This August, the 16th annual International AIDS Conference took place in Toronto. Nearly 20,000 participants travelled from all corners of the world, creating a global village in downtown Toronto. The purpose of the conference was to underscore the continued need to spread effective HIV prevention and treatment strategies around the globe.

At the conference, Stephen Lewis, the UN secretary general’s special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa and former leader of the NDP called on Canada to show more leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

In light of the conference and its criticism of Canada, The Gazette asks: What is Western doing in the fight against AIDS?

The following is the first piece in a series documenting the work of Western’s faculty and students. We begin with Dr. Bhagirath Singh, scientific director of the Institute of Infection and Immunity for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the discovery of HIV/AIDS. AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, was discovered in 1981. Its first reported occurrence in Africa came in 1982. Since then, AIDS has developed into one of the worst pandemics in human history, affecting men, women and children in nearly every country of the world.

Dr. Bhagirath Singh knows the devastation caused by AIDS. He is the scientific director of the Institute of Infection and Immunity for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Founded in 2000, CIHR is Canada’s response to the global revolution in health research. The Institute of Infection and Immunity, lead by Singh, funds 95 per cent of the HIV/AIDS research being conducted in Canada.

As HIV/AIDS continues spreading, Singh believes one of the best ways Canada can help stop the virus’ devastation is to research both medical and social programs.

“As we speak, HIV is a disease which has taken more or less a pandemic proportion of people,” Singh said. There are 65 million people worldwide who have been infected with the disease, and 25 million people have died. Twenty-five
years after the discovery of the virus, we are facing a major crisis.”

According to Singh, 60,000 people have been infected with AIDS in Canada. Thirteen thousand people have already died, and each year, 2,500 new cases are reported.

“Within Canada, HIV/AIDS presents a unique set of issues. Aboriginal people account for more than 20 per cent of HIV cases, and women now account for 25 per cent of new cases, compared to 1996 when they accounted for approximately 10 per cent of cases.

Singh said we’ve progressed from where we started 25 years ago, but we still have a long way to go.

“While there’s still no cure, we do have drugs that suppress the disease. We have changed AIDS from a fatal disease into something that people can now live with, but the life span and quality of these patients’ lives are severely compromised, so there’s still a lot of work to be done.”

The CIHR believes the ultimate goal for managing HIV is developing a vaccine. However, in the meantime, the CIHR feels we must devote resources to managing the social causes and effects of HIV/AIDS.

“What Canada has been doing is addressing the issue for many, many years, both at the research level and the community level. HIV/AIDS is a very complex disease, so we have to look at it from multiple perspectives.

“The conference in Toronto made people aware of what’s going on globally in terms of research, education and prevention, and about what people can do apart from their own personal safety against the transmission of the virus.”

According to Singh, Canada’s federal government currently commits $84 million per year to HIV programs. Roughly $22 million dollars goes directly to research. Another $8 million is provided by the CIHR, upping research funding to approximately $30 million.

“We support Kang’s research and that of others, and we help by evaluating and monitoring their projects,” Singh said.

To receive funding from the CIHR, individuals and groups must apply to the institute. The institute has two deadlines per year, one in September and one in March. Twice a year, specially selected committees comprised of experts in specific fields review all proposals.

Each committee has 10 to 15 experts who read the projects and assign scores to ensure the best and most promising projects get funding.

“HIV/AIDS research is a very broad field, so we have to decide carefully what we want to fund. Vaccines? Microbicides? It’s a disease that can also be managed and prevented from spreading, so we also have to look at social programs,” Singh said.

“But our main priorities remain prevention, diagnosis and managing the disease for individuals who already have it.”

— with files from Cigdem Iltan

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Making a case for a flood pants comeback

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By Eugene Sheffer

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Weather

Dr. Singh, CIHR battle AIDS

Sarah Harmer

Kurt Stobberg/Gazette

FINALLY, THE BEACH HAS WATER. Lately, Concrete Beach has looked more like Water Beach. Damn, that was a weak caption. Well, rain does stifle creativity. It’s science.
Senate and BOG candidates

By Jennifer Davidson

Gazette Staff

Voting for Senate and Board of Gov-
ernors positions takes place next
Wednesday and Thursday. Below is a
final look at the candidates.

Chad Callander is running for
senate-at-large. Callander said that
while campaigning for University
Students’ Council President Fab
Dolan, he realized the large-scale
difference he can make for stu-
dents in areas like budget, ethics
and research. Callander wants to
meet varying students’ needs.

They change on a yearly basis
and I will take measures to get the
student input,” he said. “I want to
be able to represent both the
majority and minorities of stu-
dents.

“Being openly gay, I have been
attacked... and I feel like I can make
a difference... and show that people
like me can do these things.”

Sabrina Sdao is another senate-
at-large candidate. Sdao is interest-
ed in student politics from an aca-
demic standpoint.

“I want to use my experience
with student wants and needs in
creating academic policy.”

Sdao plans on setting hours
extended for studying facilities on
campus.

Madison Lu is campaigning for the
science position on Senate.

“I have a keen interest in aca-
demic policy and I want to get to
know the university and make it a
better learning environment for
students.”

Lu said the year’s key issues will
be campus safety — like maintain-
ing the “police” title in Campus
Community Police Services — and
parking.

Omar Ahmed is running for sen-
ate-at-large. Ahmed said he’s been
in numerous pilot courses, and,
having seen students’ reactions to
the new courses, knows what is
liked and what is not.

“I would like students to have more
of an impact in new courses, and
provide suggestions for them.”

Senator-at-large candidate
Albert Ko believes a stronger voice
on Senate is needed for students.

“Usually senators have their
own interests, but I would like to
have a united front with overlap-
ning goals, as this would make Sen-
ate more effective.”

Ko plans on working for better
policy and an improved emergency
blue-light system.

The USC by-elections are cur-
rently taking place with candi-
dates campaigning for two posi-
tions on the USC council. The
positions are typically filled in
February elections; however, the
Arts and Humanities and Social
Science Councilor were vacated over
the summer. Voting takes place on
line Oct. 18 and 19.

Arts & Humanities councilor:
Samantha Wynne (acclaimed)

Social Science candidates: Justin Machin
Brent Schneider
Amy Liu
Matthew Kington
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By Melissa Kim

Gazette Staff

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The media unfairly bully Belinda Stronach

It's impossible lately to get through an entire newscast or editorial section of the newspaper without reading or hearing about her. Magna Spice. Turncoat Barbie. Yes, Canada's very own Paris Hilton: Belinda Stronach. And I've had enough.

No doubt everyone has heard about Stronach's name being cited as the "other woman" in former NHLer Tie Domi's divorce papers. As the story carries on in a parade of sensationalism, I find myself wondering why we should care. Media attention is inevitable for any individual in the public eye, but this is ridiculous.

As Canada lacks a celebrity hotspot equivalent to Hollywood, it appears we have nothing better to do with our time than gossip about members of parliament. Nick and Jessica? How passé. Brangelina? Hollywood celebrities are so fickle. Who needs (350 Words) when one of Canada's most respected newspapers, The Globe and Mail, is running material paralleling that of The National Enquirer?

There is no fine line between private and public life. In this case, the difference is like chalk and cheese. But not just any MP's are making headlines with secret tryouts, rumoured plastic surgeries, and offside comments about promiscuity, having absolutely nothing to do with the prerequisites of the job in Ottawa.

The real prerequisite: being young, attractive, glamorous, and, of course, wealthy helps a little. Aspiring female politicians beware: the media are not on your side.

While a politician's image is paramount to his or her success, females invariably receive a disproportionate amount of attention about their appearance, praying questions into personal lives, and a continuous barrage of sexist comments.

Last I checked, Vic Toews didn't have his shoes shuffled after he was sworn in as minister. It seems, in politics, as in sex, a kind of bloodsport in itself — it's still very much labelled a man's game and will continue to be, Stronach is left with no choice but to play by those rules. The price? Alberta Conservative Tony Abbott summed it up after Stronach's defection to the Liberals last year, stating Stronach "whetted her self out for power" — not to mention the media frenzy after her decision.

What an inspiring message to aspiring female politicians everywhere! Leave a comfortable position as CEO of a corporation responsible for 72,000 employees and more money than any MP could ever hope of earning to pursue her dream, but please, beware the insatiable, unwanted curiosity of the media — and, in some cases, your peers — in your private affairs.

As with any study on gender differences, the numbers and instances, female homosexuality is exploited for heterosexuality. The absence of penetration in female same-sex encounters may indicate men are less inclined towards homosexuality, or that women are more attractive to both sexes. But the survey may suggest men are more insecure about their sexuality and therefore less likely than women to foray into same-sex encounters. Whereas straight men are observed to be less intimate with other men, straight women frequently seen to be more affectuated with women friends, and this is seen as socially acceptable. Others may interpret the results to indicate men are less inclined towards homosexuality, or that women are more attractive to both sexes.

Homosexuality, especially male homosexuality, is gaining more attention in the mainstream media, as exemplified by the recent film Brokeback Mountain. Bands like the Temple Pilots have been known to make out with fellow band members before concert audiences. But representation in the media does not indicate acceptance among the general population. Homosexuality has appeared in mainstream media only very recently, and societal notions about sexuality and gender roles won't change overnight. Moreover, the media can build additional gender stereotypes and falsities just as they can break them down. For example, actual lesbian relationships are rare in the media, as are men who experiment or have sex with other men but don't subscribe to the label "gay."

On this note, media representations of homosexuality may actually create a polarization effect, in which men reject any same-sex experience for fear of being labelled gay. The results of this survey may therefore indicate an overall lack in popular attitudes on sexuality. The fact that more women admit to having a same-sex experience than men doesn't necessarily reflect the actual frequency of homosexuality or gender behaviour as a whole. A more progressive stance on homosexuality and gender stereotypes, as well as a more fluid and dynamic understanding of sexual orientation is important if the stigma attached to homosexuality and the societal rejection of gender norms are to be dissipated.

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"There has been a significant shift in the support for gay rights here. There's a growing sense that homosexuality is part of the normal human variation." —STEPHEN KLINEBERG
Women admit to more same-sex encounters
Stigmas make sexual experimentation seem less acceptable for men

By Desiree Gamotin
Gazette Staff

University is a place for experimentation. It’s about experimenting with new interests and extracurricular activities you never would have tried before. It’s about experimenting with relationships, friendships and...the same sex?

A study conducted 10 years ago revealed four per cent of straight women in their late teens and early twenties have had sexual experiences with another woman. A recent survey by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests the figure has risen to 11.5 per cent.

According to the survey, only six per cent of men have had homosexual encounters, however. Why do women experiment with the same sex more than men?

In a recent Associated Press article, sexuality experts claimed post-secondary students see same-sex experimentation as a "rite of passage," and said people in a closed academic community are less likely to be ostracized for experimenting sexually.

Many women want to "see what it's like" but have no intention of starting a same-sex relationship.

Karen, a third-year Western student, said, "I love men and I've only dated men," she said. "But there has always been that sexual fascination with women.

Women find other women hot because women themselves are just physically beautiful," said Karen, a third-year Western student.

"I love men and I've only dated men," she said. "But there has always been that sexual fascination with women.

"Girls don't need maps of the female anatomy like guys do," she said. "We know every place and crevice that feels good because we ourselves have them."

Elayne Rapping, an American studies professor at the University of Buffalo and sexuality expert, said the bisexuality label has become a "badge of courage" for some university women.

However, while more women openly experiment with the same-sex, the percentage of males who have had homosexual experiences has declined.

By Jaclyn Haggarty
Gazette Writer

Open Season
Directed by: Roger Allers, Jill Culton, Anthony Stacchi
Starring: Martin Lawrence, Ashton Kutcher, Debra Messing

Eleven years ago, Disney/Pixar's Toy Story revolutionized animated movies. Toy Story was the first entirely computer-generated and 3-D feature film, and set the bar for animated movies.

Fast forward to the present. The newly-christened Sony Pictures Animation's dismal debut, Open Season, proves Disney's magic can be imitated but never duplicated.

What do you expect when one of your main characters is a "uni-horned" buck voiced by Ashton Kutcher?

The trailers suggest Open Season contains all the promise the animation world has to offer and declare it the latest masterpiece from the creative geniuses behind Monsters Inc. and The Lion King.

Roger Allers and Jill Culton are the cream of the animation-team crop; unfortunately, their popular works — including Toy Story and Beauty and the Beast — had something Open Season lacks: Disney.

Open Season takes place in the fictional mountain town Timberline, where the approaching hunting season has turned the quiet and peaceful community into a meeting ground for the armed
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and dangerous.

Nestled in Timberline is Boog (voiced by Martin Lawrence), your average talking grizzly bear who enjoys Wheel of Fortune and crying up with his beloved teddy bear Winkleton.

Orphaned as a cub, Boog has spent most of his life as an oversized house pet. He’s the pride and joy of the charming Ranger Beth (voiced by Debra Messing), who refuses to release him back into the wild. With eight daily meals, a warm bed and unconditional love, it seems this grizzly has it all.

Little does Boog know he’s about to get “Punk’d” by his polar opposite, a fast-talking, hyperactive, one-horned deer named Elliot (Kutcher).

Though the comedic chemistry is there occasionally, Kutcher’s off-the-wall Elliot teamed with Lawrence’s laidback Boog is too extreme. The audience spends most the film wondering why Boog doesn’t just boot Elliot off the side of the mountain for all the trouble he causes him.

In the blink of an eye, the duo is joined by an ensemble of cleverly orchestrated forest characters: shell-shocked ducks, skunks with attitude, a herd of self-absorbed deer, a Scottish war-monger squirrel, a Scottish war-monger squirrell, blue-collared beavers, and rab- bits used as tennis balls.

Unfortunately, these characters contribute nothing but confusion and the odd cheap laugh.

Overall, Open Season may cause a few brief chuckles, but likely no one over the age of 10 will find it entertaining. Open Season should be closed.

By Krystale Campbell

Save real hamsters, buy useless gadget

The Wheel comes with a fake hamster, a software CD. Unfortunately, the wheel isn’t Mac compatible. If your apartment won’t allow pets, this is the plastic alternative you’ve always wanted.

The day has finally come: an invention that inspires you to type. Even if you think this gadget is stupid and useless, it’s a unique gift and great conversation piece. The device costs approximately $45 US, a bit pricey for a rotating plastic wheel.

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Celebrities up to even more debauchery
París strips, Avril spits, Screech has sex tape

By Kaitlin Martin

cover your eyes, children: the apocalypse is about to rain down on us all. Dustin Diamond, otherwise known as Screech from Saved by the Bell, has made a sex tape.

Allegedly the video features a threesome and a "dirty Sanchez," two things never seen mentioned in the same story as Screech. No word yet on how Diamond convinced two ladies to sleep with him — let alone at the same time.

This week, Madonna eclipsed Paris strips, Avril spits, Screech has sex tape. Celebrities up to even more debauchery. This week, convinced two ladies to sleep with him. Dustin Diamond, other-sans killed him. Shortly after, Smith began a legal battle with her former boyfriend and possible baby daddy in hopes of getting sole custody of her newborn daughter. It's been a tough week for Anna Nicole.

The Paul McCartney-Heather Mills marriage — a marriage that many thought was too good to be true — has now fallen off the rails. Mills threatened to tell stories about McCartney that will forever tarnish the public opinion of the beloved musician. Unfortunately for Mills, her own reputation is already in the gutter. For some reason, people don't respond well to a one-legged soft-core porn model peddling a living legend. Who knew?

Same-sex encounters
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Most experts agree the actual percentage of men experimenting with the same sex is likely considerably higher, but, unlike women, men are less likely to talk about their homosexual experiences.

"There is still a huge degree of stigma attached to 'admissions' of male same-sex sexual practice, but this is changing for the better," said Susan Knabe, a women's studies professor at Western University.

The percentage of males admitting to having homosexual experiences had been decreasing since 1949, when famed sex expert Professor Alfred Kinsey claimed a staggering 33 per cent of males admitted to having same-sex experiences.

Knabe attributes this decline to under-reporting or men's unwillingness to define what they do together as sex.

"This stigma is somewhat less for women, partly because of the very common assumption that 'real' sex necessarily involves a penis and penetration," Knabe said.

"Sex with another woman is often seen as something not 'counting' or not serious. It's often seen as a 'turn on' by straight men, hence the inclusion of the girl-girl scenes in a lot of straight porn made for men.

"So there is a cultural perception that a woman who might have sex with women is still, ultimately, heterosexual."

"Many people are still labelled 'straight' despite their sexual behaviour, the word 'bisexual' is becoming an increasingly elusive term.

"Our language really fails to make space for sexual experiences that don't easily fall into one or the other category."
Prof spreads passion
History class alive

By David van Staalduinen
Gazette Writer

In his 37 years of service at Western, history Professor Craig Simpson has become known for his animated, passionate lectures and impacted thousands of students.

Growing up in central California, Simpson developed a strong interest in American history — more specifically the history of the Old South, slavery, and the coming of the civil war, or “matters I feel are central to American experience,” Simpson says.

He did his undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 1964 with high honours. He then completed his PhD at Stanford University.

Simpson has published historical works such as A Good Southerner: The Life of Henry A. Wise of Virginia and was co-editor of Secession Debated: Georgia’s Showdown in 1860.

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He added he currently has no plans of returning to the United States.

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“O” MARKS THE SPOT. Western Political Science Professor Joanna Quinn stands with her graduate students in Uganda. From left to right: Caitlin Hayward, Kirsten Fisher, Joanna Quinn, Valerie Pob-joy.

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