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# Chair said to improve future cancer research

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"The anti-cancer treatments we use actually sometimes cause cancer, which is kind of ironic. We still use them because if you don't survive your first cancer, you won't be alive to have your second cancer. Obviously, through research, we hope to have treatments that were effective without causing that sort of problem," he explained.

While research in this field is currently ongoing at the U of A, Grundy explained that the announcement of the research chair signals an expansion to include a focus on developing more efficient treatments and strategies for the children of tomorrow.

"The children who are here now always take priority," he said. "We've been successful enough that we feel that we're doing [...] enough for the children of today. Now, a new priority is perceived."

One such priority is to develop cancer treatments that not only work better and have fewer side-effects, but which also have less impact on the lives of those affected by cancer. However, Grundy also hopes the research chair will bring about innovative research in the vast fields associated with childhood cancer besides improving treatment. This includes psychosocial research to develop better strategies to help families cope



RYAN SHIPPELT

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with cancer, and research dedicated to finding prevention protocols.

"If you don't do research, tomorrow has no possibility of being better than today. But if you do research, we'll

know something more tomorrow than we know today. With this endowed chair, we hope that this will be a really focused, deliberate step to establish the ability to do much more," he said.

# Unitarians sink teeth into vampire-zombie discussions

VICTOR VARGAS  
Online Coordinator

On 24 October, the Unitarian Campus Ministry hosted a discussion led by local arts journalist Gilbert Bouchard titled *Vampires, Zombies and Consciousness*.

The Unitarian church has only recently joined the Campus Ministry and is seeking to establish a presence on campus by initiating an open house and a series of discussions, beginning with vampires and zombies. As campus Unitarian Chaplain Reverend Audrey Brooks explained, the Unitarians' open house and first talk was geared around vampires and zombies because it's a very current

topic, especially this time of year.

"Many people, for many, many years, have been sending kids out on Halloween and dressing them up in costumes of vampires and ghosts and zombies and so on, for trick-or-treating, but don't understand the concept behind it," Brooks said.

Beyond the timely aspect of Halloween being around the corner, Brooks explained that there are other motivations to discussing vampires and zombies. With so much literature and coverage on the topic of vampires, Brooks believes that these undead icons are reflecting current world issues.

"There is so much turmoil in the world and so many disasters [...] that

people are looking at archetypes of life and death, and they are trying to interpret those in creative ways," Brooks said. "Concepts of peace and war and justice and human rights are being skewed and discarded. I think that the vampire-zombie-ghost kind of world mirrors the kind of fears people have about normal becoming un-normal."

Bouchard feels that the church is uniquely positioned to host the discourse on these subjects because the religion is based on a set of principles and is open to other ideas.

"One of the reasons we can have this discussion is because Unitarians are an open-source religion. Instead of having a central text we consider a 'holy text,' we actually can apply our

faith to the world as a whole. So one of the things about having a Unitarian discussion group is we can talk about anything we want," he said.

Bouchard also added that Unitarianism isn't so much about recruiting people or projecting a specific view on vampire or zombies but to figure out why people are interested in the subject matter.

"The challenge is that we live in a society where people are fascinated with this subject matter—and it is a subject matter—that has deep philosophical, spiritual, intellectual ramifications," he said. "So the question is what does it mean for our society—what does it mean for us in a [Unitarian] group?"

# STREETERS

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As you may be aware, Halloween is tomorrow.  
**What is your dumbest Halloween story?**



**Vince Jeong**  
Visiting the U of A during his fall break



**Sheetal Patel**  
Science I



**Michelle Hnatiuk**  
Science I



**Graeme Scott**  
Phys Ed I

"I was always the one who wore the dumb costumes. I was always something really obscure, like a robber or something. I was the uncertain child. I don't have actual costumes, so I'd just put random stuff on, and nobody could guess what I was because I myself didn't know."

"I didn't have a costume, and we decided at the last minute to go trick or treating. I was at a friend's house, so I just wore a pair of aviators and a winter coat, and I told people that my costume was under my jacket. One guy was like, 'Oh, are you a movie star?' and I'd say 'Yeah!', and the next person would say, 'Oh, are you a pilot?' and I was like 'Sure!'"

"Trick-or-treating, me and my five friends would bet on who would slip first because it was really really icy out." ["Did someone slip?"] "Of course. It was me. There was always candy betting involved. It cost me a couple of candies to the person who bet on me. Only one [bet on me]. There were some very clumsy people in our group."

"On the pub crawl bus that I was on this weekend, there was a guy having oral sex. There was a girl giving him oral sex. It was pretty well-hidden. The girl just kind of went down, but there were 150 people on this one pub crawl bus, so people were jammed around and it was kind of obvious."

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