

BOBCATS TROUNCE ND JACKS

Both men's and women's basketball teams win their games soundly this weekend



ROLAND LIWANAG

The women's basketball team discusses tactics at Friday night's game. Photo credit Roland Liwanag.

THE BRANDON UNIVERSITY Bobcats women's basketball team thrashed the visiting Dakota College Jacks 72-48 last Friday, October 18th at the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre. The first half saw a tight game where the Bobcats held onto a mere one-point advantage, 16-15. However, in the second half, the Bobcats pulled away and never looked back, leading to the win.

Cassie Cooke, wearing jersey No. 14, spearheaded the Bobcats' assault, exploding with 28 points, 9 rebounds, 5 assists and 2 steals. Amazingly impressive was her three-point output, scoring on four out of seven attempts. Cooke received excellent support from starters Kaela Cranston, who tallied 11 points, 6 boards and 2 blocked shots, and Stephanie Haynes, who contributed 7 points and

3 assists. Their bench players did not disappoint either. Ambrea McDonald-Okoro scored 9 points and 8 rebounds while Shonte Devernichuk added 8 points and 5 rebounds with one assist.

Imani Scott led the Jacks' women's side, scoring 12 points. Tiffany Bradford and Whitney Brandvold helped with 8 points apiece.

The Brandon Bobcats men's division

was equally impressive. Their show of superior basketball earned them a 83-61 triumph over the Jacks. Four Bobcats players were in double digits, led by Emerick Ravier, player number 9, who popped up 18 points with 7 rebounds. Jordan Reaves and Ali-Mounir Benabdelhak both had excellent performances, with 14 points/12 rebounds and 13 points/12 rebounds, respectively. Kenonte Ramsey also finished strong with 13 points, scoring three times on seven — *continued on page 3*

BRANDON UNIVERSITY WEBSITES HACKED

In case you missed the email, here's what went down in tech land last week

KATIE DRIEDGER, SENIOR REPORTER

ONE OF THE BRANDON University servers was hacked over the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Brandon University President Dr. Deborah Poff stated in an email sent to students and administration on the morning of Friday, October 18th that the university had received evidence confirming access by an unauthorized individual of one of the forty servers in the computer system on Monday, October 14th.

Access to the university's websites was available on-campus and to devices

connected to university networks throughout the week, but access was unavailable off-campus. Both Moodle and webmail were accessible for the majority of the week, as both systems are autonomous.

Although the university became aware of the issue on Monday, no information was officially released to members of the university community until four days later. Many students, staff, and faculty expressed frustrations to the library help desk and on BUSU's Facebook page over the problems reaching university websites. As of Friday morning, the library help desk had received approximately 80-90 inqui-

ries specifically about the website.

"On behalf of the University, I apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused you," said Poff in her email to students and administration. "As we move forward, we will be in frequent communication as we restore full access to the campus."

The website became operational at external locations on Friday with some pages still inaccessible and under maintenance, including the staff/faculty directory, student information, online registration, tax receipts, and the library.

Dr. Poff reiterated that the university

is "...continuing our investigation and will continue to take steps to mitigate unauthorized access to our system."

The university did take immediate action to resolve the issue. The website was taken offline and access was denied to servers particularly vulnerable to unauthorized access. The local police were contacted, as well as the Ombudsperson for Privacy Issues in the Province of Manitoba. The university also contracted a company specialized in the investigation of computer or systems-based security access issues. §

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: REGARDING MISS MAY...

DEAR EDITOR,

I write in response to your article titled, "Do We Even Care About Elizabeth May?" in the October 15th, 2013 edition of The Quill which I feel puts an unfairly negative slant on Ms. May's recent visit to BU.

The article makes numerous references to empty seats and lack of people attending Ms. May's talk at Brandon University despite the fact that, by the Quill's account, there was 60-70 people in attendance. The article also makes note of Ms. May's informal nature and lack of spectacle. Ms. May's informal style and lack of pomp and ceremony is a testament to her personable nature and ability to mingle in a crowd of "ordinary" people. In my view that's a desirable characteristic of a politician.

The article also referenced the question and answer session lacking formally presented questions from media or the audience following Ms. May's speech. I assume that the Quill recalls Ms. May was at BU to speak specifically about environmental sustainability and not simply for a photo-op or Green Party policy announcement. An academic talk at a University would not necessarily incite the media into a frenzy. The informal discussion with audience members following her speech that took place sounds much more realistic. Also for the record the Brandon Sun did write an article about Ms. May's visit, not just a single photo as reported by the Quill and her visit was also reported by 880 CKLQ.

To take these signs, as this reporter did, and interpret them as signs that no one cares about Ms. May does not show very much objectivity in an article that the Quill's website lists under its "News" section rather than "Opinion". Also, the numerous comparisons to Justin Trudeau's recent visit to me are not overly significant (except to highlight a possible Liberal Party bias by the Quill). Numerous factors can influence the attendance at a public event and level of media attention.

Having said this, it's certainly no secret that Elizabeth May is not riding as high in the polls as Justin Trudeau, but for the Quill to come out and say things like Ms. May was, "practically unnoticed", "practically no press coverage" and likening her visit on our campus to an afterthought is really an unfair exaggeration. I would hardly equate 60-70 people in attendance to being no one. That's more than BUSU can usually muster to its general meetings and frankly it's more than normally would attend a Brandon City Council meeting.

Political apathy is a serious problem in our country and a negatively slanted article like the one published really isn't helping this cause. The fact that Elizabeth May took time to come here and speak is something that should be applauded. The fact that

she chose to give an intelligent and thought provoking academic talk rather than just regurgitating some mindless political speaking points is even more encouraging and commendable!

In my opinion the bigger story here is where the hell are Thomas Mulcair and Stephen Harper? Where are Greg Selinger or Brian Pallister for that matter? I think a bigger concern than how many people care about Elizabeth May's recent visit, is how many of our politicians care about us or democracy at all?

Thank you,
Kris Farmer (BU Student)

“In my opinion the bigger story is where the hell are Thomas Mulcair and Stephen Harper?”

Dear Mr. Farmer,

Thank you for writing to express your concerns. We personally agree with many of your points, and we'd like to explain a few things from our perspective, just to clarify. Also, if you know any tricks for getting Mulcair or Harper to come around (or Selinger, or Pallister), let us know!

First, we'd like to assure you (and our readers) that we were certainly happy to see Elizabeth May take the time to visit BU and Brandon as a whole! We hoped to aim our frustration at exactly what you speak of in your letter: political apathy. This, in our view, is a truly unfortunate trend in democracy at the moment, and we don't want to see it continue any more than you do.

That being our perspective, the references in the article to the lack of press coverage on Ms. May's visit, as compared to the hype surrounding Mr. Trudeau's visits, were meant to highlight the disparity between the two in favour of equal coverage for everyone - more coverage for Ms. May / likely wouldn't have gone amiss.

And while sixty to seventy people is good (no doubt about it: you're completely right that attendance at such events is often far less), there were still a lot of empty seats, which we think is disappointing for a political leader who has strong and different ideas, and who is very personable and informal - which, you're right: those are great qualities in a politician.

From the editorial staff's perspective, the descriptions of Ms. May's demeanour and how she ran the event and question-

and-answer period were positive, rather than negative, highlighting just how friendly and down-to-earth she is; though we can certainly see how they could be perceived as the opposite.

A small note regarding the reference to the Sun's coverage: this was a slip in our proofreading. The reporter's intent was to say that Ms. May's visit to BU specifically had not received much press coverage; the reporter was aware that the Sun had published an article about her visit to Brandon as a whole. This was unclear in the published article and we definitely take responsibility for that.

To close, we apologize that the target for our frustration was unclear, and we definitely support your points. Thank you again for writing, and we hope you continue to read and support The Quill - and let us know when we're not doing our jobs the way we think we are!

Sincerely,
The Quill editorial staff

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PROVINCIAL CABINET SHUFFLED

Something old, something new, something... wait, that's not right

CARISSA TAYLOR, SENIOR REPORTER

MANITOBA'S PREMIER, Greg Selinger, has shuffled his cabinet, which is now composed of nineteen ministers. Among these changes is a new minister responsible for post-secondary institutions.

James Allum, former backbencher, will now be responsible for the newly-created portfolio of Education and Advanced Learning. This new portfolio combines the previous portfolios of the Minister of Education and the Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy. While the previous Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy had a BA in Communications from Concordia University, Allum completed both a BA and an MA at Trent University and a PhD in Canadian and environmental history from Queen's. He has also taught in a post-secondary setting, teaching courses at the University of Winnipeg from 1999 to 2006.

Previous Minister of Education, Nancy Allan, has been ousted following the controversial anti-bullying legislation. Packing their ministerial suitcases along with her are former Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism, Christine Melnick, and former Minister of Healthy Living, Seniors, and Consumer Affairs, Jim Ron-

deau. Both are being replaced by former backbenchers. Melnick will be replaced by Erna Braun who will take over a portfolio with a new name: Minister of Labour and Immigration. Rondeau is being replaced by Sharon Blady who will become the Minister of Healthy Living and Seniors.

Seven ministers are being shuffled. Peter Bjornson, former Minister of Entrepreneurship, Training, and Trade, will become Minister of Housing and Community Development. Kerri Irvin-Ross will change portfolios from Minister of Housing and Community Development to Minister of Family Services and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, a new portfolio. Ron Lemieux has become the new Minister of Tourism, Culture, Sport, and Consumer Protection, a new portfolio, leaving his previous position as Minister of Local Government. Theresa Oswald, former Minister of Health, will become the Minister of Jobs and the Economy. Erin Selby, who was the Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy, will take over Oswald's portfolio as Minister of Health.

Following the controversial PST increase this year, Stan Struthers has been ousted as Minister of Finance, being replaced by Jennifer Howard. Howard leaves her former position of Minister of Family

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three-point attempts. Ilarion Bonhomme, who was in the starting five, added 9 points on a spectacular 7-of-10 free-throw shooting. He also had 4 assists and 2 steals. Bench players added to the balanced scoring with Mikee Dosado and Turrell Scott putting up superb executions for a combined 15 points.

The rebounds did it for the Dakota College Jacks who only came up with 12 offensive rebounds against 29 from the Bobcats. Julian Vasquez, wearing jersey number 22, scored well for the Jacks, with 13 points and 13 rebounds, adding 4 assists and a blocked shot. He was also

perfect in the free throw lane. Gilberto Shojgreen, Xavier Cruz and Jalyn Turner pitched in 9 points, 8 points and 11 points, respectively. Alas, they were simply outscored by the brilliant performance of the Bobcats who were playing in front of a spirited home crowd of about 200.

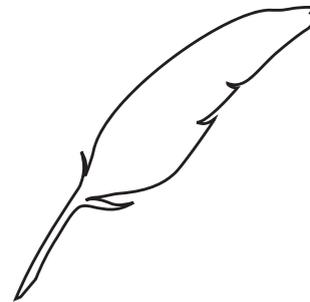
Saturday's games went equally well for the Bobcats, with the men's team pulling off a win with 91 points to the Jacks' 73, and the women's team also winning with 75 points to the Jacks' 50. In volleyball news, the men's team won both their matches against Laval this weekend. §

Services and Labour, and Struthers is now the Minister of Municipal Government.

The following will remain in their current positions: Steve Ashton as Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation; Kevin Chief as Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities; Dave Chomiak as Minister of Mineral Resources; Ron Kostyshyn as Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Development; Gord Mackintosh as Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship; Flor Marcelino as Minister of Multiculturalism and Literacy; Eric Robinson as Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs; and Andrew Swan as Minister of

Justice and Attorney General.

Once again, Brandon will not have representation in Cabinet. New ministers will have a few weeks to learn their portfolios before the House is back in session in November. §



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NEW DRAFT TOWER AT SUDS!

Go have a beer! Seriously! They sell beer. It's true.

HOLLY KALYNIUK

AT 5:00 PM ON October 17th, parched Brandon University students assembled from far and wide, eyes glistening and drooling jaws dropped, to witness the official grand opening of—yes, that's right—the long-sought after and highly-coveted draft tower at SUDS.

"SUDS had a terrible draft tower for the longest time," conceded General Manager Karla Voth. "Before I was hired three years ago, it was garbage. Then last year it finally kicked the bucket, so SUDS has been without a draft tower for one school season."

While a draft system has a high start-up cost, said Voth, it offers variety, as well as the potential for easy profit if operated correctly – two much-needed features of any new installment in a bar operating on a campus as small as BU and frequently plagued by financial uncertainty.

"My hope for SUDS is that it will draw in more people, and hopefully bring in a much larger amount of revenue to help

offset the projected loss for this year," Voth stated. "[...] We paid for this installment from last year's profits—so it is not hurting our budget this year, luckily."

Installed last month, the current drafted brews available include: Half Pint's St. James Pale Ale, Half Pint's Oktoberfest, Big Rock Life of Chai Spiced Ale, and Rock Creek Dry Apple Cider. Farmery will also make the draft list in the near future.

Evidently, the epic adventures of "Mama SUDS" have paid off. For weeks before the draft tap appeared, SUDS advertised the spectacle through cutely-worded posts chronicling the wild, noble pursuits of one Mama SUDS on her journey for a draft tower, a triumphant venture that "has given the people in the land of drinkers a new hope....that we may all continue to enjoy a Pint or Two for many years to come."

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PROFILE: DR. BRYAN HILL

The Quill chats with BU's resident molecular Lego master

CARISSA TAYLOR, SENIOR REPORTER

IN OUR NEXT PROFILE of a BU faculty member, The Quill talks to Dr. Bryan Hill, the chair of the chemistry department.

The Quill: What is your educational background?

Dr. Bryan Hill: I did my undergrad at the University of Victoria. I majored in chemistry, and I did a co-op placement, so that gave me the opportunity to work in many places. My first placement, ironically, was at Inco in Thompson doing electrochemistry, which I don't find very interesting right now. Then I was in Edmonton for about a year working at an organic synthesis place.

In the co-op program, the place everybody wanted to go was Montreal to work at Merck-Frosst, a subsidiary of Merck. I ended up getting two placements at Merck-Frosst, one in my last year and one in the summer before I started school.

It was during the last placement at Merck that I decided to go to grad school. I had asked them how I could get a job at a great place like this, and they said I had to get at least a Master's degree or more.

They basically gave me this advice, which was funny at the time because it was 1994 and right before the referendum in Quebec. They said, "if you want to work here, if the 'no' side wins the referendum, then we won't separate and you can just get a Master's then come work for us. If the 'yes' side wins, get your PhD and hopefully by that time, all the crap will be over".

So the 'no' side won, but I'd already decided to go to grad school. I went to grad school in Sherbrooke, Quebec, which

is close to Montreal. One of the fellows at UVic had just switched from UVic to Sherbrooke in my last year. I'd actually gone to him to ask if I could do my honours project with him, and he said no, but that I could do a graduate program with him if I went to Sherbrooke. So that's why I decided to go to Sherbrooke. It gave me the opportunity to learn French, because that was important for Merck, and to go to grad school.

[I eventually had the choice to] either work for the man, so to speak, or do your own thing. And the way to do your own research was to work in academia. I did close to two years of post-doc at Waterloo. In Waterloo, it was more applied projects, like medicine.

There were two projects we were working on. The main project we were working with was type 2 diabetes and trying to inhibit this enzyme that, if inhibited, could potentially be a cure for that type of diabetes. From Waterloo, I ended up coming to Brandon.

TQ: What kind of research do you do now?

BH: Organic chemistry is basically architecture on a molecular scale. It's like Lego. You can make fun stuff every day, and you can make things that no one has made before: that's the fun part of it. Because you can make small molecules in a relatively simple way, some people ask you to make things for them.

I'm doing three things right now. One of the things is helping Dr. Weber. We are trying to make some novel liquid crystals that have never been made before. I'm also collaborating with Dr. Berry on one of his biologically-important small molecules.

Then there's my research. Depending upon the arrangement of the Lego you put together you will create a different functional group. There's a certain functional group called sulfonamides and they're really important for a lot of different kinds of medicines. What we are trying to do is find a new way to make sulfonamides. You can make a whole host of other functional groups from the same starting material, not solely sulfonamides. I got the idea from trying to make a mimic of an RNA molecule. The first part of the synthesis worked wonderfully, but the second part needs some tweaking.

TQ: You've probably heard of *Breaking Bad*, the popular television show. Have you ever thought of throwing in the towel and looking at ... different career options?

BH: When I was in Sherbrooke at grad school, there was a guy from Laval finishing off his PhD at Sherbrooke. He was about four years older than me so I was



Dr. Bryan Hill, who makes molecules but not meth. Photo credit Carissa Taylor.

just coming in as he was leaving. He told me a story about another graduate student at Laval who decided he was going to make his own drugs, in the university research lab. And so he did.

As a chemist, when you make something, you purify it. And if you're really good, you purify it pretty well. The drugs he was making, because he was re-crystallizing it, were like 99.99% pure. The police finally got a hold of the stuff and analyzed it and realized how pure it was. They realized it wasn't a drug lord because they always put crap into it. So they went up to the university and they arrested him.

TQ: What interested you in chemistry in the first place?

BH: When I first went to do my undergrad, I knew I wanted to be in science, but I didn't know what I wanted to do. I took all of the general sciences in my first year, and I realized biology wasn't for me because there was too much Latin, and I didn't want to dissect animals. I also didn't want to do physics. I took some geology courses as well and thought maybe I could be a geochemist because I liked chemistry and I liked rocks.

But then I had a course in organic chemistry which was, at the time, pretty painful stuff. But the fun thing about organic chemistry is that you got to make stuff. It was the idea of getting to play with Lego, but on a molecular scale.

TQ: People often talk about the low participation of women in science, but at BU, there seems to be a lot of female students in chemistry. What are your thoughts?

BH: When I was in grad school, the first year, there was a 50/50 split among men and women. As I moved through grad school, the proportion of women increased. The big difference was that almost all of the women did Master's degrees, and almost all of the men did PhD's.

Here, the vast majority of our students are females. I've always seen it as a misnomer that chemistry is a male-dominated field. The difference is if women get their degrees and then go into the private sector, you don't see them in the academic world in true proportions, and I think that's where the issue lies.

TQ: Any final comments?

BH: I'd put our students up against any in the country. We have excellent students who have been really successful in grad school or med school. §

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BU STUDENTS PRESENT AT 61ST ANNUAL INT'L PEACE GARDENS CONFERENCE

The Quill suspects the poli sci students in attendance had great fun

KATIE DRIEDGER, SENIOR REPORTER

STUDENTS FROM Brandon University and Minot State University gathered at the Canada-US border for the 61st Annual Peace Garden Conference on Friday, October 18th.

The conference was a forum for students to exchange information and opinions on a variety of national and international issues through the presentation of papers, while learning about each other's respective countries.

Fourteen Brandon University political science students and alumni were present at the conference, in addition to two professors: Dr. Kelly Saunders and Dr. Alison McCulloch. Five Minot State University students attended the conference, as well as two faculty members.

The event was separated into a morning session that included papers on the topic of "Domestic Policy: Agriculture and Energy", in addition to an afternoon ses-

sion on "International Policy and Perceptions: Conflicts and Definitions".

Five BU students presented papers for discussion. These were: "Governments and What We Grow: An Analysis of the Agriculture Sector in Canada and the U.S." by Michael Juce, "The Fight Over the Keystone XL Pipeline and Its Implications for Canada-US Relations" by Joel Springer, "Terrorism Should Have Three Separate Definitions" by Stephanie Fung, "Conceptualizing a Post-Modern Peace: The Opportunities and Challenges of Imagining Peace Differently" by Justin Shannon, and "Popular Conflicts in Popular Film" by Krystan McCaig.

Two MSU students also presented papers for discussion: "Governments' Role in Protecting the Environment: Who's in Charge when No One Is?" by Devon Flowers, and "Defining Juvenile Justice: Comparing US/Canadian Policy" by Jolita "JoJo" Bennett. Charlene Axtman was scheduled to present "Recycling in North Dakota's Oil Industry: Lessons to be Had", but was

unable to attend the conference.

The conference was organized by Brandon University's Dr. Kelly Saunders and Dr. Jynette Larshus of Minot State University. It was sponsored by Tom Myhra, the Brandon University Politics Society, the Minot State Political Science Club, and Brandon University's Dean of Arts.

The Peace Garden Conference began in 1952 to bring students together from Brandon University and Minot State University to discuss issues affecting both Canada and the United States of America. It is the only international political science student conference between Canadian and American universities. §

REVIEW: POKÉMON X AND Y

The latest releases of the long-lived series are worth a play

M. P. M. BERRY

PLAYING THROUGH *X* and *Y*, the latest editions of the *Pokémon* series, most people will likely be drawn towards the games' major new features: the 3D graphics, the changes to the battle system, the new game modes.

What will likely go unnoticed is how they continue the series' gradual move towards streamlining itself, something which has been going on for the last few releases. So many details are there to keep the whole experience as smooth as possible: for instance, your character being able to move

quickly by putting on roller skates, useful items given to you by passersby early and often, and even the speed at which the game data saves.

At the same time, the structure of the game itself is probably the most straightforward *Pokémon* has been in a while – a simple Point A to Point B plotline, with a distinct lack of any particularly objectionable or frustrating asides. It makes for what is ultimately an easy game, but at least it is efficient.

This ethos seems to be integrated into some of the aforementioned new features as well. The Player Search System

makes it even simpler to connect with people, both locally and online, right from the get-go.

The two *Pokémon* interaction mini-games, *Super-Training* (which makes a longstanding and confusing game mechanic more palatable), and *Pokémon-amie* (which lets you pretend to pamper your fake monster friends), ostensibly provide a number

of useful benefits in-game, but are also good at providing some stress-free downtime when you grow tired of the main game.

Stress-free, I think, is a key phrase here. *Pokémon* has always been designed with its handheld nature at the forefront, providing a game that can easily start and stop at a moment's notice, and all these new additions seem to keep that tradition intact. Those features also give you plenty of opportunity to take in the visuals. The 3D animation for the *Pokémon* battles is great fun, with the models looking like the series' trademark artwork come to life, with plenty of personality in the creatures' movements. The rest of the game, while definitely rougher-looking, still has a lot of lovingly-designed locations, really taking advantage of the new style to come up with a visually distinct and interesting world. It is very clear that they wanted this game to be aesthetically appealing in one way or another – even though that comes with some technical problems, like some slowdown, some wonky camerawork, and spotty use of the 3DS' 3D screen.

That all said, the core of the *Pokémon* series remains the same as ever, and many of the "innovations" brought in for *X* and *Y* are there to smooth over that core's more frustrating elements while also throwing in some new ideas in the margins to pique some interest. This transition is probably more appreciable to those who have been with the series a while: it is difficult to say if anyone coming in for the first time will feel the same way. Still, it is an enjoyably polished ride, and anyone interested in the *Pokémon* concept will find it a journey worth taking. §



The new Pokémon X. Photo credit Nick Fuentes/Flickr (CC BY-SA 2).

DESIGN A NEW ACCESSIBILITY SYMBOL!

Global student challenge launched to design the new sign

ROBERT LEAMON, THE MUSE (MUN)

ST JOHN'S (CUP) — 45 years after its creation, the current International Symbol of Access may be getting a major redesign.

The Ontario College of Art and Design University and the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario have partnered to launch the “Reimagining Accessibility” design competition in which post-secondary students from around the world have been asked to submit designs for a new International Symbol of Access.

The current International Symbol of Access has drawn criticism from advocacy groups. By picturing a person in a wheelchair, the symbol only represents a small percentage of persons with a physical dis-

ability. Critics also cite that the current symbol, with its depiction of a passive stick-figure in a wheelchair, reinforces negative attitudes towards persons with disabilities. The goal of the competition is to address these issues and create a new symbol or symbols that will be more inclusive and encompassing of accessibility.

The current symbol was designed in 1968. New York City has already officially moved to a new, less static image.

The competition is open to all post-secondary education students around the world and is being run from September 20 to October 25 of this year. Students are encouraged to show off their designs and view other designs on Twitter using the hashtag #AccessSign. §

JUGGLING KIDS AND SCHOOL

Super single moms find balance

SHELDON SMITH, THE WEAL (SAIT)

CALGARY (CUP) — Being a single mother can be a full-time job in itself, but when the mother has to worry about studying, assignments and exams, life can start feeling like a roller-coaster.

Many students will work one to two jobs, or none at all, while attending college or university, but when children are added into the equation, that's when the juggling really starts.

For Danielle Howey, 26-year-old chemical laboratory technology student at SAIT, the mental battle between being a mother and a student can become draining.

“It's not easy, that's for sure. Sometimes I get caught up in school work, and having a child reminds me how important it is to maintain a balance between schoolwork and family,” Howey admits.

Howey has learned to schedule around when her daughter is down for a nap or in bed and on the odd occasion, Howey will turn the TV on for her daughter

to get more school work done.

“When my daughter goes to bed is when I have to time to study, or in the morning before she's awake,” said Howey.

As it stands, Howey isn't working these days while in school and she takes advantage of student loans to cushion the financial side during her studies.

“I worked one day a week last semester and it became a bit much,” she says. “I was fortunate to get a summer job in my field and was able to save up some money for this semester.”

Lisa Weatherby is the academic chair of the aviation program at SAIT and graduated from the avionics program in April of 2000. During the time she was attending SAIT, Weatherby was the single mother of two young children.

Weatherby, like Howey, lived on student loans while in school because she says she couldn't manage a job on top of the rest of her responsibilities. What Weatherby did know was that there were other ways to make money while in school:

NIGERIAN STUDENTS VOLUNTARILY LEAVE CANADA AFTER OVER A YEAR IN HIDING

Victoria Ordu and Favour Amadi are headed back across the Atlantic

ANNA-LILJA DAWSON, CUP PRAIRIES/NORTHERN

SASKATOON (CUP) — After 16 months of hiding in Regina churches, Victoria Ordu and Favour Amadi have returned to Nigeria, leaving Canada on October 18th.

Ordu and Amadi sought sanctuary after they both received deportation orders on June 19th, 2012. Both women had worked at a Regina Wal-Mart in the spring of 2011 without proper social insurance numbers or work permits. Ordu quit as soon as she realized her error, however Amadi was arrested while at work.

The University of Regina students were both in their third year of studies — Ordu studying theatre arts and Amadi in-

ternational studies.

U of R President Vianne Timmons was reported as being present at the airport the morning of October 18th when the two students began their journey home.

Timmons told CTV News Regina that “They're worried and they're scared and they're young girls, young women. And they're frightened. [But] they seemed calm.”

Amadi and Ordu's plan to leave on their own accord had been on the table since September, Timmons told CTV News Regina. The students hope their chances of being readmitted into the country will be better if they leave willingly.

Timmons and the U of R have shown their support for Ordu and Amadi since

UBC SITES VICTIMS OF DDoS ATTACKS

Look, we aren't the only ones!

SARAH BIGAM, THE UBYSSEY (UBC)

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Hackers tried to shut down a number of UBC websites on Tuesday, October 1st.

The distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack was first reported at 9:18 am. Affected sites were intermittently available throughout the morning.

The affected areas included cms.ubc.ca, elearning.ubc.ca, president.ubc.ca, directory.ubc.ca, FASMail, CWL authentication for Wi-Fi, voicemail and other services such as the Student Service Centre and SISC. Connect could still be accessed through an alternative link.

By 12:15 p.m., the attack had subsided and the network had been restored. Jennifer Woo, communications manager for UBC IT, said that as the IT network management centre was tracing back to the source of the attacks, the attacks stopped. The incident is still under investigation.

Woo was skeptical that the culprits would be found.

work hard and win scholarships. And work hard she did; Weatherby received upwards of \$6,000.

Utilizing daycare for Weatherby became an effective tool, too. If errands needed to be done or that extra hour in sleep was available, Weatherby used that opportunity.

However, finding a place for parents to take their children during the day can be difficult, unless they have a family member close by or who's willing to babysit. Luckily, Howey's days are made easier by the fact that her daughter is in kindergarten for the first half of the day, after which time she goes to daycare.

Despite the advances women — especially single mothers — have made, Howey said that the mothers of today have no more of an advantage than 15 years ago.

“With these things, it's difficult to trace where they come from,” he said. “Unfortunately in some cases — and this is true for all of these types of attacks — is that you never find out who it is.”

Woo said that such attacks are not common, although in a written statement released on Monday night, she said that DDoS attacks are becoming more prevalent in the higher education space.

“I don't remember [in] recent times one [attack] of this magnitude,” Woo said. “Unfortunately, it's possible for any organization to be attacked [like this] if you are connected to the Internet. We do everything we can to mitigate this type of attack.”

Woo said UBC IT has verified that the bulletin on Monday saying that certain sites — including cms.ubc.ca, elearning.ubc.ca and president.ubc.ca — were unavailable was unrelated to Tuesday's attack. They have also confirmed that this was unrelated to the server outage on you.ubc.ca on Wednesday. §

“Government assistance for single parents going to school has been fairly consistent for the last decade or so,” says Howey. “I feel as though it isn't any easier now than it was previously, however, it would all depend on each individual situation.”

“Stay organized, because your time is valuable,” advises Howey to single mother students. “Most of all, always make time for your family.”

Though times can get tough for the single mother student, Weatherby says that expectations should be minimal.

“You can't be a single mom and expect everything to be perfect. You do your best and make sure everyone is safe and taken care of, including yourself,” she says. “It can be hard — really hard — but you can do it.” §

they went into hiding. Timmons fundraised \$6,000 to cover the students' flights home. She told CTV News Regina that she did that because she cares deeply about the two young women and wanted them to be able to see that they had support in the community.

The issue surrounding the women's deportation orders has been met with criticisms of the Harper government and its tough-on-crime stance. In particular, Wascana MP Ralph Goodale spoke out against the heavy consequence of deportation in an October 30th, 2012 debate in the House of Commons.

“With respect to these Nigerian students whose only offence was the honest mistake of working for two weeks at

Walmart, the minister knows that deportation would destroy their education and damage them for life,” Goodale said in the debate.

“Other people in similar circumstances have been given simple fines, so why deportation in these two cases? How is that consistent with others who have just been given fines,” Goodale said.

The Canadian Border Services Agency issued a press release announcing the removal of the students on October 18th.

“The removal of these individuals demonstrates the commitment to maintaining the integrity of Canada's immigration program,” the CBSA press release stated. §

HIKE THE HLC IN COSTUME!

Raising money for our lovely new fitness centre

CARISSA TAYLOR, SENIOR REPORTER

BRANDON UNIVERSITY will be hosting a Halloween Hike on Sunday, October 27th at 2:00 pm at the Healthy Living Centre.

Brandon University President Dr. Deborah Poff explains that “we want this to be a big community party and celebration of our HLC, as well as a fundraiser. There will be prizes and costumes and a lot of fun for everyone”.

This is the first public community fundraising event for the HLC. Though the building has been completed, more money must be raised in order to pay off the entirety of the building and operational costs.

The event is open to the community, students, staff, and faculty. For those who wish to collect donation pledges, you can register online at brandonu.ca/halloweenhike or call (204) 727-7374. Even if you do not collect pledges, all are welcome to come out and have a good time on the HLC's walking track! §



Some costumed shenanigans at the HLC prior to this week's hike. Photo credit Carissa Taylor.

HALLOWEEN FOOD DRIVE 2013

Instead of paying for your dentist's next vacation, why not help stock the food bank?

MATTHEW MAY, BUSU VP INTERNAL

AS YOU ALL KNOW, Halloween is fast approaching, and unfortunately, most of us are too old to get away with trick-or-treating. Why not keep the tradition alive and participate in the annual Halloween Food Drive?

For those of you new to BU, the Halloween Food Drive is put on jointly by BUSU and the Assiniboine Community College Student Association (ACCSA), and it's a great event where students go trick-or-treating not for candy, but for non-

perishable food items to support the food banks at both BUSU and ACCSA.

Never heard of the food bank? BUSU's food bank is open for all students who need a hand. You can drop in from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Fridays, in the Knowles-Douglas Building.

We rely solely on donations from the community to keep us stocked, and around October we typically run low on supplies. The Halloween Food Drive is a great opportunity to bolster community involvement with our student organization and to fill our shelves again.

Now, because it needs to be fun, there's a competition involved. You can sign up at the BUSU office by joining with a BUSU-affiliated club, or with a group of friends, or simply by yourself. This is a great chance to meet some new people!

Clubs are especially encouraged to join, as they will receive 25 cents to the pound for everything they bring in, to be put towards their club activities. The group of trick-or-treaters that brings in the most food (by weight) will receive not one, not two, but five \$10 gift vouchers for SUDS.

Note that having access to a vehicle

is almost mandatory for this event, as you will be transporting a lot of heavy cans.

Just to keep things interesting, this year BUSU and ACCSA executive members will be competing to see who can bring in the most food by weight. Whichever student union loses has to wear the other school's clothing for a day... I'd rather send the blue and gold over there, personally, so let's bring in lots of food! §

Be sure to send any Halloween pictures to us! We're always looking for photos of campus events!



The new athletics wall of fame is unveiled. Photo credit Carissa Taylor.

HOMEcoming 2013

Athletics wall of fame unveiled

CARISSA TAYLOR, SENIOR REPORTER

BRANDON UNIVERSITY celebrated its alumni homecoming this year from October 18th to October 20th.

Pictured is the unveiling of the new Dick and Verda McDonald Sports Wall of Fame. Both Dick and Verda are alumni of Brandon College and have been active supporters of BU Athletics and Brandon University for decades.

Other events at this year's homecoming included a meet-and-greet at SUDS, class reunions (including the anniversaries of the '43, '53, '63, '73, '83, and '88 graduating classes), a welcome reception at the Victoria Inn, lots of Bobcat basketball action, an alumni luncheon, campus tours, an awards dinner, and a farewell brunch. §

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My best,
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