

Jane Austen book a novel discovery

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"200 years from now, when people come to look at this first edition of *Pride and Prejudice*—which will be considerably older than it is now—they'll know that it was dedicated to the memory of Dr Stovel," Green said. "It's a really lovely job, and it will look like that for the next 500 or 1000 years, for as long as Special Collections is here."

Green is hesitant to say what the selling price of the book would be today. "It's worth thousands and thousands of dollars," she chuckles. "That's all I'm going to say."

However, that doesn't mean it won't be accessible to students or the public. Everyone is welcome to see it and perhaps even hold it.

Nora Stovel, too, hopes that those who visit it will find their memories of a professor, scholar, friend, relative, and blues lover come flooding back too.

"His major literary interest was Jane Austen, and *Pride and Prejudice* was one of his favourites," she reminisces. "When we both taught first-year, we taught *Pride and Prejudice*."

"He also used to read it aloud to me when I did the dishes," she laughs.

“ I use Bear Scat—I think it’s a great system. That’s what makes this decision so difficult.

COUNCIL FORUM

By Ryan Heise

Students' Council meets every second Tuesday in the Council Chambers in University Hall at 6pm. Council meetings are open to all students. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18 September, where free food will be provided for all attendees.

Since the vast majority of Council was spent debating the Bear Scat political policy, very little else on the meeting's order paper was covered. Aside from a nomination of a councillor to sit on the APIRG Board of Directors and one to the Audit Committee, the primary order of business was question period.

NO-PASS

Steven Dollansky, Vice-President (External), was asked how the U-Pass opt-out system for students registered in off campus terms worked. Dollansky explained that if the specific term fell under the criteria of being completely off-campus and the students was not registered in any supplementary courses on campus, the opt-out would happen automatically at the Registrar's end. He ended by saying any student who was

levied the \$75 per term fee and believes they should not have been should take up their complaint with the Office of the Registrar.

LOWER-LEVEL LAB NO LONGER LACKLUSTER

VP (Operations and Finance) Eamonn Gamble was asked whether or not the issues in the SU's computer lab had been resolved. Gamble explained that the problems of logging in were due to an issue on Academic Information and Communication Technologies' end, and that they had been resolved. A follow-up inquired as to whether or not he knew there were mice missing from some computers in the lab. Gamble said he wasn't sure but would look into it.

WOW WOWS STUDENTS

A question directed at VP (Student Life) Chris Le inquired as to how the response to Week of Welcome was. Le stated that the initial reports he's been hearing have been overwhelmingly positive, citing the long lines for the sumo wrestling and inflatable jousting. He said he would make the suggestion to next year's VPSL to look into similar activities so future Deputy News Editors can defeat future SU Presidents in foam-stick-to-foam-stick combat.

SU HANGS WITH THE BIG KIDS

Dollansky was questioned regarding



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a scheduled meeting with Edmonton Strathcona MLA Raj Pannu. He explained the executive has a number of meetings set up with members of each of the three main political parties in Alberta leading up to a possible election in 2008.

'NEUN-UND-NEUNZIG LUFTBALLONS'

Le was asked if he had a plan for the

yearly tuition stunt that the SU pulls each year on tuition deadline day. Le said he was working on it, and it was going to involve a rather substantial amount of balloons, but refused to offer any other information. Past stunts have included trying to push a giant novelty cheque through the Registrar's payment slot and paying a full year's tuition in pocket change.

U of A political science professors criticize American post-9/11 policies

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A group of academics from the University of Alberta met Tuesday, the sixth anniversary of 9/11, to examine the international and domestic fallout from those events—and their assessment was singularly negative.

Professor Emeritus Saleem Qureshi, Associate Professor Yasmeen Abu-Laban, and Assistant Professor Rob Aitken, all from the department of Political Science, spoke about the effects of 9/11 in front of an overflowing audience in a Tory classroom. The discussion was moderated by political science Associate Professor Malinda Smith.

Qureshi, who began the discussion, argued that "War on Terror" is an impossibility—a misnomer intended to conceal the legitimate complaints of the "colonized" peoples who sometimes resort to terrorism and to simplify a complicated reality for the consumption of the public.

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"To colonial powers, the motives of terrorists are never legitimate—the sources of their discomfort, their political and social demands, do not deserve to be taken into account, except under pressure," Qureshi said.

Qureshi went on to say that America, having been complicit under the presidency of Ronald Reagan in the formation, training, and arming of Al Qaeda, hasn't learned from its own history and is committing the same mistakes again.

"20 years after its blindness helped create Al-Qaeda, has the US learned its lesson? The answer, if we are to believe the celebrated journalist Seymour Hersh, is no. The US has brought together a coalition of moderate Sunni states to support all the anti-Iranian and anti-Shia movements, even the most radical. However, the

Iraqi state has imploded, and Afghanistan drips further towards anarchy with each Taliban victory," Qureshi said.

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SALEEM QURESHI
U OF A PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Abu-Laban used her time to discuss the increased racism engendered as a result of 9/11. The attacks, argued Abu-Laban, caused citizens, governments, and academics to see religion—especially Islam—as the central cause of terror-

ism, with corollary problems to the followers of "non-Christian" religions within Canada.

"The renewed attention to religion, and the growing problematization of religion, or at least some religions, is a legacy of September 11th, that I think carries implications for the meaning of human rights—internationally and domestically—and for conceptualizing how racism needs to be fought, and the fronts on which it needs to be fought in the new century," Abu-Laban said.

However, Qureshi noted that a final victory by radical Islamists was unlikely, due to technological and educational deficiencies within the Muslim world.

"The Islamists have not achieved any significant success, either in the ideological front or in the technological front. Military competence in the modern world is dependent upon technological, scientific education. All Muslim states are deficient in modern education," Qureshi said.

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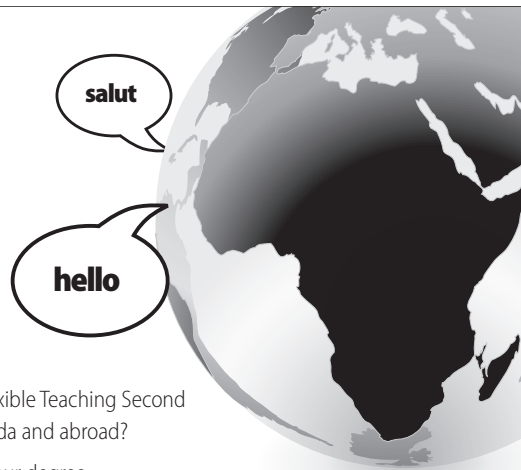
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