

THE BUASC GRAD POW WOW

A Look At This Year’s Event

ASHLYN PEARCE, SENIOR REPORTER

FOR THE LAST three years BUASC has put on an All Nations Pow Wow to celebrate the graduating students, especially of Aboriginal heritage. This year will be the fourth annual Grad Pow Wow.

The Pow Wow is an event that has a tireless amount of effort put into it every year. Everyone on the committee has a life outside of school and they all spend many unpaid, often thankless hours to prepare the event which, for many Aboriginal students, marks the end of a successful and hard journey. “It takes a lot of time from our studies and our families” Shelby Tobacco, Social Co-ordinator of BUASC said.

The planning of the event began in January, however there is the notion right now to move the planning into the fall to give the committee more time to organize such a grandiose event. As it stands the University of Manitoba gives \$20,000 every year for their Grad Pow Wow, and the University of Winnipeg gives \$25,000. There is still debate on the amount that BU will be giving BUASC towards the Pow Wow this year, but the amount has been on the rise. In the early stages of the Pow Wow it was paid for almost entirely out of pocket by students and staff, whereas they are now getting to a place where BU is giving financial support for the event. “It’s making progress and showing that they’re going to invest money into this, and it’s showing their support. Before the Pow Wow wasn’t even on the calendar, but this year it will be. Even little steps



2013 Pow Wow. Photo credit Alex Beshera, with permission from the IPC.

like that show they support us ... When I first came to BU we had no money, people were giving money out of their own pockets, running through their bank accounts to pay for these events. I don’t want that this year.” Tobacco stated on the planning and history of the Pow Wow.

“We want this to be a celebration to honour all students, even if they aren’t Aboriginal they can come and celebrate too.” Tobacco stated on the Pow Wow and their relation to the student body, “BUASC and IPC are starting to build a bridge between ourselves and the rest of the uni-

versity and it’s getting stronger than it’s ever been before”

BUASC tries to keep the Pow Wow as authentic as possible, “What’s different this year is we’re trying to have two grand entries.” Jeremy Hobson, BUASC Public Relations spokesperson said, and then went on to explain that last year’s Pow Wow had only a single grand entry. Shelby Tobacco, then explained that “There’s usually four grand entries that take place over three days. Usually there’s one on Friday night, two on Saturday and the last on Sunday. But we’re only going to do one

day, and we’re going to have two grand entries” the first would take place in the afternoon, and the second in the evening. “It’s usually to bring in all the people, all the dancers; it’s the ceremony part.” Said Tobacco. They feel that the two grand entries will bring the Pow Wow closer to tradition which has four grand entries, and there is also the hope that this year it will be outdoors. This again brings it closer to its traditional counterpart as most Pow Wows are held outside. §



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Even toast likes April Fool's

ARIELE KEHLER, REPORTER

ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, 2015 the smoke alarms in Clark Hall were activated causing the building to be evacuated. The source of the interruption in classes was not an elaborate April Fool's joke or Lief, the ghost of Clark Hall trying to get out of studying for the upcoming finals, but rather a faulty toaster.

Luckily, if a smoke alarm goes off at the University and it is not a planned fire drill, the fire department and EMTs are dispatched to the school. It is a comfort to know

that should there be a real emergency, emergency services arrive quickly to assist in making sure the school is safe for the students.

Fortunately, while the incident was nothing serious, students evacuated from the building say that the sight of eight fire fighters searching the building and coming out



All for toast.. Photo Credit: Ariele Kehler.

with a toaster made for a good laugh and a brief distraction from exam stress. §

BU STUDENTS "BANANAS" FOR LNAP

More bananas stat!

KRISTA MILLS, WEB CONTENT COORDINATOR

THE BU LIBRARY hosted its second Long Night Against Procrastination from March 26th to 27th and the event was met with overwhelming success. At 11:00 PM there were 165 students in the library, and the number was still growing. Pre-nursing student Chelsey Weir said "It should be an annual event, the therapy dogs were great,

the food was perfect and I accomplished a lot." Chelsey may get her wish for an annual event. The Quill spoke to Head Librarian Betty Braaksma about the success of the event "we did better than expected, we will hopefully have one at the end of each term next year." Everyone was buckling down with three or four projects to finish throughout the night. The therapy dogs were a new addition this year, circulating

throughout the library so students could take a quick break and get some puppy love. When asked what she would do differently, Braaksma commented that they would have more bananas, those were the first to go. Thank you to everyone who pitched in and made the evening a success, and to all of the students for coming out and participating. We cannot wait for next year's event. §

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Back to the Bureaucracy Beat

ARIELE KEHLER, BUREAUCRACY CORRESPONDENT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS everyone, The Brandon University Board of Governors (BOG) met on Saturday, March 28th. In attendance were several key members of the Brandon University community, including Brandon University President Dr. Gervan Fearon and current BUSU President Joel Springer.

In its open session, reports were given by Dr. Fearon as well as Heather Duncan, Acting Vice-President of Academics and Provost, and Scott Lamont, Vice President of Administration and Finance. Dr. Fearon highlighted meetings with community members and visitors to campus that he has had in February and March, as well as upcoming events on his calendar. In the coming weeks, Fearon has a scheduled trip to Toronto to meet with donors and attend the University of West Indies Gala. He has also been invited by the President of Dalhousie University to be the key note speaker at the Black Canadian Studies Association Conference, held from the 21st to the 24th of May in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Fearon also intends to attend a mental health first aid workshop.

Duncan began by announcing that three proposals from Brandon University were submitted to Western Economic Diversification: Support advanced technologies for meat authentication and training; support 3D printing technologies for the development of prototypes; and Aboriginal Education and Employment Initiative in

Manitoba. It will be determined whether any or all of these proposals are accepted by June of this year. Duncan also had meetings with the University of Winnipeg to have preliminary discussions about collaboration in graduate programming. She also reported that the Science and Health faculties have presented their Academic Plans to the Senate.

Lamont's focus has been on the University's buildings. He reported that there are discussions continuing with the Dean

and Faculty of Science, and an initial space inventory and space needs analysis have been conducted. Talks have been opened with the Province to indicate initial plans for the facility and to propose conducting a space needs analysis throughout campus as well as Brodie Building. Lamont also reported that a meeting was held with a consultant and agencies in Brandon to explore the possibility of creating more affordable housing in Brandon. §

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Yeah, we have an NHL player

ROBERT KILLAM, SPORTS REPORTER

JONATHAN FILEWICH WAS born on October 2nd, 1984 and is a retired professional hockey player. He played in the NHL with Pittsburgh Penguins and in the AHL with the Prince George Cougars and Lethbridge Hurricanes. Jonathan also played a few seasons in Europe, where his Austrian team went on to win the Championship during the years of 2009 2010. However, it was during his last few professional years that Mr. Filewich started taking correspondence courses through Athabasca University. It is said he would work on these courses while traveling on the bus and in the team's hotel rooms. He graduated in 2013 with a degree in Physical Education, and became another star that Brandon could add to the pile of impressive alumni.

So this is the information any one could pull up if they searched for Jonathan Filewich online, with few other results. However, over several months of trying to get his side of the story, we at the Quill finally have had the time to interview him. I'd like to send a big thank you out to Mr. Filewich for being patient with me and

helping answer the questions we had for him. Alright, here is the specifics:

The first question we asked Jonathan was "Why did you choose Brandon University?" His reply was, that after being forced into retirement due to concussions, he realized he needed to move on with his life. He knew his answer was going to be back at University and he signed up for a Bachelor of Physical Education Studies. He had plans to achieve an Education Degree from BU or a Physical Therapy After Degree at a different institution.

When asked "What Degree he received and where he was currently working?" He replied that he was staying in Brandon to complete the BPES for a few reasons. First was the travelling, as he lives in Souris MB with his family and has done so for the past 10 years. His wife, Lindsay will finish her Masters in Education this spring, whereas Jonathan will be finishing his Bachelor of Education After Degree in May. The former NHL player is also currently working as a strength and conditioning coach, as well as a business partner for Outperforme Athletics.

When asked if he had "any future plans for hockey?" He replied that he does

not have any future plans to play. Instead he has a great deal of plans to become involved in the hockey world as a coach, referee, and volunteer. He said in particular "I am still passionate about the game and will find new ways to exhibit it."

When asked "What team would you play for if you could do it again?" Jonathan replied he had always wanted to be an Oiler. (I know, I was surprised too with how many Stanley Cups they have won in the past 25 years, but hey it could've been worse; he could have liked the Leafs...) But after hearing his reasoning, it all made sense. The majority of his family was from the area and his favourite player was Captain Canada himself, Ryan Smyth.

When asked if he had any "advice for athletes trying to make it to the professional level in sports?" He suggested trying a bunch of different sports before you tried to commit to one. Jon explained that athletes who tried different sports experienced exercising different muscle groups and movement patterns. He added that changing sports throughout the years gives people a much needed men-

tal break.

Finally we asked Mr. Filewich "What did he find most influential on his way through his hockey career?" He told us that his family was the best support he received, especially his grandparents. Jonathan's grandparents flew to a dozen countries and drove all across Western Canada just to see him play. He explained how they were always there for him and always thought it was great to watch him play. The bond of family is a strong connection, and Jonathan is very grateful to have such an amazingly supportive family.

Well, that concludes our interview with Brandon University's pro-hockey graduate. Athletes and scholars alike could learn from such a hard working, passionate young man. I'd like to send my best wishes to the Filewich family and thank Jonathan himself for getting back to me as quickly as he could. I apologize for the amount of times the interview got pushed back. Good luck in your future endeavours Mr. Filewich and may you never lose that desire for the sport you love. §

EVENING AT THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE ... that rhymed

HOLLY KALYNIUK, ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

TO SHOW HIS appreciation for BU Bobcat athletes, President Dr. Gervan Fearon invited the university's athletes to his home.

On Monday and Tuesday, March 23rd and 24th, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Fearon and his partner Kathy Moscou warmly welcomed male and female Bobcat athletes from the university's volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams to their house, generously providing appetizers and beverages (and allowing all guests to wear their shoes while visiting).

Each year, BU presidents invite Bobcats into their home like Fearon did, but his invitation held greater importance.

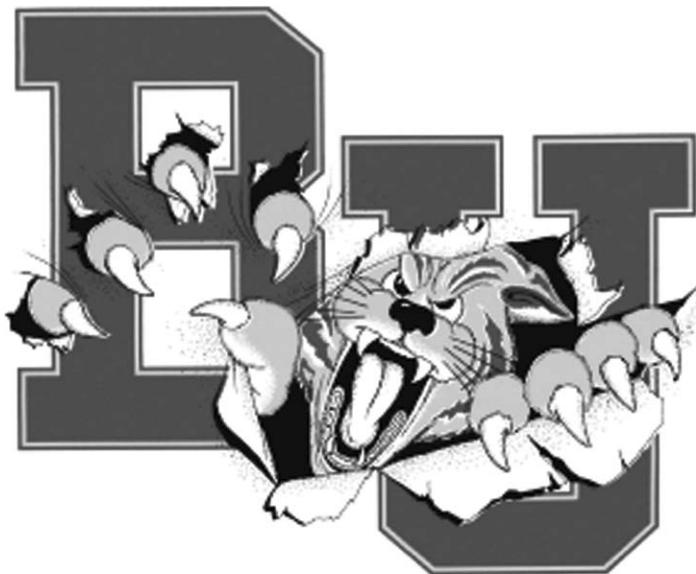
Given that Fearon joined the BU administration during previous president Dr. Deborah Poff's reign, he and his wife purchased their own home and did not occupy BU's designated president's house. Consequently, as Fearon told students that evening, the university intends to sell the property to raise

funds for renovations on campus.

Throughout the evening, they entertained guests with discussion of the various stunningly beautiful artistic furnishings throughout their home, many of which their family created, as well as music.

Although Fearon has been known to spontaneously perform his saxophone for public events such as the School of Music's Works in Progress Cabaret, he modestly refused, insisting he possessed inadequate skill. As the night progressed, however, Fearon extemporaneously joined basketball player Ali-Mounir Benabdellhak on the drums as Denham Buchanan played a simple tune on the xylophone.

Fun was had by all in attendance. §



Zombie poets that eat brains and spit out truth

NATHAN MACKRITH, REPORTER

A GROUP OF the dead came to visit Brandon University on March 27th, 2015. No it was not a rehearsal for the impending zombie apocalypse, or a Poltergeists Anonymous meeting. On this prestigious day there was a gathering of student and faculty literati celebrating World Poetry Day by reading and reciting the poetry of famous dead poets.

Posthumous poets present at the event were from Chinese, Jewish, American, German, Greek, Nigerian, and various

other cultures. Some of the topics covered were usurped kings, barbarian breakfast etiquette, pre-apocalyptic cockroach care, and Interstellar-er-raging against the dying of the light.

Some readers may be wondering whether this article is a tardy April Fool's joke, and if World Poetry Day (WPD) is a real day of celebration. The answer is no and yes. No, this article is not a joke, and yes, WPD is a real holiday. Proposed in 1999 by the United Nations Educational and Cultural Organization, the first WPD was celebrated on March 21st, 2000. The

U.N.'s official website describes the day's purpose as being "to support linguistic diversity through poetic expression... to encourage a return to the tradition of poetry recitals, to promote the teaching of poetry... so that the art of poetry will no longer be considered an outdated form of art, but one which enables society as a whole to regain and assert its identity."

In essence, as one young poet put it so eloquently in his poem "Poetry Is Stupid And A Waste Of Time" at *Who Put That Nightingale Under My Strudel?* a successful SUDS and student-lead spoken

word event held at BU in the beginning of March, "To borrow a soldier's principle, we will leave no one behind. For life is poetry, and poetry is life. A life that does not exclude."

For those interested in the literary, on Wednesday April 8th, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM in the Elephant Room, professors Dale Lakevold and Di Brandt's creative writing students will be reading some of their works at an event entitled *Are You There?* Everyone is welcome to attend. §

SEMESTER END CONCERTS

For music!

CHARLIE CARRIER, REPORTER

UNDER THE DIRECTION of Dr. Andrée Dagenais, Brandon University's choristers took to the stage once again in a semester finale.

On Tuesday, March 24th the BU Concert Choir performed Mozart's Requiem (1791) with accompanist Jinmyeong Seo on piano. Many soloists from the School of Music faculty were also featured including Naomi Forman, soprano; Sarah Hall, mezzo; Sangmyoung Kim, tenor; David Playfair, bass; and Aaron Wilson, trombone.

The BU Chorale performed the se-

mesters' end concert as well, one week later on Tuesday, March 31st. The first set of the concert included Latvian and Estonian folk and sacred pieces that were featured during the choir's tour of Ontario over reading week. The second set featured a new work from the semester, Duruflé's Requiem, with guest organist Lottie Enns-Braun. Soloists featured included Emily Diehl-Reader, mezzo-soprano; David Playfair, baritone; and Leanne Zacharias, cello.

An excellent performance was given by both choirs, and a truly outstanding job was done by conductor, Dr. Dagenais. Stay tuned for next year's music! §



VCF WINDUP EVENT

Try something new

KAYLA NEIMAN, REPORTER

SOON ENOUGH ON the date of April the tenth the Varsity Christian Fellowship windup will be taking place.

There is an open invitation to anyone who wishes to attend the event. Said event will be filled with games, popcorn, veggie tales and more to make the event fun to enjoy. The event will run from 7:00

PM to 10:00 PM in the Louis Riel room. The room is located directly down the hall, east of the cafeteria. If you have any questions feel free to send a text to (204) 210-0284.

Come and see how much the fellowship has grown over the year and to explore the Christian faith. Anyone is welcome to join the event and have some fun!. §

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WINE AND CHESS EXTRAVAGANZA

'Pawn'dering what to declare for your major? Check out Philosophy!

JOSEPH KRUGER, REPORTER

THE PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT held The Philosophy Wine and Chess Extravaganza on March 25th, 2015 at Clark Hall 104. The event was a huge success with Philosophy faculty, staff, and students squaring off against one another in friendly games of chess, accompanied by a great selection of wine and some light snacks. Faculty were on hand to assist students who needed help in planning their degree or needed a gentle push towards declaring their major or minor. If you attended the Declare Fair, you may have gotten a pamphlet from the Philos-

ophy table, which included a ticket that you could have entered into a draw at the Wine and Chess Extravaganza; prizes for the draw included an amazing selection of books, and some mugs. For students who haven't given a thought to their major, the BU Philosophy programs place an emphasis on logical reasoning, interpretive reasoning and ethics which leaves students prepared for advanced post-secondary studies like graduate school, or even law school. BU's Philosophy faculty are helpful and approachable, and you have an increased likelihood of success due to the smaller classes here; you may receive more personalized attention. §

ROSANNA DEERCHILD ON CAMPUS

Caring mother, Strong individual, Proud First Nations

ROBERT KILLAM, REPORTER

GUEST SPEAKER ROSANNA Deerchild came into Brandon last Monday and spoke on several issues involving the treatment and prejudice of First Nations people. This brave, lighthearted woman is making waves in the national community as she talks about the issues that are following the common misbeliefs behind Aboriginal people. If the name Rosanna Deerchild sounds familiar to you it may be because this magazine called Maclean's used Ms. Deerchild's words in a past article. She was caught in the middle of a rant saying that Winnipeg is the most racist city in Canada, and then "boom" all of sudden Rosanna Deerchild became the face of racism and equality.

Since that magazine interview, which took her words out of context and used them for Maclean's own propaganda, Ms.

Deerchild has been on the path to help Winnipeg get on the mend to help with this racism issue. She has been hosting events and having talks with the community, working with individual people to open up to new worlds and share their experiences.

Education is the key to finding the solution, finding out exactly what did happen to our Aboriginal peoples that put them into the state of isolation. Through education ignorance to the issues can be resolved and short-mindedness to the struggles faced can be recognized and fixed. The First Nations community needs someone to speak for it, and their champion has been chosen. Good luck in your endeavours Rosanna Deerchild, and may the solution be found now so that our future generations never have to fear disgrace or neglect just because of the colour of their skin. §

Q-mail

your local campus advice column

ASK QUENTIN

Dear Quentin,
 How did this come to exist and how do you harness its power?
 Ashlyn P.

Dear Ashlyn,
 You have somehow found an Eldritch Abominations from the Outer Bounds of Existence. Zindarak is a mysterious fiery entity that shall release Cthulhu from his watery prison. As soon as the stars are right this being will be the end of humanity.

Your hubris in assuming you can harness its power is staggering. This thing should be avoided at all costs and/or banished from our reality before it gets a chance to fulfill its dark purpose. Every 114 years the stars align and Zindarak emerges from a broken throne of ice and coral at the bottom of the North Atlantic and begins her dark work.

Contact the Starfire Council. I am fairly certain they are currently located somewhere in Alaska, keeping an eye on the Pacific. They are already getting ready to go. All they need is the location of Zindarak the Summoner and a cartload of royal blood to cage the beast.

Do not be fooled by its appearance. Zindarak is dangerous and possessed of a fell power capable of unlocking the El-



der Gods. Kill it, banish it, or hide. I am in favour of the last one and that's why, until further notice, I will be ensconced below the McKenzie Building in a cement vault until all of this blows over.

I've already said too much,
 Quentin

Quentin Quill is an 18th century time traveler trapped in BU. He has not yet declared a major or even attended class in the last several months. He prepares for the return of Cthulu by hoarding Bombay Gin and hundreds of bags of Fritos. If during the Apocalypse you need anything... Go away.

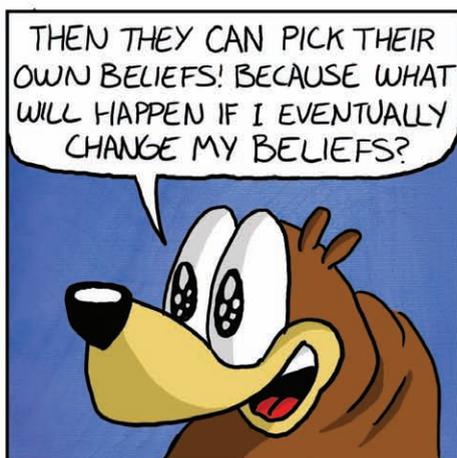
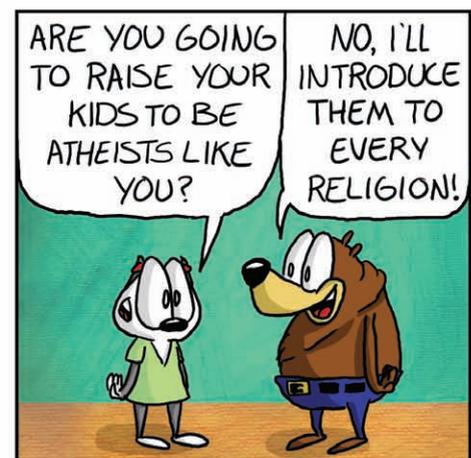
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"Swag"

This term has been around for a while now and came from the actual word "swagger" which means to have confidence in an arrogant fashion. To have swag basically means that you think you're cool. Except that you really aren't cool, and should probably pick up a dictionary. "Swag" literally means curtain, or swaths of fabric. Way to go guys, you're all a bunch of window coverings.

Word Fun

WHICH WORD IS SPELLED INCORRECTLY IN THE DICTIONARY?

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CORRECT, DICTIONARY, INCORRECT, LANGUAGE, SENTENCES, SPELLING

ANSWER:

Some perspective on a community

ALECA ANTONAKIS, REPORTER

WAY BACK ON March 12th and 14th, there was a gender studies workshop class that was put on by Rune Breckon at Brandon University. It was very similar to the Introduction to Gender Studies class. We learned terms and their various corresponding definitions. It was amazing that the event was so informative and successful and it really helped people understand the LGBTQ community.

One of the exercises given to us was, “Coming Out Stars.” Rune read out the entire exercise and what each star had to do. (Each star was given a different reaction.) The purpose of this exercise was to help the participants understand and think about privilege and heterosexism and to reflect on their own behaviours and beliefs around equality. This exercise

required construction paper in Blue, Pink, Red, Yellow and Orange. Each person was given a random star before the exercise began. The stars represented your world. We had to write down five headers on each end of the star; a close friend that you care for and turn to for help or advice, a community that we belong to, a specific family member that we always turned to for advice and who knows how to cheer you up when you are sad, what job that you would like to have, and our hopes and dreams that we want to achieve in our lives.

Everyone was standing in a circle after we wrote these things down. We then had to pick an identity besides “heterosexual” from the list of LGBTQ acronyms, and we had to decide that we wanted to let our close friends know that we identify with the LGBTQ community. Rune read

out loud what each star had to do. For example, if you had a red star while telling the community about your identity then your community acts with hatred. They tell you that someone like you doesn’t belong in their community. Those who had supported you in your times of need no longer spoke to you or acknowledges you. So if you had a red star you had to tear up that corner of your star. This process keeps repeating itself throughout the community header, specific family member, what job you have, and your hopes and dreams. Some of the stars were not as destructive as the red star. For example, if you had a pink or blue star, when you tell people in the community your gender identity or your sexual orientation; you are accepted by your community. They continue to embrace you like anyone else and together you celebrate the growing diversity in your

community.

Pink and Blue stars made sure you didn’t have to tear any of their ends off. Orange however, had to fold back their end for the people within the community because some people did accept you and some people didn’t accept you. You still remain part of the community, and with time, you will fit in again as you once did.

A couple of participants were very emotional with taking part in this exercise once it ended. It was overall, a heart touching exercise to see what some members of the LGBTQ community have to face within society. The workshop was a great opportunity to have at Brandon University and later, each participant received a certificate for attending the workshop. §

EXPRESS ENTRY INTERFERING WITH INT’L STUDENTS FINDING EMPLOYMENT

Difficulties in attaining Canadian Citizenship

HOLLY KALYNIUK, ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S introduction of the Express Entry system may affect international students’ eligibility for enrollment in post-secondary institutions.

Introduced on January 1st, 2015, the Express Entry program processes particularly strong prospective immigrants faster. Intended to accelerate the recruitment of skilled workers, the system’s modifications restrict an international student’s eligibility to acquire permanent residency,

even those with Canadian work experience, by pooling them with other skilled workers with whom they previously did not compete.

At its core, this change attempts to equate international students who have traveled to Canada, paid international tuition fees to attend Canadian institutions, and gained work experience abroad with those that have not, making it more difficult for either group to attain Canadian citizenship. The former leg-up that international students previously possessed in their quest for employment in Canada has

been eliminated.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) continues to monitor the situation. “We are working with the federal government to ensure... that international graduates of Canadian universities continue to have opportunity for permanent residency,” AUCC said in a statement.

Other countries that have made modifications to their immigration rules have suffered a decrease in international student enrollment, and with Canada’s international student fees costing more than

double those of domestic students, the country’s loss of international students on campuses could be devastating.

The federal government maintains that the Express Entry program will eventually provide international students with faster, easier access to residency by 2017.

The Quill contacted both BU’s International Students’ Organization and Coordinator in the Office of International Activities Anita Allan for comment, but they failed to comment on the changes before the date of publication. §

THE WOMEN’S COLLECTIVE AGM

Issues with institutional knowledge

ALEX MURRAY, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

THE WOMEN’S COLLECTIVE Annual General Meeting came and went on Friday, March 27th. With three people in attendance those being the two executive members of the Collective and the reporter from the Quill covering the event, me. Noticeably absent was the Women’s Director Rachel Wu who pledged to make an appearance but then informed the executive during the meeting that she would not be there.

According to the Collective’s Constitution the yearly AGM achieves quorum with half of the Collective in attendance, plus one. So, even though there were only three people at the meeting, the Women’s Collective did achieve quorum.

However, after a half an hour of waiting, the Collective called the meeting on account of so few people showing up. They did not read their reports. The Collective said that part of the reason they did not achieve quorum was perhaps be-

cause many of their meetings they have had this year have moved online to suit more people’s schedules. Because of the less centralized nature of the meetings

less people commit to meeting in person. Another part of the issues the Women’s Collective had with executing their AGM was the lack of institutional knowledge left

over from the previous executive. They are making their own way and the Collective is gaining momentum however, and you can expect next year to be even better. §



NEW CHEF+NEW MENU=NEW CAF

The Caf is alive and thriving

HOLLY KALYNIUK, ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

IN THE LATE summer of 2014, the Caf's baker of 6 years Sean Taron stepped into the role of Lead Chef, and has since improved the menu and the environment.

Although the experience of running a kitchen was entirely new for Taron, he, with the help of the other kitchen staff, was able to reinvigorate the menu to provide new food options and reintroduce old favorites. Previously removed items like hotdogs, calzones, tater tots, and all-day hash browns were added to the menu, as well as daily specials like homemade burgers on Tuesdays and Wok Bowl Wednesdays. The most popular item on his new menu, however, are chicken wraps, which the Caf includes as a more frequent menu option.

The most challenging aspect of Taron's new position, he told The Quill,

was keeping staff happy and motivated, which he believes he's been successful in doing due to the increased popularity of the venue. He noted an increase in patrons this school year, particularly members of the public and university faculty, including President Gervan Fearon.

"Everybody seems to be happy with what's going on [at the Caf], with the changes," Taron said.

Yet BU residence students with dietary restrictions are still dissatisfied with the vegetarian and vegan options available at the Caf. Anonymous sources admitted they choose to prepare food in their dorm rooms using illegal hot plates, frustrated with the Caf lack of variety.

Following a pattern of change, however, the cafeteria continues to grow. In the next few months, Taron will be meeting with Nutritionist Caroline Mullins to discuss potential modifications to menu



BU Cafeteria. Photo Credit: Holly Kalyniuk.

items for the next school year, which will hopefully address the lack of variation for

those with dietary restrictions. §

UPCOMING EVENTS

What's Going on Around Brandon?

ASHLYN PEARCE, SENIOR REPORTER

APRIL, IN CASE you're bored.

April 8th: The Eckhardt-Grammate Conservatory of Music will be holding a recital in the Lorne Watson Recital Hall, start time is 7:30 PM, admission is free.

April 9th: There will be a memorial for Dr. Patrick Jackson in the Louis Riel Room from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, please wear green crocs, a tiara/outrageous hat, or lab coat (with walking stick), a silent auction of Dr. Jackson's memorabilia in support of the Biology Society's Relay For Life team will take place.

April 10th: The campus clinic hours are extended and they will be open from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

April 10th: The 20th annual Chili Cookoff in support of the Alzheimer So-



ciety of Manitoba will be taking place at Houstons from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, tickets are \$10 and include a bowl of chili, a bun and a drink, for more info or to register a team visit alzheimer.mb.ca/.

April 11th: BU Pro Series will be performing in the Lorne Watson Recital Hall, performing pianists are Ji Lu and Ning Lu, start time is 8:00 PM, admission is \$10 (student price).

April 13th: The City of Brandon and

the Brandon Emergency Support Team are joining forces to present *On the Edge of Disaster! Brandon's Assiniboine River Story*. The show features real people talking about the floods in 2011 and 2014, photographs and live music to be showcased also. Start time is 7:00 PM, tickets are \$10. For more info please see wmca.ca/.

April 17th: BU School of Music will be featuring a performance of three composer's music in the Lorne Watson Recital Hall, start time is 8:00 PM.

April 23rd: The Royal Winnipeg Ballet presents *The Faerie Queen*, based on *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the WMCA, start time is 7:30 PM, tickets are \$57.50 (student price), for more info visit wmca.ca/.

April 24th: This is the last day the campus clinic is open this term, the clinic will

reopen in the fall.

April 25th: The United Way will be hosting Brandon's Largest Garage Sale from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM in the Manitoba Room (Keystone Center), admission is \$2 and proceeds from ticket sales and 50/50 will be going towards United Way of Brandon and District.

April 26th: The WSO is presenting Charles Chaplin: The Circus (a Film with Orchestra) at 3:00 PM in the WMCA, tickets are \$12.50 (student price), for more information see wmca.ca/.

May 7th - 10th: 7 Ages Productions will be performing *Mary Poppins* at the WMCA, tickets are \$25 (student price), showtimes are Thursday/Friday/Saturday at 7:30 PM, Sunday at 2:30 PM, for more information see wmca.ca/. §

MINI U RECEIVES LEGO DONATION

Mini U: now color segregated—at least the Legos are

HOLLY KALYNIUK, ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

THE ESTATE OF an anonymous BU Alumni purchased a set of over 10,000 pieces of assorted Lego building blocks for BU's children's summer program Mini U sometime in March.

An eBrandon ad featuring the large collection of Lego appealed to the interests of Mini U Director Dr. Nancy Stanley. When the seller would not break the collection into smaller pieces and the Mini U budget did not have extra funds to purchase it, an anonymous Brandonite offered to purchase and donate it.

"The educational and creativity value was far higher than the asking price," the donor told The Quill.

The donor's step-daughter was involved with the program a decade ago and remains very supportive of Mini U's endeavors and their "philosophy of letting children explore their interest in many different areas while also giving university students experience in teaching."

Mini U has been trying to acquire Lego for years, but was unable to do so due to their cost-recovery basis, and Stanley was very excited to receive the donation.

"Kids love Lego," Stanley said. "[What you can do with it] is so educational."

Stanley said Mini U plans to incorporate the donation into other classes, potentially using it in conjunction with the motorized Lego robotics the program purchased with a science NSERC grant.

Despite their generosity, the donor

asserts they are "just another citizen that supports the work at Mini U and BU" who is eager to see individual growth inspired by their gift. "Will one of the Mini U Lego builders become an architect because of the opportunity they had that sparked their interest? I never know what will inspire a student to take it to the next level."

Stanley is equally as grateful for the donor's generosity, and is enthusiastic about the potential the donation holds for participants.

"We're very, very appreciative of the support of the community and of individuals who do things to help the program keep going and to help the young people, who are our future," Stanley said. "Some [donations] are small, and some are



Mini U Director Dr. Nancy Stanley. Photo Credit: Holly Kalyniuk.

large. This is a large one, and we are very appreciative of it. It's going to make a lot of kids happy and excited."

Mini U is a children's program celebrating its 31st year in operation. §

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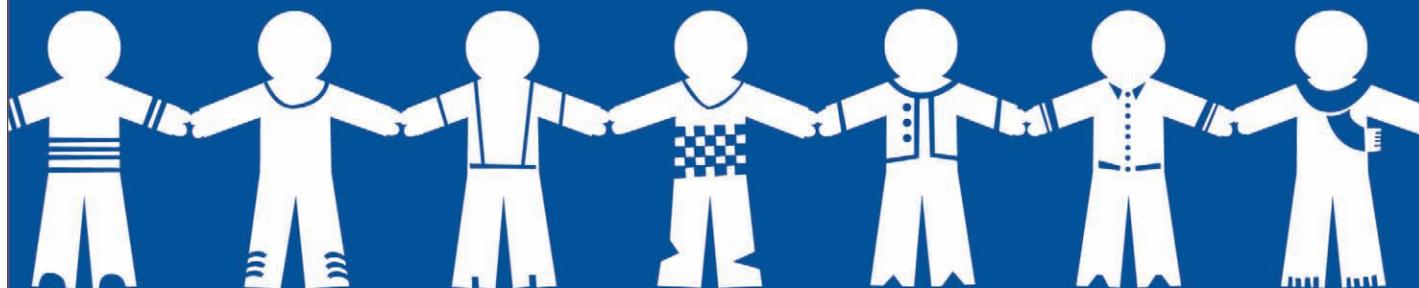
Happening Sunday, April 12th from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Park Community Centre. Coffee and lunch available, various types of music for sale. Will also be collecting non-perishable foods for the Samaritan House. Call Don @ 726-0703 for more info

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