



# E-NEWSLETTER

## SGPS Student Advisors

The Student Advisors provide information, advice and advocacy for all graduate and professional students on any issue they may face while studying at Queen's. Student Advisors have office hours Monday 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in JDUC room 203. You may also contact them via e-mail: [studentadvisors@sgps.ca](mailto:studentadvisors@sgps.ca) (checked weekdays only).

## STUDENT DAY OF ACTION

As part of the province-wide Day of Action to reduce tuition fees on November 5th, there will be an event at Queen's, as well as free transportation to Ottawa for a rally on Parliament Hill. Queen's Senate has passed a motion granting students special academic accommodation for that day so that they may participate (see below). For more information, please contact Mark Rosner, the SGPS VP External, at [vpex@sgps.ca](mailto:vpex@sgps.ca).

On September 25, 2008, Senate approved the following Motion in support of academic consideration for the November 5, 2008 "Day of Action"

Senate Motion for Academic Consideration – Submitted by Senator J. Welsh, President SGPS

WHEREAS the Society of Graduate and Professional Students has planned activities for the week of November 5th, 2008 to raise public awareness about the role of post-secondary education and to pressure governments to reinvest in affordable, high-quality public education;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Senate encourage academic units and professors to be flexible in making alternate arrangements, including re-scheduling examinations and the deadlines for submission of assignments, and provide reasonable access to materials covered during lectures for students who are absent from classes on November 5th, 2008 so that they may freely participate in the Day of Action with no fear of academic repercussions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Senate acknowledges the usefulness of a strong student effort to increase financial support for post-secondary education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate endorses lawful activities to increase awareness of the need for Canada and Ontario to reinvest in affordable, high-quality public education at the post-secondary level.

**Please note that Senate acknowledged that students are responsible for contacting their instructors BEFORE November 5, 2008 to request accommodation.**

## DRIVE FOR A HATE-FREE CAMPUS

Within the first month of this Fall semester, the strong presence of Islamophobia on campus was unmistakable, underscored by several hateful anti-Muslim acts. These acts included the defacement of posters, death threats, and the harassment of several Muslim women in Hijab. In light of this, the Queen's University Muslim Students' Association, with the support of the Society of Professional and Graduate Students, has launched a campaign for a hate-free campus. The campaign aims to condemn such manifestations of intolerance and calls upon all members of the Queen's community to combat ignorance and hatred through education and open dialogue.

As advocates of peace and shared community, the SGPS denounces these hateful anti-Islamic acts and expresses its keen solidarity with the Muslim community at this troubling time.

Visit [www.qumsa.net](http://www.qumsa.net) for more information about the incidents and upcoming educational opportunities, and to endorse the campaign statement.

## GOODLIFE CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

Goodlife corporate memberships with the SGPS are still available! The membership fee has been prorated to \$345 to reflect a November 15th start date.

**Payment deadline:** Friday, October 24, 2008 (for memberships starting Nov 15, 2008)

To sign up, you must send an e-mail to the Athletics Coordinator ([sgps.goodlife@gmail.com](mailto:sgps.goodlife@gmail.com)) with your name and student number. Cheques MUST be delivered to the SGPS office by 4:30pm on October 24th. Please bring current student card to confirm your SGPS member status. Proof of same residence is also required for those signing up their significant other. Membership cards will be ready for pick up one week prior to the start date. For additional information contact the Athletics Coordinator at [sgps.goodlife@gmail.com](mailto:sgps.goodlife@gmail.com).

If you signed up for a membership starting Oct 15th, your card is ready for pickup at the SGPS office. Come by to get your card today!

## STAFF RECOGNITION AWARD NOMINATIONS

This Award recognizes staff members who consistently provide outstanding contributions during their workday, directly or indirectly, to the learning and working environment at Queen's University at a level significantly beyond what is usually expected (e.g. improving the workplace efficiency, quality of worklife, customer service, problem-solving, etc.) Information and nomination forms are available from <http://www.hr.queensu.ca/workandcareer/awards-procedure.php> or the office of the Vice-Principal, Human Resources, Room 133A, Dunning Hall. **Deadline: October 17, 2008.**

## SGPS PRESENTS OKTOBERFEST

Join us at Amadeus Schnitzel Haus (170 Princess St)

October 29th from 5-8 p.m.

as we celebrate a great German tradition ... Oktoberfest!

Traditional Oktoberfest Cuisine!

Specialty Beer! Festive Décor & Music!

\$10.00 / person

Include your choice of one of the following menu options:

- Oktoberfest/Bratwurst Sausage (with potatoes, Saurkraut, and soup or salad)
- Pork Schnitzel (with vegetables and rice or potatoes)
- Chicken Kiev (with rice or potatoes)
- Vegetarian Selection (Bread, potato, Spätzle/German noodles, red cabbage)

Ticket price includes one of the above selections from the Amadeus menu

**Tickets on sale at SGPS Office**



## FREE MONEY FOR STUDENTS

This year the Ontario Govt. has instituted a new textbook and technology grant worth \$150 for students.

The sole qualification for the grant is that you must be a full time registered student. Details of the program can be found here:

<http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/awards/toolbox/TextbookTechnologyGrant.htm>

If you have applied for OSAP, you have already been automatically enrolled in the grant program and do not need to do so again. Otherwise you can find the application form here:

[https://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not\\_secure/ttg\\_12.htm](https://osap.gov.on.ca/eng/not_secure/ttg_12.htm)

The application is quick and easy to use.

## COLD BEVERAGE EXCLUSIVITY FUND

The Cold Beverage Exclusivity Fund is accepting applications for projects and/or capital expenses ranging between \$1,000 and \$20,000. The deadline is 4:30pm on October 31st.

Complete details: <http://www.sgps.ca/dl/cold-beverage-fund.pdf>

Application form: <http://www.sgps.ca/dl/cold-beverage-app.pdf>

## WORLD-CLASS PERFORMANCE - BUDGET PRICES

On Friday October 17th at 8 pm, the Grant Hall Series features Susanne Hou. As a student, you only pay \$10 to see this phenomenal violinist, who has attracted considerable international renown. For tickets and more information, visit Queen's Performing Arts Office: JDUC Room 144, 613.533.2558 or [www.queensu.ca/pao](http://www.queensu.ca/pao).

## HELP QUIC HELP YOU!

QUIC (Queen's University International Centre) is looking for international and domestic students to participate in a focus group session about QUIC communication/promotion on campus. We want to know:

- How do you usually receive information about social/information events on campus
- How does QUIC disseminate information to you
- How would you prefer to receive information from us

The focus group session will last for approximately 1.5-2 hours and a delicious lunch will be provided. All you need to bring are your thoughts and experiences!

If you are able to participate or have any questions please contact [4es@queensu.ca](mailto:4es@queensu.ca) by Friday Oct. 17th. The focus group session will take place on **Wednesday October 22nd from 11 - 1 p.m. AT QUIC.**

## WINTER INTRAMURALS

Intramurals are a GREAT way to meet fellow grad students!!

**Winter Leagues offered:** Basketball (M/W) - Volleyball (Co-Ed) - Indoor Soccer (Co-Ed) - Innertube Waterpolo (Co-Ed) - Curling (Co-Ed)

All FALL teams wishing to continue during the WINTER term must resubmit an entry form and pay the bond. Need help finding more players for a team? Want to join a league but can't find anyone interested? Send an email to [sgps.intramurals@gmail.com](mailto:sgps.intramurals@gmail.com) with the following information:

League - Name - Student ID - Program/Grad Yr - Email - Willing to act as captain? (Y/N):

If there is enough interest for a certain sport league, an email will be sent to all participants. Alternatively, you can sign up as a free agent at the PEC Customer Service desk.

**Please note:** The SGPS does not perform team registrations; interested participants must nominate a captain to submit the entry form and pay the team bond.

Deadline for registrations is Friday, Nov 28, 2008. Don't delay, sign up today!!!!

For more information visit [www.gogaelsgo.com](http://www.gogaelsgo.com) click on the "Intramurals" link on the left.

## SGPS COMMITTEES

### What's Up after Thanksgiving?

#### **SGPS Campaigns and Community Relations Standing Committee Provincial Day of Action**

Currently, the committee is focused on preparing towards the Canadian Federation of Students Provincial Day of Action, which is scheduled on November 5th, 2008. The event consists of marches across various cities in Ontario, calling on the provincial government to reduce and freeze tuition fees (for all students) at 2004 levels. The university Senate has passed the motion that encourages professors to be flexible in making deadlines and provide reasonable access to lecture materials for the students who are participating to this event. A petition is circulating regarding the goals of the Day of Action, SGPS members who are interested in either signing the petition or distributing it please contact the committee chair Mark Rosner at [vpex@sgps.ca](mailto:vpex@sgps.ca). The deadline for the submission of petitions to the Provincial Government is October 22nd. The committee is actively seeking members: in addition to the Day of Action, the committee also deals with other topics such as academic integrity, copyright reform issues, to name a few. SGPS members who are interested in either participating on the Day and/or sitting on the committee, please contact the committee chair.

#### **SGPS Social Standing Committee**

This committee plans many great events for graduate and professional students. If you are interested in sharing your ideas for events or helping the Social Team plan events, please consider joining this active committee. For more information, please contact Social Commissioner, Diala Habib at [social@sgps.ca](mailto:social@sgps.ca).

#### **SGPS Professional Students Standing Committee—Seeking Members**

The committee had its first meeting in September to discuss issues of concerns that are related to professional students in service, communication, and residence. The committee is composed of only law students at this moment, and would like to invite other professional students to come on board. Next committee meeting is scheduled on October 21, 2008. Interest SGPS professional students please contact either the committee chair, Jamie Kneen ([vpip@sgps.ca](mailto:vpip@sgps.ca)) or committee coordinator, Joellen Lin ([committee@sgps.ca](mailto:committee@sgps.ca)).

## SHIFT: QUEEN'S GRAD JOURNAL LAUNCHES

Queen's graduate students now have a new venue to publish their scholarly work, and to connect with others working in academic positions internationally.

Shift: Queen's Graduate Journal of Visual and Material Culture, an online journal organized by an interdisciplinary committee of Queen's graduate students will launch this Sunday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 4 pm. at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre. Formal remarks are scheduled for 2 pm. [Click here for more details.](#)

## ATTENTION LIFE SCIENCE STUDENTS

There is still time to register for the Canadian Society for Life Science Research's 3rd Annual Conference, November 7-8 2008 at the Metro Toronto Convention Center! Register online today at <http://www.cslsr.ca>

The Canadian Society for Life Science Research 3rd Annual Conference

**Toronto, Ontario**

**November 7-8, 2008**

Join over 200 of Canada's life science students, clinicians, industry experts and top researchers at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre for Canada's premier student-led life science conference.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [membership@cslsr.ca](mailto:membership@cslsr.ca) or visit [www.cslsr.ca](http://www.cslsr.ca) if you have any questions regarding the CSLSR, our upcoming conference or our available positions.

## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR ATHLETICS

The University Council for Athletics wants to HEAR FROM YOU!! The responsibilities of the UCA are to advise the Director, Athletics and Recreation on:

- Promotion and support of Athletic and Recreation programs and activities to all constituent communities
- Review and development of general policies concerning Athletics and Recreation
- Review and oversight of the expenditure of monies available from the Athletic and Recreation fee
- Approve student athletic fee referenda proposals as necessary
- Feedback and input on program reviews
- All matters of policy relating to Athletic and Recreation programs

If you have comments or concerns regarding any of the above, please send them to the SGPS UCA representative at [6mp21@queensu.ca](mailto:6mp21@queensu.ca). Your input will help to improve athletic and recreational programs for all present and future graduate students.

Please send your comments by **Monday, Oct 20, 2008**. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

## TAFA LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us for a dialogue on the benefits of forming a Local Union at Queen's!

**What:** Lunch & Learn

**When:** October 29, 2008

**Times:** 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm (Panel Discussion) 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm (Meet & Greet)

**Where:** Grad Club (Upstairs)

[For complete details, please click here \(pdf\).](#)

## ISLAMIC HISTORY MONTH IN KINGSTON

The City Council of Kingston has proclaimed the month of October 2008 as Islamic History Month in Kingston. The objective of IHM is to motivate and inspire Canadian Muslims to annually share their history, heritage and culture with fellow Canadians during one month.

The Local Committee for Islamic History Month has planned an engaging program to celebrate this month and we invite you to celebrate with us Islam's diverse and rich history:

### **Tuesday October 7 at 7pm**

Imam Yasin Dwyer presents on "Diversity in Islam"  
Wilson Room, 130 Johnson St

### **Thursday October 16 at 6:30pm**

Film screening of "The Headmaster and The Headscarf" and discussion  
Watson Hall Room 217, Queen's Campus

### **Wednesday October 22 at 7pm**

Dr. Ingrid Heymeyer presents "Creativity in the Medical Sciences During Medieval Islamic Times"  
Dupuis Auditorium, Queen's Campus

### **Wednesday October 29 at 7pm**

Dr. Adnan Husain presents "The Muslims of Medieval Europe: Lost Histories and their Modern Consequences"  
Dunning Hall 12, Queen's Campus

### **Thursday October 30 at 7PM**

Book Club Discussion on Tariq Ramadan's *In the Footsteps of the Prophet: Lessons from the Life of Muhammad*.

Dunning Hall 10, Queen's Campus

We encourage the local community to read this book and join the discussion. Book will be available at Novel Idea (Princess St.) with a 15% discount.

### **Friday October 31 – November 2**

6-10pm: Come to our Book Fair!

Islamic Centre of Kingston, 1477 Sydenham Road, half a mile North of HWY 401

Also, tune in to **CFRC 101.9 FM QUEEN'S RADIO** for Islamic History Month Broadcasts every Tuesday from 4-5pm at 101.9FM, 90.9 on cable or streamed at [www.cfr.ca](http://www.cfr.ca)!

Visit Exhibits on Islamic History at Queen's Archives Reading Room, featuring two exquisite Qur'ans on display. Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, Kathleen Ryan Hall, Queen's Campus. Or stop by at Stauffer Library, Central Branch of Public Library and Isabel Turner of the Public Library to see our displays.

Full information on the program can be viewed on the website: [www.islamichistorymonthkingston.org](http://www.islamichistorymonthkingston.org)

Information also available by contacting: Dr. Mohamed Bayoumi at (613) 389-7613.

### **Many thanks for our local Sponsors!**

Islamic Society of Kingston; Queen's Muslim Student Association; Dean of Student Affairs Office; Department of English, Department of Women's Studies; Kingston Area Race Relations Committee (KARRA); CFRC Queen's Radio; Ontario Public Interest Research Group Kingston (OPIRG); Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR).