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VERY VAN IGNEEN

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Student Life

This week it was my utmost pleasure to have the privilege to interview Dr. Barbara Van Ingen. As you will see in this interview, Dr. Van Ingen plays a vital role in helping make Concordia a better place to learn.

Peter Fourlaris: "Tell the reader about your role at Concordia, you're the Dean of Students and also a counseling psychologist, what do both of those titles mean?"

Dr. Barbara Van Ingen: The Dean of Students role oversees all of the non-academic roles for students on campus, that includes a wide range of things from athletics, residence, accommodation services, career services, and counseling services. Plus I'm responsible for the student code of conduct, I advise students on their rights and responsibilities for their behavior on campus. I get to support students in a counseling relationship through whatever issues they may be dealing with.

PF: "What is your favorite part of your job?"

BVI: "The students, absolutely the students, there's long days and a lot

of work to be done, but for me the relationships I get to build with the students and the impact Concordia has on their life and the impact they will have on the world. To have some part in their educational experience is huge for me."

PF: "What is the most stressful part of your job?"

BVI: "Part of my responsibility is with Concordia's behavioral report and responsibility team, and sometimes we get reports from anyone that is on the campus community. I feel a huge sense of responsibility in ensuring the safety of Concordia students."

PF: "How many years have you been working at Concordia?"

BVI: "Fourteen and I'll be here until 2040 when I retire!"

PF: "What is the most strange or funny thing that you have seen on campus?"

BVI: "I have seen many strange or funny things, but I'd say the funny things I enjoy seeing are student activities and events, like last year when the bouncy castle was here and seeing students on that, or at open mike night, or at the pep rallies for athletics. Seeing those funny times when the campus gets together are the most rewarding to me."

PF: "What is your favorite hobby or activity away from work?"

BVI: I have to go to the gym it is my stress reliever. I used to compete in Olympic weightlifting. I still love to go to the gym and lift weights. Otherwise I still love to read a good book, especially mysteries or autobiographies.

PF: "Do you have any advice for students entering their first year?"

BVI: Academics of course are important, but so are the co-curricular things. So get

involved to get the most out of your university experience.

Thank you very much Dr. Barbara van Ingen for a great interview, and great advice. I hope this article can show everyone what a wonderful and interesting individual you are.

Finally, if you, the reader, have anyone in mind that you would like to see featured in one of my articles, you can send in your requests to me. I can be reached through my email pfourlar@student.concordia.ab.ca or via twitter @PeterF_94.



IT STARTS WITH ONE

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Advice Column

In this world there will be naysayers, evil-doers, and people who generally disagree with your decisions. These types of people seem to only arise when what you are doing interferes with their beliefs. One thing everyone needs to realize: there will always be individuals who will disagree with you, that's just the way it is. No matter what your decision is, someone somewhere will disagree with it.

Some people use this as motivation; others allow it to deflate them. Though you can't brush off what people will say to you without first analyzing what it is, you need to be able to ignore it and find out what works best for you. No matter what someone says, there are no one-size-fits all style of life. Funny thing is, once the dust settles these individuals are usually nowhere to be found. Anyone can critique, it takes true character to provide constructive criticism and support.

Find more people in your life who accent who you are and make you a better person. I'm the type of individual who believes the best in everyone. University is a stressful period of time; but this is where you start to find yourself, where you start to form your niche in this world. Keep an open mind and seek opportunities and people that will supplement your livelihood.

Keep good people in your life. As stated in the last article we all need to be able to take risks and seek out new experiences in life. Instead of always having to find new friends every time you try something new, hold onto your true friends and value them as such. These friends will carry you through the rough times, and ride high with you through the good times. These are the types of friends who don't care what you do, as long as it makes you happy.

I try and support people in any way I can: with love, patience, and understanding. It doesn't have to be my good friends, as I care about everyone I meet. I would never

wish evil upon even my worst enemies, let alone a stranger in the streets. Working with individuals who truly have nothing has given me perspective on the fact that we all live such rich, fulfilling lives. No matter what situation you are in you are never alone in being content, you are never alone in suffering.

I strive every single day to be more than an advice column writer, more than a social worker, more than a friend. I'm never satisfied; I always want to exceed expectations that I put upon myself. It's a satisfying feeling knowing that even if I fall face first on the pavement I've built strong enough relationships that I can feel comfortable knowing someone will be right there to pick me up.

It's fortunate to have that type of comfortability because I realize not everyone has it. However, everyone can have it. All you need to do is provide this same type of care and love to everyone you meet. The ones worth becoming your friends will be the ones who reciprocate this attitude towards you, and the ones who stay by your

side through thick and thin.

Everybody deserves somebody; whether it is a best friend, a sibling, a spouse, or just a mentor. I don't care who you are or what you've done, if you treat me with dignity and respect I will do the same for you. Give everyone a clean slate; don't judge people on their past decisions and hope they will do the same for you.

Of course, not everyone will live by this mentality. There are plenty of individuals who are simply too narcissistic to value others as much as themselves. So why not be that change you want to see in the world? Every major shift in public thinking begins with an idea, and is put in motion by one individual. Be that stand-up, loving and caring individual. Treat your neighbors well, despite any differences you may have. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask me at kdsieben@student.concordia.ab.ca. All entries will remain 100% anonymous, and I will do the best I can to help you through any circumstance.

HERE COMES THE FUN

Mitchell Jones

VP Student Life

Hello students and staff at Concordia, my name is Mitchell Jones, and I am the current VP of Student Life on your CSA. I am a fifth year management student with a minor in History. I am originally from Saskatchewan and moved to Edmonton to attend Concordia. For the first two years I played on the Men's Basketball team, then became a Residence Assistant in the men's dormitory, and finally found my way here to the CSA

As the VP of Student Life I am in charge of many different aspects of student life. I am mostly responsible for making sure that

you all are having a great time at Concordia and you enjoy your time here. I am responsible for organizing and executing all major events outside of the school and events at Concordia. This includes pub-crawls, CUCA Spooka, Spring Break Ski-Trip, Thunderwear Fridays, the Ugly Sweater Contest, and future parties and events this year. If there is an event the CSA is putting on, I probably have some sort of responsibility in planning and running it. In this position I get to look at what worked well in the past for the CSA, event wise, and say "that hasn't worked in the past, let's try it this way", or "hey, we have never done this kind of event before, let's try

Being a part of the CSA has been one of the best decision I have made since coming to Concordia. It has allowed me to expand my skill-sets that Concordia has helped foster in

me. It has also made me face some of my fears and apprehensions and to move past them and become a better, more reliable person. Through this position I am able to see events I want put on at the school and see them grow and take shape. There are days where the work required to make sure an event like CUCA Spooka or the Ski-Trip happens can be exhausting, but that's part of the fun in this position. You get to learn about how you handle stress and strive to get past the stress to see an event succeed. Being able to talk to students who have ideas for events at Concordia and being able to make those desires come alive for students is what gets me excited to come to school every day.

We have a bunch of events coming up for you guys and gals to attend here at Concordia. Make

sure you keep your eyes out for signs and poster for upcoming events. Upcoming events include:

- February 13th: Valentines Events
- February 16th-19th: Ski Trip
- February 27th: Hockey Pep Rally
- March 11th: Wing Night
- March 27th: Final Thunderwear Friday

I encourage you all to come out to as many events as possible here at Concordia. University life is about trying new things and experiencing as much as possible. You will enjoy your time at Concordia way more if you venture out and try new things.



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THUNDER BADMINTON KICK OFF FIRST ACAC EVENT

Anne Perrault

Athletic Ambassador

The Thunder Badminton team traveled to Olds this past weekend to participate in the first badminton tournament of the year for ACAC. It was an Alberta series event hosted by Olds College. In general it was an amazing weekend for the Concordia athletes. There were many great results from the first tournament of the year. The Thunder team collected 73 points over this great weekend and at this time are in 2nd place in team events. They are currently 12 points behind the NAIT Oaks and are well ahead of Olds and Kings College. Points are accumulated by getting 3 points if you are in the A side, 2 points for the B side and 1 point for the C side. If you lose your first match you go to the C side and if you lose your 2nd match you go to the B side. If you keep winning you stay in A.

For individual athletes there were many excellent results. Connor Reinson had a really good weekend in Singles. He was a little rusty at the start as he was recovering from a hockey injury but he steadily improved over the weekend and got back in game shape.

He went 5 - 1 in Singles play and won the B division. Coady Duncan also had a good weekend in Singles. He went 4 - 1 and won the C division because he lost his first match. Andre Leblanc also went 3-2 in Singles but lost in the B semifinals. On the girl's side, Rachel Smillie had a really tough draw and lost her first match, but went 3 - 1 and won the C division. Lindsay Ross went 2-2 but also had a strong weekend.

In Doubles action Coady Duncan and Andre Leblanc cruised through their first two matches in the A side, but lost in the quarter finals to a team from Calgary that eventually won the entire tournament. Other Doubles teams of Erin O'Neill/Lindsay Ross went 2-2 and Angela Cheng/Alysha Berkner went 1-2, but both teams had some great matches.

In mixed action Coady Duncan and Willow Frissell went 3-2 and lost in the B final, but played very well. Rachel Smillie and Connor Reinson once again had a very tough draw, losing their first match but going 3-1 and winning the C division. Erin O'Neill and Andre Leblanc lost out in the quarter finals but won their first two matches in the A side.

Andrew Rank and Alexander Stewart - both first year players - had a very strong tournament and improved so much with the experience they received and they will continue to improve more and more.

The Point Standings after Tournament #1 were:

- 1st: NAIT - 85 points
- 2nd:

- Concordia - 73 points
- 3rd: Olds - 25 points
- 4th: Kings - 22 points

The ACAC Championships will be hosted at Concordia this year on Saturday February 21st. Come out and support our badminton teams!



LET'S HAVE SOME FUN...AND GAMES

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Trending is our section where we dedicate a little bit of time and space to certain stories that don't really fit anywhere else or just don't get the attention they deserve due to our submission schedule. For whatever the reason here are this week's trending topics!

#TimHortonsLayoffs

In Canadian news we were hit with another round of layoffs, not Target as we already know they are a lost cause here, but Tim Hortons' corporate offices let go about 20% of their employees, some that have been working for the company for over 30 years. This is all a part of the merger with Burger King and in reality doesn't come as much of a shock since there will be overlap within the two companies, especially on a corporate level.

#WhoYouGoingToCall

The new director of the upcoming Ghostbusters movie hinted at the casting of the newest flick with a picture on his Twitter account. The contracts for these leading ladies, you heard me, is apparently still up in the air but this definitely Paul Feig's dream team. The picture included: Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, and Leslie Jones. What are your thoughts on this new Ghostbusters cast?

#FanFourStic

The new Fantastic Four trailer came out from Fox and seemed to have the internet divided. One side fighting about the fact that it seems to be too much of a departure from the Marvel comics that we know and love, the other side commenting on the fact that it looks like a decent sci-

fi flick. With the popularity and quality of Marvel Studio's movies it's sad to see that we couldn't get the best of both worlds because the rights are owned by Fox.

#Snowmageddon2015

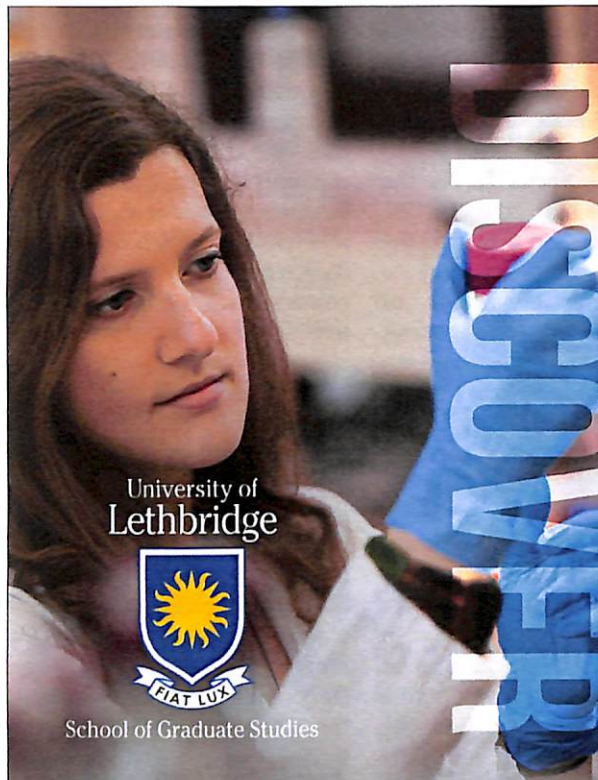
A massive snowstorm was set to hit the east coast of the US and Canada, but seemed to fall quite short of expectations. The interesting thing about the whole affair was what people seemed to be stocking up on in preparation for the storm. Gone are the days of canned food! Veggies and fad diet foods were the hot ticket item, along with water, as the store shelves were emptied of kale, other perishable veggies and other assorted diet foods. What has happened to this world where even in emergencies we still can't buy canned beans because of some weird fad or diet.

#ObamaIndia

President Obama is taking a grand tour of India and making waves while doing so. From his wife not wearing a head-covering to Obama forging some great ties with trade with not only India but many other Asia-Pacific countries, showing places like China how it's done. Good thing Obama made it out of his country before the Snowmageddon hit as it's much easier to send words of hope for those bracing for the freezing temperatures from the blazing heat of India.

#CSALaunchParty

For all those that came out to the OurCSA.ca Launch Party we hope you had a great time and for those that missed it, be sure to catch the next great CSA event as it should just as amazing as the last one!



HOW CAN NEUROSCIENCE HELP CHEMOTHERAPY PATIENTS?

It's a question graduate student Anna Kovalhuck (BSc '14) is seeking to answer.

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MEANWHILE, IN HONG KONG...

Simone Alaine Polo

Politics

A few months ago I began to cover the story of the Hong Kong Protests. It has been long enough that I would like to return to address what has been happening there since we last talked about it.

Now, the Occupy Central – now also under the name Umbrella Revolution – move meet has pushed forward and gained terrain against the Chinese government. In October 21st, the student leaders, the renowned Alex Chow of HKFS with them, held talks with a government delegation led by Carrie Lam after the talks with the government were called off earlier that month. However, these talks were considered to be unsuccessful and fruitless. Two days later, a group of protesters hiked the iconic Lion Rock to set up a banner in attempt to gain more presence. The banner included a pro-democracy slogan. But, this banner was later took down by government officials.

Despite this gained ground for the protesters, they have been greatly pushed back by the government of China. In attempt to spread out their movement, Alex Chow and two other students were accompanied by 300 supporters as they attempted to fly over to Beijing. The intentions of the trip were supposedly to meet up with the Chinese authorities and discuss the matter. However, this attempt was unsuccessful as their traveling visas were deemed as invalid.

Currently, the pro-democracy protesters and students in Hong Kong are not allowed to go elsewhere in China under the notion that they are threats to national security.

“A growing number of people in Hong Kong who have taken part in the city's recent pro-democracy protests are suddenly finding themselves denied entry into China. The action has shocked many and sparked widespread belief that Chinese authorities have assembled a blacklist with hundreds, perhaps thousands, of names in recent months.” (Source: theguardian.com)

The notion of these blacklists have created the sense of paranoia amongst many of the citizens of Hong Kong.

Later on, in November 26th, police officials mobilize into the Mong Kok to dismantle the protesters' camp site. This events brings about violent clashes between the protesters and the police. And over the following nights, the protesters attempt to regain the camp.

Four days after, in retaliation to the Mong Kok incident, hundreds of protesters blockade government offices. However, the protesters are fenced by police officials who use water hoses and batons against them. This goes on from November 30th to December 1st.

The following day, December 2nd, the three co-founders of Occupy Central - Benny Tai, Chan Kin-man and Chu Yiu-ming – hold a conference to call the students to retreat, as they

reestablish their goals to focus on reforming the civil society.

December 6th, teenage activist, Joshua Wong, ends his four day hunger strike due to a doctor's recommendation.

Then onwards, the police officials move on forward at taking down the blockade as they are met with no resistance. However, protesters claim that this will not be the end of it.

Thus, we are left with the question of whether Beijing has succeeded at taking down the protesters or whether there is more to come from them.

Since late October, the momentum of the Occupy Central movement has been spiraling down to the point of reestablishing their goals. For some people this is concerning, for in reestablishing the goals of the movement, is Occupy Central aiming to improve the conditions of Hong Kong.

Clearly, the focus is on the reform of the civil society, so in a sense, to a degree the movement is attempting to improve the conditions of Hong Kong. But, of course, others would be concern with the notion that these are diluted goals that may only improve the superficial aspects of that society.

However, another position that I haven't talked about yet is the Anti-Occupy perspective which concerned itself with the economic stagnation of Hong Kong. Essentially, in this view people believe that the Occupy movement will slow down business and economics

in Hong Kong, thus resisting the protests. In this regard, what they are left with is relief.

Another element to the Hong Kong conflict is that the protesters have, to some degree, a nationalistic response by branding themselves as “not China.” A similar statement can be said about Taiwan for that matter. I believe BBC's Carrie Gracie puts this idea eloquently when she says that: “Far from assimilating easily to an increasingly wealthy China, Hong Kong and Taiwan are growing more defiant. And adding to the list of troublesome peripheries whose citizens can't be trusted to behave like true Chinese patriots...” (Source: bbc.com.)

While China's government is trying to unify its population through a message appealing to the community, this is failing to reach the key audiences in Hong Kong and Taiwan. Ultimately, it seems that the problem in China not only has a political and economic dimension, but also a sociological-nationalistic dimension concerning the communities of people that live within China's territory.

Thus, in talking about Hong Kong, and Taiwan by extension, we should take precautions in understanding that these populations do not identify as Chinese, for they are not held together by the same national identity and national values that weave their movements against Beijing. Only time will tell whether the protesters in Hong Kong were true about coming back against Beijing.

MISSED THE TARGET

Blake
Novak
Business

I'm sure that many of you have heard the recent announcement from American retail giant Target, but if you have not, the announcement is that they plan on leaving Canada within the next few months. Many analysts attribute this to poor brand management, moving too quickly into Canada, and lack of a strong supply chain. I recently walked through their West Edmonton Mall location and noticed they have minimal stock and fewer staff. While it is clear that they won't be around much longer, it seems that this is one company that rushed into an expansive market like Canada, and didn't address the needs of their audience. This same strategy can be applied to your own working life and how you market yourself to a potential employer.

Know your Brand: If you get the chance to visit a Target

location in the United States, you will see another picture entirely. Many partnerships with major brands, low prices, and a wide variety of selections are just some of the major components that make Target a direct competitor to Walmart. They have a presence that impacts the retail landscape of the United States, but when they came to Canada, they lost most of that. Target has 133 stores across Canada, and some of them opened as late as 6 months ago. They don't have the same products that they offer in the States, and they only recently started offering their special RED card, providing additional discounts. All of this left a negative impression on Canadian consumers, hurting their brand, and ultimately led to the quick demise. How does this apply to you? Well, you need to take inventory of your personal brand, and know how people perceive you. What sets you apart from others in the group? What do you bring that

no one else can? These are questions you should ask yourself when it comes to making this list, and it should be something that you maintain. If you have strong organizational skills, figure out what habits make that happen. If you are always on time, make sure to not over commit to any projects. A consistent employee is often a greater asset than one who has a moment of greatness.

Learn the marketing basics: When Target first arrived, they attempted a media blitz, covering television, radio, print and social media forms with advertisements to alert consumers to their presence in Canada. The problem was that many store weren't open yet, and customers could experience the promises made in the advertising. Again, we can apply this to you, and how you market yourself. Remember that social media can be a doubled edged sword, and that while those pictures you post of your Saturday night are hilarious

now, privacy settings are not all powerful. Keep in mind what image you want to convey to those around you and if they reflect your personal brand. The old adage goes "There's no such thing as bad publicity", but don't take that to heart. Perception is reality for many people, so be aware of how you put yourself out there.

Lastly, don't forget to network with professionals, just like you can do at the CBA's Annual Business Conference, taking place March 7th, 2015 at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club. Tickets are available online at tinyurl.com/ConcordiaBAABC, and also in the bookstore for \$15 each. This includes a 3 course meal, keynote speaker Dr. Paul McElhone, and a networking session with professionals in the Edmonton business community. Contact cba@student.concordia.ab.ca for more details!

AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

Kelsea
Gillespie

Travel

Porto, Portugal, was listed as the top 2014 “European Best Destination,” and for some very excellent reasons! Porto is, in my humble opinion, one of the most beautiful European cities there is to see. Although Porto was not on my original itinerary, it seemed necessary that it should be upon arriving in Portugal. Although Lisbon is bustling, coastal, and beautiful, Porto has a classic European feel whilst still maintaining it’s own unique Iberian quality. The classic orange rooftops, the towering cathedrals and old buildings, the tiled houses, and the Duoro River all contribute to Porto’s charm. Porto gives one a sense of relaxation, safety, and care. Meandering up and down the winding roads felt simply nourishing for the soul.

One of the best things Porto is known for is their export of port wine. Port is a sweet, full-bodied red wine (although there are also white options), with an alcohol content averaging around 20%. It 1756, port

wine became protected under the General Company of Viticulture of the Upper Douro, meaning that only wines from the Duoro region of Portugal could be labeled as port wine.

During our first day in Porto, it seemed necessary to walk across the beautiful blue arch bridge spanning across the Duoro River and into Vila Nova de Gaia to see what all the fuss was about. The docks on the “port” side of Porto are lined with traditional port trading boats, ready to take you on a tour of the Duoro River (tickets ranging from 10-20 Euros, and usually including some complimentary port tastings for afterwards). I highly recommend taking a boat ride, particularly if you are traveling in the summertime. The Duoro River is beautiful, the sun is warm, and although you do not get to see the rolling hills of the Duoro vineyards, it is a wonderful way to see both sides of Porto and appreciate the architectural and aesthetic beauty of this old city (it should also be noted that you can choose to take a bus tour to go see the hillside port wine vineyards).

After seeing Porto by boat in the hot sun, I was compelled to seek some shade and air-conditioning. An excellent way to do this is to go into one of the many port wine company buildings and opt into a tour of their cellars and manufacturing process. The amount of time it takes to produce port is astounding, and the process quite complicated. I cannot remember all of the details from the tour of Calem building, as it was after several rounds of port tasting, but I can recall the massive oak casks and storage barrels. Upon finishing the tour, there is usually more port tasting to be done. After the many port tastings, I found myself feeling very happy, and truly being able to discern the distinct flavors between the tawny and ruby ports that Vila Nova de Gaia has to offer.

After all the port tasting, it was time to eat. Both Portugal and Spain have incredible amounts of cured hams and meats, which you really must try if you are granted the opportunity. And to go with it, I would suggest some port wine sangria in the hot Porto sun, which is by far

the most flavorful sangria I have ever had in my life (made with ruby port and an assortment of frozen berries).

Do not be fooled however! Although the port wine experience in Porto was a delicious way to spend an afternoon, it is not all to see in Porto. Porto has some truly wonderful restaurants with colorful characters that serve there, as well as a downtown core that has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Porto also has a beautiful bookstore, Livraria Lello & Irmão, which Lonely Planet has classified as the third most beautiful bookstore in the world. It has also been claimed that Livraria Lello & Irmão is where J.K. Rowling first conceptualized the idea behind the Harry Potter book series, where the world-renowned best selling author lived for ten years prior to her creation to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. Although do note, most of the literature sold at this location is largely written in Portuguese, a rather unfortunate thing that I discovered upon arrival.

Besides the sites there are to see, Porto has an exquisite charm all of its own, only to be found in the streets, the chocolate, and the children bathing in the public fountains. Porto will do no less than capture your attention, no matter your interests, and likely your heart also.



JUST KIDDING FILMS

Rachel
Whipple
Entertainment

This article is about my secret addiction - a youtube channel called "Just Kidding News".

All it is a few friends sitting in a room discussing their views on current news stories. These guys are mostly of Asian descent and are super hilarious. Sometimes they talk about serious news stories like one about a 16 year old girl committing suicide after being bullied. It was interesting hearing their point of view and how they considered all sides of the story. The girl had posted on facebook "Would anyone cry if I died?", the next day she was found hanging in her closet (goo.gl/gJ120b). They also talk about more light hearted news like the headline "Justin Beiber is Offered 2 Million to Shoot a Gay Porn" (goo.gl/x3RrLZ). This group of people are great friends and are always cracking jokes with each other and having a really good time. They always make me laugh, think, and keep watching. They are all intelligent people who take these current events seriously, but they make it fun to watch as well.

These guys also have three

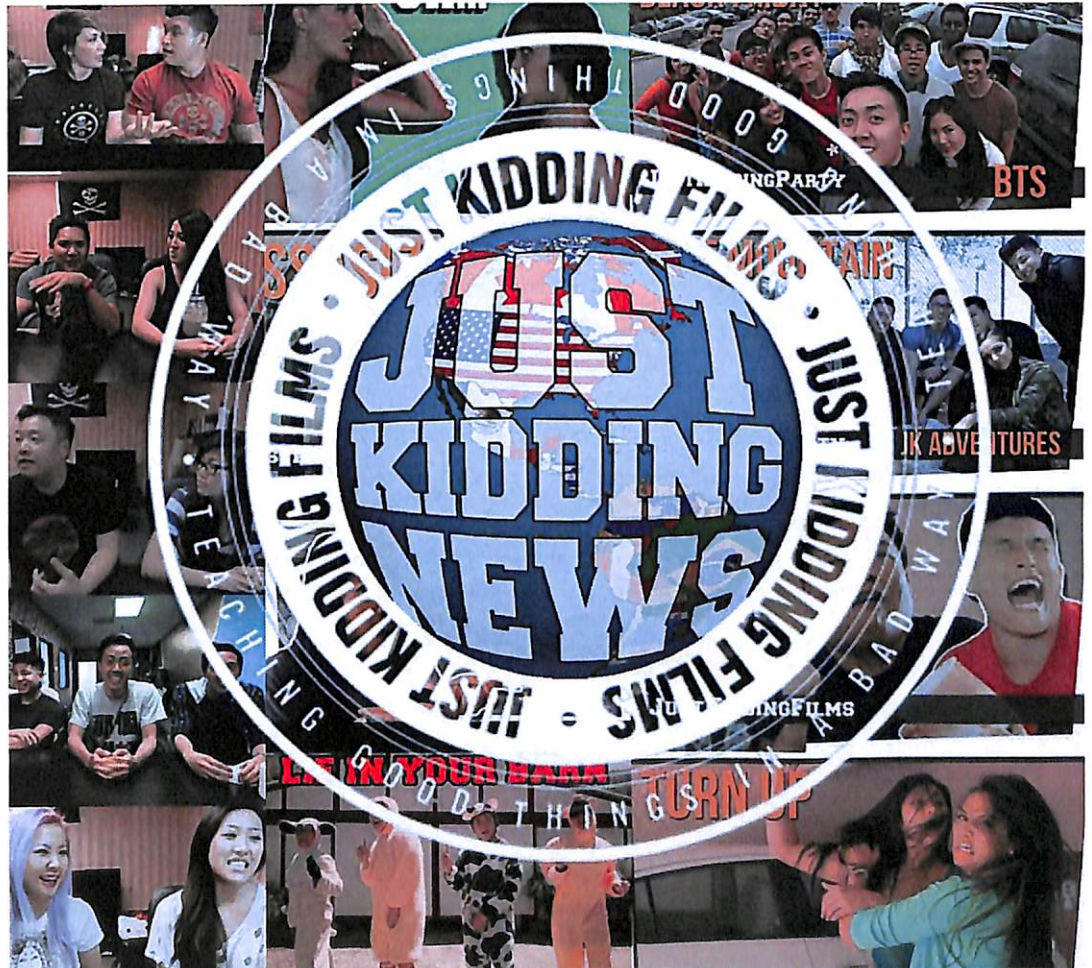
other channels. They have a party channel where they play fun games, prank each other, and goof off (youtu.be/JustKiddingParty). Just Kidding Gamer is a channel where members react to playing video games (youtu.be/JustKiddingGamer). Their most prominent channel, Just Kidding Films is of short comedic films (youtu.be/justkiddingfilms).

They also frequently produce short documentaries on the

Just Kidding News channel and these are some of my favorite videos by them. I just watched one this morning about how specialty coffee is produced and latte art. It was hilarious seeing Joe try to master the art of decorative coffee. One of my favorite Jk News Documentaries is about their friend Clara C. who is a musician. She talks about her creative journey and how her art became a chore. I think this is something that all artists struggle with

- once you rely on your art to support yourself, it can become a job and it can be hard to feel inspired. I thought it was an intriguing insight on the thought of a working musician and how she had to regain her passion for her craft. You can check it out here: goo.gl/wgZUBj.

For more info check out fb.com/JustKiddingFilms and to subscribe to their channel head to youtu.be/JustKiddingNews.



WAITIN' ON A TRAIN

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Have you heard the news? There is a new LRT line here in Edmonton and I have taken it upon myself to test out the new line that attaches the light rail transit from NAIT to the lines we all know and sometime love.

As I arrive I notice the newness of the station by Kingsway Mall, it even has the caution tape up like it's still under construction or something, the city should really be aware of this, it seems to be turning people away as I'm the only person here.

It's been fifteen minutes and the train has not yet arrived. I'm also still alone, which I find odd at one in the afternoon. The anticipation is really getting to me, I figure so many people are taking this new line that it's making the train run slower. It must be one hell of a ride!

1:15PM Another fifteen minutes and still no train. I'm running out of water and didn't bring any form of nourishment as I thought this would be a quick trip. I guess I'll have to start conserving the remain water I have.

1:45PM - Out of water. I was really thirsty, what can I say? Still no train, but another person has shown up. He has a large trench coat and an unkempt beard that has many small bits of indistinguishable objects in it. This new man gives me hope

that the train will soon come.

2:30PM - I'm growing hungry and thirsty. The Target at Kingsway is looking mighty appealing as it is filled with food, liquid, and warmth. I also have to pee, curse my vast consumption of liquid.

2:40PM - My waiting companion has introduced himself as Bobo. an out of work clown who now provides his entertainment to unknown passersby. Has he see my distress? He offered me something from his beard, but I refused politely, although there was a crumb of something that looked like toffee.

2:55PM - Bobo clearly had the same bladder issue as me as he is now relieving himself against a nearby wall. I wish I had the gumption to do the same as I'm getting more and more desperate. Why are we being put through this unending torture? Where is this train?

3:14PM - I've talked it over with Bobo, we've decided that I will leave for Kingsway for provisions and of course a bladder break. If the train comes while I'm gone Bobo will make sure it does not leave without me by distracting the driver with his amazing sleight of hand tricks.

3:16PM - I have fallen and twisted my ankle while leaving the station. Thankfully Bobo was on watch and came to fetch me. I'm now on a bench, hungry and cold, but thankfully not alone.

3:55PM - My ankle is better, still no train. Bobo has set up lodgings for us using tools and materials found in the station. He is resourceful and am glad he is my ally.4:05PM - So much time has passed and I must learn to adapt to my new life here at the station. I worked up the courage and relieved myself much like Bobo did before, but in a more private area. Leaving is no longer an option, I will not miss this train.

4:25PM - More people have arrived. They are keeping their distance from us, we seem to have claimed this territory. Bobo and I are working out a sleeping schedule now so we can keep watch if the train does not come before it is time to rest.

4:40PM - The newcomers are on their cellphones now; are they calling in reinforcements? They still won't approach us and I'm attempting to come up with a way of opening a dialogue between our two tribes. I hope this does not end in war.

5:00PM - I attempted first contact with the new Trainwaiters (That is why I have decided to call us). Unfortunately they ran from me as I approached, again reaching for their phones, dialing quickly.

6:00PM - Still no train. I've begun hunting and foraging for food and water in the past hour. The sun is low and I'm beginning to worry about the oncoming night.

7:00PM - Night is upon us and I

am on first watch. Still no train. I'm actually starting to doubt that it is going to come at all, but that may be the weird thing I ate for dinner talking. The other people haven't come back and I'm starting to miss society. I cannot abandon my post though, Bobo is counting on me.

Day 5 - We have established a perimeter, the outsiders attempted an attack the other night with flashing lights and men in some form of uniform. At one point yellow men with hoses appeared. We've held fast through the Battle of Four days.

Day 24 - Bobo's friends have come from far and wide to join our establishment. The station is now ours, but we won't touch the station proper as we don't want people to not send the thing that it is we are waiting for. It's been so long I don't really remember what it even is we were waiting for..

Day 56 - While I have grown fond of the Trainwaiter people I believe it is time for me to make my mark on the world and leave the tribe that I have helped build. I'm leaving Bobo in charge, he's taken up clowning again which is nice, but I know he'll make a fine leader for my people. Looking back through my entries I enjoy reminiscing about the simpler times of my life when all we were doing was waiting for a train. Maybe that's all it was, a symbol of hope in the darkness of the station. Or maybe one day the train will come, only time will tell, time without me here.