



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Meeting with Administration

Wednesday April 9th 2008

4:30 to 5:30pm in SU 180.

The GSA council will be meeting with the Dean of School of Graduate Studies & Senior University administration to discuss graduate studies at the U of L.

All U of L graduate students are welcome to attend this meeting!

E-mail gsa.pres@uleth.ca

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Grad Student Study Spaces

The School of Graduate Studies has created 20 individual study spaces in the library for graduate students who are in the writing phase of their thesis/dissertation who do not have sufficient space to work. The GSA is taking applications for spaces on a regular basis. For more information or to apply for a space, check out the GSA website www.gsaulethbridge.ca.

GSA List Serve!

The GSA has set up a list serve, gsa-notice-1@uleth.ca.

Please e-mail gsa@uleth.ca if you would like to be added to this list serve.

GSA Contributes \$100 to Bail Dr. Hakin, VP Academic Out of Jail!

Monies were donated to the Cancer Research Society



SGS DEAN'S CORNER



Welcome to the Dean's Corner. In what I hope will be a regular feature, the School of Graduate Studies will provide news about the office activities, program initiatives and upcoming events. Thank you to the GSA for inviting me to contribute to your newsletter.

The past year has been a busy one for the School of Graduate Studies. In November the new study area in the library was completed. This area is managed by the GSA and we are grateful to all the executive members who have taken on this responsibility. In October the School sponsored Nafisa's attendance at the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies meetings in Moncton and at the Western Deans' meetings in Victoria in January. These meetings bring together representatives from across the country with students, deans and administrative staff attending. <in Victoria the challenges for smaller universities was the pressing topic, especially the challenge to fund students>.

Currently we are preparing for the March 1 deadline for new admissions for the M.A., M.Sc. M.Sc. (Mgt.) and Ph.D. programs. The University of Lethbridge, like other Alberta universities, has set aggressive admission targets in our masters' programs for 2008. We are working with U of Alberta and U of Calgary on proposals for more government funding and scholarships. New funds would go a long way to supplement funding that was established this year. A new endowment has been created that will provide funds for fellowships for full time students in the M.Sc. M.A. and Ph.D. programs. The first of these awards will be made in September 2008. We are also excited to receive one-time funds that will provide 8 scholarships for full time M.Sc. and M.A. students, each of \$10,000 over the next three years. In the fall of 2007 the School of Graduate Studies received new funds to assist masters' students, and these have been converted to \$3000 scholarships for full time students in the M.Sc. and M.A. programs. Graduate Studies, in collaboration with the graduate programs, is working very hard - and will continue to do so, to students in this exciting phase of their research.

We are very delighted to announce that Ms. Jennifer Geddes, our M.Sc. alumna from Biological Sciences, has accepted the position of Graduate Liaison Officer. Jennifer will initially be located in the recruitment office. She will soon be meeting with directors and coordinators of graduate programs, department heads and faculty to discuss recruitment needs.

Graduate Studies appreciates the ongoing efforts of all of the graduate faculty, faculty deans, research services, the registrar, and University advancement as together we strive to meet the recruitment and funding challenges we face. We enjoy working in cooperation with the GSA and look forward to meeting your new executive in April.

Jo-Anne Fiske
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

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GSA Social Events

Winter Wine & Cheese

The GSA held a wine and cheese during the first week of the spring semester this year in Galileo's Lounge. The event was well-attended, with over fifty students, supervisors, and administrators present.



Pub Trivia Night

The GSA held its first Pub Trivia Night on February 13. The event attracted several students who wanted to test their knowledge. The event was a success, with several teams participating. Look for more Pub Trivia Nights in the future.



Art Gallery Wine & Cheese

The GSA will be hosting a tour of a new exhibit at the Southern Alberta Art Gallery on Wednesday, March 12. There will also be wine and cheese. All attendees will receive one free drink ticket – additional drinks may be purchased for a fee. RSVP by March 10 to Kelly at kelly.suschinsky@gmail.com or email her for more information.

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Graduate Students' Association 2008-2009 Council Elections

All positions available:

President

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President External

Treasurer

M.A. Representative

M.Sc. Representative

M.Ed. Representative

M.Sc. (Health Science) Representative

Ph.D. Representative

Nominations Open March 10th to 14th

*forms will be available online at <http://people.uleth.ca/~gsa/> March 7th

**all candidates are required to attend an orientation meeting March 14th

Campaigning March 17th to 23rd

Online Voting March 24th to 26th

Come and hear the candidates:

Town Hall March 20th @ 12:30pm to 1:30pm

SU Ballroom A

Gender and Rural Migration Conference

Theme: Realities, Conflict and Change

Venue: Theatre Gallery, Lethbridge Public Library

Time: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Date: March 8, 2008

Registration fee: \$30 (regular)

\$5 (students, refugees, and newly-arrived immigrants)

Lunch and refreshments included

For details contact: Dr. Glenda Bonifacio
Women's Studies, University of Lethbridge

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Phone: 380-1897



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Grad Student Research Lunches

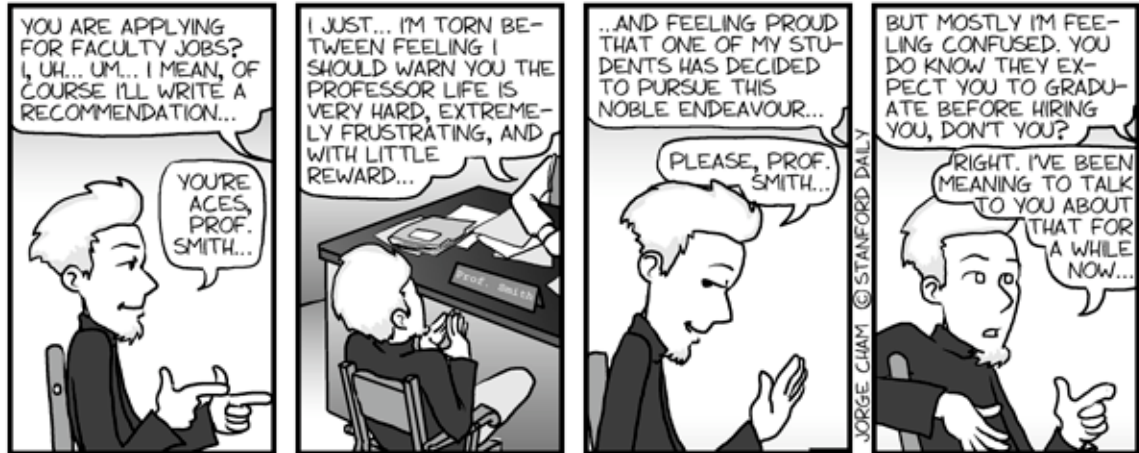
The GSA is organizing biweekly research lunches for grad students to talk about their research with other grad students in a casual environment. These research lunches will be very informal – no power point, no slides, just talking about your research in a way that will be easy to understand for other students who aren't familiar with your work.

These lunches will be held every month (March 4th, 18th and April 1st) in room C756.

Bring your lunch and your ideas – the GSA will provide beverages and cookies.

If you're interested in attending, please email Christina at christina.marcotte@uleth.ca

A Little Humour...



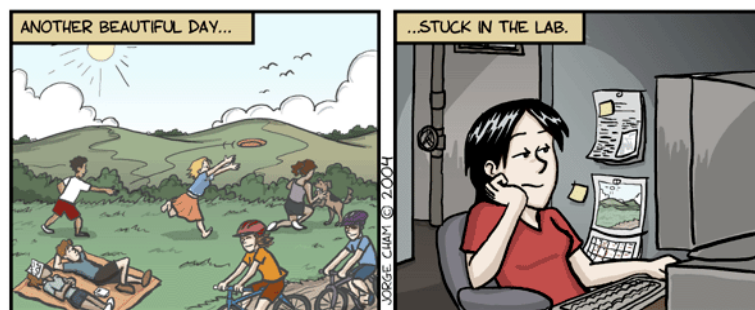
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