



E-NEWSLETTER

Executive Nomination Packages Due Feb 18th, 2009

Nomination packages for Executive positions for the 2009/2010 year are due Wednesday February 18th by 4:00 p.m. Packages must be delivered to the SGPS Office (room 021 JDUC). Open positions are President, VP Internal (Graduate), VP Internal (Professional), VP External and VP Operations. Questions can be directed to info@sgps.ca

SGPS ELECTION AND REFERENDUM

The SGPS Election and Referendum will take place **Wednesday February 25th and Thursday February 26th between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Polling stations will be located in **Duncan McArthur, Mac-Corry, JDUC, MacDonald and BioSci.**

There will be an all candidates debate on **Mon. Feb. 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Grad Club.**

In order to vote, you must go to one of the polling locations and present your Queen's student card. You will be voting on candidates for SGPS Executive positions as well as referendum questions. More details about the candidates will be available soon on our website. More details about the referendum questions are presented next.

REFERENDUM QUESTION

Should the SGPS establish a \$1.00 Class A optional fee (not indexed for inflation) for the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre?

FOUR DIRECTIONS ABORIGINAL STUDENT CENTRE

The Centre is a space that students can call a "home away from home" and is open to all students. Every week, the staff and students gather at the Centre to enjoy the Three Sisters Feasts, Traditional Teachings, Film Reviews and the Men's and Women's Circles. Throughout the year the Centre coordinates the Annual Educational Pow Wow, Annual Aboriginal Symposium and support the Queen's Native Student Association's "Aboriginal Awareness Week". In doing this we share with the Queen's and Kingston community our vibrant and proud culture that exists here. All events are free and open to the public and are conducted in a culturally appropriate manner. With your support, we hope to not only continue to provide existing services, but to accommodate some important goals moving forward:

- Enhancement of current programs and services.
- Greater involvement at Queen's such as convocation speakers and classroom involvement.
- A partnership with Food Services, to create "The Sustainable Farm Project".
- Establishment of a Four Directions 1st Year Grad Student Bursary.

For more information contact Paul Carl @ 613-533-6970 or 4direct@queensu.ca.



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REFERENDUM QUESTION

Should the SGPS establish a \$1.00 Class A optional fee (not indexed for inflation) for the Queen's Daycare Centre?

QUEEN'S DAYCARE CENTRE

"Queen's Daycare Centre is a parent-run daycare which services members of the Queen's Community as well as the greater Kingston community. We care for children from as young as three months through to six years of age. The centre was originally started by a group of students in 1969 (making this our 40th anniversary year) and we still give students top priority on our waiting list. As a result, as many as half of our parents are students from the undergraduate and graduate / professional levels. We are requesting one dollar per year from each of the Graduate and Professional students in order to provide our teachers with additional resources to allow improved in class programming as well as increased opportunities to take the children outside of the classroom. Thank you for your support."

REFERENDUM QUESTION

Do you agree to an increase in the Athletics and Recreation fee portion of the student activity fee from \$81.90 to \$156.90, an increase of \$75.00, staged over the next four years (\$20 increase in 2009/2010, \$25 increase in 2010/2011 and \$30 increase in 2011/2012), subject to annual cost of living increase?

QUEEN'S ATHLETICS & RECREATION

<p>The following benefits are included with the increase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full year membership pro-rated to undergraduate fee with full access to all facilities ▪ Extended fall, winter and summer hours (<i>NEW</i>) ▪ Full access to recreation and open gym periods (for basketball, badminton, etc) ▪ Full use of the NEW Queen's Centre facilities which will open in fall 2009 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12 lane pool, 25,000 sq.ft cardio/fitness with new equipment, 8 squash courts, 2 racquet ball courts, 4 dance studios, 2 combative rooms, new locker and shower facilities, etc. ▪ No charge for SGPS members to participate in on-campus intramural programs ▪ No additional charges for SGPS members in exclusive Grad softball and soccer summer leagues (<i>NEW</i>) ▪ Introduction of a Grad Summer Ultimate League (<i>NEW</i>) ▪ Preferred pricing for our extensive Q-KIDS camp programs (winter, march break and summer) (<i>NEW</i>) ▪ Preferred pricing on all other services (lockers, laundry, fitness and instructional programs, etc.) 	<p>Without an increase, Graduate and Professional students will not enjoy the same benefits as they currently have.</p> <p>Athletics and Recreation will be required to implement extra charges and reduced services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to the gym only for casual recreation ▪ Reduced building hours ▪ A decrease in programs and services ▪ Team/individual fees for Graduate and Professional students participating in intramural programs ▪ Increased costs related to the Grad Summer Leagues ▪ A fee for the use of weight and fitness facilities ▪ A fee for pool, squash & racquet ball courts, equipment rentals ▪ No preferred pricing on any programs and/or services (fitness, instructional programs, facility rentals, etc) ▪ A joining fee for Graduate and Professional students who participate on inter-university clubs and teams. ▪ A reduction in the number of inter-university sport teams and clubs
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We're proud of the quality and broad range of services we offer to graduate students – and we'd like to see these programs continue in the new Queen's Centre.

For more information go to: www.queensu.ca/sgs/news/Athleticsproposedfees.html

SGPS SKI TRIP

The SGPS has organized a day of skiing for our members. We can accommodate a maximum of 55 people for this ski trip, so first come, first served!

***Date*: Sunday March 1st, 2009**

***Organized through*:** *SEPP'S Skis and Snowboards*, 13 Montreal St.

***Ski Resort*:** Skiing/snowboarding at Calabogie Ski Resort, Calabogie, Ontario

***Price*:** \$60.00 per person

This price includes ski lift ticket, bus ride there and back and lunch

There is an additional fee of \$39.15 if you choose to rent ski or snowboarding equipment from SEPP'S. Must rent equipment on Saturday Feb 28th via credit card. Contact SEPP's for more information.

***The SGPS will be subsidizing a lunch for you at the resort*.**

Come to the SGPS office to pay and guarantee a spot. The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:30 - 4:30 (we are closed from noon until 1 for lunch).

Meet at the Stuaffer Library Lobby at 6:45 am on March 1st, bus leaves at 7 am!

ELORIN SPRING TRAINING FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Where: Innovation Park, 945 Princess St. Kingston, ON

When: 5-9 April 2009

March is Innovation Month! Workshops start March 5, 2009

The cost to attend the whole series \$100 - this includes lunches and materials. You can also register for workshops separately at a cost of \$25 each (register individually on each workshop's page). For complete workshop and registration details, please visit:

http://www.elorin.ca/site/index.php?method=public.eventDetail&event_id=122

UNITED WAY SURVEY

Students at UWO are helping United Way London & Middlesex with a research project and they are trying to collect data about the current perceptions of United Way. They are hoping you can fill out their survey. The responses are anonymous and it is for a good cause as we will be using the information to help improve United Way's programs. Here is the link to the survey:

<http://www.ivey.uwo.ca/checkbox/Survey.aspx?s=927bd0c181aa4985a3b0413ff36868ec>

NEW GRAD/PROFESSIONAL STUDENT CLUB

Are you a graduate or professional student of the Sikh faith or interested in the Sikh religion? Would you be interested in sharing the Sikh faith and/or Punjabi culture, heritage, and relevant social/political issues with others to achieve understanding and appreciation on campus and the greater Kingston community?

If so, please contact 4es@queensu.ca for more information.

FARMER'S MARKET MOVIE NIGHTS

The Farmer's Market at Queen's proudly presents our movie series of 2009! The first movie is taking place this Thursday, so read on... All movies will take place on Thursdays in the 4th floor lounge in Biosci (rm 4338) at 6:30pm.

March 12th, 6:30pm, Biosci 4338

Supersize me (<http://freedocumentaries.org/film.php?id=98>)

This is sort of the classic documentary about the consequences of exclusively eating McDonald's. I think the health implications are obvious.

March 26th, 6:30pm, Biosci 4338

Decoding Ferran Adrià (<http://zeropointzero.com/ferran.html>)

A look into the cutting edge of modern gastronomy. It challenges conceptions about processed food and tackles some of the perceived incongruities between the "traditional" aspects of local food and embracing new technologies.

OPIRG POSITIVE SPACE AWARD

The Queen's Positive Space Program is celebrating its Tenth Anniversary with the first annual OPIRG Positive Space Award. The OPIRG Positive Space Award will recognize a full-time Queen's University undergraduate or graduate student who has demonstrated leadership in the Queen's and/or Kingston community in promoting the recognition and celebration of sexual and gender diversity.

To nominate someone for the OPIRG Positive Space Award, send an e-mail to posspace@post.queensu.ca. Please include your name, program, and phone number, your nominee's name, program, and phone number, and a brief description of why you think your nominee should receive the OPIRG Positive Space Award. **Deadline to nominate is Sunday, March 1, 2009.**

For more information on the award, go to <http://www.queensu.ca/positivespace/award.htm>
The Award will be presented at our birthday celebration March 19th—stay tuned for more details on that!

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The UNESCO Chair & Institute of Comparative Human Rights at the University of Connecticut invites applications for the fifth annual International Leadership Programme: A Global Intergenerational Forum, to be held **August 1 - 9, 2009 in Storrs, Connecticut. Applications must be received by February 27, 2009.**

The Forum seeks to empower young leaders by involving them in finding solutions to emerging human rights problems, and nurturing individuals to be effective leaders in the field of human rights.

To this end, the Forum will:

- Introduce participants to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the Universal

Declaration of Human Rights

- Build a network of solidarity among human rights leaders
- Expand the knowledge relevant to human rights practice
- Provide tools and a platform for open debates
- Provide programmes, activities and processes necessary for human rights leadership
- Promote the sharing of experiences and understanding
- Showcase speakers on such topics as: health and human rights, education, the environment, the plight of child soldiers, the use of media, fundraising, conflict resolution and transformation; litigation and advocacy

The UNESCO Chair will provide all conference participants with dormitory housing, meals, ground transportation in Connecticut, resource materials and a certificate of participation.

Young people between the ages of 18-30, with community service experience, and with demonstrated ability to work on solutions to human rights problems, should apply. Relevant issues include, but are not limited to, human trafficking, the plight of children, refugees, hunger, HIV/AIDs, gender discrimination, racism, classism, the environment and peace education.

Conference will be held in English only. Fluency in English is required. Applicants will be selected based on the strength of their application essay, demonstrated commitment to human rights (practical/hands-on experience), potential impact on the individual and their potential contribution to the Forum, regional and gender representation.

Programme details and application materials can be accessed by linking to www.unescochair.uconn.edu or <http://www.unescochair.uconn.edu/upspecialevents.htm>

SGPS EQUITY COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBERS

SGPS is looking for your input regarding issues of equity and diversity on campus! There will be an Equity committee within SGPS starting up soon. If you would like to sit on the committee or offer your suggestions as to what SGPS should do regarding equity, email Usman at equityinternal@sgps.ca



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NEWS FROM CFRC 101.9 FM

CFRC exceeds Funding Drive goal of \$18,000 by raising over \$19,500 and still counting! Thank you for supporting, donating, contributing, sponsoring and most of all, listening! We could not have done it without you!

Are you interested in learning some broadcasting and production skills? Would you like a wider audience for your research? CFRC in partnership with the SGPS is offering ten SGPS members the opportunity to produce an audio documentary on their research. Selected participants will be trained on recording and producing audio content as well as how to transform academic writing for a more popular and everyday audience. As a thank you for your time and the documentary you produce, participants will be given a \$200-300 honorarium.

To apply, please submit a 1-2 page proposal outlining your topic for the documentary and ideas for how you might present the content (for example, interviews, music and other elements). It is highly recommended that you propose a project or topic you have already written on and that you think can be addressed in 30 minutes, for example, a conference paper. Applicants will be evaluated on the creativity and radio-friendliness of the proposal and the feasibility of the topic. For more information please contact Chris Trimmer at ctrimmer6@yahoo.com or (613) 533-2121. Please email proposals no later than Friday March 6th. We look forward to your submissions!

This project was made possible through funding from the SGPS, The School of Graduate Studies, The Principal's Office, and The Dean of Student Affairs.

CFRC is recruiting new volunteers! Would you like to host a program, produce content, help promote the station or have something else in mind? Please submit an application no later than Friday March 6th at 4pm to CFRC in the basement of Carruthers Hall. Applications available at www.cfrc.ca.

Do you know how to think through your body? Are you interested in expressing and engaging in politics through art? Join visiting theatre directors, Sanjoy and Sima Ganguly for a "Theatre of the Oppressed" workshop. Workshops are free and will be taking place the weekends of Feb 28 and Mar 1, as well as Mar 14 and 15. To register for a workshop or for more information please visit: www.queensu.ca/devs/theatreoftheoppressed.htm.

TOGETHER FOR TUNAWEZA

A semi-formal evening, organized by the medical students, to raise money for the Pamoja Tunaweza Shelter/Health Clinic in Tanzania. There will be appetizers and desserts, a cash bar, dj Louis Furtado, and a silent auction with all sorts of great items!

When: Friday, Feb. 27th at 7:30

Where: The University Club (on Campus, at 168 Stuart Street) and then free admission to Joy afterwards (if there before midnight).

How much? \$20 before hand, \$25 at the door.

Who? Med students, grad students, nursing students, law students

How to buy tickets? Feb 14th to Feb 25th (<http://www.nenu.net/tunaweza>) or email Meredith at 7mcd@queensu.ca to find out ticket sale times in Botterell Hall.

FEMINIST LEGAL STUDIES QUEEN'S

Announces its first annual workshop on Women, Equality, and Fiscal Policy: Gender Analysis of Taxes, Spending, and Budgets.

As Canada and the rest of the world move more deeply into recession ...

As the federal government continues to ignore women's equality rights ...

As Canada's budgets systematically leave women out ...

How can women best claim their rights to fiscal equality?

Women and men literally live in separate economies. In the women's economy, incomes are low, work is precarious, unpaid work presses constantly, and women cannot 'save' or 'spend' their way out of their situation. In fact, the UN and other international agencies have been telling Canada for years that what equality women have enjoyed in Canada in the past has been deteriorating measurably for at least a decade now.

This workshop is designed to introduce the basics of 'economic equality for women' in the context of Canada's obligations to women under the international Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, Canada's Charter of Rights, and the network of federal and provincial laws and policies that shape women's rights to fiscal equality.

Leading experts from law, economics, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations will speak on everything from what gender inequality is costing Canada as a country to how women can be freed from the 'poverty trap' through responsible gender budgeting and gender-responsive policy formation.

Location: Faculty of Law, Queen's University, 128 Union St., Kingston, Ont.

Date: March 7, 2009, 9 am to 4 pm

Register: Bitu Amani amanib@queensu.ca Kathleen Lahey kal2@post.queensu.ca
Coordinators, Feminist Legal Studies Queen's

Website: <http://femlaw.queensu.ca/events/equalityandfiscalspolicy.html>

TASK FORCE ON CAMPUS RACISM

The Provincial Taskforce on Campus Racism, an initiative of the members of the Canadian Federation of Students, will be holding hearings at Queen's. The purpose of the TaskForce is to document incidents of racism on our campuses, provide a forum for students who are racialised to speak out about their experiences and to communicate to campus communities about the effects of racism in higher education. For more info please contact vpex@sgps.ca

The hearings are safe space and are open to all students, faculty and staff. Written submissions (including anonymous submissions) are also appreciated.

When: Tuesday, March 3rd 5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Where: Policy Studies 202

www.noracism.ca