Everybody's business:
Gustavson's partners go green, too
Do you know a student who’s been on exchange to Singapore? Who’s hoping for a co-op job there? Or someone who’s visited the city? Bernadette Toh, Director of the Office of Global Learning at Gustavson’s partner Singapore Management University, is stoked about SMU’s GROW initiative - an organic farming project in the heart of the city. It’s received nice media attention in the Straits Times on Jan 6, on SMU’s website, on Channel News Asia, and even inspired a cartoon!

UVic’s Campus Community Garden is also planted, harvested, and eaten by volunteers. Tomorrow, Friday, Jan 23, 2015, garden workers are hosting an orientation for new gardeners. Want to dig in? They’d love to see you!

Election Day in Canada
Join a variety of speakers for a work-in-progress documentary preview and forum on #ElxnFraud with filmmaker Peter Smoczynski
7pm Wed, January 28, 2015
Victoria Event Centre advance tickets are sold out, and there will be limited tickets at the door.
Mary Winspear tickets available here.

Not the most marketable title, but…
In 2012, the oil palm industry in Malaysia produced 18.7 million tonnes of crude palm oil. While that’s a terrific economic export, it also creates a lot of waste and byproducts. This study, Engineering and sustainability performance of self-compacting palm oil mill incinerated waste concrete in the Journal of Cleaner Production, found several win-win strategies for waste- and byproducts, from self-compacting concrete for construction to reduced energy costs and emissions.

Dialogue at UVic:
climate change, divestment and society
Five panelists with diverse backgrounds and viewpoints will consider the complexities of addressing climate change. Some of the considerations will be sustainable investments, today's energy sector, and First Nations.
Panelist bios and more details on the UVic website.
Monday, Jan 26, 2015
7 pm in Bob Wright B150
Free and open to the public

Gustavson’s four pillars at work – in an Ontario forest
In the late 1980s, Peter Schleifenbaum brought an international perspective (and a PhD in forestry) to an overharvested, devastated tract of Ontario. His European attitude and techniques aren’t new in Germany but they’re not common in Canada, and his innovations have created jobs and economic diversity.
Maple lumber, hemlock home kits, even deep-fried canoe paddles (read the Financial Post article) are just a few of the products that make Haliburton Forest the largest employer in the county.
Forestry professor Sandy Smith of the University of Toronto says, “[Peter Schleifenbaum] has the capacity to implement ideas. He’s not in it because he likes trees. He is in it because it’s good business sense. And he is making sure it is there for his children and grandchildren.”

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