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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: GSA Organized:

Pub night: Wednesday June 4 @ Einstein's Pub - 5:30PM

Trivia Night: Thursday June 26 @ The Duke of York - 6PM

July BBQ: Details coming soon!

UofT Events:

Life Sciences Career Development Society's (LSCDS) 8th Annual Career Day: Friday June 6th. A full day of company information fair and guest speakers from 9AM-5PM. Visit www.lscds.org for more information.



A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to our first MoGen GSA Newsletter publication! This new initiative is to provide you with up to date information regarding: Departmental and University events, policy changes, activities happening around the city, & general science fun! Our intentions are to keep you—the student body—better informed without a barrage of e-mails!

As always, we're open to hearing from you about content, suggestions, and improvements (or even student issues, event ideas, etc.!) Feel free to contact us at UTORONTO.MOGEN.GSA@GMAIL.COM. Enjoy our 1st issue and don't forget to pick up our next one!

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UofT Events:

Wednesday, June 11th.
Free film screening of the
documentary "PANDI"
and Q&A session with the
filmmaker Maria-Saroja
Ponnambalam, on
Wednesday, June 11th,
6:30-8:30pm, Grad House
(66 Harbord St). The docu-
mentary looks at investi-
gating the mysterious
death of the director's
uncle. The film reveals
videos of his alter ego
"PONDY", who becomes a
promoter of consumerism
and an embodiment of the
"Canadian Dream". Re-
freshments will be served.

Saturday, June 14th - Got
a green thumb? Join the
UTGSU Environmental
Justice & Sustainability
Committee (EJSC) to
garden at U of T campus
on Saturday, June 14th at
12:45pm, outside of
UTGSU Building, 16th
Bancroft Ave.

Thursday, June 26 – Free
tour of the TIFF Bell
Lightbox and social event.
Get tickets at
bookit.studentlife.utoronto.ca.
Limit of 2 tickets per
person.

LOLMYPAPER: OUR SCIENCE SUCCESSES FOR THE EVERYDAY PEOPLE



"We wrote a comprehensive review on cellular suicide (apoptosis), but I really didn't like how it ended."

Title: High-throughput RNAi screening for germline apoptosis genes in *Caenorhabditis elegans*. – Derry Lab

"You break it, you pay for it... in mitosis !"

Title: Mitosis inhibits DNA double-strand break repair to guard against telomere fusions. - Durocher Lab



"7 years later, authors determine that things poking out of cells touch things floating by cells..."

Title: Analysis of maternal-zygotic *ugdh* mutants reveals divergent roles for HSPGs in vertebrate embryogenesis and provides new insight into the initiation of left-right asymmetry. – Ciruna Lab

"Many ways to get arrested: Tales of multiple herpesvirus proteins"

Title: Identification of herpesvirus proteins that contribute to G1/S arrest. - Frappier Lab



"Listeria puts on a greasy coat to get around the host"

Title: *Listeria monocytogenes* exploits efferocytosis to promote cell-to-cell spread. - Brummel Lab

"Cell Division, spiraling into control."

Title: Anillin-dependent organization of septin filaments promotes intercellular bridge elongation and Chmp4B targeting to the abscission site. - Wilde Lab



"RNase L(latent): The mechanism by which this enzyme is activated by viral infection is no longer latent."

Title: Dimeric Structure Pseudokinase RNase L Bound to 2-5A Reveals a Basis for Interferon-Induced Antiviral Activity. - Sicheri Lab

Welcome to all the undergrad summer students! Be sure to invite them out to our events!

want to have your paper/
review featured? contact:
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GRAD TALKS

June 25, 3-5pm. **Intercultural Communication**. Workshop on talking to people of different cultures.

Register at bookit.studentlife.utoronto.ca

June 24, 2-3pm. **Scholarship and Awards**. This information session helps you prepare for major graduate level awards over the summer. Register at bookit.studentlife.utoronto.ca.

CLUBS



Join the Hart House Underwater Club (HHUC) for **scuba diving** classes with trained diving instructors and scheduled dive trips throughout the summer. Visit www.utoronto.ca/hhuc or contact info@hhuc.ca for more information.

In the mood of dancing? The **University of Toronto Dance Club (UTDC)** is offering cheap summer dancing classes of all kinds. For more detail, visit utdanceclub.com.

CLASSES

The UTGSU's Grad Minds is offering **free weekly yoga and meditation** classes on Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm at the Grad Room, 66 Harbord St. Classes start from May 20th and end at July 29th. Contact mentalhealth@utgsu.ca.

Free class on **building basic strength**, offering proper lifting techniques and different exercises. Thursday, June 5th, 3-4:30pm at the Athletic Centre, 55 Harbord St. Book tickets at bookit.studentlife.utoronto.ca, limit of 2 tickets per person.

Need help with academic writing and speaking? The **English Language & Writing Support** program at UofT provides free courses and consultations. Visit <http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/English-Language-and-Writing-Support.aspx>, for more detail.

ONTARIO VOTES 2014:

remember to vote on Thursday June 12th, 2014 9AM-9PM

advance polling: Saturday May 31 10AM to 8PM to Friday June 6

for more instructions: wemakevotingeasy.ca

explore your political compass (unsure who to vote for?): cbc.ca/elections/ontariovotes2014/votecompass

latest polling projections: threehundredeight.com



WIN! (...SOMETHING)

We're looking for a creative, witty, snappy name for our publication (something better than MoGen Newsletter). If you've also got a knack for design, we're also looking for a logo! Prizes are to be determined. Submit to: utoronto.mogen.gsa@gmail.com



ADVENTURES IN TORONTO:

By: Samantha Yammine



This month I focused on my favourite food venture, but there are lots of fun things coming up in the city that I'll be sure to write about next time (now that my reclass is done!). Here's a list of some of some fun things coming up in June that you may want to schedule your experiments around:

MUSIC:

Toronto Jazz festival (June 19th-28th), <http://torontojazz.com/> a mix of free shows and some with a cover charge located all over the city at various indoor and outdoor venues

NXNE (June 13th-22nd), <http://nxne.com/> : while a lot of shows require a cover charge, everyone can enjoy the extended last call (until 4am!) at some amazing bars/clubs for free. Check out a list of participating venues here: http://www.blogto.com/eat_drink/2012/06/29_bars_open_until_4_am_during_nxne/

PARTY:

WorldPride 2014 (June 20th-29th), <http://www.worldpridetoronto.com/festival/worldpride-2014> : Toronto is hosting an international celebration for activism, education, history, and culture of LGBTTIQQ2SA communities. The famous Pride Parade will be taking place on June 29th, followed by JUNO award winners Tegan & Sarah performing at the closing ceremonies at Yonge and Dundas

Friday Night Live at the ROM (May 30th, June 6th, June 13th, June 20th, June 27th), <http://www.rom.on.ca/en/activities-programs/rom-friday-night-live> : dance to a variety of music, and wander around the ROM at night with your belly full of delicious street food and cocktails... try to order your tickets in advance to skip the line!

FOOD AND DRINK:

Ontario Craft Beer Week (June 13th-23rd), http://www.ontariocraftbrewers.com/ocb_press_OCBweek2014Countdown.php : free brewery tours, father's day events, and probably lots of free giveaways for those in the right place at the right time

Beach BBQs and Brews festival (June 13th-15th), <http://beachbbqandbrews.com/> : free ribfest over the father's day long weekend at Woodbine beach

Taste of Little Italy (June 13th-15th): check out College St. from Bathurst to Shaw for a variety of Italian food, music and merchandise being offered street-side

ONGOING:

the AGO is free for everyone Wednesdays from 6-8:30pm

the ROM is free for anyone with a University ID all day Tuesdays

discounted tickets to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for anyone between the ages 15-35: <http://www.tso.ca/en-ca/tsoundcheck/default.aspx> (season ends mid-June)

discounted tickets to the National Ballet of Canada shows if you're under 29: <http://national.ballet.ca/dancebreak/> (you have to order the tickets the night before)

TORONTO TACOS:

When the day is long and the week has been busy, sometimes taking a well-earned break for a good meal can really turn things around. Desperate for one such break from reclass studying, a friend of mine suggested we try a new restaurant that's pretty close to campus: La Carnita.

Tucked away on College just between Palmerston and Markham, we found the decorative skull marking our destination. We arrived shortly after opening, yet almost every table was already full (unfortunately they don't take reservations for small groups). After looking around at the food starting to land on the tables, however, it became clear why. The music was upbeat and the place was buzzing with good energy and conversation, so the wait for our appetizers felt short. We had lightly spiced fresh tortilla chips with guacamole while we debated between tacos for our main. All 6 options sounded amazing, though each taco was admittedly a bit pricey (~\$5 each). My favourite was the delightfully crispy Tostada de Ceviche as it was loaded with fresh flavor and delicious swordfish. Compared to other places I've had tacos in the city, this one loaded on the most (and freshest) ingredients, so I felt the price was well worth it (I was content with 2, but next time I'd get 3). We ended the meal off with some fresh and hot churros dipped in a caramelized sauce called "cajeta". I'll just describe it by saying that whomever said laughter is the best medicine never had a hot churro.

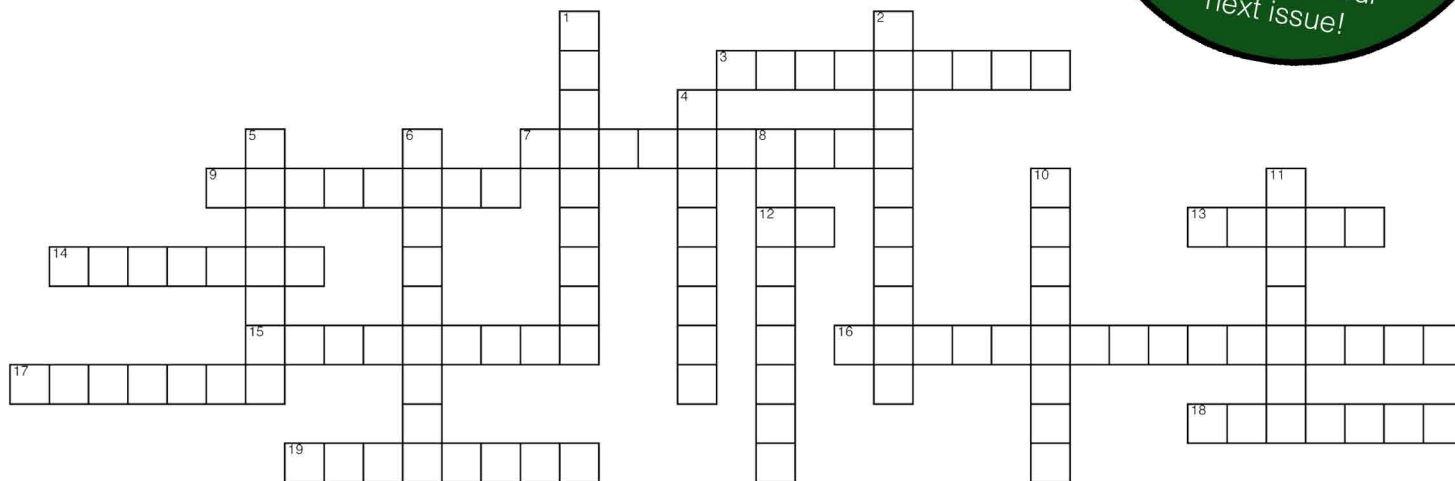
If you're craving tacos now but are turned off by the prices here, Tallboys is an alternative up in the annex that offers \$3 tacos on Tuesdays. While they're not as fresh and flavourful as La Carnita's, their expansive craft beer collection (of tallboys) makes up for it.



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Darwin always said that it was difficult to look good in the rain, but you pull it off. I see you walking towards CCBR with your umbrella, and YOU MEAN BUSINESS, it makes my heart melt.

Sincerely,
sugar in the rain

Are you too shy to voice your true feelings? Write in to imasmittenmolgener@gmail.com and we'll do it for you!



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