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cadre /'kɑdrē/ 1. A nucleus or core group of trained personnel. 2. A framework, outline, or scheme.



Spy Balloon Spotted Over UPEI

Will take "excellent photos" of Canada Games athletes

BY JAKE MACCALLUM, EDITOR IN CHIEF



It was quite the scene Wednesday morning as an unassuming white balloon was spotted floating above the W.A. Murphy Student Centre. Throughout the quad, students stood in droves, their necks craning to the sky, perplexed while blocking the sun from their eyes with outstretched hands. Then an incisive onlooker detected something off-putting.

"There's a little black thing attached to it. A camera!"

It appears that yet another spy balloon has entered Canadian airspace, and this time it's giving Canada Games athletes some extra target practice.

"We're calling in the archery teams," says UPEI's defence minister. Zero mercy should be shown to these foreign technologies. The athlete who immobilizes this thing will be automatically awarded a gold medal."

As global tensions rise in response to the newfound potential for an alien invasion, various student clubs at UPEI put forth their own solutions.

"Inclusivity above all. Regardless of intent, alien life forms will be welcomed and accepted into our campus community, no questions asked," says a 2SLGBTQUIA+ representative. "We will consider adding another letter for the aliens."

Not everybody showed so much compassion, though.

NOTHING SACRED BUT OUR BOOZE

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"Let's put those little green bastards in cages and open a circus," says a member of the business society. "I hear alien tourism is the next big thing. But first, let's examine their bones for carbon levels."

Alien life aside, the presence of the balloon alone was enough to pit suspicions against political adversaries. "This is China's way of re-infecting the West," says a 1st-year political science student. "I saw green clouds coming out of the tailpipes. Where are our fighter jets, Justin?"

Environmental concerns have also arisen due to the UFO's capacity to create shade.

"The sun is the biggest obstacle to solving the climate crisis," says an environmental studies major. "And while there is no off-switch, every little bit of help counts. Thank you, China."

UPEI administration has released a statement that aims at quelling anxieties around the balloon situation.

"Making Canada Games athletes feel at home is our top priority. The balloon will take excellent pictures of the games, says an administrative member. "We were going to pay our faculty to take pictures, but now we don't have to. Talk about a win-win!"

As this strange object continues to hang over us like the guilt of last weekend, and we continue to scramble and cope with the unknown, let's remember what really matters: we are all going through this thing together. Does anybody know what in the Sam Hill is going on here? Probably not. So find some solace in the fact that you are just as clueless as the rest of us.

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Wakanda Forever

Must-Watch of the Week

BY RAYYAN RAMJAN, EDITOR



Get ready to immerse yourself in the world of Wakanda with the latest Black Panther movie: Wakanda Forever. The movie follows the story of Shuri, sister of the late T'Challa, as she takes on the mantle of the Black Panther.

The writing is insightful and thought-provoking, exploring the themes of power, legacy, and identity. Shuri's journey as the new Black Panther is filled with obstacles and challenges. She struggles with relinquishing her thirst for vengeance but, with her intelligence, strength, and determination, she proves to be a worthy successor to her brother T'Challa.

Namor, the "antagonist" for the movie, is portrayed in an interesting fashion. In the comics he is a complex and multifaceted character, being a protagonist or antagonist but his allegiance has always been to his people. We can see him portrayed similarly in the movie, he is certainly the antagonist of the movie, he wants to get revenge on the surface. but his main goal is to fight for and protect the Atlanteans.

The aesthetic is stunning, bringing the world of Wakanda and Atlantis to life with vibrant colors and attention to detail. It is always astounding how the design for Wakanda constantly improves throughout its apparitions in the marvel movies. I really like the amount of energy they put in commemorating T'Challa, it felt like they were commemorating the late Chadwick Boseman as well. The Atlanteans design were okay, they did not feel authentic enough for me.

Overall, Black Panther: Wakanda Forever is a thrilling adventure that will leave you eager for more. So, suit up and join Shuri on her journey as the new Black Panther!"

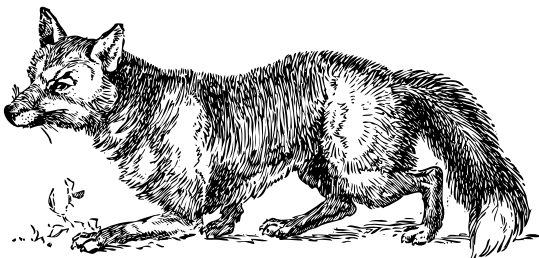


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Surviving Poets Society



ORPHAN
BY DANA CHATTERJEE

Who should you go to now?
for the person you call home
is no longer there
and you're left homeless

wandering aimlessly
no sense of direction
trying make sense of the world
this time all alone

your body's gone all numb
doesn't seem to cooperate
a soulless corpse
in a living body

eyes have gone dry pouring out
all the pain your heart is
enduring
and yet the bleeding doesn't
seem to stop
for your band aid has been
ripped off

so who do you go to now
that your home has been
snatched away?

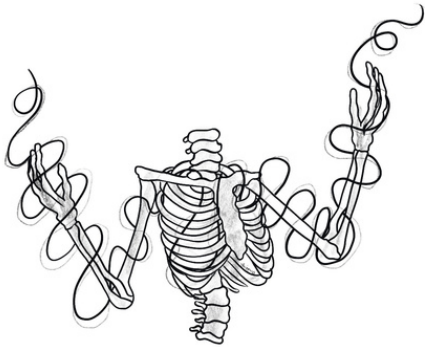
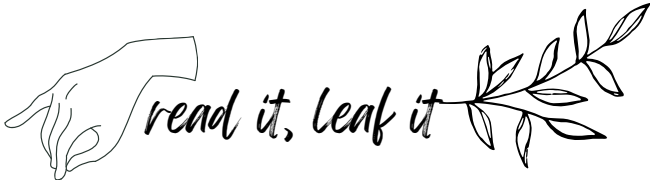


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Stranger Danger

Breaking Isolation

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Growing up we were taught that strangers mean danger because we don't know what their intentions might be. The idea of "stranger danger" is still very much prevalent today as we have the ability to mask our true selves behind a nice profile picture and some text on a screen. This may have gone a bit too far.

Instead of looking our fellow humans in the eye as we walk by, we shuffle aimlessly through our phone screens. Instead of striking up a conversation with someone next to us, we dive into a pool of notifications. Instead of sparking an interaction, we actively put out the kindling that could lead to a flame of connection.

While stranger danger is well-intentioned, to be so shy and cut off from our fellow humans can lead us down a lonely road. The little everyday connections are lost when we constantly escape reality. We tend to forget that some of the closest and dearest relationships we have are only existing because we risked "danger" and talked to a "stranger". Almost everyone we meet in life, at one point or another, was a stranger to us, and yet we still feel awkward when we sit down in a room full of people we don't know. All those people we don't know now may mean so much to us in the future if only we have the courage to reach out and forge a connection. It may work, or it may not, but it's better to try than to stay in a little safety bubble.

We worry about rejection and worry that those we don't know may hurt us, or dislike us, but the exact opposite is more likely. To cut ourselves off like islands is only furthering our longing for connection. Yet we will never know until we take the small leap and talk to a stranger. So take a chance and embrace the discomfort, and connect with a stranger because you never know, they might be one of the best things that could happen to you.

UPEISU Elections



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Vice President Academic & External
Vice President Student Life
Arts rep
Science Rep
Business Rep
Math and Computational Sciences Rep
Engineering Rep.
Nursing Rep.
Veterinary Medicine Rep
Ombudsperson
Graduate Student Rep.
International Student Rep.
Residence Rep.
2SLGBTQ+ Rep.
Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Rep.

Nominations close Feb. 17
Candidates Meeting Feb. 17
Campaigning Begins Feb. 18
Candidates Introduction & Debate March 9,
6pm Fox & Crow
Campaigning End March 20
Voting March 21 & 22

Trivia from The Fox Star Wars

1. What is Baby Yoda's real name?
2. Where did Obi-Wan take Luke after his birth?
3. On Tatooine, what name did Obi-Wan go by?
4. Who killed Jabba?
5. Who created Star Wars?

Check out Trivia at the Fox and Crow
Wednesdays at 7pm, with your host Owen
Shaw!



ANSWERS

1. Grogu 2. Tatooine 3. Ben 4. Princess Leia 5. George Lucas