

# Nail Biters' Week settles concerns

by Kevin Crandlemire

Is something nagging you about your Arts degree? Are your nails getting shorter due to excessive nail-nibbling? Are you losing sleep over something that you're sure is too petty to bother someone else about? The faculty of Arts knows you're not alone. They're concerned and are going to do something to help.

From October 30 to November 3, the Faculty of Arts is sponsoring *Nail Biters' Week*. If you're an Arts student, and need to know something about your degree, go to the 6th floor of the Humanities Centre between 9:00 a.m. and noon and 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and ask

about it. There will be staff available to answer any questions.

Even the answers to those nagging little worries will be provided. Though it doesn't happen often that these worries are anything to lose sleep over, it does happen that a student is unable to convocate because of something he or she dismissed as petty. Though this is extreme, and relatively rare, it can happen, and the faculty would rather that it didn't. So they want to give students the opportunity to ask about their programs.

What might come as a surprise to some students is that this service is regularly available. Any Arts student can take his or her concerns to the

General Office in room 6-7 of the Humanities Centre, and the staff can either answer questions immediately, refer the student to a program advisor, or research the problem and contact the student later.

The difference during *Nail Biters' Week* is that the normal hours have been extended, and more staff will be available to answer questions.

What sort of question should be asked, a student may wonder. Well, a question that the faculty would like all Arts students to know is: Are all B.A. programs the same? No. There are many different programs, and many differences even in similar programs.


Another question that the staff field regularly is whether or not 200 level courses can count towards a major. The answer again is no. As well, students may not take a 200 level course in their final year.

The answers to these questions are all in the university calendar, of course, and the faculty knows that most students take to heart its admonition to read the calendar. They also know, however, that the calendar is massive and sometimes confusing. It can be particularly bewildering for someone who is changing programs. It can be easy to overlook something during the confusion of change that can deeply affect later years.

The faculty would like to encourage students to become aware of the direction their program is going, and where it's taking them. They want to help guide students successfully through their programs.

So accept the faculty's invitation for help - and give your manicurist a break.





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by Joel Finnestad

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Christmas students will receive discounts of 10 per cent to 20 per cent off regular prices at places like Astral Photo, Bata Shoes, Marlin Travel and at least 40 other food, service and clothing merchants. So far, Chu has confirmed cooperation in the program from these businesses as well as from many others in Eaton Centre and on Whyte Avenue.

Another discount opportunity to look for in the next two weeks is the Students' Union Ticket Pack. The pack has over \$300 worth of gas, food and entertainment coupons, and will cost six dollars. Most of the profits from the ticket pack sales will go directly to an endowment fund to create involvement scholarships.

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