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## Newsflash: The world doesn't owe you a damn thing

Erika MacDonald  
Section Editor/Bitter Human

Everybody at SMU has been going through a pretty tough time in the last few years. It seems that the post "rape chant" SMU campus was depressing AF. SMUSA and the administration weren't getting along, the Journal disappeared, the whole world pointed fingers at us, and the students could, and still, feel the weight of this incident on our shoulders.

As those students who were part of the infamous rape chant enter their fourth year, far from the froshies they once were, we should realize that SMU has made some pretty amazing progress in almost every area possible in order to make our school better. Our sports teams are soaring at regional and national levels. Our school president is a new, fresh face who interacts with our students in creative ways. Our SMUSA elections had the most candidates running to represent you, ever. Our business program (as much as we like to shit on Enactus) is recognized over and over again for their achievements. Our students just elected their first student president in 5 years who wasn't previously part of the SMUSA team. Our students have a newspaper tailored to them so they know what's going on in their community. And our science department is making strides in understanding black holes for gods sake. Just to name a few. Now, I know I sound like that sappy mother who has her wallet open telling a stranger how amazing her kids are but these accomplishments are not something we should play down.

I am proud to be a SMUdent and a Huskie.

So, what's the next step? How do we make SMU an even better place to get an education and experience "the best four years of our lives?"

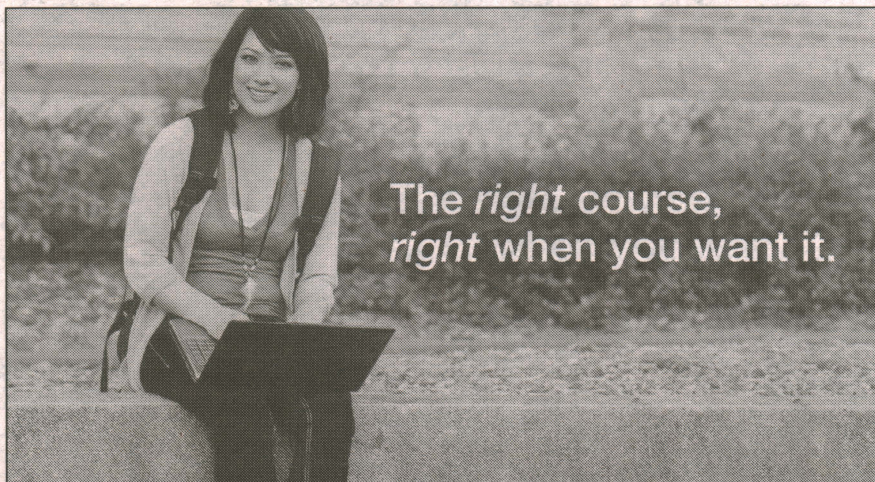
Answer: stop acting so damn entitled.

Ouch, right?

But I think it's a reality check we all need sometimes.

Our generation kinda sucks guys, and I'm not afraid to admit it. We've all felt like we deserved something and didn't receive it or felt a little under appreciated or worked your

ass off with no recognition from anyone, myself included. But this sense of entitlement, feeling like we should have received that award or that 'A' or that pat on the back, is not something we should be striving for. We should want to do it out of kindness rather than for the glory. Our campus needs to be even more welcoming. Our campus needs more people to reach out and just say "hey". Our campus needs more engagement from ALL students. Basically, we need to start giving a fuck. We are making headway on getting out of our funk, SMU. Keep up the good work. But honestly, this world owes you nothing, so stop acting like it.



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## Security assaulted in Atrium

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In the Atrium on February 23rd an argument between students and security escalated to common assault. A few days later, SMUSA announced that they had dropped security measures. Until recently, anyone in the Atrium after 11pm had to present their student ID. Certain entrances were locked, take-out was forbidden and a security officer patrolled regularly. That was until the Spotted at SMU Facebook page overflowed with comments regarding security rules and campus access.

The Journal sat down with several students who were there that night. Each asked to remain anonymous - the story they recounted was strikingly different than the original narrative found on the Facebook page.

At first glance, the conflict was about fair student access to study space - but that night and the following events revealed a few problematic practices, the least of which included mob mentality. The identity of the man who assaulted a security officer is still unknown, but most accounts identify him as a DAL student. Around 11:25pm while some students were smoking outside, security warned them they weren't allowed to come back in through the door they were next to. They were let in shortly after by another student and were immediately confronted by the Atrium guard.

"[The guard] asked for ID three times before calling for back-up", says one witness. He then called the senior officer on duty. At this time, about 50 students crowded to watch. Of those watching, every student seems to have a different account.

Some say it was a SMU student who originally argued with security, some say it was the DAL student who started it. Others say security was holding several IDs, while some say she was only holding the DAL ID when she was hit.

Certain accounts also say the culprit attends Saint Mary's and was showing an outdated card. Still others say he's currently at DAL, but used to go to SMU. In either case, this mysterious figure is the one who 'hit', 'slapped', 'punched' or 'smacked' a senior security officer before police arrived and filed a common assault report.

The Vice President of Student Affairs commented "The students were wrong. They knew they had to show ID. They had an issue with the rules, so they had an issue with security. They take it personally because they pay a lot."

Although each of the three students had their IDs on hand, none would show them to security until backup arrived. The unknown DAL student, after heated debate, handed ID to the Atrium guard. The guard turned and gave it to the female senior officer, who tried to photograph it. At this point, the offending student "threw a temper tantrum" and started shouting. He advanced on her, struck her and released the ID from her hand. A third security guard and several police officers were then called.

The Journal contacted police and campus security for incident reports but both were inaccessible. We were however, able to get some details from the police.

The incident as reported by police was considered: a) a common assault b) one that did not result in serious injuries and c) did not result in

assault charges. A 'common assault' is usually a fight, or incidents between people known to each other. Campus security would not share their report, saying it would violate the Privacy of Information Act.

Several witnesses who wished to remain anonymous gave their perspectives. "I don't think it should classify as an assault. The way he was treated wasn't the best". Although the student physically confronted an officer for checking IDs, many believe it was an understandable reaction. "He's on his last warning with the school. He has his own issues, but international students don't want their name on paper. Most of us come from places where we've dealt with dirty cops before." Another student agreed: "That security guard was being a huge asshole and has been rude to a whole lot of students before hand, including myself."

The officer that was assaulted also has a history. "There's been tension for a while" — campus security was increasingly strict in the months leading up to the assault. One student describes a case where the officer "chased down" two students who were smoking on their way to the bus stop, brought them back on campus, told them to put out their cigarettes, and gave them a fine anyways.

Since September, the new security company has enforced campus rules to the full extent. Before they were contracted, things were a bit different and a lot more forgiving. In most cases where a security officer is responding, the extent of enforcement is up to their own discretion — in so far as it follows the rules. For example, the rule against smoking must be respected

but security can decide what course of action is appropriate. In most cases, although the policy is that smoking can result in a fine, students haven't always been issued one. Alternatives are reached only if the involved parties are respectful to one another.

Still other witnesses believe the assault was motivated by discrimination. As events unfolded, some felt that the offender refused to acknowledge the female officer the same way they acknowledged her male counterparts, and would only acknowledge the authority of male security guards and police, despite the fact that she was the senior authority on campus. Whether it was motivated by discrimination or indignation, the student didn't acquiesce any demands without male pressure.

Of the dozens of people who watched, recorded and commented on social media, no one mentioned the fact that someone hit a security officer for documenting their ID. To date, no official repercussions were imposed on the students who caused the scene. Since that night, the officer resigned.

If security personnel are not too hurt, is it okay to lash out at them regarding rules that are created by the university? Security is accountable to the school, not students. Still, they respond to student suicide warnings, alcohol poisoning and indecent exposure. It's the lowest-paid department on campus.

Also, why were security measures dropped and doors unlocked after an outside student committed assault on campus at night?

## New President holds self accountable

Megan Wright  
Contributor

I sat down with SMUSA's incoming president, Kazi Rahman, in the Dockside Dining hall for an interview on March 4. It was the day before Bangladeshi Night and it was evident that Kazi was both busy and excited. He explained that he was given the opportunity by Aramark to help prepare the culturally authentic food that would be served the following night at SMUBSS's 2nd annual event.

Kazi Mashfiqur Rahman is a third year student in the Sobey School of Business here at Saint Mary's, studying accounting. He works for Aramark as a supervisor, and the Residence Department, as a Residence Services Office (RSO). Kazi is also a Peer Mentor in the LEAP program, where he helps first-year students transition to university life. When asked about future plans, his answer was quite simple: "Be the best in whatever I do and enjoy life! That's the ultimate plan."

Receiving a lot of feedback for his lack of involvement with SMUSA, Kazi acknowledges that this might be a good thing. "It's good to have a change, right? People need to look at what I have to offer. People were looking for change, and that's why they chose me. So I'll try the best to my capacity to give back, as I'm dealing with a lot of student's expectations. I'm trying my best to live up to that." He has plans for the next two months to insert himself into his new environment. The week following our discussion, Kazi planned to travel to St. Francis-Xavier University in Antigonish for a three-day orientation with the Canadian Alliance of Student



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"I didn't intend to win. Now I'm president, and I don't know what I'm doing" -  
The New Smusa President

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Associations. "I'm trying to get involved with [SMUSA] and trying to know my team that I'll be working with, build relationships, and also adapt to the new environment."

In response to anonymous criticism on the infamous Spotted At SMU Facebook page, Kazi was able to clear up the issue at hand. "I said 'I didn't

*"I said 'I didn't expect to win.' There's a difference between intention and expectation. When you're running against strong candidates you should play it safe."*

expect to win.' There's a difference between intention and expectation. When you're running against strong candidates you should play it safe. And I never said I don't know what I'm doing. Plain and simple, I said I didn't expect to win." He was able to handle the criticism in a professional way, while taking responsibility for the miscommunication that had occurred. "I respect anything that

comes up – I'm accountable as a spokesperson of SMUSA. So if [the students] have any queries, I'm always ready to answer them."

Kazi attributes his presidential win to his personal interactions with students. For those students who were in the Loyola Colonnade, Kazi was a staple there from the time of nominations to the election days. "I was speaking to as many people in person as I could, most of the time around Loyola Tim's. They see my posters, but they're not going to remember me. But when you talk to them in person, I think that works magic." He also mentions Ashiqur Rahman, the president of the Bangladesh Student Society at Saint Mary's as an inspirational figure throughout his campaign. Ashiqur advised Kazi not to worry about the results of the campaign and helped him gain valuable experience as the society secretary.

When asked about issues on campus that he plans to face, he noted both food and wireless Internet access. Kazi believes his relationship with Aramark will help to resolve the issues students have with their on-campus food options. He also agrees with the majority of students that believe the wireless issues are unacceptable. "The wifi access on

campus – we have been getting a lot of negative feedback. I already spoke to the current president, Amali, and he said they are working on it. The fact is that people have multiple devices now and the bandwidth cannot take it. When I officially take charge, that's probably one of the issues I'll be trying to deal with up front because everything is online-based now. You have your exam online, you have everything online basically."

Before Kazi returned to the preparations for the Bangladeshi Night dinner, he had a few words for the students at Saint Mary's. "For students, I'd like to say: get more engaged on campus because this is your campus. You're one of the key stakeholders. We are trying to make SMUSA executives more open to students, so that whenever they have a question they can come directly. As we are a student-run body we will try to work more, but it's also that we need to see more response from them. Students need to be more engaged on campus. We have around 7,000 students and the amount of votes were somewhere from 1,700 – 2,000. If we get more votes, it's a bigger voice."

## Biology program goes under the knife

Erika MacDonald  
Section Editor

There is no doubt about it, the world needs more doctors. Everyone is going to die or get sick or be injured at one point or another and with the growing population, doctors are needed now more than ever. Luckily, there are lots of Canadians who want to become doctors, including many SMU students. With a reputable science program including groundbreaking research and tuition fees at SMU much lower than Dalhousie's science programs, one would think that students would flock to SMU for a cheap undergrad before heading to med school, right? Right.

However, the problem is, SMU has cut a lot of the human biology courses. They have now shifted to more ecology based courses and lab work. This is not necessarily a problem, however the students who are currently enrolled at SMU doing a biology degree were essentially "promised" a pre-health degree. This track, found in the 2014/2015 Academic Calendar, stated that these courses were recommended for students interested in the health field. When you read this, you would think that these courses are offered at SMU and will always be there, right? No, this time you're wrong. Many of these courses have been cut. The Journal asked some science students how they felt about it. Some were quite displeased like Ashton Bradley and Ryan Morrison. Mr. Bradley came to SMU with full intent to do the Pre Health track. "Not having these classes puts me on a downslope when compared to other applicants, like when

I'm applying to med school I'm not going to have as much of an advantage" said Bradley.

He is worried that not having certain classes will limit the schools he can apply to for med school. He will have to study for much of the MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) on his own, when students at other schools are learning it as part of their curriculum.

Mr. Ryan Morrison had the same beginnings. Based on the course calendar, he chose to go to SMU. He decided to change his degree to do a double major in order to avoid many of the new ecology based biology courses. Mr. Morrison feels that this issue of course selection was not formally addressed with science students. "People are being forced to take all these ecology related courses because there are no other options" said Morrison "many science students are here because they want to go into health sciences and were told by the Academic Calendar when they applied that they could do so."

Some students are clearly very angry but others, like Stephanie Boudreau, have decided that they will do whatever it takes to get to med school. She has accepted that SMU cut those courses and changed around their curriculum but recently some have been brought back such as veterinary courses. She is appreciative for the lab work she has been able to do, as SMU is such a small school, getting to do lab research with a professor is not as difficult to be accepted to as other schools. "People are more so upset that they can't take the classes they'd like to take, its not going to hinder them when they go to take the

MCAT" said Miss Boudreau. SMUSA VP Academic Affairs, Rachel MacDonald, is concerned that this will deter students from coming to SMU or cause them to switch once they come to SMU and realize that some courses aren't there. "The lack of access to pertinent courses for students considering med school leaves SMU in a vulnerable position to lose so many of its smart and talented students" said the VP. The Journal asked the Dean of Science, Steven Smith, about this and he explained that this has been a transition period for the Faculty of Science. Every seven years programs at SMU go under review to make positive changes for the students. It wasn't productive to have these two separate "tracks" here at SMU, according to the review, and SMU has cut down to a more general biology degree. Dean Smith was happy to explain that yes, some courses have been cut but others have been added to supplement what has gone missing. It is solely a transition period for the program and the department is doing whatever is needed to help students achieve their goals. They work closely with Dalhousie to ensure that students can take the classes they need for Medical school either at SMU or online with Dal. Dean Smith encourages everyone who has concerns about this issue and their courses to make an appointment with the Science Academic Advising office, Located on the 3rd floor of the Atrium. They have walk-in hours Monday-Friday from 11am-12pm. If you want to make an appointment email advisor.science@smu.ca or call 902-420-5661.

## Word on the street

Erika MacDonald

"SMUSA just had their elections and with most electoral candidates in recent history. With so much interest in student government, do you think that we should continue to hire our Vice Presidents or return to electing them?"

Abby Clarke Caseley

"Its strange that we hire them because you would think that the students would want a choice in who their VP is going to be so I think it would be really valuable to elect them just like any other university does."

Carolina Facchini-Rakovich

"That's a tough question. I would say elected is probably better because you actually have a say in who your Vice Presidents are. It also empowers people to feel they are actually making that decision."

Song Wang

"I don't know, because the Chinese president isn't elected so I don't really care. You hire people so they can work on a job. I think both are ok, it doesn't matter to me."

Taylor Bouchie

"I say they should be elected because obviously whoever is doing the hiring process is going to be a little bit biased in who they hire however if they are going to be elected we would have to get a consensus on who is qualified to run and who isn't."

Drew McCarthy

"I think they should be elected because why not? We live in a democracy, its obvious."

## Rape Culture: where are we now?

**Zahra Dhubow**  
Contributor

### *What is rape culture and when are we doing to tackle it on campus?*

It's 2016, and yet many students on campuses still find themselves questioning the prevalence of rape culture on campus. According to the Oxford dictionary, rape culture is a society or environment whose prevailing social attitudes have the effect of normalizing or trivializing sexual assault and abuse. Many would say that we have progressed since the unfortunate rape chant that manifested on campus a few years ago. We now have a yearly survey that attempts to understand the correlation between alcohol consumption and rape culture, there have been panel discussions on trying to develop a more realistic approach when it comes to tackling it, and 'Frosh Week' is now referred to as 'Welcome Week' in hopes that by deterring from the dominant rhetoric associated with rape culture, there would be a gradual shift away from it. Despite all the progress and precautions, students still experience sexualized violence at school. Perhaps, it's because we are not exactly grappling the issue of rape culture and how widespread it still is, or perhaps our method in trying to understand it may need to radical change.

Professor Diane Crocker from the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Saint Mary's University is conducting research that will explore methods of further understanding the manifestations of rape culture on campus. According to Professor Crocker, her project is about "students telling me what

it [rape culture] is, so that we can identify places that we are missing in terms of policies and procedures". Professor Crocker has adopted two research methods in her sociological research. The first method takes a traditional approach that is focus group based and attempts to grasp an understanding of what students understand about rape culture. This technique is based on a participatory process and is more or less a simple questionnaire method.

The second technique is takes a narrative approach by gathering data through story telling. Professor Crocker calls this approach "a method in trying to tackle complex problems by asking for stories and not opinions that shows that rape culture exists on campus through telling me what that story means to you. Then we use those stories to gather themes and out of those themes develop policies." The approach tries to undertake a greater understanding of the complexities posed by rape culture. Professor Crocker hopes to identify the differences in gathering research through a traditional approach and a narrative based approach together. Professor Crocker believes that there can be greater understanding in trying to drastically change the culture on campus and this can be done by exploring the views of students. She believes that it is far more beneficial to base our ideas of rape culture through using a 'ground up' approach rather than trying to simply restructure policies. She characterized it well when she said, "changing a culture is complex, you can't just change it by flicking a few switches". Hopefully this project and various other initiatives taken up

through the cooperation of students, professors and societies can make a difference and tackle rape culture on campus.

If you want to get involved with this ongoing research project, please contact Professor Diane Crocker at: [diane.crocker@smu.ca](mailto:diane.crocker@smu.ca)

If you are experiencing sexual assault and want to know what avenues you can take in dealing with this, the Saint Mary's Sexual Assault Reporting page lists contact info's on who you can call for further assistance: <http://www.smu.ca/about/sexual-violence-procedures.html>

# Rape culture on campus

## What is rape culture? How should the university respond?

Are you interested in sharing your stories and opinions? Get in touch.

Both men and women are encouraged to participate, and you will be compensated for your time.

The goal of the research is to better understand student perspectives, understandings, and experiences.

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This research has been approved by the SMU Research Ethics Board  
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## Wi-Finding a solution

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If you spend any amount of time at SMU, then troubles with Wi-Fi and internet connection are probably a familiar demon in your life – as if the stress of getting work done wasn't enough without shotty internet. Several theories have been put forward on Spotted at SMU about what the causes to the problem might be, one being that hackers are overwhelming the bandwidth which makes it difficult for the large number of students and staff to maintain an acceptable connection. The problems have been ongoing since the fall semester, ranging from poor Wi-Fi signals for students in residence to complete inaccessibility, even for the computers wired into the network. The most recent blackout was on March 3rd, as reported by Perry Sisk,

Senior Director of ITSS at SMU. He assured us that "it does not appear to be a denial of service issue" as was suggested on spotted at SMU. "Our Internet goes through Dalhousie, which is connected to CANARIE Research Networks and commercial networks. The problem is unique to SMU right now." CANARIE Research Networks is a Canadian Government supported non-profit specializing in leasing wide area network links for the transfer of very large data files. "We are not sure of the exact cause behind the outages, but the main cause of the internet slowing down is due to the DNS (Domain Name System) being overwhelmed. The DNS is what is used to translate a requested domain name (for example, smu.ca) to the technical code that allows you to access it through the internet. The DNS normally manages several

hundred requests at a time but during the flooded period there are over 80,000. The entire network, both wired and wireless, was affected when this happened. We have made changes to our DNS configuration to stop such floods from impacting network performance." The Wi-Fi connectivity issues are more frequent than the internet blackouts, which effect computers on the wired network as well. "There are 460 access points on campus which are monitored for oversaturation. There is no exact measure or standard of speed for what devices are getting from an access point. We monitor the access points and upgrade to newer Wi-Fi technologies as required. This year we added 20 new access points and we will continue to add more as required. Certainly we are experiencing significant growth in both the

number of devices connected and the bandwidth consumption so we must continue to monitor the network carefully and react quickly." With the increase in internet usage over the years, it is likely just network technologies not keeping up with student demand for the services. Hopefully newer technology comes sooner rather than later and can resolve the issue. "We understand the need and importance to students, we were one of the first universities to provide Wi-Fi, 'blanketing' the campus. I urge students to contact us at a help desk if they are having an issue, so we can resolve it. Information like time and location where students are having difficulties, and what those difficulties are is important for us to know. I encourage everyone to complete our web survey to give us this information."

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## SMU women's hockey makes history at CIS

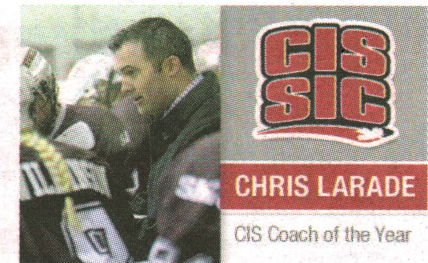
**Lauren Perry**  
Contributor

SMU women's hockey completed their Cinderella story with their program-best bronze medal at CIS. Five years ago, the team was cut due to budget constraints, although quickly reinstated with the help of external donors. However, the funding was too little, too late, with longtime coach Lisa Jordan and most players and recruits leaving to other programs. Chris Larade took over, and the team won only one game in his first season at the helm. Now, in his fifth season, Larade is the CIS Coach of the Year, turning the Huskies into a dominant program in the AUS. Clinching first place in the regular season, they also won the AUS Championship with a 5-1 performance in the final over St. Thomas.

The Huskies opened the tournament in Calgary with a 1-0 win over defending champions Western. The teams were evenly matched, with neither team scoring until Caitlyn Schell notched the game-winning goal at the beginning of the third period. CIS All-Rookie goalie Rebecca Clark made 26 saves for the shutout.

Facing eventual champions Montreal in the semifinal, the Huskies got off to a slow start. Down by three early in the second period, SMU reversed the momentum with a goal from Carly Gray. SMU dominated the remainder of the game, outshooting Montreal 15-4 combined in the second and third, but only found the net once more in the third period on a goal from Laura Polak. Sadly, the Huskies were unable to complete the comeback, falling to the Carabins 3-2. Early the next morning, the Huskies

overcame the Guelph Gryphons to win their first-ever CIS medal. SMU opened the scoring early, with Nicole Blanche putting away her first of the tournament. Caitlyn Manning scored midway through the third to double the Huskies' lead, but Guelph countered quickly to make the score 2-1. Second-team All-Canadian and captain Breanna Lanceleve put home an empty netter in the final minute to seal the Huskies' 3-1 victory. Fourth-year forward Haylee Tretiak celebrated the win, tweeting "hell of a year with these girls #CISbronze."



### CIS News Release

In his fifth campaign at the helm of the Huskies program, Chris Larade became the second Saint Mary's bench boss to be named CIS coach of the year. He joins Lisa MacDonald who shared the award with McGill's Peter Smith in 2003.

This season, Larade guided his troops to the top of the AUS standings with a 17-6-1 record, good for an 11-point improvement from a year ago when the team took third place with an 11-11-2 mark. The Huskies finished second in the conference in goals for (69) and goals against (48) in 24 league contests. Saint Mary's then went 4-2 in the playoffs on its way to capturing its first AUS banner since 2010.

Prior to joining the Huskies, Larade served as assistant coach for StFX, helping the X-Women claim an AUS title and make two CIS championship appearances. His past coaching experiences also include three years as head coach of the Metro Boston Pizza Female Midget AAA program of the NSFMHL, where the team captured three provincial and league titles and two Atlantic silver medals, and where he was twice named coach of the year. He was an assistant coach for Team Nova Scotia at the 2011 Canada Winter Games in Halifax, and has also been heavily involved with Hockey Nova Scotia's High Performance Program at the under-18 and U16 levels, winning five Atlantic Challenge Cups.

"Coach Larade has worked long and hard to rebuild the Saint Mary's University women's hockey program," said athletic director Kevin Downie. "This CIS coaching award is a fitting testament to a job well done by a truly dedicated players' coach."



## SMU wins dogfight for bronze medal

Lauren Perry  
Contributor

Over 6000 people attended the Huskies' semifinal match-up against their AUS rivals, the UNB Varsity Reds. SMU men's hockey carried over much of their fan support from Friday's quarterfinal, with many spectators sporting the maroon-and-white. However, the Huskies' fans left the game disappointed as SMU fell to UNB 4-0.

The Varsity Reds dominated the game, opening the scoring less than four minutes into the first period. While the Huskies had some chance in the opening frame, including a redirect by Anthony Repaci that hit the crossbar. However, UNB controlled possession for most of the period, outshooting the Huskies 11-5.

The second period was much more evenly matched, with both teams registering eight shots. SMU's best opportunity to equalize came on a 5-on-3 advantage, with several close chances from Stephen MacAulay. Cole Cheveldale made several key saves for the Huskies, but was beaten with 17 seconds left in the period. Huskies fans had high hopes for a come-from-behind victory in the third, with an early powerplay chance. However, a pair of questionable penalties, including a ten-minute misconduct, put SMU at a 3-on-5 disadvantage. SMU may have successfully killed the penalty, but UNB's Phillippe Halley scored the final goal of his hat-trick seconds later. Controlling the play, the Varsity Reds outshot the Huskies by thirteen over the period. Fans' final hopes for a comeback were dashed



Photo, CIS Website

as UNB slotted a fourth goal with eight minutes remaining in the game. Despite the heartbreaking loss on Saturday, SMU was victorious in Sunday's dogfight against the Saskatchewan Huskies. SMU grappled their opponent in the first period, outshooting the other Huskies 13-6. However, the first period ended with the score tied 1-1, with Anthony Repaci scoring on a one-on-one.

In the first minute of the second period, Saskatchewan scored. SMU picked up steam in the middle of the frame, scoring two goals in two minutes. Calder Brooks and Gerrad Grant both beat CIS goaltender of the year Jordon Cooke to put the Huskies up 3-2.

Maintaining their strong momentum, the SMU Huskies scored twice in the third to take Saskatchewan 5-2. MacAulay and Brooks each netted a goal to secure the bronze, ensuring all-AUS medalists at the University Cup. Maroon-and-white fans were thrilled about winning a medal at home. Senior defender Michael D'Orazio tweeted, "Well it's all over, ending my CIS career a bronze medalist. 5 years I will never forget for the rest of my life. @SMUHuskies @SMUMensHockey."

## Women Huskies hold up dynasty in Atlantic

Cem Turkmen  
Contributor

Only two days before International Women's Day on March 8th, the Huskies women claimed their fourth consecutive title in the Atlantic University Sport basketball championship, becoming the third team to accomplish this in AUS history, with Dalhousie in the 50's and UNB in the 60's.

The Huskies women's team made their presence felt from the semi-final game, outscoring UNB by 26 and outscoring Cape Breton by 14 points in the final game with Angelina Carvery leading the team with 15 points to win it all. Kennisha-Shanice Luberisse had an amazing performance with 13 rebounds and 4 assists. She was named to the all-star team and the MVP of the AUS tournament.

The women's team unquestionably brought lots of noise to the tournament by winning for the fourth year in a row and showing their dominance within the Atlantic region. Unfortunately, the Men's team could not make the finals, despite their strong effort and had to say goodbye to the tournament in semi-finals - losing to Dal only by a point - missing their chance to be in 2016 Arcelor Mittal Dofasco CIS Final 8.

Our Women Huskies represented us in the CIS Final 8 again, hoping to erase last year's result where they were eliminated in the first round. Huskies won their first game against Alberta where they were down by 11 at the half. quarter. Rachele Coward came up in the fourth quarter by scoring 9 of the Huskies' 16 points outscoring Alberta to win

an important game and reaching the semi-final against the Saskatchewan Huskies.

Saskatchewan is a team that can create a lot of mismatches due to their size and that's exactly what happened in the semi-final game. Dalyce Emmerson, of the Sask. Huskies, had a double-double game with 17 pts and 18 rebounds. Despite the efforts of our Huskies and their great run in the fourth quarter, it was not enough to come up with a win against the Saskatchewan team.

With this loss, our Huskies' hopes of improving their 2014 record was lost. Last year they finished 2nd overall. On the 20th of March the Huskies matched up against McGill for the bronze medal. The women led the game from the first quarter to the last and did not let McGill get out in front. This allowed them to capture a 'W' with their solid third quarter performance. Huskies finished in third, just like in 2013, and won the bronze medal for 2016. This is their 3rd medal in the last four years, which shows how incredible a team they are especially winning after a tough loss in the semi-final.

This year was the last for Rachele Coward and Laura Langille, and they both had outstanding performances within this season just as in previous ones. Hopefully their shoes can be filled next year and we can see Huskies bring the CIS gold to Halifax.

Congratulations to both our women's and men's basketball teams with their great efforts in this season.

## Student Historian: China's feminist concepts of virtue

*In collaboration with  
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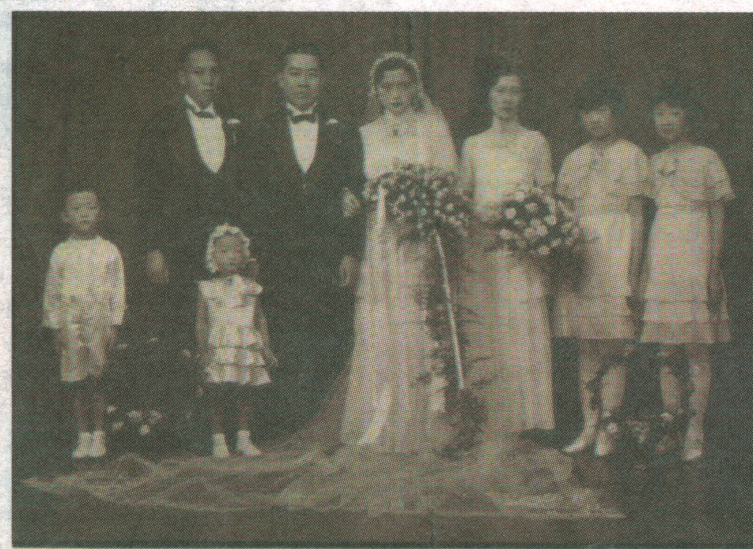
Shanghai has the biggest antique flea market in China.



The giant gallery of antiques and second hand items opens early in the morning every Friday. Antique dealers and collectors wake up and come here at 6am. They personally carry each item to be sold that day. Here, you can find valuable things at a low price, if you have a good eye. I spent a lot of time reading, comparing images with documents and asking historical experts from different provinces about the antiques I collected. I really appreciated the online Chinese microblogging website, Sina Weibo. It works pretty much like Twitter, but it's easier to search and add a hashtag to your photos. People can private message you and discuss the questions you have. Hashtags and reposts help me chase down experts and speak with them. The old Chinese concept of virtue has been reformed a lot by the import of Western thought. Chinese educator Cai Yuanpei wrote in his book...



A southern Chinese family's group portrait on the wedding day - Dec 2, 1939. I would say it's a semi old to new style of wedding. The bride's dress was Western but the groom by the right side was still wearing traditional clothes. All family members would attend.



A wealthy Shanghai wedding in the early 1930s. Unlike the traditional dressing in 1900, 1910 and 1920, the bride and bridegroom's dressing in 1930 are fully Westernized. The new wedding concept was no longer the complicated and conventional practice. Still, in most suburban areas, traditional weddings were still part of mainstream culture.

## Student Historian (cont'd)

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*On Becoming a Dignified Being,*  
 "The road to our country's prosperity is through universal education: in order to achieve this, one should begin in earnest with women." The old concept of virtue used the 'chaining method' of women in the old system (feudal society). Women had limited power of will and freedom. The limitations were not only on their behaviour but also on their thoughts. For instance, the dress code: women often wore full robes to cover their skin in public. With the influence of new ideas, education and fashion, women began to wear what they like. But the phenomenon was gradually changing after the 1919 May Fourth movement, an intellectual revolution and sociopolitical reform movement. The tradition of marriage has also made huge leaps. In the old concept of marriage, women had no freedom to date the person they loved. They were subject to arranged marriage by parents, who would each take turns picking their children's mates. The old style of marriage was a huge waste of money for most families. The ritual was long and extremely expensive. Eventually the new style began, some time after the Republic started in the 1910s.



## Africa Night brings the party (and the problems)

Sandra C. Hannebohm  
Editor-in-Chief

The African Society is under construction and facing an existential crisis. The membership has grown and a new body of policy is pending approval by SMUSA, defining a partnership between them and Dalhousie's African Student Association. Why the sudden action? There's a new Pre-sident in town. Over 50 members joined SMASS since September and were quickly introduced to the effects of a budding feud between the old regime and a new leader, now dubbed "tyrant".

The Former President of the society in 1998 returned to Saint Mary's and won the SMASS election in 2015. He brought with him an older vision of the society that includes an education based approach, teaching students about Africa's rich history. Despite his experience, if the President were to open the society finance binder in front of you today, he would point to a pile of questionable cheque stubs and tell you he doesn't know why they were spent. Thousands of dollars in cheques went to volunteer board members in previous years. Receipts were poorly recorded before being thrown in the trash, where the President eventually found them. SMASS and DASA were also forced to replace \$1,300 that the former DASA President ran away with in 2014. "We inherit problems from previous years every year because things are done the exact same way".

Among other grievances, the Society President complains that student-lead African societies on other campuses are excluded from the community. Discussions about including societies from St. Francis Xavier, Mount Saint Vincent and Université Sainte-Anne began at the end of the summer but DASA voted against it. Since he first attempted to track money and report mishandled funds, Manaf Zora faced serious backlash from his own board as well as DASA's. The two

have collaborated on (and benefited from) joint events for at least 4 years, each board consisting of the same core group of people exchanging positions at the end of their terms. As soon he began investigating, both societies started buzzing.

The previous SMASS board members worked closely with DASA for several years. "[The] DA-SA board had cheques written in their name from the last African Night of 2015, without any trace or receipt", says Zora. He also received a copy of the bi-annual financial report which so-cieties must submit to the Student's Association. The report quoted a cost of \$47,000 to host Africa Night at the World Trade Centre but the receipts don't account for that whole amount. Money went missing under previous management.

The new leader had several complaints about the the society's operations - "in the last three years, Saint Mary's [has] spent an average of \$3,000 more than DAL [on Africa Night], yet the profit was split 50/50 between the two societies". He cites several other cases of mishandled finances as well as 'inner circle' style politics as his reason for breaking away from the DAL so-ciety. The SMUSA Society Constitution says "all assets and funds received by the Society are inhe-rently the property of the Students' Association" yet volunteer board members used society funds without proper approval for reasons that are still unknown. Even more, if any international members received society funds as payment (for photography, as an example) it would be a di-rect violation of Canada's immigration policy. There are different rules for employment on- and off-campus for international students, but in both cases a volunteer board member of a non-profit organization is not meant to be paid. Is the African Society a non-profit organization? Everyone seems to think so.

There is some debate over that though, and this is where the Presidents of

SMASS and DASA disagree. Is the society primarily a business that serves the interests of it's investors (sponsors), or a non-profit that serves the interests of students?

The Journal asked Lynn Mwakutireni, President of DASA, if she thought students had a right to see society budgets. "I think student's shouldn't fully know the budget of Africa Night because some of the people that work on Africa Night are paid for their services. If students fully know, they perceive those students negatively. Africa Night, it's mostly business. The only part of the budget that we show to the students, which they need to know, is the cost of their meal".

By February, Africa Night was planned and fully sponsored as an independent event. Students and volunteers suddenly became concerned about rumours of destabilization — the Saint Mary's African Society was set to host the celebration alone for the first time in 20 years.

Former board members rallied support among non-members and some volunteers against the SMASS President while DASA sought mediation from a third party. The Dalhousie Student Un-ion and the Saint Mary's Students' Association agreed to mediate.

"My priority wasn't to fix their problems but to make Africa Night happen" said SMUSA President Amali Armony. He calls it "a clash of ideas and a clash of egos".

"The university and student's association are forced to pick a side, and I think that goes against what the purpose of the event is." When asked his opinion of the purpose of the event, he res-ponded "to create awareness and to expose the Nova Scotian community to African culture, and also for the Africans themselves to celebrate their culture".

Once the DAL and SMU Student Associations were alerted to suspicious financial records, they were forced to choose between freezing both societies or getting them to work together

until summer. "To put a society under review means we have to shut down the society and freeze all their accounts, which means Africa Night wouldn't happen." In other words, if SMUSA had responded to the allegations, neither event could have been planned.

On corruption, Armony commented "I wouldn't cast the blame on societies as a whole, whether it's DASA or SMASS, but there were certain individuals that did mismanage money. It's just like in any other organization, that can happen. Is the actual society corrupt? No, it's not. Are the students right now corrupt? They have done questionable things. But those things [have been] addressed and are being addressed. Both student associations - DAL and Saint Mary's - will be conducting reviews of both societies in terms of their practices and their constitutions once we get Africa Night [finalized]."

He then posited that the only other African event of the same calibre is the African Festival of Arts and Culture - the same group SMASS had organized their independent event with in February. Fortunately, AFAC was able to organize a successful gala event at Mount Saint Vincent University after learning that plans had changed.

"We gathered enough funds to have African Night at Saint Mary's. [It was] fully paid without borrowing money from the university. The venue was set, the performances were planned and 30% of the tickets were sold. We were fully supported by the Nova Scotian African community, sponsored by Aramark and approved by SMUSA. [Despite] all of the above, we were forced to cancel our event and join DASA ... they finally ended up getting all their requests on a golden plate" said the SMASS President. Formally, the by-laws give the Society President a lot of power. They're in charge of "all the ac-tivities and interactions of the Society". However, all societies are ultimately accountable to the Student's Association. So when SMUSA intervenes in society affairs to

## Africa Night (cont'd)

make a final decision on their behalf, it can never be good for morale. After a few broken agreements, a lot of resignations and one forged signature, SMASS volunteers were thrown into a cacophony of rushed decisions, auditions and training sessions in preparation for a hastily planned event. The effect was discouraging. Most of the members and volunteers aren't updated to all of this year's changes. "We have had a serious decline in dedication and enthusiasm" said Mwila Kapumpa, member of 2 years, "There is a lack of organization and lack of dedication between all members of the society" said Ahmed Aly. Bvumai Kurebgaseka added "it's now more of a duty than a desire for the people involved". "I have a lot of friends who go to Saint Mary's. People call me randomly, [saying] 'oh this is what I heard, is it true that ...' You're constantly trying to dodge this or dodge that, or answer and explain. If you don't explain, you look bad. If you do explain, you look bad". Yet Mwakutireni also admits that a certain amount of accountability is expected of a leader. "If you are over the age of 18, there's a certain level of maturity that is expected of you. You're supposed to be accountable for your actions, not just from a moral perspective but from an ethical and business perspective". The muddled water has, in a way, cleared the view into some deeper issues regarding SMASS and the community as a whole. As Mwila Kapumpa put it, "rumours have gone around that DASA and SMASS don't get along due to personal issues [between] the members, but if personal issues can disrupt the standing of a society then the society has no foundation from the beginning and needs better management and understanding as to what the societies are for" and also who they are for. The by-laws state that membership is open to all students enrolled at the University. Yet even when they are

from the same continent, some have complained that they were denied on the basis of race. A South African national was rejected because of his caucasian background. African Nova Scotian, mixed race and Arab students have also been rejected. Of the 51 new members recruited this year, none knew that they were actually allowed to join. The same ambiguity applies to the DAL society. When asked who is allowed membership, Mwakutireni responded "any student of African descent who is a DAL student. Anyone who's not can be an honorary member". An honorary member has obligations just like regular members, but they can't vote. Since neither society upholds a membership fee or formal process there's no consistent basis for rejection, either. A caucasian South African can join, attend meetings and volunteer but their vote wouldn't be considered equally. The same student at Saint Mary's would be discouraged from joining at all. Effectively, students are deterred from pursuing full membership because they can be rejected on the basis of race and nationality. None of this practice is specified in SMU nor DAL's constitutions. DSU President Dan Nicholson says "We don't have any exclusion policies. You pretty much just have to be a student". Exactly who and for what purpose are these societies intended? A student community of African descent needs to assemble and define their purpose rather than operating on 'common sense' racialism and nationalism. African histories and cultures have already been skewed and erased from Western discourse while this divided community considers dissolving from it altogether. Although she was speaking of denying sponsorships at the time, Mwakutireni illuminated an important point. By dissolving now, "you're saying we're just going to run our societies to the ground and make nothing of them". SMASS has received certificates and other accolades from a list of

organizations this year: the United African Canadian Women's Association, the African Diaspora Association of the Maritimes, the African Festival of Art and Culture, African Museum of Nova Scotia and the Africville Genealogy Society. They hosted 'Welcome to Africa' where media outlets and community leaders were in attendance. They held several professional training workshops, visited the Africville Museum and promoted a mentorship program through the Black Business Initiative. Two Nova Scotian ministers and one from PEI recognized the society as 'the most educational African society in the maritimes'. They've also

committed all Africa Night profits to Enactus in a project to drill a well in West Africa. 2016 has introduced the most diverse membership that the society has ever seen - inviting Caribbeans, African Nova Scotians, people of Asian descent and many others with an interest in African history. They even started a podcast. If this isn't the image of SMASS that members want to see, now would be the time to design alternatives.

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## A tête-à-tête with Dr. Summerby-Murray

Naina Garg  
Contributor

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**What were you like as a student?**

Oh, I was a very studious and bookish student. I was in a boarding school. Back in those days, if you did not play on the first rugby 15 or the first cricket 11 or the first field hockey team, then you really did not count. I went to a school that had high academic standards but a very strong focus on sports. Academic work was rewarded and excellence was sought in that. As a student of high school, I was able to combine my interest in academic learning with my interests in music. I was the school pianist who played a hymn every morning. Music was an important part of who I was!

**Something that nobody knows about you? And that you would like to share with SMU...?** Gosh! That I'd like to share... Hmm. I'll share one that I did share with the senior management group, and that is I can shear sheep. There's not many people in Nova Scotia that can actually, but yes!

**NG: What is your daily life routine? Do you like to play the piano or read a book before you sleep or after you get up? Do you like to cook?**

**Dr. Murray:** Yes, to all of those! I am usually rolling out of bed sometime before 7 o'clock. I am not a particularly an early riser. I tend to want to work later in the evening, which in some ways is better for the way in which the day naturally unfolds itself. Then, a good cup of coffee in the morning is always important. In terms of other activities, yes, there is a piano in the

house that I tend to play frequently – less in the morning, and more in the evening. It is an important to me as a musician. It is an important outlet and helps to keep the practice going. I am also a runner and a very bad squash player. Running is an important part of what I do. And, I do love to cook! I do a lot of cooking... on the weekends in particular.

**Rapid-fire Questions:**

**Cross-country skiing or running?**

Cross-country skiing, and I thought you captured it well the other day, when you suggested that running was something I did when I couldn't cross-country ski.

**Hockey or rugby?**

Rugby.

**Lobster or steak?**

OOH, that's a tricky one. Mmm, I think I'm gonna say steak.

**Snow or sun?**

Snow. Snow? Mmm, isn't that weird?

**Hot soup or cold salad?**

Hot soup. These are very Nordic answers that I'm giving you.

**Singing or playing the piano?**

I'm gonna say, playing the piano.

**Dal or SMU?**

Saint Mary's, there's no question. This is the sort of the question that a reporter attempted to ask me during the football game a few weeks ago. And it was this raiser, from, she graduated from King's, and I was not going there at all, of course it was about Saint Mary's, yes!

## SMU student runs for municipal council



Neil Van Horne  
Section Editor

It has been nearly five years since a new Mayor and Council were elected for Halifax Regional Municipality. This October, soon-to-be Political Science Graduate, Dominick Desjardins will be seeking election in District 9, home of SMU. I met with Dominick to hear about his ideas for Halifax.

**Students:** "There is a lack of attention paid to the assets that we have in this city. I think the many universities are an asset to the city. For example, the new logo cost \$250,000 but could have been designed by students as a work term."

**Parking:** "The city needs to understand that students are not their enemy. I think a beneficial parking program where you have longer parking limits around, apart from bulldozing buildings there is not a lot else you can do. But we can make sure that we are limiting

the ticketing options that parking enforcement staff have. We need to make sure students can park without having to pay that ticket, because we are talking about a \$50 ticket. I would like to see more user friendly streets."

**Jay Walking Fine:** "I am completely against it. My thought process is that you cannot fine someone \$700 dollars. It doesn't work with the socioeconomic background of Halifax. You can't have a student get fined that much for walking across the street. It is not a fine that is implemented in other cities, I do understand the reason behind it but it's one of those things that the police are not enforcing, it is a waste of legislation, it is a waste of time to discuss because it should not be done that way. From canvassing, I have learned that people from all walks of life are against this."

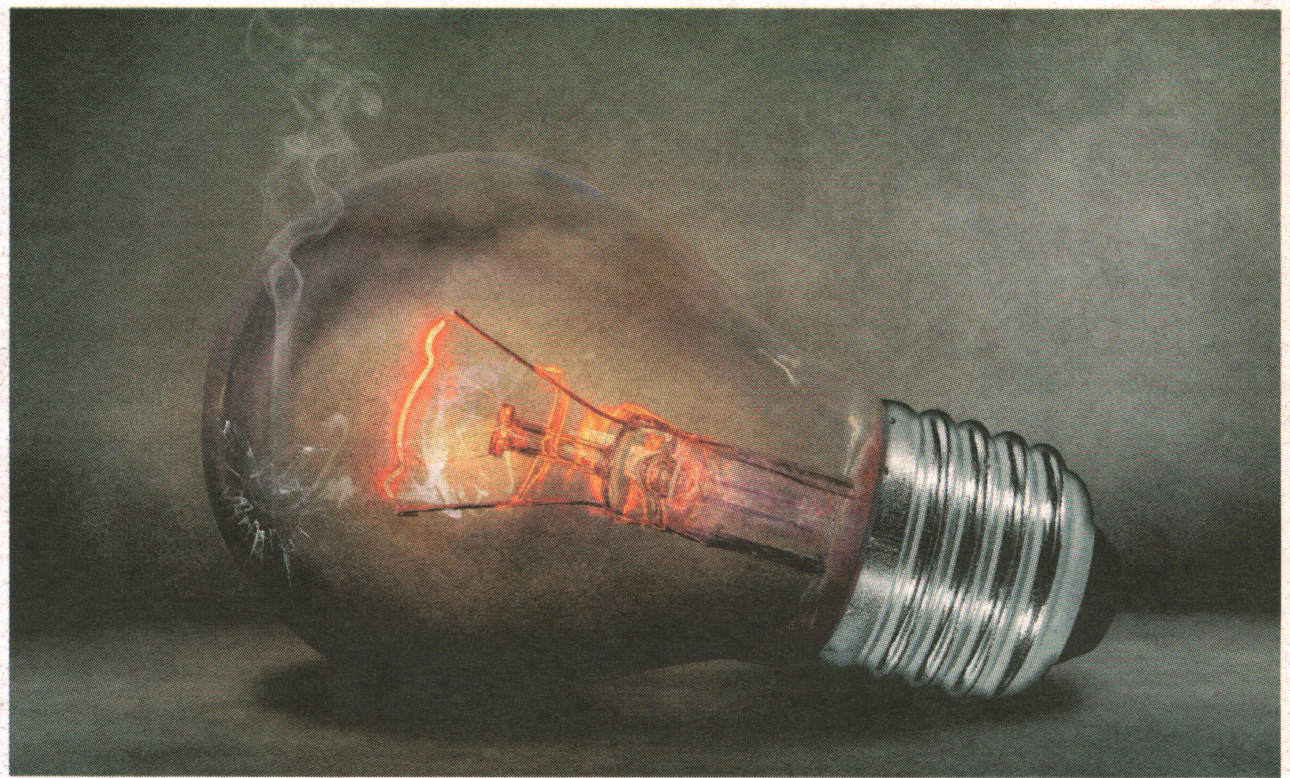
**Safe Housing:** "We need proper accommodations for the citizens of Halifax. That includes students

## council (cont'd)

and senior citizens, and it goes to property maintenance and upkeep. Down in the deep south end you have students where landlords have neglected their homes and their properties. The city has cut back on inspectors which has led to decks collapsing.”

Infrastructure: “We need more bike lanes, which will limit congestion on our city streets. We need reliable Metro-transit, we have outdated buses, our drivers have no say in the planning of their routes. We should take a page from what they are doing in Europe, and have more walkable streetscapes, like what was done with Argyle street. The only way this can happen is if public perception changes to push this policy forward. The city isn't encouraging the dialogue to make that happen. Bike lanes and walkability would go hand-in-hand with our transit.”

Sustainable Development: “We need responsible respect for growth that is sustainable. My example for that would be a new development on Wellington Street. They want to bulldoze a few of those homes to build two eight story buildings. There was public outcry, but council still voted for it against public will. My ideal Halifax would be an inclusive Halifax where public opinion is acknowledged, because it is not right now. I would like to see more funds go to historic architecture in the city. We need to make sure that if we are building around older buildings, that they are incorporated into the historic properties.”



## Students for improved safety measures on campus

**Makenzie Way**  
*VP Events and Programming*

During the Halifax power outage on January 13th, Saint Mary's University cancelled classes and ordered students and faculty to evacuate the non-essential buildings; one man however, was about to be left behind. Stuck on the fourth floor of the Student Union building, he was unable to evacuate due to lack of protocol and emergency equipment for wheelchair-bound individuals. Security was immediately called to handle the situation but their response was far from helpful, as they simply instructed that he be left in the building until the power returned the use of the elevators. Students had had enough, four volunteers carried the man down the flights of stairs, later returning for his wheelchair; the total process took

over twenty minutes to complete. One University representative admits that they were lucky that no one got hurt and has assured the student association that meetings will be held to discuss the policy surrounding such issues.

We want more than just a review of policy however, and are currently fighting for increased awareness of policy and procedure among all levels of the university, as well as equipment for emergency evacuation procedures. An on-campus survey asking students who they would call should an emergency take place, revealed that only those students most highly involved in the university knew the proper procedures and had memorized the corresponding numbers. This lack of awareness among the student body is a clear sign that more than just an

internal review needs to take place; students need to be aware of what to do during an emergency situation, and who to contact on campus should they require assistance. While some steps are being taken on campus to address the issue at hand, students want more, more awareness, more training, and in general, more concern from the university for those citizens who are not able-bodied. This may currently be an on-campus issue, however the question has been raised about how these issues might be handled in the greater community; we are after all a city that is home to many multi-story buildings and high rise corporate offices and condos. Change needs to happen immediately, and it needs to start in the hearts of the Saint Mary's University students and faculty.

## Ella's fashion corner it's crunch time..



### Daniella Sam-Levi Contributor

While we are all excited about future sunshine, beautiful heat and days we can sleep in during the summer, well except for those of us overachievers who are doing summer school, we first have to go through those pesky things called exams and papers. I don't know why teachers can't just trust us when we say we've learned! Why do we need to prove it to them? It just boils down to trust issues, that's what it is, a mere lack of trust. Just kidding! Regardless of how overloaded we might get, or how huge the workload might seem, we are not going to let the stress get to us. We're especially not going to let it mess with the way we look — no no no way (\*Jennifer Hudson voice\* — and I am telling you). I wouldn't fail to deliver at such a crunch time!

In this issue I'm going to show you different ways in which you could look cute despite the impending weight of school work and upcoming finals.

First and foremost, Cargo pants. If these things aren't the most comfortable pants on the planet then I don't know what is! They are perfect for exams because they literally feel like pyjamas but look nothing like them; it has the "oh this old thing? i just threw it on" but super stylish, effortless look. Pair it with any of your comfortable nice fitting sweaters, like this crop top. I personally like turtle necks because they look classy and put together without trying.

Our second look includes jeans. Don't panic. Yes, I said jeans but only the most comfortable ones. Loose boyfriend jeans like these are also good for exam period because -

although jeans are one of the cutest things - we all know how irritating they can feel on our legs. When it comes to boyfriend jeans, however, comfort comes first. To make it a complete street look, pair it with a cute top and an old plaid shirt tied around the waist and we're good to go.

Our third look has a more classy appeal and touch to it and definitely looks less casual, and this is purely because of the sleeveless cream cardigan. It's an easy way to add edge to a simple combo of leggings and a long sleeve top. To top it off, you can avoid that one random moment where you get suddenly cold while you're studying. Instead of grabbing a blanket (which eventually turns into grabbing a snack or three and getting distracted by tv, or that tiny stain on the kitchen table that you need to get rid of right that moment) you can stay

put. That one minute journey to grab a blanket or jacket suddenly turns into a 30 minute break; instead you could use this cardigan as a blanket because it has a very large surface area and it's crazy cozy.

Lastly, as you can see, in all three pictures I'm wearing a cap. It's exam time and everyone understands that we might not have the time to fix our hair or shape up those edges, so just cover them up with a hat! It doesn't hurt that it helps those of us who aren't active to pass off the illusion that we are up and running active people, because the cap just has that effect.

On that note, y'all should get up and running and start studying so I'll end by saying this: no matter how large the workload is, we'll still be lookin' cute.



## DIY: decorating on a budget

**Makenzie Way**  
Contributor

Being a student might mean that you're short on cash but your apartment doesn't need to show it. While most of us struggling university students cannot afford to purchase large canvas paintings to liven our apartment walls with, there is a way to get the same look for less! Much less! What You'll Need:

- A 72x72" designed curtain (you can get these at the Dollarama)
- Two 2"x1"x70" pieces of wood (you can get these from Home Depot)
- Four 2"x1"x68" pieces of wood (you can get these from Home Depot)
- A screw driver
- A staple gun or a hammer and nails

### Step One:

- Lay all the wood with the 1" side facing up. The 2"x1"x68" pieces are for the sides, the 2"x1"x70" pieces

are for the top.

- Screw the two sidepieces to the top of the frame. Screw the remaining two sidepieces an equal distance from each other in the
- Add the final piece to the bottom and make sure everything is securely screwed together to make a frame

### Step Two:

- Iron the curtain so that it is wrinkle free. To avoid burning the curtain lay a towel over it and iron on medium heat.
- Once ironed lay the curtain over top of the frame and nail it or staple it to the top of the frame
- Once nailed to the top, stretch the curtain down to the bottom so that it is tight and nail it to the bottom

### Step Three:

- Once the top and bottom are nailed, begin to nail the curtain to the sides of the frame, making sure to pull it tight
- Nail it roughly every 6 inches

### Final Product:



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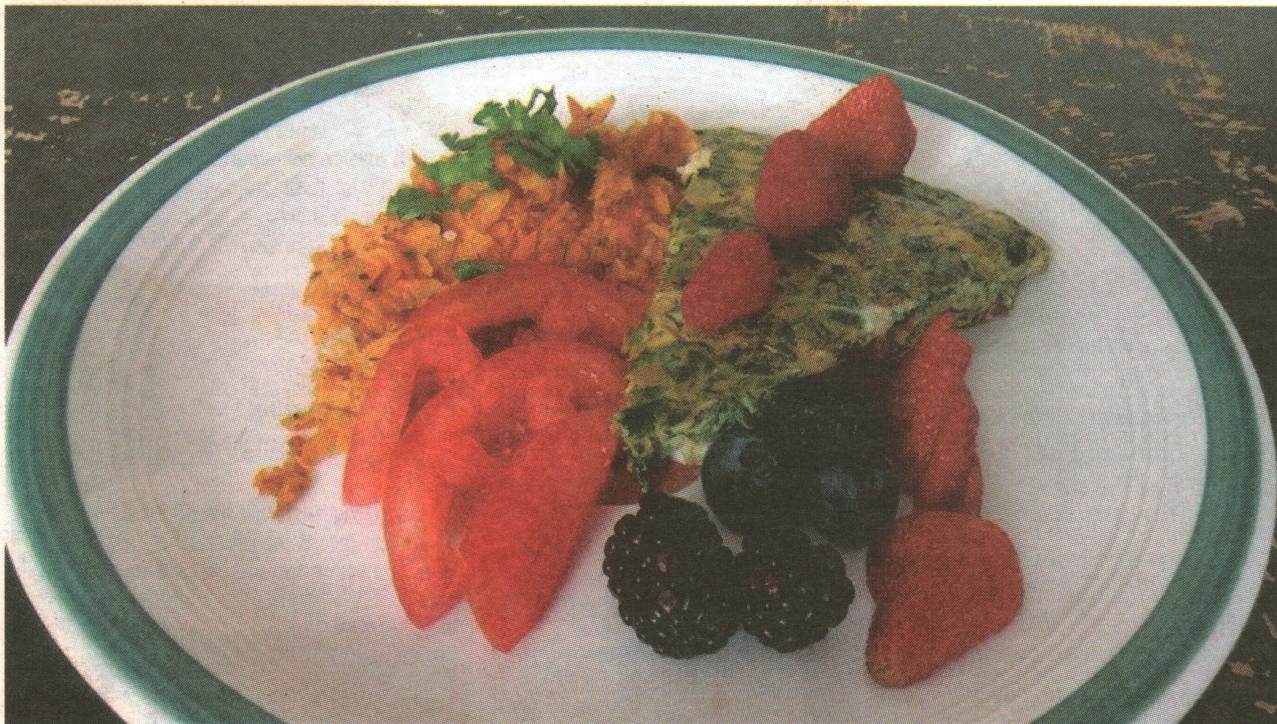
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## Recipe

## Vegetarian frittata with sweet potato hash



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Contributor

Frittatas have been one of my mom's go-to Sunday brunch dishes since I can remember. With everyone running around during the week, the Sunday meal was always a nice reprieve for our family and friends. My mom's Sunday brunches would consist of different side dishes from what I am presenting for you today, but one thing will hold true, the frittata will always be the star of the show. Frittatas are not inherently hard to make, and leave you with an egg dish, which you can hold in the oven a little, and as such, is perfect for trying to make a breakfast with everyone running on their own schedule. So here is my take on a vegetarian frittata, with a side of sweet potato hash, and fruit garnish. This dish will easily feed 6. As with

all my dishes, this recipe is merely an outline, so make it your own, and remember if you do, please tweet either myself @anestel or The Journal @TheSmuJournal with your dishes!

### Frittata

- 8 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 pinch curry powder
- 1 pinch rosemary (any other spices you want)
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ cup diced onion
- ½ package frozen chopped spinach

Preheat your oven to 350F

In a bowl beat the eggs, and then add the milk, salt, pepper, and desired

spices.

Put your oil into a skillet or ovenproof pan, if you do not have an ovenproof pan just do this in a regular pan and follow the alternate instructions later. Add the onions and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes. Then add the spinach and cook for another few minutes.

At this point if you have an oven proof pan or skillet you add the egg mixture directly into the pan, and cook for a few minutes, until the egg on the side begins to harden and pull a little from the sides of the pan. You then put the pan into the oven for roughly 16-18 minutes, or until the centre is cooked.

If you do not have an ovenproof pan, then you want to take the sautéed veg, and put them into a casserole or pie dish. Then add the eggs and

mix everything together. Then put the dish in the oven. This will take longer to cook, probably around 35 minutes total, but just cook until the centre is firm.

### Sweet Potato Hash:

- 2 med sized sweet potatoes, peeled
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1 pinch paprika
- 1 pinch oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste  
(and any other herbs you want)

Fill a large bowl with cold water, and shred (using a cheese grater) the sweet potato into the cold water. You now want to stir until water is cloudy, drain, and cover potatoes again with fresh cold water. Stir again to dissolve excess starch. Drain potatoes well, pat dry with paper towels, and squeeze out any excess moisture.

Then you want to heat the oil in a medium hot pan, preferably non stick. Then add the potatoes and the seasoning. Cook for roughly 10 minutes stirring fairly regularly. You want the potatoes to get some colour but not burn onto the pan.

### Plating

Now that your frittata and sweet potato hash are cooked you will want to plate the frittata similar to a slice of pie, with the sweet potato hash on the side. Fresh fruit and sliced green onions always make for nice garnish to liven up your plate.

## Vice President reports on CASA advocacy week 2016

**Collette Robert**  
VP University Affairs

From February 22nd-February 28th, SMUSA members Bryan Rice, Chair of the Board of Directors, Amali Armony, SMUSA President, and Collette Robert, SMUSA VP University Affairs, met with several Senators, Members of Parliament, and Party Leaders as part of Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA) Advocacy Week. Together with over 60 delegates from across Canada, they advocated on behalf of students' interests. The six main priorities that were incorporated into meetings were:

1. Supporting transitions into the workforce: investing in experiential learning. Ask: "CASA recommends the federal government expand experiential learning opportunities by investing \$80 million per year in co-ops, internships and apprenticeship placements for all fields of study and all levels of post-secondary education. Furthermore, the federal government must strengthen rules for internships to ensure students are compensated appropriately and treated fairly."  
2. Unleashing Canada's research potential: reinvesting in research and innovation. Ask: "Canada recommends the federal government reinvest in research and innovation, specifically by increasing the granting agencies funding by 10%, which would cost an estimated \$270 million per year; CASA recommends the federal government improve accountability

on the granting agencies by allowing for student representation on their granting boards."

3. Investing in proven programs: increasing and expanding student grants to reflect the true cost of an education. Ask: "CASA recommends the federal government increase the value of grant dispersals by 50%, at an estimated cost of \$173 million per year. This investment will dramatically improve access to Canada's post-secondary institutions; CASA recommends the federal government address this shortfall by making graduate and doctoral students eligible for the Canada Student Grants Program (CSGP), at a cost of \$31 million per year."

4. Modernizing aid for today's students- increasing the weekly loan limit of the Canada Student Loans Program (CSLP). Ask: "CASA recommends the federal government address the rising costs of education by ensuring students have access to the support they need. Increasing the weekly CSLP loan limit to \$245 per week will put almost \$150 million into the hands of students who need it most. This change would be made possible through an investment of \$44 million per year."

5. Delivering on Canada's obligation- removing the 2% cap on the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSS). Ask: "CASA recommends the federal

government remove the 2% cap placed on the PSSSP in 1996. CASA further recommends the federal government fund the backlog of students who are eligible for the program but do not currently receive funding. According to 2009 estimates by the assembly of first nations, a total of \$724 million is necessary to fully fund both the backlog of students and the full cohort of currently eligible indigenous secondary school graduates."

6. Easing the burden of debt-increasing the repayment assistance plan income threshold. Ask: "CASA recommends the federal government increase the Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP) income threshold to \$30 000, in order to better reflect the cost-of-living in 2016. Debt should not prohibit an individual from beginning life as an independent adult. This investment would come at an estimated cost of \$200 million per year, more than doubling the current number of graduates benefitting from assistance." To tie everything together, mental health was incorporated and noted as an underlying factor to all of these asks. Financial burden can have negative effects on one's mental wellbeing and we have asked the federal government to invest in services to support mental wellbeing.

### Collette met with:

- Julie Dabrusin, MP Toronto-Danforth
- Scott Simms, MP Coast of Bays – Central – Notre Dame
- David Christopherson, MP Hamilton Centre
- Senator Jane Cordy, Nova Scotia
- Senator Stephen Greene, Nova Scotia
- Pam Damoff, MP Oakville-North Burlington
- Senator James Cowan, Nova Scotia
- Andy Fillmore, MP Halifax

### Amali met with:

- Senator Elizabeth Marshall, Newfoundland and Labrador
- Senator James Cowan, Nova Scotia
- Sara Korajjian, Admin Assistant for Hedy Fry, MP Vancouver Centre
- Ahmed Hussen, MP York South – Weston
- Jesse Kancir, Policy Advisor for the Minister of Health
- Senator Yonah Martin, British Columbia
- Senator Don Meredith, Ontario

### Bryan met with:

- Vance Badawey, MP Niagara Centre
- Office of Senate Speaker George Furey, Newfoundland and Labrador
- Colin Fraser, MP West Nova
- Andy Filmore, MP Halifax
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