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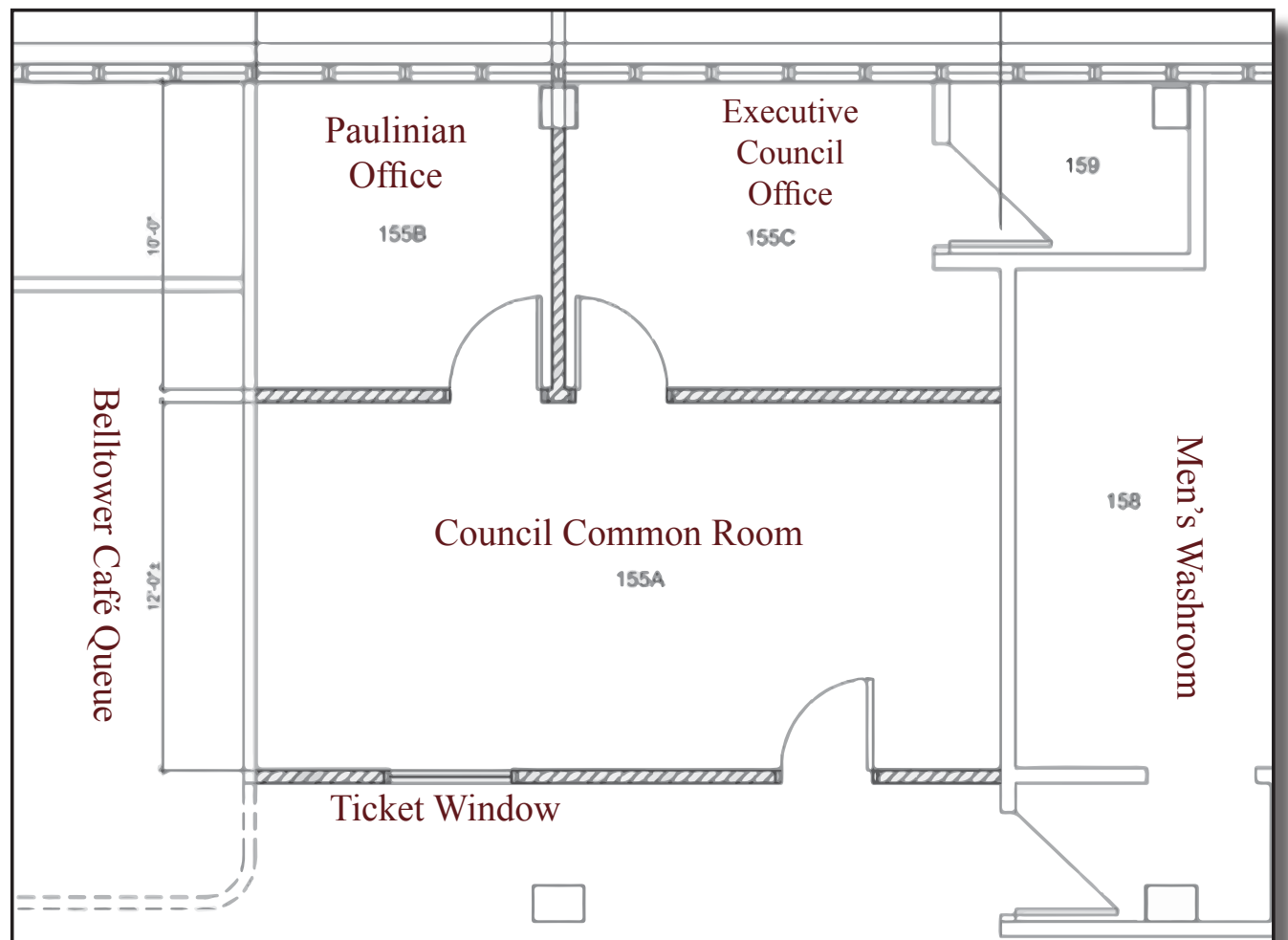
Student Council Office Announced!

Phase 2

Cafeteria Renovations

Construction of new council office in the heart of the Cafeteria:

- Council Common Room
- Executive Office with Archive Room
- Paulinian Office
- Ticket window for event ticket sales and merchandise sales
- Updated HVAC and Electrical



“The new office will improve communication among students, increase the awareness of the SPCSA and their initiatives, and enhance the student experience for all St. Paul’s College students.”

—Jeremy Semchyshyn, Senior Stick



St. Paul’s College Student Association is proud to announce a new student association office will be built in the cafeteria in the near future. Subject to Board of Governors approval it is hoped that construction will begin in September 2017. The new office, which will be constructed where the microwaves currently reside, have been made possible by the combined efforts of the student council, the generosity of numerous donors, and the help of the greater College Community.

The St. Paul’s College Student Association began plans for the construction of the office in the summer, procuring donations from donors, receiving pricing estimates and examining various construction plans. After professional estimations, the cost of the new office space is estimated to be slightly above 80,000\$.

As an investment in the future of St. Paul’s College students and the future St. Paul’s College Students Association, the Student Association looks forward to providing service for the students of St. Paul’s College from an office that allows us to better connect with students in a more immediately visible way.

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Paul’s College Students Association and our numerous endeavors. We look forward to the years ahead of a more visible, more involved Student Association.

Jeremy Semchyshyn
Senior Stick, 2016-2017



Editorial

Neoliberalism and Higher Education

By Braeden Cornick, Editor-in-Chief

In the face of Brexit, Faculty Strikes, and the election of Donald Trump, the confusing plot of society continues to thicken exponentially. While pundits are quick to suggest that simple economic anxiety is the reality behind these events, such a suggestion does not go deep enough. It seems rather that the spectres of Friedrich Hayek, Ronald Reagan, and Margaret Thatcher instead bear the brunt of the blame for current social predicaments. Indeed, it is neoliberalism, so often used as a simple pejorative by the left, that has created the same broken, untenable system that Professors, Republicans and Democrats alike have railed against throughout the course of the 21st century.

A growing social philosophy throughout the 1970s and 1980s, neoliberalism was advocated primarily by Friedrich Hayek, who, in 1960, published *The Constitution of Liberty*, as perhaps the defining text of neoliberalism. Hayek's philosophy contended that competition is the primary characteristic that defines relations between humans. A natural hierarchy of winners and losers, as well as a more generally efficient system would be automatically created through an unregulated, unrestricted, competitive market. Provisions and regulations on this market were thus seen as impediments to true liberty, and an obstruction to the trickle-down of wealth that would inevitably follow. Since Hayek's book, the apparatus and ideology of neoliberalism has so embedded itself in the methods of how laymen approach the economy, so as to be like the diffusion of dye in a glass of water. Indeed, the inseparable nature of competition and human activity has come to dominate modes of economic thought and landed humanity in the current predicaments of alienation, isolation, and excessive individualism.

How then does this insidious ideology manifest itself throughout society? Perhaps the most contentious aspect of President David Barnard's strategic plan for the university came from the implementation of 'performance indicators' placed upon professors throughout the university. Certain quotas of research, publications, and workloads, had to be met as prerequisites for job security. Pitting professors and sessionals against both the clock and each other, Barnard pushed Hayek's notions of competition into the university and attempted to bring the profit/loss logic of the market into the university. This strategy was then followed by attempted deregulation of tuition fees in Manitoba, a tactic that would place more importance on less equitable tuition fees. While there certainly must be some standards met for scholarly job security, the dangerous retrenchment of the university under David Barnard represents a distinct neoliberal threat to the area of higher education and serves only to increase the divides between those who seek higher education and those who could not dream to afford it.

Universities, much like governments, cannot be governed by the Taylorism rules that neoliberalism pushes upon organizations. Sectors of scholarly education are not akin to Smith's Pin Factory, and there is no limit you can push a professor to wherein he will suddenly churn out higher quality work and more efficient students. Rather, much like public health, there are non-economic benefits of university that cannot be labelled with a price. The intrinsically combative and competitive economic mode of thought that neoliberalism advocates extolls only the ruthless businessman, leaving no room for the generous scholar and humanist. Hayek's notion of competition and unregulated markets has succeeded in making society far more efficient, but it has also succeeded in alienating us from the things that make us human. The quicker the shackles of neoliberalism can be cast off, the quicker humanity can turn to each other and heal the divides that neoliberalism has made so evident between us.

Braeden

Braeden Cornick
Paulinian Editor, 2016-2017



Former *Paulinian* Editors and Contributors at the *Paulinian Retrospective Launch*,
November 2016

Campus News

U-Park to Come Soon?

By Nathan Wilson, Contributor

Anyone who drives can relate to the hassle of parking in a busy space. With hundreds of drivers making the commute to the U of M every day, U of M parking spots are among the most highly contested in the city, and the university's parking system is one of the largest in the province. As such, any improvement to the system could make a big difference.

It is possible for any student to submit an idea to the council to be implemented. According to Luigi Imbrogno, the St Paul's College Student's Association UMSU representative, "Any student can make a motion and ask UMSU to do it if it gets enough votes (from council members). Before it can be voted on it has to go to a committee where they'll see if it's legitimate enough to bring to council or not."

Recently, there was a proposal submitted to the governance council outlining a "U-Parking Pass". In a similar fashion to the U-Pass that collects a flat fee from most students tuition in exchange for use of the Winnipeg Transit system, the "U-Parking pass" would allow for everybody to park on campus, and everyone would pay the same amount for the pass.

However, because of the sheer number of potential parkers, the lack of restrictions on who could park where, and other logistical problems, such a system would be impossible to implement, so the council voted against bringing the motion to UMSU.

Have any ideas on how to make the system better? Its very easy to submit a proposal. According to Luigi, "You don't need anything to make a motion other than it being properly worded. On the UMSU website there's a page on how to write and submit a motion." (<https://www.umsu.ca/governance/governing-bodies/council/submitting-motion-umsu-council>)

A Smooth Transition

By Braeden Cornick

After the departure of the College's dearly treasured resident chef Katy Lourdas, fear grew amongst students concerning who would step into Katy's shoes and continue to provide amazing meals and a warm smile on those cold school mornings. Thankfully, those fears have been allayed as Katy's replacement Peter has quickly become a welcome face around the St. Paul's College Cafeteria.

Katy's long and admirable service in the St. Paul's College Cafeteria certainly befitted a proper legacy. Peter and his staffs food, demeanour, and loyalty to the college certainly do honour to the legacy of Katy and all the staff at the Belltower Cafe. Notable changes to the Belltower Cafe include a larger menu, posted notice of weekly lunch specials, and some healthier choices.

The staff of the Paulinian, the students and faculty of St. Paul's College, and all visitors to the Belltower Cafe thank Peter and his staff for their continued service to the customers of the Cafe and look forward to the continued top-notch service from the staff of the Belltower Cafe.



SPCSA Elections!

Interested in a position in the St. Paul's College Student Association? Gain acknowledgement from 25 SPC members before March 10th to run in the upcoming SPCSA elections.

Nomination Week: March 6-10

Campaign Week: March 20-22

Voting Days: March 23-24

Visit @SPCSA on instagram to learn more

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Need to Know Basis

Ask St. Paul!



Have you ever wondered how the namesake of St. Paul's College, Paul the Apostle, would answer pressing relationship questions for young Christians today? Well, he did the same thing 2000 years ago for new Roman and Greek Christians. Lately, St. Paul's has changed his medium: instead of writing long letters to his followers, he has agreed to write an advice column for The Paulinian.

1. I have a crush on a guy who is significantly shorter than I am. I want to date him, but my friends are making fun of me. What Should I do?

—Skyscraper Sally

“The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord. (Isaiah 65:25)

2. This girl that I've had a crush on in my class, “liked” one of my instagram posts from a few months back, and then quickly “unliked”. I think she may have a crush on me. What do you think?

—Overthinking it

“The wicked spies upon the righteous and seeks to kill him.” – Psalm 37:32

3. I was halfway through my Science degree when I realized it was not what I wanted to do. I am starting a new degree, but I am worried that I am not going through University at the same pace as my friends. What should I do?

—Fresh Start

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:18-19)

4. I just bought a new car but now I am thinking it was a bad idea as I can't afford my rental payments. Should I return the car or move back in with my parents?

- Potential regrets

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” - Matthew 6:19-20

5. I am afraid that there are monsters under my bed. Every night when I go to sleep my lights flicker on and off and the chains in my attic rattle. Should I see a specialist? Help me get over my fear.

- Jumpy Jason

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” - Peter 5:8

6. Dear St. Paul, I am concerned with what farming techniques to use once the snow clears and I have to plow my field. Do I plow with my ox or my donkey? Or both?

- Farmer Fred

“You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.” - Deuteronomy 22:10

Have questions you would like to ask the patron of the College? Email St. Paul at SaulTarsus007@RoadtoDamascus.Hotmail.Com for all your spiritual needs.

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EPISODE IV

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2017 12-4 PM
18+ EVENT - ID REQUIRED - FREE ADMISSION & PIZZA