howard sings about growing tired of the current state of EDM music.

Unfortunately, most tracks don't justify their length and never reach a climactic conclusion. Tunes like "Hourglass" hint at electronic bursts but never explode into full-fledged bangers. Despite this, Disclosure gives each song a life of its own, and are sure to keep electronic music enthusiasts entertained.

On *Caracal*, Disclosure sparks UK garage and house music, keeping the genre alive while adding to the electronic music scene.

Joie Atejira

*Are You Alone?*Majical Cloudz
Are You Alone?

October 16, 2015 (Matador)

Death, loneliness and fear of love are topics that fill *Are You Alone?*, Majical Cloudz' latest album of mournful melancholy. The Montreal art-pop duo consists of vocalist Devon Welsh and keyboardist Matthew Otto, whose instrumentals back Welsh's smooth baritone.

Backing, though, is at a bare minimum. The tracks comprising *Are You Alone?* are shells of complete songs. Synthesizer backdrops are used exclusively. This occasionally lends tracks a haunting atmosphere, but it usually just makes them feel incomplete.

The other issue with minimalistic instrumentation is that Welsh's voice isn't strong enough to stand alone. He's not a bad singer, but it's very noticeable anytime his voice wavers.

The album gets off to a decent start with "Disappeared," where Welsh sings openly and poetically about accepting a lost relationship. But he abandons this attitude on the following "Control," a whiny song

where Welsh wallows in self-pity after a break-up.

These lyrics flood the rest of *Are You Alone?*. Every track seems to be about Welsh's fear of love, his fear of being alone, his fear of death and a general fear of living. After listening to him whine about his insecurities for 40 minutes, I understand why all the girls in those songs broke up with him.

"I want to kiss you inside a car crashing, and we will both die laughing," Welsh croons on "Silver Car Crash," a song reminiscent of The Smiths' classic "There is a Light That Never Goes Out." But while Morrissey's car crash fantasy feels tragically romantic, Welsh's take on the concept just comes across as creepy.

References to British alt-pop icons don't end there. On the album's title track, Welsh repurposes lyrics from Radiohead's forlorn "Motion Picture Soundtrack." After listening to it, I just wanted to listen to the far-better song Majical Cloudz is referencing.

Welsh poses a question towards the end of that track — "What's the point of a sad, sad song?" Personally, I listen to sad songs when I'm feeling down as a way to let myself process my feelings. Sad songs resonate with me and let myself experience those negative feelings.

But I can't imagine listening to the sad songs on *Are You Alone?* under the same circumstances. Majical Cloudz try to fabricate that atmosphere through intimate lyrics and sparse backings, but ultimately just come off as insufferable.

Jason Herring

NEW THIS WEEK »

Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension — The hidden-camera horror saga comes to a conclusion with an installment so spooky that some cinemas are refusing to show it. Better not let your mom know if you go see this one!

Steve Jobs — Two years after *Jobs*, the disappointing biopic about the late Apple CEO, Universal puts out a film they assure is much better. Then again, that's what Apple says about every new iPhone.

Guitar Hero Live — That's right. The legendary *Guitar Hero*™ franchise has been revived with a tracklist full of classic bangers like "Down With the Sickness" and the timeless "Eye of the Tiger." Rock on, bro.

The Legend of Zelda: Tri Force Heroes — The latest game in the *Zelda* series lets you make your way through dungeons and solve puzzles with two friends, because getting mad at video games is fun.

Sounds Good Feels Good — 5 Seconds of Summer have a new album out, but their foolish name will be their downfall. Do these heathens not realize summer has far more than five seconds?

STAFF PICKS »
OCTOBER 22-29**Thursday, October 22:**

Springboard Dance presents *Six Years Later & The Hill* as a part of the Fluid Dance Festival. It's a story about two lovers who are reunited after six years apart.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Alexandra Centre Society

Saturday, October 24:

Local band Miesha & the Sparks

host a fundraiser for the Women's Centre of Calgary while showcasing female artists.

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Place: The Palomino Smokehouse

Sunday, October 25:

Eat an exquisite four course meal — while blindfolded.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Modern Steak

Monday, October 26:

Catch a talk from deep sea explorer and oceanographer Sylvia Earle about the allure of deep sea diving as part of the *National Geographic Live* series.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Jack Singer Concert Hall

Tuesday, October 27:

Watch the Lunchbox Theatre's new

play, *Fritters in Kandahar*. The production follows Lisa, who travels overseas to Afghanistan to serve coffee and crullers at an on-base Tim Hortons'.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Arts Commons

Wednesday, October 28:

Ventriloquist and puppeteer Ronnie Burkett brings his impromptu

musical comedy to town.

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Big Secret Theatre at Arts Commons

Thursday, October 29:

Vancouver indie rock quartet The Zolas return to Calgary after their cancelled X-Fest show.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: The Palomino Smokehouse

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be an annual report from the editor-in-chief and business manager.

October 29 from 4:30–7:00 p.m.

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SPORTS

DINOS FOOTBALL »

Unstoppable Dinos clinch first place in Canada West

Sonny Sachdeva
Sports Editor

The Dinos football team's banner 2015 season continued on Oct. 16 with a dominant 44-15 win over the University of Saskatchewan Huskies in front of 4,254 fans at Saskatoon's Griffiths Stadium.

The victory was significant for the Dinos, who clinched first place in the Canada West division and will hold home-field advantage throughout the divisional playoffs.

The University of Calgary's offence continued to run rampant in their matchup against the Huskies, posting an impressive 622 total yards to easily trounce the U of S for the second straight game. Dinos quarterback Andrew Buckley threw for 427 yards and two touchdowns, both of which were caught by star receiver Rashaun Simonise, who finished the night with 130 yards.

The Dinos rushing game had a big impact once again — four different Dinos rushed for touchdowns in the contest. Dinos runningback Mercer Timmis ran in the first of these scores 11 and a half minutes into the game, before runningback Bryce Harper and quarterbacks Buckley and Jimmy Underdahl each added scores themselves.

The Huskies held on as long as they could, tying it up at 7-7 near the end of the first quarter, but were simply unable to keep pace once the U of C's offence settled in and went



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The Dinos have yet to lose a game in their flawless 2015 campaign.

to work. The Dinos finished the first quarter with a late touchdown to take the score to 14-7, and would add four more touchdowns over the next two quarters.

Calgary's top offensive weapons continue to reign supreme over Canada West. Buckley leads the division with 395.2 yards per game while also sitting second among all quarterbacks with 14 touchdowns. Timmis leads all Canada West runningbacks in both yards per game and touchdowns, with 144.8 and eight, respectively. Similarly, Simonise leads all Canada West receivers

in yards per game and touchdowns, with 128.3 and eight.

The 2015 campaign has been an exceptional one for the Dinos, who head into the final two games of the season with a flawless 6-0 record. The U of C is one of only two teams in the CIS that have yet to lose a single game, matched only by the 7-0 Western University.

The last time the Dinos went undefeated through their regular season schedule was in 2013, when they advanced all the way to the Vanier Cup before falling 25-14 to Université Laval. The U of C's

final two regular season games will be against the University of Regina and the University of Alberta at the end of October. Calgary has outscored the two teams by a combined total of 152-26 during their previous matchups this year, and have an excellent chance at finishing the season with an 8-0 record once again.

The Dinos' match against U of R begins at 1 p.m. on Oct. 24, marking both their return to McMahon Stadium and their final home game before the Canada West playoffs kick off in November.

SPEED SKATING »

Oval hosts speed skating competition

Emilie Medland-Marchen
Sports Assistant

The University of Calgary's Olympic Oval hosted a short track speed skating event on Oct. 16-18. The first portion of the Western Elite Circuit short track competition kicked off with the annual 'Oktoberfest' event. The competition featured both local speed skaters — including those on the Canadian National team — and international competitors who train in Calgary.

Day one of the event kicked off on Oct. 16 with 1,500-metre preliminaries, 500-metre preliminaries and 500-metre quarterfinals.

Ontario native Jacob McKenzie had the fastest time in the 1500-metre preliminaries. He was closely

followed by Saskatchewan skaters Jesse Slusar and Keegan Christ, who finished second and third, respectively. All three athletes currently train in Calgary under Olympic Oval coach Al McKilvin.

Day one women's events saw Kerri Morrison of the Canadian National Development team take home the top spot, followed by Isabelle Carrier and British Columbia native Kaelin McNally.

The second day of the event saw Morrison and McKenzie earn their first points of the weekend by winning the 1500-metre A finals. In the 500-metre men's semifinals, Saskatchewan's Keegan Christ took the first-place finish. Polish skater Natalia Malisewska pulled out a win in the women's 500-metre final.

Building off his success in the 500m, Christ headed into Sunday's races poised for a medal finish in the overall competition. Christ is one of two siblings in a talented speed skating family — his older sister Kali is an Olympic long track speed skater.

Those competitive genes definitely came into play on Oct. 18 — the final day of the Oktoberfest — when Christ managed to solidify his position as overall champion in the men's event with a grand total of 26,000 points. Caught in a tight race all weekend with McKenzie, it was Christ's consistency throughout the weekend that edged out his teammate.

In the women's events, leading skater Morrison opted out of competing on day two, leaving a tight

race for the weekend's overall medal contenders. Local Olympic Oval skater Isabelle Carrier won the overall event with a solid 22,800 points.

The points won by the skaters this past weekend will also count towards the second portion of the Western Elite Circuit, which takes place in Richmond, B.C. from Dec. 4-6. The action will then return to the Oval for the third portion of the series — the 'Winterfest' event — held on Feb. 18-21.

The Oval now looks ahead to the International Skating Union's World Cup Long Track Competition, which will take place at the U of C from Nov. 13-15. The event will draw a slew of international athletes, including Olympic skaters from Europe, China and North America.

UPCOMING GAMES

**Dinos Soccer (W)
vs. Mount Royal**
Oct. 22, 7 p.m.



The Dinos women's soccer team currently boasts a 7-3-2 record heading into their final two games of the regular season. They'll play their final Crowchild Classic match on Oct. 22 before preparing for the Canada West playoffs. U of C topped Mount Royal 3-1 in their first meeting earlier this season.

**Dinos Hockey (W)
vs. Lethbridge**
Oct. 23, 7 p.m.



It took four games, but the Dinos men's hockey team finally earned their first win of the season, defeating the UBC Thunderbirds 3-2 in overtime. They'll look to keep that momentum rolling when they take on the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns on Oct. 23.

**Dinos Football
vs. Regina**
Oct. 24, 1 p.m.



The Dinos football team continues to roll over the rest of the Canada West, reeling off six straight wins so far. Their next task will be a favourable matchup against the University of Regina — who fell to the Dinos earlier this season — on Oct. 24 at McMahon Stadium.

**Dinos Volleyball (M)
vs. Brandon**
Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m.



Through eight pre-season games and two regular season games, the Dinos men's volleyball team has only lost once. After sweeping the University of Winnipeg last weekend, they'll look ahead to two home games against Brandon University on Oct. 23-24.

**Dinos Basketball (W)
vs. MacEwan**
Oct. 25, 1 p.m.



The Dinos women's basketball team have endured a tumultuous preseason that has seen them go 6-5. They'll have one last chance to tune up their game before the regular season begins — a match against the MacEwan University Griffins on Oct. 25 at Jack Simpson Gym. The game tips off at 1 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS

U of C rugby goes undefeated through 2015 season

The Dinos put together an undefeated season for the first time in the history of the University of Calgary's rugby program.

The club clinched first place with a 29-8 win over the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns on Oct. 17.

With the victory, the Dinos' record improves to 4-0. They look ahead to the Canada West playoffs later this month. The Dinos enter the tournament as the only undefeated team in the division, and boast two of the top scorers in the Canada West — Elysa Sandron and Natasha Loucks rank first and third in the divisional scoring race with 45 and 20 points, respectively. Sandron and Loucks are also first and second in the Canada West in tries with five and four.

The Dinos finish the regular season with a dominant points spread, posting 121 points in four contests while allowing only 54.

They'll take on the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns in the Canada West Final Four on Oct. 23 in Edmonton. Should they advance, they'll head to Kingston for the CIS Championship on Nov. 5.

Men's and women's volleyball open season with matching victories

The men's and women's Dinos volleyball teams opened their 2015-16 seasons this weekend, taking on the University of Winnipeg Wesmen on Oct. 17 at Winnipeg's Duckworth Centre.

The Dinos came out on top in both matches, finishing with identical 3-1 victories over the Wesmen.

Curtis Stockton and Connor Fröhlich led the way for the Dinos men's squad with 20 and 16 kills, while Beth Vinnell and Laura McManes powered the women's team with 18 and 12 kills.

The Dinos also swept Winnipeg in the second installments of the men's and women's series. The men's team reeled off a 3-2 win on Oct. 18 while the women's team won 3-0.

Keith West put forth an exceptional performance in the men's second game, posting 21 kills, two blocks and two aces. Janna Ogle led the women's team with 11 kills, while Ali Woolley posted nine kills and three blocks.

Both teams now look ahead to back-to-back sets with the Brandon University Bobcats on Oct. 23-24 at the Jack Simpson Gym.

Dinos men's hockey earns first win in overtime thriller

After suffering three straight losses to start their 2015-16 season, the Dinos men's hockey team finally got their first win of the campaign in a thrilling overtime tilt against the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds.

The Dinos and Thunderbirds traded goals through the first 60 minutes of the contest, sending the game to a three-on-three overtime period with the score stuck at 2-2.

Dinos forward Chris Collins utilized his speed to spur the final play of the game, rushing up the wing and slipping a saucer pass over to Elgin Pearce, who roofed the game-winning tally.

Pearce currently reigns as the club's top sniper with three goals through the team's first four contests. He and Collins both lead the team in points with four apiece.

The Dinos now prepare to face the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns in two straight games on Oct. 23-24.

Game one of the back-to-back set will take place in Lethbridge before both teams return to Calgary to play game two at Canada Olympic Park's Markin MacPhail Centre.



The Dinos racked up plenty of wins last weekend.

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Canadians finally making their mark on MLS

Sonny Sachdeva
Sports Editor

Major League Soccer (MLS) has slowly ascended in the eyes of fans. Once considered little more than a goofy younger brother of historic European leagues like the Premier League, La Liga or the Bundesliga, America's MLS has garnered more respect recently due to the arrival of legitimate European superstars like Thierry Henry, Kaka and David Villa — albeit well after their primes.

While the United States' national soccer program is undoubtedly on the rise, having emerged from the depths of international rankings to become a regular World Cup qualifier, the Canadian men's national team still finds themselves well outside the bubble of legitimate international squads. But that could soon change.

The 2015 season marks a significant step forward for Canadian soccer — most notably in the MLS, where more Canadians will suit up for the league than ever before. Twenty-seven Canadians will don MLS jerseys this year for nine different teams.

Portland Timbers captain Will Johnson headlines the group with Kansas City's Marcel de Jong and Montreal's Maxim Tissot. All three suit up for the Canadian national team as well, alongside seven other MLS players.



Dwayne de Rosario remains the most successful Canadian in MLS history.

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For a nation that has never made much noise on the international scene — Canada is currently ranked 104th internationally by FIFA — their increased presence in MLS is crucial. It grants emerging Canadian stars a viable place to suit up professionally, considering most of these players aren't skilled enough to cut it in the top European leagues.

MLS soccer allows Canada's best to hone their skills in a familiar,

competitive setting more akin to their level.

Canadians have had quite an impact on the league in the past. Ontario native Dwayne de Rosario leads the pack. The former midfielder, who suited up for the San Jose Earthquakes, Houston Dynamo, the New York Red Bulls, D.C. United and Toronto F.C., posted 104 goals during his MLS career — the seventh-highest total in league history.

Canada's presence in the league as a whole has grown over the last decade as well. While Toronto initially remained the league's lone Canadian club — as is the case in the NBA and MLB — the nation earned two more franchises over the past five years. The Vancouver Whitecaps joined in 2011, and the Montreal Impact did so one year later.

With the red and white gaining momentum both in the North

American league and abroad, this trend seems set to continue. The Canadian national team figures to reap the benefits.

Youth participation in soccer has skyrocketed over the past decade in Canada. While nearly all other sports are seeing their annual participation numbers decline, soccer has continued to attract more and more young players. According to Statistics Canada, the percentage of young Canadians playing soccer rose to as high as 20 per cent in the mid-2000's, topping participation lists among all team sports. That trend has continued, and soccer continues to hold on to that top spot.

There seems to be a clearly established pool of talent growing in Canada. With time, the eager nation could soon begin climbing up the international rankings. That shift has already taken place among the women's national team, which now sit as the 11th-best team in the world according to FIFA rankings.

It seems absurd to imagine Canada's men's team coming anywhere close to that spot, with international titans like Argentina, Brazil, Germany and Spain continuing to reign supreme. But as young Canadians pick up the sport and MLS becomes a more welcoming environment, it seems Canada may finally have the tools necessary to fight their way up the standings and make their presence known.

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Election recount results in Blue Jays government, Bautista prime minister

Melanie Woods
#ComeTogether

On Oct. 19, Canada elected a Liberal majority government. However, a recent recount revealed that the 2015 Toronto Blue Jays will form a minority government.

Every player on the 40-man roster was elected as a Member of Parliament, with several stars representing multiple ridings. The total number of seats held by the Blue Jays is over 100, compared to 95 for the Liberals, 91 for the Conservatives, 44 for NDP, 9 for the Bloc and one for the Greens.

All other parties agreed to support a Blue Jays government.

"We're all part of Blue Jays nation," said Justin Trudeau, who narrowly lost the chance to form government to a sports team.

Because the Blue Jays were not officially on the ballot, voters had to write in the names of their favourite players.

"There's nothing more Canadian than the Blue Jays," said voter Tom Derickson, who helped elect pitcher David Price to the riding of Calgary-Confederation in a tight race with Conservative candidate Len Weber. "The Liberals may be Canada's oldest political party, but baseball is timeless."



After an election shocker, the Toronto Blue Jays will form Canada's government.

COURTESY KEITH ALLISON

Only five of the 40 players on the Blue Jays roster are Canadian citizens. Elections Canada suspended several key rules, allowing the entire team to not only vote, but also be eligible as write-in candidates.

"I don't care about pipelines or niqabs or any of that," Derickson said. "You know what I care about? Drinking a cool beer and watching Price pitch a no-hitter. That's what Canada is. Can Trudeau pitch three consecutive outs in the bottom of the ninth with the

entire country watching? I doubt it."

Strategic voting websites like hashtagcometogether.ca emerged to ensure that every player won at least one seat.

University of Calgary political science professor Lynn Jacobs specializes in the relationship between nationalism, politics and sports. She said the election result reflects modern Canadian identity.

"In a time of attack ads and crazy slogans, Canada decided to

#ComeTogether," Johnson said. "I would say this was a surprise, but Canadians really fucking love the Blue Jays right now. Their approval ratings are through the retractable roof."

Johnson also said the result is likely due to the election falling on the same night as the ALCS Game 3.

"Canadians were focused on the game and voted accordingly," Johnson said. "These boys have captured the nation's spirit like no fancy-haired Trudeau ever could."

Voter turnout was up by 97 per cent. "The only people who didn't vote were probably Royals fans," Johnson said. "Screw 'em."

Sluggo José Bautista — responsible for the iconic three-run homer in Game 5 of the ALDS final — will serve as prime minister. He was elected as the MP for 20 different seats across the country.

"I'm really happy," Bautista said. "The voters chose us as the true leaders of Canada."

Bautista reportedly wrote down his own name and flipped the pencil over his shoulder when voting.

First-time voter Susan Gorman said she wasn't a Jays fan until recent weeks, but still cast her vote for Bautista in Calgary-Nosehill.

"The first baseball game I ever watched was the ALDS Game 5," she said. "And when Bautista hit that homer, every person in the bar I was in stood up and started singing the national anthem. That's what real change is."

The first session of the new parliament will be held at Rogers Centre next month. Pints of Coor's Light will be available in the gallery for \$15 each. Security will be on-hand to discourage fans from throwing trash at the opposition parties.

HOROSCOPES »

The election is over, but your future is forever

Sean Willett

Never voted for a winning candidate

Libra
(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)
Oh no! Giles Duceppe found out where you live.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)
You will realize you are one of the few people who noticed that Peter Mansbridge's dentures slipped out when he tried to pronounce "pussy."

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)
At the next federal election you will vote for the "Limes are Actually Green Lemons" party.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)
You are going to try a trendy new hairstyle — a picture of Stephen Harper's crying son shaved into the top of your head.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)
You will smoke lots of legal weed and get emotional at a picture of a coral reef.

Pisces
(Feb. 19 – March 20)
You and Stephen Harper will start a travelling medicine show selling zany potions. It will land you both in jail for fraud.

Aries
(March 21 – April 19)
Justin Trudeau will climb through your window and eat your delicious and crisp Cinnamon Toast Crunch®. Fuck! You just bought that.

Taurus
(April 20 – May 20)
Your kindly grandfather Tom Mulcair will finally return home with his big bag of Werther's Originals® and kooky war stories. You missed him dearly.

Gemini
(May 21 – June 20)
You will run for MP in the next election, but get dropped by your party when the *Calgary Herald* discovers you tweeted "cucumbers are good on burgers" seven years ago.

Cancer
(June 21 – July 22)
You will meet Rex Murphy, the nation's most powerful reptile, when he cuts in front of you at Arby's®.

Leo
(July 23 – Aug. 22)
Due to a series of slapstick blunders, you are going to be directly responsible for Elizabeth May's beloved hedgehog being carried off by an eagle.

Virgo
(Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)
Just as they call your riding as a one-vote victory for the enemy party, you'll realize you forgot to vote. You fucker.



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HOT TIPS »



The sniffer is never far from their trusty tissues.

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Seven people you will meet in your midterms

Jill Girgulis

Uses all 50 pencils

As you work your way through your midterms you will encounter all sorts of wild and wacky people. With that in mind, the *Gauntlet* broke down seven of the people you'll meet in your midterms.

The sniffer: Flu season coincides directly with midterms, but that's no excuse to cough everywhere during an AMAT 311 midterm. Chronic sniffers need to limit their breathing to mouth-only or stock up on BreatheRight® nasal strips.

The sleeper: These are perhaps the most admirable students on campus. Sleepers represent the epitome of university, as they're too exhausted after pulling an all-nighter but still are forced to actually write the exam. Early and late exams are rife with this species, but they aren't an issue unless you find yourself seated next to a snoring one.

The eater: Eaters are against any exams that interfere with meals, so they truck in Ziploc® baggies full of carrots and celery in protest. If you're lucky, they might even share with you.

The racer: You never actually see these students, as they typically hand in their test before you finish bubbling in your ID number. You reassure yourself that they probably made a bunch of mistakes by rushing through the exam, but who are you kidding? They totally aced it.

The keener: 50 pencils — one for each question on the test — are lined up in a row on their desk, along with two water bottles, a rosary and a lucky rabbit's foot. If studying won't get these students the A they're seeking, luck and a bottomless supply of pencils might.

The sobber: It starts as a whimpering moan, but slowly escalates to full-on sobbing. Although you try to feel sorry for them, the snot dripping from their nose and the tears they're spraying onto your scantron are really starting to piss you off.

The hand-raiser: These students are easily identifiable, as they raise their hand for every other test question. A hand-raiser's favorite exam seat is the middle desk of the middle row of ST 148 — they enjoy watching the professor climb over fifteen students just to get to them.

HOT TIPS »

Top five ways to deal with the post-election blues

Derek Baker

Voted for the Pirate Party

The 42nd Canadian general election came to a close on Monday evening, ending with it the attack ads, feverish debates and insistent Get-Out-The-Vote campaigns. With this election reigning as the longest in modern Canadian history, it's hard to remember a time when we weren't constantly bombarded with politics. Fear not, new political activist — there are ways to cope with the post-election blues.

Keep voting: The polls may be closed but that doesn't need to stop you from voting. Don't like your boss? Organize your co-workers and try to vote them out. Mediocre prof? Call an election and elect that try-hard in the middle of the second row to be your new instructor. Can't decide what to do your friends on a Friday night? Elect a leader of your crew and let them do the decision making. Democracy is cool.

Facebook purge: Regardless of whether or not the party you voted for won, scroll through your timeline and consider deleting those political cartoons and links from the party's official Facebook page. You may wonder, "how will my friends know that I am very politically informed and have very strong opinions?" Rest assured. We know.

Switch to L'Oreal® shampoo: The foremost matter of this election was Justin Trudeau's hair, and rightfully so. Without that



We're all sad Canada's longest election is over.

FABIAN MAYER

shiny, perfect hair, how else can he be expected to lead the middle class to the prosperity they deserve? Channel your inner Justin and use his favourite shampoo brand every morning in the shower. You too can have hair perfect enough to overshadow all issues in your life.

Become irrelevant: Life is a whole lot simpler when you don't need to worry about trying to make something of yourself. Resign yourself to mediocrity, and

follow the example of the Bloc Quebecois — or should I say Bloc Quebecui?

Complain: Even if the party you voted for won, nothing's really going to change. Join in on Alberta's favourite hobby — complaining about things we have no control over. Winter too cold? It's the government's fault. Bad mark on a midterm? The government did it. Why take responsibility for your problems when you can pass the buck on to Ottawa?

Three Ways to Support the SU Campus Food Bank this Season

A message from your
Students' Union Campus Food Bank

Did you know that the number of people using the SU Campus Food Bank has more than doubled in the past year? Food security is an issue right here on campus. Here are three ways you can help support this vital service this holiday season:

Trick or Eat!

Volunteer with *Trick or Eat* to collect non-perishable donations on assigned routes beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday,

Oct. 31. Register as a team or participate as an individual. Register at trickoreat.ca

Holiday Food Drive

Get your team together for the Holiday Food Drive. Compete against other teams to be crowned champions of the Holiday Food Drive! Email foodbank@ucalgary.ca between Oct. 26 and Nov. 7 to register your team, club or group. The competition runs Nov. 17 - 19 in the North Courtyard, MSC.

Adopt-a-Student-Family

Would you, your family or department like to adopt a student family this holiday season and provide gift hampers for

children? Or maybe you are a student who is worried about providing gifts for your children this holiday season? The application deadline for both donors and families is Nov. 26. Confidentiality is ensured. Visit www.su.ucalgary.ca/vs for details.

For more information about the SU Campus Food Bank, visit www.su.ucalgary.ca/programs-services/student-services/food-bank/ or visit in person at 225 MacEwan Student Centre (MSC).

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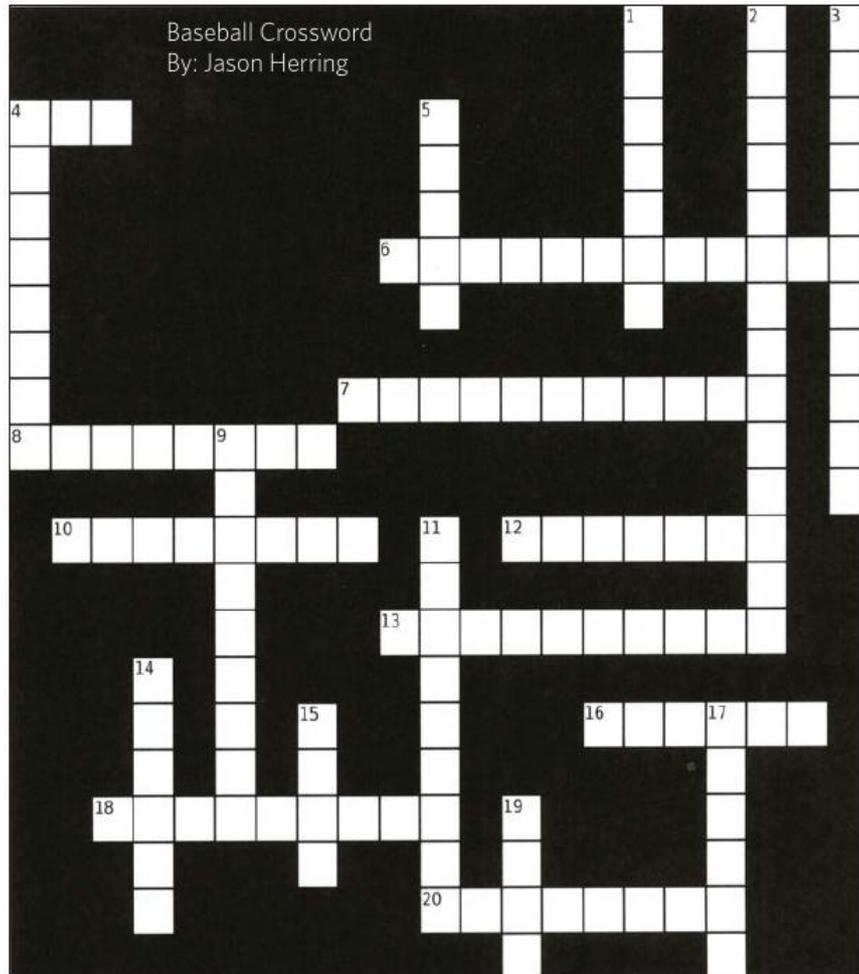


Here is a wish list of items that are especially needed:

1. Toiletries (toilet paper, menstrual hygiene products, travel-sized shampoo, bar soap)
2. Peanut butter
3. Canned fruits and vegetables
4. Cereal and oatmeal
5. Canned pasta and chili (like Chef Boyardee)
6. Meal helpers (Sidekicks, Hamburger Helpers, etc.)
7. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate
8. Pasta sauce, pasta and dry soup
9. Canned meat (ham, turkey, chicken), seafood (salmon, tuna, sardines) and beans
10. Gluten-free products

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CROSSWORD »



Baseball Crossword
By: Jason Herring

ACROSS:

- 4. This statistic measures the number of times a player reaches home base as a result of the batter's hit.
- 6. "Buy me some peanuts and _____."
- 7. A slow pitch.
- 8. The most elusive achievement for a pitcher.
- 10. Celebrated Toronto's ALDS-winning play with a totally amazing bat flip.
- 12. Award given to the league's best pitchers each year.
- 13. The Blue Jays' star pitcher — aquired mid-season.
- 16. The opponent of the Blue Jays in the 2015 ALCS.
- 18. 2011 Brad Pitt film about the Oakland Athletics' statistics-driven 2002 season.
- 20. Prior to 2004, a second Canadian MLB team played in _____.

DOWN:

- 1. West-coast team formerly based in Brooklyn.
- 2. The Toronto Blue Jays play in the _____.
- 3. Seven-game series that concludes the baseball postseason.
- 4. Hall-of-fame Dodgers' second

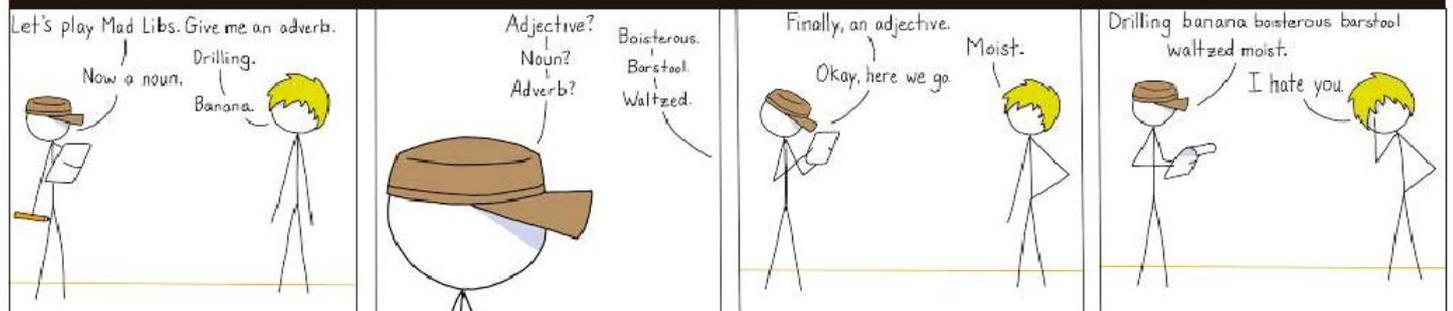
- baseballman who was the first African-American to play in the MLB.
- 5. Recently deceased Yankee batter known more for quotes than for baseball.
- 9. Giving or receiving oral sex.
- 11. The Denny's® breakfast classic.
- 14. Where baseball players have to be when they're not on the field.
- 15. Have not won a World Series since 1908 due to the Curse of the Billy Goat.
- 17. The only Big-4 sports team with two cities in its official name.
- 19. When the batter holds their bat in front of the plate to tap the ball.

LAST WEEK'S
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Knock knock.
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It's you, coming to write
Humour stories for
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