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## Winners of Society Photo Contest

Thanks to all who participated. The winners are as follows:

**1st (\$250): Women's Centre: Best "In-the-Community" Shot**



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**2nd (\$150): SMUQ: Most Spirit - bonus points for getting the SMU logo in there!**



**4th (\$50): Marketing Society: Most Creative - Look closely and you'll see some Marketing Society members!**





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| <b>Legend</b><br>Presented by SMUSA<br>SMU Athletics & Recreation Event<br>Alcohol Available<br>No Entry Fee (for SMU Students)<br>19+ only, No Minors (get it?)<br>Gorsebrook Lounge Event/Special<br>SMU Event/Announcement |  |  |          |   |  |
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| 17  | 18   | 19   | 20       | 21  | 22 23  |
| LAST DAY OF OPERATION OF THE INFODESK (services moved to SMUSA office for December 18th)<br>No WING NIGHT<br>PUB CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS  | LAST DAY OF OPERATION FOR THE SMUSA OFFICE<br>10% STUDENT DISCOUNT @ SOBEYS Queen St. & North/Gladstone<br>No PUB TRIVIA | SMUSA OFFICES CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS<br>All services resume on January 7th<br><br>No OPEN MIC NIGHT |          | LAST DAY CAMPUS IS OPEN BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS<br> |  |



# FROST WEEK

JANUARY 14-18, 2013 (schedule is still tentative)

Monday, Jan 14: WINGO is back! Win your wings (or other prizes)!

Tuesday, Jan 15: Trivia and Comedy (featuring Comedy Records)

Wednesday, Jan 16: Open Mic + VERY SPECIAL GUESTS (to be announced)

Thursday, Jan 17: SMU Year's Eve (hosted by the Criminology Society)

Friday, Jan 18: Men's Hockey Huskies' Home Game, buses provided



## Happy Holidays from everyone at SMUSA!

Thanks for a great Fall semester! SMU students, along with our partners, volunteers, and members of the University Community, we've raised over \$25,000 for Shinerama and Movember, held an amazing Orientation Week, hosted a student assembly, arranged for 24h access to The Atrium, and so much more!

...And we're just getting started!

### DATES TO REMEMBER FOR NEXT SEMESTER:

- Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> is the first day of classes!
- SMUSA elections: Nominations open January 7<sup>th</sup> for President and BoD positions
- All departments will be open on January 7<sup>th</sup>



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# If Provinces can merge, so can Student Papers

ADAM FABER

Full disclosure: once upon a time, I was once the editor in chief for the SMU Journal. Now that I've retired from that stressful position, I've taken a longer view of the institution. I no longer have to think about the next upcoming vote. For example, I would be losing my mind in Cydney's shoes this year, due to the fact that the Journal levy is coming up for renewal. With the continued life of the paper up to a student vote, it would be like trying to study for finals when the school has filed for bankruptcy protection. That being said, I no longer have to worry about short term public opinion, and the ebb and flow of what's hot and not. I'm allowed to say what I think without the worries of an upcoming election

or referendum.

I compare all of this to the dynamic between the senate and our politicians. You need a balance of politicians and administrators. Some people need to remain popular, and some people to make controversial choices. If the court of public opinion was king at all times, there would be nothing but lynch mobs and witch-hunts.

But I digress. There is a Canadian senator (an appointed position) who has re-ignited the amalgamation conversation. He wants to talk, not about the possibility of a European Union, but a Maritime Consortium. Why is New Brunswick and Nova Scotia competing? Why does PEI fight for recognition while Newfoundland

vies for increased respect? There are tariffs between Atlantic borders discouraging trade, keeping the western and central Canadian economies dominant without a unified challenge from the friendly coast.

I feel that the SMU Journal, the Dalhousie Gazette, Kings, and CKDU could form a consortium as well. Student issues are student issues, and everyone talks about what the other universities are doing anyway. Heck, they borrow ideas from each other, such as the puppy room. Why wouldn't we give Haligonian students their news in a single, more powerful platform?

Let's translate this into a concrete example. If the student association

is looking to book a popular act, let's say the Stanfields, it would be expensive unless we could offer them multiple shows. Why wouldn't we team up with a university? One in the valley, maybe, so we can both get a cheaper deal and more?

Student bodies, and provinces, need to drop their petty differences and work together to create a strong front of marketing and a bank the skills they have to offer the 'real world'. If groups aligned themselves as a unit instead of drawing silly borders between themselves (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick; Dal, SMU) they could achieve more and essentially results in bulk. This would benefit all sides of the imaginary lines that have been drawn.

## SMU Prof Making a Giant out of Wind Energy

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There's nothing quixotic about Dr. Adel Merabet's approach to wind turbines. In his efforts to make it easier to convert wind energy into electricity, the Saint Mary's Engineering professor is tilting at some very real enemies, including climate change and the depletion of fossil fuels.

"Renewable energy is a critical resource," says Dr. Merabet. "In Canada, installed power capacity from renewable resources has expanded rapidly in recent years and is forecast to continue to maintain this level of growth due to increased interest from electricity producers and governmental initiatives such as Nova Scotia's Renewable Electricity Plan."

In order to understand the challenges of wind energy technology and provide equipment for high quality training, Dr. Merabet has partnered with Quanser Inc., an Ontario leader in the design and manufacture of advanced systems for real-time controls for robotics, mechatronics, aerospace and structural engineering. Supported by two Saint Mary's student researchers—a graduate student in the MSc Applied Science program, and an undergraduate student in the Diploma of Engineering program—Dr. Merabet hopes to develop high performance control systems that will help make wind turbines more efficient.

"The capacity of wind energy

is related to the availability of wind and its speed," says Dr. Merabet. "By designing an interface that will allow us to control speed, pitch angle and voltage, we're hoping to find ways to extract the maximum possible power at all possible wind speeds and transfer the technology to industrial scale wind turbines."

Recently, Dr. Merabet received almost \$90,000 for research infrastructure in wind energy through a Canada Foundation for Innovation grant under the Leaders Opportunity Fund. The Nova Scotia Research and Innovation Trust contributed another roughly \$90,000 and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council gave more than \$22,000 for a project to develop ways to control the speed and voltage of a laboratory-scale experimental wind turbine made by Quanser.

Dr. Merabet began teaching at Saint Mary's in September 2008 and joined the tenure track at an Assistant Professor level in January 2010. His research in the area of renewable energy is especially relevant as Nova Scotia aims to have 25% renewable sources used in the production of electricity by 2015 and 40% by 2020. Not only will this work further the understanding of problems related to wind turbines, but it will also provide real-life opportunities for Saint Mary's students to tackle one of society's most powerful problems.

## On both sides of the ballot: Dawn Penney

ADAM FABER



Dawn Penney is the outgoing Chief Returning Officer, the SMU student in charge of maintaining the rules and integrity of the Saint Mary's Student Association's election. During her one year term she also spent a semester campaigning for the Halifax School Board, garnering 37.9% of the vote. The Journal invited her to share her thoughts on the voting process and her experiences.

**Journal: You've been on both sides of voting. Here at SMU you were the referee of the election, and then immediately afterwards you went into campaign mode and ran for election of the school board. What was your perspective going from the rule keeper to the person worrying about the rules?**

Penney: It was very interesting to be the big boss, and going from 'what I say goes' to 'okay, I have to make sure I do everything they say and not get fined.' The election, being CRO and running it and then actually participating in it during the municipal election reaffirmed my passion for politics and made me positive what I wanted to do with my life.

**Journal: You got a sizable portion of the ballot in the municipal**

**election.**

Penney: Yeah, she got five thousand and I got three thousand. I was impressed with myself, I couldn't believe it. I'm a nobody, so... (laughs)

**Journal: Having done that, what do you think mobilized a voter? You say would-be SMUSA Presidents running around trying to get the vote out, but what do you think actually motivates them?**

Penney: I think it's their connection to the cause. If the candidate is talking about something that hits their heartstrings, then they're going to get up and vote. They're going to feel their voice is going into that process. As a candidate for any election in the future that I run, in that's what I strive towards. I want that person who votes to trust that they will be represented.

**Journal: What sort of advice would you have for the next rule keeper of the election?**

Penney: I would tell them to follow the regulations, follow the policy and don't give anyone any slack. If someone is not doing what they're supposed to do, discipline them. Don't be intimidated by people who want to bring their aspirations to the

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# 2012: A Year in Headlines

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Looking back on the Saint Mary's news items for the past year it is clear it was a year of moving forward and celebrating success. Infrastructure projects such as the Northeast campus renewal broke ground and the university continued its commitment to sustainability with projects ranging from a new sustainability dashboard to making use of an electric car. Academic success abounded, with current students, recent grads, and faculty all achieving high levels of success and recognition in various areas. The year also welcomed many new faces to the Saint Mary's community, including a new Dean of the Sobey School of Business and a new head coach for the Huskies football team.

## JANUARY:

### New Funding to Attract International Students

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of State for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, announced new financial support to international education during a press conference. As part of government initiative to help showcase Nova Scotia as a premier study destination around the world, Minister Valcourt announced \$185,000 to help EduNova expand a project aimed at increasing Nova Scotia's recruitment of international students. The federal government invested \$215,000 in the initiative in 2011.

### Visit Our Campus Without Actually Being Here

Admissions and Recruitment launched a virtual tour of Saint Mary's featuring information ranging from how to apply to residence life and academic programs. There are 17 stops on the tour with short video clips detailing specific buildings or programs.

### Marketing Professor Eats Up with Schoolhouse Bakery Assignment

Dr. Mei-Ling Wei teamed up with Schoolhouse Bakery (a specialty producer in the Halifax Farmers' Market) to study the marketing and development of a new line of gluten-free food products. Schoolhouse was awarded \$15,000 via the Productivity and Innovation Voucher Fund, a program of the Nova Scotia Office of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. The fund allows small enterprises to acquire direct assistance from Nova Scotia universities to help develop and innovate their businesses.

### Saint Mary's Wins Best Secondary Fundraiser for Shinerama

The University's commitment to the community was recognized when the Student Association's Shinerama efforts earned Saint Mary's Best Secondary fundraiser at a national level. The award recognized "Hire a Husky" and the "Huskies football car wash" which raised a combined

\$2,300 for cystic fibrosis research during the summer of 2011. In total, Saint Mary's University raised \$20,000.

### Dr. Patricia Bradshaw Named New Dean for Sobey School of Business

Dr. Bradshaw didn't arrive until July, but the former professor-administrator at the Schulich School of Business at York University in Toronto was named the new Dean for the Saint Mary's school in January. David Gauthier, Saint Mary's Vice President Academic and Research, said her experience with leadership roles in course development, administration, planning and priorities, and international business made her an important addition.

### Sobey Kick-starts 2012 with Atlantic Win Sending IMPACT Students to New York

A team of four IMPACT students from the Sobey School of Business competed against teams from Dalhousie, Mount Allison, Université de Moncton and University of Prince Edward Island to win the fifth annual CFA Atlantic Investment Research Challenge.

## FEBRUARY:

### Celebrating Student Success; Gift Guarantees the Next Five Years for Proactive Program

New students looking for the best transition to university got good news. As a result of support from the Windsor Foundation the LEAP Program (Learning, Engagement, Achievement and Peer Mentors) was extended for five years. The LEAP program creates dynamic First-Year Learning Communities that help new students establish the academic, social and life skills essential to a successful transition from high school.

### The Habitat for Humanity Society Changing Lives

Fifty students from the Saint Mary's University's Habitat for Humanity Society travelled to Laredo, Texas to help build a home for a lower income family.

### Perry Marchese Named Head Coach for Huskies Football

Perry Marchese returned to the University to take charge of the football team. He played four seasons with the Huskies and graduated from Saint Mary's with an MBA in 1997 before serving as an Assistant Coach in the CFL. He has been an offensive coordinator in the CIS at Bishop's and Guelph. "Saint Mary's has always held a very special place in my heart and this opportunity to come back creates a truly amazing feeling," he said.

### Saint Mary's Students Give Peace a Chance

A peaceful initiative took wing mid-February when 14 Saint Mary's students departed for Belfast to participate in the 7th annual

Northern Ireland Conflict Resolution Project, an initiative designed to promote conflict resolution practices in schools in Canada and Northern Ireland.

## MARCH:

### Business Trailblazers Returns to Campus

Dr. Irwin Simon, former Saint Mary's graduate, was the keynote speaker at the 38th annual Commerce Society Business Dinner. Before the event the President and CEO of The Hain Celestial Group toured campus and revisited his old room on campus. His company is North America's market leader in the organic food sector. Commerce student Mary Beth MacKenzie ended up doing an internship with the company after meeting Simon at the event.

### Huskies Basketball Team Gets a New Leader

Jonah Taussig was appointed as the new head coach for the men's basketball team. Taussig had been the assistant head coach for the team for the past eight years. Prior to that, he was a player for the Huskies. Taussig was profiled in the Herald business magazine as a leader late in the year. He replaced Ross Quackenbush, who retired after 23 years on the Huskies bench.

### North East Campus Revitalization Begins

The Board of Governors approved a \$15 million plan for the revitalization of the North East corner of campus (Inglis and Tower). A key part of the plan is the construction of a new three storey building to replace the aging TESL Centre and to bringing the Business Development Centre, located downtown, back to campus.

### Sustainability Dashboard Launched

Saint Mary's University introduced a new Internet application that allows website visitors to see our campus's consumption of electricity, heat and water in real time. Several other universities have inquired about it and are now following suit.

### Electric Car Hit the Halifax Road

Saint Mary's agreed to participate in a two year pilot project looking at electric car usage. A 2012 Nissan Leaf was made available for use by full and part time faculty, staff and students conducting University business in the HRM. In keeping with the University's sustainability efforts, the Nissan Leaf is totally electric and thereby emits no CO2 gases.

### Saint Mary's Team Wins Big at ACE Regional Championships

Saint Mary's Students In Free Enterprise members (recently renamed Enactus) demonstrated their business prowess by placing first in two of the three categories at the Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE) Regional Exposition.

Sponsored by HSBC Bank Canada, the award presentation took place on March 9 in Halifax. Saint Mary's SIFE team placed first both in the TD Entrepreneurship Challenge and the Scotiabank and SIFE Go Green Challenge and finished third in the Capital One Financial Education Challenge.

## APRIL:

### Student Simon Jalbert Shows Why He's One of Canada's Most Promising Entrepreneurs.

After being chosen for this year's prestigious Next 36 mentorship program, Jalbert's company, Citizen Impulse, placed 2nd in the National Business and Technology Conference in Toronto. Designed to help stroke victims, the company's newly developed app beat competitors from Yale, MIT, Waterloo, Queens, Kellogg and Michigan. The app is estimated to have a market potential of \$3.6 billion.

### Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness Opens

The new \$8 million addition to the Saint Mary's athletic facility opened with a celebration that included speeches, demonstrations and a ribbon cutting with building namesake Dr. Richard Homburg on hand. The university also used the opportunity to introduce a new Health and Wellness strategy and the introduction and Health and Wellness 101, a publication for students.

### Knowlton Shares Knowledge

Nancy Knowlton (DComm '03, MBA '78) President and CEO of SMART Technologies, was recognized at the 7th Annual Turning Points in Leadership Dinner for her entrepreneurial prowess and her commitment to the community. The event was hosted by Arlene Dickinson, one of Canada's most renowned independent marketing communications entrepreneurs.

## MAY:

### Saint Mary's Shines at Science Awards Gala

The achievements of Saint Mary's University's science community---both past and present---were on full display at Science Atlantic's recent 50th anniversary celebration event. Among those honoured were Dr. William Bridgeo, the first Dean of Science at Saint Mary's, who was made an Emeritus member of Science Atlantic. Also honoured at the event was Jon Sharkey, a 2004 Saint Mary's Bachelor of Science Computer Science graduate. Today, he works for industry leader Google as a senior software engineer.

### Smithsonian Segment Shot on Campus

Forensic Firsts, a television series that examines turning points in forensic science history, shot a segment for an upcoming episode about trace evidence in a Saint Mary's

Science laboratory. Filming included a demonstration by third-year Biology and Forensic Science student Steve Walls, who donned a lab coat and simulated an examination of "crime scene" remnants like hair, wood chips, and glass shards using a stereomicroscope.

## Six Receive Honorary Degrees

Mayann E. Francis, the former Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and CBC raconteur Stuart McLean were among six prominent leaders to be recognized by Saint Mary's for their substantial contributions to society. Others receiving honorary degrees at Saint Mary's Spring Convocation include Dragon's Den celebrity investor, Arlene Dickinson; communications entrepreneur, Robert Pace; Jim Lotz, a trailblazer in community development; and Dennis Deters, a renowned leader in the cooperative sector.

## JUNE:

### Computing Science Grad wins Tech Idol Contest...twice!

Saint Mary's graduate Evan Lowry was a double-winner at a Tech Idol competition. He had the best solutions to real-world challenges provided by two different sponsoring companies. One of the companies, NTT Data (formerly Keane), was so impressed with Evan that they hired him following the contest.

### Professor and Students Complete NSERC Engage Project

Dr. Jason Clyburne and his research students Alex McPherson and Andrew Long, completed an NSERC Engage grant for a collaborative research project with Cytec Industries Inc, a global specialty chemicals and materials company. The NSERC Engage grant program is geared towards linking university researchers with Canadian industries to close the growing information gap between knowledge and practice. This research grant was awarded to fund an investigation into the enhancement of specialty lubricant oils.

## JULY:

### Finding Environmental Best Practices: From Local Leadership to Global Impact

Under the leadership of Dr. Tony Charles, Saint Mary's became the host institution for a \$4 million international project looking at the best local solutions for sustainable management. The project looks at initiatives in three parts of Canada and at least eight other countries around the world.

### Saint Mary's Grad Selected for Mars Mission Simulation

Simon Engler (BSc Astrophysics'01) was selected as a crew member on a mission known as HI-SEAS (Hawai'i Space Exploration Analog and Simulation), part of a study for NASA to determine the best way



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to keep astronauts well-nourished during multiple-year missions to Mars or the moon.

**Student Tours with Snoop Dogg**

Saint Mary's student, Filbert Salton - also known by his stage name of Kayo - toured with multi-platinum artist, Snoop Dogg. Kayo opened for the rap and hip hop pioneer during seven of his Canadian tour dates.

**AUGUST:**

**New Centre for Housing and Residence Life Opens**

The new one-stop-shop for residence opens. The new facility provides the combined services previously offered by the Residence Life Office, Family & Graduate Housing, the Summer Housing Office, Senior and Graduate Housing Office, as well as meal plan services provided by Aramark.

**Ground-breaking Research Nets Grant for Saint Mary's Geologist**

Equipped with an almost \$90,000 grant from the Geological Survey of Canada, and occasionally a pick axe, Saint Mary's Geology Professor Dr. Jacob Hanley began research in a Sudbury mine to uncover an eco-friendly tool for detecting areas rich in ore deposits.

**Saint Mary's Hosts International Junior Achievement Conference**

Over 150 future global leaders were in Halifax to participate in Junior Achievement's Next Generation Leaders (NGL) Forum at Saint Mary's University. The weeklong forum connected business leaders with youth to explore, understand and debate business challenges of our global economy. The international event was such a success, it is returning to Halifax next summer.

**Huskies Football Cards Hit the Street**

Huskies Football fans may not have had championship games to watch, but they could get closer to the players this year. This year the team produced a set of collectible trading cards. The complete set includes 80 cards that feature a player on the front and the football schedule on the back.

**SEPTEMBER:**

**Film Grads Reel In More Honours**

Still reeling from the excitement of seeing their film screened in May at the Cannes Film Festival, Saint Mary's arts grads, Ashley McKenzie and Nelson MacDonald, had more cause to celebrate after *When You Sleep* premiered in the Short Cuts Canada program at the Toronto International Film Festival.

**No Smoking Policy Expanded**

The new restriction limiting smoking on campus came into effect. The new rules prohibited smoking in any area of the quad between the McNally building and the Student Centre

and along the Homburg Centre courtyard. The move was a precursor to a complete campus-wide smoking ban scheduled for September 2013.

**Atrium Opens 24/7**

One of the favourite places to study on campus got longer hours. At the request of students, the Atrium's hours were changed so that it would open 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

**Home Sweet Peaceful Home**

Peaceful Schools International (PSI) found a new home. The global headquarters for the international charitable organization supporting schools committed to creating a culture of peace is now located in the Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness.

**OCTOBER:**

**New and Renewed Canada Research Chairs Celebrated**

Dr. Gavin Fridell was introduced as the University's 10th Canada Research Chair at an event that coincided with a national CRC announcement by Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (Science and Technology). Dr. Fridell's Chair is in International Development Studies. The announcement also noted the renewal of a chair for Dr. Robert Thacker in Astronomy.

**Dragon Fires Up University Community**

Brett Wilson, entrepreneur, philanthropist and a former panelist on CBC's Gemini Award-winning *Dragon's Den* spoke at Saint Mary's University on November 5. A columnist, commentator, author and an investor in more than 30 different businesses, Wilson shared his secrets to successful entrepreneurship.

**Getting Green Faster**

Atlantic Canadian researchers developing green technologies received a boost that will help them get their innovations to market more easily with the launch of the Atlantic Green Chemistry Innovation program.

**Silver Economy Engagement Network Launched**

The Division of Continuing Education at Saint Mary's University is launched the Silver Economy Engagement Network (SEEN) to assist those over 50 during the transitional period in their lives prior to and following retirement by connecting them with a variety of opportunities to put their skill and knowledge to use.

**NOVEMBER:**

**New Seats at the Table**

There were new faces at the head of the University board table in November. Lawyer John Fitzpatrick was named the new Chair of the University's Board of Governors, and Karen Oldfield, head of the Halifax

Port Authority became the new Vice-Chair.

**Dr. John Young Named Science Champion**

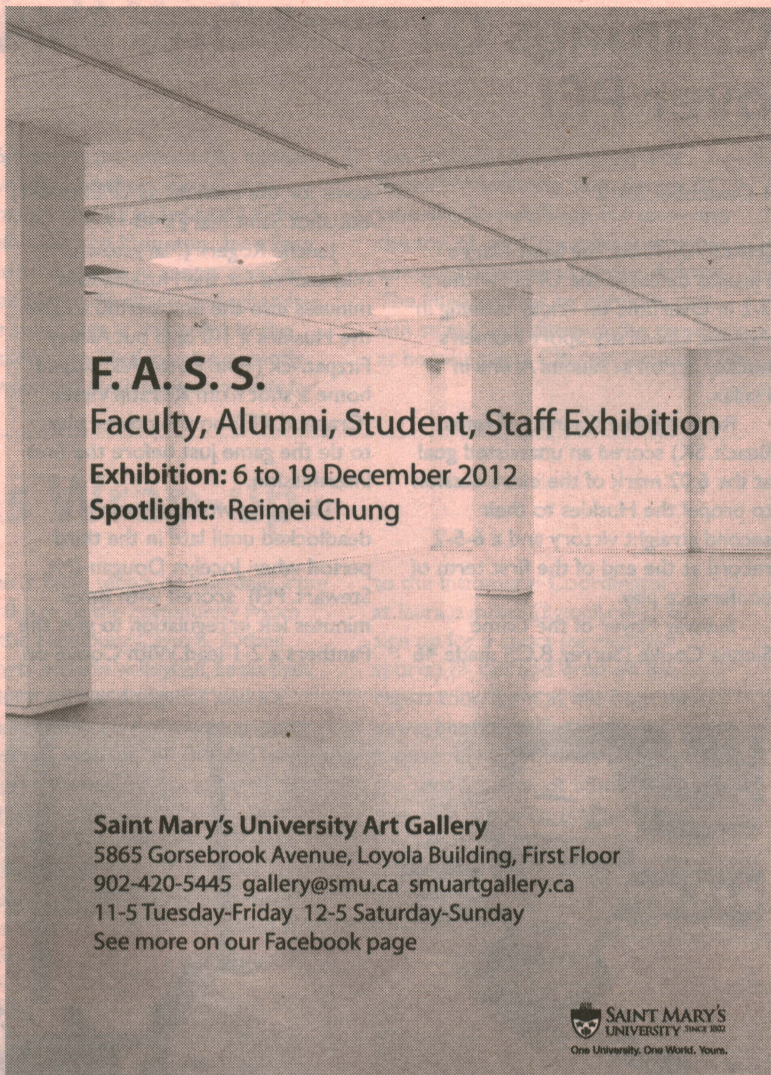
Dr. John Young, Professor Emeritus in Saint Mary's Department of Chemistry, was named 2012 Science Champion at the Discovery Centre's recent 10th Annual Discovery Awards. The award honours Dr. Young's 40-year commitment to science education in the community. Although officially retired as a professor since 1995, Dr. Young continues active research of fluid storage systems for solar energy and champions chemistry outreach activities, including conducting interactive, computer-interfaced student tours of his Saint Mary's lab.

**Seeing Silver Stars**

Saint Mary's ongoing commitment to sustainability was recognized with a Silver ranking in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, otherwise known as STARS, a self-reporting system that provides a standardized sustainability assessment tool to institutions in the United States and Canada. Launched by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), STARS tracks everything from sustainability research opportunities and dining efforts to campus-wide social justice initiatives.

**Student Success is Crystal Clear**

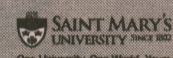
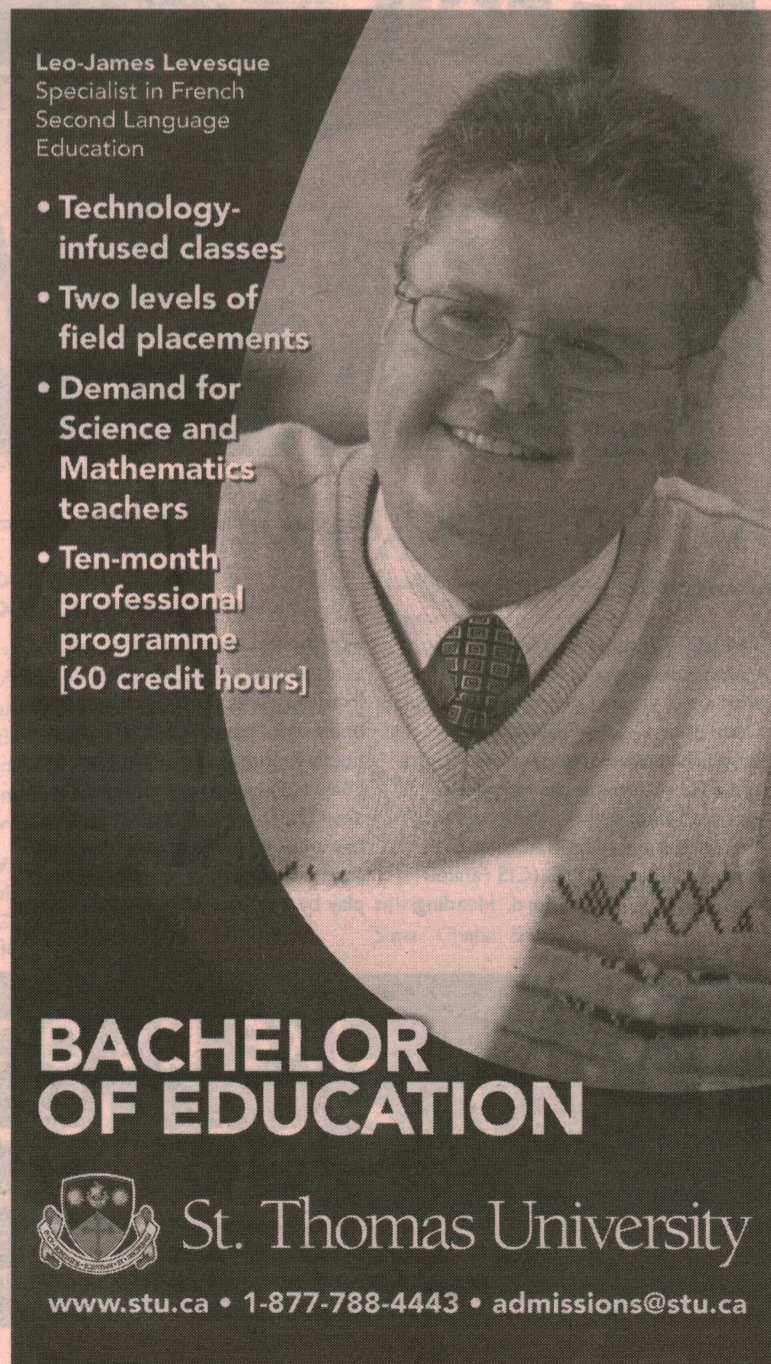
It's a rare feat for an undergraduate student to have co-authored a published scientific research paper; but recent Saint Mary's University chemistry grad Art Hendsbee can point to a remarkable fifteen, including a recent publication in a premier chemistry journal that features original research.



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Faculty, Alumni, Student, Staff Exhibition

**Exhibition: 6 to 19 December 2012**  
**Spotlight: Reimei Chung**


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## Cannings OT goal lifts SMU to 3-2 win over PEI

1 December, 2012

(HALIFAX, N.S.) The Saint Mary's Huskies defeated the UPEI Panthers 3-2 in Overtime on Friday evening in Atlantic University Sport women's hockey action at Alumni Arena in Halifax.

Rookie Billee Canning (Regina Beach, SK) scored an unassisted goal at the 6:02 mark of the extra session to propel the Huskies to their second straight victory and a 6-5-2 record at the end of the first term of conference play.

Subway Player of the Game Sienna Cooke (Surrey, B.C.) made 46

saves for the Huskies as UPEI (5-6-1) out shot Saint Mary's 48-17.

Jenelle Rogers (Marystown, NL) scored for the Huskies four minutes into the first period to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead but Ashley Fitzpatrick (Twin Butte, AB) tipped home a shot from Keirstin Visser (Crapaud, PEI) on the power play to tie the game just before the first intermission.

The game would remain deadlocked until late in the third period when Jocelyn Dougan (Mt. Stewart, PEI) scored with three minutes left in regulation to give the Panthers a 2-1 lead. With Cooke on

the bench for the extra Saint Mary's attacker, Sarah Douglas (Whitby, Ont.) fired a loose puck top shelf with twenty three seconds remaining to force overtime.

The Huskies pulled out the victory despite spending twenty eight minutes in the penalty box over ten infractions. The Panthers were only able to capitalize on one of ten power play opportunities.

The Huskies won't play again until January when they'll move into their new dressing room that was unveiled on Friday.



credit: wes wilcox

## Huskies Hockey Update

WES WILCOX

The CIS, 7th ranked Men's Hockey team finished the first half strong with a 5-2 victory over UdeM on December 1. This followed two tough shootout victories over Acadia and STU to extend the Huskies 5 game-winning streak. They currently sit in 3rd place behind Acadia (CIS ranked 2nd), and UNB (CIS ranked 4th), with a 11-4-1 record. Heading

into the season there was concern as to where the scoring would come from this year. These critics have been silenced as 3rd Year Forward Lucas Bloodoff leads the league in goals (11) and points (23) and 2nd Year Defenseman Michael D'Orazio has chipped in a league leading 16 assists from the back end. Strong play by Stephen Johnston and Cory

Tanaka have also provided scoring depth, while Anthony Peters has kept the puck out of the net and sits in the top five for Goals Against Average with 2.60. The Huskies begin the New Year on a 4 game home stand at the Forum starting January 4th. Since the NHL will likely still be locked out, come out and watch some great hockey action.



credit: wes wilcox



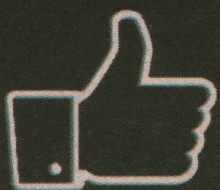
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## Huskies Basketball Update

WES WILCOX

The Saint Mary's Basketball teams are headed in opposite directions at the halfway point of the season. After the men dominated their home opening series against MUN, the huskies have struggled down the stretch losing their last five games finishing the first half at 2-5. These losses included a 1-point loss to UPEI, a 4-point loss to the undefeated Capers, and an overtime loss to Dal. Luckily the men still have 13 games to play this season and only sit 10 points behind Cape Breton for first place. Hopefully the continued strong play of Baltimore Guard Jordan Lee, who has averaged 25 points in the three games he has played this year, as well as the return of AUS rookie of the year Brian Rouse, can get this team back into the win column in the new year. The

women on the other hand are ranked 4th in the country and haven't lost a game yet this year. With a record of 7-0 they are in first place and 6 points ahead of 2nd place St.Fx. A big part of the Huskies dominance has been the play of Justine Colley who was recently named AUS and CIS female athlete of the week after scoring 50 points in two games. Her all around dominant play has overwhelmed teams as she is in the top 5 in points, rebounds, assists, blocks, 3 pointers and steals at the midpoint of the season. Come watch the women as they host teams from across Canada in the CIS Holiday Classic at the Homburg Centre. The Huskies return to regular season action Jan 11 at PEI and come home on the 20th against St.Fx.



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## Huskies Volleyball Update

WES WILCOX

The Volleyball Huskies finished up the first half on a high note beating the Acadia Axewomen 3 sets to 1, and extending their win streak to 4. Great games by 4th Year Setter Jane Pegg, 5th Year Left Side Ariel Smith and Rookie Right Side Olivia Henderson flattened any hope of an Acadia comeback. After a horrible

0-6 start to the season the women have climbed their way up the rankings and sit in 3rd place behind Dalhousie and Moncton. Jane Pegg leads the league in assists and 3rd Year Libero Anastasia Callaghan has the most digs at this point in the season. The Huskies also recently announced their newest recruit for

the 2013/2014 season, Left Side Rachael Windhorst from Surrey, BC, who should help keep the team near the top of the CIS rankings with her competitiveness and strong defense. The Huskies look to continue their win streak and climb up the standings at home against CBU on January 12th.

## Fall Intramurals Wrap-up

The fall season of Intramural sports has wrapped up for the semester, thank you to those who participated and congratulations to the champions and MVPs. Intramural action starts up again next semester with a whole new variety of winter sports. It is a great way to stay active during the cold winter months and is open to any skill level. Intramurals also provides an opportunity to meet a wide range of people or to hangout with friends in a way that's healthy and free. New to Intramurals this

year is table tennis on Tuesdays from 8-10 p.m. in the community room of the Homburg Centre. Other sports include volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, dodgeball and ice hockey which are all open to both men and women. All females looking to play hockey are encouraged to sign up as the number of women registered is increasing each year with great success. The Intramural crew is always looking for sports coordinators, refs and timekeepers. If interested please send a resume

to the Intramural Coordinator at [laura.p.gallant@gmail.com](mailto:laura.p.gallant@gmail.com). To sign up for a sport (or multiple sports) fill out and drop off the registration form at the front desk in the Homburg Centre before January 11. The season starts up the second week of school so make sure you apply the first week back! For registration forms, information, schedules and scores visit <http://www.smu.ca/athletics/intramurals.html>.

## Saint Mary's spectacular sports scout: a sporting review

MARK MOFFAT

It has certainly been a noteworthy semester for Saint Mary's Varsity sports teams. A big theme during the first term was the addition of several new faces including Dr. David Murphy as Director of Athletics and Recreation, Perry Marchese as Football Coach, and Jonah Taussig as Men's Basketball Coach. Now, let's take a look back at what has happened so far with the teams and what the future holds for them in the second term.

**Basketball:** As far as the women's team goes, they have an excellent start to their season. They have a perfect 7-0 record to lead the Conference. This was due in large part to the play of last year's scoring leader and former AUS All-Star Justine Colley. The team is currently ranked fourth in the country. They should be able to keep that momentum up in the second half of the season.

On the men's side of things they had a promising start to their season, beating the Memorial Seahawks in a doubleheader both games. Things went sour from there when they lost their next 5 going into the break. The team has talented players that can impact the game like Harry Ezenibe, Johnny Higgins, and Riley Halpin to name a few. The Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament, starting December 29th, represents the perfect opportunity for the team to turn their woes around and power their way through the rest of the

season.

**Hockey:** The men's team stands third in the AUS standings, 2 points behind first place Acadia. Players like the League's leading scorer Lucas Bloodoff, Steven Johnston, and Michael D'Orazio have contributed a lot to the team's run so far. They appear to be in good position to make the playoffs in the second half. On the women's side, the team is off to an ok start with a 6-5-1 (Wins-losses-overtime losses) record heading into the break. This is certainly a huge improvement from only winning 1 game last season. Brianna Soper leads the team in scoring with 8 points. We will see what they are able to do in the second half of the season.

**Soccer:** The men's soccer team failed in their attempt to win 3 straight Atlantic Conference Championships by falling to eventual national silver medalists the Cape Breton Capers in the AUS Semi-Final after finishing in 2nd in the regular season. Midfielder Derek Gaudet led his team with 7 goals in the regular season. Goalkeeper Adam Miller made a huge contribution to his team by winning 8 of his 10 starts, including 7 shutouts. There seems to be some good building blocks to go after another conference banner next season. As far as the women's soccer team fared, they also lost to the Capers in the AUS Semi-Finals after a 6th place regular season finish. Forward Kara

Slawter led the team with 4 goals and Keeper Samantha Bell performed well in goal.

**Rugby:** The Women's rugby Huskies did good finishing third in the AUS with an even 4-4 record. They eventually lost to Acadia in the Conference Semi-Final in a conference dominated by the powerhouse Saint Francis Xavier X-Women, who went on to win the national championship. Centre Jean Baker led her team in scoring with 40 points by scoring 8 tries.

**Volleyball:** As far as women's volleyball goes, Saint Mary's is doing fairly well so far. They are currently third in the AUS standings with 8 points, 6 behind the leading Dalhousie Tigers going into the break. The Huskies are the defending conference champs in women's volleyball. Middle Blocker Nicole McCulloch leads her team in points so far with 114. This first semester has proven to be exciting and have mixed results for all of Saint Mary's varsity teams. It should be interesting to see how the teams that continue playing next term do in their second halves. It should also be curious to see how the teams that finished this term do with recruiting and other off-season activities to try to improve themselves and set up for a possible championship run. Either way, it should be fun to watch and enjoy.

## Intramurals Winners List Fall 2012

### CO-ED OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL SOCCER

#### Chiefs United

Beefy, Paul Rokidi, Tawanda Gara, Paige Kasaboski, Kathleen Chisholm, Sylvia Gewad, Eleizer Marva, Lauren Keyes, Leah Cunningham, Geoff Gross, Lubna Alani, Khasim Martin

#### MVP:

Lin Liu (International Fusion FC) & Jessica Flack from Multiple Scoregasm

### CO-ED OUTDOOR COMPETITIVE SOCCER

#### Revolution

Mohammad Al-Qatami, Hamzeh Afani, Mustafa Vadiie, Mohammed Alshmmari, Ali Negahban, Ahmad Negahban, Ameer Hussein, Ahmed (Sami) Farghaly, Hesham Haridy, Mohamed Elkwifi

#### MVP:

Mohammad Qatami (Revolution) & Chiko tapfumaneyi (International CSK)

### FLAG FOOTBALL

#### Team Sumarah

No information on names

#### MVP:

Kevin Petty

### SOFTBALL

#### The Tacos

Shavonne Pye-Strowbridge, Crystal Nevins, Emilie Musial, Steven

McLaughlin, Eric MacNeil, Daniel Giesbrecht, Kevin Chen, Anthony Dilibatore, Peter Wilson, Danielle MacDonald, Kelsey Fennell, Laura Whalen, Wes Wilcox, Alex Ostrov, Amy Campbell, Nathan MacDonald, Greg Gott

#### MVP:

Daniel Giesbrecht & Emilie Musial

### BADMINTON

#### A Smashing Success

Lee Bennett & Connor Miller

#### MVP:

Lynann Rhodenizer & Mallory Borden

### BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

#### The Firemen

Nick Wang, Denzel Barr, George Busulwa, Gem Alexander, Rohid Premkumar

#### MVP:

Simar Chahal & Vanessa MacKinnon

### TABLE TENNIS

Connor Miller

#### MVP:

Theodore Roche (undefeated until Quarter-finals)



## On both sides of the ballot: Dawn Penney

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forefront, when they also need to maintain the integrity of the elections. That comes first.

**Journal: Aspirations? Did you see a parallel between who volunteered for the candidates and who got hired?**

Penney: Yes. I was upset that I was interviewed for a vice presidential position, but it was apparent after the hiring I didn't have a chance to begin with. I didn't have so much a concern with that but I had a concern with my time being wasted. I understand someone would hire someone close to them, so they know the working relationship works. But at the same time, you shouldn't drag other people into that whole [hiring] process and waste their time if they have no chance whatsoever. That's what my frustration is with that.

**Journal: Are elections a popularity contest, and is that a bad thing?**

Penney: Elections are a popularity contest, and it is a bad thing if people are voting for that reason alone, if they're voting only because they know that person. But if they're voting because they know that person and the issues, there's nothing wrong with that. It's hard to decipher whether a voter is an informed voter or not. I'm just happy people get out to vote, whatever reason it may be that they're voting at least they're exercising their right to do so.

**Journal: What traits are valuable for student governance?**

Penney: The same traits that are valuable in any government, and I believe strongly in them. You need transparency, you need accountability and you need honesty, as a person.

If you do not have any of those, or are lacking even one of those, then you don't have a proper politician representing the populace.

**Journal: Every few years a student fee is voted on by students. The Women's Centre levy is up on the ballot soon. We talked earlier of popularity, what should the Women's Centre do to make sure they have public support?**

Penney: They should make sure the campus community aware that they're there, that their services are valuable. I would probably be beneficial for them to take a survey, even, so that they have proof that what they are providing to this campus is a benefit.

**Journal: As far as the ballot is concerned, how to you treat a referendum question as opposed to a candidate? How do you enforce the rules on a question?**

Penney: That's the CRO and DRO's responsibility to promote. They are supposed to promote it in a non-partisan way. The question would look like 'Do you support the continued levy of the Women's Centre, yes or no? That would have to be promoted as well. What happened last year with the referendum questions is that they didn't give them to me until a few days before the election, so it was impossible for me to advertise them. So, what happened at the polls I saw people saying 'What's this question? It's the first I've head of this.' That type of secrecy is not good when you're supposed to have an informed voter. Hopefully this year there's a lot more discussion around the referendum questions.

**Journal: With your understanding of the rules, is the Women's Centre allowed to campaign for**

**the vote?**

Penney: I'm not sure if it's allowed, and I'm not even sure if it's addressed in the policy. Which brings up another problem with the policy is the things that are left unaddressed, left up to the CRO. That's not necessarily a bad thing, but it might be if that CRO is hired to the benefit of a candidate.

**Journal: Did that happen?**

Penney: I hope not. I know I wasn't, I had no idea who anyone was when I was hired. It was really the perfect position for me that fell into my lap. I didn't even understand the scope of my power until after the elections, and after everything was said and done. I realized I was in charge of that, and I could have done way more.

**Journal: How so?**

Penney: I could have brought more awareness throughout campus, I didn't know that I could talk to all the departments and get them to advertise the election for me. I think it was a lack of confidence that hindered me from making the election as big as I wanted it to be. Even though we doubled the voter turnout we could have quadrupled the voter turnout.

**Journal: I imagine there is a learning curve. Here, take this document and learn it.**

Penney: I had to rewrite it. After I rewrote it I got in trouble, because it was someone else's responsibility but they had never met. There was all kind of administrative problems with the elections, so by that time I had gotten it done. They were like 'you weren't supposed to do that'. Well I just stayed up all night and did it, so here it is. Get it approved... and they did.



**Journal: So your version was the one used.**

Penney: Yes, it will probably be the one they use next year as well.

**Journal: Any guidance or advice to anyone who is trying to get involved as a candidate?**

Penney: My advice would be to ask the CRO or the DRO if you're unsure of something. If something is unclear, they're the authority on the matter. Part of the reason why I think my thoughts about governance

is high for the CRO is because I had people looked at as higher than me, when really they weren't. They were questioning my authority, and that belittled my opinions. I want candidates to know the CRO and DRO, they are the higher authority on [electoral] matters.

## Pathways to Prosperity

Saint Mary's researchers take part in a new initiative aimed at attracting new Canadians to Nova Scotia's towns and cities

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Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal are still attracting the most immigrants in Canada, but over the past decade more new Canadians have been finding homes in small and mid-sized urban cities. It's a trend those working on a new national initiative called Pathways to Prosperity, which includes researchers from Saint Mary's, are trying to encourage.

In 2011, over 60% of immigrants lived in one of our three biggest cities, and yet from 2007 to 2011 Vancouver and Toronto have both attracted almost 20% fewer immigrants than they did from 2002 to 2006. Over the same period, however, Winnipeg experienced an increase of 220%; Trois-Rivières, 246%. Moncton had the largest growth rate at 324%.

Immigrants are still drawn to our most populated areas, but as they're more often finding in mid-sized cities, there are opportunities to thrive in smaller communities.

Saint Mary's Religious Studies

Professor Dr. Terry Murphy is trying to promote this trend in Nova Scotia's town and cities through the Pathways to Prosperity initiative, a \$2.5 million program funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. It aims to bring together researchers, government departments and community partners from across the country to explore new ways of attracting and retaining immigrants to less-populated areas.

For Nova Scotia, in particular, this initiative is especially important. Over the past twenty years, the province's economic growth has been lower than any other province in Canada, but now the provincial government is recognizing through its "jobsHere" plan that new Canadians are essential to kick-starting the economy. Pathways to Prosperity will hopefully complement this plan.

Dr. Murphy, the co-applicant for Nova Scotia on the program who

has been at Saint Mary's since 2001, is part of a team of researchers from almost every university in the province and non-academic partners like the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration. Together over the next seven years, they'll be helping to improve policies and practices that don't just attract newcomers, but also help settle and integrate immigrants in places like Cape Breton, Hants County and Halifax. The province's largest city only saw a 6% increase in the number of immigrants over the past decade.

"I have a long-standing interest in both historical and contemporary immigration to Atlantic Canada," says Dr. Murphy, "and in the social, cultural and economic benefit that newcomers bring to a province such as Nova Scotia."

That interest, coupled with his commitment to Canadian immigration research, led to Dr. Murphy being named Chair of the

Atlantic Metropolis Centre (AMC) in 2004, a position he still holds today. Somewhat similar to the Pathways to Prosperity initiative, the AMC brings together researchers, government representatives and non-governmental organizations to pursue policy research on immigration, population migrations and cultural diversity in Atlantic Canada.

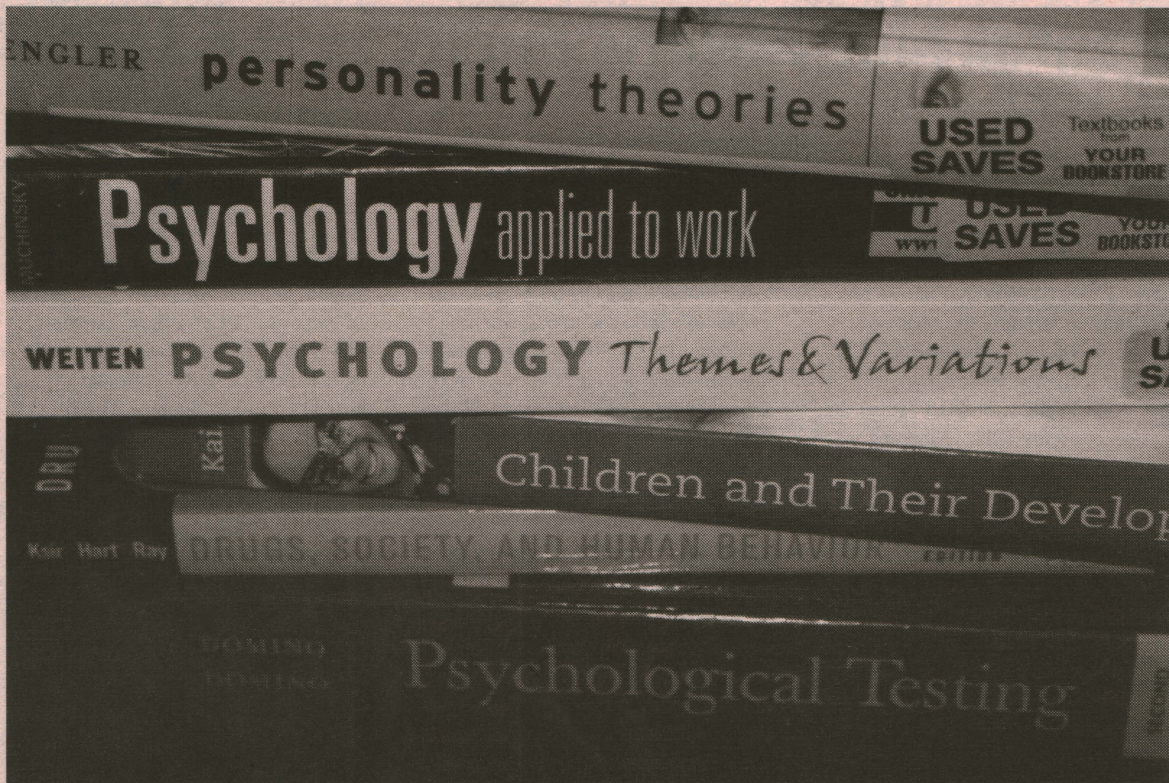
The AMC will end in March 2013, but Dr. Murphy and his colleagues—who include Saint Mary's researchers Madine VanderPlaat, Evengelia Tastsoglou, Alexandra Dobrowolsky and Ather Akbari—are hoping they can continue to make a positive impact on immigration policy through Pathways to Prosperity.

"This new partnership, though distinct from the AMC, offers an opportunity to maintain and build upon the considerable momentum that has already developed in collaborative research in this important field," says Dr. Murphy.

Although the grant was just awarded in April, Dr. Murphy has already recruited policymakers and community partners to take part in the initiative, and he'll continue to nurture and expand these partnerships over the years ahead. He'll also act as the link between the national secretariat based at Western University and Nova Scotia's researchers and partners, as well as participate and facilitate consultations aimed at defining research projects for the near future.

We won't know the full impact Pathways to Prosperity will have on immigration in Nova Scotia until the initiative ends in 2019. But by investing in long-term projects like these with experienced people like Dr. Murphy at the helm, the future is bright for welcoming more new Canadians to this province eager to contribute to our growth.





## Book Value versus Market Value

The High Cost of University Textbooks

SAMUEL HAMMOND

With the exams ending students across Canada are desperately trying to resell their used textbooks. Fulltime students are expected to budget around \$1000 a year just for assigned reading, but will be extremely lucky to recoup even half that value. SMU's library offers a buy-back program, but in my three and a half years attending Saint Mary's they've not once accepted my used texts. "Our quota is full," or "We're phasing out that edition," are the usual excuses. Kijiji Halifax has over 10 textbook listings in just the last 24 hours.

Studies of the North American market have consistently found that since the mid-80's textbook prices have increased at more than twice the rate of inflation, accelerating since 1999. I learned this the hard way, but since my first year I haven't bought a textbook over \$60 dollars, opting instead for a combination of online used book sellers and digital bootlegs. Next semester, for example, I have the choice to either buy a textbook for over \$200, or simply type "basic econometrics 5th edition pdf" into Google. I have a suspicion I won't be the only one doing the latter.

Publishers claim that prices have been increasing to recover revenues lost from this explosion in piracy, as well as book exchanges and online re-sale markets. But that begs the question of why students have sought out these alternatives in the first place. Common sense suggests high prices lead to the search for alternatives, not the other way around.

When people are driven to piracy it is usually an indication that the market or prevailing business model is seriously out of whack. Businesses from Netflix to Valve Corporation sell easily pirated content by offer convenience and fair pricing. The success of these companies proves that people will pay a premium to retain their status as honest consumers. The textbook market, on the other hand, makes liars out of all of us.

On the supply side, a University of Michigan study has identified the shortening of revision cycles as a major contributing factor to price increases. The most widely purchased textbooks have new editions released within three or four years on average, and rarely because of changes in the field. Rather, they consist of updated "case studies" or expensive CD packages that no one uses. On the demand side, those choosing which textbooks to assign (the professors) are not the same people that have to buy them (the students), leading to price insensitivity. Textbooks writers: that's a fact to use the next time you're rehashing case studies on moral hazard effects.

Our captured regulators share blame, too. The 1999 Book Importation Regulations, enabled by the Canadian Copyright Act, gives publishers exclusive book distribution rights, including the rights to import the much cheaper international editions. Indeed, the Canadian Publisher's Council lobbies incessantly for increased trade and intellectual property protection, as recently as

their whole-hearted endorsement of 2011's Bill C-11. The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations has fought against these anti-competitive regulations for years, but to no avail.

When industries secure their market control through the fed it can be next to impossible to reverse. Yet the present state of affairs is not sustainable, and publishers are feeling the pressure. Pearson and McGraw-Hill have bet big on creative digital textbooks, but they are missing the point. The textbook medium isn't the problem — students even prefer paper copies. We just don't want to be price gouged!

Crowd-sourcing is the best candidate for innovations that will supplant the textbook industry once and for all, just as Wikipedia did for the encyclopedia business. It may be true that traditional textbooks are expensive to write, but could that be a symptom of making the authors highly paid Professors who compete for the status and prestige? I'd much rather learn from anonymous authors writing for mere enjoyment.

Crowd-sourcing is driving down the costs of information as the cost of textbooks continues to climb. At some point this divergence will reach a breaking point. This long run vision will benefit student's wallets and consciences, but may result in the end of Pearson, McGraw-Hill and others. It is said that businesses need to adapt for the 21st century. Sometimes, however, extinction is more appropriate.

## Catching the Entrepreneurial Bug

BRENDON LISI

Four months of toiling, writing reports and running my own business finally came to a head last Thursday, at the Mini-Venture trade show for Professor Ellen Farrell's Structuring the Start-Up course. Around the room numerous students (many entrepreneurship majors but surprisingly, like me, many who were not), were all setting up booths which displayed what our companies did, how we performed and how much money we made off a company that was started for just \$10.00. The results from students around the room varied, from a student who did wine tastings and made more than 2 thousand dollars, to a cell phone repair company that made around \$150.00. My own flyer delivery company with the help of my partner Noah managed to bring in almost \$1500.00.

Around the room there was a certain look in people's eyes, not everyone's, but many of them. I could tell that they had caught something, and they were really passionate about it; it was the Entrepreneurial bug, as I like to call it. It all starts when Professor Farrell starts the first day of classes naming past students in her class and their successes; selling their companies for millions and creating companies from nothing is what first gets our attention. It is then reinforced by the want, which soon becomes a need, to create value ourselves, and not just sell the value others have created by working for some large corporation. And we very quickly get to fill that desire, by starting a company for ten dollars.

It may not seem like a lot, but from what I've seen over the past 4 months, ten dollars can go a hell of a long way into creating something that is worth a whole lot more, once you add in a passionate student's creativity and hard work. For 10 dollars many students started service based companies; Cell phone repair, green bin cleaners and a couple guys

who put up Christmas lights. My own company was a service delivering flyers, in which my ten dollars went towards buying some business cards. Other students went into advertising, selling ad space on place mats while others still went into retail and sold apparel.

The course had allowed us students to be forced into something that many of us were likely nervous into ever doing; taking the risk and starting our own businesses. Being responsible for a business isn't easy and the risks that come with it are normally high, but in Prof. Farrell's class we only had 10 dollars and our own time invested, so our risk was reduced. We also had mentors and successful entrepreneurs come to speak to us on campus, which only gave us even more desire to press on with our ventures and even consider being an entrepreneur right out of school, which, given the difficulty of landing jobs at the present time, doesn't sound like too bad of an idea.


I'm a finance major but I've definitely caught the entrepreneurial bug, for me, there are few things that sound more exciting or rewarding than taking an idea and turning it into something real, and then to make that successful and valuable to others. I took from this class a lot of experience, and many lessons learned about how start-ups operate and the obstacles they face. I hope that others who may have never heard of Structuring the Start-Up or who are not Entrepreneurship majors strongly consider taking the course; you'll learn a lot under Prof. Farrell's guidance, and hopefully even more when you're not and working on your mini venture. The rewards of starting your own business are high and the chance to put much of what you've learned during your time into action is invaluable, and hey, you never know, you may even catch the entrepreneurial bug yourself.

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## Halifax Music Scene Bursts at the Seams

CONNOR DONALD

November was a big month for music in Halifax! Matt Mays, The Sheepdogs, The Stanfields, The Trews and Theory of a Deadman all put on sold out shows. There were also numerous big announcements for Halifax's music scene looking ahead for 2012. I got the chance to see many of the concerts in the month of November and excited for what is shaping up to be a great year in music next year for Halifax.

First, I got to check out Matt Mays and El Torpedo at the Forum on November 15. Matt Mays got a warm welcome from his hometown crowd, and started the show with a hard rock performance of the first single from Coyote, "Indio". Matt Mays continued his high energy performance all night playing numerous hits from his latest album and hits from all albums including: "City of Lakes", "Tall Trees" and "Terminal Romance." Mays showed his love for Halifax with numerous guitar solos and a double encore with Cocaine Cowgirl to cap off an amazing performance. Mays and El Torpedo bowed to a huge ovation, which was well deserved after an hour and a half of all his hits and ton of tracks off of his latest album.

The very next night, I got to check out Theory of a Deadman and Monster Truck. Monster Truck opened with a strong rock performance, playing all of their big radio hits. It was a strong opening for Theory of a Deadman! Theory of a Deadman came out to a huge ovation from the crowd. They played all their hits ranging from new singles like "Hurricane" and "Lowlife" to their more classic hits like "Bad Girlfriend" and "Santa Monica." However, despite their wide selection of big hits, they only played a short time longer then Monster Truck, only for about an hour. Theory of a Deadman was well worth the money for getting to hear all of my favorites, but the length of the performance was quite disappointing and they lacked an encore.

Next up: The Trews. As a huge fan of The Trews I happily checked out their acoustic performance at the Rebecca Cohn. The Stanfields opened the show with all new material and did an awesome job. Although very different from the hard-rocking-drinking-life-a-fish band I am used to, they put on a mellow acoustic performance. The Trews came out to play their first set, and had a cool idea

in mind for deciding what they would play in the second set; fans were invited to tweet the band the names of songs they wanted to hear. They played well known songs – "Highway of Heroes," "I Can't Stop Laughing" and "Not Ready to Go." It was a high energy first set, with lots of interaction with the fans. The second set had a good combination of hits and lesser known songs, care-of fans. The Trews put on a fun, intimate and enjoyable show for people of all ages.

November was not only an exciting month of concerts, but it also was full of even more exciting news of the upcoming concert scene in 2013. The Tragically Hip, with special guests The Arkells, was announced to play the Metro Center on February 2nd. The 25th anniversary the East Coast Music Awards are set to rock Halifax March 6-10 and all of the headlining acts were also announced in November; they include David Myles, Jenn Grant, Rose Cousins, Radio Radio, Dwayne Côté and Duane Andrews. To top it all off, the dates for the Highly Anticipated 2013 Halifax Pop Explosion were announced – mark your calendars for Oct 22-26 2013!

## Houdini Secrets Revealed!

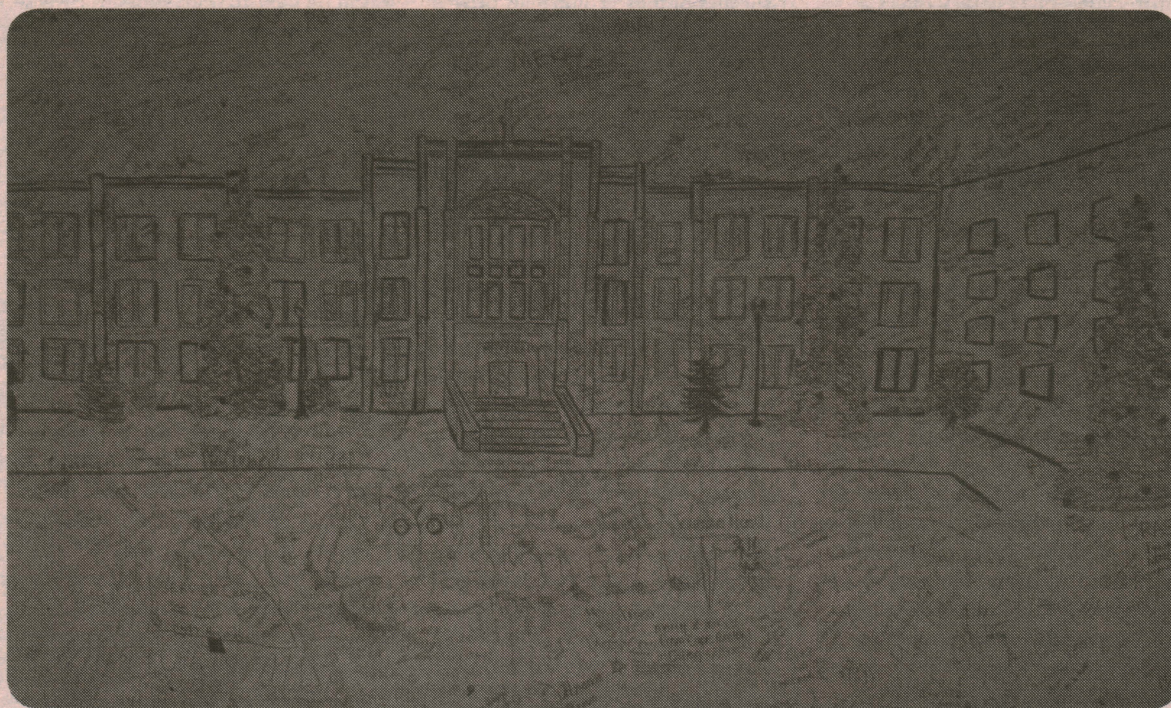
A detailed account of Harry Houdini's mysterious maritime journey in the Summer of 1896: Metamorphosis Review

NOAH POLKAMPH-HART

First time author Bruce Macnab's *Metamorphosis: The Apprenticeship of Harry Houdini* documents Houdini and his wife Bessie's little known tour through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In the spring of 1896 the then unknown Houdini's joined The Marco Magic Company, run by a man known as Professor Dooley off the stage, in anticipation of a planned tour of the Maritimes. Dooley, or Marco as he was known on stage, was himself a Maritimer, from Halifax, Nova Scotia and even a St. Mary's alumnus! The tour does not go as Marco planned unfortunately, folding in Halifax after stops in Yarmouth and Saint John. The Houdini's decided to stay and tour more of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick anyways, beginning with their first ever international show as headliners in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The book is named for the Houdini's signature trick at the time of the tour, where Harry would be tied up and placed in a trunk while Bessie stood on stage, he would then appear and open the trunk to reveal that Bessie was now inside. *Metamorphosis* is littered with rare photographs, letters, and other memorabilia accompanying



the text which help bring to life the magic contained within. Author Bruce Macnab demonstrates an incredible dedication to detailed research, stating only the facts with evidence to back them up. His research reveals that while in Saint John Houdini toured an insane asylum and while there first witnessed the strait jacket which he would later become famous for escaping from. This and other unique bits of local history make *Metamorphosis* an ideal book for Magic and Maritime lovers alike!



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

This Holiday Card was signed by many members of the Saint Mary's University community on Nov 28



## Engineering competition at the Discovery Centre an example of hands-on learning

ADAM FABER

The engineering students had a mechanical showdown on Mars just before finals.

"This is pretty much where it's at for engineering students at SMU." Said Prasanna Balakrishnan, one of the students who built a mock Mars rover. Prasanna was one of five students who built Clementine, the robot who won the class-wide competition held at the Discovery Centre. On a simulated Mars terrain, different remote-controlled creations assembled a bridge, crossed a chasm and collected a ground sample. The fastest rover to complete the task won bragging rights, on top of the



actually get to do. It's pretty cool." added fellow group member Dylan Doucette.

Prasanna Balakrishnan, Dylan Doucette, Ben Hernandez, Talal Ikram, and Alexander Hope were the five students in the winning group, Team Orange Inc.

Students were given the same base materials, a sort of robot kit, and a budget of \$20 they could use to buy additional supplies should they need it. "The robots had different ideas between them – none of the robots in the class were the same, even though we all started with the same kit." said Prasanna, explaining that certain designs and ideas that were done before were off-limits. "Within the school, like other Design 2 classes, there are patents that

students can't copy."

"There wasn't one hardest part – it was everything. The bridge, the time limit – that's where a lot of groups had trouble." Said Talal, speaking to the difficulty of the project. This semester's class saw all of the robots complete their task within the allotted time, which hasn't always been the case in the past.

The group members all seemed to agree, that the class was demanding, but with a big payoff in terms of the skills they learned. "If you go into the class knowing you're going to have to work hard, you're going to be able to get a lot out of it." Said Talal. "Yeah, it's a lot of work, but it's so worth it."

## Heather Topple is crocheting her way across the ocean to volunteer

ADAM FABER

Heather Topple has signed up for International Student Volunteers (ISV), who have arranged over 2.5 million hours of volunteer time over the last 30 years. "Basically they send students to a bunch of different countries for 2-4 weeks." Said Heather, "We go and volunteer, building houses, helping kids learn English in schools, we help with wildlife rehabilitation, things like that." Heather plans to travel either to Thailand or South Africa, which plays into her fund raising efforts.

"Either way if I'm in Thailand or South Africa I'll be working with elephants, so that works." Said Heather, referring to her yarn elephants, the tokens of appreciation she gives to those who donate. "Also, elephants are hugely adorable, especially when they're small and crocheted."

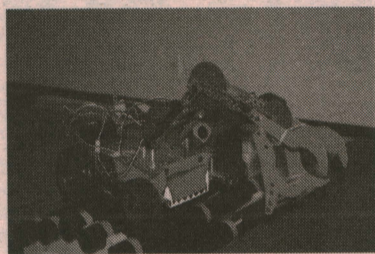
While ISV has been in operation for approximately 30 years, it was in 2002 when they started offering a combination volunteer and adventure travel itinerary. After a period of volunteering, there is time set aside for the participants to interact with and enjoy their time in a more touristic manner. "The final two weeks is an adventure tour."

Said Heather, listing off the different possibilities for amusement. "There's things like snorkeling, sea kayaking, feeding and bathing elephants, jungle trek..."

The volunteering trips are available to university students, high schoolers, or anyone interested in making a difference. Heather hasn't been a big traveller, and said as much when asked if she had flown very far before. "Not really – I've been to Disney world, that's about as close as I would have gotten so far."

It certainly will be different than Disney, as Heather explained the immersive quality to her up-and-coming trip. "You stay with a host family. If you don't speak the language you learn very quickly how to sign language with them. A lot of grunting, pointing and ridiculous facial expressions."

Anyone looking to support Heather's trip can go onto her fund raising website, [indiegogo.com/operation-elephant](http://indiegogo.com/operation-elephant). She's got a lot of stitching left to go, and any support is appreciated. "I'm about five percent of the way there now, so I'm off to a good start."



lessons that came along with the construction process.

"I learned more in this class than all of my other classes combined." Said Talal Ikram, about Engineering Design Graphics 2 (ENGE2307). "It's the actual designing – what engineers

## SMUSA Event Funding for Vagina Monologues up in the air

ADAM FABER

The Women's Centre has stopped receiving special event funding from SMUSA, and the news has put into question the viability of their annual Vagina Monologues production.

"We were given \$500 last year for Consent Fest." Said Women's Centre employee Amanda Dickie, referring to a December 2011 deposit of \$598.44 that helped offset the cost of guest speakers at the event. "But now we're being told that because we're a class C society, we can't get event funding."

Changes to the society policy, enacted before the beginning of the school year, dictate societies that already have a source of funding are not entitled to apply for event funding from the student government. This is a change from the actions of last year's executives, who provided the centre with event funding in the past. This leaves Amanda a little disoriented, because the availability of funds has changed. "I'm trying to figure out what the story is... When policies were put in place, how they were put in place and why nobody

was notified. What's the deal with our funding? Because right now we're \$800 in the hole."

While covering costs of Consent Fest is a concern, there is an upcoming event on the radar of the Women's Centre: The Vagina Monologues. "We're the only school [in the city] who does it, and we might not be able to do it now, either." said Dickie. "With stuff like venue fees, lights and printing costs, the cost is two grand. That's our entire operating budget for January, obviously we can't do that. Feasibly we could raise a thousand dollars, but that's still a bit of a stretch. Last year we got a cheque for \$550 [from SMUSA]." Amanda is now scrambling to fill the funding gap the news has brought.

"We want to help the Women's Centre in any way we can, financially or otherwise." said society coordinator Stephanie Pronk, "But levied societies are not eligible for event funding to allow other societies access to the pot, mainly because we only have \$25,000 between 55 plus

societies." With such a high number of groups being funded, it's rare that any money is left by the end of the school year.

The SMU Women's Centre is supported by a \$2.00 per student levy, which allows them to pay their staff for the hours they are in the drop-in centre, as well as fund some modest initiatives. While the Society Coordinator normally could split event costs with a student group 50-50, having approximately \$14,000 in income from a student fee makes the Women's Centre ineligible for that kind of support under the new rules.

With the enforcement of the policy in place, it's the SMUSA Board of Directors who would have the ability to change policy documents. However, they don't meet again until January. With no guarantees the board would even change the rules or source funding, that doesn't leave a lot of time for contingency plans for the February show. "The issue is we don't know if we'll be able to do it or not," said Amanda. "But we're going forward and we're trying to."

## Mo' Bros and Sistas' Successful!

JESSICA CASE

As of last Friday, Movember officially ended and the Movember Committee, along with a number of students, celebrated the end at the Gorsebrook with Best of Open Mic. During the month, it's very encouraging to walk around campus and see all the Mo Bros taking part in the campaign, as well as all the Mo Sistas who come out to the events and supported the cause, even if it makes for some scratchy kisses.

We had great turnouts at our events during the month of Movember, starting on the first with the shave-off, featuring the barber from "Hair's to Ya!" He was kept very busy all day with straight blade shaving guys around campus. The dodgeball tournament that was hosted at the Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness was very successful with nine teams participating, and the Gorsebrook Pub Staff team



taking first place. Some of the smaller fundraising projects we did during the month were also very successful; even the chocolate covered bacon at the bake sale was a hit.

Overall, I am very pleased to announce that Saint Mary's University Raised over \$8,000 for men's mental health and prostate cancer. It's great to know the school can come together and support a great cause such as Movember; it has been really amazing being apart of this campaign.

So it is goodbye for now to all the moustaches and time to start looking forward to another Movember next year! For now, I would like to recognize every student, staff member and committee person who helped with the success of this campaign! It really was a group effort. Thank you all very much!

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