Graduate Student Workspace & Lounge: Grand Reopening

The Grad Lounge and Workspace officially re-opened on January 13th, after having been closed for five months due to humidity and ventilation issues. The Lounge is now back up to par as an excellent place for Grad students to work. The space offers a quiet desk area for individual study, a common area for social gatherings, a kitchen for food preparation, a conference room for working meetings, and lockers for valuables. There are also several common computer workstations with access to research & coding software and one computer with a scanner.

Skating, Sliding & Spectators: The EGSS Hits the Rink!

On January 22nd, education graduate students enjoyed some leisure time at the Market Square skating rink behind Kingston City Hall. The chilly outdoor sliding, skating, and—according to some sources—falling down, was followed by an indoor gathering for tasty treats and warm beverages at Sipps Coffee & Dessert Bar. Thank you to our EGSS Social Events Coordinators for organizing this event. If you have suggestions for future social events, please e-mail: egss@queensu.ca
EGSS Election Details

The Annual EGSS Election will be held on Wednesday, March 30th, 2011. Results will be announced on Thursday, March 31st. All positions are up for renewal, and being on the executive is a great way to be involved in life at the Faculty of Education. The nomination period will be open for one week, beginning on Monday, March 21st and closing on Monday, March 28th at 4:30 pm. Students will nominate themselves by e-mailing egss@queensu.ca before 4:30 pm on Monday, March 28th. Please state the position you are applying for and provide a brief bio for the ballot.

Chinese New Year: The Year of the Rabbit

On February 3rd, members of the EGSS celebrated the arrival of Chinese New Year with food and fun at the Silver Wok restaurant. The Rabbit (aka Hare) is the fourth animal in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese Zodiac. Many thanks to the EGSS international student rep Miao Li for organizing such a fun evening.

International Student Profile: Viktoria Wrengbro; University of Oslo

27-year old Viktoria Wrengbro is visiting our Faculty this term on exchange from the University of Oslo, Norway. She is currently an M.Ed student (Curriculum & Evaluation), and completed her undergraduate work in Education and Spanish. While at Queen’s, she is taking three courses: Philosophy of Education, Principles of Measurement, and Learning and Curriculum Theory. If you are interested in learning more about Viktoria’s adventures as an exchange student in Canada, you can check out her blog:

http://uw-blog.uio.no/wpmu/viktoria/

“I am interested in how globalization and economy affects curriculum and educational policies, and how this can be discussed in a philosophical perspective. I wrote my undergraduate thesis on PISA and how this international large-scale test has influenced Norwegian educational policies. My plan is to further elaborate on this in my Master’s thesis.” - Viktoria Wrengbro, University of Oslo