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NEWS BRIEF

Written by Amanda Ash

WTF OPEN FORUM

For those wishing to voice their opinions or concerns regarding the state of student writing or writing instruction at the University of Alberta, the Writing Task Force (WTF) will be holding an open forum on Thursday, 23 November.

The Writing Task Force, consisting of a panel of U of A professors that are interested in promoting greater writing skills for students in all faculties, has recently compiled a report that outlines many recommendations, but in order to decide which initiatives should be pushed for most, student input is essential.

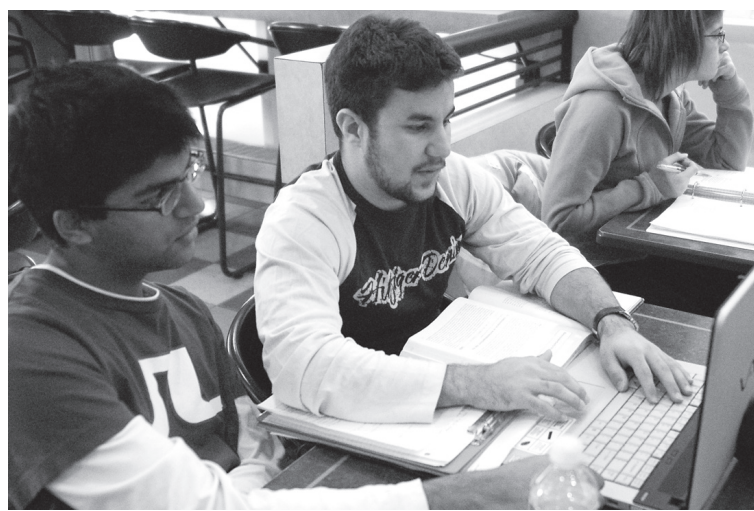
"It seems important that as many students as possible know what was done and what our recommendations are,"

said Betsy Sargent, WTF co-chair and professor of English and Film Studies. "They have a chance to let people know, on campus, what they really want."

"If there are students that have strong feelings about writing at the U of A who want to prepare themselves a little bit before the forum, and have their questions and comments really be effective, they should check out our website and read the first five pages [of the WTF report]."

Sargent hopes that the more feedback WTF receives, the better the chances are of competing with other faculties' claims for available funds, and there's a better likelihood of other departments zeroing in on the issues.

"[W]e've studied where the best writing programs are around North America, and how some of the best writing centers work," Sargent said. "Most have really been interested in writing across the



ANDREW RURAK

NO "I" IN WRITING WTF is looking to give students a hand up in their writing.

curriculum, and that's a situation where you try to encourage faculty in all courses to incorporate a bit more writing."

The forum will take place in the Education North Room N2 115 between 3:30-5:30pm.

CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

Compiled by Mike Otto

PICKY PLUNDERERS PILFER AGAIN

On 8 November a 1994 Ford Escort vanished from the sixth level of Windsor Carpark sometime during the day. The next day, a 1995 Ford Escort was stolen, this time from the first level of Stadium Carpark. The second vehicle was later found on 17 November near 103 Avenue and 109 Street.

THE ACCIDENTAL THIEF

At 10am on 14 November, Campus Security responded to reports of a ne'er-do-well with bolt cutters in hand near a bike rack outside Mechanical Engineering. Upon arriving, they determined that someone had cut a bike lock and then entered the building. After some investigation it was determined that the student had his key break off in his bike lock and borrowed a pair of bolt cutters in order to regain possession of his two-wheeled transportation. In order to prevent sketchy situations such as this Campus Security will help you free your bike if you can prove ownership through a receipt or other means.

INNOVATION BURNINATION

At 10:30pm on 14 November a fire was reported in Med Sciences. Campus Security responded and found that a pile of sawdust under a table saw in the Health Research Innovation Facility—

currently under construction—was getting its combust on. Attempts to extinguish the conflagration were unsuccessful and the fire department was called in. The cause and amount of property damage are unknown.

MOLOTOV: ACCEPT NO IMITATIONS

On 17 November a Molotov Cocktail—described by Campus Security as a "poor rendition"—was found in the northeast stairwell of Education Carpark. No damage was caused and 5-0 quickly disposed of the dodgy device.

NOT YOUR PERSONAL POTTY PLACE

On 19 November a male was identified after having defecated in the bottom of a stairwell in HUB Mall. He had no University affiliation and a questionable grasp on the intricacies of social propriety. He was given a warning and escorted to the LRT where he left campus.

GUNS DON'T HAVE IDIOT STRINGS

At 1:10am on 20 November, constables saw a suspicious male loitering in a stairwell at the south end of HUB Mall. When approached 5-0 got the distinct impression he was under the influence of drugs and found he was in possession of property previously reported stolen. Officers became concerned when they noticed his jacket appeared unusually bulky, in the those-aren't-mittens-in-your-pocket kind of way. When asked he co-operated and presented a handgun—fortunately a nonfunctional replica. He was arrested and handed over to Edmonton Police, who are currently investigating.



ASHLEY SCARLETT

BOTTOMS UP It's not be good for you, but Cindy Jardine knows you'll do it.

Fight social acceptance to reduce risk-taking: Jardine

RISK • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

What is needed, according to Jardine, is a new approach to risk communication, one that focuses less on scaring people into behaving and more on a two-way dialogue between health experts and the public.

"We need to spend more time working on true communication, working on communication that represents a dialogue between people," Jardine said, adding that more time must be spent helping people understand the socio-cultural conditions that lead to the practice and acceptance of risky behaviours.

"The Alberta public needs help in terms of understanding why we do

certain things and of trying to change normative behaviour from the bottom down and the top up," she said. This means involvement from all public sectors, from government agencies to educational institutions, something that necessitates more resources than are currently available to those involved in risk communication.

"We put a lot of resources into assessing the actual quantitative risks and we spend very little time on what we call the social aspects of risk—talking to people about risk, understanding their attitudes about risk, understanding how we can help people make better decisions about risks and their lives," Jardine said.

STREETERS

This weekend was a big one for those who enjoy camping out in front of electronic stores, as Sony's Playstation 3 went on sale Friday morning, and the Nintendo Wii hit shelves on Sunday.

What would you camp out all night to get?



Sierra Jensen
Engineering I



Colin Robertson
Alumnus



Marsha
VanDenEenden
Biology III



Dave Young
Environmental
Engineering III

I would probably camp out in line to get tickets to a Lifehouse concert.

The Wii, if I had money.

I can't think of anything material, but maybe a gift certificate to get my tuition paid.

That's a tough one, maybe cheap rent?

Compiled and photographed by Steve "Smith Investigates" Smith and Mike Otto