I have two dream jobs. I would either like to be an honorary human member of a lion pride, or the president of a university.

At times I wonder which is more realistic. On the one hand, we have a fictional and almost certainly fatal boyhood dream; on the other, somewhere between a quarter and a half-century long academic expedition.

Despite my unreasonably tangible desire to be a lion, I want to pursue a life in higher education. Why? Because universities breed a magic that I don’t ever want to leave behind for the so-called “real world”. Think about it, these places exist solely to nurture thought. Universities shape critics, comrades, and citizens. How could you ever want to leave?

Perhaps the most admirable thing about an academy like ours is its priority set not on impressing information upon our students, but on entrenching the value of studenthood itself. A place like this recognizes, and indeed relies upon, the fact that there is so much more to learn than what is simply exchanged in the classroom. Therein lies my excitement for the McMaster Students Union (MSU).

The MSU relentlessly advocates for an educational experience that values the human being and not just the pupil. We relentlessly advocate for an educational experience that values the human being and not just the pupil. At the same time, we work tirelessly to bring people together outside of the classroom to achieve a maximized human experience. Be it through a bigger Homecoming, a revamped Frost Week, new models for collecting student input on how money is spent, or a range of other projects, the MSU is an integral part to an integral whole that itself is part of something so much bigger.

Throughout the year, the Board of Directors will use this page to update you on projects and initiatives. I am incredibly excited to share these pages with you, and can only hope that you see how our work aligns with our broader mandate as active members of the university community.