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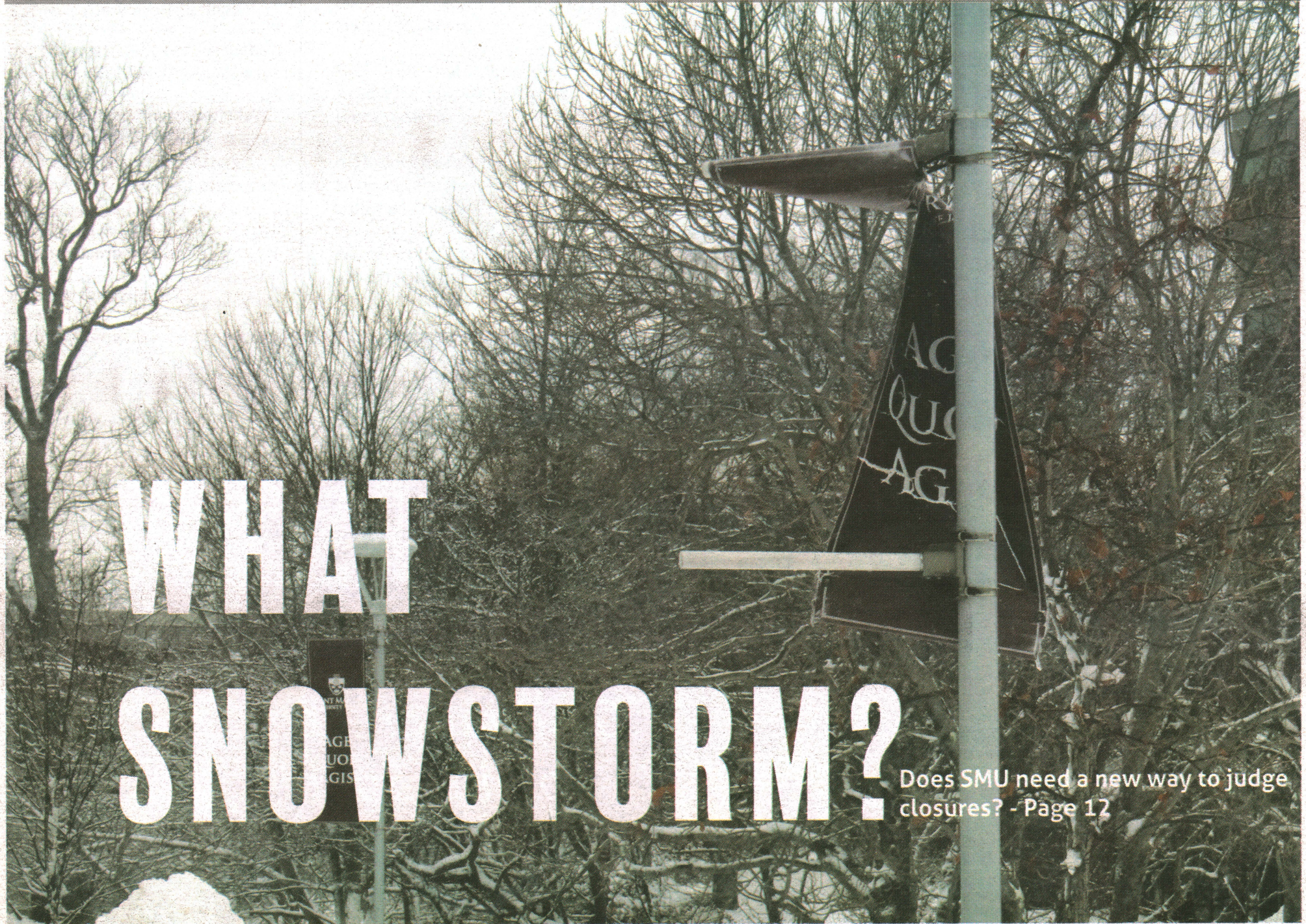
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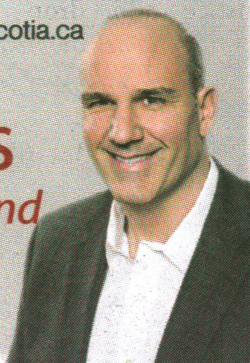
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CORRECTIONS

In the January 2017 edition of the Journal, the article "Indigenous Society Cultural Event a Success" reported that the Co-President's name is Elora Murray when it is actually Elora Gehue. The Journal appologizes for the misinformation

#LoveWins

Zahra Dhubow
News Editor

My heart is still overwhelmed with the immediate response by our Saint Mary's University community members in coming together to hold a vigil in remembrance of the tragic events that happened in Quebec on January the 29th, 2017. Jane Raeburn Jans contacted me early the following day (on January 30th, 2017) to let me know that she was in the works of contacting SMUSA and the University administrators to put together a vigil and asked that I offer some words of condolences. Fittingly, the art gallery was available at 12:00pm that day to host us. The aura in the room was one of grief and tenderness. It was a moment of collective unity against hatred. A moment that brought people from all walks of life together to jointly comfort one another. I was granted the opportunity to express my sentiments at the vigil, and in remembrance of that day I would like to share my words with you. I said the following:

It is with a heavy heart that I stand before you today because of such tragic events that happened in Quebec last night. Six people have been pronounced dead, and 5 have been injured. Reports say that 39 people were shot at by 2 gunman at their place of worship and refuge. As someone who identifies as a Muslim, it breaks my heart to know that people were targeted based on their religious affiliation. These miniscule differences cost someone their life. Think about that. Ponder that. Personally, I have been sad for quite some time because events like these that target minorities

have been on the rise. I have been sad because preach of hate and divisiveness is becoming ever more compelling. I have been sad because I am becoming increasingly sensitive and fragile to the injustices and hate crimes that are reoccurring over and over all around us. I have been sad because as someone who adheres to a beautiful faith that preaches peace and kindness, I have been told that I am not welcome in certain locales. I have been sad because it is quite tiresome to see divisiveness all around us. That being said, I will not give up! I will not give in to divisiveness. I will continue to have hope because I feel as though justice always prevails. I will continue to not let fear deter me from practicing my faith. I will continue to make sure that I embody love and tenderness. I will make it a mission to do what I can to reinforce togetherness and unity in whatever capacity I am granted. I will take responsibility to make sure that our communities are places of harmony and warmth. In spirit of this heart wrenching time, I would like to quote Mother Theresa. She says, "we can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair and hopelessness is love". So let's showcase more love for one another. Peace and blessings.



Why is There Hair Conditioner in the Diaper Aisle?

Sandra C. Hannebohm
Former Editor-In-Chief

Oh, February. The only month when I can complain openly about #blackgirlproblems on social media and gain followers. It's also the only month when it feels appropriate for me to boldly address a long-standing injustice and drop the mic after shouting "African Heritage Month, n***@\$!" which is exactly how I felt when I submitted a long-repressed rant to The Coast for their Love the Way We Bitch column.

"African Hair, Don't Care" was the culmination of several years of walking into drug stores and being turned away from the "whites only" section, otherwise known as the Beauty section, otherwise known as the Hair Care section, even though it's not where all the hair products are found.

Canadian institutions are generally terrified of tracking stats based on ethnicity, even if it's based on self-identification, so there's no way of knowing how many people at SMU struggle to find basic grooming products. What we do know, is that 8.5% of students at the school come from countries that are of predominantly African descent. If all those international students have naturally curly hair, and the population of domestic students of African descent is anywhere near 2%, then we can assume that at least 10% of the student population struggles to find basic grooming products.

Rather than heading for the Hair Care aisle, women with naturally thicker,

curlier locks look for landmark signs to figure out where they're supposed to go. Is it in the First-Aid aisle with the Band-Aids? Is it next to the L'Oréal hair colouring kits? What an adventure! Sassy Smiling Black Woman is an essential guide — her face is plastered on shelf displays next to the diapers at the Shoppers Drug Mart on Quinpool. I have a message for people with thick, curly or coarse hair: your hair is not unnatural. So when you boldly go where apparently no "ethnic" person has gone before — the Shoppers Drug Mart on Spring Garden Road — and you find that there are zero aisles hosting Sassy Black Woman posters, just take a deep breath. You can find your way.

You can go to the aisle where the Beautiful people go. You may feel lost, not recognizing any of the terms you've become so fondly accustomed to, but I promise you that white people seek answers to the same hair questions, and they put most of those answers in the same aisle. It's all for hair, and it's all for you. Whether you want to strengthen your hair, moisturize it, add shine, smooth it, cleanse it, define its curl, repair it, or protect it from heat, your ethnicity is barely a side-note. It all comes down to the texture of your unique hair, which varies throughout every race.

Considering the successful black hair care industry in the United States, it's likely that in your lifetime drug stores will get their shit together and get your hair needs out of the diaper section. While you wait, test my theory. Visit your nearest "white" salon, ask them which of their display products will work on your hair, and see if they turn you away.

Black Nova Scotia History

Zahra Dhubow
News Editor

The honouring of Black Canadians during Black History Month has an especially important significance within the Halifax community. Historically, colonial Louisbourg and early Halifax were the first locales that inhabited Black settlers. The largest immigration of former slaves to Nova Scotia, came from the United States in 1782. About 3,500 of these refugees settled throughout Nova Scotia in various communities such as: Annapolis Royal, Clements, Granville, Birtown, Brindleytown, Preston, Little Tracadie, Chedabucto and Halifax. Also, about 600 Jamaican former slaves immigrated to Nova Scotia and were fundamental in the constructing of the Citadel Hill as well

as serving in the military. Escaping the war of 1812, about 2000 Black refugees sought freedom in many parts of Nova Scotia. Majority of these refugees settled in Halifax, Dartmouth, Hammonds Plains and Preston. In the early 1900s, a large migration of Caribbean steel workers migrated to Cape Breton to work in coal mines increasing the number of Black Nova Scotians. Today, there are approximately 20,790 identifying Black Nova Scotians within the province. As you can tell Black history is integral within our Canadian population and most especially within our Nova Scotia population. It's something we take pride in and should openly celebrate. As many of you already know, the incredible Viola Desmond is about to grace our 10 dollar bill! If you don't already know, Viola Desmond was a

Black Nova Scotian beautician who refused to abide by the segregation rules within a theatre. She was defiant in her decision and made a statement. This act of defiance cost her sometime in jail, but it catapulted Canada's civil rights movement. Being black myself, I owe a great deal of thanks to this courageous woman. Without her and many other significant Black heroes within our community, a lot of the rights that I and many of you hold dear, would be inexistent. That being said, the notion of Blackness has increasingly been ostracized within our community and it's something we can't sweep under the rug. For decades Blackness was equated with unworthiness by the vast majority of people within society. That is why it is increasingly pertinent to celebrate Black pride and to condition ourselves to learn more

about the remarkable Black figures within our community! Take a couple minutes out of your day and learn about the following noteworthy Black Canadians: The Honourable Jean Augustine, Donovan Bailey, our very own George Elliot Clarke, and many more.

Here's a link to learn more about some phenomenal figures within our community: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/black-canadians.html>



English Society To Host Conference

The Saint Mary's English Society is hosting an internal university arts conference on March 9th. This event is being organized in hope of encouraging academic activity and creating a social connection between the art departments. Unlike other conferences where submissions would be judged and selected by a panel, this will work like an open mic. Submissions are open to any arts students who would like to present a piece of work, either academic or creative, to their peers and faculty. The only requirement for the piece is that students must keep the presentation under ten minutes. We are asking for students who would like to present

to contact us by the 24th of February. This is so we can have an idea as to how many students will be interested and book a room that will be large enough. We will be scheduling the time frame so that there will hopefully be time left over to allow students who did not submit a piece prior to the deadline a chance to present as well.

To ensure a slot for presentation please send an email to smuess2016@gmail.com with your name, major, and a copy of the work you would like to present.

Thank You,
The Saint Mary's English Society

Parking - My Views

Mahmudar Rahman Shovon
Contributor

Can we please be a university that promotes change? Can we take a stand?

There is no statistics involved in what I'm about to say but sometimes it feels like half of the SMU campus is just parking space. Yet, students keep complaining about the lack of parking. I get that this is a problem but are we really going to advocate for more parking space when all we have is ONE city block of space?

Back to the change - can we encourage public transportation to a greater extent, or smaller electric cars? Since

we've acquired that last piece of the city block recently, a lot of people are going to demand another parking spot on campus, like Erika MacDonald did in her little piece in the last issue. This is not an attack on her views because I feel for those that travel from afar and cannot find parking space. This is simply an alternate idea.

How about we turn one of the existing parking spots into a parkade? How about we use the newly acquired land and make something cooler? Or leave it as a green space for now? How about we strongly advocate the increase of street parking time limits near the campus to accomodate for class timings at least?

Enactus Helps Start New Business

Leslie Gates

Co- Director of Fundraising, Marketing, and University Affairs

Enactus Saint Mary's University

Saturday mornings at the Halifax Seaport Market have always been popular, but there was new excitement on Saturday, January 21st as Piece of the East, a business built on new beginnings, was officially launched.

Alaa, Rafat, and Ahmad arrived in Nova Scotia six months ago seeking refuge from their home in Syria. Arriving with very little English, they were introduced to Project 360, an Enactus project that offered them daily English and culture lessons throughout the summer. Many newcomers to Nova Scotia possess valued skills; however, due to culture and language barriers, they are often unable to gain meaningful employment. To address this issue, Alma Khallouf, Youssef Al Shimy, and Sylvia Gawad created a workshop series that would teach English, employable skills, and soft-skills to help newcomers integrate into Atlantic Canadian culture. After volunteering at the Parker Street Food Bank, three inspiring men noticed that the leftover fruits were being thrown in the garbage. They imagined all the amazing Syrian treats they could make with this leftover food and asked if they could use the ingredients to make their own jams and desserts. The Parker Street Food Bank was more than happy to donate the food that would otherwise be turned into waste. With their generous donations, and the help of Hope Blooms' kitchen space, Alaa, Rafat, and Ahmad could begin to create what would soon be known as Piece of the East. Project 360 assisted



by teaching the entrepreneurial skills and selling techniques needed for them to share their talents with the Halifax community. After a fun couple days in the Hope Blooms kitchen, the trio was ready for their big debut.

Invitations were sent out to members and leaders in the community including MP Andy Fillmore, Mayor Mike Savage, and Nova Scotia's Immigration Minister Lena Diab, who were all kind enough to offer their time and support by attending the launch. The launch weekend proved to be a massive success for Piece of the East, with food supplies nearly selling out by weekend's end. Since then, their business has found thriving success at the Halifax Seaport Market every weekend. Alaa, Rafat, and Ahmad's passion and resilience are a true testament to the power of new opportunities and community support.

To get involved in Piece of the East's

story and uplifting stories like theirs, reach out to the Enactus Saint Mary's Project 360 team, or show your support by going down to the Halifax

Seaport Market any Saturday or Sunday, and sample the many Syrian treats Piece of the East has to offer.

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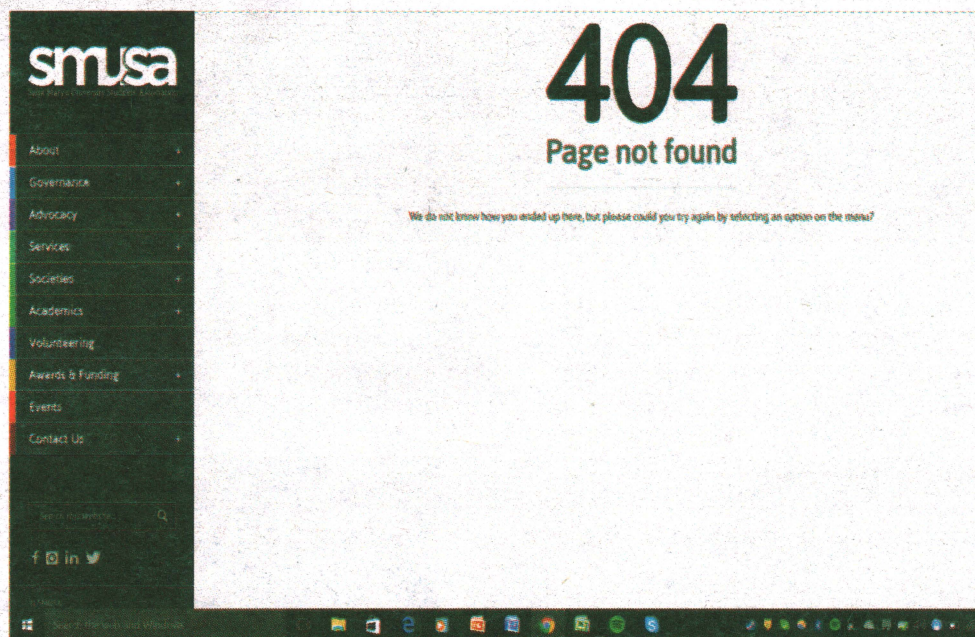
And The Minutes Turn Up

Neil VanHorne
Web Editor

Figuring out what the Board has been up to for the past two years has been more of an effort for the past two years than it ought to. Due to some issues with the SMUSA website, and some oversights on the part of the administration, minutes have not been readily in their proper spot on the website since January 11, 2015. There is also the matter of 8 members serving on the Board of Directors for the past year, instead of the usual nine. This is less of a concern, since the Board is only required to call for a bi-election when there are fewer than five members, or less than nine and the current members vote to host one in order to fill the vacant seat. The matter of whether or not there should always be nine members on the Board is dependent on whether the Board would like to follow a corporate structure or that of a representative democracy for students.

The elusive nature of Board minutes for the past two years is not one of malicious intent, but rather a long struggle with technical difficulties, the current President of SMUSA, Kazi Rahmen assures me. Students interested can go up to the SMUSA office and ask to review a binder containing all recent Board minutes. “The website we are using was given to us as a gift from a former student, Mukul Gupta. The maintenance of the website was left to the executive after he graduated. This is when we started running into technical difficulties.” For about a year, the website has been running into these technical

difficulties. SMUSA Exec has been seeking a third party company to build the website, but the recent initiative fell through. They are working on another route now, but it could be a few more weeks until it is up and running. After asking for access to the minutes, the executive of SMUSA was able to get them together in a binder for my viewing, and will have them available



as a physical copy until the new website is up and running.

On Saturday April 26th the Board first discussed proposals for redesigning the website. For the next several meetings, they discussed different options for how a website could be built. Ben Guance, as VP Academic, proposed that they use Squarespace, a ‘make your own website’ popular among bloggers. This was decided against after it was decided SMUSA Exec “would not have the capacity or knowledge to maintain the website.”

The deal that went through is one with Site Club, ticketed at \$10,000 for initial work and a year of maintenance. After finally getting to review the minutes of the current SMUSA governance, we noticed a few newsworthy items.

WUSC is a society that is supposed to sponsor a refugee each year. For the

the money from 2015/2016 has not been used yet. Rodriguez hopes that given the extra funds that are now available, we could have two students at once in the future.

We also learned what the budget was for Welcome Week this past year, a whopping \$61,000. It was assumed that they would run a \$5000 deficit. Fundraising by former marketing manager Mark Inglis was however very successful. Inglis raised far beyond his target, meaning that Welcome Week saved \$20,000, showing a \$15,000 surplus instead.

The third scoop was that the viability of operating the Gorsebrooke Lounge in the summer is being considered by the Board. Last summer, they recognized a \$36,000 deficit, and that’s with the money that is made from allowing CBC Comedy Mr. D to film there, which is approximately \$15,000 of business.

2015/2016 year \$14,500 was collected in student fees, but it was never used to sponsor a refugee. On July 24 2016, it was proposed my SMUSA accountant Lee Fletcher that to either offer it as a bursary or put the money in an endowment.

The reason the money was not spent, was because the student who was selected to receive funding ran into difficulties with their visa prior to arriving in Canada, Ysaac Rodriguez informed The Journal. The student is here now and receiving funding, but

It is not as some may have feared where the Student’s Association is taking an Orwellian approach to governance, but they certainly haven’t shown any sign that they value easy access to the goings on of your association. The website isn’t perfect yet, but let’s hope it takes us a step closer to having the ideal engagement for students associations.

*The minutes are not yet posted online but are promised to be up soon

Students are making money, forgoing a career, and pursuing their passions and this is how they're doing it."

Ryan Astaphan
Graduate & Live Contributor

The relative ease of life today's youth enjoys was made possible due the hard work of earlier generations. The goal of those earlier generations was to find a career that would provide them with life-long stability.

These career-driven individuals went on to build families. Their children did not see the struggle from which their parents came, instead all they saw was a routine life dedicated to work.

Today's students are able to chart a unique course: seeking the fulfillment of their passions. For them adventure is the only constant, change is the only routine. And their dearest friend, technology, is enabling them to do this.

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"A traditional career isn't for everybody. Most people aren't averse to work; but today people want to be the ones in control of their own life. Thankfully for them, they can make a living now working online via freelancing. Freelancing can be a way to fund your travels or support yourself before jumping into the real world or it can be an introduction into entrepreneurship," said Ryan Astaphan, a history major who made his money in freelancing before moving to Thailand. Ryan is also the creator of GraduateAndLive.com.

Freelancing is simply an alternative hiring method. Instead of committing to a long-term position, you can work on individual projects. These projects are accessible to everyone, from writers to accountants to designers and even engineers.

Many job boards exist online that link a worldwide audience of freelancers with those that need their services. In many cases there is nothing preventing would-be freelancers from jumping in - registration is simple and the job boards require no signup fees. Like doing well in university, though, success does not come magically.

"Any student or graduate of today's generation who doesn't mind working from the computer should be able to make money. They are tech-literate and well-educated," said Ryan.

"If what you do in life is more important to you than what you do for work, I urge you to give freelancing a try. The skills you'll learn doing so will be valuable to you as a person and to future employers if you decide to head down that route. And of course you can make money. But just like in university, success doesn't come down just to your effort. You have professors there as a support system. Good luck to you in whatever path you take in life, but remember to not stop learning just because you graduated."

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Healthy Minds, Healthy Hearts

Shauna Beaton

Healthy Minds Team Member

It's that time of year again; love is in the air. Valentine's Day is a time dedicated to appreciating the ones you love, chocolates, flowers and sappy Instagram posts. It's also a time where people not in a relationship become hyper-aware of that fact and post passive-aggressive Snapchats of waiting for 50% off chocolates on February 15th. We should use this time of year to look at relationships as a whole – not just romantically – but friendships, family ties, and our relationship with ourselves.

University can be a stressful time, trying to balance school, work and volunteer commitments while also trying to maintain friendships, remember to call home, and secretly keeping an eye out for something more than a classroom crush.

It is important to maintain relationships with people, as research shows that having supportive friendships is correlated with academic success (study buddies!) Spending time with friends is essential, to keep that bond and as a form of stress relief (what's a life that is all work and no play?) However, if you want good, lasting friendships it is important to give what you would like to receive. Be supportive, understanding and honest, hopefully you will get that in return and will be able to help each other through the years.

Perhaps the most important relationship is the one you have with

yourself. Your mental health and well-being should be your number one priority. Being comfortable with yourself will help you build strong relationships with others. This is one reason why it's okay to be single, and it can even be a good thing. Everyone needs time to work on themselves. Take 'me' days, shut off your phone, go for a walk, or just lay in bed and watch Netflix.

The Healthy Minds Team has multiple events coming up during Valentine's week focused on developing healthy relationships with yourself and others. For example, Speed Friending at the Gorsebrook on February 16th is a great opportunity to meet new people and potentially create a lasting friendship (not to mention there will be pizza and door prizes.)

So this Valentine's week don't mope around because you may not have a significant other; spend time with yourself or your friends, call home, and stop by some of our events!



Peer Support

Winter 2017 Drop-In Schedule

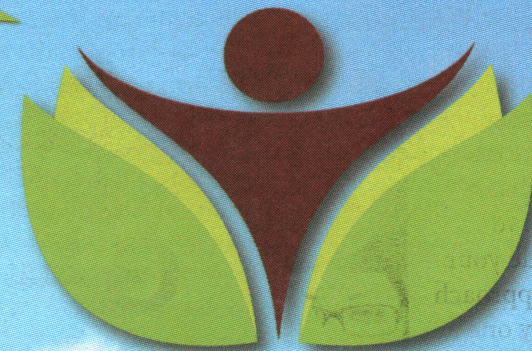


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Raina DeBrouwer

*Communications and Marketing
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As soon-to-be graduates entering the professional sphere, most of us have one thought on the brain: it's time to find a job. Preferably, one we enjoy. So where do we start? Over the duration of our program, we've been taught what types of jobs we'll be doing and what to do at our jobs. But the method of acquiring said jobs? It's a little less clear.

One resounding notion in the business community is that connections are invaluable; it's estimated that 80-95% of Canadian jobs aren't advertised (Halifax Partnership). "It's not what you know, it's who you know" is more than just a tired cliché. In Halifax's tight-knit business circuit, this sentiment is especially true.

Which brings us to another truth: networking is a young professional's best approach to finding a new job in today's business market.

It's an uncomfortable truth, because networking isn't easy. It can be tough to push yourself outside your comfort zone and approach a stranger, especially one you want to impress. The most challenging part of all? Knowing what to say to make a lasting impression. Most of us have a vague idea of what we're good at, but if push came to shove, could you articulate your skills and experience properly? If your dream job came knocking, would you know what to

say?

One of Halifax Partnership's mandates is youth retention, and its 2017 #HireMeHalifax elevator pitch contest is geared towards that. Participating in this contest will:

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 - Give you a platform to talk about your professional skillset
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- Like I said, approaching an employer and selling yourself isn't easy. Take advantage of this opportunity to wow over 100 employers with a 30 second video! Even if you don't get hired as a direct result (although it did happen last year!), those are 100 new connections to start your imminent job search with.

Learn more about Halifax Partnership's #HireMeHalifax contest at: HalifaxPartnership.com/

Submit your pitch for a chance to win \$1,000 and meet Halifax's top employers!

Contest closes March 5, 2017

Roundtable at SMU A Success



Erika MacDonald

Editor-In-Chief

SMU recently hosted federal ministers to our school for a Roundtable on Innovation and Immigration. In attendance from the Federal Government was The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development; The Honourable Scott Brison, President of the Treasury Board; and the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship; and from the Provincial Government, The Honourable Lena Diab, Minister of Immigration. The Roundtable, hosted by Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray, was very well organized and informed a lot of people about the unique stories of students and alumni at SMU. Students, Faculty, and Alum shared their experiences with study and work visas, citizenship, and helping others with these issues. SMU has a very large international student population and all of them need to go through these processes in order to attend SMU. The students and alum who spoke were very frank with the ministers about how short the post-grad permit period is, which is the best way to be especially when they're standing right in front of you. We also heard from faculty that

love their students and hate to see them struggle with such strict rules surrounding immigration because they are have such promising futures in their chosen degree or study. There was also representation from the private sector with Chris MacIntosh from IBM, Bruce Smith from ScotiaBank, and Saeed El-Darahali, SMU Alumni, President and CEO of SimplyCast.com. Each of them expressed the importance of international students and that these companies see them as a very valuable part of their makeup. Finally, the Federal Ministers took turns speaking. For Ahmed Hussen, it was one of his first public outings since being named to cabinet shortly before the event. The Somali native did very well and because he is an immigrant to Canada much like our students, it carried more weight when he said "International students are the cream of the crop and should be treated as so." Overall, the Roundtable is something there should be more of at SMU. The room was packed, standing room only, and it was some great PR for our little school.

If you would like to see a play-by-play of what happened the day of, the SMU Journal live-tweeted the event. You can follow us @TheSMUJournal

SMUdent Named to Major Advisory Committee

Erika MacDonald
Editor-In-Chief

Many of you may not know it but the newest member of the Bank of Montreal Millennial Leaders Advisory Council could be sitting next to you in your accounting class. Miss Dana Doswell, a New Market Ontario native and Sobey School of Business student was named to the national council in late last semester. BMO has partnered with Catalyst, the leading non-profit organization for advancing women and inclusive workplaces, to name the second cohort of students to the council, including Doswell. Part of her responsibilities is to act as an ambassador on campus and bring forward the dialogue on leadership that she has learning on the council locally. After being named to the council, Doswell traveled to meet with the other 26 members of the council in Toronto where she gave the following statement:

“Society needs to change its perspective on what we think defines a successful leader,” said Dana Doswell, a Bachelor of Commerce student at Saint Mary’s University in Halifax. “I’m inspired by our conversations about inclusion, collaboration and loyalty, and I’m ready to go back to my school with the ideas we’ve discussed.” The SMU Journal sat down with Dana to get a better idea of what this amazing opportunity is all about.

TSJ: How did you find out about the program?

Doswell: BMO reaches out to the Deans of the Business and Engineering departments at the chosen schools,

and they in turn are responsible for recommending an undergraduate or graduate student for the program that is doing work for women in leadership.

TSJ: What types of things have you done thus far with the council?

Doswell: In October 2016 I was fortunate enough to be flown to

Toronto to attend the 2016 Catalyst Conference.

The conference is in honor of four “champions for change” relating to women in business. Over the course of three days I had the chance to

meet and get to know the other 29 women selected from across Canada that were chosen to be part of the council. Of the 30 women, 15 were from business with the remainder from the engineering faculty. The last night provided us with the opportunity to network with professionals from RBC, Catalyst, BMO and a variety of other large companies.

TSJ: How does it feel to be one of only two students in Atlantic Canada to be chosen?

Doswell: I would honestly like to thank Dean Bradshaw of the Sobey School

of Business for recommending me for this amazing opportunity. Having the opportunity to be one of two students selected from Atlantic Canada has been very inspiring and has motivated me to continue working towards promoting women in leadership through the Lean In organization I started at Saint Mary’s.

TSJ: What do you think the most

important part of BMO reaching out to Millennials in this capacity is?

Doswell: The most important part of this relationship is the insight that BMO will gain on the working mindset of millennial’s.

One of the subject areas talked about in depth was that individuals entering the workforce aren’t looking to stay

with one company for an extended period of time. We are coming into our jobs with more education and training,

but aren’t feeling as though we are being utilized for our abilities. From BMO’s perspective, they are looking to find ways to increase retention rates past 3 years. From our perspective, we are looking for companies to provide more regular learning opportunities within an organization. These two

goals are difficult to match and BMO is doing a great job of exploring the issue and meeting it head on.

TSJ: Do you think it makes a difference

that there is all women on the council? **Doswell:** It absolutely does. Navigating the workplace is challenging for all employees, but women face a unique set of issues that are harder for men to empathize with. In reference to Sheryl Sandberg’s book *Lean In*, women are more likely to pass up a promotion for reasons such as “I might have children in two years and if I take this job I’ll be working more, and how will I balance that?”. Creating a council comprised solely of women is recognizing that these issues are derived from social issues and is making a statement that change needs to happen. The council is full of intelligent, ambitious, inspiring women who are working towards creating change through education and the empowerment of other women. Creating a strong support system and open dialogue is imperative, and I believe the council is a step in that direction.

TSJ: Do you think your experience on the Council will help you in your career goals?

Doswell: The council has already put me in contact with a number of valuable business people. Fortunately, the second student selected from Atlantic Canada has been hired on at the same accounting firm as me to complete our CPA designations with KPMG in Toronto. The council has provided me with amazing networking and learning opportunities and has inspired me to continue to work towards a more inclusive and people focused future for the world of business.

The SMU Journal is very proud of Dana, as we all should be, and we would like to wish her the best as she continues her work on the council.



All About The Money

Kala Rafuse

Financial Aid & Awards

Contrary to what you may believe, SMU doesn't stand for "Sucking Up Money". SMU (Saint Mary's University, in case you didn't know) actually offers a wide array of funding available to students, without interest, fees, or even paying the sum back! I bet you're wondering; "what are these wonderful things" or "how can I get my hands on some!?" The answers to your questions are scholarships and bursaries and easy, online applications.

There are a multitude of scholarships available to students of diverse kinds. From being a horse enthusiast to displaying leadership qualities, there is likely a scholarship for you! Not all scholarships that SMU has to offer are all concerned with your GPA either, so try not to worry about that one D you got in first year.

I'll help you prepare for these scholarship applications. Remember, one hour of writing may reward you with a large scholarship!

The Named Undergraduate Awards are available to all students who are enrolled at SMU for the next academic year. Each scholarship and bursary included under these awards have specific requirements; therefore the more you write about yourself in the application, the more likely you will become eligible for awards. ALL parts of the application are due May 1, 2017. All you need for this award is a personal statement, a projected budget, and a recommendation form from a

faculty member or coach.

The Financial-Needs Based Bursary is available to SMUdents experiencing financial difficulty. This bursary is available for the full academic year. If you missed out on the application for fall, you can still apply in January! There is a small criteria for this bursary, being that you must be enrolled in courses and maintain a GPA of at least 1.70.

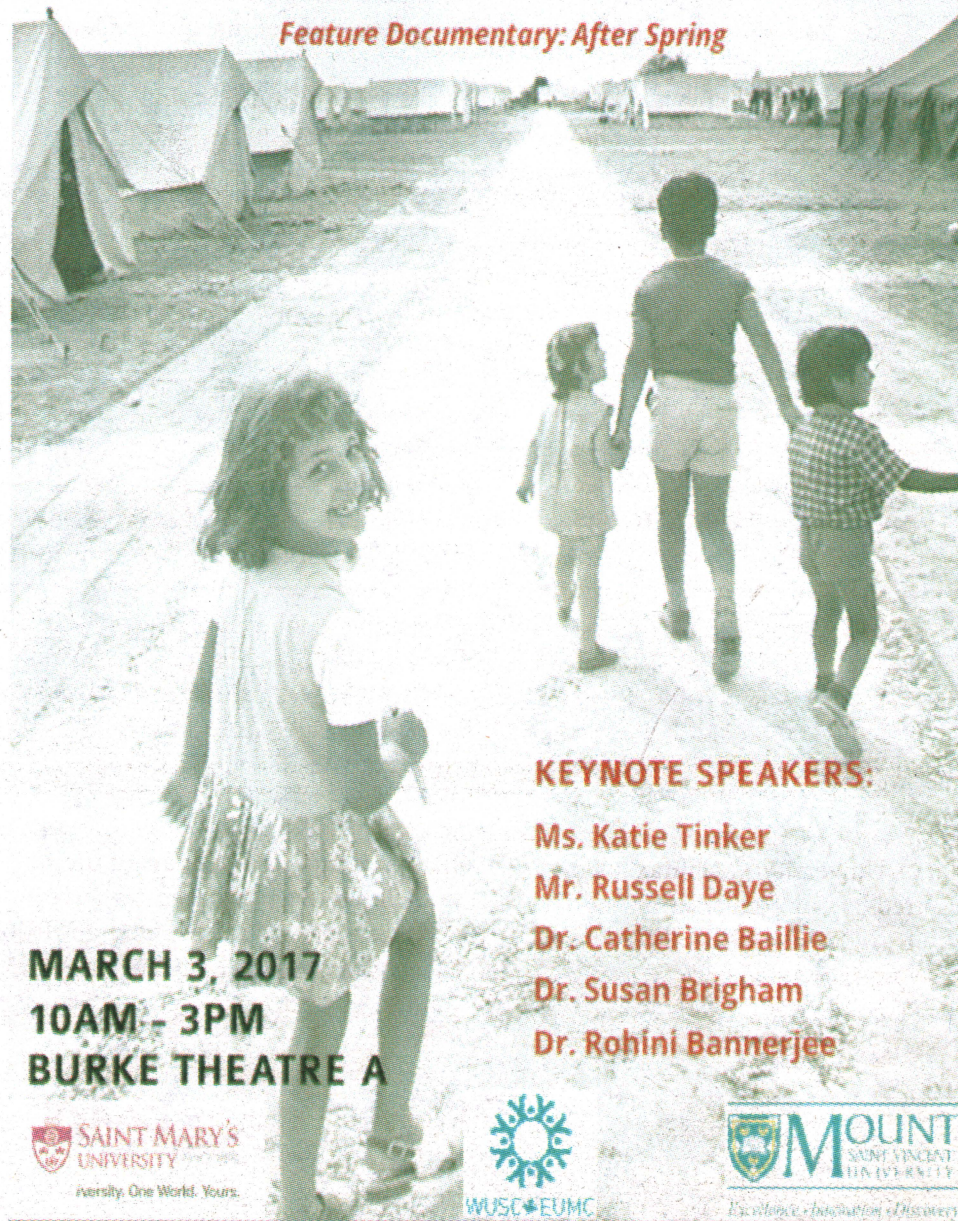
Additionally, be sure to check out websites such as; Yconic, Scholarships Canada, and Student Life Network! Each website offers funding towards your education. Typically, all applications are quite simple and are applicable to many different types of students!

Best of luck and may your financial endeavors be rewardful!



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A Cold Topic?

Erika MacDonald
Editor-In-Chief

This past week, winter arrived in Halifax in a big way. After the over 70cm come down in our city and the evidence of that is everywhere including sidewalks and parking lots. Let me take you through that week. Monday, the school was closed and rightfully so because I'm pretty sure not even the Abominable Snowman was out. Monday night, at 7:30 SMU closed the school preemptively for Tuesday and students rejoiced. Wednesday, everything was back to normal but then another, smaller storm hit that night and this is where shit hit the fan. SMU has always assessed weather conditions at 5:30AM to make a decision as to whether to stay open, close or delay. The people who make this decision, contrary to popular belief, it a team of people known as the "Weather Watch Team" made up of Gabe Morrison (VP Finance), Tom Traps (Facilities Management), Paul Dixon (Registrar), Kevin Trudeau (Security), Tom Brophy (Student Services), and Cale Loney (External Affairs). The decision was made on Thursday, February 16, at 5:30AM that the school would open

for the day and SMUdents were not happy. The reason? By the time 7AM rolled around, just when students and staff are normally leaving home for their commute, the snow was much more than just a little storm. White out conditions were reported, the HRSB closed for the day along with NSCC, DAL delayed opening, and students immediately started reaching out to professors and commenting on SMU's social media accounts.

The Journal reached out to a few students who were inconvenienced, to say the least, by this decision.

Cassandra Leveque – Schelleman, a student who lives in Prospect, had heard about the impending weather and emailed her professor the night before asking what would happen if the conditions were bad as her 8:30 class had a midterm the next morning. She did not receive an answer. The following morning, she reached out to the professor again stating that she lived far away, that the driving conditions were bad, and asked if he was going to reschedule, and again, no response. She said this was not necessarily a surprise as "it wouldn't be the first time I travelled into town

and he cancel an 830 class at 8am after I have already arrived at school." Cassandra then spent the next little bit digging out her car, which got stuck in her driveway, and battling off her boyfriend who was insisting she stay home, but the midterm was worth 20% so she headed out. On her way to SMU, which is normally a 30-minute drive for her, it took an hour and in the process she was almost T-Boned at an intersection due to poor visibility. Thankfully, Cassandra made it to class safely, wrote her midterm and when she handed it in, the professor said "I got your email, thanks for making the effort to come." This is not right. Cassandra suggested that SMU partner with Dal, NSCC and other universities/colleges in HRM to make these decisions. "I was [not] expecting a snow day but even a delayed opening long enough to shovel driveways and give the plows a chance to get on the roads. You'd think if a university down the street delayed opening that the other would also because the exact same weather conditions" said Cassandra "students come from everywhere so you can't just cater to the ones that live on residence or in a close proximity."

Another student, Naomi Kent had this to say: "I woke up at 6am and shovelled out my car. My road had not been plowed out yet but I had to go to school because I had a midterm so I went anyway. I have all wheel drive on my car so usually I can get through most weather situations but I almost lost control of my car 4 times over the course of a 40 minute drive that usually takes about 15. Once I got to the bridge terminal, I got on the bus which took another 40 minutes to get

to SMU. The roads were horrible and I did not feel safe driving on them at all."

These are just two stories of students who had a bad experience that day. If you read the over 150 comments on the Facebook announcement saying the school was open, you will see many more.

Once people arrived at the school there were exits blocked by snow, stairways not shovelled, parking lots not properly plowed, sidewalks were treterous, and the atmosphere on campus was anger, because no one wanted to be there.

SMUSA President, Kazi Rahman had the following to say:

"SMUSA has been communicating with the University Administration to voice student concerns and we hope a decision will be made soon in the best interest of our students.

I see some students got their exams postponed but for others I know it is very frustrating. Try to talk to the professors and request them to postpone the midterm (which I know is difficult).

SMUSA does not sit is the Committee that makes the decision on university closures. You can Email your concerns at president.smusa@smu.ca so that we can forward them to the university administration.

As your President, I sincerely feel sorry and frustrated for SMU students who are going through such difficult time. I live a block away and still it was still difficult.

We are listening and working hard for you."



With the following statement coming a few hours after his first post:

Myself and our amazing VP Student Affairs Ossama Nasrallah had a quick meeting with our University VP Academic and Research Dr. Ester Enns, VP Finance and Administration Ms. Gabe Morrison and VP Advancement Ms. Erin Greenwood on the issues students faced this morning with poor weather conditions and missed midterms. They are concerned about your distress as much as you are. They are working

to president.smusa@smu.ca so that we can forward it to them.

The weather is getting better, so please try to make it to your evening midterms if you can.

We all have a shared responsibility towards our beautiful Saint Mary's University.

Thank you. Much Love"

The SMU administration was much more quiet on the subject. Only releasing the following statement late in the day:

This message was then passed along, generacly to all SMUdents who had taken the time to email the administration.

but External Affairs did reach out to faculty asking to be considerate of the situation. Additionally, Murphy emphasized that many students live on/close to campus.

As much as these factors are important to consider when making such a decision, there are only 1000 students who live on campus and students who lived close to SMU couldn't get there because of the deplorable sidewalk conditions. Additionally, the parking lots were not properly cleared.

In summary, this tells students a few things. One, our SMUSA president can really step up when an issue of this

magnitude arises, so cheers to Kazi for stepping up. Two, SMU effed up big time. This leads us to the question, "Is SMU's current weather policy really what's best for students right now, or should it be revised?" Three, some professors have their heads on straight and some don't. Many students told the Journal that their professors were understanding of the situation and some even cancelled their classes in the interest of safety but some said things like "the school is open, if you don't show up to your midterm than you get a o." And finally, yes, you can absolutely sue SMU if you are coming to school and get hit by a car. Heck, sue the city too.

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The University has received a number of concerns today regarding the impact of its decision to stay open.

As a specific action due to the timing of midterm examinations, the University is asking faculty members to give special consideration to students who do not attend midterm examinations today.

The University's decision to remain open was made in accordance with policy and practice, including the engagement of the Weather Watch team.

After each weather event, the team reviews all aspects of the decision and its subsequent impact on our facilities and community, including students, faculty and staff.

The Journal reached out to Margart Murphy, Associate VP of Exteral Affairs to get some more answers.

"Its always a balance when decideing to reamain open or

hard on to accommodate students who missed their exams this morning due to poor weather conditions and are not penalized. They will be publicly

closing, the university tends to reamin open as most private instiutions tend to remain open" said Murphy "we believe it is better to maintain services

Lindsay Vandewater This is the exact same response I got when I sent a personal email to the committee members about my concerns. Funny that I brought up respecting students enough to address them but we're all getting the same generic response.

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communicating with you soon. Please send a thank you email to them. If we can provide negative feedback, we also have the responsibility to send positive feedback as well. If your exam does not get accommodated. Please sent an email

than withdraw them."

"One of the factors that is taken into consideration is facilities ability to clear snow." She also said that there is no formal procedure or obligation for professors to accomidate students



Huskies score four in third to top Panthers

Cam Honey-Webb
SMU Communications

The Saint Mary's University Huskies beat the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers 5-1 in game one of the quarterfinals best of three, at the Halifax Forum in Halifax NS.

The Huskies took a 1-0 lead in their best of three AUS quarterfinal.

"We don't necessarily think we deserved the win but we got it and that's what counts," said Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg.

The game was tied 1-1 heading into the

third.

"We weren't happy with our first two periods, I think we actually struggled," said Stienburg.

Shots on goal were 29-24 for the Panthers and the Huskies blocked an additional 17 shots to only four for the Panthers. Overall shots were 46-28 Panthers.

"We have a lot of new guys in the lineup, I think that was their first playoff game," said Stienburg. "We had a couple breaks in the third and that seemed to bring our game back, our confidence and a bit of our mojo."

"We're not going to get away with the lack of execution that we had tonight in the first couple of periods against them [in Charlottetown]. We have to be better."

Clayton's buzzer-beater helps SMU defeat Acadia 93-90

Dominic Nolasco
SMU Communications

The Saint Mary's Huskies fifth-year guard Marquis Clayton (Halifax, N.S.) hit a game-winning, buzzer-beating three-pointer Saturday night, topping the Acadia Axemen 93-90 in AUS men's basketball action from the Homburg Centre.

Tied 90-90 with 45 seconds left, SMU had two chances to score and could not find the basket.

Acadia gained possession with 16 seconds and missed a wide-open shot with five seconds left.

The Huskies called a time-out on the air ball and advanced the ball to half-court.

Clayton drained the three-pointer as time expired, giving SMU the 93-90 victory.

The Axemen led 20-15 after 10 minutes and SMU used a 31-18 second quarter score to build a 46-38 halftime cushion.

Acadia outscored Saint Mary's 28-23 in the third quarter and trailed SMU by three, 69-66 after thirty minutes.

Both teams were even, 24-24, in the final frame and neither held more than a four-point

advantage in the quarter.

Theon Reefer (Toronto, Ont.) paced the Huskies and all scorers with 25 points on 9 for 18 shooting from the floor.

Ben Miller (Winnipeg, Man.) had 21 points for Acadia, who drop to 8-8 and sit in sixth-place in the AUS with 22 points.

All five of Acadia's starters scored in double-digits, with Trevon Grant (Nassau, Bahamas) adding a double-double with 10 rebounds to go along with his 11 points.

Clayton finished with 23 points as SMU improves to 11-6 and sit in third-place with 30 points.

Brian Rouse (Mississauga, Ont.) added 15 points for Saint Mary's and Kemar Alleyne (Scarborough, Ont.) had 12.

Both teams return to action February 17th at 8 p.m. when Acadia hosts 8-8 StFX and SMU travels to U Sports No. 10 ranked 13-4 Dalhousie.

Saint Mary's concludes the regular-season with a two-game road trip February 24th-25th versus 0-16 Cape Breton Capers.

Late night on campus?

If you are studying or working alone after regular hours or on the weekend, campus security officers can check in on you during their regular rounds.

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Courtney Cain-Nordin's game-winner clinches No. 10 ranked SMU's 59-58 victory over Acadia

Dominic Nolasco
SMU Communications

The USPORTS No. 10th ranked Saint Mary's Huskies defeated the Acadia Axewomen 59-58 Saturday night in AUS women's basketball action from the Homburg Centre.

Up 15 points after a 20-5 first quarter, the Huskies found themselves outscored in the second quarter 18-12, as Acadia's run trimmed SMU's lead to nine, 32-23 at half.

A 25-10 third quarter score saw the Axewomen take a 48-42 lead after

thirty minutes.

Saint Mary's hit two free throws in the opening ten seconds of the final frame and trailed 48-44.

Both teams traded jump shots and Acadia led 50-46 with 8:49 left in the fourth quarter.

A Huskies free-throw and an Acadia layup saw the Axewomen up 52-47 with 7:03 remaining.

Acadia nailed a three-pointer for a 55-47 lead with 5:22 left to play.

A Saint Mary's layup and two free-throws had the Huskies down four, 55-51 with 4:13 left.

Acadia hit their lone foul-shot of the quarter and built a 56-51 lead when an Axewomen layup with 2:09 left had Acadia up 58-51. SMU hit a three-pointer and three foul-shots set the stage for a 58-57 Axewomen lead with 16 seconds left.

Courtney Cain-Nordin's (Halifax, N.S.) game-winner came with eight seconds left, as the Huskies used a time-out to draw up a play for a 10-foot shot.

Acadia called timeout and with 5.9 seconds could not get a shot off as SMU smothered the ball and held-on for the 59-58 win.

Paloma Anderson (Phoenix, Arizona) paced all scorers with 20 points in the loss for Acadia, who drop to 7-9 and control the sixth and final play-off spot with 18 points.

A trio of Axewomen - Alexandra Berry (Yarmouth, N.S.), Chanel Smith (Halifax, N.S.) and Haley McDonald (Port Williams, N.S.) - each added eight points.

Cain-Nordin finished with 13 points off the bench for the Huskies, as teammates Angelina Carvery (Halifax, N.S.) and Kennisha-Shanice Luberrisse (Montreal, Que.) added 13 points apiece.

Saint Mary's improves to 13-4 and sit in second-place with 36 points.

Both teams return to action February 17th at 6 p.m. when Acadia hosts 1-15 StFX and SMU travels to 3-14 Dalhousie.

Saint Mary's concludes the regular-season with a two-game road trip February 24th-25th versus 12-4 AUS leading Cape Breton Capers.



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