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Volleyball Bears sweep for Canada West gold



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If there had been any doubts why the Bears volleyball team finished at the top of the Canada West standings in the regular season, they were silenced this weekend. Alberta, ranked number one in the country, took home their third Canada West banner in four years on Saturday night.

The Bears swept the Thompson Rivers WolfPack 25–19, 25–17, and 25–14 on Friday night to advance to the gold-medal match against UBC. The Thunderbirds—in third place going into the playoffs—proved no match for an Alberta side at the top of its game. Though the first two sets were tight, going 25–19 and 26–24 to the Bears, UBC succumbed to the pressure in the third, losing 25–11 and settling for silver.

Alberta's strengths—power, tactics, and depth—were all on display during the tournament.

"I think this weekend, the things that we [will] need to do, [we] showed. I can't pick a bad performance from the guys who played this weekend," Alberta head coach Terry Danyluk said.

MIKE OTTO

REACHING FOR GOLD The Bears volleyball team (yellow) reigned supreme this weekend, capturing their third Canada West conference title of the past four years.

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University of Alberta School of Business increases international ranking by 13 spots

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The University of Alberta's School of Business has managed to outshine its Canadian counterparts by rising 13 spots in the 2008 *Financial Times* global rankings of Masters in Business Administration (MBA) programs.

The rankings, released last month, show that the School now sits in a tie for 88th spot among the world's top 100 leading MBA programs. It also clocked in as the largest increase in rankings amongst Canadian business schools.

Dean of Business Mike Percy expressed his satisfaction at the U of A's rise in the rankings and the importance of assessing performance on a global level.

"We're very pleased with the growth in our rankings, and we were pleased that we were the only school that leapt 13 ranking spots," he said.

"We engage in rankings primarily with the *Financial Times* in London because it allows us to benchmark ourselves against the global best—not the best in Canada, not the best in the US, but globally."

The School of Business is ranked as the fourth best business school in



RUTH MCGAFFIGAN

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS Dean Mike Percy discusses his school's success.

Canada, sitting behind the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, Canada's highest ranking program at 40th place; the Schulich School of Business at York University; and the Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario.

The rankings order schools based

on how they meet 21 different criteria, ranging from salary of graduates to the percentage of female students and international students at each school. According to Percy, the *Financial Times* criteria are especially relevant to the U of A and its focus on research.

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- SU candidate Q&As part 2: Interviews with candidates for VP (External), VP (Academic), and SU President
- Election Dissection: Provincial Edition

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- Election Dissection: SU Edition

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- The Poster Slam! Our merciless panel of jaded student journalists tears down what the SU candidates have put up.
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- Extra! Extra! It's the Gateway's second-annual Election Special! We'll be distributing a limited run on Friday morning to keep you informed of the final results. Make sure to grab your copy before they're all gone.

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Ballot box overload

Even though you're not going to vote, it's your civic duty to read this so you can backtalk to the poli sci kids.

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Josh's novel approach

Songwriting isn't the only style of penmanship that Josh Ritter's been exploring these days.

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