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**FASTING IN THE SNOW** Students participating in the 30 Hour Famine protest on the steps of the Alberta Legislature.

# Students starve for solutions

30 Hour Famine participants look to raise awareness of global starvation

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The issues of hunger and poverty are often viewed on campus through textbooks and television screens, but last week they became a reality for approximately 50 University of Alberta students who participated in the University's second World Vision 30 Hour Famine.

Organized by representatives from the Make Poverty History and Campus for Christ student groups, the 30 Hour Famine starved students from 1pm on 27 March until 7pm on 28 March in an effort to raise money and awareness for World Vision projects around the globe.

According to Steffen Janzen, a second-year student in international business and one of the organizers of the event, the funds raised from this year's project will go towards providing nutritious food, clean water, medicine, and shelter for children in countries such as Uganda and Ecuador.

"Last year, over 100 000 teens across the country did the 30 Hour Famine, and they raised over \$4.5 million to help children and communities in need around the world," Janzen said. "Last year, [the U of A chapter] raised over \$5000, so we're upping that and hoping to raise \$10 000 this year for World Vision."

As Janzen explained, the event acts

as a practical way to make a difference on both a global and personal level.

"So often we're confronted with these issues in the media and in our studies, and it's hard to find a really practical way to do something. So the nice thing about the Famine is it's really simple and really practical, and I find it's a real growing experience," he said.

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This year's event included a hunger strike on the steps of the Alberta Legislature and added a local component by offering participants the opportunity to serve meals at the Hope Mission.

"It's a cool way, when we talk about hunger and poverty, to actually learn about it in our own local community," Janzen noted. "[It's] good to

help children in Africa, but often we just ignore the problems in our own community, so we want to address local issues and global issues."

Janzen's sentiments were echoed by Mona Horvatic, a first-year science student and representative of the Make Poverty History group who stressed the value of learning about hunger and poverty as an international issue.

"[It] helps you get a good perspective about what's going on in Third World countries," she said.

According to Horvatic, social justice events like the famine allow students to meet other people and to raise awareness. She explained that lasting 30 hours without food is also very doable.

"I find that it was almost psychological," Horvatic said. "If you just kept busy and didn't think about eating, it wasn't that bad."

The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) estimates that over 852 million people worldwide suffer from chronic malnutrition. As Janzen explained, this statistic can be better understood by placing oneself in the shoes of those who don't get enough to eat on a daily basis.

"[It] really causes you to think and [...] appreciate more what we do have and be a lot more aware that this fasting part that we're experiencing is normal reality for a lot of other people."

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## CAMPUS CRIME BEAT

*laptop theft edition*

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### MACKIN' ON MACS

On 24 March at 9:40am, two separate thefts of laptop computers from SUB were reported to Campus Security Services. The thefts occurred between 8:40am and 8:50am from the quiet study room on the main floor of the building. The suspect in both thefts is described as a non-Caucasian male, approximately 25 years of age with braided hair, 5'6"—5'8" tall, 150lbs, and wearing a light coloured hoodie, khaki pants, and an earring in his left ear. The male was observed waiting in the area for approximately half an hour prior to the thefts and left the area through the SUB loading dock. Keep an eye out and let CSS know if this laptop bandit makes a comeback.

### FIRST THEY CAME AFTER ME, NOW THEY'RE AFTER MY FRIENDS

On 26 March at 3:15pm, CSS peace officers responded to a theft complaint in

HUB Mall. A certain Gateway reporter was sitting at a table in the middle of the mall with another person for approximately 15 minutes. He had placed his backpack, containing his laptop, underneath his chair. A short while later, he was getting up to leave when he noticed his backpack was missing. Neither the complainant nor the person he was sitting with observed anyone take the bag.

### DNA LOOKS AWESOME ON HDTV

On 24 March, Campus Security responded to a break and enter in the Clinical Sciences building. It appears that over the weekend, suspects posing as construction workers entered the area and stole two plasma screen televisions from an office within the building. The EPS Identification Unit was contacted, and several pieces of forensic evidence were collected. The investigation is ongoing, and Campus 5-0 is hoping for clues.

### CAT BURGLAR NABS MOUSE ATTACHED TO LAPTOP

At 12:50am on 27 March, officers responded to a theft complaint in SUB. A female student was using a washroom when an unidentified male reached under

the stall door and took her bag, which contained her laptop and other personal items. The male then fled the area. The male is described as Caucasian, approximately 30 years of age, 5'7" tall, 150lbs, and wearing a grey hoodie, baseball cap, and black running shoes.

### PLEASE LEAVE THE PCs

On 27 March at 7:00pm, CSS responded to a report of a break-in at a club office in the School of Business. A laptop bag, containing a club member's laptop and keys, had been recently stolen. It appears that the culprits used the keys to gain access to the club office and steal a significant number of laptops from the area. The EPS and CSS have teamed up to further this investigation.

### AS THEY SAY IN GTA, "BUSTED"

At 2:46am on 30 March, 5-0 officers observed a male, well known to both CSS and the EPS, inside a stairwell in HUB Mall. The male, who had a Playstation and a digital camera in his possession, was subsequently arrested for trespassing. He was turned over to the EPS who are investigating the male for possession of stolen property. Charges are pending.



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