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THE SMUSA ELECTION ISSUE



Jared Perry for SMUSA President

SMUdents,

For those of you who don't know, my name is Jared Perry and I am once again running for the position of SMUSA President. Currently I'm in the fourth year of my undergrad, hoping to receive my degree in commerce with a major in management Spring 2014; going for that 5th year victory lap ladies and gents!

The position of the president is broken down into two very important tasks; representation of SMUdents and all aspects of the student experience and the other being the management of SMUSA. In terms of representation the President is the face and voice behind all of your post-secondary concerns, whether it be academic help within SMU or lobbying on your behalf to governmental representatives at all levels. Now onto the fun stuff, the other half of the Presidential responsibility is the management of SMUSA itself, from managing the executive staff to paid positions the most important part of this responsibility is making sure that everyone is able to accomplish their goals and meet deadlines.

So why vote for me? Besides having arguably the best Movember Stache, I'm a super personable guy. I love meeting new people and sharing experiences and learning from those around me. In the past year I have also learned an important balance that exists between university life and accomplishing important tasks. As I've shown in the past, if there were

any issues brought to my attention by a student rest assured that I'll take the time listen to you and respond in a timely manner. In my opinion this job always means that students come first and I will be sure to remember that every day.

My plan is to further improve communications between students and SMUSA, having an open dialogue between the two sides is important for all of us. Hearing from you throughout the year will be paramount to the organizations success and that's the way it should be. I want SMUSA to be exactly what it was created to do; a representation of Saint Mary's students.

I truly believe that my involvement within SMUSA and the societies to go along with it has made me the person I am today. I love everything about this organization and all the things that we strive to do on a day-to-day basis. I'll never forget the experiences I've learned outside of the classroom, from my involvement with Enactus Saint Mary's or AIESEC Halifax I am always learning new strengths and weaknesses about myself. From the memories I'll always remember to the friends I'll never forget, I have SMUSA to thank for shaping my University experience.

That's all folks, thank you for your time. Remember to vote Jared Perry. Feel free to follow me on twitter at @votjaredperry!

"Never Say Never if you know you can do what you love don't give up." – Justin Bieber



Amanda Dickie for SMUSA President

I want the SMUSA President to represent students at Saint Mary's University, meet their needs and make things easier for everyone. Our President, VPs, and Board are paid positions and the money needs to be earned by making real, tangible contributions to our campus, students, and community.

The first steps are easy fixes that will result in real differences on campus, followed by long term strategy. The Gosebrook is currently only accepting North American IDs, providing a barrier to international students who just want to have fun; this should stop immediately. Refitting Husky Patrol for wheelchair accessibility will allow more mobility for students right away, and discussions I have started with District 7 councillor Wayne Mason for a bus shelter on the other side of Inglis will help those students holding a U-Pass. In regards to the U-Pass, we buy passes in bulk for a discount; I want to reduce the number of passes we buy by the number of parking passes we sell, allowing drivers to opt-out. I also want SMUSA to offer a space for students to be able to sell their textbooks directly to other students without the used book markup the campus bookstore adds to avoid unnecessary spending.

Speaking of spending, the SMUSA President earns \$23,000 a year, each of the VPs pull \$18,000 each. For that price, I feel it's not too much to ask to post an operating budget with a line-by-line expense for interested students to see. That way everyone can see if there is money that can be better spent on more services, bursaries or further recycled back

into the student community. I want to welcome interested students to open office hours and board meetings that are publicized at least a month in advance so people can make plans to attend should they wish. Student advisors and international reps should be welcome at meetings, and groups should be sought out to hear their input on current issues.

"Come visit" isn't where student government ends, it's where it begins. By aggressively representing our interests to the Canadian government we can present a strong voice across all universities working together for reduced tuition fees. Back on Campus our calendars, website, and TVs shouldn't be limited to advertising SMUSA events. The new event calendars on campus, online and available on your phone would have the happenings of the campus, not just the campus government.

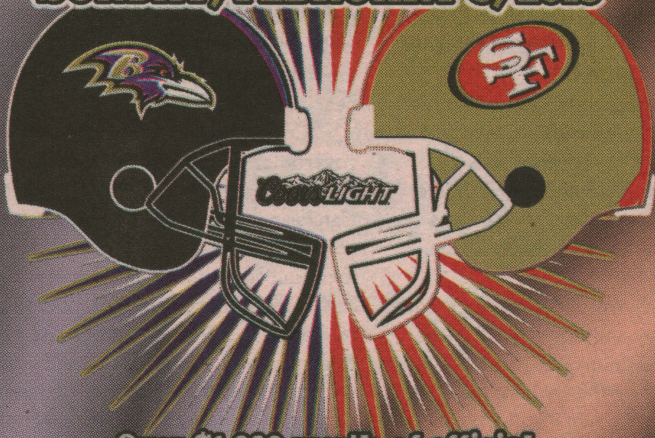
SMUSA can easily partner with other universities and community organizations, working together on issues that affect students. Student costs as well as social justice can be improved by simply increasing our presence and fostering a community greater than our individual campuses. Let's expand our reach to other schools and the greater community.

None of these things are flashy bank-breaking promises, simply minor improvements to things that have already been established here by hard working students in various areas who wanted to make things better for us all - something I want to continue to do.

Let's keep making changes together, changes SMU students deserve.

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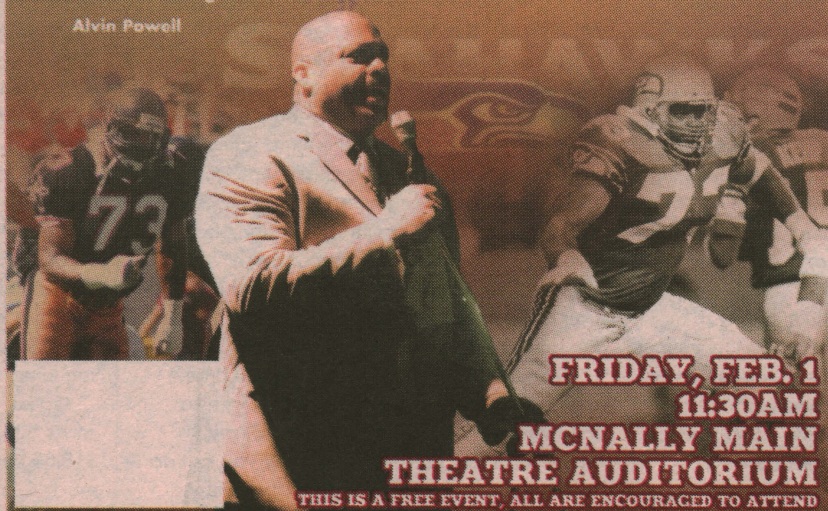
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Escapism

MICHAEL LANGLAIS

I never put much stock in pursuing a normal pattern of education. Sure, I believe that going to school is important – but only if you're getting something out of it. It's a credit to our incredible successes over the last century that obtaining an undergraduate degree has become a simple check in the box: oh, you have a bachelor's in liberal arts? That's nice, but we're looking for qualified candidates only. Interestingly, I've heard from some faculty members that an honours in economics in the 21st century is more difficult to obtain than a master's in the same discipline 40 years ago. That might be apocryphal, and an opinion that I imagine a great deal of people would debate, but the point remains that the perception of a degree has fundamentally shifted: we're learning far more than ever before, and it seems to count for far less.

This is not a bad thing.

What does bother me are the undercurrents of complete and utter despair, and resulting apathy, swirling beneath the placid surface of the student population – the premonition of inevitable decline as we enter the final act of a golden age of miracles. A sense of wonder at what the future might have in store is being replaced more and more with a certain wistfulness for the past, before concepts like overregulation, the electronic panopticon and helicopter parents even entered our collective consciousness. Gone is the wild enthusiasm for the next century, quietly replaced with regret for the last. Maybe it's because none of these dreamers actually experienced these eras; it's easy to gloss over racism, sexism and nepotism in pursuit of

glamorous cocktails fuelling a thin veneer of chivalry. However it's undeniable that an age of jubilant democracy, expanding wealth and raging activism has passed – gone are the days of Thompson single-handedly birthing gonzo journalism while running a savage burn on Vegas hotels, of Kerouac's wandering, drug-fuelled stream of consciousness, and of Murrow's brilliant stand against McCarthyism. In a new era of risk management and ever-watching enforcement, these people would be sidelined, or imprisoned.

When did we become so afraid to take risks, break rules and forge new paths along the way?

It's all too easy to blame all sorts of social factors for this sorry state of affairs: communications overexposure, information saturation, compulsive overindulgence in unprecedented wealth. It's not so easy to blame ourselves. Are we so jaded to everything that we've sacrificed our ability to reach out and directly change the world? Have we buried our aspirations and dreams under a mountain of contrived rules? Nothing makes me happier than seeing people go against the grain, and take prolonged detours for unbelievable adventures on the road to graduation. At the risk of censure from my esteemed colleagues, I encourage absolutely every single person I know to pull the cord on uncontrolled academic freefall, take the time to escape a worthless routine and break every single rule in the book along the way.

Michael Langlais and is currently on sabbatical in North Africa.

Some labour discussions at SMU, but no disruptions imminent

ADAM FABER

Some Saint Mary's collective agreements have elapsed, but there are no moves being made to strike on campus currently.

"We do have a record of working well with our unions in a way that is beneficial to both parties," said university spokesman Steve Proctor. "I think we have a very collegial approach. Issues as they arise are dealt with fairly and in a timely fashion."

There are seven unions representing different groups of professionals at Saint Mary's University. The two most prominent, SMU Faculty Union and TESL staff, are currently under active collective agreements. The other groups' agreements (which include part-time faculty, maintenance, and support staff) have expired this year. Despite this, only one group has gone to conciliation, the union representing non-academic support staff.

Conciliation is only one step

in the labour discussion process, however. "Within the last five years or so there was a situation where there was a threat of a strike," said Proctor. In 2006, the SMU Faculty Union went farther than conciliation, voting 88% in favour of a strike. When this happened, an agreement was then reached, averting any break in classes. "Even times when the union has walked away, we try to go out of our way to be accommodating while still respecting the process," said Proctor.

With the bulk of staff involved in teaching, Santamarians don't need to fear the same sort of labour troubles facing St. FX students, who are in the middle of a contract dispute between teachers and administration. "Labour relations is a very important aspect of what we do, not just every four years," said Proctor. "We do it on a daily basis."

St. FX students face strike

ADAM FABER

Despite eight months of negotiations, StFX Association of University Teachers (AUT) have taken to the picket lines.

"The Association remains committed to achieving a fair and equitable settlement at the bargaining table," said AUT president Peter McInnis, "We have concluded, however, following a careful review of the offer on the table that our members are now prepared to undertake strike action in support of the AUT negotiation team." A vote 79% in favour of a strike was cast, putting the union in position to strike on Monday, February 28th.

"It is with regret that I inform the campus community that talks between the university and the AUT have broken off," StFX president Sean Riley told media. "While progress was made on many issues, the AUT executive's demands remained well beyond the university's financial capability."

The points of contention are salary increases, length of employment for staff on a contract and health benefits. University

administration has cited cuts from provincial funding during the drawn-out negotiation process, claiming a lack of funds puts them in no position to meet the union's proposals. However, a statement released by the union places those cuts as already accounted for.

"The funding cutbacks of 10% occurred in the past and over a three to four year prior period; those known funding cuts were offset by tuition increases of 3% per year," read the AUT release. "In this year, the administration remained able to project a balanced budget."

The StFX student union has contacted Acadia University's student union, who weathered a labour disruption in 2010, to discuss strategies on supporting students during a strike. A release to students outlined the implementation of a general support network. "The Students' Union wants to reassure all students that, in the event of a strike, the Students' Union will provide both academic and social support for students throughout."



Saint Mary's University Students' Association Podcast

Podcasting

YANNICK MANGA

Saint Mary's University is experimenting with podcasting. The purpose is to introduce a different innovative communication culture that will keep you informed and

entertained. We will be posting pilot segments on Wednesday, February 6th on www.smusa.ca Check it out!!

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Neptune's Earnest Charms Audience

BRADLEY PALMER

Halifax's Neptune Theatre is now performing acclaimed playwright Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest". Originally drafted in the late 1800's, the old fashion charm that you'd expect from a play set in this era was remarkably captured by Neptune's cast. Based around the chronicles of two hopelessly romantic bachelors, they each find themselves swooned by the lure of two young women. John and Algernon (the two male leads) comically feud throughout the plot in an intricate web of coincidence that connects not only them, but the other characters in a surprising and charming dénouement.

The Character John Worthing, played by David Leyshon, captures an identity crisis within his character that makes the audience laugh and sympathize with his internal struggles. Coupled with strong character development, the late 18th century dialogue that is used throughout, adds a nice touch to both the authenticity and the preparation that was used in

the production.

Prior to the start of the show, Neptune's Artistic Director spoke to the audience addressing their thanks to sponsors and spectators who essentially made the evening possible. But in addition to that, he commented on how the show was a grass roots Nova Scotian effort. The sets, the costumes, and all the rehearsing, was done and prepared here in Halifax which makes supporting a show like this all the better.

Overall the romantic feel and nostalgia of a Neptune theatre performance, paired with the dialogue, costumes, and sets for this show, brought all in attendance to a different century. If you're looking for a change of pace or something different to do out of your usual go-to Friday or Saturday night, you're doing yourself a disservice to not give the re-make of "The Importance of Being Earnest" a shot; I highly recommend.

Rush Returning to Halifax! What Next?

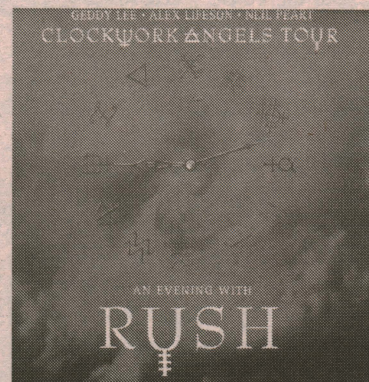
CONNOR DONALD

Everyone remember the lackluster Black Eyed Peas and Kid Rock concerts in Halifax a couple of summers ago. That was the first year in the last decade that Halifax failed to bring a big hit summer concert to Nova Scotia. However, a failed summer concert was well in the making after a couple of poor outcomes at other summer concert events.

Despite the disappointment in recent years, a couple recent successful concerts: Metallica and Summersonic with Rise Against and Ben Harper, have put Halifax back on the summer music scene. Rumors are beginning to spur about this summer and Halifax is looking to compete with Moncton's Magnetic Hill for the biggest summer concert.

The rumors have become reality for many classic-rock fans as Rush has announced they are going to be returning this summer to Halifax for the first time in 25 years, with their Clockwork Angels Tour. Where is this concert taking place? Well the expected draw for this concert is between 30 and 40 000 concert-goers, making it almost a guarantee on The Commons. When can we hope to see Rush? A rumored list of tour dates puts them here, likely,

at the end of July or beginning of August – their tour schedule has a very distinct, Halifax-shaped lack of



scheduled dates.

Rush joins Heart and Public Enemy this year in the Rock Hall of Fame induction ceremony on April 18. Recent interviews with the group have signified a possible end to the group's long tenure in rock music - 45 years to be exact. All members of the group citing that age, all of them well into their 60s, is leading them to have difficulty going out on stage and performing three hour shows, or longer, for four-to-six months out of a year. Despite this saddening news, fans can still expect a spectacular, classic rock show from Rush this

year. From lights to guitar and ten-minute drum solos to screaming vocals, a Rush concert has it all. If you have been putting off seeing a Rush concert, or haven't have the chance since they were last in Halifax, this year could be your final chance.

Even with Rush virtually locked down there, is still lots of hope in drawing another one or two concerts for summer 2013. Motley Crue is heavily rumored to be eyeing a concert in the Maritimes this summer, while other bands swept into the whirlwind of rumors, include Mumford and Sons, Eric Clapton and the Dave Matthews Band.

Be prepared to mark some days on your calendar this summer, because the rumors around the Halifax concert scene are slowly heating up this frigid January and one can only imagine what else is in store, I and many other students were not even born the last time Rush was in the Maritimes, so young music aficionados should get beyond pumped for the show. Recent disappointments aside, Halifax is building up an impressive spring and summer full of music people of all ages and fans of all genres.

"That Time of the Month" a hit for local all-ladies comedy troupe

CYDNEY PROCTOR

The Halifax comedy scene is getting an estrogen injection.

A few months ago, there were only a handful of ladies who put themselves in front of the sometimes-harsh crowds that gather at comedy clubs and amateur comedy nights around the city. That is, until October, when an intrepid group of women found each other and started putting on a monthly show at The Company House called "That Time of the Month."

For the low, low price of \$5, Halifax has been treated monthly to the comedic talents of ladies like Andie Bulman, Megan Mackay, Ann Denny, Emma Cooper, making her debut in their upcoming show, Erin Hill. With different styles, these ladies try to bring a well-rounded, 90 minute show to a very welcoming Halifax audience.

"Haligonians have a really good sense of humour, even in their day-to-day lives," says comedy songwriter Anne Denny, who goes on stage as her musical alter-ego Anna Danova. "It's always an honour to play for the hometown crowd and have them get your jokes." The ladies find Halifax smart and welcoming – both its audiences and small comedy community. "I think we have a great, supportive community," says Megan MacKay. "We really hope to inspire women who are funny to come out and try comedy on their own..."



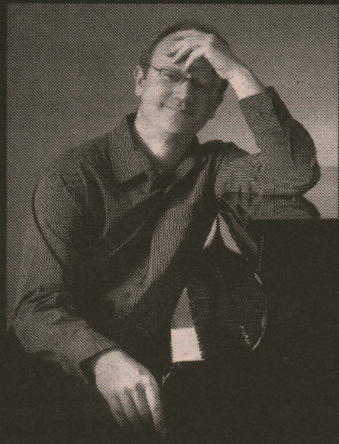
[we're] trying to subvert what it means to be a female comedian."

The ladies can't point to anything in particular causing the boom of funny ladies stepping into the scene, but they're glad to see it. Cooper, a Halifax comedy veteran of six years, says that women are tired of their brand of comedy being portrayed as "morose, emo lost souls." Instead, they're gaining the confidence to step out and let the community show that there are crazy, funny, and creative women who want to have their voices heard in the local entertainment industry. Bulman points to women who can say "hey,

I'm funny!" and then feel comfortable and welcomed at Yuk Yuks (the largest comedy club in Halifax) amateur night, where male comedy veterans get excited and happily offer - sometimes unsolicited - tips and tricks of the trade.

After their first show sold-out in October, the ladies have been playing to a mostly packed house every time. They say it's a pretty even 50/50 split between men and women at their shows – a fact of which they're very proud. The Company House fills routinely with a 20-30 something crowd for That Time of the Month, but as word gets out, they're hopeful a wider range of folks will be filling seats.

February 11th is the next show in Halifax for these women, and for \$5 you can see them at The Company House for a double-header themed "Self Love," sponsored by Venus Envy - though they say not to expect only masturbation jokes. They're also taking their laughs on the road to Acadia on March 2nd for a show at the campus bar, The Axe. Interested in getting involved or meeting some of these personalities? They don't have a website or Facebook page yet, so you're going to have to get yourself out to a show and have a chat or email them at thattimeofthecomedy@gmail.com!



Meditation at Bar Beach:
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Sunday, 3 February, 8pm

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Men's Hockey - Bloodoff's breakout season

To say Lucas Bloodoff is having a career year in university hockey would be a vast understatement.

The Saint Mary's Huskies third-year winger has already scored more goals (18) than his first two seasons combined (16). In fact, he has nearly as many goals this season as he had points the previous two. Bloodoff leads the country in goals scored (tied with Windsor's Evan Stibbard) and tops the Atlantic conference in points (33) and power-play goals (10).

Impressive, considering as a freshman and sophomore Bloodoff posted the same stat line in each season: 27 games played, eight goals, 11 assists and 19 points.

"I swear I didn't plan that way," he deadpanned about the duplication.

Bloodoff, 23, credits his linemates for his breakout campaign.

"I'm getting the opportunity to play with some really good players in Stephen Johnston, Matt Tipoff and Ryan Hillier," acknowledged the six-foot-one, 200-pound left-winger. "That has helped me personally along."

"I try to keep my game as simple as I can and, being a bigger body, just go to the net and find opportunities around there. Playing with players like that have really opened it up for me. Trevor (SMU head coach Trevor Stienburg) has also given me an opportunity on the power play, which I have found success as well. Just getting those opportunities has been the biggest difference."

Scoring has been contagious with the Huskies, who have six players in the top 20 in conference scoring. Johnston, a sophomore, is tied for second in the league with 27 points in 22 games. Michael D'Orazio is fifth and leads all CIS defencemen with 25 points in 23 games. Hillier, a freshman,

and Cory Tanaka have 20 points apiece and Tipoff has 19, surpassing his rookie total of 18 last season.

SMU has vaulted into second place in the conference with a 16-5-2 record. They are No. 4 in the latest CIS rankings and are only two points behind the league-leading UNB Varsity Reds. The Huskies visit UNB on Friday night in a crucial matchup as the league heads down the final stretch of the regular season.

"We're two points behind, so it would be a pretty special win," Bloodoff said.

"We've been keeping things simple. We don't really have any fancy-skilled players. We just have to get the puck in deep and get pucks to the net. We've been like that from the get-go."

"Trevor's been in this league long enough to know what works and what doesn't work. He's the first to admit that he doesn't know everything in the world but he's been here for so long he does know what it takes to be successful. If everybody buys in, the team does well and that's when you have individual success."

It was a former teammate of Stienburg from his playing days with the AHL's Halifax Citadels who helped persuade Bloodoff to venture east for his schooling and to continue his hockey career.

Former pro defenceman Dan Lambert, who spent two seasons in Halifax in the early 1990s, was an assistant coach with the Western Hockey League's Kelowna Rockets during Bloodoff's final major junior season.

"Dan asked me if I was considering school and if I would be interested in going to Halifax, being a great city, a great school with a good

coach," recalled the Castlegar, B.C., native, who's majoring in finance at SMU.

"I just told myself if I wasn't turning pro, I really wanted a different life experience. What a better place than the East Coast."

The furthest east Bloodoff had been at the time was Rimouski, Que. It was there, that the Rockets reached the final of the 2009 Memorial Cup.

Kelowna, with the likes of future NHLers Jamie Benn, Tyler Myers and Mikael Backlund, captured the WHL title and came within a game of winning the Memorial Cup. The Rockets lost to Taylor Hall and the Windsor Spitfires in the championship final.

"That was a tremendous year," Bloodoff said. "I often think back at the incredible players we had, Jamie Benn, Mikael Backlund, Tyler Myers, so many good players. Just good memories of winning the Western Hockey League and playing in the Memorial Cup was a great experience."

During his four seasons with the Rockets, Bloodoff also had the rare opportunity to play with his younger brother Evan. Only 18 months separate the siblings but their style of play was not alike.

Evan, a 2009 sixth-round draft pick of the Phoenix Coyotes currently with the Coyotes' AHL affiliate in Portland, Maine, was known primarily for his skating while his brother relied mostly on grit and physical play.

"We ended up playing four seasons together and it was something we really enjoyed," the elder Bloodoff said.

Huskies Win OT Thriller

MARK MOFFAT



credit: wes wilcox

The Saint Mary's Huskies men's basketball team ended their extended woes in dramatic fashion on January 20th with a 96-94 win in an overtime thriller against StFx. Forward Riley Halpin was the hero of the day for Saint Mary's, draining a clutch shot to tie the game with 2 second left in the 4th quarter, and then scoring the game winning shot in the 5 minute overtime. He finished the game, with a team leading 24 points, as did his teammate Jordan Lee. Jeremy McAvoy had 20 points, and Harry Ezenibe 9. He also spearheaded the

Huskies rebounding, collecting 14. This win snaps an 8 game losing streak for Saint Mary's, who have been struggling this season to register wins and build momentum. But they managed to get the job done on this day with a huge win over the X-men. The X-men, however, gave Saint Mary's all they could handle, trading the lead with the Huskies for most of the game. StFx's Jeremy Dunn ended up with 20 points, Jordan Clarke 19, and Tyrell Vernon 18. The Huskies record is currently 3-9, which puts them in a precarious position. They are just currently one spot out of a playoff spot in the Atlantic Conference after losing their most recent game to the Cape Breton Capers 85-80 on January 25th. Jimmy Dorsey had an impressive 33 points to power Cape Breton to the win. Jordan Lee had 31 points to lead his team in scoring. SMU's next home game is on February 3rd against the UNB Varsity Reds.

Women's Basketball - SMU's Colley named CIS Athlete of Week

OTTAWA (CIS) – Justine Colley, a basketball player from Saint Mary's University, and Ryan Daniels, a hockey player from Wilfrid Laurier University, are the CIS female and male athletes of the week for the period ending Jan. 20, 2013.

Colley, a fourth-year commerce student from East Preston, N.S., averaged a remarkable 35 points per game last weekend as the AUS-leading Huskies defeated UNB 75-67 and StFX 94-57 to improve to 11-0 in league play and move up to a season-high No. 2 in the national rankings. The 5-foot-9 guard, who finished the two-game set with 70 points in 64 minutes of court time, tallied 39 points, five rebounds and seven steals in Friday's win over the V-Reds before adding 31 points, seven boards and



credit: wes wilcox

seven assists against the X-Women on Sunday. A two-time all-Canadian and CIS scoring champion, Colley once again leads the country this season with an average of 27.9 points per contest.

Lavoie-Gilbert, Wing Red Hot on the Track

Huskies Track and Field perform well at Athletics Nova Scotia Indoor Open

BRENDON LISI

Just one week after he ran a 9:10.68 on the track in Moncton, Saint Mary's runner Alexis Lavoie-Gilbert improved his time an amazing 25 seconds for a personal best time of 8:41.52 at the Canada Games center on Friday in the 3000m event. His performance would only be beaten by one other varsity runner; Connor McGuire of StFx, the reigning AUS 3000m gold medalist. Lavoie-Gilbert will look to place well at the AUS finals in Moncton February 24th.

Halifax native Jake Wing also had a great race in the 1000m event,

beating out 14 others to place first with a time of 2:31.54, finishing almost 4 seconds ahead of the next fastest runner.

Anissa Owen, last year's AUS female rookie of the year and long jump gold medalist continued her dominance in the event with a first place finish.

Other notable finishers include Kayla Marcotte's second place finish the Women's 60m sprint and Matthew Muskoie, who placed fourth in the Men's 60m.

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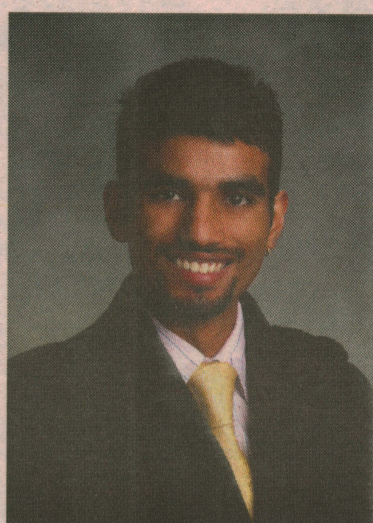
Ryan Hamilton

My name is Ryan Hamilton, and I am a third year Environmental Science Cooperative Education Student. Having completed my first work term this summer in the Chemistry Department here at Saint Mary's University, and my second this fall at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography studying Climate Change and its effects on in the Canadian Arctic. I have been a Frosh Leader and am an active volunteer with SMUSA with fundraisers such as trick or eat and Movember. This past Christmas I even gave my time with the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank preparing a thousand boxes for the less fortunate. Other parts of SMU you might recall my face from maybe in Residence as I am the RA of Loyola 21, and a member of the Environmental Society. I am a strong believer in the idea of sustainable development and if elected I would like to bring this idea more to our campus, because the fact is we are only here as students for a short period of time, and we have duty to maintain it for future student generations to come. That short period we are all share here, is something I plan on making the best it can be. If you have any questions or just need someone to bounce ideas around with, I would more than happy to stop in chat. I believe I can represent our school in a dedicated and skillful manner, doing my best not to overlook anybody's opinion on the policy change I may or not bring. So as candidate for Board of Directors, I say let's make something happen!



Shawn Nicholson

My name is Shawn Nicholson, I'm a first year commerce student and I'm running in the upcoming election to become a member of the SMUSA Board of Directors. Leadership has always been something that I have been drawn to. During my years in high school, I was extremely involved with student leadership, taking every opportunity to make a difference and to help my fellow students. Now that I am at SMU, I want to continue to give back to my fellow students, as a member of the SMUSA Board of Directors. Currently at SMU, I'm an Enactus Saint Mary's project member for Ryan's Project, which runs a weekly green team at a local elementary school. I'm also a member of the SMU Commerce Society. In the community, I serve as a volunteer board member of Junior Achievement of Nova Scotia. On the JA board, I'm on the volunteer committee. I am also a board member of the Northern Lights Lantern Festival Society, a non-profit society that puts on an annual free community festival attracting 5000+ people in the North End of Halifax. If elected to the Board of Directors, I will ensure that you are adequately represented, that the SMUSA executive is productive and answerable, and that SMUSA and the Board of Directors is accountable to the members of the association, the students of Saint Mary's University. If elected as a member of the board, I will personally welcome dialogue with students to ensure that their interest are put first and that their experience at SMU is as enjoyable as possible! During this campaign, I'd love to chat with you about your vision for SMUSA, your studies, or about your hopes and dreams. I'm Shawn Nicholson and this February 13th-14th, I ask for your vote.



Venkatesh Sharma

Hello SMUDENTS! I am Venkatesh Sharma - a second year Business student, running for Board of directors for SMUSA 2013. It's been almost a year now since I have been in Halifax and I love it. I have been involved with many activities on and off campus. To list a few,

1. In just my second semester in this university, I established the SMU Oxfam society. I now head the society as the President.
2. I am the VP Fundraiser in the Human Resource society.
3. I am the Student Assistant - Sustainability with Facilities Management.
4. An active SAGA and International Orientation volunteer.
5. I volunteered with the Career Development Center.
6. Last summer I volunteered for the Halifax Buskers festival (almost 270 hours) and won the Volunteer of the Year award.
7. I work with SMU Residence Services as an RSO.

I hold two other 'Volunteer of the Year' awards. Last semester I was approached by the newly launched Co-curricular Activities Record department for using my profile as one of their promotional profiles.

I believe I can be an excellent addition to the BoD team. If I win, one of the things I will surely work for is enhancing student engagement around campus. I feel like there are a lot of students that find it hard to engage with people and if we can work on that and help them get out there and get active, it will help them in the future to get good jobs when they graduate, in addition to boosting their confidence and interpersonal skills. I believe I can definitely make this happen with all the experience I gained and the network that I developed over the past year. On the whole, I will try my level best to work for the changes SMUDENTS want, to be the best representative that I can be.



Kiersten Hackett

Hey fellow SMUdents! My name is Kiersten Hackett and I am running for SMUSA Board of Directors in the 2013 elections. I am a third year Marketing student also doing a minor in Political Science. You may recognize me from helping you register for your first classes in the Centre for New Students when you started your journey at Saint Mary's University, or maybe I gave you a campus tour. I've worked for admissions and recruitment for all three of my years at Saint Mary's so far. I love being able to connect with students the minute they set foot on campus, and now I want to take that even further and act as a voice for all students at any stage in their degree. My experience has given me a vast knowledge of the student services that we currently have on campus, how they benefit us, and how they can be improved. I'm a husky at heart and my favourite way to show this is through my passion for dance. I am currently the captain of the Saint Mary's Dance Team. We love getting the crowd pumped up at various home games and campus events, but we also represent our school at competitions such as CheerExpo and the USAFS Dance worlds (where we were also the only team representing Canada). Saint Mary's University has offered me so many amazing experiences and now I feel like it's my time to give back to the student body and university as a whole. Since I'm hoping to graduate in January 2014 this will be my last opportunity to get involved in SMUSA and more specifically the Board of Directors. This is your opportunity to choose how you want your school represented so please vote on Feb 13 and 14.



Mark Slaunwhite

SMUdents,
My name is Mark Slaunwhite and I am running for a position on the SMUSA Board of Directors.
You may have seen me around campus, but if not, get to Open Mic sometime! For those who don't know me, I am a third year student studying for a Bachelor of Commerce, thinking of focusing in Marketing and Entrepreneurship.
Why should you care about this? Well let me tell you! One of the big reasons I am running for board is because I really wanted to create change when I came to SMU, I have always loved the atmosphere, and I want to make it even better than it already is. Another reason, honestly, is that I just want to be involved and get the students' voices heard, and more importantly, make things happen.
Some of the things that interest me at Saint Mary's outside of academics are activities like volunteering, society functions, or just going to hang out at the good ol' Gorsie. When not studying or being in class, most of my time is dedicated to a society called Enactus, where we run projects to help shape a better more sustainable world. I currently hold a position in the logistics part of the society where I collect and analyze team data. Along with societies, I actively volunteer and support organizations such as SMUSA where I was involved with being a Frosh leader this year, as well as participating on the Movember committee, Frost week, and as the coordinator for the Podcast Committee.
I hope to accomplish change in issues like student financials, the student life at SMU, and most importantly, ensuring SMUSA keeps on track. Remember, I am here working for you, and be sure to go vote on Election Day because your voice is worth being heard.

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Amanda Kolwich

Hello SMUdents, I'm Amanda Kolwich, a second year commerce student. I moved to Halifax from Calgary to attend Saint Mary's because of the awesome, small-community feel of the school. I feel that becoming involved in the university and community is an important part of the learning and growing experience as a student. I have been involved in several volunteer opportunities with SMUSA this year such as being a Frosh Leader and volunteering at various events during Frost Week. I was also was the top earner for the SMU Shinerama Fundraiser campaign this year, raising over \$2000.00! I currently work as a Student Ambassador at The Centre for New Students in the Admission and Recruitment Department and as a Peer Mentor for the LEAP Program.

Being an Ambassador and Peer Mentor allows me the opportunity to interact with prospective and current students; I hear what they are looking for in a university and listen when they have ideas that will make learning at SMU even better. I am running for Board of Directors because I would like to become more active in the decision making process that effects student life at SMU and be the voice for the current and prospective students I talk to everyday.

If elected, I would do my best to listen to the needs of the students and try to bring those needs to life. I want to help continue making Saint Mary's University a great place to learn and grow. I hope to represent the student body in the SMUSA Boardroom in September 2013!



Bryan Rice

Fellow SMUdents, my name is Bryan Rice and I am a second year commerce student here at Saint Mary's. I am running for your SMUSA Board of Directors this year because I feel I am a highly qualified BoD candidate and can best represent your interests in the coming two years.

I am a candid, ambitious and determined leader. I volunteer actively within Junior Achievement of Canada and I am a Residence Assistant in Loyola this year.

I have a wealth of experience that has helped prepare me for the BoD role. I was recently youth ambassador of my local community where I raised over

\$40,000.00 in commitments for my town and worked closely with our town council to benefit local residents. I am also very involved in the business community, having personally owned companies in both Nova Scotia and Ontario, including my current business, Terra Nova Construction.

I am a tireless worker and if elected, will work towards facilitating stronger student advocacy, SMUSA transparency and creating a greater sense of unity among SMU students. Overall, my main goal is to provide you with the best possible experience during your next two years at SMU and to create a long-term plan for SMUSA student empowerment and sustainability.

When you see me around campus during the next few weeks, please start a conversation with me as I hope to speak with as many of you as possible. I can be contacted at bryan.rice@riceconcrete.ca, I am active on Facebook and Twitter and I can be reached on my cell phone at 1-902-824-2896.

I hope you give me the opportunity to represent you on your Board of Directors over the next two years. You've met the rest; now vote for the best. Vote RICE for board on February 13th and 14th.



Curtis Boucher

I'm Curtis Boucher. I am a second year Bachelor of Commerce Student doing a major in Management, a minor in Philosophy, and I'm participating in the co-op program. I am also the President of SMUQ, the society which organized Saint Mary's first Pride Week this past November in addition to providing a wide variety of valuable student services. I'm running for Board of Directors so I may devote my proven leadership capabilities, and unrivalled energy to inspiring students to make a positive change, leading SMUSA to more efficient and effective operations wherever I can, and bringing Saint Mary's up to the level of prestige it deserves. I want to bring my intelligence, management experience, and unwavering sense of duty to the Board so that you and every other student can enjoy the benefits of my incredible effort. Upon election I will reduce needless Board spending, help societies and other student organizations succeed in making SMU great, and utilize my experience running an organization to excel at serving students in all aspects of their lives, including: transportation, food, academics, and entertainment. I will be determined to ensure the board maintains the highest moral standard by utilizing my conviction towards, and firm grasp upon ethics and values. Your student's association should be appalled to have done anything which might make SMU look bad. I will make sure that any damage that has been done is quickly rectified then begin expanding SMU's reputation even further. I want to work for you like no one else possibly can. I have the experience. I have the motivation. I have the vision.



Dawn Penney

Salutations SMUdents!

My name is Dawn E. Penney, and I am a Political Science major with a double minor in History and Psychology, who would love if you elected me as a member of the Board of Directors.

I have tirelessly volunteered on campus, in the community, for our country and our world. I have involved myself in various outlets of life, such as music, sports, and travel, but my mere words alone do not matter. No, it is the motivation, aspiration, and passion to influence the happiness and life betterment of others that matters the most to me.

This is ultimately why I am running to be a member of the Board of Directors. I want to make sure that YOU are happy and informed about what is going on in the Student Association that you pay for. I want to make sure YOUR voice is heard in order to get better student representation at Saint Mary's University.

At this point if you are wondering: "What the f**k am I paying for? Who the f**k should I trust to speak on my behalf?" then I want you to share with me your ideas for our university. Find me on Twitter @votedawnpenney and votedawnpenney on Facebook.

Have you ever wanted to be a HERO?

If so VOTE – Dawn E. Penney – on February 13th and 14th for Board of Directors.

Thank you for your valuable time and good luck this semester!



Enrique Hoyos

My name is Enrique Hoyos, and I am currently a second year commerce student. I was born in Colombia (South America), where I lived and studied for most of my life, until I decided to continue my education abroad. When I was 16, I decided to move to Canada to play hockey, and then further pursue my education at Saint Mary's.

I am actively involved in the community by volunteering in different foundations and events like Feed Nova Scotia. Also, I love dedicating my time volunteering at different events and opportunities around campus.

I believe that you can learn from everyone, and all the different cultures. I would like to bring the Saint Mary's community together and get everyone more involved, so we can all learn from each other and walk away at the end of our years here with a better experience and an open mind.

Nnamdi Umahi

My name is Nnamdi Umahi, from Nigeria. I have been at Saint Mary's for quite some time now. I arrived at Saint Mary's University on 13th September 2012. I am currently in my first year majoring in Geology. Other courses I am taking include Psychology learning, Intro to Psychology, Geography (people, place and time), and comparative introduction to Religion.

I am running for Board of Directors SMUSA (Saint Mary's University students' Association).

Before I proceed, I will like you all to have an idea of SMUSA. SMUSA was established on April 6th 1996. The duties of the Saint Mary's University Students Association include: providing services, support, advocacy and representation to all its members which are made up of you, you and me (the students).

Actually what motivated me to run for the position of the Board of Directors is the zeal I possess to serve my fellow students. I am not running for this position to pad my resume. Rather, I want to represent the students and help solve their problems to very best ability. Nothing will give me greater joy than to see students enjoy their stay here knowing that in some ways

contributed. I had never thought of running until I hear of the problems some of my friends told me they were facing here as students. I wished I could help, but soon realized I can if I am among the Board of Directors of SMUSA.

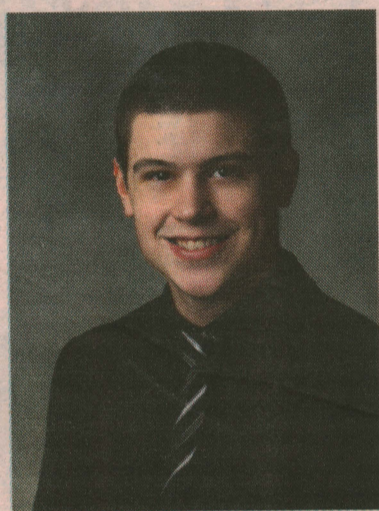
I'm an easy going person who enjoys making new friends. Most of you see me around campus always smiling. I'm sure if you all are asked individually if you've ever seen me not smiling, less than 10% would agree.

There will be a Board of Directors forum at Atrium 101 starting 7 PM on Wednesday 30th January 2013. In the forum I will state the things I plan to achieve during my tenure. Please be there!



Keir Feehan

Hello SMUdents! My name is Keir Feehan, I am a 2nd year accounting major, and I am running to represent you on SMUSA's Board of Directors. To tell you a little about myself, I am a member of the Saint Mary's men's rugby club, a member of this year's Movember committee, and an avid volunteer on campus. My main reason for running for the BoD is to improve student life, with a focus on spirit and pride in our university. We have an outstanding university community and all I wish to do is add to it and your experience here at SMU any way I can! So please consider voting for me on election day as we all try to better our university. Cheers!



Ryan Hunter

As a first year student the notion of being involved is shoved down your throat. I made it a priority to outline my university experience chalked full of involvement, including SMU Men's Rugby, Scuba Diving trips, and all of SMUSA's events. To my surprise I was awarded SMUSA's Freshman of the Year in 2012, for my involvement, and leadership roles from the very first day. From this point on I strived to become a known face within the SMU community, and take every opportunity to make memories as well as long-lasting friendships.

This year started off with a bang, as I was a 2012 Frosh Week Facilitator, ensuring that every event ran without a hitch, and that many first year students knew when, and where all the events were. It's weeks like this that really bring out the school spirit at SMU, and awesome

events that tragically seem to die off after the first month. Someone needs to make the excitement of Frosh Week last all year, and I'd love the challenge!

Like many others, University is not without hurdles. Coming from a lower-middle class family I find myself working a lot to pay for tuition, and living away from home. Many people stopped to talk while I worked in the Loyola Tim Horton's, and even more so now as a Driver with Driver Dave's Inc. Even while at work I have the opportunity to speak to students about what makes for a memorable university experience, but, have not had the ability to implement all those suggestions. On February 13 and 14th, help me change that by voting for Ryan Hunter, SMUSA Board of Directors elections 2013.

What's it going to take to win the election? The support of 1%

ADAM FABER

Using last year's numbers as a baseline, a prediction can be made on what's needed to get your seat at SMUSA... You don't need the support of "The 1%", any one percent will do.

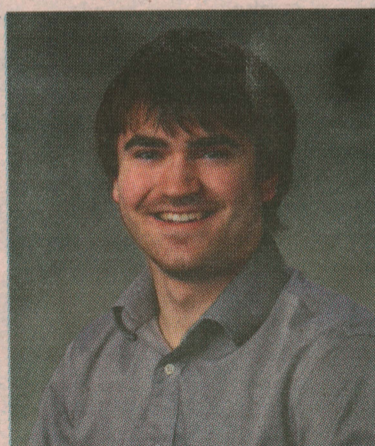
As far as the board of directors is concerned, that is, and it's not the biggest hurdle. Last year there were six open seats, much like this year. This means that the people who are ranked in the six top spots as far as votes are concerned will get their spot in the chair for the next two years. What that amounted to last election was a minimum of 75 votes out of over 7,000 Saint Mary's students. While the most popular board candidate got 183 ballots in her favour, some candidates still squeaked by with under 100. That means if a little over 1% of the student body votes for you, have a seat. If 2.5% of them vote for you, congratulations, you are the most popular board member on the team.

If you want to be the President and CEO of SMUSA, you're going to have to step it up a notch. 744 votes were cast in support of Jared Perry last year, which is approximately 10% of the entire student body. If that sounds low, it's simply because of low voter turnout. That was more than all the votes for his two competitors (one of which was me) combined.

These numbers don't show a

lack of effort on the part of the candidates, the results have to be a lot lower to indicate someone wasn't reaching out to the greater student body. In last year's election, the bottom three board candidates had under 30 votes each, which probably meant not even all of their friends cast a ballot. The voter turnout is so low that the real strategy is mobilizing the voter base... Which in many cases means finding them and walking them to the polls or a computer. A little over 1500 votes were cast in total, 10% of the school each day of the two-day voting period.

No matter how many people vote for the next President and CEO, the Board of Directors are the long term game changers. The BoD approve policy, and are the yea or nay of any large financial decision that the President brings forward. If the head honcho of SMUSA wants to spend a million dollars doing renovations around campus, the board get to decide whether or not that's a good idea. They ultimately hold the purse strings, so that means it's 'The 1%' who voted for the member who controls the funds. It's not the some upper crust that is elite and aloof however, it's the one percent that anyone can join on February 13th and 14th by simply voting.



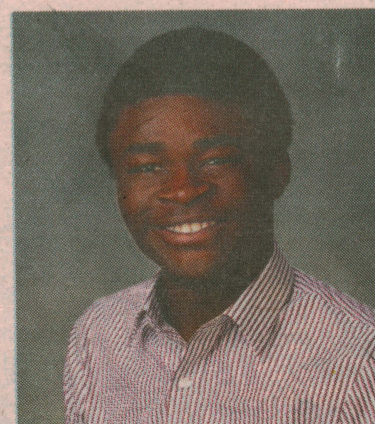
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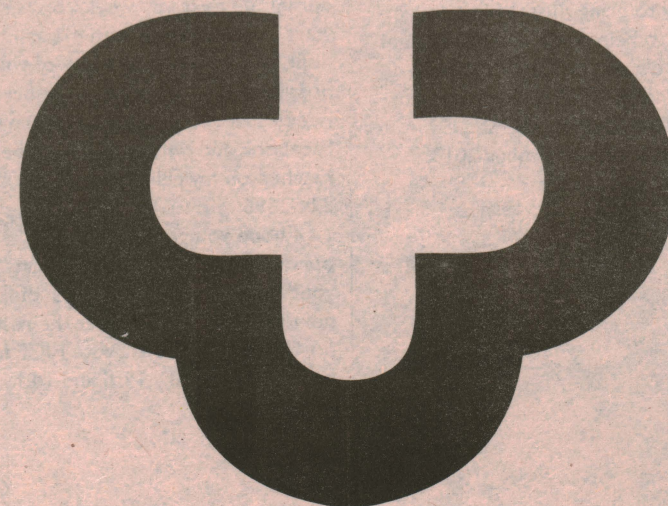
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Saint Mary's Student Society Puts Best Eco Footprint Forward

Most people are shocked to discover that Canada is the largest consumer of energy in the world on a per capita basis. A student society at Saint Mary's University is actually doing something about it.

For the past few weeks, members of Saint Mary's University's socially conscious Enactus group, formerly known as Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), have been urging fellow Saint Mary's students to participate in 'Our Eco Footprint', an anonymous, online survey to determine individual patterns of energy consumption. Data from the survey will provide team members with a better sense of how they can work with their peers to lighten the load on our planet.

"An eco footprint is a measurement of the area of land and water required to produce the natural resources that we use," explains Enactus member Jennifer Fitzpatrick, a third year Political Science major who co-manages the project with Victoria Blue, a Commerce student majoring in Marketing. "Our survey won't provide a true eco footprint, but we're hoping to gain good insight into the environmental practices of Saint Mary's students so we can implement ways to help them make smart environmental choices."

Enactus members encourage all students to participate by January 29.

Seen Around Saint Mary's torch is passed

ADAM FABER

A new anonymous Santamarian has taken over SMU's unofficial cheerleading Facebook account.

Seen Around Saint Mary's, a Facebook account that focuses on student life at SMU, was run by Vicki Versteeg. Now that she has graduated and has passed ownership of the account to a new anonymous student.

"The new Seen Around SMU has been selected," Vicki posted on one of her last Seen Around Saint Mary's posts, "I know I've said it before, but it has been an absolute

pleasure and honour to hide behind this account for so long :) Best of luck this semester!!" The account has been used to post pictures snapped around campus, plug events around Saint Mary's, or even just share funny videos and pictures relating to college life.

The Journal published a piece by Vicki when she was ending her time at Saint Mary's where she revealed her identity to the student body, and has been looking for someone to replace her role managing the

account ever since. Now that the transfer has taken place, the mystery of who is behind the page is renewed.

"My name is..... haha kidding :)" posted the new user. "Just wanted to say that I am honoured to be the new Seen Around Saint Mary's and I want to thank Vicki Versteeg for giving me this great opportunity!" Anyone wanting to check out the account, or add it as a friend, can visit <http://www.facebook.com/seenaroundsmu>.

Student vote on \$20 SMUSA fee "Would not apply," says SMUSA

ADAM FABER

The most expensive student levy on your account isn't up for debate.

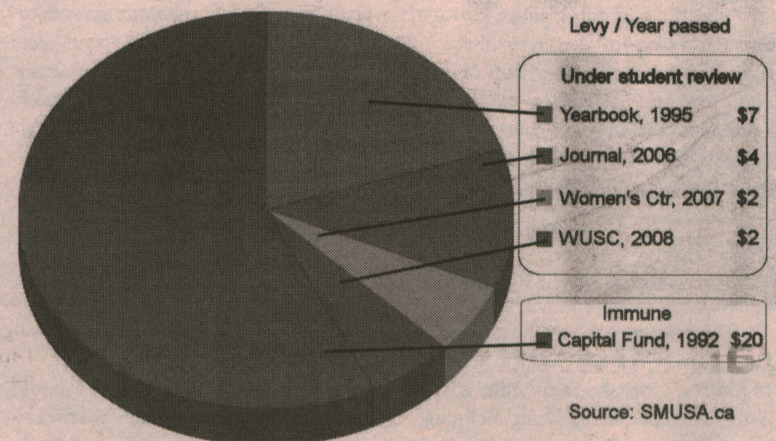
A number of levies have been charged to SMU students for four years or more, such as the Women's Centre, WUSC, The Journal and the Yearbook. Combined, these four fees cost full time student's \$15/year in total. In the interest of allowing students to weigh the pros and cons of the different charges, the vote to renew them every four years became mandatory in 2009.

"It is not accountable for SMUSA to levy funds but not provide every student the opportunity to vote on such fees at least once during their time at Saint Mary's." The SMU Elections Committee said to The Journal in an e-mailed statement.

However, another fee that was adopted by the same method of referendum vote hasn't been put to the student body since 1992. SMUSA's \$20 per full-time student 'Capital Fund' is collected on top of the general student fees and the U-Pass, but is being collected in perpetuity.

"This would not apply to operating and capital funds because what they get spent on is controlled by elected student officials," the Elections Committee continued in the same e-mail. The Elections Committee did not respond to requests asking in which policy document this distinction written. The rationale is the President and CEO as well as the Board of Directors have input into how the money is spent, so it is deemed

(Full-Time) Student Levies, 2011-2012



adequately controlled. Therefore, students won't be able to decide whether or not they wish to pay it on the February 13th-14th ballot, along with the other student levies.

The Capital Fund is used to finance larger student association projects, and according to past SMUSA members, it is almost done paying off an old debt spanning over ten years.

"During the Loyola Residence improvements in 2001, a former SMUSA president took out a loan to make a donation to the university to help pay for the improvements," said former SMUSA board member Grant MacNeil, when asked about the Capital Fund. "For more than ten years, SMU students have been paying back this loan plus interest." It is unclear why the student government, then headed by Liam Arbuckle, contributed to renovating property

not owned by the association. The SMUSA website also states the fund is being used to pay off renovations to the Gorsebrook Lounge that took place in 2005, when Simon Parington was President. The Gorsebrook, as opposed to student housing, is owned and operated by SMUSA.

Current SMUSA administration was "reviewing financials" with their auditor, KPMG, and did not have specific numbers to clarify usage of the capital fund. However, sources familiar with the fund estimated SMUSA's contribution to the Loyola renovation in 2001 at \$1,000,000 and 2005's Gorsebrook renovation at \$500,000.

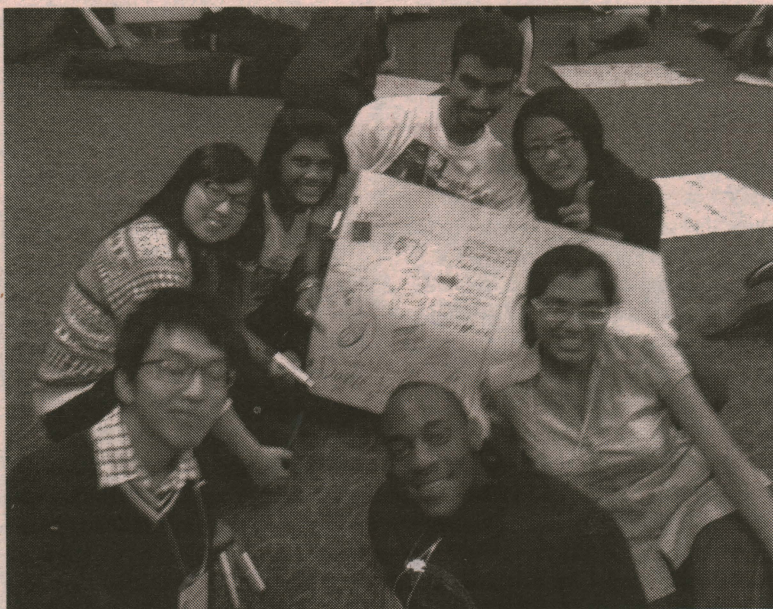
The decisions on the non-capital fund levies will be on the upcoming ballot, being held Feb 13th-14th, both on campus and online at SMUSA.ca.

"You" matter to SMU and Nova Scotia

YANNICK MANGA

Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) will be holding the 2nd Student Assembly of the academic year 2012 - 2013. It will be on Thursday, February 7th, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. in Loyola Academic 283 (2nd Floor). "You" matter to SMU and Nova Scotia; the purpose of the Student Assembly is to create a participatory space where SMU students can think about

their surrounding social and political environment. Councillor Wayne Mason will be present at the Student Assembly to deliver an opening statement. There will be refreshments and food. Come SMU students because "You" matter to SMU and Nova Scotia.



Society Spotlight: Oxfam

STEPHANIE PRONK

During the weekend of January 25th, a group of almost 40 Oxfam members from all across Canada, including 15 from SMU's Oxfam society, converged in Halifax to learn, share and plan for the growth of their campus groups. A group of 5 dedicated and passionate volunteers from across the region have worked tirelessly for months to put this weekend together! SMU Oxfam was responsible for hosting one day of the conference on the 27th Jan 2013 and their seminars went off without a hitch!

The conference was described by Oxfam's President as "three days of fun and workshops on different issues that Canada is facing including Women Rights, Poverty and Land Grabs."

Registration took place on the first evening, followed by some social activities to allow participants to get to know each other. On Saturday, it all started from Yoga classes early morning followed by breakfast and then gender equality workshops. After a notable lunch, topics covered Land Grabs and the GROW campaign. Blues dance classes concluded the end of the second day.

On Sunday, the final day of the conference happened at Saint Mary's University PDR room. Topics covered a more administrative and planning aspect to student societies, where participants talked about how big successes could be achieved with small student groups and after lunch, topics included climate change and how-to's in terms of developing new projects and expanding student groups. The weekend conference included a Time to Share workshop which everyone used to reflect on and summarize their weekend experiences, and share how they will implement their new ideas backw with their student groups.

According to Venkatesh Sharma, SMU Oxfam's President: "we all had an Awesome time! everything turned out so well especially for SMU Oxfam and SMUSA. Kelly (the Campus Group Co-coordinator for this conference) was really happy with all the services provided by SMU to make this conference a success."

To get involved with SMU Oxfam, email Venkatesh Sharma at smuoxfam@gmail.com or (902) 449-8890

Women's Centre needs your vote

JENNIE DONOVAN

The 2013 SMUSA election is coming up, and the SMU Women's Centre needs your support in order to continue to provide a safe space on campus for people of all genders.

If you haven't visited the Women's Centre yet, drop in to the office on the fifth floor of the Student Centre anytime between 11-4, Monday to Friday. Yes, it's a little out of the way, but you won't be disappointed. We offer a comfortable environment to sit and talk, or study, or just have lunch. We want to meet you, and warm you up with free coffee and tea. Need a pad, tampon or condom right away? Visit us at the Women's Centre. Even if we're not open, you can grab tampons and condoms right outside our door!

In addition to providing a cozy place to relax, we have an extensive library full of feminist literature and

books on health, sex, social justice issues, queer literature, aboriginal culture, and media. We host regular activities like Stitch and Bitch and Lazy Feminist Book Club where people can hang out, chat and relieve some stress. For movie lovers, we offer film screenings throughout the year. We also offer referrals to different organizations for people in crisis situations.

Our advocacy work extends beyond campus. Last year, our production of the Vagina Monologues made over \$3000 for Stepping Stone, and we hope to raise even more this year. Tickets will soon be available for this year's performance, taking place on February 21, 22, and 23rd. This past November, partnered with Dalhousie Women's Centre, we brought community members together to discuss issues of consent

at ConsentFest.

To learn more about us and keep up-to-date with what we're up to, like us on facebook, drop into the Centre to take a look at our calendar, or email us at smu.womenscentre@gmail.com and ask to be added to the email list in order to be notified of upcoming events.

The Women's Centre is in danger of losing its funding during this SMUSA election. We ask you to please vote in favour of the continuation of a \$2/year levy to help pay for the services we offer, so that we can stick around and continue to support all students. WUSC and The Journal are also in danger of losing their funding, please continue to support all of the levy-funded societies on campus and the great things that they contribute to student life on Campus.

Student governance is a big responsibility, says city councillor

ADAM FABER

Waye Mason was a student council chair before becoming a city councillor, and he shared some insight for his fellow Santamarians running for SMUSA positions.

"I was involved in student politics back when I was an undergrad, and a lot of people who get involved are single issue candidates," said the current councillor of District 7, the area that includes Saint Mary's University. "You've really got to be prepared to be involved with an organization that has a really large budget and has a lot of responsibility that can play a key role in student life."

Waye mentioned on Twitter in a conversation with SMUSA presidential candidate Amanda Dickie that he was trying to get a hold of the Board of Directors at Saint Mary's. He clarified that he wanted

simply to reach out to the students in general. "We're all playing a role



in building the success of Halifax together. The student unions have a role in that," said Mason, "Not just inward looking - good time on campus, tuition fee increases, and making sure the Gorsebrook has good beer... Not just that. Students represent a huge chunk of people living, working, and learning on the peninsula. I think their views about

how Halifax is and should be is important."

Having met up with the SMU PoliSci society on Jan 10th, Waye said that his message has been the same to all students on the peninsula. "I want to know what your issues are, I want you to feel embraced by the community, not just as a student bus as a prospective resident. That's how I came here, I never left after my undergrad."

When it comes to votes, Waye is in a perfect position to value each and every ballot cast. "Student involvement in my campaign is what won it. I figure I got about two or three hundred student votes, and I only won by 114 votes. It made a difference, students won that election."

Environmental Science Student Wins RBC Award



Environmental Sciences student Farrah Stevens says she will use an RBC scholarship to help her become an environmental lawyer

There isn't a day that passes when Farrah Stevens doesn't feel the support of a prestigious scholarship that could provide the first year Saint Mary's Environmental Science student with as much as \$16,000 over four years.

"I'm still in shock," says Farrah, who learned late last year that she had been selected for the RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program. "It's hard to believe that I was among the 10 people chosen from more than 500 applicants across the country. My family couldn't be more

proud."

First launched in 1992, the Annual RBC Aboriginal Student Awards Program encourages Aboriginal youth to fulfill their career aspirations and give back to their communities. For Farrah, who plans to complete her Bachelor of Science at Saint Mary's and then pursue a career as an environmental lawyer, the generous scholarship provides a sense of security and confidence in her ability to succeed.

"I am so grateful to be able to study here at Saint Mary's without either having to rely on my family or work full time," says Farrah, who was born in New Glasgow, NS. "And the award is renewable each year," she

adds, "so I am motivated to maintain it by working hard to keep my grades up."

Although Farrah has only been at Saint Mary's for a few months, she already feels a sense of connection through the small, compact campus, approachable professors and new friends. "I also feel supported by the University's Aboriginal Society," she says. "I am happy to know that I have someone to go to when I want to relate on a deeper level through my Mi'kmaw culture. Just knowing that there are other aboriginal people at Saint Mary's gives me confidence."



Reeling in the Years

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Video killed the radio star, and digital has certainly dealt some of its own death blows, but VHS is going down with a fight, thanks to the Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative and two fast-forward thinking professors at Saint Mary's University.

Call it unreel, but Drs. Michele Byers and Jennifer VanderBurgh are actively looking for something that libraries and thrift shops no longer want: used VHS tapes.

"We're working together to curate a programme of VHS ephemera called "Home Bodies" for the Halifax Independent Film Festival (HIFF) in April," says VanderBurgh, a professor in Film and Media Studies, "and we're interested in everything from off-broadcast TV recordings and home "movies" to tapes made specifically for training and promotion."

Born from a common interest in Canadian television, "Home Bodies" will pay tribute to what VanderBurgh describes as an undervalued medium.

"There are no archives for Canadian television," she says. "When people throw VHS tapes away, we lose the informal records created by citizen archivists who began recording TV shows in the 1970s."

She and Dr. Byers, a professor in Saint Mary's Department of Sociology and Criminology are interested in anything on VHS, especially things that people produced with their own camcorders or off-broadcast.

"VHS might have peaked in the '80s," notes Dr. VanderBurgh, "but we think it started the recording and sharing practices that are taken for granted in a digital world. VHS was essentially the YouTube of its time."

Deadline for submitting old VHS tapes: Feb. 20

*Submission details: Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative (AFCOOP):
Attn: Martha Cooley/5663
Cornwallis St., Suite 101/Halifax, NS/
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Saint Mary's University Launches Student Mobile App Contest

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Saint Mary's University is developing mobile applications, and with the launch of the Mobile App Contest this week, we're turning to the best source for ingenuity, creativity, and out-of-the-box thinking – our students.

Launched this week, the Mobile App Contest consists of two phases. Phase One asks current undergraduate and graduate Saint Mary's students to submit ideas for apps that will enrich the Saint Mary's student experience. Individuals or teams with the best ideas will receive Apple Ipad Nanos and support to turn their concepts into a reality.

In Phase Two, successful teams



will work with a faculty advisor and have daily access to a computer lab/workspace and a sanitized version of a database that is directly relevant to their mobile app. Winners of Phase Two will each receive an Ipad mini and a one-course tuition waiver – and bragging rights as the creators of Saint Mary's first mobile application!

"This contest is open to students in all academic disciplines and requires no coding or programming experience," says Dr. Steven Smith, Dean of Science and one of the contest's creators. "It's all about the ideas."

"Clearly, our students are in the best position to identify student mobile app needs and desires," says Perry Sisk, Director Of Saint Mary's Information Technology Systems & Support. "We're thrilled to help support their innovations."

The deadline to submit mobile app ideas is February 15, 2013. Full contest details can be found at www.smu.ca/mobileapp.

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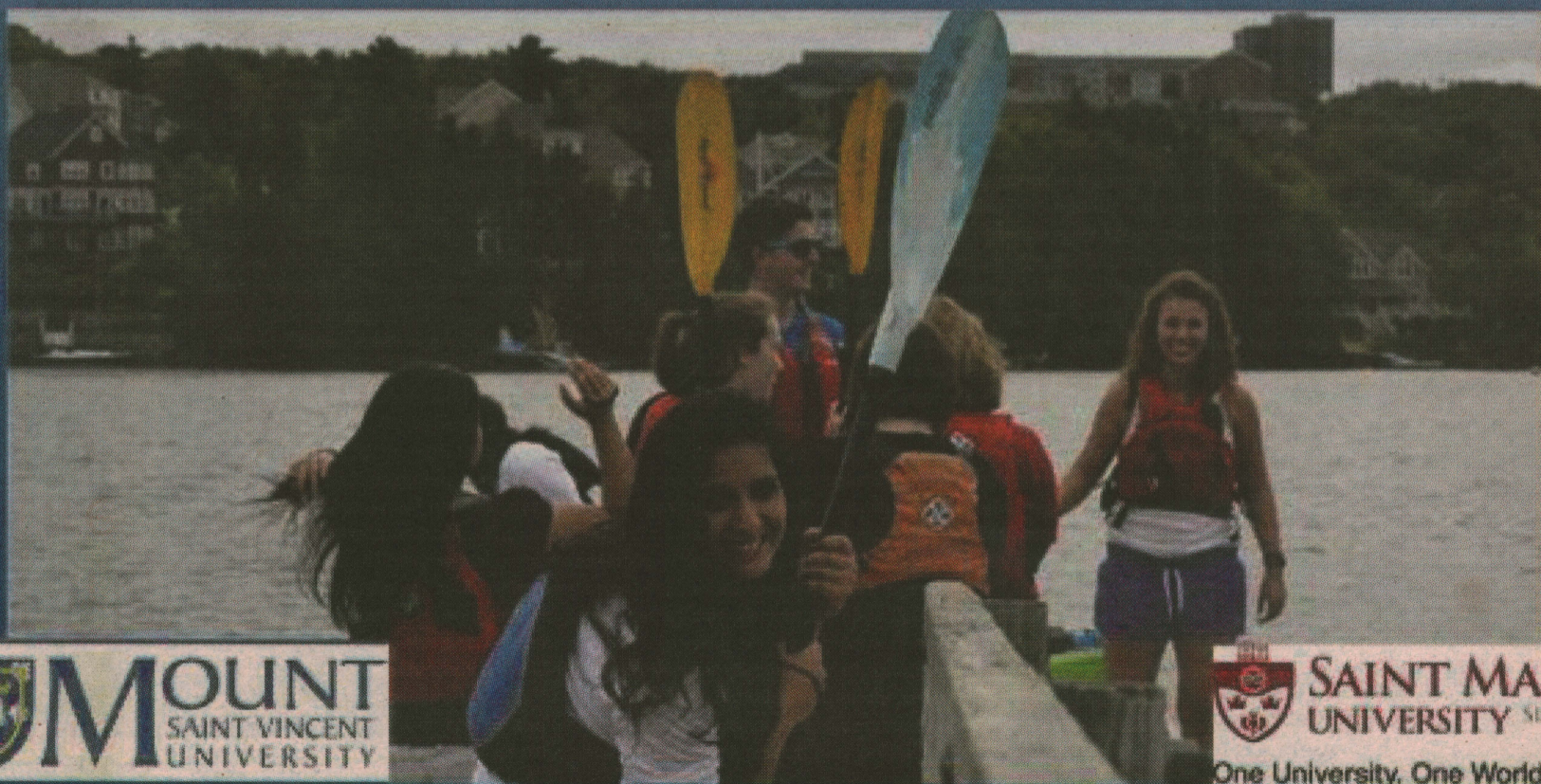
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