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Maroon and White

Mackenzie Way
Senior Contributor

Once again the SMU Grad Class is calling all graduating Saint Mary's students to the Maroon and White ball to celebrate their success. This year's ball will be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax on March 12th 2016 from 6:30pm – 11:30pm. For full ticket holders dinner and dance will be provided, with the option of a cash bar

and photo booth. For dance only ticket holders the event will begin at 9pm with sound being provided by Halifax's own Evolution Sound.

Tickets are now on sale online through the SMU Grad class Facebook page, and at the Info desk. Make sure to get yours before they are all gone! Also while you're at it be sure to order your SMU Grad apparel from the SMU bookstores website, March 12th is the last day to get your orders in.

Love is Love

Mackenzie Way
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With the completion of SMUSA'S DzSweetheart Weekdz many students are left wondering what love is really all about. Love is Love is a campaign that pro-motes love equality for all no matter your skin tone, gender, religion, or sexual orientation. The campaign is launched on university campuses across Canada to pro-mote equality, but also to raise awareness for LGBTQ+ rights, and of course greater equality for all.

On February 10th SMUSA hosted their annual love is love night, this year named the DzLove Pub, dzin the Gorsebrook Lounge. T-shirts specialty designed by SMUSA president, Amali Armony, were handed out for free to all who entered the pub, staff included. A photo booth captured many of the nights positive memories, however the focal point was the backdrop, which consisted of a large whiteboard, which had been left in the Gorsebrook since the beginning of the week. The board had the simple message Dzwhat do you lovedz and two markers attached; by the time SMUSA opened the doors for the Love Pub on the 10th the board was full of meaningful messages that served as the backdrop for the events photo booth.

To go along with the theme SMUSA, along with SMUQ, also hosted an LGBTQ+ Trivia Night, with prizes supplied from Venus Envy. Through the support of SMUQ SMUSA was able to provide events for the duration of the week that centered around positivity, awareness, and acceptance of all.

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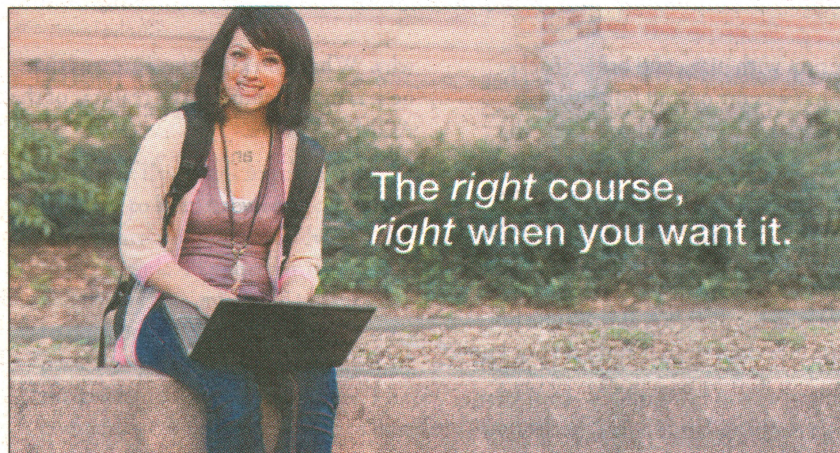
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Consequences of Apathy

Neil Van Horne
Section Editor

It seems like there is a growing culture of apathy in Nova Scotia, and as someone who cares (maybe too much) about what is right, this is worrisome. The people, on several different occasions have been told by those more powerful that a change is going to happen, and there is nothing we can do about it. So naturally we whine about it for a bit and then give up, going back to things as if nothing changed. Public sector employees have suffered a legislated wage freeze, newsroom staff at the Chronicle Herald are on strike to maintain a contract that was fought for over a generation, for reasons as simple as preserving the clause that guarantees men and woman equal work for equal pay. Students at SMU were among the first to taste this harsh bit of news, when the University announced tuition hikes. SMUSA presented this with the President and other administrators, we whined about it and then we gave up.

This was a long time coming though, ever since the spring of 2015 people who were following the news could predict that because of the budget and Bill 100 that the Liberals made law, universities would have the opportunity to hike up fees for students. Students should have lobbied the government and universities as soon as this happened. The trick to effective lobbying is to focus on why what you want is what is best for who you are lobbying as well. The University, and the province as a whole will not have as many new students next year. I am betting you that. If I am wrong, I will shave my hair off (which I haven't done in two years). Why were we unable to communicate to those in power that raising tuition would harm them, if students leave or decide not to come their revenue will decline despite the increase in tuition. Effective lobbying and not giving up on our wish for lower fees is not out of the question – don't forget that this hike is to be phased in over 3 years. If enrolment and revenue drop next year, that is our chance to make the case for more affordable education.



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Adam Faber, Sales Executive: "The Journal kick-started my career in print. I met publishers who gave me work because of the Journal, which directly led to my current job at an ad sales agency in Cambridge, England for such clients as Rotary and Egmont Publishing."

Angela MacGregor, technology writer: "Writing for the journal gave me a voice to share things I found important with my fellow students" lame, but true!

Suvir Pursnani, former student life editor: "Writing for the paper gave me the opportunity to experience what it was like to run a business. Deadlines needed to be met, sales targets needed to be reached, and readership needed to be maintained. It was a nice item to have on my resumé when job hunting time came around".

Daniella Sam-Levi, Ella's Fashion Corner: "The journal made me come out of my shell when it came to writing, and gave me a platform to show my creativity, basically gave me a foot in the door! Thank you!"

Doris Wu, Senior Contributor: "The Journal helped me discover and develop my interest in writing. As well, The Journal encouraged me to become an active member of the SMU community by listening to my voice and giving me credits. And you guys are an awesome team!"

Sandra C. Hannebohm, Editor-in-Chief: "I started working for The Journal two years ago as a Section Editor and fell in love with the idea of student empowerment. Since then, I have met with dozens of professional journalists and hundreds of fellow student journalists with a lot more experience than myself. I've been able to feed on a wealth of knowledge, network locally and nationally, and clarify what my own life goals are. This may be the most valuable experience I walk away from SMU with - even more than my degree!"

Neil Van Horne, Section Editor: "My father was news editor from '88 to '92. Last February when we revamped ourselves in web-site form, I was ecstatic to love the same work that my father did at the same university over twenty years ago. The Journal has done so much for me at this university, and it has led me to a mentorship with one of my idols, Tony Burman who is probably the most influential Canadian Journalist outside of the country. The Journal is the centrepiece of my university and life experience, and I hope that I will have the opportunity to make it stronger over the next two years and help any student who wants to write get published in our independent, student run publication."

New Addition to Campus

Neil Van Horne
Section Editor

If you have been to the third floor of the Patrick Power Library lately, you have probably noticed that library staff members have been busy boxing up stuffy old journals for storage. The reason they are putting these journals away, is that construction will soon begin on a new addition to our campus, the Change Lab Action Research Institute, or C.L.A.R.I. This addition will be on the third floor of the library, accessible from the Atrium. A Change Lab, or more commonly known as a community and public labs, is meant to easily connect people from long distances to a hub of technology and research, often times a university. This could help farmers, community activists,

and small business owners across Nova Scotia be easily put in touch with the experts in a field, or students looking to practice their skills. The Department of Labour and Advanced Education is the provincial department that is funding the project, has linked it's inspiration for the lab to the One Nova Scotia 'Ivany Report,' which focuses on the economic and population growth of Nova Scotia, a key part of this being our universities and student retention. In a SMU news story published after the announcement of the project, Minister of the Department Kelly Regan said "Our province is facing demographic and economic challenges, and we are looking for ways to do things differently, these challenges can't be solved in isolation – we need to bring different perspectives and expertise together in

a creative environment. CLARI will be that place." The University has already accepted applications for a new position, CLARI Network Manager. The job is a one year contract in the range of \$60,000. It is interesting that it is only a one year contract, leading to speculation that in the future the University community will collectively manage it. In the description of the job as released by the Human Resources department of SMU, The Office of Innovation and Community Engagement (OICE) is described as "work(ing) diligently to pursue initiatives for industry sponsored research; develop value-added solutions for its research community, and create more opportunities to work collaboratively to commercialize research through technology and knowledge transfer

activities with external partners." While greater opportunities for research at the university are a positive thing, students should be wary of academics becoming heavily commercialized and mingling too much with the goals of government and business. Construction of this elaborate Lab on and above the two quiet floors of the library, which many students enjoy and value for uninterrupted studying, is not going to comply with the 'no noise' rule that was implemented because of student requests. The Journal reached out to Ron Houlihan, Promotional Services Librarian, who assured us that "construction will not begin until the last exam has been written." We were also assured that the noisiest work will be done between 7 and 8:30 in the morning, during low usage hours.

SMUSA engages excited students

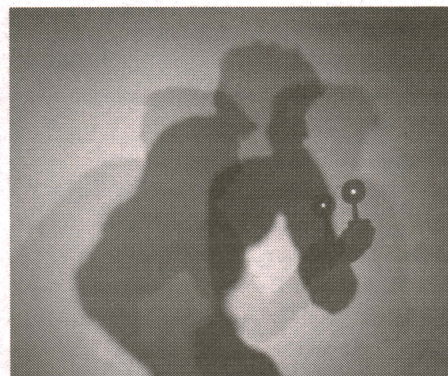
Erika MacDonald
Section Editor

This semester's SMUSA AGM was held in January and it all started off with a lightshow. Mr. Joel Evans was an extremely entertaining MC during this entire meeting and his experience in the music scene mixed with his tech savvy skills allowed him to introduce himself in a way I'm sure most SMUdents have never seen before. Next, it was brought to SMUdents attention that two of three Deans were present along with Dr. Summerby-Murray. After this, Biggie Smalls blared through the sound system and Amali Armony, SMUSA President, took the podium. Amali was very sincere in his remarks as he realized that it could be his last remarks to the student body as SMUSA President due to the SMUSA elections fast approaching. His main message to students was the work that the SMUSA team has done to build and maintain relationships

with the SMU administration and the value he puts in to these connections. As usual we then heard from Chair of the Board of Directors, Bryan Rice, Cathie Ross SMUSA General Manager, Gorsebook Co-Managers Matt and Ally, Rachel MacDonald VP Academic, Collette Robert VP University Affairs, Mackenzie Way VP Events, and Ossama Nasrallah VP of Student Affairs. This was followed by a presentation by both of SMU's outside advocacy groups StudentsNS and CASA. Nick Head-Peterson from StudentsNS talked about their Advocacy week that happened earlier this month and John Rix along with Annie Sherry both representatives for CASA also promoted their upcoming advocacy week. The final speaker was Dr. Summerby-Murray who presented a very informational DzDay-In-The-Lifedz schedule. We were able to see what he is doing on a typical day. And let me tell you – it was chalked full. This AGM was ended off with an Open

Forum with pizza and other snacks. What was my overall impression? This was very well put together. The promotional posters, feedback station, and open forum were what students need, in my opinion, even if everyone didn't get to the food fast enough. And what ever happened to Joel? Joel was working for SMUSA at this time but has since disappeared and I do not know

why. What I do know for sure was that he was most definitely the real star of the AGM.



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The Canadian Alliance of Students' Association

Collette Robert
VP Academic Affairs

Did you know that as a member of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA), you are also a member of both StudentsNS, and the Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA)? What does this mean for you, and for SMUSA as a whole? Let me explain what this means for you, and for us as a collective students' association.

StudentsNS is our provincial lobby group. In other words, it is a professional organization that speaks on behalf of all of its student members who pay fees through their Student Associations. The current member groups represented by StudentsNS include seven different post secondary student groupings: Annapolis Valley NSCCSA, Acadia Students' Union, Atlantic School of Theology Students' Union, Cape Breton University Students' Union, Kingstec NSCCSA, Saint Mary's University Students' Association, and Saint Francis Xavier University Students' Union. Founded in 2003, there was a need for students to come together on a provincial level and advocate on behalf of the students of Nova Scotia. StudentsNS operates with four values: accessibility, affordability, quality, and student voice.

On February 16th-18th, 2016 StudentsNS will be having an Advocacy Week, where our representatives will attend meetings with 30 provincial MLAs, including seven Ministers and the Speaker of the House. The meeting topics will focus on several key items that we have identified on campus and a provincial level, including but not limited to Mental Health, Sexualized Violence, and Campus Life. Your SMUSA StudentsNS representatives include Rachel MacDonald (VP

Academic Affairs), Collette Robert (VP University Affairs), and SMU student Scott Byrne (Treasurer of StudentsNS).

Through our SMUSA representatives, there are ways on campus that you can get involved in StudentsNS. Feel free to connect with any of your StudentsNS representatives on the SMU campus to voice your input, and we can communicate this for you to government at a provincial level. Your voice matters, and we want to support you. For more information on StudentsNS, reach out to your representatives or visit the website at www.studentsns.ca.

CASA is our federal lobby group, representing you on a National level. The current members consist of 21 students' associations across Canada, representing over 250,000 students. Established in 1995, CASA lobbies for accessibility, affordability and innovation in post-secondary education. On February 21st-28th, 2016, CASA will have their advocacy week in Ottawa, which includes over 140 meetings with members of parliament and members of the senate. CASA operates with four policy principles: accessibility, affordability, quality, and innovation. Your SMUSA CASA representatives are Amali Armony (President), Rachel MacDonald (VP Academic Affairs), Collette Robert (VP University Affairs) and Bryan Rice (Chair of the Board of Directors).

If you want to get involved with CASA, reach out to your campus representatives or visit the website at www.casa-acae.com. You can bring forward your ideas and/or create policy that we can use at a federal level while meeting with members of parliament and the senate.

We hope to see you involved on a provincial or federal level. Your voice matters and we can make it known.



Canada's luckiest student

Erika MacDonald
Section Editor

Many of you have likely heard the SMU's very own Alex van der Valk was recently awarded CIBC and Student Life Network's Canada's Luckiest Student prize. Alex is a 3rd year Psychology major who is currently pursuing her honors and is from Halifax so SMU was her natural choice for post-secondary. This contest has only one aim: to annually give one student everything they need. Student Life Network has had winners attend the Grammy's, have a meet and greet with Rhianna, but all winners get \$20,000 courtesy from CIBC, a year's worth of free groceries and covering all of your textbooks for four years. Wow.

The SMU Journal had the chance to talk to Miss van der Valk in early February, shortly after her big win, to ask her all about her experience!

TJ: How did you hear about the contest? AVDV: I first heard about the Canada's Luckiest Student contest four years ago. I was trying to find scholarships to help me pay for University, and there was an ad for a huge contest that was open to all Canadian students over the age of 16, no transcripts or essays required! Although I didn't win the first time I entered all their contests since.

TJ: How many times did you enter this contest? AVDV: I can't say how many entries I had, but let's just say I entered pretty much every day. It was easy to enter; I'd solve a riddle or enter the codes they post on Twitter and Facebook.

If you're active on social media, you'll love their contests!

TJ: Describe how you felt when you found out you had won such an amazing prize! AVDV: For 3 weeks, I thought my friend Cydney won the contest. Until the last minute, I was focused on making sure everything my friend and I planned went off without a hitch, and that I didn't let anything slip. On Reveal Day they even had posters with Cydney's name on them. When they told me I won, I felt very surprised and confused, like I didn't know how to react. I still can't wrap my head around it, how big it all really is. It's surreal.

TJ: Wow, that's amazing! What are you going to do with all your winnings? AVDV: I'm going to sound so boring, but I plan on investing most of my winnings. It'll be handy when I move away for grad school. Also I'd love to go to a concert; Coldplay or Genesis (do they even tour anymore?!) and go on a trip once I graduate. Mom wants to go to Italy, so that might be the plan!

Alex encourages every student to enter contests like this and at the end of her interview said: DzI encourage all SMUdents to check them out online (www.studentlifenet.com) because they have contests year-round to help students pay for school. Right now they're actually running a contest to win \$25,000 from TD Bank; let's get more East Coast winners!dz

The Journal would like to extend its sincerest congratulations to Alex on her amazing win!



AUS Basketball

Cem Turkmen
Contributor

By Cem Turkmen The AUS championship is coming up and both men's and women's basketball teams are on a hot streak so far.

The men's team won three out of four games this month, and their only loss was to UNB. Last year's MVP, Javon Masters of UNB was unstoppable, winning a game high of 43 points. Just a day later, Huskies avenged their loss and came up with a win against UNB, thanks to Brian Rouse (26pts, 5reb) and Theon Reefer (23pts, 7reb).

On February 12th, the Huskies hosted the Acadia Axeman in fourth place and came up big in the second half by out-scoring the Axeman 56 to 40. Kemar Alleyne (26pts, 9reb) and Osman Barrie (24pts, 10reb) put up big numbers to earn the win. Huskies used the paint better than the Axeman, which was an important factor for the win.

On the 13th, Huskies were not challenged much by the Cape Breton Capers. Huskies out-scored the Capers 24 to 8 in the last quarter and held onto win the game. Five Huskies players scored 10+ points.

After the last game against Capers, Huskies are now fifth place in the group. On February 17th, Huskies are going to host the group leader, Dalhousie. Then, Huskies will go on the road to play St.FX, Acadia, and Cape Breton. If Huskies can continue their winning streak, they can finish the group in the first three and it would be a great advantage for the AUS championship.

Men's basketball will make the AUS championship, whether they get in third or fifth, but the Women's basketball team is also playing well. They only lost one game this season, standing at first place in their group. Women's Huskies want to finish their group in first position and the game against Acadia will be crucial to hold the leadership. Special congratulations to Rachele Coward, who's named the AUS athlete of the week.

Hopefully, Huskies men can improve their winning streak and finish the group in a better standing, and Huskies women can beat Acadia to clinch their group leadership.

The AUS Basketball Championship starts in March. We will see then, what our teams will do in this year's championship.

Road to the national championships: looking good for Huskies

Brandon Gilfoy
Contributor

The Saint Mary's hockey team is hosting the annual CIS University Cup on home ice for the first time since the tournament began in 1962. Hosting the tournament presents an exciting opportunity for the SMU hockey program. Not only will it create huge exposure for the program on a national scale, but it also grants the team an automatic berth into the prestigious tournament.

Since the inception of the Atlantic University Sports conference in 1958, Saint Mary's has won 13 conference championships and one CIS university cup banner. That banner was won in 2010 under the leadership of Coach Trevor Steinburg, who is now coaching in his 19th year for the Huskies.

The Huskies faced significant adversity in the first half of this season, going into the Christmas break in a 5th placed tie with UPEI in the standings. Injuries were a main factor, as up to five key players have missed time throughout the first half, which included veterans Stephen Johnston and Michael D'Orazio. In the absence of these important players, Barrie Colts product Steven Beyers has shouldered the load offensively, scoring at a point per game clip of 19 points in 19 games.

Sophomore goaltender Cole Cheveldave, a graduate of the WHL's Prince Albert Raiders, was thrust into starting duties this year with only 6 career CIS games under his belt. Former CIS goaltender of the year Anthony Peters has since moved onto the ECHL's Florida Everblades after an outstanding 4 seasons with the Huskies. Cheveldave came into this season with the difficult

task of replacing the perennial AUS all-star, but the young goalie has played exceptional in his first full season as starting net minder for the Huskies. After 15 games this season, Cheveldave has 8 wins and boasts an exceptional 2.16 goals against average, his strong play also won him Athlete of the week honours here at Saint Mary's back in November.

Things are looking up for the Huskies, since the second half of the season has started they have rattled off 4 wins in a row. Not only that, star players Ben Duffy, Jamie Doornbosch along with the aforementioned D'Orazio and Johnston have all returned from the injured reserve. During this 4 game streak, the Huskies have outscored opponents 25-4, which must be an exciting stat line for Huskies fans to see after an inconsistent first half. Now that the team is finally nearing a full bill of health, it is important for the Huskies to continue this hot streak and gain ground on their local rivals the Acadia Axemen.

The Axemen are dominating the Atlantic conference with 15 wins and only two losses, and as a result of this stellar record, sit #1 in the CIS top 10 rankings. However, now that the veteran laden Huskies squad has rounded into form, it should make for an exciting race to the finish. Although the Huskies only face the Axemen one more time in the regular season, the road to the national championship will undoubtedly go through the Axemen, as three teams from the AUS including the Huskies will qualify for Nationals in March.

Huskies get their man

Brandon Gilfoy
Contributor

It is once again an exciting time to be a fan of the Saint Mary's huskies football program, as there is significant evidence that Athletic director Kevin Downie has selected the anticipated new coach of the football program, James Colzie III. A native of Miami, Florida, Colzie is the ninth head coach of the Saint Mary's huskies program.

Colzie is a proven winner, from his time as a cornerback with the illustrious NCAA division one program Florida State Seminoles, and now just last season leading the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds to a CIS title as Defensive Coordinator. Colzie has an impressive resume,

decorated with national championships in both Canada and the United States. In this transitional period for the program, mired in a 16 game losing streak, Colzie is exactly what the Huskies need to revitalise themselves as a dormant juggernaut.

Colzie takes over the coaching reigns from interim coach AJ Tufford, who has served two years for the huskies as an assistant coach. A former wide receiver for the Huskies, Tufford has held the interim position since former head coach Perry Marchese was let go last November. Although Tufford has only spent a short time as interim head coach, he has done a phenomenal job during the 2016 recruiting season. The stellar recruiting class includes local Fall River product Cameron Valardo, a tier 1 provincial champion quarterback

from Citadel high school. The recruiting class also includes 6'7 Offensive lineman Damien Constantin out of Montreal, Quebec, who was reportedly recruited by over 20 schools, including programs in the United States. Reading the player statements, the overwhelming sentiment is that the recruits felt a strong connection to Tufford, the school, and the city of Halifax. The players are excited to help turn around the huskies program, and I thought Constantin put it best in his statement. "Everybody is ready to go to war with AJ Tufford."

Experience is something that this young huskies club needs going forward, and that's just what the new hire can bring to the table. He began his coaching career in 2000 with Florida International, before returning to his Alma Mater FSU as defensive backs

coach. His resume includes stints with Valdosta state, West Georgia, Simon Fraser, Toronto Argonauts and UBC. Colzie should also have a bit of familiarity with the Huskies program as he has also coached under former SMU bench boss Blake Nill, who helped the program win two Vanier cups in 2001 and 2002.

A tremendous multisport athlete, Colzie III enjoyed four outstanding seasons as a cornerback with Florida State, winning the Atlantic Coast Conference championship each year. He also played one letterman year of baseball, before signing a pro contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the National football league. He also played two years of professional baseball within the Montreal Expos organization.

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Shawn Nicholson



Q. How do you feel about the fact that most of the SMUSA executive is hired rather than elected? A lot of students don't actually know that to be a VP for instance, that it's actually a hiring process. Sure. My personal philosophy is that having an elected executive with the exception of the President in an ineffective means - currently, under our policy governance model, which is basically the governance of SMUSA - that accountability is through the President and the Board. So the elected President is accountable to the elected Board of Directors. The board really makes sure that the President is accountable for the

operations of SMUSA, including the executives. I think the benefit in my mind, to the elected executives, is that certainly it's more merit based than a popularity contest, where you have multiple offices where students are running and there may be disfunction amongst the executives. So I think it's really important. In the current model, the executive is not selected by the President, whereas they're saying 'well I want to hire all my friends', that's not a way that the President selects their executives. So the hiring committee is a huge part of that, so the SMUSA President and the full time staff members, that's actually

a safeguard to make sure that the most qualified candidates are hired.

Q. So, you're saying it's not really possible for a President to just hire their friends? I don't believe so. My confidence is that there is a hiring committee in which the candidates are vetted. There's a panel of - not just the President - they go through an interview process in which they are evaluated and ranked. From my understanding of this, not having experience, the President may have influence, but I don't think they directly necessary hire - at least not without opposition.

Kazi Rahman

this candidate was unable to meet in person, so they responded electronically

Q. What are your thoughts on the state of student engagement at SMU? SMU and SMUSA has been able to engage students significantly. There is a portion that are not engaged that we need to work on. 6 Presidential Candidate and 14 BOD candidate which is lot to the numbers previously, shows that students are engaging and empowering with in the campus.

Q. As a student with a job, school comes

first. As a President with a \$30,000 salary, which comes first? School or work? For last two years I have been working two jobs on campus to pay for my tuition and living. It is difficult to manage at times but I have been successful so far. I only decided to run for President, when I was sure that I will be able to handle the pressure and commitment to the role of the President. I am student first and then a student leader. My studies will be first priority undoubtedly and then my responsibility as the President. I have been able to keep

a balance between my personal and professional life so far and I will be able to in near future.

Q. How do you feel about the fact that most of the SMUSA executive is hired rather than elected? In a way makes it less democratic. It is a student run body, so students must have a greater voice. If executives are elected, it will create more student engagement on campus. They should be elected, not hired.



Scott Byrne



Q. Any off-campus involvement in politics? I would say my biggest thing is my work with Students Nova Scotia. And while that is still in the scope of student politics, we've had meetings with the department of labour and advanced education, here in Nova Scotia, we also have the opportunity to speak with provincial parties through advocacy week, which is actually coming up next week. I've also met with a few MLAs in the past to kind of discuss student issues, and besides that I've always really closely followed the

provincial and federal elections, even before I could vote.

Q. How do you feel about the fact that most of the SMUSA executive is hired rather than elected? So, there's definitely both strengths and weaknesses to hiring most of the executives rather than electing them. I've seen student associations that actually elect all of their executive positions, opposed to hiring them. Both models work in their own ways. The biggest weakness to the hired executives is that it's hard for the student body to be sure that the executives

are being hired for the right reasons. However, with excellent communication between the student body and SMUSA, hiring most of the executives can be very beneficial. By hiring these executives, it's easier to see what the team is capable of as a whole and how everyone will work together, once they're actually in SMUSA.

Q. What are your thoughts on the way SMUSA is currently run? I think that it actually functions really well. But I believe that there's a miscommunication between SMUSA and the student body.

Erika MacDonald

Q. If any, what changes would you like to see in the SMUSA executive body? Well I would honestly like to see the VPs elected. It would be really important, I think. As much as the hiring process - they are vetted, they do have to give a great interview, they're put through a lot before they actually obtain the job - but I think that it would be better. Students might have more of a trust, or more of a positive outlook on the association if there was no hiring involved and it was all elected bodies. For example, even in the legislature, everybody is elected. Even within the elected members, someone

is elected as Speaker. I think that that might help with the student outlook on SMUSA.

Q. Do you have any last words for your fellow students and/or candidates? I am so impressed by the sheer number of people who are interested in this election. Six people are running for President, fifteen people are running for Board of Directors, it's insane and it makes me so happy! And just to reiterate ... three of the other candidates are coming from the angle within SMUSA, knowing how it all works, knowing what's going on and that might be an advantage for

the first two months, while it's summer. Because from what I understand, the summer is a training period ... but it's really the experience of dealing with problems, how do you go about dealing with problems when they arise? I think I'm coming from an angle where I am dedicated, I know how to deal with actual problems, I've done it in the real world and I think I can bring that experience to SMUSA and be able to break down those problems ... - like I did with interest groups - make a case and lobby to the people I already know in the legislature, to be able to meet with those people.



Collette Robert



Q. What are your thoughts on the state of student engagement at SMU? I think that we do have an issue here. I think that it is probably an issue at many universities, the environment is constantly changing. The most efficient way to reach out to students is always an ongoing issue. I think that there is a communication gap going on between SMUSA and its students. I have tried to bridge that gap this year with a student assembly, which I thought was a better turnout than usual, but I don't think there is one simple solution and there

is a gap that currently exists. What are your thoughts on the way SMUSA is currently run?

Q. I think as it currently stands it is okay, but then again we are in a constantly changing environment. I think it is important to stay relevant to the students. I don't think that there is a simple answer to do that. I also wish that we had a currently running equity centre, that is part of what has really inspired me to run for President. I see other things that we could change based on need right now, for example

someone devoted to societies. Of course, the overarching problem is outreach to the students. Again, I think SMUSA is okay in how it is running but we do need improvement there.

Ossama Nasrallah



this candidate was unable to meet in person, so they sent their responses while traveling

Q. Why are you running? Being the Vice President of Student Affairs at SMUSA gave me the opportunity to learn more about student issues and how to deal with it. Even though I haven't been the Vice President for that long (2 months). Q. What are your thoughts on the way SMUSA is currently run? SMUSA is focusing more on students

this year after building the good relation with the university.

Q. How do you feel about the fact that most of the SMUSA executive is hired rather than elected? I believe the VP's must always be elected. It makes it easier for the President to choose the experiences that the association needs to work toward students issues.

Q. If any, what changes would you like to see in the SMUSA executive body? Maybe add a volunteer coordinator to deal with volunteer opportunities.

Your SMUSA
Your President

Ashiqur Rahman



Commerce, Founder Bangladeshi Society, Pack Leader

Barath Batra



Accounting major, Orientation Week Leader

Deeksha Baskar



Arts and Psychology, Enactus volunteer, improve Buss Pass policy

Jane Raeburn Jans



BSc Psychology, Ecology Action Centre, BNUZ traveler, Pack Leader

Kimerline D'Souza



Student ambassador, Liberal Youth Executive, communications policy

Rafee Hossain



Engineering, communication policy, Engineering Society Secretary

Lindsay Garwe



Marketing major, Mental Health advocacy, African Society

Zahra Dhubow



International Development Studies, financial transparency, mental health advocacy, student equity, model UN

Ollando Brown



Computer and Information Sciences,
Residence Services Officer

Tavali Singh



Enactus, Accounting Society, SMU
Parks Canada

Talha Shams



Student Ambassador, scholarship and
bursary fundraiser, Gorsebrook staff

Oyindamola Oshobu



Residence Services Officer, building
team spirit

Xiang Lin



More vehicles for Husky Patrol, longer
Dockside hours, improve international
orientation

Maksud Khnadokar



Residence Security Officer, Aramark
staff

What is a BOD?

The Board of Directors and the President of SMUSA are the only elected members of the Students' Association. The Vice Presidents and other staff go through a rigid hiring process, but they are ultimately under the direction of the President of SMUSA. You might wonder, if the executive body is hired by the President, who holds the President accountable? The answer is: the Board of Directors. They review the operations and policies that SMUSA as an entity must follow. They pass new policies, such as those regarding gender equity and executive performance. Most members of the BoD have several other governance roles on committees and sub-committees, or advocacy groups as well. In a lot of ways, the BoD is the boss.

I WILL VOTE

Enactus Levy

Tanaka Merikano
Enactus member

In the upcoming vote there will be an option to give Enactus Saint Mary's \$2 a year out of your student fees for the next 2 years. Essentially, this means forgoing one cup of coffee per year, to support the work that Enactus does for students, the community, and the world. Enactus believes in investing in students who take entrepreneurial action for others because it creates a better world for us all. Enactus is a global society in 36 countries with 68 chapters in Canada alone. Of these 68 chapters, the Saint Mary's group was awarded National runner up, making us #2 in the country! The SMU chapter of Enactus currently runs 11 projects and in the last year they have established themselves as the largest society on campus that is committed to improving the local community and the world. Just in the last 4 months, Enactus has allowed students in all faculties to grow and to utilize a wide range of skills in order to impact social issues ranging from working with incarcerated individuals to reduce recidivism rates through OPtions Nova, to consulting small and medium sized businesses through Project Launch. Projects like these allow students to apply the skills they have developed in the classroom to create direct social impact. OPtions International, another Enactus SMU project, recently sent

three students to Kenya to work with women in a community in order to help provide education on creating reusable feminine hygiene products. This is a fundamental need for these women and opens up an opportunity to generate income by selling these products via a cooperative business model. Enactus Saint Mary's is also on the front lines of the refugee crisis with the OPtions 360 project, putting together a database of students who speak Arabic to translate for our newest Nova Scotians. In addition to this, Enactus has been collecting donations of basic needs such as clothing to help our newcomers through their first winter in Canada, books to educate and entertain, and furniture and electronics to help outfit their homes. Enactus SMU is still collecting clothing and books in the BMO lounge, outside the Enactus Office, should you wish to contribute! For Enactus to continue its growth, they need your contribution. If you support the causes mentioned above, then vote Yes for Enactus in the upcoming referendum and help sustain the society for years to come. Do your part to make an impact in our local community and beyond.



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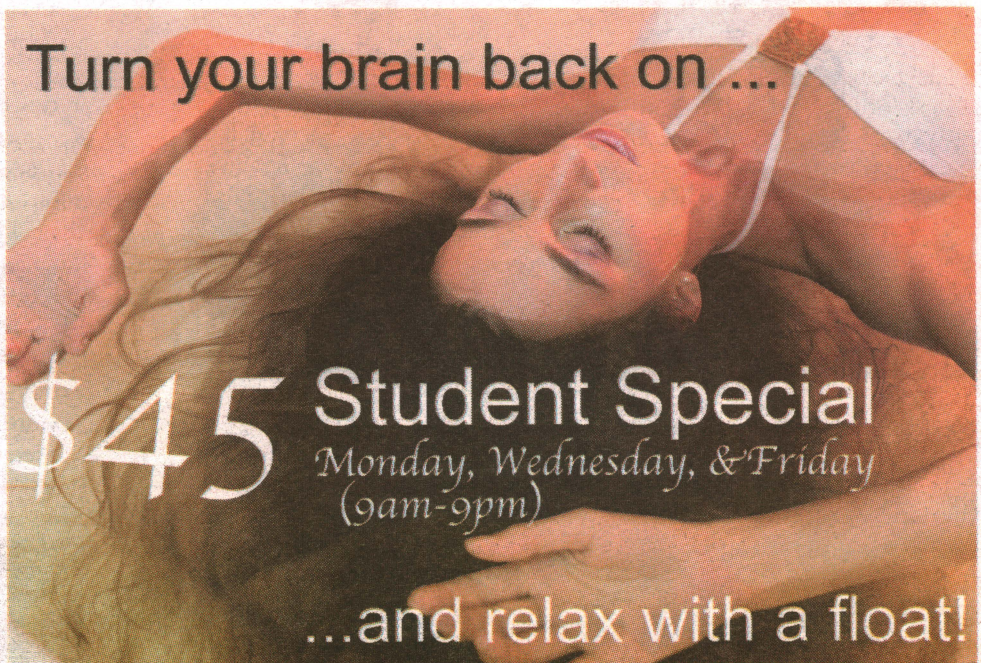


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You know you've been at SMU too long if...

Samantha Burns

Contributor

- You remember when Jared Perry was SMUSA president #twotermers
- Corey Mattie was your welcome week leader at some point
- You're starting to toy with the idea of running for SMUSA president even though you don't need any more courses
- You remember a time before SMU was a smoke-free campus (don't miss those days)
- You were around before...during...and AFTER the infamous chant
- You know the Homburg Centre as the Tower, and it will always be the Tower to you
- You still don't understand what the hell a co-curricular record is

- The workers at Tim Hortons and Just Us know your order before you even open your mouth
- You remember when we actually had grass on the turf, and stands for people to sit in
- All of your current SMU friends are younger than you
- First years are starting to get on your nerves because they're so young and happy
- You remember the old SMU website
- Wednesday is your drinking day (open mic night!)
- You remember SMUworks as SEEP
- You're pretty sure you've had a class in almost every classroom in the school
- You remember when SMUSA used to give out free Rainmen tickets...for what seemed like every game
- You were around for the *first* ever therapy dogs at SMU
- You remember getting an actual physical agenda to write in from SMUSA
- You remember our football team actually winning...
- You once thought the opportunity to see Donald Trump was a good thing...
- You were around for the first ever Shinerama week at SMU.
- You remember when SMU was temporarily Harvard (for a Mr. D episode).
- You remember the Seen Around Saint Mary's account, and wish Spotted at SMU was as positive and heartwarming
- You went to SMU before the Atrium was open 24/7

- You went to SMU during #busstrike2012. Not fun for any off-peninsula students.
- You remember a time when SMU actually had school spirit...let's bring it back!

My Major in Megalomania

Adam Faber

Contributor

This year I have made the decision to keep balance in the force: with many around me resolving to be better people, I am determined to keep balance by becoming worse. But how to do that? With a Saint Mary's course pack as my manual, I have decided all the guidance I need is right here. I have crafted my own course outline to master the dark side.

PHIL 1248– Killing and Letting Die, PHIL 2304– Evil, RELS 2352 – Death

This is going to be the first place where I need some guidance. Treating questions such as 'when, if ever, is it morally permissible to kill another human being' will be my first step to becoming a dark lord. Obviously, Evil itself is the next logical step. Who knows, PHIL 1248 may have tried to guide me towards that which is good

and pure. With a course name like evil, it can't possibly be well intentioned, right? Also, a course on death, for obvious reasons.

PHYS 2400– Electricity and Magnetism, PHYS 3350 – Thermal Physics, PHYS 3400– Electrodynamics

With no Jedi on staff, a method to shoot lightning and develop telekinetic abilities will need to come from elsewhere. Should this prove impossible, these courses should at least provide a basis for my planet-destroying death star. I trust there will be a class that covers critical structural weaknesses for death rays, because that seems to plague the doomsday device industry nowadays.

POLI 4493– Global Social Movements, POLI 3470 – Empirical Democratic Theory, CRIM 3526– Organized Crime

Creating an empire will be

hard work, my plan is to start at the planetary level. Also, as luck would have it, SMU offers a course on something Empirical (the democracy will be phased out as I rise to power). The transition will be gradually made into a thuggish network of Storm Troopers, enabled by the coursework on organized crime.

PSYC 4417– Interpersonal Relationships, PSYC 4432– Attitudes and Persuasion

When confronted by my

long-lost son/father, I will succeed where others have failed – thanks to support from Saint Mary's teachings. Also, I am fairly certain this will teach me the famous 'Jedi mind trick'. With bending those to my will in mind - join me, fellow Santamarians! In 3-4 years and after a relevant work placement (preferably with Nova Scotia Power or Wal-Mart) I will finally be poised to conquer the known galaxy.



Food Review ChaBaa Thai



Anton Nestel
Contributor

The Monday following Valentine's Day weekend is not usually the most bumping of nights in the culinary world. The previous nights chaos has hopefully subsided and the restaurant usually goes back to the lackluster flow of customers that is wintertime in Nova Scotia. It was on this night, however, that I chose to do my review on a restaurant that I had heard much about but had never eaten at, Cha Baa Thai. A group of us showed up on a Monday night around 8ish. The staff greeted us immediately and cleared off a table for our party. The restaurant, despite the day and time, was reasonably full, and had a very warm atmosphere about it. It was neither quiet nor loud, nor overly warm nor hot, just very comfortable. The decor was the usual Thai style sculptures and paintings, which adorn most ethnic restaurants in North America, to just remind us if the food did not do so, that we are not eating at a burger joint or pub. With this being said, the decorations were not over the top and it was in fact a nicely decorated restaurant. So overall I would give the atmosphere a 4 out of 5, because it was very comfortable and relaxing. When it comes to the quality of the service, Cha Baa Thai did an excellent job. The servers, as I previously mentioned, greeted us promptly at the door were able to seat us very quickly. After this they came over with our

beverages and asked whether or not we needed help with the menu in a very timely manner. They were very patient with us ordering our starters while we made decisions for the main

courses and even made some good recommendations. What stood out the most about their service came next; an additional group of friends of ours came to join us, much to our surprise, and the servers were very accommodating allowing us to join tables and worked expediently to get them their food. I have to give their service a 4 out of 5 as well for their friendly and courteous manner. As for the food, my friends' recommendations did not disappoint. The portions were large and very good. My whole party started with soup. I got the hot and sour soup, which was particularly delicious. The vegetables were still nice and crispy, and the balance of flavours was well done, I would definitely get this again if I were to return. We then moved on to our mains where we all had different dishes. I tried some of the red curry chicken and the panang chicken. Both of these we tried on a bed of rice that you order separately and mix on your plate to your own ratio. Everything I tried was delicious and for this I would have to give Cha Baa Thai a 4 out of 5 for their food. The portions were huge, but the balance of flavours keeps you coming back for more, and who doesn't love a delicious snack for later? I will be returning to eat from Cha Baa Thai again. I am giving them an overall 4 out of 5. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience and would recommend it to any Thai food lovers, in particular, the hot and sour soup as an appetizer. Until next time, have a good one.

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I don't know if you can. I'm a student and I just can't keep up with everything.

It sounds like there's a lot going on. Tell me what's happening and we'll see how we may be able to help?

It feels like such a long list. I'm broke for one thing. I thought the money would last longer. I've always got papers and exams. Everyone else seems so organized but I'm all over the place. I'm really stressed out.

Many students feel like you do from time to time. Let's try to get you some help. Have you tried student services on your campus?

No, I didn't. What can they do?

They can help you with organization and study skills and give you information to help manage so you're not feeling so overwhelmed. I can also connect you with someone who can help with budgeting. Does that sound like a good place to start?

Yes, it does. I feel a bit better already. Thanks.

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Our entire lives we are told that someday we’ll be happy if we do this or that. When you’re in elementary school, we’re told we need to get good grades so we can go onto pass. In middle school, we’re told that we only need to do well to get the reward which is getting into high school. Then, once we’re in high school, it’s all in anticipation of going to college. Then in college we’re pressured to excel to get that career we’ve always wanted. And we work that career to someday finally have the money to retire and relax.

You take a step back and ask — for what? It’s like music. One doesn’t make the end of the composition the point of the composition. If that were true, then the fastest musicians would be the greatest. Take life to be the same. You’re rushing to do this and that, so that you can finally enjoy yourself, but what if you’ve been missing the point the entire time? That the entire time you were focused on the future, you’ve just let it all fly by?

This is the part of the reason that I find so many people are unsatisfied. It’s because they’ve been fixated on the end goal and have completely neglected the

here-and-now. Of course, I’m not saying not to have goals. You need to be able to gauge your future and make judgments accordingly. However, what I am saying is that being wholly fixated on completion and the end-point will leave you totally neglecting the experience of it all.

Yet, this is unknown to many people. For example, I was raised to always care about these so-called goals. I was a good student because my parents found it very important for me to be. I would beat myself up over getting into high school, and then college, and now again I am doing the same in hopes of applying to grad school. I’m not only starting to realize I’ve had it all wrong this entire time. Even worse, I can’t take back those moments when I was truly surrounded by good things, but I never stopped to consider and appreciate them. Instead, I was fixated on the end-goal — and ignored what good experiences I was already going through.

The ride is more important than the end-point. We don’t want to burn out needlessly. Therefore, it’s important to cherish experiences. The ride is more important than the end-point because the end-point, quite frankly, doesn’t really exist. And that arguably is the “secret” to finally enjoying your life.

Ella’s fashion corner Fur goodness sake



Daniella Sam
Contributor

Fur goodness sake, it’s still bloody cold! But I told you I have your back for style advice! For this issue I bring you something that’s more risqué than the others. In previous issues I shed light on mainly comfort and warmth, this time around though, I’m bringing you pure edge. I’m guessing my cool fashionistas out there are smart and knew the clue was in the details! We’re talking FUR today! Now don’t panic all you humanity and animal lovers out there, it’s faux fur obviously! I would never!

So this here, is the cutest vest ever! It can transform any simple plain outfit from rags to riches, plain to sophisticated, blah to ooh la la! And you get the gist! As you can see here I paired it with leggings and a plain long sleeve top with my personal favourite pair of boots! (These boots should have a feature of its own!) This outfit would have just been plain but the vest adds the oomph to the outfit. This faux fur jacket is a perfect accessory to up the ante on any outfit. You could even pair it with a form fitting dress, and while I do understand that some may not like to wear form fitting clothes cause of unnecessary baggage, that’s exactly what this best is for! Why don’t you cover it up with some edge! Surprisingly enough, this vest is actually pretty warm, not outdoor Halifax warm, but warm enough! I’m sure some of you

dog lovers are wondering what this adorable pug is doing in this issue, just an additional cuteness factor! But hey, pay attention, it’s about the vest!

This next outfit screams pizzazz! While it’s not the warmest, it is pretty adorable! If I do say so myself! It’s a yes from me! It does have a winter touch to it, the top, though sleeveless is high necked, and

so it still gives of some warmth, or at least an illusion of warmth, and the fact that it’s high necked also pumps up the volume on one of our assets, girls, you know what I’m talking about, and that’s never a bad thing. Pair this top with this leather bad boy here, (again, faux leather, chill!) you’re totally set, oh wait no, it’s winter and we can’t leave our legs freezing! As seen in this month’s look, a pair of knee high socks just raises the bar and raises some eyebrows, but hey, we fashion fanatics are known to stand out, and I told you this month’s outfit is more risqué.



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