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## GRE gets major overhaul

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Those with graduate school ambitions might find themselves surprised come fall, when the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) undergoes radical changes. A standardized test required for admission to many grad schools in English-speaking countries, the new version of the GRE will be longer and may be more difficult.

Changes to be made include lengthening the exam from two-and-a-half hours to four, restricting the number of test-taking days to 35 per year, and altering the computer program with which it's administered.

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MIKE OTTO

**SCORING EARLY AND OFTEN** Keegan McAvoy (centre) gives the Huskies an early lead in Sunday's Canada West final. Saskatchewan won 4-3. Please see page 11.

## Janz draws up plans as SU president-elect

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With every hour that passed last Thursday night, Students' Union president-elect Michael Janz became a little less confident about his chances of winning. Janz had retreated to the second floor of the Powerplant to seek support from friends after election officials told a packed crowd that a recount had delayed the results.

"By the time that had happened, I was convinced that they had done the recount and I had lost," Janz says. In fact, he captured 59 per cent of the final vote in the last round, beating out opponent Amanda Henry for the top spot in next year's SU Executive.

"When the results came in, I was blown away. I'm sure that the 'Plant had a very good profit margin that night. I know with the candidates, the extra hours added to the libations consumed," he adds.

Janz and the crop of new SU Execs might not officially begin their terms until 1 May, but Janz says that the group has already met to spitball ideas for the next year. He says that next year's Executive has a lot of experience to bring to the table.

"Steven [Dollansky] and [Eamonn] Gamble and I all have been councillors, Bobby Samuel was very involved with [University of Alberta Science Undergraduate Society]. Chris Le was ... a councillor up until September. We all have experience with the SU system and we all have a respect for the process," Janz says.

Among the top issues that will face



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**MISTER LISTER** Janz is ready to get his hands dirty and get to working.

the new batch next year will undoubtedly be how to turn the Powerplant around financially. While the campus institution has seen a number of different plans and changes over the years in efforts to bring the bar back into the black, Janz hopes that a radical redesign to convert it fully into student space will draw more students in.

"I believe it's possible to make it into the campus living room that I was talking about," he says. "I just want to make sure ... that these ideas are feasible, and get the support of Council."

While he admits that he received a lot of support from Lister Hall residents after serving as the President of the residence's student association, he stressed that his campaign had captured the support of the U of A campus as a whole.

"There were a couple comments, like when I won, the Gateway issue said that Listerites cheered. Well, I looked down to the crowd and there were a lot of people there who weren't Listerites," Janz says. "I think a lot of what I wanted to be done would benefit all students, no matter their backgrounds or their living arrangement."

However, he says there's a downside to having a strong base of volunteers and supporters: if he fails to live up to the promises that he made during the campaign, he would have a great number of people to answer to.

"I know that [my volunteers] are going to be the first ones to hold my feet to the fire and make sure that I follow up on all the promises ... if I'm not able to ... I better have a damn good reason," he laughs.

## Harper clears air on CO<sub>2</sub>

Prime Minister praises new plan to store Alberta's pollution, but some feel measure too little, too late

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper was in Edmonton last Thursday to announce \$156 million in proposed funding for carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) capture and storage projects in Alberta, a province that produces one-third of Canada's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**"The details we have heard make this announcement sound more like a fossil fuel trust than an ecoTrust"**

EMILIE MOORHOUSE,  
SIERRA CLUB OF CANADA

The projects, which are to be funded by the \$1.5 billion ecoTrust that is to be unveiled in next week's federal budget, would include a proposed pipeline to transport captured CO<sub>2</sub> from Alberta's oil sands to depleted oil fields for storage. The announcements also included money for research into low-CO<sub>2</sub> coal-fired generators, and a municipal waste-fuelled electricity generation project for the City of Edmonton.

"Instead of pumping tonnes of carbon dioxide into the Earth's atmosphere, we may be able to collect it from our oil sands, our coal-fired electrical plants and other industrial emitters, and pump it underground where it will remain for

eternity," Harper said.

In conjunction with the federal announcement, Premier Ed Stelmach also announced Alberta's new legislation on climate change. Bill 3 will require all industrial emitters releasing more than 100 000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year to cut their greenhouse gas emissions intensity (CO<sub>2</sub> per unit of energy production) by twelve per cent between 1 July and 31 December.

Companies that don't comply will be required to buy Alberta-based CO<sub>2</sub> credits to offset their emissions, or contribute \$15 per tonne of extra CO<sub>2</sub> to a technology fund to develop new climate change strategies.

The government expects the legislation to apply to about 100 large industrial emitters, who account for 70 per cent of industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, mostly in oils and production and coal power plants.

The new Alberta bill doesn't legislate absolute reductions in CO<sub>2</sub>, only reductions in intensity—if companies increase production, their allowable emissions will increase.

But not everyone was pleased with the announcement. Activists from the Sierra Club of Canada were on hand, characterizing the plan as empty rhetoric.

"The details we have heard make this announcement sound more like a fossil fuel trust than an ecoTrust," said Emilie Moorhouse, Atmosphere and Energy Campaigner for the Sierra Club of Canada.

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