



THE EDWARDS BARK

Residents' Newsletter— Summer Edition

The Edwards Odyssey Begins...

So what's the bark on the block?

- With June 's passing, we dig deeper into the Edwards nexus, revealing the central dynamics and characters of the community.
- Additionally, this newsletter will also update some of the dialogue from the previous issue

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Greetings Edwardians! I hope you all are having wonderful summers and are looking forward to the beginning of the year. With O-Week inching closer, your house staff and executive wanted to continue where we left off last newsletter, with more information regarding your involvement and creative accommodation. We desire to show you why Edwards is the prime house of inventive thought.

Concurrently, from my perspective, Edwards House has championed innovation. As one of the smallest residences on campus, Edwards offers its occupants creative opulence, providing a wealth of opportunities befitting its ranged personalities. Your passion's realization and implementation is central to our House's objective. The aforementioned creation-creed that your house staff and executive have touted comes with an understanding of the Edwards brand. Woven in the Edwards fabric is the outstanding, sometimes quirky, certainly different and unparalleled individualistic exuberances of residents. Likewise, this newsletter was formed with the theme of resident creation at its core. Through a slew of passages, we hope to show you how your ideas and fervors will be welcomed in the upcoming year, as well as some other interesting tidbits.

-Noah F.

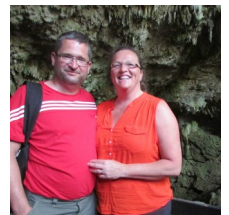


Have questions for Noah?
Shoot your load of queries
at nrfry@mta.ca

Meet Your House Dons: Beth and Arnd

Can't believe it is the middle of July already!! In a few short weeks we will all be at the same place at the same time! Just so we won't be strangers let me introduce myself and Arnd to you- we will be your Dons living on the first floor in the Don apartment. Lucie, our dog, lives with us- she is a one year German Shepherd and received the "best kisser" award from Edwards house last year. Arnd and I are your typical "Dons" we will support you in 100's of ways (some of them you won't even see) and our door is always open- we'll not always but pretty much. We are here to support your RA and Exec teams and of course you! You will all bring your unique selves into our lives in September and we can't wait to meet you and/or welcome you back!!

-Beth & Arnd



Have questions for our
dons? Send them an email
at edwardsdon@mta.ca

Get to Know Your Resident Leaders: Fun Facts You'll Need to Know

With the academic year soon to start, here are some interesting facts about your residence staff and executive.

Ava Sturm—Social Chair External: Favourite Mario Kart map is Maple Treeway, biochemistry major, tea connoisseur.

Connor Nickel—Secretary/Treasurer: Favourite Mario Kart map is Delfino Square, major is aviation, Smash main is Kirby, avid Steam user

Colby Evans—Assistant Don: Favourite Mario Kart map is GBA Bowser Castle 3, major is aviation, Smash main is Little Mac or Ike, curling fan.

Kerena MacKay—Residence Assistant: Favourite Mario Kart map is Mushroom Gorge, big Bruins fan, major is psychology, beach enthusiast

Amie Riley—Vice-President: Favourite Mario Kart map is Moonview Highway, gets paid to pretend to be Amish during the summer, High School Musical fan, undeclared major.

Caitlin McGowan—Residence Assistant: Favourite Mario Kart map is Dolphin Shoals, Biochemistry major, Favourite Pokemon is Vaporeon

Mirren Lithwick—Social Chair Internal: Favourite Mario Kart map is Koopa Cape, undeclared major, experienced signer, musical fan

Noah Fry—President: Montreal Canadiens fan, Political Junkie, PPE Major, Smash Main is Link

Amelia Moore—Academic Mentor: Favourite Mario Kart map is DK Summit, took gap year and volunteered for Girl Guides in London, undeclared major.

-The Edwards Staff and Exec

Salivating for More Stalking?
Visit our website:
edwardshousemta.weebly.com

Budget Update: Our Monetary Goals

Recently, your executive met and discussed our budgetary hopes for the upcoming year. To show our transparency, here's a rough number estimate for the coming year.

Incoming Surplus : +\$2072

Resident House Fees Estimate: +\$6500

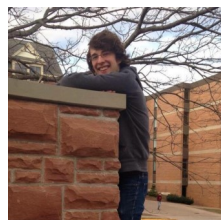
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Orientation: -\$1455

Electric Circus: -\$1000 (\$2500 Budget - \$1500 Sales)

This leaves us with \$4177 for events and other costs. Granted, we hope to leave a similar surplus for next year and allot funds for house council roles. Even so, we will have plenty of room for your house event ideas.

-Connor N.



Have any questions about house finances, message cbnickel@mta.ca for answers

The Academic Mentor's Memo

Everyone comes to university with different goals in mind. Some students will have the next four years (or more) planned in well-laid out detail, others will be looking to explore different subjects and decide later on, while others still may not yet be entirely sure what they want to achieve through their time at university. No matter what your goals or plans, it's all good. Being a little clueless, (or a lot clueless!) doesn't have to be frustrating or a source of stress. Mount Allison's distribution credit system not just encourages you, but requires you to explore different subject areas and to take classes you might not have otherwise thought to take. (If you're unfamiliar with this system, or have any questions or concerns, drop me an e-mail: aamoore@mta.ca) And either way, confusing is a part of the experience and can really aid in solidifying what you're working towards. Easily, one of my favorite experiences in my first year was taking an intro Astronomy course. Even though I am pursuing an Arts degree, I am fascinated by space (seriously man, outer space is so cool!) Taking this intro class allowed me to explore an interesting subject, learn something new and learn in a different way. Distribution classes can also act as a break from your regularly scheduled programming and can allow you to explore options, especially if you're still unsure exactly what you will be studying. Take advantage of this opportunity and sign up for courses that interest you, things you've always wondered about, or perhaps something outside your comfort zone. But, more to the point, if you're unsure, or confused or terrified or all of the above, it's totally okay. You're in good company, we're all still working it out. It's exciting to be at university and to be working towards something, whether or not the 'what' is entirely clear yet. And if you've got a plan and you know what you'll be studying, be open to all the other opportunities and use your first year to be curious and enjoy getting to really begin working towards your goals. You've chosen to come here to have fun, grow and learn cool stuff, and that's more than enough!

-Amelia M.

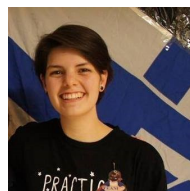


Drop Amelia an e-mail at aamoore@mta.ca if you have any questions

The Shinerama Summary

Shinerama is approaching faster and faster everyday Edwards! Shinerama is our biggest fundraising effort of the year and Edwards prides itself on being active and involved. Our Shinerama team page is now up and running and we are encouraging people to join and spread the word. You can join our team online by going to www.shinerama.ca, scrolling down to find your school, search New Brunswick, and then click REGISTER for Mount Allison University. Accept the waiver, click join a team, you can find our team by searching 'Edwards House!' Or 'Amelia Moore'. On the next pages, enter your information and then register. You can then send an email to family or friends or donate, but there's no obligation to. We're already starting to fundraise and we would love your help and look forward to having you on our team!

-Amelia M.



Get Your Wallets Ready!
Shinerama is just around the
Corner!

Amie's Declassified Survival Guide to Spirit Night

Hello all! With orientation drawing nearer, so is Spirit Night, the first house/residence spirit competition! As with all events, Spirit Night is not required but highly encouraged (I almost didn't go last year, but changed my mind literally 10 minutes before and am so glad I did). The event takes place at the Athletic Centre and we compete against other residences with activities to earn points to show that our house is the best [which it obviously is wink emoticon;]]. With that said, if you are the crafty type, rejoice because your skills are needed! Every year the theme of Spirit Night changes (last year was Mad Max) and the house works toward costumes, face paint, and other props or gadgets that show our representation and Edwards twist to the theme! It's a super fun night full of Edwards spirit and MtA spirit, plus is a bonding experience to help out, participate, and cheer on all your fellow Edwardians! The friendly competition between residences can be pretty fierce, but we won last year and can work towards winning it again this year! So prepare yourselves, everyone.



-Amie R.

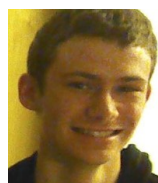
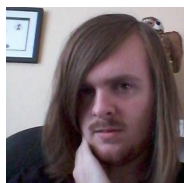


Excited to start at MTA? Send us a pic showing just how much on our Snapchat: [edwards.mta](#)

The Gaming Talk

Edwards is looking to make a leap forward and try something new and innovative to stand out from the other residences. We are introducing a new in-house position: The Tech Representative. This role will manage a number of different factors which will be mentioned in this article. But first, why? Last year, we wanted to do something that would not only give the residents something to do in their free time but also to unify the house as a whole. We came up with the idea to host video game tournaments within the residence. The idea was well-received by the residents, and it blew up. Our plan is to make it bigger and better, and we also want to do more outside of gaming to support the executives and continue with our initial ambitions to make us a unit that stands out. We plan on continuing to have events sporadically throughout the year while also having some planned for certain occasions, such as holidays. As the year goes on, we will gradually provide you with more information. On top of having these events, we want to take advantage of something we have been neglecting: Youtube. Edwards has a Youtube channel, but we are not currently using it to its fullest potential. Because Youtube is such a large media outlet, we believe that we should be using it to leave behind a trail of physical evidence that we are, in fact, strong, outstanding, and embracing. We should be showing, throughout the year, who we are and why we love Mount Allison. We want to create content that will promote ourselves and also give back by creating videos to raise awareness or provide uplifting messages to others. We would like to do this periodically, and we likely ask for your assistance in making these videos, ideas on what videos to make, and feedback on what we have done. While there will only be one official Tech Representative, you will likely see two people working in unison. We have been working closely together over the past year, and we plan to keep on operating as one for the up and coming year. This being said, we will each have our own agendas throughout the year. One of us will be planning and creating events like coffee houses, the other will be creating the content and editing the videos to upload to social media sites such as Youtube. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year. Best wishes!

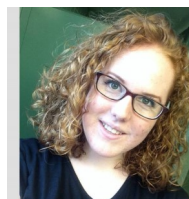
-Jeff P. and Kale M.



Electric Circus: When Creativity and Alcohol Mix

HHEY BULLDOGS it's me again! This time around I'm going to be giving y'all the low down on one of the best parts (in my opinion) of living in residence - residence parties. Alright, so essentially each residence has one big party during the year, which works out to around one party per month. The parties are Harper Havoc, Cancun Campbell, Windsor Mardi Gras, BigBen (Bigelow & Bennett combined), Thornton (name TBA), Hunton Gets Lucky, and the best for last: Edwards Electric Circus (or EC for short). The parties usually have a similar theme each year, for example, Hunton Gets Lucky happens the weekend closest to St. Patrick's Day, Windsor Mardi Gras, of course, happens close to Mardi Gras, Cancun Campbell has a summery-beach theme, you get the picture. Each executive team brings new ideas to the table though to keep the parties interesting year after year! As one of your social chairs, that will be one of my main jobs this year - and I'm going to need your help! The date of EC is usually in October, however this year it will likely change; we have a few things to iron out. What I do know is that planning EC takes a lot of work, but more specifically, it takes a lot of teamwork. I'll be looking to our wonderful bulldogs (that's you!) to help with decorations and ideas. So far I have a couple of ideas up my sleeve, but I would LOVE to hear from you if you have an idea! In recent years, EC themes have been candyland and graffiti/street art. This year I'm thinking maybe Electric Eighties but that is 100% subject to change depending on how many cool ideas we can come up with together! So, you might be wondering, are these parties drinking events? Is it still fun to go if you don't drink? Lucky for you, the answer to both of those questions is YES! Students can buy either non drinking (\$5), half drinking (\$8 - 3 drinks), or full drinking (\$10 - 5 drinks) tickets. And no, you don't have to be 19 to get a drinking ticket! turn up!!!! Each party has a special themed drink they will be serving, as well as your standard mixes of vodka/rum with soft drinks, and there's also a snack included in the price of the ticket. While a lot of students do choose to drink for these events, there are quite a few who don't and honestly have an equally awesome time (plus they don't have to worry about embarrassing themselves in front of everyone - speaking from experience here). All in all, residence parties are a fantastic environment to have a great time and meet people while getting down on the dance floor. I intend to make an appearance at every residence party this year, and I hope lots of you will join me!! See you all in less than two months!!

-Ava



Have a few words you want to share for the next newsletter? Send me a message anytime

Giving Your Ideas the Spotlight

To expand upon what I discussed in the newsletter's introduction, the crux to the Edwardian spirit is our adept ability to craft and create. Our focalization upon this characteristic has been integral to our success as a house, as well as individuals within our community. As an executive member for both this year and the last, I have been witness to wonder from inception to fruition. My experience of both spectating and designing the fulfillment of nebulous ideas has taught me the unremitting need for resident empowerment. Everyone needs an opportunity to give their passion a pursuit with the support of house funds, staff and executive. We hope to accomplish this through a resident event suggestion box, open dialogue, and house council promotion. One of my pledges as president is to give each and every Edwardian the tools necessary to accommodate their suggestions. I am fully aware that this pledge is idealistic, but its well worth the attempt. After all, as a resident that pays \$100 into the house, you should have a say in its allotment. Likewise, I would encourage any Bulldog to contact me or any of your executive members in putting your ideas forward.



Have a good idea for an event? Send a Facebook message to any member of your exec!