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Thoughts with Ryan O'Connor

The Legacy of Stan Rogers

Sunday would be Stan Rogers' 49th birthday. It's really hard to believe that he's been gone for over 15 years now, mainly because people talk as if he's only recently passed away. And to this very day, he's the most influential individual in the East Coast music scene.

Nevermind the fact that he was born in Ontario; he'd be the first to tell you that "my blood is Maritime" (he grew up in Hamilton, but spent much of his free time, including the summers, in Nova Scotia, where his parents were from). Look no farther than the turnout for the "Remembering Stan Rogers" concert held a few years back. If there was ever a question as to his influence, it was answered at that event.

What can we say about this man, who died at such a young age. At 33, most musicians are just getting established, but by this point Stan had released classic albums such as "Fogarty's Cove" and "Northwest Passage". Not only that, but he traveled Canada extensively, and represented our nation overseas as well.

You may be familiar with the Stan Rogers Festival held in Canso, Nova Scotia each summer, but did you know they have a Stan Rogers Folk Festival in Texas? Have you ever stopped to think about how widespread his music is? I have a hard time thinking of a concert that I attended locally that didn't include at least one Stan tune. I also know a folk musician living in the southern United States, and when I mentioned Stan Rogers he immediately brought up the last verse of "The Mary Ellen Carter".

It's a popular tune even down there!

So what is it about Stan's music that has allowed it to age so well? For one, it's magnificently created, from the writing to the recording. It represents the people extremely well, and it's inspiring.

Did you know a businessman whose plane crashed in the Atlantic kept himself alive in the freezing waters by singing "The Mary Ellen Carter" to keep his spirits up? It's true.

How about critical acclaim? Stan received bucket loads of that, from Pete Seeger's compliments to Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul and Mary) declaring Stan "the best young songwriter alive today, without peer."

So what's up for Stan fans? Ariel Rogers, Stan's widow, has informed me that there will be a new release this spring entitled "From Coffeehouse To Concert Hall", which will contain some cover tunes performed by him, as well as the last of his unreleased recordings.

For more information on Stan, you can check out www.summerfolk.org/srmain.htm, a site devoted to him. From there you can find out more about the man, as well as check out his merchandise, which is available through Fogarty's Cove Music.

When November 29th rolls around, why not sing a verse of "Barrett's Privateer's" in dedication to the man behind it? I think that's the way he'd want it.

The M.A.P.U.S. Connection For Mature and Part-time Students

Greetings! Many good things have been happening with the Mapus student organization in the last few weeks. We now have full representation on the Senate and Student Union Council. At our last meeting, James O'Holloran was elected to the Secretary Treasurer position and John MacBeth to the council rep position. Both of these gentlemen have great ideas and we are glad to have them on board. Congratulations!

For students who may not know, the purpose of the Mapus Association is to provide an established framework and channels of communication through which members of the Association can promote an understanding and a liaison with the University. All full time students over the age of 24 are members as well as students enrolled part-time.

Mapus is also intended to create an environment mutually satisfying to both the University and the student, and to ensure that part-time and mature students are an integral and acknowledged part of the University. This is one reason why it is so important for mature and part-time students to keep in touch with your representatives and let us know what issues you would like to see addressed.

Your elected representatives for 1998-99 are:

President	Wylie Hall
Vice-pres.	Janice Muir
Sec.-Treas.	James O'Holloran
Senate Rep.	Elizabeth Statts
Council Rep.	John MacBeth
Past Pres.	Maida MacCullum
Resource	Paula Gauthier

One item on the agenda is to design a new logo for Mapus. If you are creative and would like to put your graphic illustrations to good use please drop by the lounge sometime. We are located in the Robertson Library 106A.

The *Countdown to Christmas* has begun, and although most of us are thinking of exams, there are some suggestions worth considering. This year the Mapus committee is considering a social get-together that may include a tree trimming party or a Christmas Party complete with Santa for the children. What do you think? Ideas can be posted on the bulletin board or given to Paula.

Also, the City of Charlottetown has invited us to put a float into their 3rd Annual Christmas Parade. The executive meets next on Wednesday November 18 at 9:30. All members are welcome to attend.

For those who may not have heard, the exam schedule is now posted outside the Registrar's office. When exams were discussed at our last meeting, some members suggested including tips on handling stress in the next Mapus column. So folks, for those of you who may be a little stressed, here are some of the best that I found from searching the Net. Don't ask me about the worst ... even these I am writing a disclaimer for.

1. Get rid of financial stress ... get a 3.9 % visa.
2. Pop popcorn without a lid.
3. If someone tells you to have a nice day, tell them you have other plans.
4. Put little pieces of marshmallows up your nose and sneeze them out. See how many you can use in one sneeze.
5. Call a 1-800 number and try to sell whoever answers the phone yesterday's newspaper.
6. Tape pictures of your boss to melons and drop them from high places.
7. Fill a jug with water, throw a few pebbles in it and walk up and down the street asking people if they've seen Sean, your beloved goldfish.
8. Call the police and report Sean missing.
9. Untie your shoes before entering stores and ask the clerk to tie them when they ask if they can help you.
10. Tattoo "out for Lunch" on your forehead.
11. Drive backwards to work.
12. Make up a new language and use it asking people for directions.
13. Fill a bun with ketchup and put it back in the bag.
14. Pay the electricity bill with cents.
15. Double your pleasure ... xerox your paychecks.

On a different note, some of the items coming up in future columns include tax tips for students and information on how one correctly fills out those student loan papers. Watch for them in future Cadre editions.

Finally, the thought this week comes anonymously:

If everything is coming your way, then you're in the wrong lane!

Suggestions for future articles can be forwarded to Janice Muir at 853-4042 or JMuir@upe.ca.