

## LONG NIGHT AGAINST PROCRASTINATION ANOTHER SUCCESS



Students cracking down and getting those assignments out of the way. Photo Credit: Patrick Gohl.

**Patrick Gohl, Reporter**

I am sure the word has spread around campus already, exams are just around the corner. 'Tis the season to toss your amassed library of class notes in frustration, to scream at your computer screen like a madman, and soak your pillow with tears of desperation. However, you might be surprised to find that there are quite a number of exam grinches at BU that aren't keen on the spirit of this season. They would rather relax and feel secure in the knowledge that sufficient preparation will carry them through the end of semester examinations. To this end, Late Night Against Procrastination was held at BU's John E.

Robbins Library on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.

The event was designed to combat study procrastination, and encourage students to begin their exam preparation. It all started at 7:00PM and ran until 3:00AM the following morning. Having said this, many showing up at exactly 7:00PM found it difficult to find a place to study, since a significant portion of students had arrived earlier than this to maximize study time.

For those with specific questions in mind and a need for help to get them answered, math, writing, and learning skills help sessions were offered

in the curriculum area. If you were a little late for your scheduled session you were likely to get bumped back as there were many students looking for help to gain that extra edge on their assignments and exams.

In addition to the academic assistance offered at the library, which included research help, there were numerous anti-stress stations set up. From knitting to colouring, and of course the ever popular therapy dogs, one of which was under a little stress himself judging by the barking. Of course now I have prattled on about what might seem inconsequential to many of you and ignored the heart

of the whole event. I will now

remedy this grievous error and make mention of the free food. Healthy snacks such as apples and bananas were on offer from the get go along with tea and coffee. Those that managed to last until midnight were rewarded with free pizza. There were quite a few that did, even compared to previous years. As Chantal Lim, an anti-procrastinator, put it: "I feel like it gets bigger and bigger, like the line for pizza just gets longer."

If you were not one of the many that were able to attend, do not fret too much about it. However, it is wise to heed the event's warning: do not procras-

tinate.

Having made it this far in the semester, one could be led to believe, quite incorrectly, that the home stretch is more of the same. This falsehood might be an alluring belief to grasp hold of when the importance to study is weighed against cracking open a cold one with the boys, don't fall for this however. It is a will o' wisp that will lead you closer and closer to exam time until you are the one sitting in exams red eyed and unshaven, reeking of the ten energy drinks you downed to carry you through the previous night's cram session.



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## BRANDON UNIVERSITY STUDENT WINS MCIE AWARD

Donovan Hillman, Reporter

It was an exciting day for a Brandon University Master of Education student. On Wednesday, November 15th Natasha Lee Thompson won the Manitoba Council for International Education (MCIE) International Student Award in the post-secondary education category.

The Manitoba Council for International Education is an organization that advocates for and supports international students studying in Manitoba. Each year the MCIE hosts its International Student awards in Winnipeg to celebrate the prestigious accomplishments of Manitoba's many international students. According to the MCIE there are now over 10,000 international students currently studying in Manitoba. The

MCIE states that the international education contributes over 11 billion dollars annually to the Canadian economy and 230 million dollars annually to Manitoba's economy. They also state that international students support more than 1600 jobs in Manitoba alone. The 2017 MCIE International Students Award ceremony saw international students from across the province attend.

In regards to receiving the award Thompson says it was a joyous occasion. "I am very happy, extremely happy" says Thompson who adds that she was proud to represent both the university and the community of Brandon in general. In order to receive the award Thompson had to be nominated. She explains that it was

one of her Faculty of Education professors who sent in the nomination. "I was nominated by Dr. Cathryn Smith. She lectures in the Faculty of Education." Thompson found out that she was nominated by her professor when the BU Office of International Activities reached out to her. She explains that there were sections of the nomination application she needed to fill out. "There was a section for me to fill in," says Thompson. "That's how I found out I was nominated for this award." The MCIE award not only included a certificate of recognition but a certain amount of prize money. Thompson, along with the certificate, received a total of \$400.00. In terms of advice to other international students studying

at BU Thompson says to be a well-rounded student and seek university support should you require it. "I do believe it's good to be a very rounded student. The university does provide us with support for us to just be you at BU," explains Thompson who adds that she is grateful for the opportunities to regularly engage in campus activities. Thompson ends off by thanking all the people who believed in her.

Overall BU also had two additional nominees in the award ceremony, Sherine Salmon and Alex Lowe. Thompson receiving the award also marks an important milestone in Brandon University history. This is the first time that a Brandon University student has won the award.

## STUDENT TEACHING WITH ROBERT KILLAM

Robert Killam, Assistant Editor-in-Chief and Wannabe Teacher

Five weeks. Five weeks in the middle of the semester I was gone and not one of you even noticed I was away. Did you guys even send a note to the Editor asking, "Hey where did that Rob guy go? He was so funny and charming. I really liked the way he articulated his words and focused on those sports articles he's done for the past four years."

For shame on you. Here I go, 900 kilometers away and y'all can't even send a 'welcome back' gift basket for my hypothetical future family and I. Why do I even keep coming back here to write?

Well, guess what readers? I am back on campus and ready to start my second four-week stint of university classes. I was recently out of town for my journey into the world of student teaching placement. This was my first step into the career of teaching, and my first taste of what a day in the life of a teacher is like. My placement itself will largely be talked about in Part 2 of this series, so if you are unable to follow along with the epic stories of *Friends* or the *Star Wars* series, this article prob-

ably isn't for you. I advise all to advert their gazes, as BU's insurance policy doesn't cover blown minds.

Here is a little background information on me and some clues on how I got to where I am in my life: I am in the Education After Degree Program. I completed my undergrad here in Brandon and now travel about 100 meters north of where I used to attend classes.

The Ed. program begins in September and kicks off with a three day orientation. We then

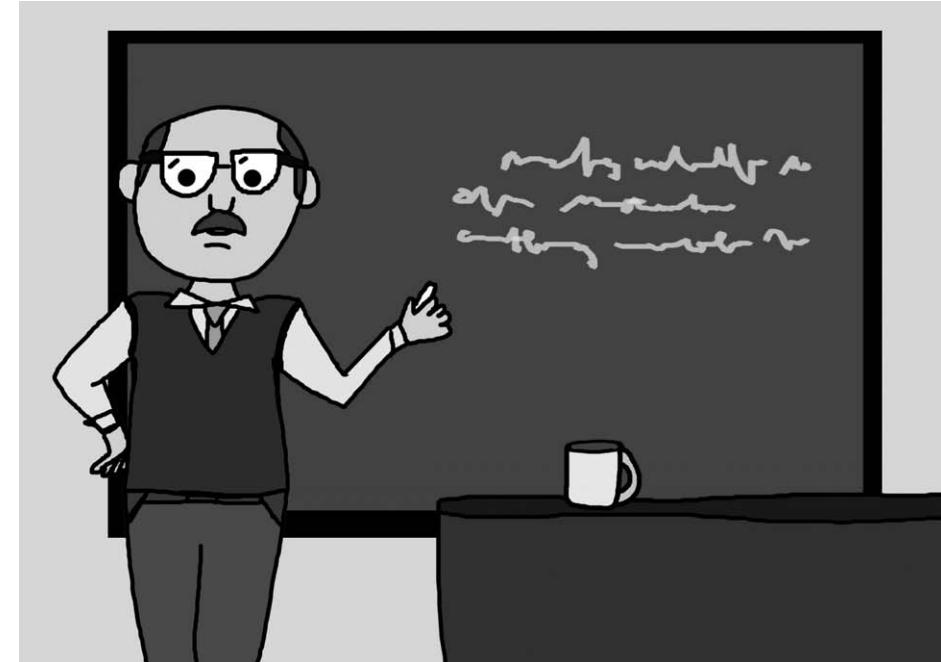
spend the next four weeks sitting through lessons in the Education Building. The classes provide us with info regarding psychology, legal situations and everything you can be fired for, classroom management and different instructional methods to use while teaching kids. The first few weeks you meet some awe-

some people and discover a lot about yourself and the profession of education!

Come October though, it's time to test what you've learned, in what I like to call the sink or flounder method. You are thrown into water (a random classroom) with your swim trunks (the preparation from university) and expected to sink (fail at teaching) or flounder (kind of survive at teaching). See, the only issue is swim trunks are nice for covering up but aren't really that practical in regards

to keeping you afloat. It's not until you've gotten to flounder around long enough that you start to gather material to float on by yourself. This is more of a topic I will touch on in the next issue.

Tune in next week to find out what actually happens out on teaching placement and how yours truly, survived the experience. I will be gathering quotes from my peers and colleagues and giving you the most in depth information we can about our experiences out in the real world.



This is totally Rob. Yep. PC: Creative Commons.

## BOBCATS TEAM UP WITH CHRISTMAS CHEER

Ariele Kehler, Editor-in-Chief

The Brandon University Bobcats volleyball teams will be teaming up with Christmas Cheer at the home games on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Brandon-Westman Samaritan House as well as Christmas Cheer will be on-hand during the game to accept donations of toys, food, and clothing for those who need it.

The Christmas Cheer hampers have grown significantly in the past two years, from roughly 900-950 needed in 2015 to around 1,100 in 2016. These hampers sup-

port local families who need some assistance with making their family's holiday a special one, from food on the table, to new toys for the children, to warm toes and fingers with warm, woolly socks and mittens. Items most requested this year include toys, socks, knitted items, board games, crayons, colouring books, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

"We are gearing up for that and are prepared to see similar numbers," said second year Bobcat, Tayler Lane. "We appreciate every business, club

or organization that takes on a project like this to help us."

Samaritan House provides the food hampers that some lower income individuals and families require to make sure they and their families have food on the table. Last year, 19,177 hampers were handed out to those who needed them. In comparison, so far this year around 19,200 hampers have been given out. These hampers contain the basic non-perishable food staples that people require, like canned beans, soups, and infant for-

mula, as well as non-food items, like laundry detergent and diapers.

The Bobcats play against the University of Winnipeg Wesmen on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, with the women playing at 6:00PM and the men following at 7:45PM. Bring a friend and some donation items, and come support your Bobcats as well as people in need this holiday season. Re-

member, admission to Bobcats home games is free for students with your BU student ID!



## BU BOBCATS BASKETBALL

Robert Killam, Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Basketball fans of the BU Bobcats could not have been too upset this past weekend as both men's and women's team each won a game and lost a game against the University of Manitoba Bisons. The games were played on Winnipeg home court.

The women earned their second win of the season, first against the Dinos last week and now against the Bi-

sons. Friday night the women brought their A-game hard and heavy, winning the match 84-77. Saturday night the Bobcats trailed by the end of the game but that wasn't the story in the first half. The first two quarters of the game the Bobcats were up by small single digits, but up nonetheless. It wasn't until the third quarter that the Bison's got to work dismantling the BU de-

fence and scoring 33 points. The end of the match would see the Bobcats lose 74-90.

The men continue to tie their record as the line doesn't move on their wins and losses. Friday night resulted in victory for the men while Saturday turned out to be a razor edge heartbreak. The first night the Bobcats took a three point split win over U of M in a nail biting fourth quarter. How-

ever if the teams tried to make it a close game the first night they did an even better job the second night. On Saturday the men would just barely lose with seconds on the clock 84-85. Falling apart in the third quarter their opponents ran up the score 11-25points.

The Bobcat's women record goes to 2-6 and the men's record goes to 4-4. The basketball teams next games

are on the 1st and 2nd out in Langley BC before their holiday break.

To check out any of the Bobcats stats please go to the Bobcats official website at [www.gobobcats.com](http://www.gobobcats.com). Best of luck in your next games Bobcats!

## COUGARS PLAY HARD, WORK HARD

Ariele Kehler, Editor-in-Chief

This past weekend saw the Assiniboine Community College Cougars volleyball and futsal teams in action. The futsal teams travelled to Lethbridge, Alberta to play a few pre-season games against the Lethbridge College Kodiaks and the Medicine Hat College Rattlers, while the volleyball teams made their way to Otterburne, Manitoba, to take on the Providence University College Pilots.

The men's and women's futsal teams had a rough start to their pre-seasons. On Friday, November 24th, the women played against both of the Kodiaks' women's teams, while the men played one of the Kodiaks' men's teams.

The women lost both of their matches, the first 0-3 and, although they gave it their all, 0-5 to the second team. The men got a little more leverage in their first match, ending up

tying the match 7-7.

Saturday saw the ladies having a bit of an off day, losing 0-9 against the Rattlers. The men played both the Rattlers and the Kodiaks' second team. The game against the Rattlers was hard fought, but the Cougars lost 3-5. The game against the second Kodiaks team was doomed from the start, since they were dealing with injuries and had just finished playing the Rattlers. The outcome was a 3-11 loss for the Cougars.

Sunday, both teams played the Kodiaks again. The women scored their first goal of the year, although they lost 1-2, and the men lost 2-13.

The volleyball teams faced off against the Pilots, with mixed results. On Friday night, the women narrowly lost their match in four sets with scores of 16-25, 18-25, 25-20, and 22-25. The men,

similarly, narrowly lost their match in four sets with scores of 25-23, 20-25, 15-25, and 11-25.

Saturday saw the women's team bounce back, serving the Pilots with their first loss of the season.

The women won their match in five sets, with a final score of 3-2. The men were less lucky, losing their match in three sets.

The

volleyball teams next play this coming Friday and Saturday at the ACC gym against the Les Rouges. The women's hockey team will also be playing at home next weekend. They will be hosting the Mi-

not State University Beavers at the Sportsplex.

Good luck, Cougars!



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## GENDER FRONTIERS SPEAKER SERIES: DR. EMMA WHELAN

Jenna Murray, Reporter

**D**r. Emma Whelan gave a public lecture on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 that was part of the Gender Frontier Speakers Series. Dr. Whelan is a sociologist from Dalhousie University who focuses on knowledge and power in medicine and health care.

The talk was located at the Brandon Public Library, and was titled "I keep my hands clean! Why can't he?" Dr. Whelan examined hand-washing advice in the UK and North America over the past century, especially focusing on how gender plays a role in such advice. Dr. Whelan

looked at soap advertisements, and educational texts for those areas noted above while doing her research and the rise in the discussion of hand hygiene. She saw a focus on women in the literature, especially mothers and nurses as the ones who look after children and families.

It was also noted by Dr. Whelan how hand washing has become a gendered form of common sense. Hand washing is pictured as an obvious thing to do when in medical fields it is considered less mundane and has standardized protocols. The increase

in handwashing education had a goal of bringing down the spread of infectious disease in public spaces and health care facilities but became very gendered. Finally, Dr. Whelan examined how hand washing has become up to women to enforce and the effects of this in a contemporary aspect.

The talk was sponsored by the Margaret Lawrence Endowment Fund, the Brandon Uni-

versity Dean of Arts and the Science. Brandon University Dean of



Wash your hands, people. PC: gentle07/creative commons

## RURAL BY DESIGN ART CONTEST OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

Kai Neiman, Reporter

**T**he Rural by Design contest is for students to submit their art, or other visual mediums to show what they mean and how they define rural Canada. Submissions may be original artworks, photographs, collages, digital illustrations, or graphic designs.

A large part of our country and province itself is rural; the definition of which can be small towns, villages and other populated places with less than 1,000 population. It may also be estate lots, as well as agricultural, undeveloped and non-developable lands, or remote and wilderness areas. One out of three Canadians live in various rural areas. Ru-

ral Canada is our home and part of our education through the Rural Development Institute. There is a beauty to rural Canada and this contest shows what it means to each participant and can help others to see that as well.

The contest rules are as follows: the submissions must be original works, the contestants must be 18 years of age by the deadline of the contest and they must be Brandon University students.

You can take part in this contest by submitting your work to the Rural Development Institute office by end date of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and including a 100 to 200 word

description of the story your work is telling about 'rural', you will need to provide your full name, email address, and phone number. If your work is chosen, you will need to complete a Release Form

Each submission to the contest will be judged by a panel of Rural Development and Fine Arts students, staff and faculty. The chosen submissions will be displayed at the Rural Development Institute office for a 12-month period. The top three winners will receive prizes, which will be announced at a later date.

All entries must be submitted by January 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. For those of you who have

submitted works or will be doing so, good luck. For those who chose not to participate, take time once the contest has finished and the submissions

put on display, and admire the beauty of the rural parts of our country and province.



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## WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE PAINT NIGHT

Jenna Murray, Reporter

**S**till looking for that perfect, inexpensive gift for mom? The Brandon Univer-

sity Women's Collective, in partnership with Forbidden Flavours (University location)

will be holding their first Wine and Paint Night on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Who doesn't like drinking wine (or some sort of alcohol) and pretending to be an art-

ist? The best part is that even if you suck at art, you still come out with something your mom would be proud to hang on her wall. The tickets are being sold for only \$10 with all extra cost absorbed by the Women's Collective. This is the Collective's second event this year with more planned for next semester. The Collective also hosted Take Back the Night in September.

The Women's Collective is located on the second floor of the Knowles Douglas Building, right above BUSU and beside The Quill. The

office hours for the remainder of this term are Monday and Wednesday's from 11-12, with new hours coming in the second term. The Women's Collective offers free pregnancy tests, safer sex supplies, and tampons and pads. They also sell Diva Cups for \$30.

The Women's Collective looks to support and empower women. Plus, who doesn't like not having to pay for condoms? Or tampons? That shit is expensive, so come get them for free!

Some other events the Collective is discussing put-

ting on next term include a social, erotic bingo, and another paint night if the first one is well attended so keep an eye out for announcements for second term!



Paint-spattered penguin. PC: Creative Commons



## THIS WEEK IN POP CULTURE: THAT STAR WARS HYPE

Ariele Kehler, Editor-in-Chief

Like many 'children' of my generation, I was raised on *Star Wars*. I saw the movies on VHS with my dad when I was young, and he took me to see the original trilogy in theatres when they were digitally remastered in the late 90s. I am unabashedly a Star Wars purist: the original trilogy is the best, and the prequel trilogy is... not, in my books. Yes, the graphics and effects are better in Episodes I-III, and the pod racing is cool, but the story line is just so much better in Episodes IV-VI.

My personal favourite Star Wars movie has always been *Episode VI: Return of the Jedi*. I have no particular reason for it other than maybe because the Ewoks are adorable little cannibals, and C-3PO as a God is pretty entertaining. (Yes, I am going to spoil the plot. No, I will not feel bad because this movie came out in 1983, almost a full decade before I was born). There's

also the immense satisfaction of Darth Vader, a.k.a. Anakin Skywalker having his redeeming moment, sacrificing himself and returning to the Light Side by throwing Emperor Palpatine to his death.

This brings me to my main point: *Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi* will be coming to theatres on December 15<sup>th</sup>, and I will for sure be going to see it at some point before 2018. I've seen a lot of fan theories about this, and I have a few of my own. For example, a co-worker of mine and I have been arguing about Rey's parentage for nearly two years now (SHE ISN'T A SKYWALKER, JOHN), amongst other things. The fan theory that I find the most intriguing is that, based on the trailer for the movie, Luke will be giving up on teaching Rey and she therefore turns to Kylo Ren, born Ben Solo, who turned to the Dark Side and idolizes his

grandfather, Darth Vader.

Here's where my theory comes in: if Darth Vader turned back to the Light in the end, presumably a young Ben would've been told that. His seduction to the Dark Side by Supreme Leader Snoke doesn't make sense if Anakin was exalted as a hero in his dying moments. Therefore, I suggest that Kylo Ren is a ruse. Even his name is taken from two heroes of the rebellion: S(ky)walker, for his uncle, and So(lo), for his fa-

ther. My thought is that Kylo will betray Snoke in the end, because like his grandfather before him, he is a hero.

I also super ship StormPilot (Finn and Poe Dameron), so I'm looking forward to seeing more of my OTP, as well as my favourite droids, in the new film.

Do you have any strong feelings about Star Wars? Let's meet up for coffee and argue! Send me an email at EIC@TheQuill.ca!



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## ROCKET GAME CORNER: A FIRST LOOK AT ULTRA MOON

Ariele Kehler, Editor-in-Chief

I play Pokemon. A lot. You guys know that. I was hesitant about the newest games, however. As much as I was convinced that Ultra Sun/Ultra Moon were just a money grab for Nintendo (they are), I bought them. One copy for myself (Ultra Moon) and one copy for the Nerdboy, because it was his birthday (Ultra Sun).

Due to finals, papers, etc., getting in the way, I haven't yet completed the game. I'm currently on the third island,

attempting to take on the Totem Mimikyu. It's rude, you guys. It's killing my team ruthlessly.

While the game itself has the same exact story line, which is a massive con in my books, the gameplay mechanics are a little better. For example, there are far, far fewer mandatory cut scenes, and the game isn't quite as dumbed down as the original Moon and Sun were. There's still a marker on the map that shows you where to go, but the game

doesn't spend ten minutes explaining precisely how to do each thing. There are also a lot more Pokemon from other generations added, which is cool because Alola has a lot of really cool originals and area variants, but there are a lot of Dark types. A well-balanced team needs a little more variety, so I for one am grateful that I can toss a Talonflame named Barbecue in to the mix.

The biggest differ-

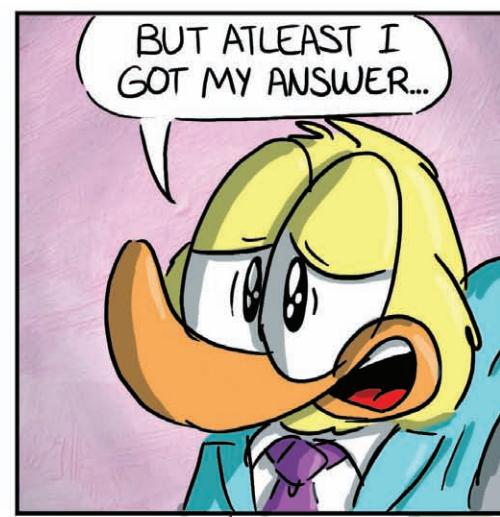
ence that I've encountered so far are two new characters, the Ultra Recon Squad. As far as I can tell, they're harmless and just plot-pushers, but we'll see what roll they play as the game comes to its conclusion.



Gameboy colour. PC?



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Qunitilius of Rome  
#ChokeOnYourOwnBlood

## PROF HIGHLIGHT: DOCTOR SMID

Raelee Fehr, Reporter

In The Quill's newest often-as-we-can segment, we will be introducing the wonderful professors of Brandon University. We explored this area briefly four years ago with our featured Study Break graphic, the Prof Dex, and now we'll be taking a look at the professors who have come to BU since, or who we did not have an opportunity to feature previously. This week, we'll be having a look at Dr.

Deanna Smid!

**Department:** English and Creative Writing

**Teaching at BU Since:** July 2014

**Areas of Specialization:** 16th-18th century English literature, early poetry and science fiction.

**Recent Publications and Upcoming:** Dr. Smid has published her book *The Imagination in Early Modern English Literature* and has an upcom-

ing book on music therapy in Shakespearean plays. Other projects she's working on bees in early literature and is co-organizer for the Northern Plains Conference on Early British Literature, which is being held for the first time in Canada at Brandon University in April 2018. Dr. Smid is co-organizer of a speaker series called Literary Exchange.

**Hobbies:** Watching Star Trek and Orville.

**Pet Peeves:**

Swans. They're terrifying.

**Nickname:**

**Given by a Student:** Poetry nerd.



Dr. Smid. Photo Credit: Brandon University/[brandonu.ca](http://brandonu.ca)

## CLUB OF THE WEEK: BU BEADING CLUB

Irrat Lisa Mizan, Reporter

About four years ago, Fine Arts Professors Cathy Mattes and Peter Morin started a Beading group to provide hand-made grad gifts for our students. Since then, the weekly group has grown and attracted a substantial amount of ladies (and Albyn) to the group.

Participants meet on Tuesdays to sit together, bead, laugh, have tea, and show everyone their latest creation. A few of our ladies participated in and provided beadwork for the Walking with our Sisters

event. Barb Blind, who is the Elder in Residence at the Indigenous People's Center, said "I like coming here because we have so much fun, there's always laughter."

The group has created lanyards, business card holders, earrings, mukluks, moccasins, and pins, among many more grad gifts for Brandon University students. Many members also sell their beautiful pieces, so this is good place to look for some unique and handmade Christmas gifts for the upcoming season.

My experience being a recent member of the group has been very beneficial to my needle skills and gives me a time in the week where I don't obsess over stress, but just spend time with some very kind faces willing to teach their traditional methods to me. There is both wisdom and skills to be squired in the Beading group.

The group takes place in the study room of the Indigenous People's Center on Tuesday at the free slot

or in the evening at 5:30PM. occasionally provided. Tea and refreshments are oc-



Sample Beadwork. PC: Uysvdi/Creative Commons 3.0

## BUSU MEETING RECAP, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

Ashlyn Pearce, Copy Editor

As the term starts wrapping up, the Student Union council is also starting to slow down in preparation for the holidays.

As of the recent meeting the resignation of Armando Galindo was officially accepted which leaves the position of Residence Director vacant. The runner up from the pre-

vious election, Kristin Smart, was contacted about the position however she turned it down. This position, along with all other vacant positions, will be advertised in the next term. If any student wishes to apply for them they should contact BUSU President Nick Brown for more information.

Vice President External Mohammed Agavi notified council at this time that he is encouraging students to form and apply for club status and to apply for club funding. As of this meeting nearly 75% of the available funding for clubs for the 2017-18 year was still available.

Students should be aware

that the Annual General Meeting for the Fall term will be taking place on December 5<sup>th</sup> in Harvest Hall during the free slot. Popcorn and fruit will be available for all in attendance. Students were able to submit motions for this meeting up to midnight on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

The next regular BUSU

Council meeting will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM rather than the regular 6:00PM. This is due to the meeting occurring after the last day of classes. There has not yet been an announcement on the meeting dates or times for the meetings taking place in the Winter term.

## THE QUILL TO HOST WRITING CONTEST

Ariele Kehler, Editor-in-Chief

The Quill has hosted a holiday-themed writing contest for the past four years, and this year is no exception.

In our last edition of the term, due to come out on Tuesday, December 5th, we'd like to feature a piece written by a Brandon University student! You do not need to be an English major, you just need to be able to string a sentence together.

We ask that submissions stick to the very broad, very vague theme of snow/ice. Write a story about a romantic snow day, a poem about the beauty of a freshly zamboni'd ice rink, or a ballad about a post-apocalyptic snowscape. You write it, we read it, and the winner gets published in The Quill!

Along with a publishing credit, the winner will take

home a gift card to Forbidden Flavours, a vintage Quill t-shirt, and bragging rights. Sweet, sweet bragging rights. Second prize will be published in the online edition of The Quill, and the runner-up will also receive a vintage Quill t-shirt.

Pieces should be in by Friday, December 1st at 4:00PM, and no more than 600 words in length. We also ask that the

material not contain graphic, sensitive content. The pieces will be judged by a crack team of Quill staff members and a bottle of wine, and winners will be contacted by the morning of Monday, December 4th with the good news.

Distract yourself from your end-of-term essays and exam prep and write The Quill a story! Happy writing, everyone!



## OPERATION RED NOSE

Alexandra Mackay, Reporter

The holiday season has begun and so have the holiday parties. Operation red nose is a national volunteer run service that works over the holidays to get you

home safely after a night out. Whether you've been drinking or are just too tired to get behind the wheel, a call to Operation Red Nose will dispatch a 3-person team; to

take you home, to take your passengers home, and to retrieve your vehicle – all free of charge. Founded in Quebec in 1984, Operation Red Nose is a judgement-free response

to combat impaired driving, with any funds raised by the organization being redistributed to non-profit youth organizations across Canada.

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vember 24 and will continue through to New Year's Eve, from 9pm to 2am every Friday and Saturday. To access rides or volunteer, call 204-728-6673.

## ACC ALUMNI RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Alexandra Mackay, Senior Reporter

Assiniboine Community College (ACC) alumni raised \$31,082 for their \$30K in 30 Days campaign intended to provide funds for student scholarships, awards, and bursaries. ACC's Alumni Association's giving campaign ended on November 15, Na-

tional Philanthropy Day, with a thank you event that put them over their \$30K target. Robert Eslinger (Business Administration, class of 1985), Co-Chair of the campaign and member of the Alumni Association board of directors highlights the importance of

such fundraising, "Having been a past recipient of an Assiniboine award, I know very well how much impact these funds have on a student's success". Caelie Walker (Office Administration, class of 2009), campaign Co-Chair says, "we've had over

80 individual alumni donate amounts anywhere from \$20 to \$200 or more, and it's all made a difference". Both Co-Chairs thanked alumni, their employers, friends, family, students and volunteers that participated and donated. In the 2016-17 school year, ACC

was able to disperse a total of \$342,000 through scholarships, awards, and bursaries to more than 300 students. For more information, visit [www.assiniboine.net/30in30](http://www.assiniboine.net/30in30).

## BU RES BANQUET: BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

Peter Donnelly, Reporter

Brandon University holds its official 2017 Christmas Banquet for its residence students on November 23rd. This provides a welcome distraction from the business of the end of term, as well as giving residence students a festive Christmas meal at their home away from home.

So, if you're a residence student make sure you don't

forget to grab your ticket, and enjoy the festivities. The dinner is set to take place in Harvest Hall starting with cocktails at 5:30PM, and supper starting at 6:00PM. As an additional expense to the supper ticket, residence students are permitted to purchase alcohol. The alcoholic beverages available for purchase include a bottle of wine (white, rose,

or red), coolers, and mixed drinks. One alcoholic beverage is permitted per student, and like the supper ticket, is charged to the student's meal plan.

Supper tickets and alcohol tickets are available for purchase through the cafeteria cashiers during cafeteria open hours, however wine was only pre-orderable up to the 24<sup>th</sup> of

November. The festive menu available includes a selection of: dinner rolls with butter, Caesar salad, carved turkey (with cranberry sauce), homemade stuffing, buttered corn, mashed potatoes with gravy, perogies with sour cream and chives, and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

If you have any allergies or dietary requirements, make

sure you tell the cafeteria employee selling you your ticket, as you might be entitled to a discount or they might have to prepare something special. Don't miss out on the holiday fun, socialization with friends, and a delicious meal (plus don't forget the alcohol) and grab your banquet ticket!

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## READY FOR CONVOCATION?

Raelee Fehr, Reporter

After years of determination, long hours of studying (or the stressful period of cramming for finals) and wrist cramps from all that note-taking, you might be ready to graduate. If you meet the requirements for graduation for your three or four-year

program, you can apply for February's convocation.

The deadline to apply for this convocation is December 15th and will be held on February 13th, 2018. There is no ceremony on this date, however students who graduated at this convocation and those

from the October 17th convocation are invited back to attend the June 1st ceremony.

For any questions or concerns regarding convocation and the application process please contact Financial & Registration Services at finereg@brandou.ca or 204-

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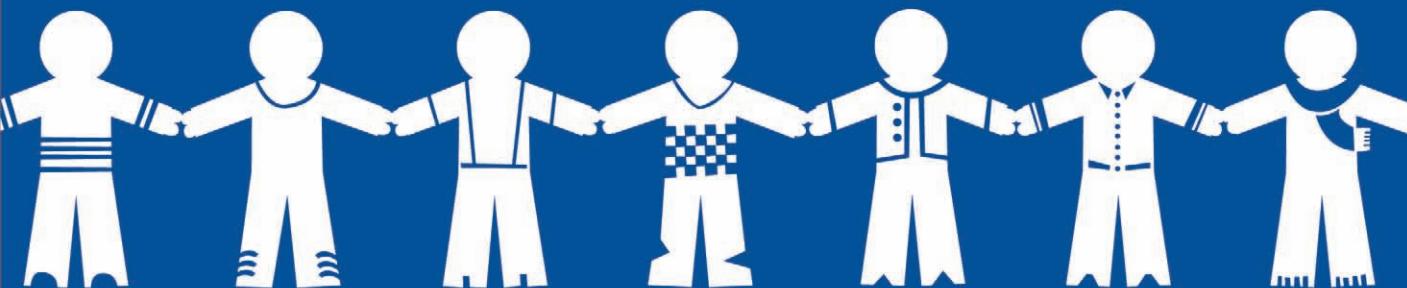


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