



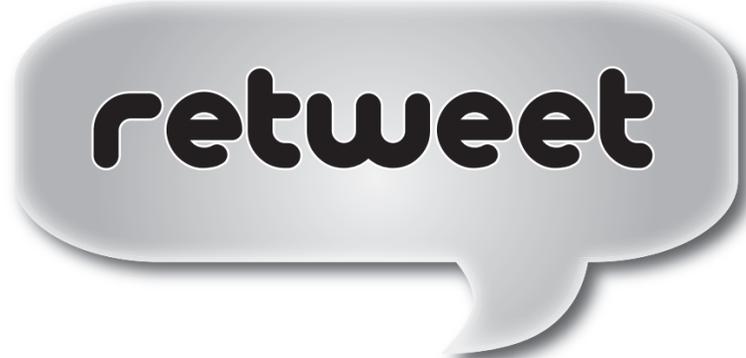
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I AM STILL THE PRESIDENT!



First of all, I would like to offer my most sincere congratulations to Mary Koziol, the winner of the preliminary poll results for the

2010/11 MSU Presidential elections. The results are still preliminary until the appeal period closes, and any appeals submitted within that time are resolved. Mary ran a positive campaign and obviously drew impressive results. As soon as all polling results are confirmed, the President-Elect will finish up the academic year and begin transitioning until she starts her term on May 1st.

I would also like to offer congratulations to all the candidates who ran. Knowing from experience, the campaign period can be a grueling process resulting in a nail-biting ballot count, which unfortunately was an extended nail-bite this year.

Each of the candidates conducted themselves with dignity and diligence, and proved to be more than adequate competition for one another. Much effort goes into campaigning, and unfortunately this effort cannot generate a positive outcome for everyone. Having said that, if you were doing it for the right reasons - for the good of your

fellow students - then President is simply a title and there are opportunities open everywhere on campus to serve the students of McMaster.

I would also like to take this opportunity to plug the fact that I am still President until April 30th! I know, it seems shameless, but that is really not my intent. Often after the elections of their successors, MSU Presidents obtain the stigma of being "lame ducks." Unfortunately, it has also not gone without precedent that some MSU Presidents have let that stigma reflect onto them and as a result they have gotten lax in their adherence to their job, or low in the energy and zeal with which they approach it. This effect has ranged anywhere from a loss of concentration to even outright "phoning it in."

Thus, I pledge to you, the students of McMaster, that I am not, nor will I be until the last minute of April 30th, a "lame duck." I work for you and I assure you that I will continue to do so until the time comes to leave the job in my successor's capable hands. This job means a lot to me and I would view any compromise in that opinion as a compromise on myself.

In one of his frequent moments of casual, inspirational motivation, the General Manager of the MSU, John McGowan, had remarked to me that

"these especially are the months that you do the job for exactly what you were elected for, to do the job." Essentially meaning that though thoughts and focus may be shifting to next year, there is still a here and now that matters more than anything else.

Your Vice-President Education, Chris Martin, Vice-President Finance, Andrew Caterine, Vice-President

Administration, Andrew Richardson and myself, assure you that above anything else, we are here and we are now, and we will continue to be until it no longer is and the months turn to May.

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2010/11 MSU Elections Preliminary Results

Round	1	2	3	4
Alkerton	1151	(+51) 1202	(+210) 1412	(+322) 1734
Eshaghbeigi	658	(+21) 679	x	x
Khan	264	x	x	x
Koziol	1309	(+46) 1355	(+180) 1535	(+332) 1867
Park	779	(+45) 824	(+106) 930	x
Abstain	88	(+101) 189	(+183) 372	(+276) 648
Spoil	116	116	116	116
Total	4365	4365	4365	4365
Total Valid	4161	4060	3877	3601
50% + 1	2082	2031	1940	to win = 1802

The results of the Coke Exclusivity Referendum are in, with students casting 1966 (55.6%) votes in opposition to the renewal of an exclusive contract with Coca-Cola on campus.

YES: 1584 | NO: 1966 | Abstain: 711 | Spoiled: 19
Total Valid Ballots: 3550 | Total Ballots Cast: 4280

Charity begins at home

MSU matches student donations to help Haiti



One of my favourite parts about being a student at McMaster is witnessing the simple acts of kindness.

When a catastrophic earthquake hit Haiti on January 12th, the response of students at McMaster was immediate. Over the past three weeks, McMaster clubs have been actively raising awareness about the devastation in Haiti, followed by an immediate surge of donations whereby close to half a dozen MSU clubs have raised over \$5,000 to donate to Haiti relief. Special recognition goes out to Right to Play, West Indian Students United, Muslim Students Association, Jewish Students Association, First Nations Students Association, African Caribbean Association, GLiTR (Giving Life in the Rural) and of course, all the clubs and students who have been donating individually or raising money collectively. Whether they collected loose change or held bake sales, these students saw a need and dedicated their time and energy to a crisis that will require both immediate and long-term attention.

It's quite an empowering feeling. We are students who are constantly strapped for cash, whether we're paying for tuition, writing the cheque for next month's rent, charging our credit card for food, or just looking for a few

bucks to have a good night. That's what inspires me. These same students are so unbelievably selfless, so willing to donate their hard earned money to a crisis far from home. To help in a crisis situation like this is only second nature to these students. So if our students regularly throw so much passion and energy into humanitarian crises, then what's all this talk about student apathy? I guess McMaster students aren't as apathetic as some might think.

In an effort to support student initiatives, the MSU has decided to donate \$5,000 to the Canadian Red Cross for Haiti Relief. The motion was approved by the Student Representative Assembly (SRA) on Sunday, February 7, and is in special recognition and support of all the time and effort that McMaster students have put into such a worthy cause. Rest in Peace, Student Apathy.

Furthermore, the McMaster Students Union, in partnership with Hospitality Services, will be collecting funds to aid in the ongoing relief efforts. Collection boxes can be found at all Hospitality Services locations, as well as all MSU retail services, including Union Market, Twelve Eighty, Underground Media and Design, Short Stop, House of Games and Compass. If you can, please give generously.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Pangaea

2010
McMASTER'S MULTICULTURAL EVENT

PAVILIONS
McMASTER STUDENT CENTRE
10:30AM to 5:30PM

DAY EVENING
PERFORMANCE PERFORMANCE
CIBC HALL in MUSC CIBC HALL in MUSC
1:00PM to 3:00PM 5:30PM to 7:30PM

*\$10 UNTIL FEB 26

\$12 AT THE DOOR

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INTERNATIONAL BUFFET + ACCESS to PAVILIONS
+ ADMISSION FOR ONE PERFORMANCE