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ADMINISTRATION »

President Cannon can't escape controversy at budget town hall

Fabian Mayer
News Editor

Controversies surrounding the University of Calgary loomed large at the university's budget town hall on Wednesday. Upper-level university administrators presented budget plans, mentioning a 1-1.5 per cent budget cut.

President Elizabeth Cannon and provost Dru Marshall took questions from the campus community following the presentation. Most questions focused on the MacHall ownership dispute between administration and the Students' Union, as well as the investigation into the university's suspect relationship with Enbridge.

First-year law and society student Frank Finley asked Cannon if she would consider resigning as a result of the controversies.

"The answer is no," replied Cannon.

Finley spoke to reporters about his question following the event.

"Apparently we can be bought and that doesn't make me happy. That makes me embarrassed as a student," Finley said.

The largest applause of the afternoon came shortly after the question was asked, though Finley was unsure whether it was for the question or president Cannon's response.

"That's a good question. I asked



President Cannon was asked if she would resign at the university's budget town hall.

LOUIE VILLANUEVA

my friends that and they didn't know it either," Finley said.

"It doesn't really matter what applause was in the room. What matters to me was that the question got across."

Finley said he plans to start a petition asking Cannon and other senior administrators to resign.

U of C Faculty Association president Sandra Hoenle thinks it might

be a bit early to call for Cannon's resignation, though she didn't rule out the possibility.

"Depending on the outcome of the review, yes," Hoenle said.

Other questions centred on whether student services would be affected if the university takes control of MacHall when the university's current lease agreement with the SU terminates on Dec. 9.

Marshall reiterated that student services would not be affected if university administration took over the revenue from MacHall throughout the event.

"I don't know how many times we can say that. The only thing I can say is that if this occurs we'll have to demonstrate our words with actions," Marshall said following the town hall.

MACHALL »

SU seeks injunction to retain MacHall

Fabian Mayer
News Editor

The Students' Union is seeking an injunction to retain control of MacHall until its ongoing lawsuit with the university concludes. The matter appears before the Court of Queen's Bench on Dec. 4.

The university is set to take over MacHall's operation and revenue after their current operating agreement with the SU terminates on Dec. 9.

SU president Levi Nilson said the potential consequences of the SU losing MacHall caused them to seek the injunction.

"The terms that have been set forward by the university are so completely damaging to the SU that

we think we have a strong case," Nilson said.

A dispute between the university and the SU over who owns MacHall was first made public on Sept. 16. The SU filed a lawsuit against the university on Oct. 21.

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— Students' Union president Levi Nilson

The SU depends heavily on the revenue from operating MacHall to provide student services.

Following the university's budget

town hall on Nov. 18, provost Dru Marshall said the university taking control of MacHall would not impact student services.

"The intent is not to interrupt student services, particularly at the time of year we're talking about," Marshall

said. "This is going to be very close to examination time and we want to ensure that student experience is what we want it to be here."

Nilson questioned the university's ability to appropriately fund student services.

"They would parcel out that student money how they see fit, and we don't trust them to do that effectively," Nilson said.

Nilson believes the SU would have to make tough organizational decisions if an injunction is not granted, though he hopes it doesn't come to that.

"What would happen with the current path that is set forward is completely against how things have worked for the past couple decades and we don't see any reason for it," Nilson said.

The university declined to comment on the injunction while the matter is before the courts.

Science lounge hopes to open in 2016

Scott Strasser
News Assistant

A students' lounge for Faculty of Science students is still in the works and could open by fall 2016.

Students' Union science representatives and members of the Science Students' Society (SSS) are submitting a joint Quality Money application of over \$100,000 to fund the lounge's construction.

SSS president and former SU science representative Kean Bexte worked on the lounge with his fellow reps last year.

"We'll see what happens with this Quality Money application. If it gets submitted on time I'll be quite happy and I think science students will as well," Bexte said. "I think the science representatives this year have been quite diligent with getting things done."

Science students have been working for three years to create a lounge. Last year, SU science representatives secured space in the



The SU science representatives plan to turn the Elbow Room into a science students' lounge.

Elbow Room, a computer lab between Science Theatre's two largest lecture halls, ST 140 and ST 148. The university's IT department currently controls the space, which can accommodate around 120 people.

With the room secured last year, this year's science representatives

are focusing on finishing what previous representatives started.

SU science representative Conrad Jaeger said the project is coming along.

"Over the summer we met with campus planning and the science faculty to discuss the space and what we see it being in the future. They

had discussions with the incoming dean, someone from IT and someone from general administration. From that, we got the go ahead," Jaeger said.

Jaeger claimed the science representatives have personally consulted with around 300 science students

this year to see what they want the new lounge to look like.

"There was everything from pool tables to white boards to a relaxed space for hanging out with friends to a space used for presentations to quiet workspaces," Jaeger said. It was all over the map."

Science is the second largest faculty at the U of C, but the largest without a students' lounge. The faculty houses 18 programs and has roughly 5,000 undergraduate students.

SU science representative Houda El Sidawi said a students' lounge would be a symbol of identity for the faculty.

"Having a collaborative workspace where we can have specific events for science students would increase the pride and engagement within our faculty," El Sidawi said. "It would really create a sense of community."

If the Quality Money application is approved, renovations in the Elbow Room could start in the summer of 2016.

STUDENTS' UNION »

Federal student lobby group sets priorities

Scott Strasser
News Assistant

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) held their annual policy and strategy conference in Halifax last week, where they set lobbying and advocacy priorities for the year.

CASA is made up of 22 student associations across Canada. They advocate and lobby the federal government on student issues.

Students' Union vice-president external Romy Garrido is the primary CASA delegate for the University of Calgary.

"We went over CASA's current policies and any updates that need to happen to those policies," Garrido said. "We're given a list of priorities and we rank them. We have a discussion on which ones should be our top four."

CASA's four priorities for the year are financial and repayment assistance, research, youth employment and marginalized groups.

Garrido said the focus on student employment includes student jobs, transitioning to the workforce and professional development.

"It's significant because about \$1.5 billion from the Liberal platform was allocated to it," Garrido said.

Garrido is particularly excited about the new emphasis placed

on marginalized groups in post-secondary.

"It's something that we've talked about a lot, but there hasn't been an opportunity for change," Garrido said. "When it comes to aboriginal students, I see they're greatly underrepresented in so many areas of society, including post-secondary education."

According to Garrido, delegates were optimistic about the Liberal government's attention to post-secondary during their fall campaign.

"There's a lot of hope because [students] were mentioned quite a bit," Garrido said.

Focusing on undergraduate research is another priority for CASA.

"Seeing how this current government has talked about research within its platform and has two ministers of science, we thought it's a pretty good time to talk about undergraduate research," Garrido said.

The policy and strategy conference is usually held during the summer, but was delayed this year due to the federal election.

Garrido said the conference functions as a warm-up for CASA's annual lobbying week in Ottawa this winter.

"The priorities are what we're going to be focusing on when we go to Parliament in February."

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Stress Less Week aims to improve student mental health before exams

Fabian Mayer
News Editor

As students work on final papers and prepare for exams, the Students' Union is hosting its bi-annual Stress Less Week from Nov. 30–Dec. 4.

The week will feature puppy rooms, yoga and a carnival. New additions to this year's event include nap rooms and a pyjama day on Dec. 1.

Vice-president student life Kirsty McGowan is responsible for coordinating the event.

"We felt it's important to make sure students know [mental health] is a priority and that they should be taking care of themselves, especially in a super stressful time such as exam time," McGowan said.

McGowan believes stress isn't necessarily bad as long as it's managed appropriately. She hopes Stress Less Week will help achieve that goal.

"Although it may seem like they're small things, it's actually extremely helpful in the long term because it's reducing the stress in small loads to make sure that your mental health



Puppy rooms will be back at this semester's Stress Less Week. Nap rooms have also been added. LOUIE VILLAMUEVA

isn't impacted," McGowan said.

McGowan is most excited about the nap rooms, an idea she campaigned on during the SU election last March.

"We've never put an emphasis on healthy sleep habits during Stress Less Week so that's one of the reasons I wanted to put nap rooms in

there," McGowan said.

The nap rooms are hosted by the SU from 2:00–4:00pm in That Empty Space every day of the week except Wednesday.

The SU will also be handing out de-stress kits that include herbal tea, lip balm and a guide to on- and off-campus mental health resources.

McGowan said the SU wanted to centre the kits — which mostly featured items like chocolate in previous years — around mental health.

"We wanted to make sure this year that we definitely had items that are really focused on students getting help if they needed it," McGowan said.

BRIEFS

Premier Notley announces economy-wide carbon tax

The provincial government announced a new climate change policy on Nov. 22 that includes an economy-wide carbon tax and a cap on oil-sands emissions.

A \$20 per tonne carbon tax will take effect January 2017 and increase to \$30 per tonne in 2018.

The expected \$3 billion in revenue from the tax will support further green initiatives and help low-income households deal with higher heating and transportation costs.

The NDP government also announced its plan to cap future emissions from Alberta's oil sands — which currently sit at roughly 70 megatonnes per year — at 100 megatonnes per year.

"The government of Alberta is going to stop being the problem and we are going to start being the solution," premier Rachel Notley said while announcing the new policies at Edmonton's science centre.

Wildrose leader Brian Jean criticized the policy for raising "the price of everything" and putting jobs at risk.

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Do you think the Students' Union does enough for mental health?



"I'm not sure what they are or aren't doing."

– Jose Carreno,
first-year engineering



"I think the current programs are adequate."

– Marin Mustapic,
fourth-year international relations



"Yes, they always put on a lot of stuff."

– Kendra Wasylycia,
second-year business



"They could be doing more."

– Emily Cox,
second-year neuroscience

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EDITORIAL »

Albertan universities need a conflict of interest policy

The University of Calgary Board of Governors has launched an independent review into the creation of the Centre for Corporate Sustainability. The stated purpose of the review is to "determine whether there was any breach of university policies or procedures then in place or improper conduct in connection with the creation and operation of the centre."

The centre has been mired in controversy since a CBC investigation found that Enbridge had considerable influence in its creation. Enbridge made a \$2.25-million, 10-year pledge to the centre which bore the pipeline company's name until 2014.

The CBC also claims university president Elizabeth Cannon — a director of Enbridge Income Fund Holdings at the time — was aware of the issues surrounding the centre.

Whether the independent review finds Cannon acted inappropriately will very much depend on its definition of "improper conduct." From the emails obtained by CBC, it seems easy to believe.

Cannon has defended herself by saying she was "absolutely wearing her university hat" when dealing with the centre. With this comment, Cannon would have us believe she can "change hats," switching



back and forth between her role as university president and her role as a board member at Enbridge.

But conflicts of interest don't work like that. Worries, desires and experiences from one area of our lives inevitably influence all of our decisions. This is as true for president Cannon as it is for every student at the U of C. Cannon's involvement with

Enbridge while the company attempted to influence an academic research centre at the university was a clear conflict of interest, and all of Cannon's talk about her hat collection won't change that.

So where should we lay blame? Why wasn't this conflict of interest dealt with before it became a serious problem? Some of the blame lies with

Cannon, who should have known the situation was inappropriate. If Cannon isn't willing to devote herself fully to running this institution — in exchange, of course, for a base salary of \$480,000 — then perhaps she is better suited to the private sector, where she can sit on as many boards as she likes.

There is also a lack of policy surrounding the issue, and there are no rules in place that bar university presidents from sitting on corporate boards.

If the U of C wanted to show some leadership on the issue, it would write its own policies stopping administrators from sitting on corporate boards. Of course, since administrators benefit directly from a lack of policy on this issue, that's unlikely to occur.

Legislation by the province is another, more probable solution. Universities are public institutions largely funded by the government, and provincial ethics rules for university administrators are long overdue. The Enbridge affair is a perfect example of why such guidelines are necessary.

Regardless of the review's outcome, the provincial government should act on the issue to ensure this ugly situation does not repeat itself in the future.

Gauntlet Editorial Board

SOCIAL ISSUES »

Mental health doesn't end at awareness

Melanie Woods
Gauntlet Opinions

I have chronic joint pain. When it started to affect my day-to-day life, I went to a doctor who diagnosed me with hyperextended joints. Now I wear knee braces when I exercise and have painkillers for particularly bad days.

I don't have to do these things. I could probably survive without the knee braces or the medication. But I prefer to take advantage of the medical and professional resources around me to feel better. Walking is a lot more enjoyable if I'm not thinking about the pain in my joints.

The same rationale should apply to mental illness.

In recent years, the conversation to remove, outrun or man up against the stigma around mental health has grown. While a step in the right direction, this conversation usually stops after touching on

the immediate terminology or the idea of creating positive spaces.

We need to destigmatize talking about mental illness, but the conversation can't stop at awareness. It's one thing to recognize you have anxiety, but it's another to talk about cognitive therapy techniques or the benefits of Lexapro prescriptions.

So-called "mental health initiatives" rarely touch on direct solutions. In a recent budget town hall, University of Calgary administration promised an ambiguous upcoming "mental health strategy." The Students' Union hosts an annual Stress Less Week featuring puppy rooms and bubble-wrap. And I'm still not entirely sure what UCalgary Strong is beyond a farmer's market on Bermuda Shorts Day.

These initiatives are intentionally vague, dancing around actual solutions and realities of mental illness to focus on talking about it. Rarely do they translate into hiring

more counsellors or reducing prescription fees for students. Instead, the focus is on bringing in motivational speakers, creatinawg a positive and fun atmosphere or promoting self-care.

While these initiatives are well-intentioned, they often have adverse effects on people actually struggling with the day-to-day aspects of mental illness. For a long time I was convinced that self-care and positive thinking were all I needed to get by. If I wrote in my journal, thought positive thoughts and took days off to look after myself, I would be able to deal with my chronic anxiety.

But that's isn't sustainable. It took months of chronic stress, multiple anxiety attacks and my best friend cornering me and forcefully telling me to get real help before I actually booked a counselling appointment.

Now, my counsellor and I work through strategies for dealing

with anxiety attacks and preventing them as they start to happen. He helps me through techniques that deal with my specific chronic anxiety and discusses solutions for things in my life that trigger it.

If you're in a major depressive episode, a cheerful voice telling you to love yourself won't reset chemical imbalances in your brain. If you're bipolar, a motivational speaker probably won't be able to pull you out of a manic state.

There's no shame in talking about mental illness, but there's also no shame in asking for medical and professional help to make it better.

Walking uphill might be your school day, and your knee braces might be 500 milligrams of an antidepressant, but the conversation surrounding both should be the same.

We should talk about mental illness — but we should also talk about how to live with it.

Medication key to mental health initiatives

Sean Willett
Opinions Editor

The University of Calgary Students' Union loves to talk about mental health. Mental health strategies are brought up at almost every Students' Legislative Council, and planning mental health initiatives is a big part of the job for the vice-president student life. The SU even has Stress Less Week, where students can crunch bubble wrap and pet dogs between classes.

Yet, as a person currently dealing with mental health problems, all of this feels disingenuous. Because the SU's student health plan doesn't cover the medication I need for my mental illness.

In September 2014, after suffering a mental breakdown brought on by a combination of depression and stress, I was referred to a psychiatrist. She started me on a medication to help me control my depression. It worked — I felt like a completely different person after only a week on the medication. But there was a catch. The medication isn't covered by my student health plan. And it's expensive.

Since then, I have been diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and placed on another medication. Again, this medication has worked wonders. I can finally focus on school work, manage my emotions and live a relatively normal life. But this medication also isn't covered by my student health



Dogs are nice, but many people need medication to treat their mental illnesses.

plan. And it's expensive. My doctor now has me taking both medications — I'm reacting well to both of them, and mental health drugs can be notoriously unpredictable when doses are changed or altered. This is also why I can't switch to any potentially cheaper alternatives. Neither drug has a generic form available, and switching meds on the fly can be disastrous. Because of this, I'm currently paying over \$130 a month for both drugs. As a student, that's a lot of money to pay for something that

should be covered by insurance I'm paying for anyway. And it isn't, at least not by the plan currently offered by the SU. Provided by the company Gallivan and Associates, this plan does offer quite a lot — dental and eye care, ambulance rides and even many prescription drugs. If your drug isn't covered, however, you're more or less screwed. You can file for exception coverage, but you're required to have tried at least one of the alternative medications listed on the Gallivan and

Associates formulary. Unfortunately, taking a psychiatric drug not recommended by your doctor just to prove it doesn't work is not a viable option for most people.

So here I am, stuck paying full price for medication I desperately need while I watch the SU set up gimmicky rooms and "awareness" seminars. Unlike these things, my medication actually helps me with my mental health. In fact, besides therapy and a few lifestyle choices, it's one of the only things that does.

Popping bubble wrap and taking a



OHIO UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES (LEFT) AND LOUIE VILLANUEVA (RIGHT)

nap at school aren't going to relieve my stress. Not having to pay an arm and a leg every month for the medication that lets me get through my day, however, would.

I know it would be difficult for the SU to change the list of drugs that are provided by the health plan or to add more coverage for psychiatric medication. But until something does change, I won't see the SU as an organization that genuinely cares about mental health — just one that cares about looking like they do.

COMMENT

RE: Wildrose policy stirs up debate over students' union membership

"I think in a time when the administration is under severe review for various abusing concerns, the last thing we need is to begin deconstructing the student body's ability to have a voice. They are not forcing your membership in a club when it requires attending and paying for an undergraduate enrollment at a specific university. I can change universities just as easily as I cannot be forced to be a taxpaying Canadian citizen by moving away, but you can't give students access to student resources paid for and/or organized by the SU without expecting them to support it for the same reason you can't opt out of federal taxes when you enjoy using roads."

robindowilliams
via Reddit

RE: Library etiquette lacking on campus

"As someone living on campus without a laptop — I rely on the computers at TFDL to meet some of my needs. My biggest/only issue is the people who leave their jacket, books and backpacks around a computer and then leave for class or who knows for however many hours. If someone is using a computer — I could care less what they're doing with it. Just actually physically be there."

frozenbarbie1
via Reddit

RE: Residence fees to increase up to 5.75 per cent

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Eyes Too High: A Brief History of Administrative Controversy at the U of C

Chris Adams
Features Editor

Mrs. Cannon, as a student, I believe that your actions have hurt the standing of this institution. I was wondering if you'd be willing to resign from your post as president immediately."

Frank Finley was the student at November's budget town hall who asked the question everyone knew was coming. And he got the answer everyone knew university president Elizabeth Cannon would give.

"Not sure what you expected me to say, but I'll give you a no."

Cannon seemed annoyed, dumbfounded that one of her students had the chutzpah to ask her to resign.

But Finley didn't take the question lightly. He prefaced it with a threefold shit-list of controversy: "The Enbridge affair," excessive administrative spending and quarrelling with the Students' Union over MacHall. Finley was locked and loaded, his question well-prepared.

Cannon's reign gave him years' worth of ammunition. He may have landed only three punches, but there are plenty more to throw.

There's the \$4.6-million executive renovations to executive offices office from 2013 — nearly double the expected price. Internal Board of Governors documentation show they were aware of the "reputational risks" associated with the cost.

And the "Enbridge Affair," as Finley called it, wasn't the first whiff the public got of university administration ponying up to the corporate world.

In a 2013 report titled "Open for Business on What Terms?" the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) discovered that the \$10.2-million agreement that formed the Alberta Ingenuity Centre for In Situ Energy (AICISE) compromised the U of C's academic integrity.

AICISE partnered the U of C with companies like Nexen, Shell and Repsol in 2007 with the stated goal of researching technologies that

help reduce the environmental impact of oilsands extraction. But CAUT found that control over AICISE research was given to a 10-11 person "management advisory board" comprised mainly of non-academic, private sector members. This board has the power to approve or reject

// I believe that your actions have hurt the standing of this institution. I was wondering if you'd be willing to resign from your post as president.

— U of C student Frank Finley

plans and budgets proposed under AICISE, and a majority vote is all that's needed to sway budgetary and research decisions.

Incriminating details of another research deal — the Consortium for Heavy Oil Research — also surfaced in CAUT's report. They found that deals struck with donors like Husky and Nexen stipulated those companies could pull research funding if their money wasn't

fuelling projects they liked.

The details of the deals were previously unknown to the public.

At the time, Council of Alberta Faculty Associations president Robert Sutherland said those most affected by the deals — students and staff — had no way to understand

contain specific protections for academic freedom or "other important principles," things like peer-review and university policy would protect students and staff from breaches of academic integrity.

CAUT's revelations foreshadowed a CBC Calgary investigation that revealed the dubious relationship between the U of C and pipeline company Enbridge in early November. The corporation committed to fund the Enbridge Centre for Corporate Sustainability with around \$2.25-million spread over 10 years.

But that deal had strings. Experts, including one who helped establish the centre, said it compromised the U of C's academic integrity by giving Enbridge special privileges. Cannon was a director of Enbridge Income Fund Holdings — where she made over \$130,000 in 2014 — until the story broke and the nature of her involvement disclosed. The U of C is now under independent review, while CAUT — the same organization that questioned the U of C's integrity with their 2013 report — is undertaking their own investigation.

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People often ask why post-secondary institutions look for corporate money in the first place. The most common answer was a lack of “predictable and stable” government funding. And Albertan universities have seen their share of painful funding cuts in the past five years. The former Progressive Conservative government cut over \$140 million from post-secondary in 2013 and cut again by around 2 per cent in 2015.

Urban studies department coordinator Byron Miller said public funding cuts necessitate corporate donations. The U of C is currently trying to PR its way out of the storm questionable corporate partnerships have created, but Miller said professors have their own set of problems to deal with when the university partners with the private sector — academic self-censorship.

“Part of this self-policing among academics has to do with issues of funding. A significant part of [university] funding comes from business and industry, so we don’t want to scare off funding from business and industry,” Miller said. “That’s part of the motivation for watching what we say because we don’t want to offend those funders.”

But corporations aren’t the only target administration looks to for alternative sources of funding, and students often find themselves in the crosshairs.

Administration twice sought to increase tuition over and above the inflation-tied cap using a legislative loophole called market modifiers. Their rhetoric during the second round of back-door tuition increases in 2014 centred around the notion that adequate student consultation occurred before they submitted proposals to hike tuition. Student leaders, however, didn’t agree. They saw a deliberate, unjustified fast-track to raise tuition on bankable degrees like engineering or law, all in the name of “enhancing quality” and ensuring Alberta has “the best post-secondary education in the country.”

Market modifiers were first introduced in 2010 after the U of C sent six proposals to the provincial government. Over a thousand students took to MacHall to protest the modifiers, something we didn’t see in 2014 despite the best efforts of then-SU vice-president external Levi Nilson. Regardless, two proposals for the Haskayne School of Business were approved, hiking fees \$239 per course for undergrads and \$179 per MBA course.

When the former PC government approved the 2014 proposals on Dec. 22, Nilson, now SU president, said it was “clear the decision was made before [consultation] even began.” He called the move “gutless.”

A survey conducted by the Engineering Students’ Society found that over 80 per cent of engineering students facing a \$170 per-course hike didn’t want the modifier.

At a budget town hall in Oct. 2014, provost Dru Marshall said she thought “the question for consultation for us was, ‘We are going to do a market modifier. What do you think is important in improving the quality of your program?’ I think the students in

engineering wanted to ask the question, ‘Can we have a market modifier or not?’”

Market modifiers seemed inevitable — barring a change in government — no matter what students did. Then-minister of advanced education Don Scott approved the proposals after he delayed his announcement when a student protest over 300-strong took to the steps of the legislature on Nov. 17.

After the approval, Marshall acknowledged students’ “passionate views” on the subject and thanked everyone for participating in the process.

Rachel Notley’s NDP government has since rescinded the modifiers — a move applauded by student activists across the province. They froze tuition and closed the market modifier loophole indefinitely, putting the “predictable and stable” back in university funding, albeit without restoring previous cuts.

But the relationship between students and university administration hasn’t improved. First they came after student money, and now they want student space.

The negotiation over MacHall’s ownership had trudged along unsuccessfully for years. Each new SU executive passed the responsibility on to their successors. Former SU president Raphael Jacob and vice-president operations and finance Eric Termuende reached a stalemate with administration by the end of their terms in 2013–14. Talks were unsuccessful due to different negotiating styles. But the following year’s vice-president operations and finance Adam Swertz was optimistic they could hash out a deal before the Dec. 9 deadline.

“We’re the SU. You’re not going to get us out of the students’ centre,” Swertz said in Sept. 2014.

Rhetoric from both sides used to be more optimistic. Vice-provost student experience Susan Barker said in 2013 that students shouldn’t be concerned about the negotiations.

“I don’t see anything sinister about this,” Barker said. “MacHall is a great facility for students.”

That kind of wishful thinking looks less likely to hold with each passing week. The original agreement stipulates the SU has 55 per cent ownership. However, university administration now claims to have “50 years of documentation” proving their ownership of the building, though they’ve never

/// We’re the Students’ Union. You’re not going to get us out of the students’ centre.

— Former SU VP operations and finance Adam Swertz

shown those documents to the public.

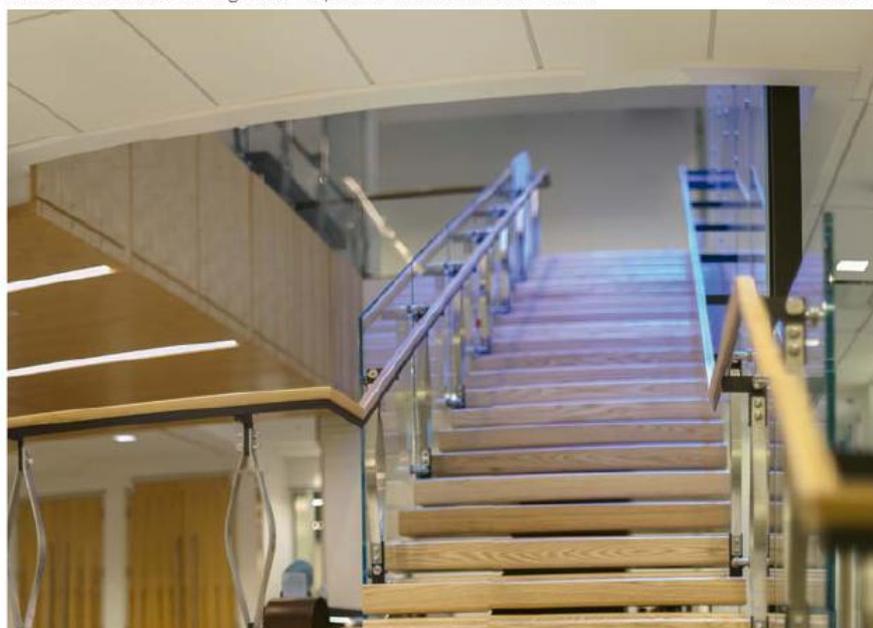
The SU served administration with a lawsuit and negotiations ended, culminating in the latter’s decision to seize control of the student building when the lease agreement expires on Dec. 9, 2015.

Losing control of MacHall would gut the SU. They generate around 90 per cent of their operating budget — over \$18 million — from the building. Administration would control clubs space,



300 students took to the legislature to protest market modifiers in 2014.

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Admin invoked outcry after \$4.6 million in office renovations, including \$150,000 on this staircase.

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MacEwan Conference and Events, Bake Chef, the Q Centre and every other space the SU has cultivated in the building for decades.

The SU filed an injunction to protect that from happening. A court decision is expected on Dec. 4.

In the few statements administration has made to media since the start of negotiations almost three years ago, they always trumpet student experience as a top priority. Marshall said that they would have preferred to solve this “at the table.” But Nilson speculated just last year that administration was waiting for a weaker SU executive before resolving the negotiation. He wasn’t going to let that happen, clearly, and now everyone’s

laundry is out to dry.

All this controversy precedes the U of C’s 50th anniversary and the conclusion of its Eyes High strategy, which sought to position the U of C as one of Canada’s top-five research institutions. That plan has largely failed. The U of C tied for ninth in *Maclean’s* University Rankings this year. That’s three spots better than last year, but still four shy from administration’s Eyes High goal. And we continue to rate poorly in student experience. According to the National Survey of Student Engagement, only 19 per cent of first-year students claimed to have had an “excellent” experience at the U of C. That’s the seventh lowest score among Canadian post-secondaries.

Cannon maintains that the cost of her staircase didn’t impact student experience. She and other administrators beat the same drum after nearly every controversy. But Cannon and her administration have never received this much public scrutiny. Students have no idea whether she’ll resign. And until

the independent review concludes, no one really knows if she should.

According to research conducted by Public Policy Forum vice-president Julie Cafley, 18 Canadian university presidents have left their posts in the last decade because they were either fired or resigned. She found that presidents with a background in academia often have a difficult time balancing the interests of various stakeholders on campus — including students and donors. Cannon was a professor at the U of C for 20 years before becoming dean at the Schulich School of Engineering. And now students are calling for her resignation a little over five years into her presidency.

The U of C Faculty Association said the outcome of the independent review will ultimately determine whether they’ll call for Cannon’s resignation. Finley has cast the first and only stone, yes. But if the school’s management structure is as deeply flawed as some say it is, we might find others echoing his cries in the months to come.

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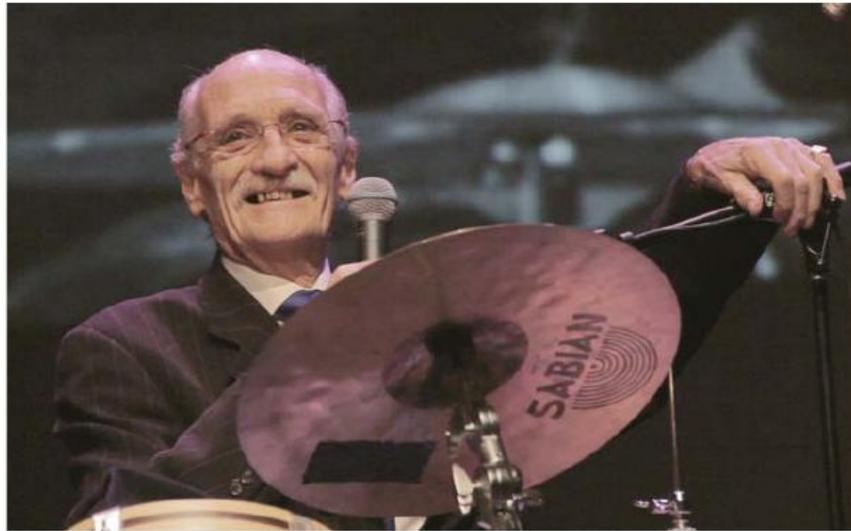
Original *Charlie Brown Christmas* drummer brings holiday jazz to CalgaryJason Herring
Entertainment Editor

Fifty years ago, CBS first broadcast the *Peanuts* cartoon, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. It's since become a Christmas staple, touching on the holiday's over-commercialization and the winter blues as Charlie and his friends discover — of course — the true meaning of Christmas.

Along with the cartoon's popularity came immense success for its soundtrack, recorded in 1965 by the Vince Guaraldi Trio. The album has gone on to become the best-selling jazz record of all time. Now Jerry Granelli, the trio's drummer and last surviving member, is commemorating the album's anniversary with a short Canadian tour that stops at Calgary's Central United Church on Nov. 28.

Granelli is framing the afternoon of music as *Tales of A Charlie Brown Christmas*. He plans to incorporate clips from the original cartoon and conversation about the making of the music with his performance.

"It's a piece of work itself, with the children's choir and showing clips from the original show. I also talk about what it was like to do it and answer some of the questions that



Jerry Granelli, the original *A Charlie Brown Christmas* drummer, celebrates the classic album. COURTESY NOAH STEVENS

people have asked me over the years," Granelli says. "And then there's the magic of how many hundred people come every night to relive this joy in their lives. It's a wonderful event. It's a really fun piece to play."

A Charlie Brown Christmas has become an iconic piece of art since its original release, proven by the popularity of Granelli's recent tours. He has his own theory on the show's longevity.

"I think there's a simplicity and joy in the cartoon and the music. As our world has changed in the last 50 years, there's probably even more of a need for that now," Granelli explains. "That's why it's played year after year. People have shared it with their families, too. It became a soundtrack for people's lives."

One of the defining traits of the original album is the children's choir that accompanies the Vince Guaraldi

Trio on songs like "Christmas Time is Here." Granelli is emulating that sound by bringing in local children's choirs for the concert.

"[We use] a different choir in every city. It's really great, because we fly in a day early and I meet all them and get to hang out with them," he says. "They're lots of fun, and they make it a lot of fun for me."

Though the arrangements from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* are 50

years old, Granelli notes that he, along with Simon Fisk and Chris Gestrin — who round out his new trio — always find something new in the songs.

"We play them for real, we improvise them every time, and things change. The character of them doesn't change, you know — "Linus and Lucy" is still "Linus and Lucy" — but the section of work really opens up," Granelli says.

The same idea applies to Granelli's own music. Since learning jazz drums as a teenager in San Francisco during the 1950s, he's been constantly immersed the genre, releasing an album nearly every year of his career.

"It's just the wonder of finding something new all the time, even after this length of time playing it. The music is so wonderful and improvising allows you to hear something and play something you've never played before. You get to be on the edge of 'now-ness' constantly," Granelli says. "I loved it. Even when I couldn't do it very well, I loved it."

The Jerry Granelli Trio will present *Tales of A Charlie Brown Christmas* at Central United Church at 2:00 p.m. on Nov. 28. Tickets are \$30 online at festival-hallcalgary.com.

LOCAL MUSIC »

Blackbyrd Myoozik opens during vinyl revival

Rachel Woodward
Entertainment Assistant

An independent record store based out of Edmonton, Blackbyrd Myoozik, is launching a Calgary location on 17th Ave SW. Following the store's grand opening party on Nov. 26, the shop is set to fully open for business.

The store was founded in 1993 — before the modern resurgence of vinyl music — by Arthur Fafard and Mark Davis. According to Fafard, the industry has been a bumpy ride ever since.

"I've seen it all come and go, and I'm a little surprised that it's continuing on as long as it is," Fafard says. "I thought it would have peaked, but the people are definitely continuing on. Vinyl is going really strong."

Fafard also notes that during the span of Blackbyrd Myoozik's existence, the CD industry has risen and

fallen, returning full circle to vinyl's popularity.

The store is launching only blocks away from long-standing local favourite Sloth Records, but Fafard thinks the stores will "coexist pretty comfortably" because of differences in stock.

"Every store can only have so much stock. There's definitely cross-over," he says. "But we stock more electronic music that has been under-represented in Calgary."

Blackbyrd Myoozik is also participating in the Nov. 27 Record Store Day Black Friday tie-in to coincide with their opening. The event, which features specially-made vinyl and discounted records, was created in 2007 to support independent record companies and their owners.

Independent record stores have popped up throughout Calgary in recent years after a resurgence of vinyl records sales — 2014 marked the highest record sales since 1996,

despite the convenience of digital music.

"I have an iPod and a computer. I stream music and I have thousands of songs, but they don't really mean anything to me. I just end up skipping them very quickly," Fafard says. "But with a record, it's more of a commitment. You have to take it out, put it on. You sit down, you listen to it. There's definitely more of a connection for that reason alone."

With more artists pressing their albums to vinyl, Fafard says the industry has never been better.

"People love it. It's not just nostalgia — kids are buying it, old people are buying it. There's something appealing and romantic about it. I'm not sure what it is, but it's going to last some time," he says.

Blackbyrd Myoozik is located at 1126-17 Ave SW. For more information, visit blackbyrd.ca



The store mostly stocks electronic and indie records.

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TELEVISION »

Jimmy Fallon, John Oliver lead late-night resurgence

Sonny Sachdeva
Sports Editor

Late-night TV has gone through a significant cultural change over the past few years. Former industry leaders like David Letterman, Jay Leno and Jon Stewart have moved on from the silver screen, while a crop of fresh-faced clowns are taking their place.

But even though the medium's former champions are gone, we've entered a golden age of light-hearted evening television talk. While it used to be just Letterman and Leno vying for attention each night, today's viewer has a myriad of options to choose from, ranging from mindless tomfoolery to poignant yet humorous investigations into the social issues of our day. With talk shows now spread generously among the airwaves each evening, it's tough to figure out which ones are worth a gander — but two stand out among the rest.

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon is the leader in the tomfoolery category. A *Saturday Night Live* and *Late Night* alum, Fallon has been a hit since joining the talk show fray, bringing a unique brand of positive comedy that stays away from the self-deprecating humour popular on late-night TV.

Film producer Nancy Juvonen, Fallon's wife, once remarked to *Rolling Stone* magazine that "Jimmy sees life as an opportunity and happiness as a choice. He's cheery in the morning. He wakes up happy. He gets the joke of life."

That sentiment underlies the light-hearted cheer of Fallon's *Tonight Show*, which combines comedy with exceptional musicality — courtesy of hip-hop titans The Roots, who serve as the show's house band.

At the other end of the spectrum is *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*. Following the conclusion of Jon Stewart's run as host of *The Daily Show*, which rose to become one of the top satirical news programs in TV history, it was assumed that Stewart's successor, Trevor Noah, would retain the satire crown. However, it's been Oliver and his HBO debut that have earned that title thus far.

A former correspondent and fill-in host on *The Daily Show*, Oliver is one of the few figures left on TV that brings the same mix of goofy charm and honest conviction that made Stewart such a success. He's all for cracking wise, but it's clear he truly cares about the issues he discusses, evidenced by the amount of time he spends with each segment.

Last Week Tonight has already earned its stripes as a crowd favourite, with clips of the show's topical segments catching attention on YouTube. One of those was a 15-minute clip looking into the absurdity of the Canadian federal election, garnering nearly six-million views online.

While Fallon and Oliver lead the pack, late-night isn't short on further talent. Stephen Colbert, formerly of *The Daily Show* and *The Colbert Report*, has done a fine job since taking over Letterman's *Late Show*, mixing his signature dry wit with a growing collection of memorable interviews. Tony Award-winner James Corden has thrived on *The Late Late Show* with bits like "Carpool Karaoke" finding success online. And veteran host Conan O'Brien, who cut his teeth as a writer for *The Simpsons* and *Saturday Night Live* before launching his successful hosting career, now reigns as the genre's elder statesman on *Conan*.

Regardless of whether you're looking for a simple laugh or a socially-aware brand of comedy, the expanded late-night landscape is set to continue thriving with its promising new class.

GAMING »

Linkle a step backwards for women in gaming



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Nintendo announced their newest addition to the *Legend of Zelda* universe last week. Linkle, the female version of, the series' main character, was revealed as a playable character in the upcoming *Zelda*-spinoff game *Hyrule Warriors 3DS*.

Introducing Linkle to the *Hyrule Warriors* series brings with it a slew of implications, as series canon is very important to fans. According to an interview with series creator Eiji Aonuma in June 2014, *Hyrule Warriors* is canonical, but its events take place in an alternate universe within the official *Zelda* timeline.

If *Hyrule Warriors* is part of the *Zelda* universe, that means its characters are part of the canon. And that means it's safe to assume Linkle, if well-received by players, will be included in future *Zelda* installments.

Although this character was created by Nintendo to add greater female representation to the series, it comes across as a lazy attempt to create a female version of Link instead of a dynamic, playable character.

This would be more reasonable if the series was lacking a strong female character to begin with. But one character — the eponymous Princess Zelda — has played a key role in the games since their inception.

There's been a recent push within the series' fanbase to provide Zelda with a larger role, or even her own game. A small but vocal group of fans have flooded

the Internet with thinkpieces and petitions about the lack of female representation in the games, while popular feminist YouTuber Anita Sarkeesian has spoken out about why reducing female roles in *Zelda* games is problematic.

Nintendo's response to fans may seem genuine, but it's nothing more than a half-hearted attempt to address criticisms about the lack of female representation in video games. Incorporating superficial characters like Linkle is arguably worse than simply leaving female characters out of games, because they serve as a catch-all for feminist critique instead of a genuine attempt to address sexism in gaming.

Nintendo can now point to Linkle's creation as an example of women's representation in video games, while *Zelda* can continue to act as a plot device in the newer games while maintaining her damsel in distress role instead of becoming a three-dimensional character.

It's a shame, because *Zelda*'s character has so much potential. She played a key role in the N64 classic *Ocarina of Time*, helping Link and protecting the land of Hyrule. But the creation of Linkle marks a significant step backwards for the character and the series.

As it stands now, *Zelda* straddles the line between a helpless damsel and a fully developed character. There's no reason why she can't hold her own in an independent game and there's no reason why Nintendo can't invest more in her character. But with the creation of Linkle, they won't have to.



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2015 in review: Feminist comics lead the pack

Melanie Woods
Humour Editor

According to *The Big Bang Theory*, comic book shops are the kind of place where socially-awkward men gather to pick up the latest *Batman* or a replica *Captain America* shield.

This is how we've thought of comics culture for decades. Rarely have comics — particularly by-the-issue series — been seen as a welcoming medium for women to read and enjoy, let alone star in.

However, recent years mark a notable shift in the right direction.

Female-centric comics are on the upswing. Classic superheroes like Thor are now women, and *Captain Marvel* is changing the way we think about both gender and race in superhero comics.

And while the female superhero wave is a positive force, independent comics are likely the most notable champions of the feminist comic charge. This is exemplified by three titles that began their runs over the last year from Image Comics. All three should hold a place in the conversation surrounding the best titles of 2015.

Bitch Planet: (December 2014 – present, five issues currently available)

Arguably the most heavy-handed feminist narrative you could



Paper Girls is just one of many great feminist comics published in 2015.

Bitch Planet takes place in a dystopian reality where non-compliant women are sent to an off-planet prison — the titular *Bitch Planet*. And you know what? It's fantastic.

Each issue includes beautiful images of women kicking ass, witty dialogue and a compelling story. The academic essays in the back of every issue pair brilliantly with witty parody ads on the back cover to form a brash, explosive punch to the throat. The

essays in particular make *Bitch Planet* special — it's rare to open a comic book and see a long-form piece titled "In a Feminist Mirror, Darkly: Reflections On Cultural Misconceptions of Feminism."

ODY-C: (November 2014 – present, eight issues currently available)

Homer's *Odyssey* is a masculine narrative, detailing a brave hero's journey home from war to his wife as he battles against the gods.

ODY-C turns Homer's story on its head, gender-bending characters and thrusting the story into a sci-fi future while retaining the lyrical iambic hexameter third-person narration of the original story. Now, the brave heroine Odyssea journeys across space in a womb-like ship, aided by a female crew and subject to the whims of the ambiguously gendered Zeus and Poseidon.

With gorgeous art from Christian Ward, the series is visually stunning, experimenting with the medium in

ways you never would have thought possible. Gender-bent Greek heroes in space may draw you in, but you'll keep reading for the wacky uterus-shaped spaceship.

Paper Girls: (October 2015 – present, two issues currently available)

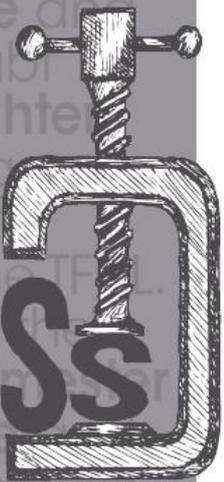
While less bluntly political than *Bitch Planet* and less visually striking than *ODY-C*, *Paper Girls* is already one of the most exciting new titles this year, despite only having two issues out so far. Described by many as the bastard child of *War of the Worlds* and *Stand By Me*, the series follows a small group of newspaper delivery girls as they discover a supernatural mystery of epic proportions.

The series is notable for its refreshing depiction of what it's like to be a teenager — these girls are really just kids, and talk and act like they are, with no needless sexualization. And to the adult reader, the dialogue is snappy, the colourful visuals are beautiful and the central mystery is compelling enough to already have me salivating for the next issue.

Pick up *Paper Girls* if you're looking for an easily digestible and fast-paced female ensemble. The driving force of the plot is the teenage newspaper delivery girl trying to make it in a world of newspaper delivery boys — and crazed supernatural monsters.

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SPORTS

DINOS
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vs. Mount Royal**
Loss, 3-2.

Two consecutive losses to the Mount Royal Cougars dropped the Dinos women's hockey team's division record to 2-8-4. They'll get a shot at redemption when they face the Cougars in the next Crowchild Classic at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Jan. 21.

**Dinos Volleyball (W)
vs. Saskatchewan**
Loss, 3-2

The Dinos women's volleyball team also suffered back-to-back losses, taking their losing streak to six straight games. However, after starting the season strong with four wins in their first six games, they've proven they have enough to right the ship and salvage their season.

**Dinos Basketball (W)
vs. Victoria**
Win, 84-72

The Dinos women's basketball team continued their exceptional season as they earned their fourth and fifth wins of 2015 against the University of Victoria Vikes. The Dinos have lost only one game this season, which was quickly avenged one night later.

**Dinos Hockey (M)
vs. Mount Royal**
Loss, 5-3

Success has been hard to come by for the Dinos men's hockey team recently. The club was dropped twice by the Mount Royal Cougars, giving up a combined eight goals in that span. The Dinos' record now stands at 4-7-3, ranking them second-last in the Canada West.

**Dinos Volleyball (M)
vs. Saskatchewan**
Win, 3-0

After starting the season with six straight victories, the Dinos men's volleyball team has gone 3-3 over their past six games. That back-and-forth trend continued last weekend as they split a series with the University of Saskatchewan, taking their overall Canada West record to 9-3.

HEALTH & WELLNESS »

Psych-out syndrome explains falling short in the big game



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It's an age-old question coaches and sports analysts have tried to answer for decades — why do athletes choke under pressure? Stars like Serena Williams and Ronda Rousey recently put forth underwhelming performances, bringing the issue to light. Closer to home, the Dinos football team found themselves wondering the same thing after bowing out in the Hardy Cup for the second straight year despite a record-breaking regular season.

Sport psychologists Roy F. Baumeister and Carolin J. Showers called this phenomenon "paradoxical performance effects," but sports media often calls it "psych-out syndrome." The paradox in question involves an athlete entering a competition fully prepared and fully expecting to win, only to be defeated handily.

When athletes perform, two factors dictate the outcome of success. The first is preparation, which includes strategy and consistency in training, and results in the physical readiness to come up with a great performance. The second is the ability to perform. More often than not, the ability to pull out a win on the day of competition is decided by the mental state of an athlete or team.

It's a skill that exists separately from one's physical prowess. History is full of names who could have dominated their respective sports, but fell short when it mattered most.

The Dinos football team felt a similar sting when their banner season ended far earlier than expected. Heading into the Canada

West championship game with an undefeated record and some of the top offensive players in the CIS, the Dinos were dropped 34-26 by the University of British Columbia. The loss was a surprising one, considering the Dinos hadn't simply won all of their games up to that point — they had put together the kind of historic season that pegged them as eventual CIS champs.

But it was the way the Dinos lost that truly stung. The club did themselves in with a plethora of ill-timed penalties and turnovers. When the final quarter concluded, it seemed the U of C club had simply been mentally outplayed by their opponents.

The same can be said for former champions Serena Williams and Ronda Rousey, who recently suffered a similar fate. The similarity between these two athletes lies in both their disappointing results and in the way their matches were built up by the media prior to competition.

Williams, a more experienced athlete, did a good job of ignoring the media hype surrounding her expected win at the 2015 US Open. She entered the competition as the best female tennis player in the world, and was poised to win the tournament to complete the elusive Grand Slam — winning the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open in the same year.

But a disappointing loss to Roberta Vinci in the semifinals saw this dream go unfulfilled, leading to media buzz surrounding Williams' preparation — attempting to analyze her pre-match habits to discover where she went wrong. But there was nothing to find. Williams'

competition preparation was as seemingly perfect as it always was. With no evidence of subpar preparation, analysts walked away scratching their heads, explaining the result as flaw in her mental game.

Rousey's approach was entirely different, though that may be due to the nature of her sport. While the UFC relies heavily on its fighters hyping their fights with emotional public displays, Rousey took it a step further, trash-talking opponent Holly Holm for weeks.

/// Athletes who approached these situations with a positive outlook scored more goals and performed better than those who approached them with avoidance behaviour.

Already considered the most dominant athlete in the sport, the pressure continued to build for Rousey — until she was spectacularly knocked out in the bout's second round, losing her championship belt. Some analysts argued that Rousey's strategic preparation for the fight was lacking, but it's hard to deny that her severe upset was partially the result of being mentally outplayed by her opponent.

In a 2008 study from the Journal of Sport & Exercise Psychology, researchers explored the effects of choking under pressure in soccer penalty shootouts. The shootout is one of the most high-pressure situations in sports, pitting player against goalie in a one-on-one, potentially game-deciding match of

mental chess.

The study found notable psychological connections between entering this high-pressure situation with either a negative or positive approach. Researchers argued that when entering a high-pressure situation, a biological fight or flight response is enabled. Athletes who approached this situation with a positive outlook scored more goals and performed better than those who approached them with avoidance behaviour — those more naturally inclined to flee

or protect themselves. Those who had avoidance behaviour scored 30 per cent fewer goals, simply based on their psychological state when entering this high-stress situation.

That's a powerful figure to account for when gauging performance. It means that the chances of failure can increase by up to 30 per cent simply because of psychological preparation.

With so much riding on the mental game, athletes must take the time to train themselves in this area of their sport as well, instead of focusing simply on physical readiness. Failing to do so could be costly, as mental preparation could very well be the deciding factor when a player steps up to the biggest moment of their career.

Dinos hockey swept by Mount Royal in Crowchild Classic overtime thrillers

Sonny Sachdeva
Sports Editor

It was a tumultuous week for the Dinos women's hockey team.

The University of Calgary club squared off against the Mount Royal University Cougars on Nov. 19–20 for the first Crowchild Classic series of the season, playing game one at the Flames Community Arenas and game two at Father David Bauer Arena.

Both matches extended into double overtime after some thrilling back-and-forth play from the two clubs, but it was Mount Royal who was ultimately able to skate away with the victories.

The first of the two contests saw the Dinos come close to pulling off a dramatic late-game comeback. Mount Royal held a 1–0 lead for most of the night, until Dinos forward Sasha Vafina found the back of the net with less than two minutes remaining in the third period.

Neither team was able to break through in the first overtime segment, but Cougars forward Sarah Weninger ended the contest three minutes into the second extra frame,



The Cougars managed to stifle the Dinos' overtime attempts in back-to-back games. COURTESY DAVID MOLL
giving Mount Royal their first win against U of C this season.

Game two of the series saw a better early effort from the Dinos. Captain Iya Gavrilova — the reigning CIS and Canada West Player of the Year — opened the scoring with an expertly handled breakaway with just under seven minutes remaining in the first period.

However, the U of C's penalty issues caught up to them soon after, allowing the Cougars to score on the powerplay and tie it up in the following period. The Dinos' dynamic Russian duo continued to step up in the second frame as Gavrilova and Vafina combined to give Calgary another one-goal lead, but Mount Royal evened the score up once again less

than a minute later.

For the second straight night, the Cougars ended the game in double-overtime. Mount Royal forward Mairi Sorensen tallied the winner, benefitting from an ill-timed slashing penalty from Gavrilova, who seemingly undid her earlier work with the costly overtime mistake.

Dinos head coach Danielle Goyette

was irked by her club's performance following the back-to-back losses.

"We had players that have been on the team for a long time who made mistakes that they should not be making in November, especially as a veteran," said Goyette. "At the end of the day, you have to do your job and not do too much."

Despite the lacklustre results against their crosstown rival, Goyette is pleased with her team's general effort level, claiming they must simplify their game to find success.

"We're playing hard, and the way we should be playing," said Goyette. "We need to put the puck on net and not try to make fancy goals. We're missing the net and opportunities when we try to get too fancy. Shots create rebounds and traffic, and that's what we need to be doing."

With the two overtime losses, the Dinos' record now stands at 2–8–4. They'll now travel to Vancouver to face the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds on Nov. 27–28, hoping to right the ship over their next six games before they face the Cougars once again in the next installment of the Crowchild Classic.

SOCCER »

Foothills F.C. aiming for spot in Major League Soccer

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Sports Editor

Soccer is thriving in North America. As Canadian youth participation rates steadily rise, Major League Soccer continues to bring in legitimate stars from established soccer nations, bolstering respect for the game on a continent already enthralled with a long list of other sports.

Calgary is hoping to join that wave of success, as the city's new semi-professional team, Calgary Foothills F.C., continues to make progress on their path to joining the MLS.

The team is fresh off their first season in the Premier Development League, which feeds the second-tier United Soccer League. Since 2013, the USL and MLS have partnered to allow the former to serve as developmental grounds for the latter, with various teams sending players down to the USL for further training.

While it's only a small step forward for Foothills F.C., the club's Technical Director and head coach Tommy Wheeldon Jr. believes there is ample room for growth.

"I think the MLS could come here in the next 5 to 10 years," Wheeldon Jr. said in an interview with *The Globe & Mail* earlier this year. "I always

thought Calgary could host and handle a professional franchise. It just has to be done in a different way."

There is certainly a precedent for success when it comes to Canadian professional soccer. All three Canadian MLS teams — the Vancouver Whitecaps, Montreal Impact and Toronto F.C. — have been able to thrive in the 20-team league, making the playoffs and drawing over 20,000 fans per game.

Wheeldon Jr. hopes to draw increased support for the new Calgary team, allowing them to eventually make the jump to the USL, and perhaps MLS after that. Aiding the potential success of the Foothills franchise is the overall expansion trend taking hold of North American soccer. In the last three years, MLS added three franchises — including Montreal's club, which joined in 2012 — and has four more teams slated to join in the next few years.

But Foothills F.C.'s goals aren't as farfetched as they would be for a new franchise trying to join other established leagues like the NHL or NBA. They don't need to try to bring significant change to a league that has long existed as is. They simply need to gain enough support to get picked up in the rush of MLS'

upward momentum.

The new Calgary soccer club is making great strides in that regard. They're already seeing their name align with national successes — three Foothills alums joined the Canadian national men's team for a friendly against Ghana in October. As well, 13-year-old phenom Joey Cowlshaw — a product of Foothills F.C.'s development program — signed a deal with English powerhouse Chelsea F.C.'s

academy just last year.

Another of the team's mainstays made a name for himself closer to home. Foothills F.C.'s Dominic Russo put forth an exceptional performance for the University of Calgary this season, finishing with the most goals in the Canada West division and the most points of any CIS men's player.

While Foothills F.C.'s inaugural semi-professional season saw them go through some growing pains,

resulting in a 3–2–7 record, the club is just proud to have their foot in the door and the opportunity to climb the PDL ladder.

If they can tap into the undeniable local interest in the sport and find a way to navigate a city that already has two successful sports franchises in the Calgary Flames and Stampeders, continued growth certainly seems attainable for the fledgling soccer team.



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University of Calgary administration unable to define student experience

Melanie Woods

Experiencing the student experience

Despite coming under fire for recent corporate sponsorship scandals, a lawsuit with the Students' Union over MacHall and other cases of administrative mismanagement, University of Calgary administration reiterated at last week's budget town hall that they will always prioritize the student experience.

However, when pressed to define student experience, not a single upper-level administrator was able to provide an answer.

At an event attended by faculty, donors and angry students, administration defined the student experience as "the experience that students have."

"What we at the U of C are here for, essentially, is the student experience," provost Dru Marshall said in a media scrum following the event. "And by that we mean how students experience the experience that students experience."

Marshall then returned to flipping through her copy of *Six Simple Steps to Win a Legal Dispute*.

University president Elizabeth Cannon agreed with Marshall. She said that the student experience is administration's first priority.

"The experience that students experience is of the utmost importance," Cannon said. "We want



Dru Marshall said administration's first priority will always be the student experience.

LOUIE VILLANUEVA

students to be able to continue experiencing that student experience without losing sight of the student experience. Because the student experience is key to defining the student experience."

One student at the town hall took to the open mic to ask for Cannon's resignation.

"Well, I'm not sure what you're expecting, but the answer is 'no,'" Cannon said. "That would be the absolute worst thing for the student

experience. Literally nothing else would be so crushing to students and their experience."

Cannon also said that, should the university swoop in with a highly-trained battalion of armed guards and seize control of MacHall on Dec. 9, maintaining the student experience will be administration's top priority.

"Students will experience how we address the student experience if we take over MacHall."

Cannon said. "But we will prioritize the student experience. Students can be sure that the experience they experience will be the student experience, and by that we mean the experience experienced by students."

Marshall added that students should actually look forward to a forceful university annexation of the popular student centre.

"Does the Students' Union know what's best for the student

experience? Or do upper-level management administrators who haven't set foot in a classroom for 25 years? I think the answer is clear by how many times they talk about the student experience compared to us," Marshall said. "But because the matter is before the courts, I can't say much more except that the priority is the student experience. We will preserve the student experience for students."

Cannon said courting corporate investors promotes the student experience.

"Our partnership with Enbridge was all about improving corporate synergy and the student experience," Cannon said. "The fine folks at Enbridge know that students experience the student experience, and they wanted to help shape that experience to be one that students experience."

She added that 2013's controversial \$8-million administration building upgrades were also about the student experience.

"Any student walking through the administration building can look through the small window, past the well-lit glass executive office and experience a tiny glimpse of that beautiful staircase," Cannon said. "Now that's what I call a student experience. Students experiencing an experience experienced by students — what could be better?"

HOROSCOPES »

It's all going to shit — but here's your future anyways

Melanie Woods

Wearing her "student hat"

**Sagittarius**

(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

While wandering around the basement of the admin building, you will come across a basket of golden retriever puppies, but Jim Dinning will prevent you from rescuing them. Their sad eyes will haunt you.

**Capricorn**

(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

After questioning the University of Calgary's commitment to the student experience, you will be kidnapped by masked men and dangled off the edge of one of the construction cranes working on the new engineering building. You will have to promise to "always keep

your eyes this high" before the kidnappers bring you down.

**Aquarius**

(Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

Provost Dru Marshall will defeat you in a hard-fought match of field hockey. There was no way you could win — why did you even try?

**Pisces**

(Feb. 19 – March 20)

You will spend \$150,000 on a staircase and feel no regret.

**Aries**

(March 21 – April 19)

You will find secret documents from administration detailing their plans to get rid of Bake Chef when they take over MacHall. Now that's truly evil.

**Taurus**

(April 20 – May 20)

In 15 years, you will direct an *El True Hollywood Story*-style made-for-TV movie based on the events of recent U of C controversies. Unable to find the right performer, you will cast yourself as president Elizabeth Cannon. Your stirring performance will garner many award nominations — ironically, all will be sponsored by Enbridge.

**Gemini**

(May 21 – June 20)

You will experience the student experience.

**Cancer**

(June 21 – July 22)

When you go to pay your

tuition for next semester, you will be told that you also must surrender your rights to free will, integrity and autonomy.

**Leo**

(July 23 – Aug. 22)

While you are working part-time at a local coffee shop, provost Dru Marshall will come in. When you ask her what she wants to order, assuming her usual bran muffin, she will decline to comment while the matter is before the courts.

**Virgo**

(Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)

You will accept a generous corporate gift from Enbridge in return for legally changing your name to "Enbridge Student #1"

**Libra**

(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)

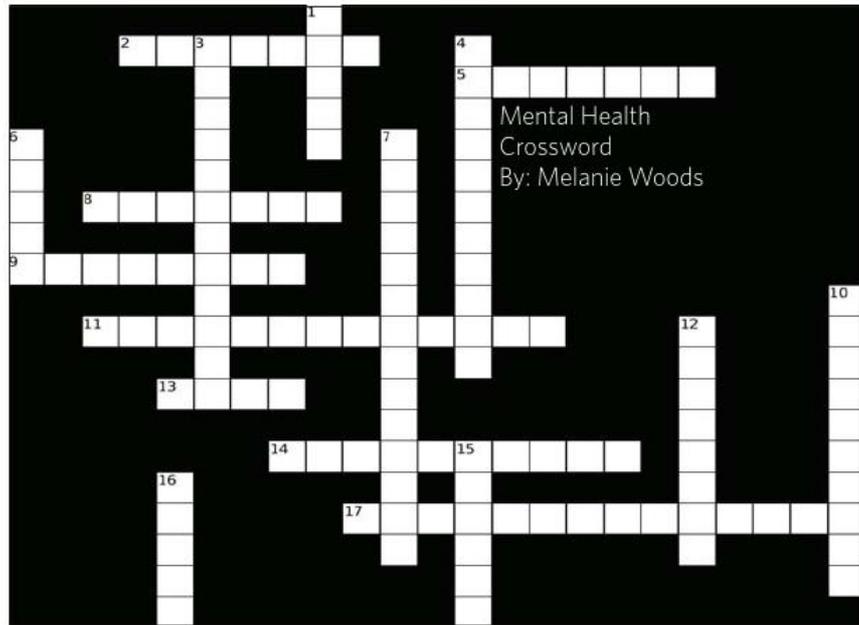
You will organize a protest against university administration in response to recent scandals. However, the Board of Governors will play a Monopoly* "get out of jail free" card, expunging upper-level administrators of all responsibility.

**Scorpio**

(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)

You will go to put on president Elizabeth Cannon's "university hat" only to find a much larger "corporate hat" made entirely out of brand-new \$100 bills underneath.

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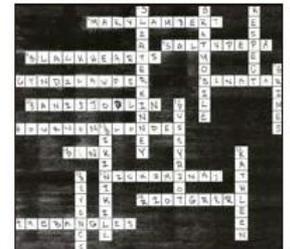
- 2. This condition often involves shifts from states of mania to states of depression.
- 5. World Mental Health Day is in this month.
- 8. Generalized _____ Disorder is characterized by excessive anxiety in several aspects of life.
- 9. This affliction is usually associated with Alzheimer's.
- 11. A psychotic disorder, this illness can involve delusions, hallucinations and disorganized thinking or speech.
- 13. An affliction that affects many survivors of physical, mental or emotional trauma.
- 14. _____ hurts, but you don't have to.
- 17. Include SSRIs, SNRIs, TCAs and several other types of drugs.

DOWN:

- 1. A state of heightened arousal and energy, usually associated with bipolar disorder.
- 3. A psychologist can't prescribe you medication, but this person can.

- 4. The U of C Wellness Centre offers 10 free _____ sessions.
- 6. Don't take his advice or everything becomes a penis.
- 7. The U of C's resiliency initiative.
- 10. A medication that inhibits anxiety.
- 12. The _____ Centre has many counselling and medical services available to students.
- 15. Many events encourage us to out-run, get rid of or defeat the _____ surrounding mental health.
- 16. The diagnostic manual of mental disorders is called the _____.

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD »



Last week's contest

"Losers face-off: A prick with a wooden sword vs. a hare-brained would-be boxer."

Maureen McLoed

This week's contest

Do you have a hilarious caption for this comic? Email your suggestions to humour@thegauntlet.ca. The winner will have their caption published in next week's Gauntlet!

Stress Less with Your SU

Kirsty McGowan
VP Student Life

before you get back to studying. On Monday, come out to the North Courtyard for some **Destruction Therapy** which will include the hotly anticipated return of the **Bubble Wrap Dance Floor**. On Tuesday come de-stress with our **Massages at Relaxation Therapy** in the North Courtyard from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Remember how fun playdough was? Come relive your childhood with **Art Therapy** in the North Courtyard on Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Finally, finish off the week with a **Carnival**, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

in the North Courtyard. We'll have **cotton candy, sumo wrestling**, a plenty of activities from throughout the week!

We know that hanging out with puppies helps to relieve stress and give you an energy boost! We'll be having **Pet Therapy Sessions** (a.k.a. Puppy Rooms) in That Empty Space on Monday (12 – 1:30 p.m.), Wednesday (1:30 – 3 p.m.) and Friday (11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.). There are a limited number of students allowed in the room at a time so line up early. And don't forget weekly

yoga will be running Tuesday and Thursday (12:30 – 1:30 p.m.) and Wednesday (12 – 1 p.m).

We're also really excited to be piloting **Nap Rooms** this year on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (2 - 4 p.m.) in That Empty Space. Stop by if you're feeling a little sleepy. We'll be giving SU pillows to the first 75 students!

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

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