



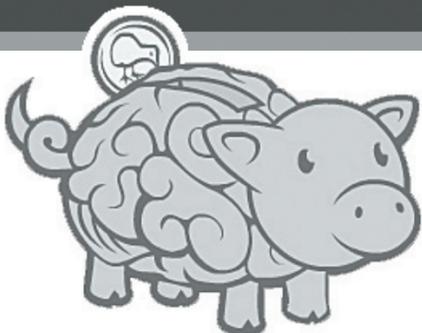
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BANKING ON GREAT IDEAS

Both the MSU and the university have funds to help get your projects off the ground - Andrew explains how to get your hands on them.



It seems that far too many students with great ideas are stalled by a lack of funding. What is even more tragic is the fact that there is funding out there and most students just simply do not know about it. Both the MSU and Student Services have money allocated in their budgets specifically designated for student initiatives, i.e. your chance to get ideas off the ground.

The first and biggest source of funding is administered by the Student Services Committee. This committee is a partnership between the McMaster Students Union and Student Affairs. Together, representatives from both groups for the committee administer funding to projects that promote and encourage student opportunity. McMaster students pay a \$4.07 fee per unit (to a maximum of \$122.10) to Student Services. Of this pool of funds, 16% is allocated to special projects undertaken by Students and the University. Some recent examples

include funding the laptop lending program in Mills Learning Commons, start-up funds for the McMaster Marching band and Queer Students Community Centre library, Off-Campus Experience, and funding for the creation of Bridges Café. For more information on this fund and how students and student groups can apply, please contact MSU President Vishal Tiwari, or the Director of Student Services, Gina Robinson.

There is also another fund that is tailored specifically to help subsidize programs and events. This is known as the Student Service Program Support Fund. Events such as conferences, a lecture series, or cultural shows are great examples of programs facilitated through the Student Service Program Support Fund. As long as you are an undergraduate student of McMaster University, you are eligible to apply for funding from this pool. Students are encouraged to visit the Student Affairs website or contact the office for application forms and more information on application requirements.

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discussed above are constantly in need of good ideas. The money allocated to these accounts is there in support of student initiatives, whether they be event programming or special projects. So please, do not be afraid to apply. All projects and events will - at the very least - be considered.

In addition to these funding options, your very own MSU provides opportunities for special project funding to both MSU Clubs and individual students. First of all, the McMaster Students Union supports one of the largest club systems in the country, with currently over 280 student groups benefiting from the opportunity. Moreover, in addition to the club funding you may be aware of, the MSU also offers club-specific special project funding which is used as a means of support for those groups who need a little extra money to help their members achieve larger projects or goals. The MSU is remarkably proud of our diverse system of clubs, and we are dedicated to making an effort to ensure that clubs who take extra initiative have the proper support. All clubs are encouraged to email the

MSU Clubs Administrator with a proposal for special project funding and all applications will be reviewed for consideration.

Finally, the Executive Board of the MSU, comprised of the Board of Directors, as well as five representatives from the Student Representative Assembly (SRA), dispense funds for sponsorships and donations. This fund is intended to support students in any type of initiative(s) imaginable, from running an event, to developing a new campus or community project, or perhaps attending a conference.

All MSU members are eligible to apply. Simply visit the MSU website at msu.mcmaster.ca, find the tab for Student Government on our header, then look under the Executive Board section to find the application.

There is a lot of money out there, go get it!

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Office of the Deane

Vishal goes one-on-one with McMaster's new President, Dr. Patrick Deane



Since the news broke that Dr. Patrick Deane would be the new President of McMaster University, I've had countless calls from people at the Alma Mater Society at Queens who had nothing but praise for the man of the hour.

Needless to say, I was really interested to meet the person who I'd heard so much about, and got that opportunity at a luncheon after a Board of Governors meeting. Being a student leader, it's really easy to feel small amongst senior administrators and faculty, especially at an event where everyone was eager to exchange a few words with the newly appointed President. But when I approached Dr. Deane, I was pleasantly surprised by his genuine attitude. I understood why some had described his style as inspirational when he spoke to his passion and commitment to the Academy and his excitement about being the next President, in an impromptu speech he gave at the luncheon. His obvious sincerity brings a sense of integrity to the position that has everyone eagerly anticipating his five-year reign, which officially begins on July 1st, 2010. With Dr. Deane's appointment comes the idealistic excitement that the university's financial woes could be eased, but as Dr. Deane warned, things won't change overnight.

Our university markets itself as competitive institution, yet there has been a general sentiment among students and faculty that the Arts are not being adequately funded. With his background in English, Dr. Deane's appointment represents a beacon of hope for the arts community at McMaster. In the very least, Dr. Deane's presence may trigger dialogue with students and faculty about the future of the arts, and what can be done to help stimulate them.

We also hope that the new President can help increase student involvement in policy amendment and ratification. Students were consulted for Reaching Higher 2 (which are discussions regarding post-secondary funding priorities from the government), but are often left out of negotiations surrounding Multi-Year Agreements (how the government will fund universities). We hope that the MSU and the university can work through our advocacy agendas together and that Dr. Deane can help to bridge this relationship.

McMaster University will certainly keep President Deane busy. But with a string of qualifications and an exceptional reputation preceding him, I have no doubt that Dr. Deane will go above and beyond our expectations.

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GULU WALK

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It was 2005 when Adrian Bradbury and Kieran Hayward first heard of the night commuters of northern Uganda. As many as 40,000 children would walk from rural villages into Gulu and other urban areas to avoid abduction by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), who would force them to serve in the country's 22-year war.

From these stories was born GuluWalk, a 31-day night commute where Bradbury and Hayward walked 12.5 kilometers into downtown To-

ronto to sleep in front of city hall, and at sunrise, after about four hours sleep, they would turn around and head home. What began locally has now become a global initiative, raising over \$1 million for children in northern Uganda.

Registration for McMaster's Gulu Walk starts at 11:30 am on Saturday October 24th. The walk starts at 1:00 p.m. at the Mills Plaza outside MUSC, extends to Main St., down to James St. then back up King St. to return to Mac.

STRIKE WATCH

CUPE Local 3906 in a legal position to strike October 31

CUPE Local 3906 at McMaster University met several times last week, with more talks scheduled for October 29 and 30. As it stands, CUPE Local 3906 will be in a legal strike position as of the 31st of October.

In a press release, the Union stated, "the university's package offered graduate TAs another small wage increase but failed to address key issues such as class sizes, benefits funding and the erosion of take home pay."

McMaster University, via the Daily News said, "the University is proposing a two-year contract that would raise hourly rates for graduate TAs and RAs to \$39.30 by the end of the second year. Undergraduate TAs hourly rates would increase to \$22.05 over the same period. University contributions to the union-administered benefits plan would be maintained."

CUPE 3906 represents 2,700 TAs and RAs, along with Sessional Faculty and Post-Doctoral Fellows.

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