



annual report
2007 - 2008



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The SA MacEwan

Through advocacy and support, the Students' Association of Grant MacEwan College provides opportunities that advance student success. The representation the Students' Association provides ensures the strongest possible voice for the students of Grant MacEwan College. During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, SA MacEwan represented all students at Grant MacEwan College, with the vision of Success for Students.

The Students' Association provides a complete health and dental plan, speaks for students at the college's Board of Governors, and provides excellent entertainment events and services for students on all MacEwan campuses (City Centre, South Campus, Centre for the Arts & Communications and Alberta College) The association also provides key services such as Safe Walk, Peer Support, Global Projects, SWAT (Social Wellness Awareness Team), Project HOPE and our in-house charity Adopt-A-Family. These award-winning services are available to all MacEwan students. The association also offers a full host of online registries for student needs (tutor, housing, used text books, typist, carpool, volunteer and job, and classified). Included in our services are the weekly newspaper Intercamp, that's produced from September to April and our annual handbook and student organizer, the Interpreter, given to students at the start of the school year, and the Intercom newsletter published monthly September to March. All publications are available free of charge to students.

SA MacEwan is comprised of a governance component with elected students making up Executive Council (President, VP Operations and Finance, VP Academic and VP Campus Life) and Students' Council (12 students; eight City Centre, two Centre for the Arts & Communications and two South Campus).

Students' Council

The elected Students' Council is the highest governing body of the Students' Association. Consisting of the four elected full-time executive students and 12 elected student representatives, the council is responsible for guiding the Students' Association, setting its goals, and measuring its success.

The Students' Council sets a \$1.8M operating budget, writes policy that guides full and part-time staff and hundreds of volunteers, and monitors the performance of the elected executives. Each October, eight council members are elected from the City Centre Campus, and two each from the Centre for the Arts & Communications and South Campus. Each of these council members is a full-time student. Students' Council meets bi-weekly during the school year, and its full-time student members also participate in various committees and working groups throughout the year.

Executive Council

The four executive members of the Students' Council are elected each winter and hold a minimum of 35 office hours a week, and must take at least one course per semester. With the Students' Association's General Manager, the four Executive members (President, Vice President Operations and Finance, Vice President Academic and Vice President Student Life) make up the Executive Council, which is responsible for giving SA MacEwan vision and direction, supported by the full and part-time staff members, the executive initiate projects and manage the logistical and financial operations of the SA.

Full-time and part-time staff, and volunteers report to the Executive and Students' Council through the General Manager.

Staff Listing

Students' Council

Jen Chaba, Councillor CCC
Joel Chapman, Councillor CCC
Chris Buchholz, Councillor CCC
Jamie Fraleigh, Councillor CCC
Oleg Bogatyrevich, Councillor CCC
Steven Ostopowich, Councillor CCC
Omar Assaf, Councillor CCC
Shasanna Browne, Councillor CCC
John-Paul Hermano, Councillor CCC (until November 2007)
Samantha Leyden, Councillor MSC
Dillon Gara, Councillor MSC
Simon Crowley, CFAC (until February 2008)
Lloyd McLean, Councillor CFAC (until February 2008)
Whitney McLeod, Councillor CFAC (start March 2008)

Executive Council

President, Justin Benko
VP Operations and Finance, Curtis Smith
VP Academic, Robin Hairsine (until October 2007)
VP Academic, Ben Madsen (start November 2007)
VP Campus Life, Amy Trefry

Administration Department

General Manger, Sue Stollings
Receptionist, Elise Andrus
Accountant, Sheena Schnell

Student Life Department

Director, Paul Samboryk
Student Life Administrator, South Campus, Anna Barkway
Student Life Administrator, Centre for the Arts & Comm., Leanne Olson
Student Life Administrator, Alberta College, Jaclyn Thomey
Event Programmer, Amanda Sigaty
Global Projects Coordinator, Ravi Jaipaul & Mike Glazier
Safe Walk Coordinator, Colin Prentice
SWAT Coordinator, Ali Yusuf
Peer Support Coordinator, John-Paul Hermano
Street Team Coordinator, Breanna Kolada
Clubs Coordinator, Corinne Hamilton

Marketing and Communications Department

Director, Marc Britten
Graphic Designer, Sheldon Belanger
Design & Marketing Assistant, Sarah Jackson
Intercamp Managing Editor, Justin Bell
SAM Centre Coordinator, Alan Honey
Sales & Sponsorship, Tyler Daignault



Sue Stollings

General Manager's Message

"Change" was certainly the operative word for the Students' Association this year. Changes in staff, space, and services dominated the scene and made for an exciting and dynamic time for our Association.

In June 2007, General Manager Al Morrison moved to a position with Grant MacEwan College's Student Resource Centre. President Justin Benko and VP Operations Curtis Smith led a recruitment team of internal and external partners who worked through July and August, and I was pleased to assume the role of General Manager on October 1, 2007.

Providing social programming for our student membership is an important service of the Students' Association. Space for these types of activities is extremely limited at our South Campus location, as many of the larger 'gathering spaces' border staff offices or classrooms making events with music or amplified sound difficult to deliver. In Fall 2007, we approached the college with the idea of developing a Students' Association directed multi purpose space off the MSC cafeteria. Negotiations are still underway on this project.

Following the successful results of the March 2007 U-Pass referendum, the service was launched for students in September 2007. We were very fortunate to have the cooperation of the Registrar's Office in creating computer tracking screens for U-Pass distribution, and our staff placed over 16,000 stickers on student ID cards over the Fall and Winter Terms. In January 2008, the Preparation for University and College and the ESL departments the Students' Association to include their students in the U-Pass service. Starting September 2008 we will be able to supply this benefit to the full-time students in these Alberta College based programs. The U-Pass is a three year pilot program between the U of A, MacEwan, and three municipalities, and we will be going to referendum to renew in Spring of 2010.

During the Spring 2008 elections we held a referendum asking students to con-

tribute \$2.50 per term to support bringing student refugees to MacEwan. This initiative, driven by MacEwan's WUSC (World University Service of Canada) was successful and we look forward to welcoming our first sponsored student in Fall 2008.

The Students' Association lead a cooperative effort with College faculty to create "The Space Project". The results were a fantastic exhibit of work by MacEwan students and that was mounted at the MacEwan Robbins Health Learning Centre as part of the 2008 Works Art and Design Festival.

One of the biggest and most visible "changes" we experienced was at the City Centre offices. The Fall 2007 opening of the Robbin's Health Learning Centre freed up some campus space, and the college needed to add faculty offices in building 6. Having long outgrown our current offices this was a perfect opportunity for the Students' Association to redesign and streamline some of our operations. With college support and funding the expanded Students' Association space now includes a larger student lounge, a second meeting room, club storage and work space, a cultural mosaic room, Intercamp Office, and sufficient staff office space. We are now located close to the Alumni Department, Aboriginal Student Centre, Sports and Wellness and Multi-Faith room, making us truly in the "heart of the campus". We invite all students to come use our new and improved student space.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to Executive Council, Students' Council, and our full and part time Students' Association staff for their hard work this year. "Change" is never easy, but everybody's dedication, and commitment, meant that our mission of "Success for Students" carried on.

Sue Stollings
General Manger



Voting booth

Elections

The members of the Students' Council are the driving force behind every Students' Association decision, as such each year we strive for a high level of involvement from the student body, both as candidates and as voters.

The Fall 2007 Students' Council election had a record number of participants, with 12 students putting their names forward for the 8 available City Centre positions. We also ran full slates at both Centre for the Arts & Communications and South Campuses. There was a 9.8 percent voter turnout. Due to a grievance filed by an election participant, a bi-election was held for City Centre Campus Students' Council on October 23 & 24th.

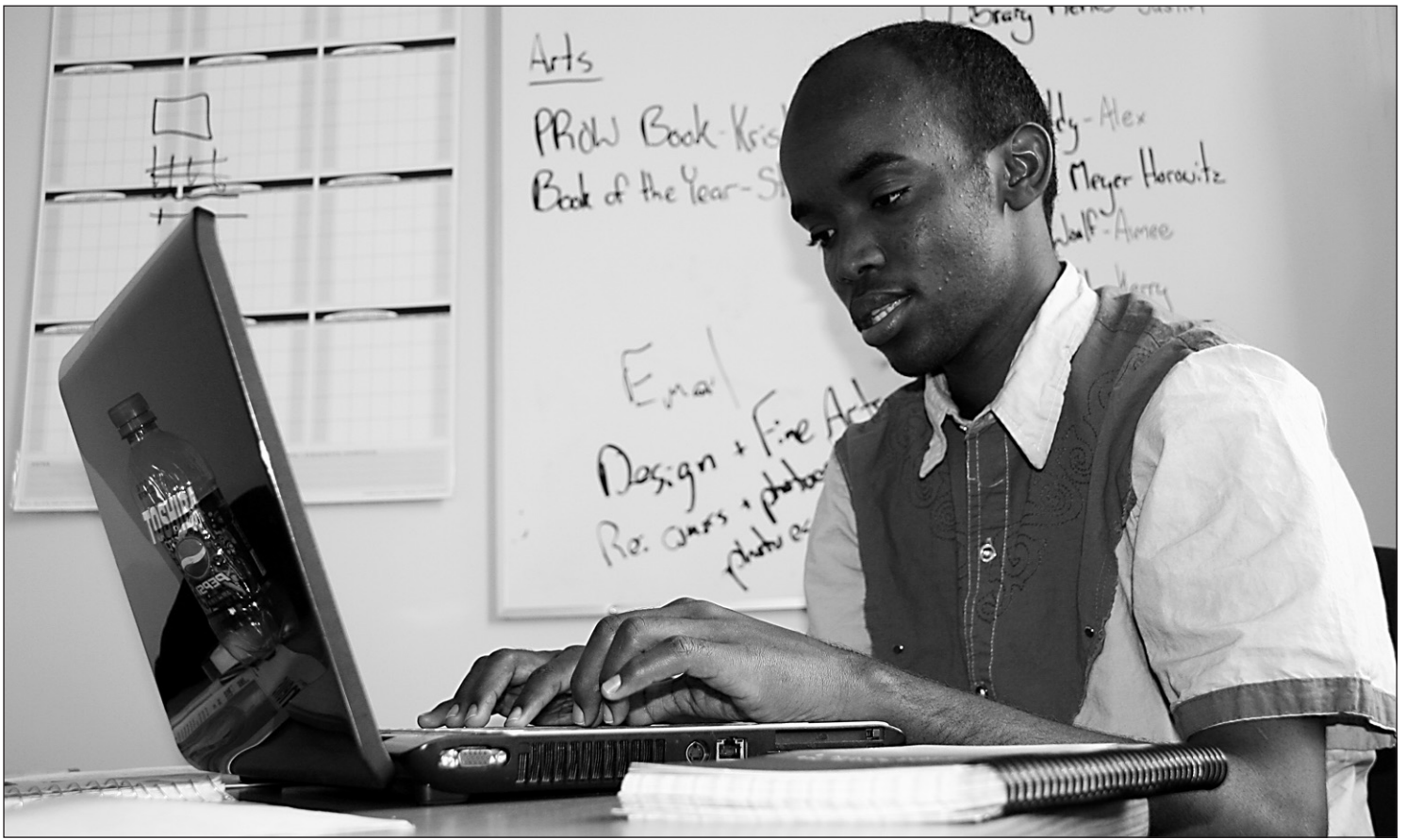
The Students' Councillors for 2007-08 were:

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The Spring 2007 Executive Elections coincided with the Referendum for the U-Pass initiative. This drove up our voter participation. Out of a total 9,506 eligible voters, 1,903 students cast their ballot for an entire college voter turnout of 20%. Centre for the Arts & Communications voter turnout alone was 31%. We again, had a record number of participants, with 12 students running for the four Executive positions.

The successful Executive Council members elected in Spring 2008 for the 2008-09 school year were:

Maigan van der Giessen - President
 Trina Moyles- VP Operations & Finance
 Ben Madsen- VP Academic
 Amy Trefry - VP Campus Life



Hussein Ismail Mohamed, Student Refugee Program recipient

Referendum

MacEwan students voted overwhelmingly to approve the proposed Student Refugee Program (SRP) during Executive elections. About seven percent of eligible voters cast a ballot on the referendum proposing the SRP, with more than eighty percent of those students voting “Yes.”

The referendum’s success will mean a new fee of \$2.50 per term for full-time students. For Irteza Omar, it will mean that the program he’s championed for three consecutive years will finally take shape.

Coordinated through the Ottawa-based World University Services of Canada, the MacEwan program will receive students from developing nations who have been selected by WUSC to come overseas. Once WUSC has paid their visa and travel costs, the Refugee program will set them up at MacEwan for full-time studies.

“We as a global chapter group (of WUSC) are going to work with MacEwan to set up something that is an institutional part of the college,” Omar told Intercamp. “We’ll be taking care of the students day by day.”

The SRP will be implemented this Fall, possibly under the SA Presidents’ mandate. Once the program is established, the Students’ Association will sign off on the costs, while an independent committee will form to continuously assess the program and tend to the visiting students.

In previous years, conflicting interests kept the SRP proposal from gaining momentum. Two years ago the school reached a compromise with Omar and turned it into the \$1/term Global Education Fee. Last year the U-Pass was being considered, so the idea of an additional fee, however small, was out of the question.

This year Omar was armed with his previous experience and a more detailed plan on how to run the program, and so the proposal was put to referendum. Now that it’s been passed, he hopes to duplicate the success other schools have had working with WUSC.



Simulation Refugee Camp

Services

Peer Support

The Peer Support Centre was developed to help ease the stressful lives of students. It is a natural response to seek out an avenue of release by talking about uncomfortable situations with someone you trust and feel comfortable with.

Peer Support is an SA service run by student volunteers who are available to help other students with personal, social and academic concerns. The fundamental understanding of the centre is CONFIDENTIALITY, coupled with supportive listening and provision of informative materials, and if necessary referrals to alternative professional services within the campus and community.

The Peer Supporters are recruited and trained in suicide intervention, supportive listening, sexual assault support and building strong relationships.

Last year 40 workers put in over 1,250 volunteer hours in the Peer Support Office, assisting more than 100 clients with everything from academic issues, stress, health issues, relationship concerns and sexual assault.

Student Food Bank

This service is coordinated through our Peer Support Program where we collect food from staff and students throughout the year and assist hungry students with food hampers. We also partnered with Champion Foods on Jasper Avenue which provides MacEwan students with a 10% discount to shop there and they also gave the program a deal for food prices and delivery on food bank orders when required.

SWAT

SWAT (The Social Wellness Awareness Team) is a Students' Association service with a mandate to: promote and raise awareness of responsible social attitudes on issues such as (but not limited to) alcohol and drug abuse, the environment, safe sex and sexuality, health and wellness, racism, equity, and accessibility. SWAT programs events and activities all year with some of the most common being Chrome Your Dome and Buy Nothing Day.

Safe Walk

Safe Walk is a Students' Association sponsored program that provides college staff and students a safe way to get wherever they are going. Our co-ed teams safely walk students or staff home, to their car, or bus stop (within 15 blocks of campus).

We worked hard this year to provide the Safe Walk service at all MacEwan campuses. In addition, Safe Walk volunteers often work as security at SA MacEwan events and activities. Last year the program ran at City Centre Campus, MacEwan South Campus, and Centre for the Arts & Communications Campus. Alberta College Campus was served by the teams from City Centre Campus who would travel to that campus if any walks were booked.

Street Team

The Students' Association Street Team is a group of students who actively go out and promote the SA's events and services on campus. This initiative helped us communicate with students in unique and innovative ways. Some of the ways that Students' Association Street Team promoted events would be announcements in the cafeteria, issuing handbills to students, engaging students



Project HOPE

Services

by personally speaking to them on a one-on-one level to explain events in depth, and even give away prizes by participating in our bigger promotions. What the Students' Association accomplished in its first year was successfully increasing the number of audience members in SA events.

Global Projects

Global Projects focuses on working to raise awareness of global needs that affect and impact our diverse student population. The goal is to bring together students from different backgrounds to share ideas and promote cultural diversity on campus through various campaigns, events and projects.

Global Projects began the year by joining up with Wakadogo, a non-profit organization that deals with various African issues, the most prominent being the Gulu Walk. SA MacEwan and our Global Projects team participated in the Edmonton Gulu Walk for the first time and had the biggest presence of any school at the event. Coinciding with the Gulu Walk, volunteers put on screenings at both the University of Alberta and MacEwan of the films *War Dance* and *Invisible Children*. These movies spotlighted the horrifying lives that the children of Northern Uganda have to endure. The program also had movie showings, such as *Who Killed the Electric Car?*, *Born into Brothels*, *Darwin's Nightmare*, and *Boys of Baraka*. Global Projects showed many more movies and also created the Global Media Library, a free service to students. The books covered topics from all over the globe from poverty to environmentalism.

Volunteers helped set up a simulation refugee camp in MacEwan's front yard. One cold night the volunteers set up with primitive tools and supplies. There was a general buzz around the school and it garnered a lot of attention from the college and media sources.

Global Projects also ran the second annual Walk for Darfur. A total of three info sessions were held with about 35 students applying for the team. All throughout the year the team held meetings and various small awareness campaigns and a benefit concert to raise funds necessary for their journey. One such fundraiser was the Darfur Fast, where two individuals raised \$800 in three hours. The walk took off with 26 students walking from Calgary to Edmonton during an eight-day trek. We focused on high school presentations and raising awareness on the walk. During the rally 800 people joined the walk through Edmonton, finishing inside the City Centre cafeteria with guest speaker Arthur Romano telling of his experiences and the band In Irons playing.

Project HOPE (Hands Open to People Everywhere)

Project HOPE's mission is to help to build needed infrastructure in the global village, our Project endeavors to foster hope, cultural awareness, and meaningful relationships for all those involved. By partnering with organizations such as Change for Children and FUNARTE, Project HOPE builds and sustains strong ties within the communities its members travel to.

In May of 2008, the Project HOPE team embarked to Esteli, Nicaragua. For four weeks, the team, alongside local workers, helped participate in the building of an innovative school in an impoverished district of Esteli. The team also collaborated in doing workshops with FUNARTE, a Nicaraguan NGO dedicated to the advancement and education of children's rights through mural and art workshops. The school opened up in August of 2008, and is currently hosting children who never had access to an education prior. The Project HOPE team raised \$70,000 to fund this project.



Mythbusters

Events

SA MacEwan exists to provide balance to a students' hectic college life. Each year the SA enables new ways for the student body to get involved with their school and classmates by providing anything fun ranging from small-scale activities like crafting to larger events such as live concerts and major speakers.

This years events included:

SEPTEMBER

Beer Gardens
Big Introduction
CFAC Program Showcase
Carless Drive In
Mustaches & Miniskirts Beer Gardens
Fall Campaign Week
Clubs Week
Hamburger Minlger
Myth Busters

OCTOBER

Dinner and Movie
Fall Elections
Movie Screening- Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee

Movie Screening- Jesus Camp
Oktoberfest
Movie Screening – Uganda Rising
Martini Glass Painting
Karaoke
Make Poverly History
Speaker- Irshad Manji
Movie Screening- Invisible Children
Gulu Walk
Student/Artist Spotlight
Halloween Activities

NOVEMBER

Speaker- Susan Scott
Movie Screening- V For Vendetta
Local Music Showcase
Dinner and a Movie
Operation: Do Or Dare
Bowl-O-Rama
Story Jam
Imaginus
Buy Nothing Day
Zombie March
Mustard Seed Church Cllothing Drive
No Stress Fest

DECEMBER

De-Stressors
Holiday Mixer
Gingerbread House Contest
Holiday Party
Holiday Card Making
Jasper Ski Trip
Dinner and a Movie

JANUARY

Happy New Year Bash
Silent Auction (Student Food Bank)
Open Mic
Movie Screening- Born into Brothels
Grad Photos
Imaginus
Carless Drive-In II

FEBRUARY

We Get Around Travel Photo Exhibit
Global College Week
Speaker- Sol Guy
Dinner and Movie
Valentines Crafts
MacEwan Day
Chrome Your Dome

MARCH

Crafts Day
Dinner and Movie
Skating at Hawrelak Park
Jesse Matheson Performance
International Women's Day
Composting Workshop
St. Patrick's Day Pub
Elimination of Racism Day
RPS: The Way Of The Tosser
Design Studies Grad Fundraiser
Documentary Movie Screenings
Year End Buck Off
Banner Night
Year End BBQ and Guitar Hero

APRIL

Dinner and a Movie
Green Marketplace
End of Term BBQ
Concert w/ Bedouin Soundclash
Project HOPE Benefit Dinner
Stress Relieving Week
Aramark Boycott
Ciao Night
Movie Day
Space Project Exhibition
Silly Summer Olympics



United Nations Club

Clubs

The Students' Association provides clubs with the opportunity to operate on campus by providing new clubs with start-up grants and supporting existing clubs with banking and administrative services.

Existing Club Listing for 2007/2008:

- Aboriginal Students Club
- Badminton Club
- Baptist Student Ministries (BSM)
- Campus Vision Club
- Catholic Club
- Design Students' Organization (DSO)
- Human Resources Management Student Society (HRMSS)
- International Student Club (Alberta College Campus)
- Latter Day Saint Student Organization (LDDSO)
- League of Gamers Club
- Muslim Students' Organization (MSO)
- Open Door Club (ODC)
- Reach Out Club
- Travel Club
- United Nations (UN) Club
- World University Service of Canada (WUSC)

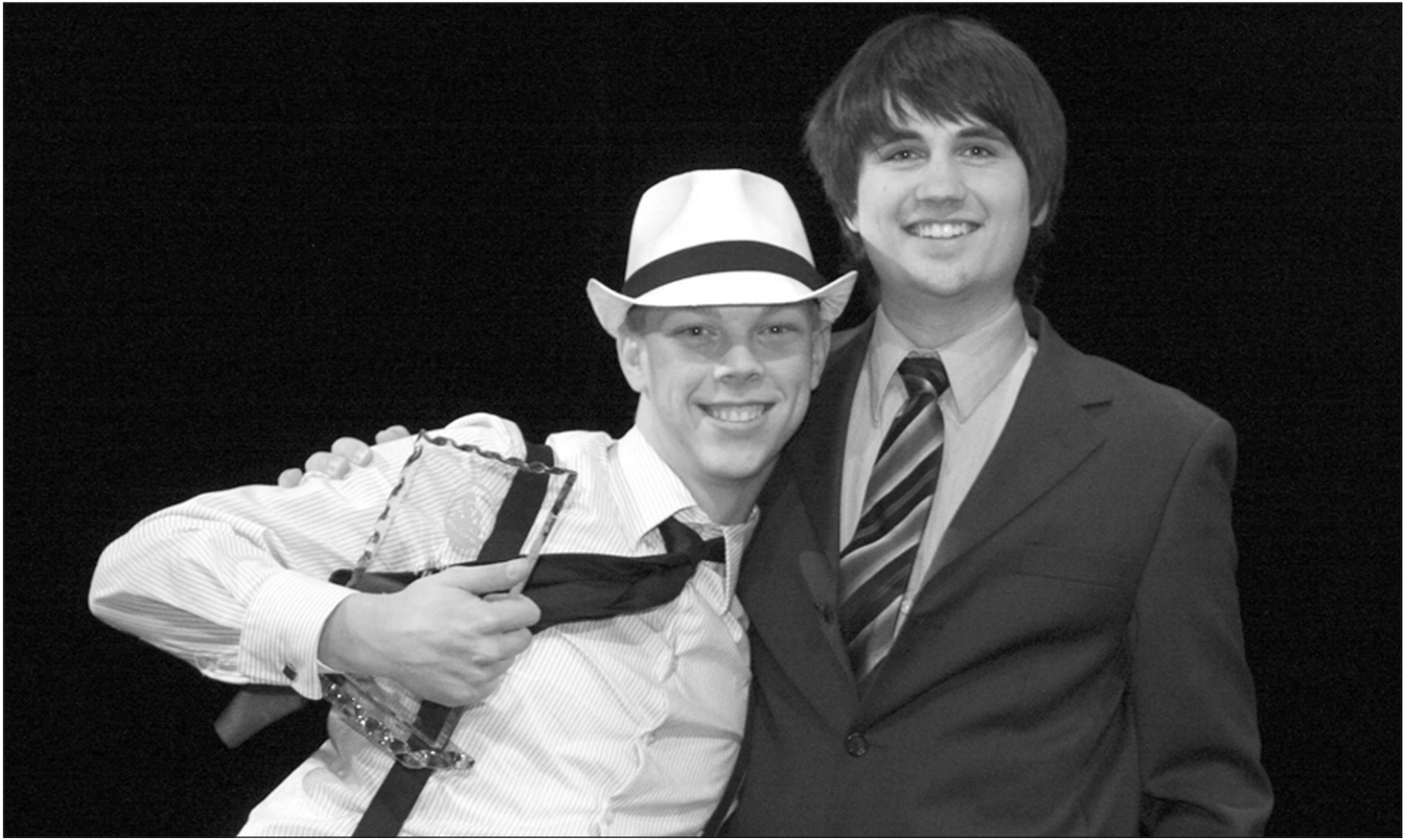
New clubs formed in 2007/2008

- Child & Youth Care Club
- Cinema Politica
- Creative Words Writing Club
- Chinese Students' & Scholars Club
- Economics Club

- Fix Our Community Club
- History Club
- Japanese Conversation Club
- MacEwan Business Club
- MacEwan Classicists
- MacEwan Complementary & Alternative Medicine
- MacEwan Student Undergraduate Nurses (SUN)
- MacEwan Ski Club
- Pagans on Campus
- Police & Securities Club
- Young Liberals of Canada Club
- Z Rock Paper

Fund-raising groups 2007/2008

- Biodiversity 365
- Child & Youth Care Grad 2008
- Design Studies Grad 2008
- Police & Security Investigation Management 2009
- Police & Security Investigation Management 2008
- Police Studies Grad 2009
- Social Work Grad 2008
- Travel Club 2008



Mike Glazier, Student of the Year

Volunteers

In the past, it was thought that individuals volunteered strictly for altruistic reasons. However, recent studies have indicated that there may be other reasons, including career, esteem, social, value and understanding.

Volunteering is a big part of College life and SA MacEwan relies on approximately 150-200 volunteers each year to provide all of the events and services we put on. In total these volunteers put in over 5,000 hours to ensure the successful delivery of our programs, services and events.

Awards

Each April, the Students' Association presents Banner Night. This event is intended to honour our hard working volunteers, dedicated student leaders, and other individuals that go beyond the call of duty to improve college life. The Students' Association honours those who get involved on campus with our Platinum Awards. You can earn one of these awards by actively participating in SA activities, services, and committees.

Platinum Winners:

Aboriginal Students Club, Jamie Fraleigh, Joshua Michie, Barrett Schneider, Michelle Heather, Chantelle Dubé, Young Liberals of Grant MacEwan, Jennifer Chaba, John-Paul Hermano, Spencer Payne.

Spirit of MacEwan Award

This Award is presented annually to an individual, or a student club or group which best exemplifies the "Spirit of MacEwan" by "leaving their vineyard better than they found it."

Winner: Irteza Omar

Club and Society Award

This award is intended to recognize a club or society that has made a positive impact at Grant MacEwan or within the community.

Winners: Design Students Organization and MacEwan Student Undergraduate Nurses

The Student of the Year Award

To earn this one you must not only be a top student, but you must also be highly involved with your Students' Association.

Winner: Michael Glazier

Students' Champion

Each year SA MacEwan recognizes a staff or faculty member who has shown outstanding support and advocacy of MacEwan students.

Winner: Tim Balomben, Print Services Alberta College Campus

Outstanding Contribution to Global Projects- Michael Glazier

Outstanding Contribution to Intercamp- Ben Nelms

Outstanding Contribution to Peer Support- Krista Alyn

Outstanding Contribution to Safe Walk- Peter Giraldeau & James Johnstone

Outstanding Contribution to the Street Team- Colin Close

Outstanding Contribution to SWAT- Claire Earley

Students' Council Representative of the Year- Jamie Fraleigh



Financial Support

Emergency Loans

SA MacEwan helps students through various ways. To this end, the SA offers Emergency Student Loans to students who struggle making ends meet. The loans are typically to a maximum of \$150, interest free and must be paid back in 30 days and can be obtained by a referral from the Student Resource Centre. We processed \$20,485.20 in emergency loans for students in need. Cooperation with the Registrar's Office ensures the SA recoups these monies.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The SA sponsors several scholarships and bursaries to help students. Students can be eligible for these monetary rewards by achieving strong grades, exhibiting financial need or a combination of both.

The SA distributed \$12,000 through a variety of scholarships, bursaries and awards. These donations join the many scholarships and bursaries that the Students' Association has endowed over the years for the benefit of MacEwan students.

Adopt-A-Family

One of the most rewarding ways SA MacEwan helps students in need is through our in-house charity, Adopt-A-Family. The Adopt-A-Family program is designed to help student families in need still enjoy the Christmas season. Through donations from individual staff and students, alumni, college departments, organizations and via fund-raisers like Bowl-O-Rama, Adopt-A-Painting and WhackDamn Golf Tournament, the Students' Association ensures all members of the MacEwan family have an enjoyable Christmas.

Bowl-O-Rama, the Students' Association of Grant MacEwan College's fundraiser for Adopt-A-Family, has grown to be the single largest money raiser for the program. Last year more than \$6,000 was raised at Bowl-O-Rama and 96 bowlers participated in the event.

Another successful fundraising event for Adopt-A-Family was Adopt-A-Painting. Each year the SA purchases artwork produced by the college's Fine Arts students and auctions them off for staff or students to adopt for one year.

Along with the private donations of staff and students, the Adopt-A-Family program was able to provide assistance to 60 student families and disbursed over \$14,000 in grants and gifts



Strategic Plan

The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to provide continuity and focus for the operations of the SA, and a basic standard against which our decision-making can be measured.

The strategic plan will be used to determine or validate the mission, vision, values, goals, objectives, roles, direction and timelines of SA MacEwan. The plan will help focus on what is most important to achieving organizational success, and ultimately student success.

The strategic plan will ensure SA MacEwan is responsive to a dynamic changing environment.

Mission

Through advocacy and support, the Students' Association provides opportunities that advance student success.

Vision

Success for Students

Guiding Principles

- MacEwan students remain our first focus.
- We are committed to providing a work environment that supports the holistic wellness and development of students, volunteers and staff.
- Our Association is driven by identified student values and expectations.
- We advocate for students in the college and wider communities.
- We believe in responsible and accountable governance.
- We have a responsibility for the efficient stewardship of student funds to the primary benefit of fee-paying students.
- Students' Association activities and services will reflect and embrace the diversity of the college community.
- We recognize our interconnectivity with the global community.

Strategic Priorities

- Enhance student involvement.
- Reduce our dependence on Student Fees.
- Enhance the autonomy of the Students' Association.
- Build the framework to evaluate organizational effectiveness at all levels.
- Communicate and work with other SA's and SU's at all levels of governance and staff.
- Initiate discussions with the college to have an independent Students' Association facility in future campus developments.
- Develop and deliver formal and consistent training programs to staff, volunteers and student leaders.
- Align our current services and programs with this Strategic Plan.



Centre for the Arts Campus

Campus Offices

South Campus

MacEwan South Campus has continued to evolve and develop. As academic programming constantly evolves at South Campus, we have also changed our programs and services to compliment these changing details. Our student representation - SWAT, Global Projects, Safe Walk, and Peer Support - continue to grow at South Campus; some of the more prominent clubs on campus have been the Social Work club, the Accounting club, and the Young Liberals of Canada club. Many programs are also starting fundraising groups so that they can plan a year-end celebration for their classes.

The Student Lounge has continued to be well used. Movies and games can be signed out from the SA office for students to use in the lounge or elsewhere on campus. The students also have access to the pool table and fooseball table in the lounge.

Among the South Campus highlights for the year were: Martini Glass Painting, Local Music Showcase, De-stress Fest, Happy New Year Bash, We Get Around Travel Photo Exhibit, Global Marketplace, Learn to Compost Day and Chrome Your Dome.

Centre for the Arts & Communications

The office expanded with the addition of three part time service Coordinators, SWAT, Global Projects and Peer Support. This brought much student life into the office and geared our events to being entirely student driven. Clubs also took the reins and were programming events on campus by year end, as well as other informal student groups, such as a Fooseball Tournament and a Saint Valentine's Social featuring blues music and an experimental trio. The major event for the year was a presentation by Sol Guy in the John L. Haar Theatre

with the after party featuring break dancing and local emcees, coordinated the Global Projects Coordinator. SWAT put on a Green Marketplace outside the SA with guest speakers on sustainable marketing practices for young entrepreneurs. And the year culminated well into the summer with the Space Project exhibition in the Robbins Health Learning Centre. The project featured theatrical interpretations of the word and concept of space, photographic interpretations, a short film and poetry. The exhibit was part of The Works Art & Design Festival and received glowing reviews.

Alberta College

This was the fifth year the SA offered services at Alberta College Campus. Since 2005 we have been located in a space on the main floor by the north entrance. This location has greatly helped the SA maintain a prominent impression on the Alberta College Campus.

Since February of 2008 a staff member works in the office maintaining part-time office hours of 25 hours per week. Services that the office offers include faxing, the student food bank, SA event ticket sales, movie ticket sales, ETS product sales, U-Pass distribution and poster approvals. Successful SA events this year included Skating at Hawreluk Park and the Silly Summer Olympics. Students and staff at ACC are pleased to have an SA representative on campus and presenting events designed specifically for the ACC student population.

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36,87	25,00	10,45	32,50
22,30	36,50	15,94	24,95
36,04	22,02	26,30	0,27
7,81	35,94	37,59	11,60
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3,12	24,84	36,06	30,40
16	3,03	7,82	16,78
		25,10	21,10
			6,40

Auditor's Report

Financial Statements of
THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE

Year ended June 30, 2008

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
Students' Association of Grant MacEwan College

We have audited the statement of financial position of Students' Association of Grant MacEwan College as at June 30, 2008 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at June 30, 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The prior year's financial statements were audited by another Chartered Accountant.



Edmonton, Alberta
October 24, 2008

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE
Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2008

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash (Note 3)	\$ 4,244,439	\$ 4,375,866
Accounts receivable	89,508	60,639
Inventory	45,559	30,940
Prepaid expenses	20,493	31,822
	<u>4,399,999</u>	4,499,267
EQUIPMENT (Note 4)	<u>72,922</u>	68,762
	<u>\$ 4,472,921</u>	<u>\$ 4,568,029</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 213,824	\$ 313,156
Deferred student fees	230,000	240,000
Health and dental reserves	762,175	619,195
Trust liabilities (Note 5)	527,904	1,152,675
	<u>1,733,903</u>	2,325,026
NET ASSETS		
Invested in equipment	72,922	68,762
Internally restricted (Note 6)	2,567,434	2,071,419
Unrestricted	98,662	102,822
	<u>2,739,018</u>	2,243,003
	<u>\$ 4,472,921</u>	<u>\$ 4,568,029</u>
LEASE COMMITMENTS (Note 7)		

ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

_____ *President*

_____ *Vice President of Operations and Finance*

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE

Statement of Operations

Year Ended June 30, 2008

	2008	2007
REVENUE		
General and Administrative (<i>Schedule 1</i>)	\$ 1,808,184	\$ 1,770,254
Student Life (<i>Schedule 2</i>)	92,393	123,957
Marketing and Communications (<i>Schedule 3</i>)	96,516	82,271
Retail Sales (<i>Schedule 4</i>)	171,376	100,880
	<u>2,168,469</u>	<u>2,077,362</u>
EXPENSES		
General and Administrative (<i>Schedule 1</i>)	1,108,954	1,097,053
Student Life (<i>Schedule 2</i>)	303,109	299,891
Marketing and Communications (<i>Schedule 3</i>)	112,327	95,908
Retail Sales (<i>Schedule 4</i>)	148,064	84,235
	<u>1,672,454</u>	<u>1,577,087</u>
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 496,015</u>	<u>\$ 500,275</u>

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Invested in equipment	Internally restricted	Unrestricted	2008	2007
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 68,762	\$ 2,071,419	\$ 102,822	\$ 2,243,003	\$ 1,742,728
Purchase of equipment	36,024	-	(36,024)	-	-
Development fund transfer (<i>Note 6</i>)	-	155,533	(155,533)	-	-
Development fund transfer (<i>Note 6</i>)	-	340,482	(340,482)	-	-
Revenue over (under) expenses	(31,864)	-	527,879	496,015	500,275
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 72,922	\$ 2,567,434	\$ 98,662	\$ 2,739,018	\$ 2,243,003

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	2008	2007
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Revenue over expenses	\$ 496,015	\$ 500,275
Item not affecting cash:		
Amortization	31,864	29,430
	<u>527,879</u>	529,705
Changes in non-cash working capital <i>(Note 10)</i>	<u>(623,282)</u>	79,146
	<u>(95,403)</u>	608,851
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Purchase of equipment	<u>(36,024)</u>	(13,829)
CASH INCREASE (DECREASE)	(131,427)	595,022
Cash - beginning of year	<u>4,375,866</u>	3,780,844
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 4,244,439	\$ 4,375,866
CASH CONSISTS OF		
Cash	\$ 46,056	\$ 86,153
Short-term investments	<u>4,198,383</u>	4,289,713
	<u>\$ 4,244,439</u>	<u>\$ 4,375,866</u>

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2008

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The Students' Association of Grant MacEwan College is a non-profit organization incorporated under the Post Secondary Learning Act of Alberta. The goals of the Association are to provide opportunities that advance student success through advocacy and support services. The Association is exempt from income taxes.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value with the cost being determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

Equipment

Equipment is stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Equipment is amortized over their estimated useful lives at the following rates and methods:

Equipment	5 years	straight-line method
Computer equipment	3 years	straight-line method

Contributed goods and services

Goods and services were contributed to the Association during the year. Due to the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed goods and services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Revenue recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Contributions, including operating grants, are included in revenue in the year in which they are received or receivable, with the exception that contributions to fund a specific future period's expenses are included in revenue in that later period.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates include providing for amortization of equipment. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2008

3. RESTRICTED CASH

The Association has \$527,904 (2007--\$1,152,675) of cash, the use of which is restricted by the Alumni Association and athletic programs or various student clubs. The use of these funds must be approved by the individual group and meet guidelines established by the individual organization raising the funds while adhering to the bylaws and policies of the Association.

4. EQUIPMENT

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2008 Net book value	2007 Net book value
Equipment	\$ 274,797	\$ 212,688	\$ 62,109	\$ 68,762
Computer equipment	12,976	2,163	10,813	-
	<u>\$ 287,773</u>	<u>\$ 214,851</u>	<u>\$ 72,922</u>	<u>\$ 68,762</u>

5. TRUST LIABILITIES

Trust liabilities consist of funds held for:

	2008	2007
Athletics trust fund	\$ 459,118	\$ 450,853
Student clubs	37,102	27,766
Global Project donation	12,647	-
The Space Project	7,622	-
Food bank	5,584	4,434
Adopt-a-Family trust fund	3,195	7,175
Alumni trust fund	2,636	2,636
Sports and wellness	-	659,811
	<u>\$ 527,904</u>	<u>\$ 1,152,675</u>

6. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Students' Council policy 27 requires that a development fund be maintained for future use for capital development of the Association. Executive policy requires that 10% of student fees be restricted for the development fund each year. In addition, any revenue over expenses at year end will also be allocated to the development fund.

7. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Association leases office equipment under an agreement expiring March 2012. Annual lease payments are \$11,148 for four years.

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2008

8. STUDENT FEES

Student fees are determined annually by the Students' Council of the Association. Fees charged for the operations of the Association and the maintenance of the development fund are recorded as revenue. Fees levied for the health and dental plan premiums are credited to the liability accounts as these are trust monies. The liability accounts are reduced as costs are paid. U-pass fees levied to every full-time student are paid to Edmonton Transit, Strathcona Transit and St. Albert Transit. Fees levied for Sports and Wellness are now collected by Grant MacEwan College.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Grant MacEwan College provides payroll services for full-time staff which is invoiced to and paid by the Association on a monthly basis. The College also provides substantial office space, janitorial, security and IT services with no monetary consideration. The fair market value of these services have not been included in the financial statements due to estimation difficulties.

10. CHANGES IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL

Changes in non-cash working capital items and their effect of increasing (decreasing) cash are as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Accounts receivable	\$ (28,869)	\$ 25,262
Inventory	(14,619)	(10,148)
Prepaid expenses	11,329	(7,962)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(99,332)	80,382
Deferred student fees	(10,000)	(20,000)
Health and dental reserves	142,980	97,533
Trust liabilities	(624,771)	(85,921)
	<u>\$ (623,282)</u>	<u>\$ 79,146</u>

11. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2008

12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

For cash and short-term investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable, the carrying value of these financial instruments approximate their fair value due to their short-term maturity or capacity for prompt liquidation.

The effective interest rate on short-term investments varied during the year from 2.6% to 4.1% (2007 --3.5% to 4.1%).

The Association does not believe it is subject to any significant concentration of credit risk. Cash and short-term investments are in place with major financial institutions. Accounts receivable are due from a number of organizations whose credit worthiness is considered strong by management.

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE**General and Administrative****(Schedule 1)****Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	2008	2007
REVENUE		
Student fees (Note 8)	\$ 1,614,584	\$ 1,574,200
Interest	160,409	154,804
Aramark food guarantee	18,431	18,341
Other	14,760	22,909
	<u>1,808,184</u>	<u>1,770,254</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits	815,919	803,541
Professional fees	59,938	56,221
Office	31,881	28,409
Amortization	31,864	29,430
Student governance	27,754	32,731
Staff conferences and retreat	27,280	32,182
Donations and gifts	17,813	27,646
Scholarships	16,000	8,306
Goods and services tax	14,759	14,501
Student council	13,794	17,573
Office leases	9,735	10,265
Food and catering	8,134	4,696
Travel and parking	8,073	7,267
Insurance	7,182	6,390
Executive projects	6,850	1,056
Club grants and promotion	4,365	2,033
Memberships	3,297	2,677
Repairs and maintenance	2,982	2,025
Telephone	2,428	2,689
Interest and bank charges	581	538
Graduation photos	-	2,028
Bad debts (recovery)	(1,675)	4,849
	<u>1,108,954</u>	<u>1,097,053</u>
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 699,230</u>	<u>\$ 673,201</u>

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE
Student Life
Year Ended June 30, 2008

(Schedule 2)

	2008	2007
Revenue		
Project Hope	\$ 67,231	\$ 87,298
Major events	16,884	13,551
Speaker series	2,655	-
Carless drive in	2,400	471
Bowl-O-Rama	1,112	878
Other	877	-
Dinner and a movie	475	848
Haar event	426	1,152
Banner night	333	232
Reading week trip	-	11,491
Whack Damn golf tournament	-	8,036
	<u>92,393</u>	<u>123,957</u>
EXPENSES		
Project Hope	68,728	87,743
Major events	41,926	39,566
Speaker series	38,808	22,924
Awards night	18,879	16,095
Global projects	17,550	11,425
Peer support	14,377	11,503
Reading week trip	14,374	13,978
Buck off	14,317	19,139
South campus	11,773	7,800
Centre for the Arts	9,755	8,532
Haar event	9,536	7,071
Social Wellness Awareness team	9,011	2,781
Volunteer appreciation	6,765	8,095
Carless drive in	5,132	2,526
Albert College	4,786	3,173
Supplies	4,615	5,961
Bowl-O-Rama	2,438	1,613
Safe Walk	2,242	5,603
Summer events	1,468	-
MacEwan day events	1,443	1,170
All campus new programming	1,305	5,063
Dinner and a movie	1,150	1,190
Halloween event	1,065	693
Ciao night	790	2,815
Adopt a painting	510	417
Street team	366	-
Whack Damn golf tournament	-	13,015
	<u>303,109</u>	<u>299,891</u>
REVENUE UNDER EXPENSES	<u>\$ (210,716)</u>	<u>\$ (175,934)</u>

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE**Marketing and Communications****(Schedule 3)****Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	2008	2007
REVENUE		
Intercamp advertising	\$ 53,633	\$ 39,240
Handbook advertising	35,984	27,817
Printing	5,564	7,214
Sponsorship	1,335	8,000
	<u>96,516</u>	<u>82,271</u>
EXPENSES		
Handbook	46,815	38,177
Intercamp	37,250	34,226
Students' Association promotion	16,675	11,455
Conferences	4,416	2,453
Memberships	2,796	932
Printing supplies	2,457	6,985
Equipment	1,672	447
Other	246	1,233
	<u>112,327</u>	<u>95,908</u>
REVENUE UNDER EXPENSES	\$ (15,811)	\$ (13,637)

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF GRANT MacEWAN COLLEGE**Retail Sales****(Schedule 4)****Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	2008	2007
REVENUE		
Sport events	\$ 57,238	\$ 36,687
ETS passes	49,513	-
Movie tickets	48,834	42,818
Other	9,200	10,976
Students' Association wear and promotional items	6,591	10,399
	<u>171,376</u>	<u>100,880</u>
EXPENSES		
Sport tickets	50,982	30,642
Movie tickets	43,919	40,974
ETS passes	42,052	-
Students' Association wear and promotional items	4,466	7,557
Other	3,965	3,109
Merchant fees	2,680	1,953
	<u>148,064</u>	<u>84,235</u>
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 23,312	\$ 16,645



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