Better to Give Than Receive: Donating Blood

Photo credit Nathan MacKith.

BU students roll up their sleeves to give back some sanguine sustenance to the community

NO, THIS IS not about vampires. It is about their food source, though, and how on October 28th, 2015 a blood-typing and stem cell swabbing event was held at Brandon University. Canadian Blood Services Event Co-ordinator Mike Choi said that the event exceeded expectations with a whopping 81 people blood-typed, 49 stem cell swabs performed, and 32 appointments made for the upcoming November 10th blood drive. Mike attributes the success to volunteers who “were quick learners, friendly, and professional.”

The November 10th blood drive is being held to support BU Bobcat Donovan Gayle who was diagnosed with leukemia two years ago. Until three weeks ago, Gayle had been in remission after a successful stem cell transplant he received from his sister. He has since then relapsed and is currently receiving treatments for his condition in Winnipeg.

“It can take up to eight donors a week to help someone with leukemia and up to five donors to help someone undergoing cancer treatment,” says Tracy Smith, Canadian Blood Services’ Director of Donor Relations for Manitoba, Northeastern Ontario and Nunavut. “We’re asking new and returning donors to make an appointment to donate blood to return our national inventory to an optimal level.”

You can book online at blood.ca, by downloading the GiveBlood app or by calling 1-888-2DONATE.” ✉️
Building Dialogue: Sexual Assault
and what you can do...

ALEX MURRAY, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

IN RECENT MONTHS and years sexual assaults on campus have led to many universities instituting new policies to combat this trend. Some have been successful, others, less so. Sexual assault is an issue for all post-secondary institutions including BU, whether there are reports or not as research in this area indicates that significant portion of sexual assaults go unreported.

Although small, BU is doing its own part to make the campus safer for everyone. Tom Brophy, our Associate VP Student Services and University Registrar, spoke to The Quill about our school’s various movements to ensure a safe environment. “We have really started upping our promotion and awareness of the problem, as it is a topic area that is really growing in post-secondary environments.” They have done this with their Yes means Yes campaign, and the Consent is Sexy session at Orientation as well as directly talking about sexual assault at a Town Hall Meeting with all RA’s in residence at the beginning of the year. There were also specific sessions during orientation to get the word out to the student population.

There are support networks in place to help victims of sexual assault or violence. Because our school is not as big as some other institutions, we do not have as many types of resources to draw from so many of our supports are provided by the surrounding community. These include the Prairie Mountain Health and the Brandon Police Service, which have sexual assault kits ready for testing. BU’s counselors are ready as the next step to handle these sensitive and traumatizing situations. They can act as a medium between the school and the resources in the broader community.

There are no time restrictions to report a sexual assault and the staff there are ready to give confidential help at any time. This can also include legal help or linking with outside organizations.

Brandon University has policies in place for sexual assaults on campus. The Violence Policy, Harrassment Policy, Respectful Workplace Policy and our Students Rights and Responsibilities both all broadly deal with sexual assault on campus. Brophy reported “Our school is also developing new policies, resources and protocols specifically to handle sexual assault.” The policies are currently being formed as information is gathered from other universities to see what works and developing the initial steps to enact these measures. We are also sending staff off to participate in Sexual Assault Bystander Training in November. This program will be provided to faculty, staff and students to empower awareness of potential signs of sexual assault and how to safely intervene. It is improve what the school does and how it can react.

“We take reports of sexual violence very seriously,” Reported Brophy. No one should be afraid to come forward if they have been assaulted, sexual or otherwise. If you need to speak with a counselor about sexual assault or otherwise please contact the Personal Counselling, Student Services office at 727-9739 or 727-9789, Campus Security at 727-9700, RAs at 724-2263 the Brandon Police Service at 204-729-2345, the YWCA Westman Women’s Shelter (24 hour crisis line) at 204-727-3644, the Clinic 24 Hours Crisis Line at 1-888-292-7565 or the Women’s Resource Centre at 1-866-255-4432. You are never alone.

SUCCESS 1: HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED

HOLLY KALYNIUK, ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This fall student Services introduced a soft launch of a new transitional admission program called Success 1, which will assist new students in succeeding at the university level. In fall 2016, Success 1 will be mandatory for all students who require assistance in adjusting to university.

Directed towards students enrolled in the Arts, Science, and Bachelor of Physi,

tical Education Studies programs, Success 1 offers academic advising, one-on-one guidance sessions, and free workshops for participating students. Success 1 also aims to help students foster seven principles for success: personal validation, self-efficacy, sense of purpose, active involvement, reflective thinking, social integration, and self-awareness. “It is hoped that Success 1 students will build a connection with the university and its resources,” said Director of Student Recruitment and Retention Katie Gross, “allowing them to have the best chance of success.”

Success 1 targets students who sustained a high school average below 70%, missed or achieved less than 60% in Grade 11 or 12, English, graduated with a Grade 12 G.E.D. or an equivalent, or have fewer than 5 courses at the S academic level. The program will also provide additional support for probation students waiting to complete 24 credit hours as well as any other students who desire to opt-in.

Success 1 also fosters the development of some of the goals of BU’s Academic Plan by supporting excellence in student experience and academic success, encouraging student retention, and promoting principles of diversity and inclusive education. Following the soft launch earlier this fall, Success 1 is working with over 30 students. 2016. For more information, visit: https://www.brandonu.ca/future-students/.

THE CAP MEETING

MICHAEL HENRY, REPORTER

The CAP meeting is essentially a gathering of people from the multiple departments around campus, where they deliberate on issues or changes done on campus, be it policy or what the main focus of this meeting was: the calendar. What is meant by “the calendar” is the document that lists everything that one person may need to know about the university. The bulk of the meeting was discussion of approval for changes to the calendar, these changes did not entail a change of policy; but the way information was distributed through the document or “reconstructed”. The purpose of these alterations was to help improve its functionality, to make it more “user friendly” for staff and students alike. No one should be alarmed about this, most of the changes entailed the removal of policy that was repeated multiple times without the removal of said policy, the renaming of sections for better description.

BUSU By-Whatever

ARIELE KEHLER, BUREAUCRACY CORRESPONDENT

As previously reported by The Quill, the By-Election candidates ran alone in their categories, and therefore the risk of apathy was high. With only 84 of Brandon University’s approximately 3,100 students voting (that’s only about 2.7%), it seems that our predictions were correct.

Voting for the BUSU By-Election took place on October 21st and 22nd. Each candidate was approved for the category he or she was nominated for, making it a successful By-Election in that regard.

If you didn’t vote, perhaps send your friendly neighborhood BUSU suggestions for the next By-Election about how they could make it more accessible. Remember, our representatives speak for us to BUSU and to the Senate. Your vote makes a difference to the changes in our campus.
Bobcat Soccer Updates
Bobcats Proudly Representing At The Championship

Robert Killam III, senior sports reporter

The Men and Women’s soccer teams played last weekend on October 24th and 25th, when they competed in the Manitoba Colleges Athletic Conference for the championship. What a contest it proved to be with close games taking the men to the semifinals and bringing the women all the way to the finals.

Brandon’s soccer teams played proudly and scored many goals throughout the course of the weekend and had a truly great year putting Brandon on the map as a force to be reckoned with.

The women’s team played great on Saturday as they did in the semifinals where they faced off with the CMU Blazers. Our women won the contest, bringing them to the top prize of competing in the finals for the MCAC championship.

Both goals in the girls’ game against the Blazers came from all-star Jaycee Castle. Other all-stars of the match included Brandon’s spectacular keeper Natasha Rupa and hard working midfielder Aziza Kinnarath.

In the lady’s final game for the championship they faced a tough loss to the Red River Rebels, only losing by one in a 2 -1 match. The women had been up and winning for the first 82 minutes of game play but couldn’t quite hold their lead as the Rebels took 1 goal and then the next securing their win.

Although obviously disappointed about losing the big final match, head coach Schira must have been proud of his team, as they improved all season and conquered mountains to get them through to the finals. Alas Red River’s winning streak remains undefeated but hopefully with this push into their comfort zone, the Rebels will realize they are not the only contenders for the championship and Brandon will only come back next year, more fierce and ready.

The men’s team played a strong game on Saturday as they lost in the semi-finals to the CMU Blazers. A close match where the final score was 4 - 3 in favour of their opponents, the men’s season came grinding to a stop as top team CMU marched onto the finals.

Goals for the men were scored by Prince Okai and Osian Edwards. The men’s team had a strong season and worked hard to achieve the amount of victories and successes they did. The MCAC all-stars of the semifinal game were home grown midfielders Osian Edwards and Taylor Blue.

The men’s team can only grow from their experience and have many more years to come and build up a powerful team to challenge even the most veteran of opponents.

Brandon’s soccer teams played some truly great games this year that were filled with intensity, joy, anxiousness, and heartbreak but a great season played by the Bobcats.

Way to make us proud athletes, well done men and congratulations on the silver medal ladies.

For any post season information you can check out the weekly newspaper, the Quill or go to the Bobcats website at www.gobobcats.com. Great season guys! Can not wait to write about you guys playing the best sport in the world again next year. Cheers! §
**Putting BU on the Map: Christopher Schneider**

Teaching the police a lesson...

**Michael Henry, reporter**

Dr. Christopher Schneider, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, he is a new and interesting addition to the staff of Brandon University, a number of rumors of his classes have gone around the campus, and we’ve yet to hear of one negative in nature.

It is important to mention this because this week, Dr. Schneider will be attending an important event by invite in British Columbia, the BCLDEN (B.C. Law Enforcement Diversity Network). Paraphrasing Dr. Schneider, “this is a network of police organizations within B.C. that hold a yearly forum that has a different theme every year that, in part, is meant to educate law enforcement in B.C. about things pertinent to law enforcement”. What’s great about this, is that with the role Dr. Schneider has as a keynote speaker, the information that he will be presenting is essentially attached to the university, this helps gain notoriety for the campus outside the province. It helps to potentially have people see the great staff and all the different research done in all the different departments.

It should be noted that Dr. Schneider is not, “working with the police” he is simply providing evidence from his research that the police can then take from it what they will. The research that Dr. Schneider will be presenting is from a book that he has written that’s coming out in 2016 and it “addresses how social media changes police work. Particularly Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.” The information that he will present is what other police organizations have done with social media to reach out to communities that have difficulties trusting police.

The influence of social media has created a generally negative perception of police. The idea is to regain trust in the police organizations through social media, and ways to respond to it, an example would be when an officer is being recorded during an arrest.

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**Game Review: Onechanbara ZII: Chaos**

**Genre: Action, Adventure, Fanservice**

**Chelsea Ven, Buga**

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This game holds nothing back and gives exactly what you came for: senseless gore and dat sweet T&A that only Japanese developers can deliver on. Sure, someone may look at this game and call it sexist, but I found this game to be empowering as a female! “Look at me, I’m a sexy demon slayer with hidden secret powers! The fact that I can do all this zombie slaying AND look good in a bikini?” I wish!

At this point in the series’ “storyline”, sister pairs Aya and Saki, and Kagura and Saaya, belong to different feuding clans. This is actually the first game that brings all four Chanbara girls together for an ultimate gore-filled fun-fest! First, the “Baneful Blood” clan, is led by Sakai teamed with sister Aya in bringing peace to the world by eliminating its somewhat random population of undead. The other clan, “The Vampiric” clan, with members Kagura and Saaya, exists for much the same reason. The difference? They happen to be rivals!

Onechanbara Z never saw a North American release, so unless you have imported it you’ll notice a game missing between ZII and the previous localized entries for the 360 and Wii. Thankfully, ZII goes into detail about the story line that was missed. In short, the two clans were pitted against each other by the antagonist, hoping they would destroy one another. Realizing the master plan, we now start where Z ended... working together to defeat a common enemy!

Now so that we’ve got all you need to know about the story aside, let’s look at the gameplay! In comparison to the previous Onechanbara games, the combat feels a lot more fluid. It’s now easier to switch between other characters, even in the middle of combos, giving combo chains endless possibilities! However, there are small problems during combat, including wonky camera angles, and the stupidity of some enemy bosses leaving you feeling more like clean-up crew than a world-class demon hunter. The difficulty of boss fights jumps between either ridiculously hard or stupidly easy, thanks to the AI. (Or, sometimes, lack thereof.) However, you get to choose between the four characters to play as, and can even control them all at the same time! Plus, the switch between them is virtually seamless.

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**Game Review: Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain - Part 4**

**Developer: Kojima Productions**

**Trevor "T-Danny" Ven, Buga**

Wolves, tanks, and giant mechanized bipedal infantry – oh my! It seems the Soviets have gotten sick of their men being “spirited away,” and have stepped up their game – now I face heavy-armored infantry with shotguns, soldiers with A+ and higher ratings, snipers, and various armoured vehicles armed with heavy weaponry. More stuff I can Fulton, hurray!

Luckily for me, I’m now accompanied by DD, that wolf pup I rescued back in part 2 of this review series. He’s fully grown, and provides a number of excellent supports in the battlefield. DD is able to sniff out nearby enemies and wild animals, marking their locations as they come within range. He will also mark medicinal plants on the map as we pass by, and at greater range than the intel team has up to this point. He can also be commanded to distract and attack enemies, and can be equipped with armor and weapons to help him fight.

I’ve also unlocked the combat unit, which allows me to send troops from Mother Base into warzones to work for GMP and recover resources, blueprints, recruits, and other various items. However, doing so has the risk of your soldiers dying, which made me sad at first. But now, after having reached the cap of 700 troops, I’ve found myself having to dismiss troops anyways.

I’ve also finally encountered an actual Metal Gear within the game. Being at least five storeys high, I was expected to run and hide from the damn thing while carrying my crippled mission target on my back. Any time I’d get spotted, the damn mecha wouldn’t stop patrolling the area it saw me near, and the ability to destroy boulders with the spike on its arm made it difficult to find good hiding spots. After about half an hour, I just made a mad dash in a direction until I could hide long enough for it to leave me the hell alone.

At least beating that mission gave me the chance to finally leave Afghanistan and move on to different scenery.

Unfortunately, I don’t think I’m going to finish this game before the final part of my review. 13 missions in at around 100 hours of gameplay, I’m only 24% complete. And I know the game has 50 main missions, with 150 side ops, and a number of other collectibles to find. This game is freaking huge, and although a lot of the missions have you doing the same things over and over, even with future missions being harder replays of previous missions, the game also introduces new ways for you to go about doing them, and the gameplay is fun enough that you don’t really mind so much.

Stay tuned for part 5, the final stage of this long review, as I venture out into the newly unlocked regions of South Africa!

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Dear Quentin,

This is the most important question you will ever answer. What is your house?

Ariele K.

Dear Ariele,

House? If you are speaking of where I live, then I would have to only say that I live in the University, trapped here until that curse is lifted. I kind of just sidle from area to area as maintenance jumps back and forth between hunting me down and cleaning up my various experiments. Too bad for them, I have a mole on the inside that informs me when a raid is about to happen. So I hop faculty to faculty, like a twenty year old whose parents told to go to University but doesn’t know what they want to do with their life.

House is a big word. Big as itself I suspect. It can mean any number of things. Perhaps you meant to ask me what House I was a part of in my younger days at boarding school. If that’s what you meant, then I was a part of House Foxplenty, the house known for its high degree of intelligence and almost zero ambition. For which I would be proud to be a part of but that would require me to keep up with the others, or do something with my life. Which I won’t.

I also hear tell that there is a music of the same name. But I will ignore this. The only music I listen to anymore is Gregorian Chants. I find them soothing.

Quentin ‘Foxplenty’ Quill

Quentin Quill is an 18th century time traveler trapped in BU. He has not yet declared a major or even attended class in the last several months. He is not technically homeless because of an ancient hospitality clause he used when Dr. Fearon gave him some bread.

O’Bitch’uary

“Bananas”

Ex. That movie was bananas! Contrary to what you may believe, that (insert mind-blowing whatever here) was very likely just (insert same mind-blowing whatever here) and not actually a yellow fruit. Just consider if it were actually a banana. Yes, I’ll let that sink in. It’s ridiculousness. The one and only thing that may be bananas is “that shit”.

EMILY & MARIA: SPRING BAKING

BY: DAKOTA BICKLEIER

BUSINESS DRAGON: EVERY-TIME

BY: DAKOTA BICKLEIER

The Department for Efficiency Standards wants YOU to...

- stop sleeping
- forget to eat
- ignore loved ones
- sacrifice your health

Get Back to Work

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PLATFORM: PS4

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DEVELOPER: KOJIMA PRODUCTIONS

PLATFORMS: PS3, PS4, X360, XOne, PC

RATING: 5 / 5 (pending)
PRESS RELEASE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Postcards of Positivity

BRANDY ROBERTSON, WRC

IN HONOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Awareness Month, The Women's Resource Centre is launching the second annual Postcards of Positivity project.

Art materials will be available throughout the month of November during The Women's Resource Centre's business hours. Members of the community are invited to create postcards to send words of resiliency and support to women using services at Women's Resource Centres and Shelters across Manitoba.

"Last year we sent out 174 postcards to Women's Resource Centres and Shelters throughout the province," project organizer, Ashley Heinrichs said. "This year we're hoping to top that."

The Canadian Women's Foundation reports that half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of sixteen. On average, every six days a woman is killed by her intimate partner.

Each year, over 40,000 arrests result from domestic violence – about 12% of all violent crime in Canada and since only about 22% of all incidents are reported to police, the actual number is much higher. Less than 10% of all sexual assaults are reported to police.

On any given day in Canada, more than 3,300 women and their 3,000 children are forced to sleep in emergency shelters to escape domestic violence. Every night, about 200 women are turned away because the shelters are full.

"In 2015 it would be nice to be able to say that there is no longer a need to bring awareness to the realities of domestic violence, but sadly that is just not the case," said Brandey Robertson, Executive Director of The Women's Resource Centre. "Postcards of Positivity is an easy way to acknowledge the ongoing need for domestic violence awareness and, even more importantly, a simple way to express support and kindness to women effected by it."

BU STUDENT CLUBS IN NEED OF SPACE

Can some vacant rooms on campus be the answer?

LOGAN PRAZNIK, REPORTER

THE WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE has re- mains defiant since the start of the year, and its absence, and therefore vacant office space on the second floor of the Knowles-Douglas Centre, leave questions as to its purpose. However, Nicolas Brown of BUSU had this to say, "According to the books, the Women's Collective will always be an entity, even without members."

While it is unknown exactly how many clubs on the BU campus are lacking in space to host events and store supplies, one confirmed example of this issue is the Brandon University Gaming Association. In the 2013-14 academic year, BUGA operated out of the BitCave, Brandon University's computer lab for third-year and above Computer Science students. At the time, the relatively small room was adequate for its member base at the time of roughly a dozen, but with a surge in membership, the club continually found itself "in need of a club space for more than a year now, and has been trying to get it for at least as long," claimed BUGA president Jacob Wolfe in an interview. For now, club events largely take place in the basement cafeteria of McMaster Hall where Charlie Biggs once operated, and have been promised a shared room with the Varsity Christian Fellowship on the top floor of the Knowles-Douglas Centre, which can fit their storage needs. However, an ideal space, said Wolfe, would be one they can also use "as a regular hangout for members between classes and as a location to host weekly events." Wolfe could not personally name any clubs facing the same predicament, but speculated, "given the number of clubs on campus and the overall lack of space for them, I'm sure somebody else must be having a similar issue."

However, BUGA may have one factor in its space issues that other clubs may not: its size. Currently, the club boasts a membership of at least 40, with several more signed up. "The current BUSU has been helpful to us," emphasized Wolfe, "but I now believe that there just isn't room on campus to permanently host a club of this size." The other, potentially smaller clubs without a space to operate in could, however, be able to make use of a small office.

That office will not be the Women's Collective, however. According to BUSU once they have a boost in membership, they will be back in business.

This leaves newly formed clubs, or not as organized clubs left with the scraps. While there are spaces left to book they aren't consistent. And odds are that any space left over isn't going to work well for your club. Due to the lack of any other option on campus for students to book, you might want to consider just meeting in Forbidden Flavours (unless it's a super secret club).

STUDENT GROUP SPACE HARD TO BOOK

Lack of space is troubling to students

ASHLYN PEARCE, COPY EDITOR

ARE YOU a recently formed club looking to book a space to hold regular meetings? You are? Well I wish you the best of luck.

As was recently brought to The Quill's attention, it is nigh impossible to find such a space at this time of year. Some of the spaces that are available to students for these and similar purposes include the Elephant Room (run by BUSU), McMaster Meeting Rooms A and B (run by Ancillary Services), and the Louis Riel Room (also run by Ancillary Services). However the available time slots for these areas get booked really fast.

It's relatively easy to book one of these spaces. To book the Elephant Room you need to sign a booking contract and disclose the purpose that the room will be used for. To book any room through Ancillary Services you need to again, disclose the nature of why you need the room, and provide your name. For either space it is free to book/use so long as you are a BU student.

The trouble is finding a day and time that works both for you and your club, and that is also free. Most of the already established clubs will come in within the first two weeks of classes and book an entire semester of meetings (this could be weekly, biweekly, or monthly). It is even possible to book earlier than that if you so desire (perhaps you have a really highly coveted time slot in mind) to book these areas during the Summer as both offices are open for business.

MAHLERFEST: MULTITUDES OF MAYHEM

A collaboration with orchestras from BU and U of M

HOLLY KALNYN, ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

ON THE EVENING that a Liberal majority government began leading out country, two Manitoban universities also made history.

For the first time ever, Brandon University Orchestra and University of Manitoba Symphony Orchestra collaborated in a performance, bringing the symphony Gustav Mahler to the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium on Monday, October 19th.

After doors closed around 7:30 PM, representatives from both BU and U of M, including BU's Dr. Colette Simonot and Dr. Pat Carrabrè and U of M's Julian Pellicano, introduced the performance with information on both the piece and the performer's significance.

Over 80 young musicians hit the stage around 8:00 PM to bring Mahler's Symphony #1 in D major to life. Conducted by the lively Pellicano, the orchestra entertained over 150 people, bringing the delighted crowd to their feet for a standing ovation following the performance.

Motion 2, BU's next Pro Series, commences on Sunday, November 1st at 3:00 PM at the Lorne Watson Recital Hall.
S O Y O U ' V E S U R V I V E D Halloween. What's next on your agenda?

November 6th: The campus walk-in clinic is open from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM in the HLC. No appointment is necessary, please have your Manitoba Health Card with you.

November 6th: The Bobcats basketball teams are playing the U of R Cougars in the HLC. The women play at 6:00 PM and the men at 8:00 PM.

November 6th: Kenny Shields of Streetheart is playing at The 40 (210 18th St N), for more info see The40.ca.

November 7th: A Boxing For Women workshop will be held at the Brandon Boxing Club (545 Pacific Ave). Cost is $5 per person. The workshop will run from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM with healthy snacks and beverages provided afterwards. For more info contact 204-922-3515 or flettor@brandonu.ca.

November 7th: Holiday Magic will be taking place at the Shoppers Mall. The mall will be closed from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM, and you can only get in by purchasing a $5 ticket. At this time there will be various sales at the stores in the mall. Tickets can be bought in advance at the mall’s Guest Services, or at the door.

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November 7th-8th: The Wheat City Carvers will be putting on their yearly show and competition at the WMCA (205 20th St). The event will feature wood carving of all skill levels from many geographical regions. Spectators are welcome. Event is slated to run from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, admission is $3 at the door. For more info see wheatcitycarvers.ca or 204-764-2116.

November 10th: Platinum Blonde is playing at The 40 (210 18th St N), for more info see The40.ca.

November 11th: A Te Deum Remembrance Day concert will be held at St. Matthew’s Cathedral (403 13th St) at 3:00 PM featuring war-time songs.

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November 13th: The Moscow Ballet will be performing the Great Russian Nutcracker at the WMCA (205 20th St). The show is a Christmas tradition to bring in the holiday season, suitable for all ages. Start time is 7:00 PM, tickets range in cost from $47 to $67. For more info see wmca.ca or 204-728-9510.

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GLOBAL VIEW: MARK Klapheke

Get cultured

CLAIRE SONG, COLUMNIST/TRAVELER

I HAD THE great pleasure of interviewing Mark Klapheke about his travels and here are some reasons to get out there.

The Quill: You seem to have very interesting experiences all over the world. Can you please provide a brief description of yourself?

Mark Klapheke: When I think about the amount of variance I’ve had in my life with the places I’ve lived and the people I’ve met, when I look back on them, it’s so different from my life now that it seems like it happened to another person. I might have been in the city office 3 years ago to pay my taxes in Japan. Now, I’m a second degree fourth year geology major and president of the Geology Club. I’ve lived in Canada the last 2 years. Before that I lived in Japan for over 7 years and before that I lived in South Korea for the second time for about a year. I am a 4th year geology major, I’d have to really think about that one. Right now I’m a fourth year geology student and Geology Club president who is doing a thesis with an x-ray gun to correlate well logs by their chemistry. I am from Louisville, Kentucky but haven’t lived in the US for over 10 years. People in Brandon always seem slightly disappointed that I don’t have a southern twang but to be totally honest I’m guilty of adopting a local accent.

I’ve been in Canada the last 2 years, I was in Japan for just over 7 years before that where I taught English in public schools and married my wife and before that I was in South Korea for a year, living there for the second time.

Before that I graduated from a university in Canada in 2005 with B.A. in economics and studied abroad at Keimyung University in Korea where I took my first trip outside of N. America to study Tae-kwondo.

I suppose we are all the sum of our experiences and so I can only say that I think I am a very curious person. I’ve found things that I like about all of the places I’ve been and I’ve tried to adopt those things. I’ve also seen conditions that make me grateful for the peace and prosperity that exists in Canada including crossing the border with N. Korea at the U.N. Joint Security Area and having a car bomb go off outside of a place I was staying at in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. I have been extraordinarily fortunate.

TQ: I heard you experienced student life in Asia, What stood out for you when comparing your student life experience in Asia (or specifically in Korea) and Canada? (for example, Korean students tend to get drunk even in school day..language differences.. etc.)

MK: What is your perspective of general school life in Asia? It would be interesting perspective since you were born and grown up in Westernized culture.

MK: I find being an American abroad has it’s own challenges. I find myself from time to time explaining that I was not invited to any of the meetings where the US government made any of their domestic or international policy decisions.

MK: I’ve been guilty of wearing a Canadian t-shirt when violent protests were happening against the US in South Korea. On the other hand, I’ve met Canadians abroad that had had a bit too much to drink (read way to much) and tell everyone they’re American, so I guess it works both ways. It’s easy to focus on the bad but everywhere I’ve ever been, people are overwhelming kind and just trying to live up to their own definitions of success. A different point of view is often a humbling experience. It’s easy to forget that through all our differences that most of us just want to be happy.

My experience in Canada has been amazing. I have to remind myself constantly, even after 2 years, that people here really are that kind and stop questioning their motives as anything other than genuine.

Student life between countries is quite different. In both Korea and Japan, east Asia in general, I felt people learned a lot more by rote memorization and that individually everyone was uniquely themselves but together, as a group, there was one mind.

The best way I can describe it is almost like a shared opinion that everyone understood because they were Korean or because they were Japanese.

This group think had very real implications on how you spoke to and treated others that heavily relied on hierarchy due to age or position or relationship between people. People tend to be more conservative and history is very important. A sly remark could still get you pulled out of the classroom by your collar if your teacher though you deserved it but
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