

Editor-in-Chief board report for Dec. 11, 2013

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Hello, Martlet board,

Since our last meeting, we've wrapped up print publishing for 2013. The last several print issues turned out well, distinguished by a bit more news content than previously, and helped us identify goals to strive toward and projects to launch over the remaining 12 issues of Volume 66 beginning in January.

Staff shuffling

Our assistant news editor felt very confined by the constraints of his section, and we decided news wasn't the best place for him. So News Editor Taryn Brownell offered to continue working above and beyond without his help. She has fostered a stable base of valuable volunteer news reporters and leans on Brandon where possible for images, which has allowed her to expand and diversify the news section without an assistant. Nicholas, meanwhile, has begun working with Beth and Ryan under a new job title of assistant editor. We're just getting started on this role, but the idea is to have him soliciting, writing and editing dynamic content for all sections as needed.

Workshops and guest speakers

The Martlet speaker/workshop series is slated to gear up again in the new year. Several section editors have expressed interest in hosting skills or special topics workshops open to the public, and I've let all the staff know that we're keen to nail down dates for these. I've touched base with John Threlfall, Sarah Petrescu and others. Please feel free to email me suggestions or to volunteer to set up a session.

EIC projects over break

I'm currently working on firmer checklists to ensure that staff regularly meet their job requirements. I have plans to keep Martlet.ca active while part-time staff are off duty, by following up with contributors that didn't get section editor attention, and editing and posting stories for sections. We have one instalment left of Focus on Fuel investigative series. I'm updating Get Involved resources, website flat pages, and internal guides. Several staff meetings will still happen over the break; I will host them electronically.

Theme issues

February 6 is the Sex Issue. March 13 is the Green Issue. March 27 is the Spoof Issue.

There are also many odds and ends on my mind. Jeremy is improving our website. Taryn and I have begun planning student elections coverage, including video. I'm excited about a couple contests Chorong initiated. Let me know if you have suggestions.

Thanks!