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International student population continues to rise in Nova Scotia

Adam Faber

There are more students in Nova Scotia, but there aren't as many Nova Scotians studying.

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) released a report over the summer illustrating trends in student populations. They found that while there more students enrolled in Nova Scotia, an increasing number of them are from across Canada or across the globe.

"We have seen a substantial shift in the province and country of origin of students," says commission CEO Mireille Duguay. "While the overall number of students is up, there are fewer and fewer Maritimers enrolled."

Comparing 2007 to 2011, the approximately 37,000 Canadian students enrolled saw the local student portion decline by about 2,000 people. Essentially two thousand fewer Nova Scotians attended university at home, but two thousand other Canadians came to fill those seats.

If it wasn't for international students, the numbers compared to five

years ago would have remained flat. As it stands, however, there are over two thousand more students in Nova Scotia than before, up from 41,470 to 43,582. This is influenced by the fact that the number of enrolled international students has increased from 3,683 to 5,863 over the last five years.

International students keep enrollment from shrinking

"The university system in Nova Scotia would have shrunk if not

for international students," said StudentsNS Executive Director Jonathan Williams. "The number of local and Canadian students have declined."

As the average age of Nova Scotia's population continues to age, there will be fewer university-aged students living in the province.

"We predict that the number of international students in Nova Scotia is going to have to

double by 2031 in order to keep the system the same size that is now," said Williams. "The international student phenomenon is here to stay, and it's only going to become more important."

StudentsNS is a student advocacy group, representing 83% of Nova Scotian university students — including those Saint Mary's. Over the summer they released a report on how to attract and retain international students as both learners and future citizens.

"We need to bring in more immigrants to reverse our demographic decline," said Williams. The demographic change is also being reflected in the labour market, as an older generation proves more numerous than the one replacing it, leaving a labour shortfall that needs filling. "I can't think of a better way to do that than through the thousands of international students that come to our province."

It's not only Nova Scotia that has seen an increase in international students, all of Canada as seen an increase.

"Canada welcomed a record number of international students in 2012. Last year was the first time in Canadian history that Canada has welcomed over 100,000 international students, an increase of 60% from 2004," said Sonia Lesage, spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC).

"International students are attractive to Canada. They bring economic, social and cultural benefits to the institutions at which they study, to the organizations in which they work and to the communities in which they live. Their Canadian education and work experience also make them sought after as potential immigrants."

Campus Butts Out:

VP explains why tobacco use on campus is banned

Saint Mary's University became tobacco-free on September 1. The Journal sat down with Gabrielle Morrison, Vice-President Finance and Administration to explore the decision.

Why did Saint Mary's University decide to go tobacco-free now?

This is something we have been working on for a long time. There have been calls for a smoke-free campus for a number of years, but support for the initiative has really grown over recent months. With the introduction of a new health and wellness strategy last year, we started by making the quad area and the walkway by the Homburg Centre smoke-free. This year we expanded the initiative to make the entire campus not only smoke-free, but tobacco-free.

It is very much in line with the University's goal to create a healthier environment. It will protect everyone from the health dangers related to second-hand smoke. It also demonstrates responsible environmental stewardship by eliminating smoke-filled areas and reducing toxic cigarette butt litter.

Acadia and Dal went smoke-free a number of years ago. Saint Mary's is going tobacco-free. Is there a difference?

For us, it means a more comprehensive approach. Tobacco-free means the use of all tobacco and tobacco-related products is prohibited. That includes cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, chewing tobacco and simulated tobacco. At a press conference marking the six month countdown to our smoke-free campus Nova Scotia's Chief Medical Dr. Robert Strang praised the University as a trailblazer that others should follow.

Does the ban include things like vaps that simulate smoking but release only steam?

Yes. There are a lot of new products being marketed heavily by tobacco companies are still trying to make smoking appear cool. Our goal is a focus on health and wellness and as such we are being proactive in our policies and efforts.

Who does the policy apply to?

It applies to anyone on University

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Sweeter deal for Halifax baristas

Malcom Capstick

On the heels of a successful strike motion at the Spring Garden location of Just Us! Cafe, two Second Cup locations have followed suit in an effort for its employees to join the Service Employees International Union Local 2.

Originally sparked by management denying thirty-minute breaks, the passing of union involvement at Just

Us! has proved to be both a victory for its employees, while serving as a symbol of possibility to labour groups both in and outside of Halifax.

As both students and young people have traditionally occupied roles within the service industry, service type employment has been frequently attributed to a rung in a ladder to better vocational

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Men's Soccer Regular Season Schedule

Date	Time	Home	Away
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Sun, Sep 08	1:00 pm	MUN	UdeM
Fri, Sep 13	7:15 pm	SMU	DAL
Sat, Sep 14	3:15 pm	SMU	SMU
Sat, Sep 21	3:15 pm	CBU	SMU
Sun, Sep 22	3:15 pm	StFX	SMU
Wed, Sep 25	7:15 pm	DAL	SMU
Sun, Sep 29	3:15 pm	PEI	SMU
Fri, Oct 04	7:15 pm	SMU	StFX
Sun, Oct 06	3:15 pm	SMU	Acadia
Sun, Oct 20	3:15 pm	SMU	MTA
Fri, Oct 25	7:15 pm	SMU	UNB
Sun, Oct 27	3:15 pm	MTA	SMU



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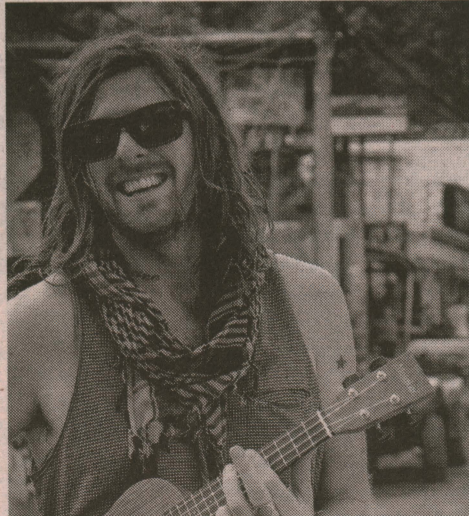
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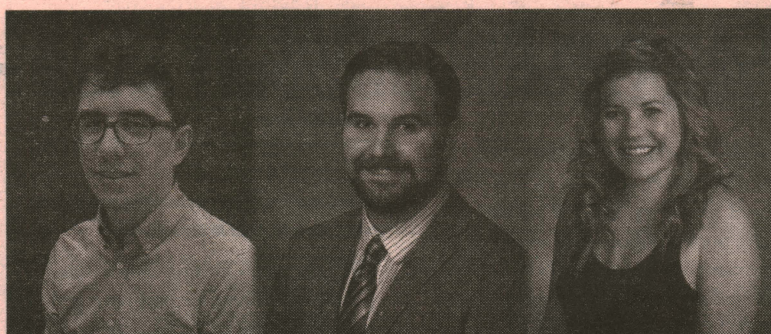
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(Left to right:) James Patriquin, Jared Perry, Carrigan Desjardins

A message from your SMUSA Executive

Hey SMUdents!

Do you like to party? Are you up for a good time? Do you want to be involved in your Saint Mary's community? Well I'm your party host, friend, neighbour and Vice President Student Life! My name is Carrigan and I'm here to fill your year with school spirit, events and fun! I am very excited to hold this position again and I'm really looking forward to the amazing activities and events that we have in store for this year. I want to make sure that it's easier than ever to get involved and have fun on campus through volunteering, student societies and maybe even employment opportunities. Being a part of Saint Mary's University means that you are also part of our campus community. Becoming involved will immeasurably complement your experience here as a student and what better way to do it then with the Students' Association?

My goal for this year is create a more exciting environment with lots of activities around campus. I want to bring you what you want so please contact me if you'd like to be involved or have any suggestions. We have lots

of opportunities in terms of events, volunteer activities, or school spirit projects. My door is always open!

Once a Husky, Always a Husky!

Carrigan Desjardins
Vice President Student Life
Saint Mary's University Students' Association

Hi Everyone,

My name is James Patriquin and I'll be taking over as the VP University Affairs come September. I'm originally from British Columbia but I've been living in Dartmouth for the past 8 years. I worked for the summer as the Communications Coordinator and I'll continue on with some of my responsibilities from that position. Right now my areas of activity at SMUSA range from maintaining the website and social media accounts to academic appeals and tutoring. My number one goal for the year is to be as helpful and informative as possible, so please feel free to stop by in the Student Centre with any questions or concerns you might have.

I'm going into my final year at Saint Mary's this year, trying to finish up an honours degree in political science. One of my favorite things to do on campus is meet new people and take on any new and exciting challenge I can find. This zeal has led me to get involved with endeavours like the model United Nations and this year I'm even the president of the Chess Society.

One of the most exciting things for me this year, aside from graduating, will be the opportunity I have to represent SMUSA to both StudentsNS and CASA – our provincial and federal student advocacy groups. I'm really looking forward to working with government officials to enact some positive initiatives for students. The two biggest concerns that I plan to address are employment opportunities for university graduates and the growing pressure from student debt that has become too common in Canada's post-secondary system.

Most of all, I'm excited to be in a position where I have the ability to help students access the services they need. If you're reading this and ever need help with something on campus, please don't hesitate to come and ask questions.

James Patriquin
Vice President University Affairs
Saint Mary's University Students' Association

Hello SMUdents,

My name is Jared Perry and I'd like to start out by thanking you all for re-electing me for a second term as President. As some of you might already know, I'm originally from Moncton, New Brunswick. My number one goal this year is to provide students with as many great experiences as possible. SMUSA strives to do this in many ways, we provide activities, student societies, special events and student

advocacy so that our students can grow and make the most of their time here at Saint Mary's. When you come visit me, and I encourage you to do so, I will be very open to your concerns and will do my best to make your time here at SMU the best it can be!

There have been many experiences that have taught me essential skills for the position I'm in now. I served last year as President so I know what to expect and I've surrounded myself with a capable team to make sure we can tackle any challenges that may arise. I've even spent a year abroad in Belgium! That wonderful experience has led me to be the person I am today. As a Residence Assistant I was able to help students living on residence, and sitting on the SMUSA Board of Directors has taught me the rules and policies of SMUSA. I am also very enthusiastic about the work I do with Enactus. This year I was even elected to be the Chair of StudentsNS, our student advocacy group that represents post-secondary students from across the Nova Scotia and lobbies the provincial government to enact legislation and policies that will benefit students.

As SMUSA President I am responsible for advocating for our students and I also oversee SMUSA's day to day office activities. This year you will see me walking around campus with a smile on my face. I am very approachable; please don't let my facial hair fool you. Come visit me on the 5th floor in the Student Centre at any time. I am here to help you out.

I look forward to meeting all of you this year so please don't hesitate to get involved with us on campus.

Jared Perry
President & C.E.O.
Saint Mary's University Students' Association

Letter from the Editor

I'm going to talk about poverty.

Bread is pretty significant, in one of its many forms in many if not most parts of the world. Even in old timey books and movies, prisoners are given a crust of bread to eat. And no, right now, there isn't enough to go around. There are people starving all over the world, and that is most assuredly not okay. Global hunger is a pandemic and we can easily feed the world a responsible and nutritious amount of food if we tried. This "we" is the world. We could feed each other.

I'm going to rag on the west and all of the fat people here, and if we just sacrificed a little more, all of the problems would be solved. I don't think that is the case. And I am thinking about the poverty that exists here.

Detroit - the city of Detroit - Motorcity, home of Motown and movements has declared bankruptcy. Sure, poor financial planning, urbanization and sprawl, and a lack of secondary industries to one that was never going to survive forever play a part, and so does the way the whole world had to react to a global financial crisis. How much do we have to lose before we remember those suffering locally?

Northern Canadian reservations. I think that these are one of the things

that make me ashamed of being a Canadian. I think I can safely say things are bad out East where I live, but it is nothing - NOTHING compared to northern communities in Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. Seriously.

Maybe I shouldn't be dwelling on all of this, but as we start a new school year, happy and excited to pursue higher education, I think its important that there are other students out there who do not have the same luxuries as us, and who may struggle through their day-to-day lives, and don't have access to higher ed at all, or students among us who are struggling too.

So I wonder, how many people are baking bread in the world, because they have no other choice? How many people on your street are baking bread because they have no other choice? How many students do you know who are not eating because they have no other choice?

Let's look at what we have, and when we solve the world hunger crisis, can we please not forget there are people here who are hungry, and also in crisis?

Cydney Proctor, Editor-in-Chief

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Concert Controversy

Connor Donald

The minute Chris Brown was announced as the headlining act of the Summer Rush Concert Event at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth, petitions were posted, concert sponsors dropped out and the city of Halifax was forced to attempt damage control on the concert controversy.

"Run It", "Kiss, Kiss" and "Yeah 3x" are just a couple of the thirty-two singles released on seven albums by American R&B singer and dancer Chris Brown. Known world-wide, not only for his vocals, but provocative dancing ability that has helped Brown sell out shows everywhere from North America to Europe and has made him a household name for many music listeners. In 2009, Chris Browns career suffered a setback involving then girlfriend, Rihanna. The two had an argument which ended in a physical altercation leaving Rhianna with visible facial injuries that required hospital attention. Brown received great, negative media attention and angered large numbers of Women's rights groups, fans, among others.

The Summer Rush event was announced in early July by concert promoter Drop Entertainment Group and local radio station Energy 103.5. On July 13, Nichole Snow launched a petition urging the two groups to drop Chris Brown from the show. Within five days Snow's petition had over

12,000 signatures.

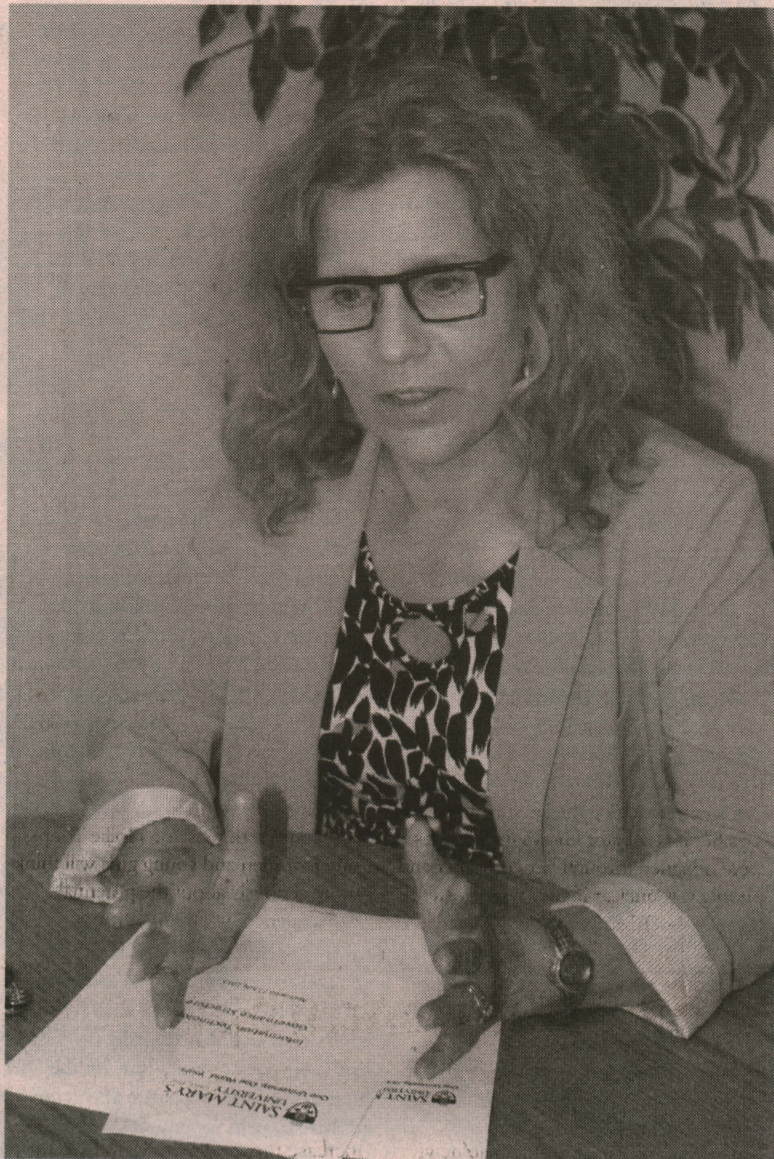
Snow stated that, "He might be a great performer, but he's a really bad person. So anything to stop people like that from being glamorized, I'm for." Clearly this opinion was shared by a large number of Halifax residents.

Our mayor, Mike Savage, even voiced his discontent for the signer and approved of the petition.

Molson Coors Brewing Co., Touch of Radiance, Halifax campus of the Center for Arts and Technology and Rogers all pulled out as sponsors for the event after the backlash. And the criticism of Chris Brown performing at Alderney Landing continued to be showing on social media sites across the web. Well the actions of Haligonians have led a Winnipeg native to start her own petition against Chris Brown performing in Manitoba's capital.

Clearly, Chris Brown's actions have defamed his character and has put into question whether artists with serious criminal offences should be given temporary visas to enter Canada to perform concerts. We have already disallowed the likes of 50 Cent and Snoop Dogg from touring Canada because of their illegal actions. Should Canada become stricter at enforcing whether or not an artist gets a temporary visa based on their criminal

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Gabrielle Morrison, Vice-President Finance and Administration

Campus Butts Out...

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property, including students, staff, faculty, visitors, contractors, and athletic event spectators. You will see that we have posted notices at all entrances to the campus and we have bright new flags around the campus acknowledging our pride in going tobacco-free

I saw the flags. Why did you think it was important to have messages on the flags in Mandarin and Arabic?

Two reasons really. One is that it is an excellent way to acknowledge the international nature of our student body. Secondly we recognize international students may have a tougher time understanding why we are doing this. In North America the health education effort has been ongoing for years. In other parts of the world that effort hasn't been as strong. Smoking still has a cultural aspect to it in many countries.

If I am desperate for a puff between classes, is there anywhere on campus I can go? Can I go sit in my car in the parking lot?

The smoke-free policy includes all University property including parking lots and all grounds. So, no you can't slip into your car in the underground parking lot or retreat to one of the distant lawn areas. Our first hope is that with less opportunities to smoke, they'll think harder about quitting. If you can't or don't want to quit, you'll have to go off campus property.

Not even outside the Gorsebrook pub on

Thursday night?

No.

Won't that create problems with the neighbours when students head to the sidewalks?

We hope not. Our first choice is that people quit. There are programs and tips for quitting available to them on the Tobacco-free web page on the Saint Mary's website. If they feel compelled to smoke and go off campus to do so, we expect them to demonstrate the same level of citizenship they should on campus.

What happens if I light up on campus anyway? How will the policy be enforced?

For the first few weeks there will be student ambassadors around campus offering up information and Nicorette gum to anyone they see smoking. The issue has received a lot of attention, but it is possible there are people who are not aware of the policy change.

In the following weeks, we are hoping friendly persuasion by members of the campus community will convince tobacco-users to quit. Where there is a repeated offender who continues to smoke on campus despite warnings, security will advise the individual of the policy and ask the individual to leave campus. If they do not the security officers are authorized ask for identification and to issue notices for violations of the policy.

What happens with the notices?

The notices, much like the parking notices, are tracked. After three violations, students will be called to a meeting will Student Services and a disciplinary procedure may be launched. In the case of faculty and staff, the notices go to Human Resources and will be treated like any other violation of University policy.

Is there any place on campus where individuals can smoke?

There is a small area which is restricted to students who live in Residence. It is located in the Tennis Court Parking lot near the Rice residence which only operates from 10 pm until 6 am only. This area is intended as a safety measure for those students living in Residence who are still struggling to quit. The Tobacco Policy Working Committee will evaluate the value of this area depending on feedback this fall.

What efforts are being made to educate people about the policy?

Kelly Thompson, the University InBalance Wellness Coordinator will be providing ongoing orientations and education across the departments. She will be working closely with the International Student Centre staff and volunteers to ensure that we communicate to international students the policy and expectations for adhering to the policy. These efforts will help with support for this policy from faculty and staff through to the Student Association.

Saint Mary's Newest Building Ready to Open

More than 350 people took advantage of an opportunity to take a sneak peek at the newest building on campus before it opens for classes during the first week in September.

Visitors from campus and the nearby neighbourhoods were unanimous in their praise for the building's bright, modern classrooms; funky, functional furnishings; and open concept design that takes full advantage of the glass and stone exterior.

"It's inspiring really," said a neighbour who has watched the project take shape over the past 18 months. "It's enough to make someone want to come back to school after 50 years."

The three-storey, 28,000 square foot building is the new home of the University's English as a Second Language program and the Sobeys Business Development Centre (BDC), which moves back to campus from a downtown location.

For the approximately 350 students enrolled in English as a second language programming, the new building offers more and bigger classrooms, a modern language lab, a spacious library and plenty of collaborative spaces for informal group learning.

There are plenty of collaborative

spaces on the Business Development side too, along with offices, a "bullpen" for practising presentations, and a boardroom that doubles as an audio-visual conferencing centre for the entire campus.

"Being back on campus will make it easier to draw upon the talents of our students and get them connected with the business community," says Development Centre Director Eric Crowell.

There are 30 instructors and 17 administrators associated with the TESL Centre, and another 15 advisors attached to the Business Development Centre. They'll be sharing a home that doubles the number of classrooms in the old TESL building from 7 to 14, and reduces demands for classroom space in the McNally building.

The TESL Centre has already begun moving into the building from their aging facility next door. Registration and classes will begin in early September. The BDC's move will take place in early September.

Once the move is complete, the former TESL building will be dismantled through the fall and winter. By next spring, work will begin to landscape the corner, and the new northeast gateway to campus will be completed.

"It's enough to make someone want to come back to school after 50 years."

Converting bills to bits in Halifax

Adam Faber

"The internet is like it's own country sometimes," says Bitcoin buff Reed Holmes as he explains the paperless money he works with. "So why wouldn't it have it's own currency?"

Holmes, who lives in Bedford, is the Business Development Manager at the Canadian Virtual Exchange, a company that trades the computer-currency known as Bitcoin. Customers convert their physical money into a new digital form. While today's money are fiat currencies - backed by government central banks - Bitcoin is pure data, and it has no country minting it, therefore no country directly controlling it.

"Bitcoin is a completely digital currency, which has certain advantages to it," said Holmes. "It's safer, there's more anonymity, it's faster and it's cheaper."

The computer-based currency can't be copied like an mp3 or a movie, because every computer that sends and receives Bitcoins know exactly where each one has been - if one appeared out of nowhere, it would be spotted as a fake. As far as costs and speed are concerned, with no physical money to move around, transfers happen in the blink of an eye, with an overhead as low as the energy costs to run the computers.

"Why does it take 3-5 business days to get your money from one of your accounts to another of your own accounts?" Asks Holmes. "Bitcoin users are used to it being instantaneous, in comparison the banks take forever."

Holmes is starting the conversation about Bitcoins in Halifax, finding

consumers and merchants who are either interested in or already using the online money. "I've been working on a meetup group in town to trade notes and see what people are doing with Bitcoins in town," said Holmes. "We definitely have customers who are here in Halifax, it's just trying to figure out what they're using it for."

There are niches where the Bitcoin has found popularity, such as online stores, web-based casinos, and goods where anonymity is preferred. Bitcoin is the only currency used on SilkRoad, a site well-known for selling illicit goods. On the other hand, there are numerous legitimate businesses that accept it as well, and even sites online that list companies who accept the self-titled 'cryptocurrency'.

"There are online industries where it is very popular," said Holmes. "In Berlin, Germany it has become quite popular in stores, restaurants, and coffee shops who are accepting bitcoins. In Canada there is quite a bit of it - pockets of Vancouver, for example."

It's far from a foolproof system, however - while they can't be forged currently, there have been instances of hacking where Bitcoins were stolen from their owners, and with no centralized bank to speak of the value of a bitcoin itself has fluctuated wildly at times.

"When I first got involved a Bitcoin was worth \$30, and it has gone up as high as \$180," said

Holmes. "Some people get into it as an investment to buy and sell, but there

are also those who are in it for the longer term."

Holmes' currency trader the Canadian Exchange is far from the only game in town. In fact, some derivatives on Bitcoins are available, futures contracts are sold on the value of Bitcoins vs other currencies, and there are traders who bounce between different exchanges to buy the coins low and sell them high elsewhere, a sort of digital arbitrage.

"I see it as something that can compete with fiat currencies," said Holmes. "As we make more and more purchases online and more of our lives are online it just makes sense to make things flow a lot faster. With things like banks and Paypal you get nailed on fees and hoops to jump through."

The idea of a decentralized currency without physical substance is quite different from what is done now, and the landscape of laws and regulation is still changing. For example, Bitcoin is popular in some online gambling circles, due to the speed of transactions, low fees, and relative anonymity from what some see as restrictive regulations. The use of Bitcoin became more popular as a workaround in Cyprus when restrictive bank policies were looming as a financial crisis loomed.

"In the end Bitcoin may not be the dominant digital currency, but the genie is out of the bottle," said Holmes. "That being said, it's exciting to be involved in something like this on the ground floor as it develops."

Revenge porn: The price of trust in an online world

Cyber laws lag behind online activities

Sarah Gray — The Link (British Columbia Institute of Technology)

Hollie Toups, a 33-year-old from Orange, Texas, is the victim of online "revenge porn" and currently part of a court case against the website which hosted the images of her.

After the high-profile suicides of Amanda Todd and Rehtaeh Parsons, Canadians on both coasts have learned the hard way that cyber bullying is a virulent issue that, at its worst, can end lives.

In both Todd and Parsons' cases, explicit pictures of the girls were posted online, which led to bullying at school and through social media.

This despair is something that Hollie Toups knows all too well. Toups, a 33-year-old from Orange, Texas, is a victim of "revenge porn".

Toups describes revenge porn as a mix of cyber bullying and virtual rape. In some cases, a jilted ex-boyfriend or someone with an axe to grind posts naked pictures of a female victim on revenge porn sites, such as TeXXXan.com. The pictures become available online, for consumption by anyone with

access to Google.

Though the intimate photos that end up on sites such as TeXXXan are usually taken during a relationship, they are publicized after the affair ends. In other cases, pictures are lifted from hacked hard drives. The photos are posted to publicly shame the female victim — and it is effective in achieving that goal.

Toups recounts being shocked, panicked, and utterly distraught when a friend informed her that naked images of her were plastered all over TeXXXan.

"I essentially felt my life was over. My dreams were to become a U.S. Marshal or work for the government. After discovering my photos on a revenge porn site, which then in turn had my nude photos showing up in a Google search of my name ... I knew those dreams were over," she said.

TeXXXan, hosted by Internet domain registrar GoDaddy, allowed users to post pertinent information such as name, address and phone number along with the explicit pictures, making victims easily identifiable and accessible.

Now, TeXXXan has "gone dark"

according to reports, and its 24-year-old owners Hunter Taylor and Austin Ponthieu are embroiled in a class-action lawsuit.

As one of over 20 plaintiffs with claims against the site and its owners, Toups was astounded to find that Taylor and Ponthieu live close to her.

"It is a small town. The fact that there are 20 of us that are victims — it's totally affected the town in a huge way. The guys who ran the website are also from here. ... The website owners have said, 'It's just a job, [we're] just giving people an outlet.' But it's almost become, I guess, like a form of abuse," Toups explained.

Her investigator says that one of the most frightening aspects of revenge porn is that anyone — including pedophiles and sex addicts — can use the photos for self-gratification.

"In some cases, girls have been stalked by these men, while others have lost their jobs, and a couple of have even attempted or thought about suicide," Caroline Klein Gear, of Klein Investigations and Consulting in

Nederland, Texas, told The Link.

Perhaps what makes revenge porn such a challenge for victims is that once the pictures go viral, they can be saved to personal hard drives. A Google search years from now may turn up photos, making finding and erasing them a perpetual task. Victims feel as though there is no way to stop the pictures from circulating.

In addition to feeling humiliated by the photos, Toups has had to cope with an influx of online propositions from strangers using the posted information to contact her. Within her community, she is the subject of gossip and derogatory slurs.

"I felt like I was walking around in everyday life naked and exposed. Many people were very judgmental and harsh about it. I stopped going out in public," she said, after explaining that some in her town were quick to assign blame.

Since launching the lawsuit, Toups says her investigator knows the pictures were obtained through her computer and phone. It is unclear if they were posted by an ex-boyfriend, or if her hard drive

was ransacked. But Toups has learned a valuable lesson about the perils of social media.

"It's changed the way I communicate with people. If I have something private to say, I don't text it," she said.

What is clear is that technology has enabled an immediacy of communication, but also unprecedented privacy risks. Unfortunately, despite a swell in cyber issues like revenge porn and online bullying that have real-life consequences, there are few laws in the United States and Canada to adequately punish those who misuse virtual communication venues.

By acknowledging a humiliating situation, Toups is bravely putting a face to what is so far uncharted legal territory. She is also presenting her experience with revenge porn as a lesson for others who may mistakenly trust the security of social media platforms, text messages, and email.

Perhaps because of Hollie Toups, other women and young girls will think more seriously about the potential consequences of hitting send.



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What is Philanthropy?

SMU launches Student Philanthropic Council

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This is the big question that the newly formed Student Philanthropic Council (SPC) will answer for thousands of students at Saint Mary's this year.

An exciting new initiative of the Development Office, the student-run SPC is tasked with building a spirit of philanthropy at Saint Mary's. Planning and preparation has been happening throughout the summer, with plans to recruit key volunteer positions early in the fall semester.

"We know that students who are philanthropic tend to carry that spirit throughout their lifetime," says Akhil Al Karim, Student Philanthropic Council Coordinator and 3rd year Accounting major at the Sobey School of Business. "We realize that most students aren't in a position to contribute financially, so the SPC is more about awareness and acknowledging the significant impact of giving at SMU."

Kevin Schulz, Manager of Annual Giving at Saint Mary's echoes this

statement. "The goal of SPC is to increase the awareness of philanthropy and give Saint Mary's students hands-on exposure to authentic and meaningful philanthropic activities. Students are already philanthropic — we see it every day on campus. We want to let students know that their spirit of giving, whether of their time or other resources, is valued and acknowledged."

The SPC will be actively recruiting volunteers for executive positions on the Council including communications, philanthropy, and events. Involvement will provide an opportunity for students to gain experience in marketing, planning, public relations and project management. Additionally, volunteers will broaden their professional network among students, alumni and campus and community leaders.

Students interested in learning more about positions on the SPC are invited to visit the Facebook page or email Akhil Al Karim at akhil.karim@smu.ca.

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opportunities. However, as there has been a shift to a service-based economy, more and more Canadians are entering and staying in service jobs with lower pay. Union involvement is a means by which the baristas look to reform the service industry structure by pulling service jobs into middle class.

While unionized labour in the service sector is rare, the interest has been gaining momentum, which can be seen through the demonstrations here in Halifax and throughout the US fast food industry. These demonstrations show a shift in public appeal to reform the workplace for a steadily rising population who

now occupy roles within the service industry.

Although proponents of the union efforts in Halifax believe the baristas to be taking the proper steps to reform the industry, this is not necessarily the case. In August, Walmart workers in Weyburn, Saskatchewan voted to decertify Canada's only remaining union with the retail giant. Due to the lack of unionized representation in other stores, the UFCW was limited in its bargaining power with the retail chain, ultimately making for ineffective representation.

As the issue of unionized labour seems to be polarized, it is difficult to say if things will actually improve for the service industry as a whole.

Football Regular Season Schedule

Date	Time	Home	Away
Fri, Sept 06	7:00 pm	SMU	Acadia
Sat, Sept 14	2:00 pm	Montreal	SMU
Fri, Sept 20	7:00 pm	MTA	SMU
Fri, Sept 27	7:00 pm	SMU	StFX
Sat, Oct 05	2:00 pm	SMU	Acadia
Fri, Oct 11	7:00 pm	Acadia	SMU
Fri, Oct 18	7:00 pm	SMU	MTA
Sat, Oct 26	2:00 pm	StFX	SMU

Rugby Regular Season Schedule

Date	Time	Home	Away
Sat, Sep 07	2:00 pm	SMU	PEI
Wed, Sep 11	7:00 pm	Acadia	SMU
Sun, Sep 15	2:00 pm	SMU	StFX
Fri, Sep 20	7:00 pm	STU	SMU
Wed, Sep 25	7:00 pm	SMU	Acadia
Wed, Oct 02	7:00 pm	StFX	SMU
Sat, Oct 12	3:00 pm	SMU	STU
Sun, Oct 20	2:00 pm	PEI	SMU

Women's Soccer Regular Season Schedule

Date	Time	Home	Away
Sat, Sep 07	3:00 pm	MUN	SMU
Sun, Sep 08	4:00 pm	MUN	SMU
Fri, Sep 13	5:00 pm	SMU	UdeM
Sat, Sep 14	1:00 pm	SMU	DAL
Sat, Sep 21	1:00 pm	CBU	SMU
Sun, Sep 22	1:00 pm	StFX	SMU
Wed, Sep 25	5:00 pm	DAL	SMU
Sun, Sep 29	1:00 pm	PEI	SMU
Fri, Oct 04	5:00 pm	SMU	StFX
Sun, Oct 06	1:00 pm	SMU	Acadia
Sun, Oct 20	1:00 pm	SMU	MTA
Fri, Oct 25	5:00 pm	SMU	UNB
Sun, Oct 27	1:00 pm	MTA	SMU

Men's Soccer Regular Season Schedule

Date	Time	Home	Away
Sat, Sep 07	5:15 pm	MUN	SMU
Sun, Sep 08	1:00 pm	MUN	SMU
Fri, Sep 13	7:15 pm	SMU	UdeM
Sat, Sep 14	3:15 pm	SMU	DAL
Sat, Sep 21	3:15 pm	CBU	SMU
Sun, Sep 22	3:15 pm	StFX	SMU
Wed, Sep 25	7:15 pm	DAL	SMU
Sun, Sep 29	3:15 pm	PEI	SMU
Fri, Oct 04	7:15 pm	SMU	StFX
Sun, Oct 06	3:15 pm	SMU	Acadia
Sun, Oct 20	3:15 pm	SMU	MTA
Fri, Oct 25	7:15 pm	SMU	UNB
Sun, Oct 27	3:15 pm	MTA	SMU

Rugby

The women's rugby team will look to build upon last year's 4-4 season under head coach Megan Kinsman. The Huskies were defeated by Acadia in the AUS semifinals and will look to avenge that loss on September 11th. Key returning players include Jorie Rose and Jean Baker, who captained Canada's rugby sevens team this past summer in Russia. This leadership will be important with the host of new talent that this squad will be putting on the field. Watch these Huskies kick off their season against PEI on September 7th.



Football

The Huskies will look to rebound from a frustrating and disappointing 2012 season where they finished 3-5 and lost again in the conference finals to the Acadia Axemen. There is certainly reason for optimism heading into Perry Marchese's 2nd year as head coach. Look no further than the situation at quarterback with the loss of Jesse Mills to Carelton being cushioned by the arrival of Ben Rossong from Western, and Jack Creighton fully recovered from last year's neck injury, this team should have the ability to put up points in the air. As for on the ground, one of last year's bright spots Melvin Abankwah will return at running back as well as offensive linemen Guillaume Gagnier and Sean Seafoot. On defense the losses of Neil King and Kyle Norris to the CFL will be tough to swallow but with President's Trophy nominee Rob Jubenville leading the charge, this speedy and exciting defense has the ability to make big plays. The team kicks off the season with its home opener on September 6th against rival Acadia.

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What are Intramurals?

Intramurals are recreational sports that are open to all SMU students and staff. If you are interested in sports or just want to stay active during school, you are welcome to join. All skill levels are encouraged!

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Men's Cross Country 2013 Season Preview

Brendon Lisi

The men's cross country team is coming into a 2013 season with a very different look than it had the year previous. Most notably absent are 3 CIS qualifying runners; Corwin Trottier, Jake Wing, and Alexis Lavoie-Gilbert. Most notably new to the team this year is Kenyan John Kuto. Simple mathematics may reveal that losing 3 quality runners would be hard to make up with new recruits, and that is certainly true, but the addition of John Kuto is big.

The Kenyan runner has already proven himself over the years as a high level athlete, and shown he is still true to form after winning both the Bridge Mile and Bluenose Half-Marathon

this summer. Fourth year teammate J.K MacAdam has high hopes for the new addition, "He's got a shot at top ten CIS, and definitely a front runner for winning AUS". Another teammate, Angus MacDonald, shared in the enthusiasm; "He's blowing through these workouts, he's looking very fast heading into season". Both MacAdam and MacDonald are fourth year runners looking to have great seasons as well, having been able to train with Coach Heisler for the entire summer at Huskies Stadium. Another returning athlete is Michael Lerossignol, who is hoping his triathlon filled off-season will transfer into a successful Cross Country Season, despite the obvious difference in the demands of the two

sports.

Kevin Heisler is quietly excited heading into season, and his athletes say that even though he is always reserved, they can tell he is excited to see what the team can accomplish this year, and how far they can go. The team looks to provide a strong case for medaling as a team at AUS this year, with Bronze in their sights.

The Men's team heads out of a training camp of 14 runners with their sights set on a UNB meet on September 14th. The team will be slowly widdled down to the final seven who will run at AUS Finals, which take place at Udem.

Coverage of the September 14th UNB Meet will be found in the September 17th issue of the Journal.



Soccer

The women's soccer team took a step backward in 2012 after their impressive 2011 season. The Huskies finished 5-6-2 and lost to Cape Breton in the AUS semifinals after an incredible victory over Moncton in the quarters, but couldn't overcome the top ranked capers. This season Fernando Lucas will take over coaching duties for the women's team after spending the past decade helping lead the men to several championships. Lucas will look to carry this winning atmosphere over to the women's game for the upcoming season opener against

Memorial.

The men spent the 2012 season within the top 5 in CIS rankings. Behind league MVP Derek Gaudet and All-Star Adam Miller the team went 8-2-3 but got upset in the AUS championships. Stewart Galloway returns for his 21st season as Head Coach with an all time record of 153- 56- 56. With Gaudet providing plenty of offense, and Miller keeping the ball out of the back of the net for another year, this team looks poised to retake the AUS crown, while setting their sights on a CIS title



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Where should you go for entertainment in Halifax?

Connor Donald

For some people, especially new students, Halifax is a big city with so much to do that it can sometimes become overwhelming. Whether you are looking for drinks, dancing, music, comedy or just a spot to hang out with friends, there is a place for everybody in Halifax. For Frosh week, The Journal looks into five places you must go for the best entertainment, food and unforgettable nights!

1. The Dome Nightclub – 1726 Argyle St.

No matter where you come from, anyone who lives in Halifax and is of age has been to The Dome. The Dome is not just one club, but three with five bars! The Dome is where you can go to dance and listen to DJs mixes of Top-40 hits and some of the finest classics. Cheers is in the middle of this three story building

where you can go to sit down and listen to and sing along or dance along with the live house band. Taboo is the slightly fancier version of the Dome, where DJ's mix together all kinds of music for you to rock out to. No matter what you have heard, and we know it's probably a lot, The Dome is a must-visit-at-least-once, and promises a fun night for all with Student Night, Ladies Night and different drink specials every day!

2. The Carleton – 1685 Argyle St.

If you're looking for an escape from the typical dance club and Irish pubs that Halifax has to offer, then The Carleton is a great place to go. The Carleton has won the Music Nova Scotia Venue of the Year Award the last four straight years, and was also awarded the East Coast Music Award for Venue of the Year in 2012. With a stunning menu, an inviting and relaxing atmosphere and

great musical talent every night, you are guaranteed a great night out! Only having a capacity of 100 makes for an intimate night with any performer, friends, or maybe even a first date!

3. Bubba Ray's Sports Bar – 5650 Spring Garden Rd.

For those sports fanatics Bubba Ray's is arguably the best sports bar in Halifax. With great prices on pitchers, dozens of screens to enjoy whatever sporting event you want, and a Thursday Night Wing Night that was awarded Best Chicken Wings by The Coast's Best of Food reader's poll. Whether you are going for the pub-style food, the Best Wings in Halifax or great prices on beers, Bubba Ray's is a great spot for friends and the game.

4. Casino Nova Scotia – 1983 Upper Water St.

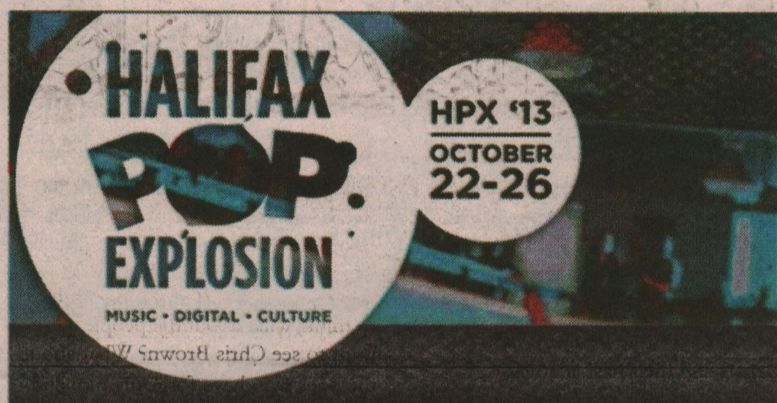
An entertainment list is not complete without a casino. The casino has everything for everyone: a restaurant, bars, entertainment and a gaming floor. Casino Nova Scotia has brought some great entertainment to Halifax and continues to impress whether it be comedians, hypnotists or musicians. If you're not up for that kind of, entertainment you can always dine on the waterfront at Trapeze or have a smaller meal at the Casino Café. And we can't forget about the gaming. Whether you play slots, blackjack, poker or roulette, Casino Nova Scotia has it all and it's all in the same room.

5. Your Father's Moustache – 5686 Spring Garden

The Moustache, as it's affectionately known, is one of the most well known restaurants in Halifax and sports some of its best burgers. Having a broad food

menu with lots of great drinks (17 draft beers and 34 drinks, if we're being exact), not to mention lots of televisions to watch sports or the news, it's no surprise why it's a favourite spot. The 2013 winner of Best Pub Food, Best Patio and nominated for Best Brunch, the Moustache really won't disappoint. Your Father's Moustache has it all to enjoy a night out with friends, try new drinks, try new food – so get out and enjoy the amazing patio while the weather is still good!

These are five of the best spots for entertainment and food in this big city of Halifax, but there are so many more to check out that can't be named. Depending on your interests you are always guaranteed to find a spot that meets all of your friend's interests. That's what makes Halifax so great, exploring the countless clubs, pubs, restaurants and entertainment venues!



Halifax Pop Explosion 2013: One for the record books

Connor Donald

In a unique double decker tour bus driving around Halifax, past the twenty venues which will play host to HPX shows, HPX Executive Director, Jonny Stevens, not only presented each venue, but also announced this years Halifax Pop Explosion headliners and keynote speakers. Music enthusiasts all thought that the 20th Anniversary HPX (2012) was huge, with the likes of: of Montreal, El-P, Wintersleep and Black Lips. Oh, but no! Hold onto your seats because HPX 2013 is set to be, most likely, better than last year and the nineteen before that!

For those who have lived under a rock, or just not lived in Halifax, then you may not know what HPX is. The Halifax Pop Explosion is an annual event, taking place in twenty-plus venues all around the HRM, with over 200 performers and a large number of guest speakers. Pop is far from the only genre represented in this festival. Everyone is capable of finding at least one show they would like whether you like hip-hop, electronic, folk rock, punk or even, pop! This event also includes a Pop Expo! which is a one-day record, zine, craft and art fair. You can find something for anyone, including yourself, at this fair from books to comics to records to posters! HPX Digital is another huge part of the week's festivities and this is where the guest speakers are involved. HPX Digital is an interactive event for those into digital creations where guests get

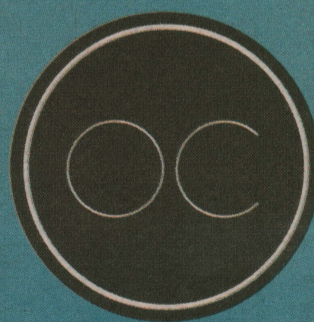
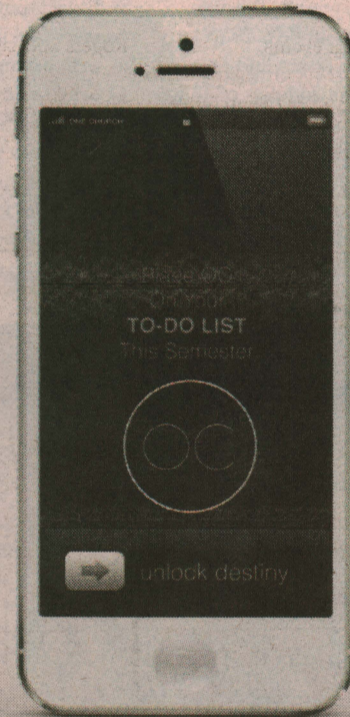
to explore innovative trends from the web, gaming, mobile and marketing.

The headliners for this year include a few Maritime artists: Quake Matthews, Kayo, Mo Kenney and Joel Plaskett, however, the larger headliners come from all over: Japandroids, Killer Mike, Action Bronson, Metz, Hollerado, Poor Young Things and so many more. They have even brought some comedians into the mix, like Brian Posehn. HPX Digital will include speakers from Microsoft, Disney, YouTube and the Vancouver Film School.

This year the Pop Explosion takes place from October 22 to 26 and all venue schedules can be found on the Pop Explosion website, halifaxpopexplosion.com. HPX Digital takes place at the Atlantica Hotel from October 23 to 25 and a full list of guest speakers, prices and sessions can be found on the website. The Pop Expo! will take place on October 26 from 8am to 5pm at the Halifax World Trade and Convention Center. For any information you need to know or to volunteer throughout the week check out the website!

HPX has grown into one of Halifax's largest and most attended events. This must-attend week of events incorporates something for everyone from music to art to technology. The Journal will be there, and we recommend checking out the website and finding a show or session you would like to attend.

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Rogue Trader: Bank fraud autobiography

Adam Faber

Nick Leeson's story of how he single-handedly bankrupted Barings bank is a must-read for business students, and a window into a secret world for us at Saint Mary's who see business students every day. It details the alcohol-fueled antics of a group of singapore stock traders, and illustrates how the boss' personal problems coupled with a lack of proper oversight led him to lose 7.78 billion yen gambling with the bank's money, utterly destroying the bank. Oh yeah - it's a true story, too.

When Leeson isn't writing about his bar antics, he's busy blaming his employer for failing to catch him. The fact that he as four bosses to report to

neither of whom take a role managing him, or the fact that he's allowed to manage the books and do the trading at the same time, or even the fact that nobody listens to the auditors are all the downfall of the bank, not Nick himself, he claims. That being said, it doesn't damage the narrative of the book, it's a bit like following Annakin Skywalker's fall to being Darth Vader.

However, if you're not keen on reading a book, there is a movie adaptation. Ewan MacGregor takes the role of Nick Leeson, and much like his role as young Obi-Wan Kinobi he pulls the jedi mind trick and pulls off the on-screen bank fraud. Unfortunately, the story doesn't translate well to a movie: watching a stock trader

do paperwork and vomit between audits doesn't really make compelling television. Perhaps if there was a light sabre battle or two it would have helped.

If you are given the choice between the movie and the book, definitely go for the book. That way you can take the explanations of the stock market and the internal paperwork at whatever speed you need. Don't be intimidated, it's quite well done, and by the end of it you have not only read an interesting 'true crime' story, but you have a bit more of an understanding of the stock trading system, as well as a disappointing look into the punishment side of business law.

Line up for the 33rd Atlantic Film Festival

Connor Donald

The Atlantic Film Festival is set to take place for the 33rd time in Halifax from September 12-19. The eight day festival is set to feature over 180 films and numerous special events.

This year's gala program will add the Atlantic Gala on Friday September 13, featuring the film All the Wrong Reasons which stars the late Glee star Cory Monteith, while the closing gala on Thursday September 19 will feature

the film The Invisible Women, a film telling the story about the secret love affair between Charles Dickens and Nelly Ternan.

The festival also features the 2013 Rogers Special Presentations which are the newest and most anticipated films of the year. It is always one of the biggest nights of the festival. The AFF will also feature a program full of French films from Canada and all around the world. The AFF will also

include one of the hottest events of the year in Halifax, the opening night party and the introduction of Industry day this year. Industry day will include: awards, panels, workshops and the chance to meet, network and celebrate the film industry in Atlantic Canada.

There is so much more set to take place over this popular eight day festival and ticket prices, gala information and any other necessary information can be found at atlanticfilm.com.

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Concert...

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record? Or is the public to hard on artists and their past actions?

Canada already has strict guidelines to follow, even if you are famous, for getting temporary visas. Chris Brown was able to get a temporary visa, which can mean that his crime was not as serious as what some people think or it happened far enough ago that he is no longer a threat to Canadian public. It is obvious that his actions towards Rhianna were worthy of serious punishment and that should not be downplayed. However, the length of time since the incident has been significant, almost four years now. Is it right to presume that Chris Brown is safe enough to let into the country at this point? I believe so, but the public makes the final decision on whether they want to see him or if they want to have the artists in their city.

Chris Brown has issued numerous public statements claiming he has changed and that he regrets what happened that night, but is what he says genuine to how he really feels? Clearly large quantities of the public feel like it is all an act and that what he has done in his past is not worth forgiving and allowing him to perform

a show in their city. However, we have to think, what about the people who want to see Chris Brown? What about the ones who have forgiven him and want to see a worldwide star perform in their city?

Admittedly, it is hard to forgive Chris Brown for what he did, but some people believe in leaving the past in the past and accept Chris Brown's apology and want to see him in concert. Who are we to stop fans from seeing who they want to see? If you don't want to see Chris Brown don't ruin it for others. You can make your opinion known, but I don't believe it is right to stand in the way of a concert that thousands of others will pay to see.

Alas, the petition did not work in cancelling the show, but Chris Brown cancelled all Canadian shows due to "health-related issues." Thus, many have gotten what they wanted and Chris Brown will not be performing in Halifax or anywhere in Canada. However, despite the cancellation, it is hard to tell what would have happened had the boycotting and petitioning continued. This could be cause for concern if another controversial artist makes an attempt to perform in Halifax.

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Did You Know That?

From 2010 to 2012, Saint Mary's University was the only Nova Scotian university with more boys enrolled than girls. Before that, as far back as 2007, all of the universities in Nova Scotia had more girls than boys. Universite Sainte-Anne has had the highest portion of girls enrolled over the last five years, with the student body being over 70 per cent female. The runner-up is St. FX, with a little over 60 per cent girls enrolled.



Enactus Saint Mary's

Enactus Saint Mary's is a community of students, academics and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to improve the lives of those in our community. We create projects to address needs identified within Nova Scotia and across the globe while considering all social, economic and environmental factors to create a better, more sustainable world.

We work to foster creativity and innovation to improve the quality of life and standard of living for individuals and businesses that require assistance through projects that address:

Battling hunger

Helping those with barriers to the workforce such as addictions, mental disabilities, and homelessness

Using financial education to help individuals become financially independent

Creating opportunity for those around us and assist them to seize the opportunity

Promote and execute effective environmentally conscious practices

Keeping an entrepreneurial mindset to work with local businesses to improve their ventures

Why is Enactus for you?

Joining Enactus allows you to take part in a number of networking events and real world experiences; from working with vendors at the seaport farmers market to working with at-risk youth. Being involved with Enactus gives you the opportunity to build your resume and gain volunteer experience which can go towards your Co-Curricular Record. We compete on regional and national stages which are judged by the top business leaders in the country.

Getting involved with Enactus
Saint Mary's also allows you to meet like-minded people who want to make a difference in your community.

How can you get involved?

The first meeting will be held on September 10 at 7pm where Dr. Bradshaw, Dean of the Sobey School of business, will be present to testify the opportunities of becoming a member of Enactus Saint Mary's. Enactus Saint Mary's has meetings every Tuesday at 7pm throughout the year and new members are encouraged to come at 6:45pm. These meetings address updates on projects and upcoming events.

Follow us on twitter @enactusSMU and like our Facebook page "Enactus Saint Mary's" to get more information on events and meeting locations.

Society Spotlight

Keith Ramsay, Society Coordinator

With the start of the new school year, student societies start looking for membership, new or returning! Many students will ask though, "Why join? How do I even go about that? There are no Societies that have anything I am interested in." The answers to all these questions are much easier than you would expect!

Joining a society can be a very helpful tool, and earn you valuable experience trying a multitude of different things, such as management, fundraising, public speaking and much more. It is also a great chance to meet people with common interests, and make friends outside your classes.

Are you a person looking at the list of societies, but can't seem to find one that fits with things you're interested in or would like to be doing? Just start one! To start or found a society, all you need is a group of people that have the same interest as you. Once you have your founding group you must apply

for ratification and you can start that application with me, your 2013/2014 Society Coordinator.

Saint Mary's currently has 70+ societies on campus, but we could always use more! Once your society has been ratified, you have access to many helpful resources on campus, such as funding, branding, free on-campus room bookings and access to Gorsebrook bookings for any events or meeting you may want to host.

To see the full list of current Societies, you can visit the SMUSA.ca webpage and find it under the "Society" drop-down or come visit us at the Society Expo on September 5th in the Quad from 10am-3pm. There you can meet reps from each society in person and ask any question you may have, and even join them on the spot.

For more information on Societies, you can contact me at Society.Coordinator@smu.ca or drop by my office on the 5th floor of the Student Centre.

What it's like being the foreigner

Adam Faber

For new Canadian students, there are a lot of adjustments to be made: no more of mom's cooking, a new city to get used to, and old friends seem scattered to the winds of change. That being said, Saint Mary's University has historically had a high number of international students, and this year is no different. Having just come back from a year abroad, I find myself looking at a foreign student wandering around being confused, and having flashbacks of my own.

Twice the tuition

Canadian universities receive funding from the different levels of government, essentially splitting the cost with those who are studying. For someone coming from a different country, these sort of arrangements simply don't exist. What that means is that globetrotters are financing the whole thing themselves. While a Nova Scotian Santamarian pays is approximately \$650 a course, whereas a German student pays closer to \$1,300. This is called an 'International Differential', it applies to all other countries, and sets the price tag quite a bit higher for non-Canadians. An interesting quirk in subsidies coming

from the provincial side of things means some Canucks have a differential as well, albeit a smaller one. If you come from a province other than Nova Scotia, you aren't eligible for a rebate of about \$100 a course, which means the locals are paying less than people from Ontario, for example. No matter which rate you pay, however, you're pretty much getting the same education.

Funny Food

Imagine I tell you you can't ever eat peanut butter (or maybe Nutella) until you graduate. If you were a student at University, you might get a little upset. There was a tempest in a teapot last year when the cafeteria stopped offering Nutella, a beloved chocolatey spread, due to high rates of consumption and outright theft. Students got mad, and media covered the debate nationally for some reason. That being said, learners who switch countries to get their degree often leave behind their comfort foods, and even if they are available they're more expensive. A Finn would certainly have trouble finding Salmiakki, a popular salt liquorice treat back home, and where in the city can you get a good Reindeer-topped pizza?

Paying to get work

With tuition being so much higher, and a taste of home coming at a premium, the 20 per cent of seats filled at Saint Mary's by international students couldn't be blamed if they looked for a part-time job. For those who find work off-campus, however, they need to pay a \$200 fee to the government for the privilege of competing in Nova Scotia's job market. Keeping in mind that the kind of work many full time students can manage is a weekend job, it means their first paycheck risks being entirely consumed by the cost of finding the job itself.

Funny-talking locals

Why does everyone visit that Tim feller every morning? What drug is 'taking the fairy' referring to, and is that why they're all Bluenosers? Why is seal clubbing bad, but picking up a two four and snagging a beaver tail okay? It might not be so hard to follow if they all didn't talk so fast! It seems that the English being spoken in the classroom and on tests is not quite the same language that is being spoken in the halls and downtown. It's not surprising that a number of foreign students clump together based on nationality.

SMU leads in foreign student enrollment

Adam Faber

Saint Mary's University continues to increase its ratio of foreign students, with almost double what it had five years ago.

Of students enrolled this year at Saint Mary's, 28 per cent have a student residency permit, meaning they are from outside the country. That is nearly twice than the 2007-2008 academic year, when only 14.5 per cent of the student body was from beyond Canada's borders.

It's not only Saint Mary's that has experienced a spike in people from abroad. In the 2011-2012 academic year, 13.5 per cent of all students in Nova Scotia were from outside the country. China was the number one source of Canada's immigrants in general, and student visas from the country has increased 235 per cent from 2004, up to 25,245 issued study permits.

Saint Mary's has the highest ratio

of foreign students, at 23.7 per cent. The origin of those students are largely China and Saudi Arabia, and the programs with the highest number of international students at SMU are finance, accounting, and engineering. The percentage of foreign students at Saint Mary's has steadily increased 2-3 per cent a year for the last five years.

A large number of foreign students at Saint Mary's wind up at the Sobey School of Business. As a faculty, the business school has 1193 of the school's come-from-aways, 60 per cent of the total foreign population at SMU.

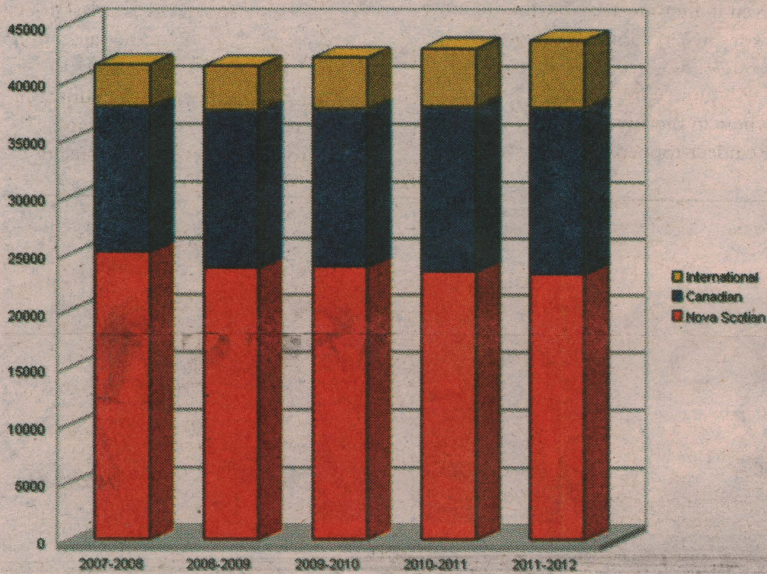
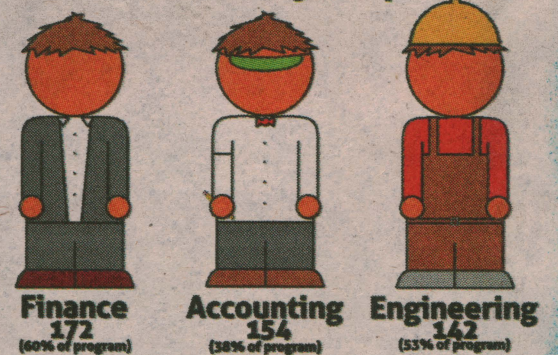
The popularity of the business school with international students is also apparent as opposed to other school faculties. Approximately 43 per cent of the Sobey School of Business are from abroad, compared to 9 per cent of the faculty of arts students.

Who are Saint Mary's students?

Student population by residency status



Visa students by major field of study (Top 3)



Summer Writing Workshop Sizzles

Participants at the Summer Writing Workshop With the fall term just around the corner, 80 incoming university students from across Canada have been brushing up their writing skills at the Summer Writing Workshop offered by the Writing Centre at Saint Mary's.

Over the course of a two-day workshop held on August 15 and 16, participants completed writing exercises designed to help them succeed in their first year at university—and beyond. Writing at a university level is as much a science as it is an art and requires a specific skill set, including proficiency with grammar and knowledge of academic writing standards.

"The goal of the program is help students get a head start on September to understand what it takes to write at

this level. It's also a chance for them to meet and make friends and to feel at home here," says Brian Hotson, Director of the Writing Centre. "We also let them know that there is help for them, not just from the Writing Centre, but from across the University."

Working in small groups, students benefitted from immediate feedback given by trained instructors on the types of writing common in a university setting, including essays, summaries, and research reports. And because no two students are the same, participants' schedules were personalized to focus on areas tailored to their academic goals.

"The segment on essay writing was particularly useful to me," says participant Emily Adams, who is looking forward to starting her first year at Saint Mary's

Sobey School of Business in September. "Not only do I now understand the importance of clear, focused thesis statements, but I now have the tools to write them."

Incoming Faculty of Arts student Brianna Nickerson is confident that she can apply what she's learned to all of her writing—not just academic writing. "I've learned so much about grammar, including some things that surprised me!"

Saint Mary's University supports the development of advanced communication skills through the Writing Centre, which provides support for students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Throughout the year, the Centre offers in-person, one-on-one tutoring, as well as workshops, in-class presentations, and online support.

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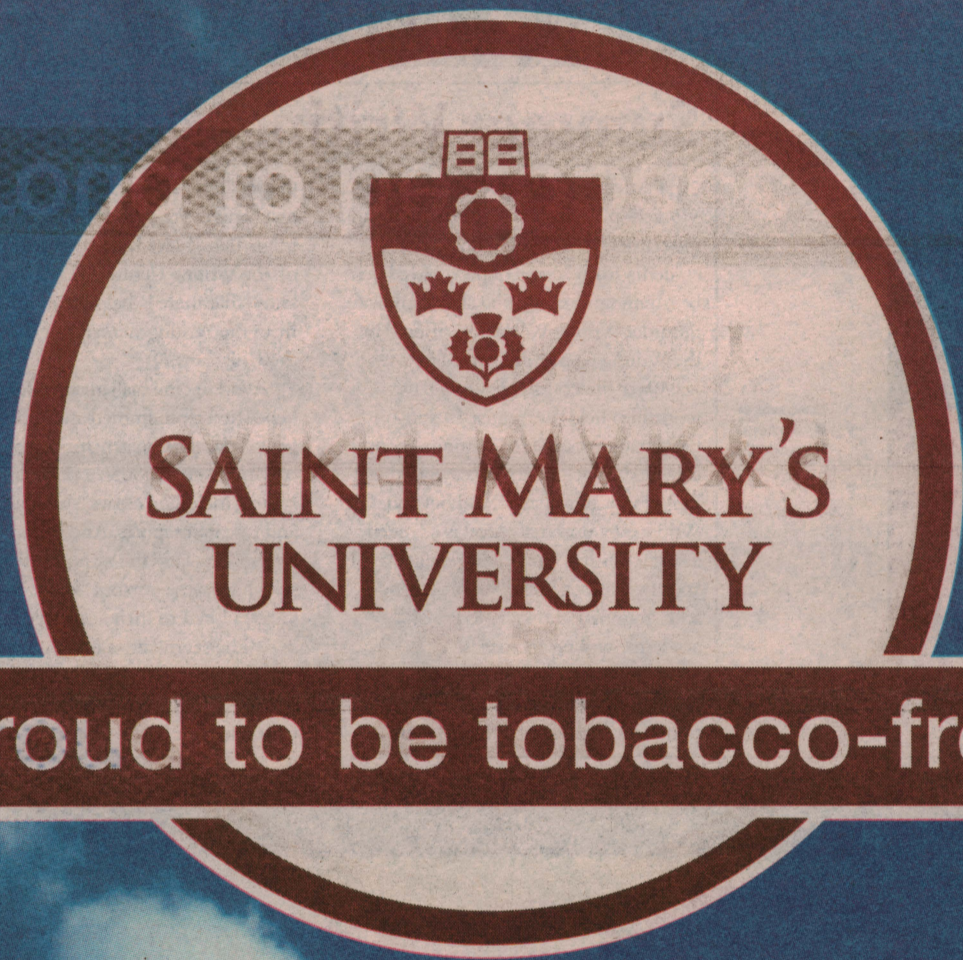
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