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FAKING IT ALL WEEKEND LONG A&E editor Paul Blinov braved Die-Nasty's Soap-A-Thon this past weekend—all 53 hours of it. For the lowdown of all the caffeine-fuelled comedy, turn to page 12.

Former SU prez put on probation

Protesters crash oil company's campus recruitment

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A former University of Alberta Students' Union President was banned from campus for life when a group of radical cheerleaders stormed a Shell recruitment drive on 12 September.

Mike Hudema, who was SU President in 2002/03, said that he, along with fellow anti-tar sands activists, went into Dinwoodie Lounge in "cheerleader fashion" between the event's introductory speech and the speech by a Shell member of tar sands operations.

"We basically went in and performed three amazing songs about how we need to get off our oil addiction [and] how much damage the tar sands are causing," said Hudema, who graduated from the U of A Faculty of Law in 2004. He explained that the group marched off as soon as they were asked to leave, at which point he asked one of the organizers whether he could stay to listen to the speech.

"I wanted to see how Shell would respond," he said. "[But] in about four minutes Campus Security came up, asked me and Samantha Power to step outside—we did so—and eventually I was given a trespass notice and told that I was never allowed on campus again."

According to Hudema, Campus Security explained that the Radical

Cheerleaders group had disrupted a paid event by Shell, and they told him he would have to wait half a year before being able to submit an appeal regarding his lifetime ban from University property.

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MIKE HUDEMA
RADICAL CHEERLEADER
2002/03 SU PRESIDENT

"I went to Campus Security as soon as I was given the trespass notice, and I asked about how I could appeal, and they said I was still on university property and if I wanted to find out about the appeal process, I could call," Hudema said. "I was anticipating that I would be basically be banned from campus for six months."

Hudema then wasted no time in spreading the word of his exiled status, which resulted in what he considers to be a strong show of solidarity in support of the Radical Cheerleaders.

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U of A to get new wi-fi network

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Like many students, fourth-year Bioinformatics student James Leung uses his computer on campus regularly, and relies on the wireless networks provided by the University of Alberta to connect to the Internet. However, unreliable connections and sporadic coverage often make getting online a frustrating endeavour.

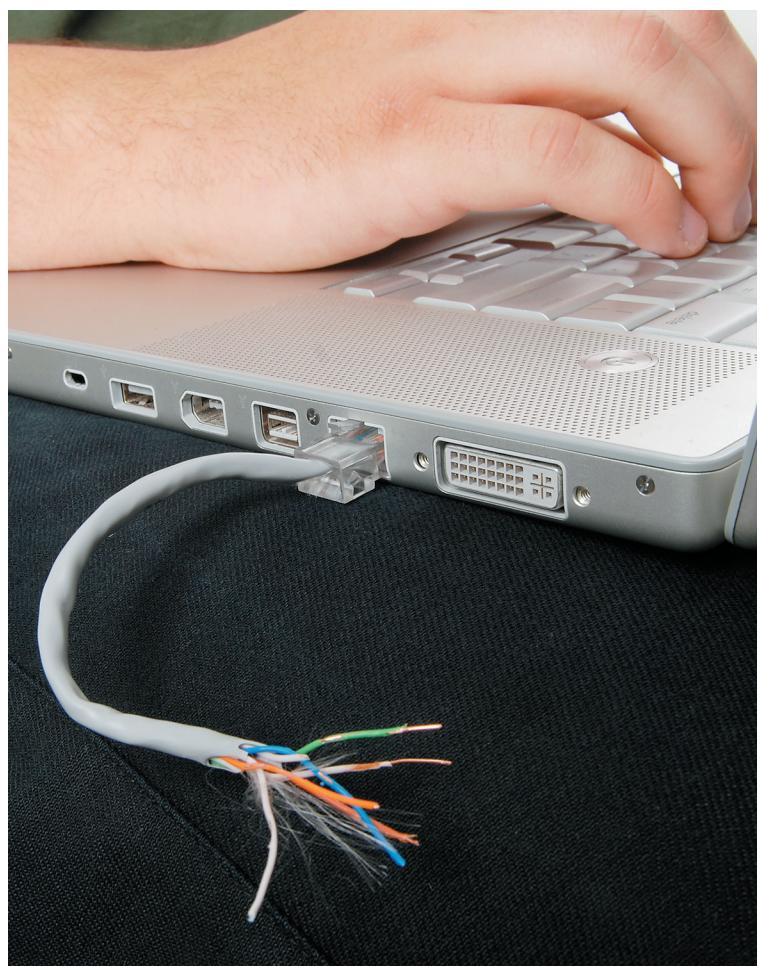
"It's just embarrassing how bad the wi-fi is in SUB," explained Leung, while his notebook computer sat idle in front of him. "I don't know what it is; it might be because everyone goes there and overloads the bandwidth."

However, the University is gearing up to change all that with a \$3.5-million investment in a new campus-wide wireless network.

"The reason we're doing it is really ... in response to what we're hearing from students, but also from the faculties in terms of wanting to have more untethered access to data and computing services," explained Dr Paul Sorenson, Vice-Provost and Vice-President (Information & Technology).

The new service will see a roll-out across campus over the next two years, beginning with Enterprise Square downtown. Following that, the new system will begin to find a home in newer buildings on campus, as they will be the easiest to retrofit. After the new buildings are addressed, high-traffic public areas like SUB and CAB will be updated with the new system as well.

Sorenson explained that the current



SPLIT ENDS Going wireless is about to get a whole lot easier across campus.

ualberta wireless signals that exist as "islands" around the University are not ideal for the campus, as they require more maintenance compared to a larger, blanket network.

According to Sorenson, "increasing

the coverage and improving the service, in the sense of having a single service that will be more reliable and maintainable in the end," are the primary goals of the upgrade.

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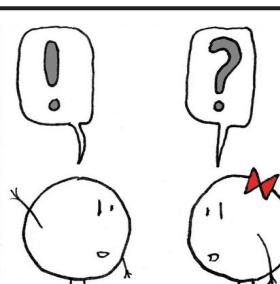
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Circle & stick

Erin Mason spent eight months with the national field hockey team, but now she's back with the Pandas.

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Peanut & Circle

If these two got together, their baby would speak in interrobangs—which, incidentally, are stupid.

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