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NSSAC proposes grant program

by Jeremy Strong

The NSSAC (Nova Scotia Student Advocacy Coalition) held its first ever-annual general meeting at Acadia University in August of 2000. The NSSAC is a provincial coalition of student governments representing over 37,000 post-secondary students at Acadia University, Dalhousie University, Mount Saint Vincent University, the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Saint Francis Xavier University, Saint Mary's University, University College of Cape Breton, University of King's College and University Sainte Anne. During the two-day conference, delegates from member institutions outlined the future direction of the Coalition and decided on a policy for NSSAC's first ever-provincial campaign.

Among the three main issues discussed at the conference, was an idea that has now become an official proposal-to replace the Loan Remission program. The coalition's goal is to have the Nova Scotia Student Grant Program in place as soon as possible, to provide some relief for the provinces severe amount of student debt. When the Provincial Budget announced on April 11, 2000 that the Loan Remission Program was to be cancelled, it left Nova Scotia with only one means of debt relief for students of secondary institutions (and only for students who have already graduated)-the Interest Relief Program. This program allows for a borrower to apply for interest relief for a period of up to 30 months. In 1999-2000 \$3M was spent on interest relief.

All provinces except Nova Scotia have introduced and sustained programs that are aimed at reducing student debt. Such initiatives exist mostly in the form of loan forgiveness or deferred grants-awards that are given at the

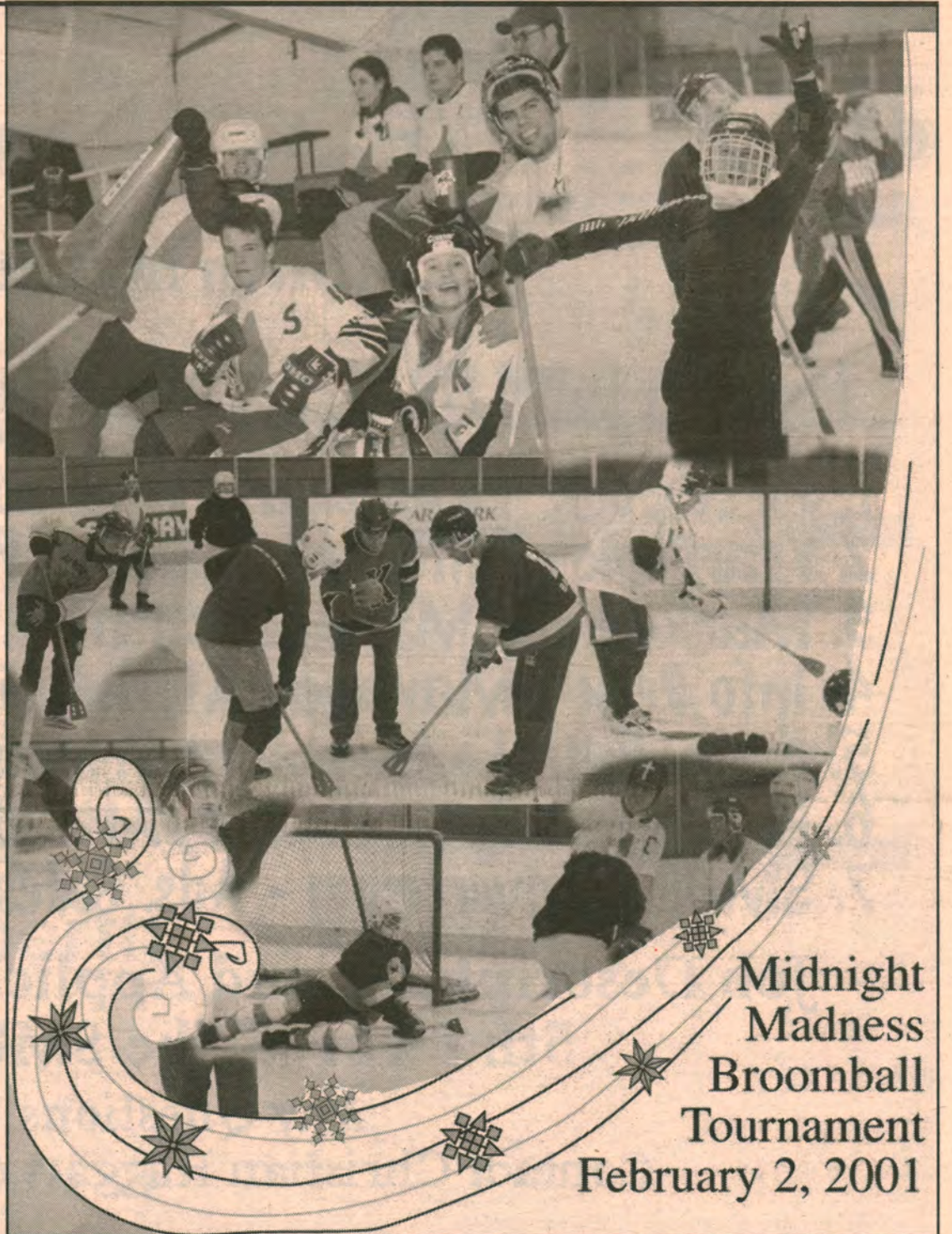
end of a study period. There are many available options for the Government of Nova Scotia, however at a time when student debt is rising quickly it is important to build upon the initiatives and experiences of the other provinces. The time for debt relief is now, and the Nova Scotia Student Grant Program can provide some of that relief.

Samantha Anderson, the Vice President of External Affairs at SMUSA, deals with higher education issues that affect students during and after their period of study. Of the current financial aid situation in Nova Scotia, Anderson said that,

"Nova Scotia is the only province in Canada that doesn't have a loan remission, bursary or grant program for student's with the highest amount of debt."

When the new program is in place it will mean that students with the highest debt loads will be eligible to have part of their loan debt repaid by the provincial government through a non-repayable remission grant. To apply to the program students would speak with a representative in their institutions Student Assistance Office at the end of their academic period. Debt reduction benefits would be credited to student loan accounts. NSSAC suggests that the provincial government put a communication strategy in place to inform students about the Nova Scotia Grant Program and the procedures involved in applying for it. For example, applications and information about the program could be placed in the notice of assessment and also made available at student financial aid and student union offices on campus. At the very least, the Government should inform all students who incur debt during

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Midnight Madness Broomball Tournament February 2, 2001

SMU team places second in Engineering competition

by Brian Harper

On the weekend of January 26-28 Saint Mary's was represented at the 2001 Atlantic Engineering Competition, held at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. SMU is a regular competitor in the annual showcase of engineering students.

The SMU delegation consisted of twenty-six members including twelve first year students, which comprised seven teams. The teams then competed in either the Junior or Senior Impromptu Design categories. Four teams entered the Junior competition designed for students who have not yet received a diploma in engineering (i.e. SMU students) and were asked to create an invention capable of

shooting a moving target with a bouncing ball. The teams had to complete this task using bits of garbage such as a beer bottle, two rubber bands, a coat hanger, and a bit of duct tape. The remaining three teams competed in the senior competition designed for students that have received a diploma in engineering and are attempting to receive their degree (i.e. DalTech students). Their task was to create a hovercraft that was able to fly thirty feet, no more and no less. All of the participants performed remarkably well. The most notable performance came from the team of David Bugden, Brian Harper and Timothy Doane who finished second in the Senior Design category (ahead of

every DalTech design team). The weekend also included a professional development seminar centered around the oil and gas industry as well as numerous social events, giving students a chance to meet other students from all of the Atlantic engineering schools as well as industry professionals.

Saint Mary's reputation for producing mature, competent and very enthusiastic engineering students was upheld not only by the second podium placing finish, but also by the fact that almost one in five students, in the entire program, participated. It seems evident that what the SMU Division of Engineering lacks

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post-secondary studies that they are eligible to apply for a grant. Students should also be notified when a payment has been applied to their loan account. It is crucial that needs based grants reach those students that require them most.

The Grants should be available at the end of academic study and applied directly against the loan debt. The amount that students could have repaid would depend on the amount of their combined Canada Student Loan and Nova Scotia Student Loan. If the total debt is more than the established debt limit, the Nova Scotia Government will pay in the year of Completion of studies, the part of the debt that exceeds the loan limit. The proposed debt limit for a Nova Scotia post-secondary student borrowing for 136 weeks, would be \$23,392.

This is a considerable amount of relief for students with outstanding debt. For a student to be eligible for this kind of relief, he or she must, A) have pursued their academic program in Canada (unless it was not available in Canada), B) have a combined debt for the academic period exceeding \$23,392 for programs of study between 80-136 borrowing weeks or \$172

per week, times the number of borrowing weeks in the program of study for program lengths that exceed 136 borrowing weeks.

The NSSAC would like to see the same amount of money invested into the Nova Scotia Student Grant Program as was available for the previous Loan Remission Program. Approximately \$9.9 Million was spent on loan remission in 1999-2000. The proposal was well received two weeks ago by the Minister of Education, and may be implemented as soon as next year. However, questions have been raised as to why after only one year, a program that was cut from the provinces budget is being brought back. Liberal Education critic Wayne Gaudet said in a press release last week,

"I'm delighted that the minister has come around, but it certainly leaves me wondering what other programs were cut that should not have been. It also makes me question the Tory's evidence based decision making process."

NSSAC was formed in the summer of 1998 to replace SUNS (Student Union of Nova Scotia). SUNS was dissolved in October of 1997 due to political disagreements amongst its members.

University launches new faculty

by Journal Staff

Saint Mary's University, ranked as one of Canada's best institutions of higher learning in Canada, now has a Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. Since its founding in 1802, Saint Mary's has remained strongly committed to excellence in teaching and research. Small class sizes at the undergraduate and graduate levels have allowed students to work closely with professors, a quality not found in many universities across Canada.

Graduate studies and research has developed rapidly at the University in the last decade of the twentieth century. The strong growth of unique and diverse programs has therefore prompted the University to form a new Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, replacing the current Office of Graduate Studies which was first introduced in the Fall of 1999.

"The new faculty will provide a focus for the University to maintain and improve its service to graduate students, whose needs are rather different from those of undergraduates," says Dr. Georgia Piper, Director of the Office of

Graduate Studies.

The University currently offers Masters programs in Atlantic Canada Studies (ACS), Criminology, History, International Development Studies (IDS), Philosophy, Women's Studies, Applied Psychology, Astronomy, Business Administration (MBA), Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA), and Ph.D. in Business Administration.

The 1996 Report of the Arts Faculty Development Committee envisages more graduate degrees in Arts. Commerce envisages more Ph.D. pro-

grams in the future. Activity in several of these programs will be greatly enhanced by the acquisition of Millennium Chairs.

"Scholarly research is an important part of the mission of the University and is essential if our

undergraduate and graduate students are to be exposed to new ideas and the skills that they will need in today's workplace," she says. "The new faculty will therefore also serve the University research community by strengthening links with the private sector and government agencies."

Short story writing competition

If you like to write in your spare time, and think you may have some creative talent, then why not submit a short story to our competition? We will be accepting stories until February 20th, so get writing! Please try to make all submissions between 500 and 3000 words. The winner of the contest will receive a small prize and their photo in the Journal. Submit to the Journal office c/o the news editor, or online to: jstrong@accesswave.ca

"If you don't have the time to read, then you have neither the tools nor the time to write." - Stephen King.

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Samantha Anderson

Hi! My name is Samantha and I would like to represent you as the President of SMUSA in 2001-02. I am enrolled in Criminology at SMU and I hold a B.Sc., with major in Psychology from another university. My experience here at Saint Mary's University has been immense, especially in terms of my involvement with SMUSA. I was appointed as the VP External Affairs in June 2000 and have enjoyed this experience to present.

As the President of SMUSA I would like to accomplish many things in office, but I would like to address two important matters of concern to students: (1) money, and (2) a place to live. To address the first matter, I would like to (a) increase the availability of funding to SMUSA societies so that they may further the academic, intellectual, cultural and social activities of their members, and (b) increase the amount of scholarships and bursaries granted to students. The second matter involves the establishment of an off campus housing office to educate and help students find housing. This office will employ students to aid in this function.

Please find the ballot boxes February 12th and 13th and Samantha Anderson for President.

Hi everyone my name is Saeed EL-Darahali and I am running for SMUSA president. I am currently a full time student at SMU, pursuing a double major in Computer science/Business Administration and a minor in economics. I am also the president of the math and computer science society. In the past year I have worked hard with the executives and society members to get students more involved in their university. For the past several years, society member counts were only around 30; this year the society boasts a member count of over 125.

If elected I will work hard to: Increase on/off campus parking, increase job options for grads, get access to P and F drives from off campus computers, get a fully automated on-line course registration system.

I will also work hard to address other student issues and to bridge the gap between administration and students. After all without students there wouldn't be a university (I'm not suggesting that everyone formally withdraw from their courses). Although I am suggesting that you practice your right to vote on February 12th and 13th.

If you'd like to know more about me check out this website: <http://www.Saeed4Pres.w3.to>



Saeed EL-Darahali

My name is Christian Haggart and I am running for President of your Students' Association. I am a fourth year student, and am currently the Vice President Administration. Our mission statement at the Association is Students Working For Students, and that is exactly what I wish to continue doing. Over the past year I have learned many things about representation and I have a better understanding of things that work well and things that essentially do not.

Accessibility and availability will be my mandate. Visibility is a must; I believe a President should be the most familiar face on campus. I plan on giving students as many avenues to express their concerns and comments as necessary so that students feel represented on all fronts.

In order for proper representation, it is up to you the student, to choose the candidates you feel can best represent your interests. Good luck to the other candidates running in the election, especially Dave Marshall-VP Admin, Tim Hockin-VPSA, and Ian Appleton-VP External.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call me at 496-8709 or drop by the 5th floor of the Student Centre.

Thank-you for your support.



Christian Haggart

SMUSA president is an important job. The president is expected to provide leadership to the SRC (Student Representative Council). The SRC, including the President represents you, the students. The SRC decides how to spend the money you contribute to SMUSA in the form of Student Fees. This money is currently used to support a range of services including; the Pub, the Info Desk, Husky Patrol, Year Book, Frosh Week, and societies like the Journal that produced the paper that you are reading.

Your vote determines who will lead SMUSA next year. The people you choose will make decisions that affect your experiences at SMU and will set the direction SMUSA takes in years to come. So, please vote.

A good president will be a strong leader, will keep the needs of their fellow students (your needs) as their first priority, and will represent you effectively and with confidence.

I can do that.

I am excited about changes taking place on campus; SMUSA is looking into building a new Student Center, the University is talking of building new athletic facilities, and many of the societies are becoming more active then ever. I want to be part of these changes.

Vote David



David Fullerton

My name is Matt Cameron and I'm running for Vice President Administration hopefully changing over to internal affairs. My main goal as vice president is to try to increase student awareness of SMUSA activities right here on campus. We've been developing a great presence nationally through groups like CASA, but Saint Mary's students don't know what is happening here with the association. I'd like to help societies continue to prosper on and around campus, to bring the entertainment committee back to life and make sure that events run smoothly around campus all year.

I'm a second year at SMU majoring in computer science and business administration. I work as a residence assistant in Rice, an intramural coordinator, a campus tour guide, a campus rep, and I'm currently servicing as president of the Residence Society. I'm no stranger to experience with SMUSA activities and events. I look forward to making sure that students at SMU have a positive voice on the fifth floor, someone who is going to look out for their interests.

On February 12th and 13th, check Matt Cameron for VP Admin. And remember to vote yes to changing the SMUSA constitution to better structure the vice president responsibilities.



Matt Cameron

Hello, I'm Kevin Holland, and I'm running for Vice President Administration. I was born in Halifax, but was raised in the small town of Barrington, Nova Scotia where I graduated from high school. I am currently in my fourth year of a Bachelor of commerce degree with an accounting major. I expect to graduate from Saint Mary's in the spring of 2002 and then get a bachelor of education degree. Over the years at Saint Mary's I have been active in the school through intramurals and a residence assistant. I spend most of my free time playing hockey and other sports.



Kevin Holland

Hi my name is Wendy Innes and I'm running for the position of Vice President of Administration. I'm originally from Riverview New Brunswick and I moved to Halifax 4 years ago to further my education here at SMU. I am currently in my 4th year of science majoring in environmental science and doing a double minor in commerce and geography. In the past four years I have been extremely involved in campus life. I have been the science rep on the student representative council for the past two years, a member in many different societies, and a member of the pit crew.

I feel I am the best candidate for the position of VP Administration. Being on council the last two years has given me a great deal of experience in student politics and I have many ideas I'd like to see put in place. If elected I would concentrate on increasing student employment opportunities on campus and also on getting a dental plan to go along with our health plan. I promise that if elected I will do my best and do what is in the best interest of the students. Have your say in the future of SMU, vote!



Wendy Innes

Are you happy with the amount of functions held at Saint Mary's University? Well as the Chairperson of the Entertainment Committee I guarantee better student events on campus. With the usage of student information forums, mass information via e-mail regarding all events on campus, and our SMUSA website, we can better understand what the students of Saint Mary's really want.

Are you aware of all jobs offered by SMUSA? Well you should be, with the resources that are available every student should know and be able to apply for any job. Students must have an equal opportunity for campus employment. SMUSA must start being run more like a corporation, and with your support we can make this happen. I'm a 3rd year Commerce student with a major in Accounting and a concentration in economics. I have worked as a summer student for the New Brunswick Power Corporation as an inventory planner, sat on a Federal Youth Executive as Finance/Fundraising Director, been a RA on 16th Rice, also heavily involved in Federal and Provincial Politics, and a Captain of SMU Men's Rugby. Students remember to vote and eliminate internal conflict in SMUSA vote Haggart, Appleton, Hockin, and Marshall.



Dave Marshall

My name is Chad Schofield and I am running for VP Administration. So, why vote for me? My vision for next year is to improve communication between SMUSA and the student population. SMUSA is elected to work for you, so active, open communication is essential.

Do you know who your representatives are? Using student media, contact info will be made accessible to all students, since the first step to improving communication is knowing who SMUSA is.

So what does SMUSA do? As the representative of students, they are our voice to both the Government and the university. On Campus, they run services such as Husky Patrol and the pub. As your elected official, I will work to make sure that students know about SMUSA and the important work it does for students.

Here is what I have achieved already. As Residence Representative, I was able to have Husky Patrol service extended to Gerard Hall on Fridays during the first semester and helped successfully lobby for a daytime shuttle service for second semester. Why did I do this? Because that is what residence students told me they wanted. On Election Day, make your vote count! Vote Chad Schofield, VP Administration.



Chad Schofield

The times are a changing

By the time this paper comes out, most students at SMU should be knee-deep in candidates trying to persuade you to vote for them. Now I'm not gonna give you the whole spiel about how you should get out and vote, if you're in university, you should have the common sense to vote when required to.

I am, however, going to give you the full out details about why this election is so important to us (the Journal).

During this election, along with a ballot to vote for various candidates, you will be given a referendum question that you are asked to give a yes or no vote. This is important to us because it pertains to the very future of the newspaper. Right now, the Journal is funded directly from students, via SMUSA, and we are hoping to change this. The paper has always felt that with SMUSA giving a large levee every year, SMUSA retains control over the content to some degree. You can't very well print a bad article about someone who gives you a large deal of money without the repercussion of having that money denied the next time its asked for. Basically it's the 'don't bite the hand that feeds you' deal and it's a pretty awful way to run a newspaper. We want to have the freedom to give the students the whole story when it comes out, and hopefully, this referendum will help us along that track.

The question you will be asked at election time will say something along the lines of, 'will you agree to a \$4.00 contribution to help fund the Journal every year?' This money will take the place of the existing money that SMUSA gives the Journal every year, thus releasing them from any obligation to us every year. Without the regular levee from SMUSA every year, we probably could not afford to publish a paper every week, so you can understand the importance it is to us.

Autonomy is our goal, but it doesn't mean that we will be separated from the students. It is still students who work and write for the Journal and we couldn't exist without a regular intake of volunteers every year. Autonomy gives us the ability to produce an unbiased paper, but it doesn't mean we will go crazy. The Journal is still and will be governed by a board of directors, and it is these people who direct the financial aspect of the paper as well as keeping the editorial staff in check.

So when you go out to vote on the 12th and 13th of February, make sure you look for the referendum questions when they are given to you. They mean a great deal to us, and it will mean a great deal of better journalism in the times to come if you vote yes.

If you have and comments or concerns about the referendum question, please feel free to stop by the Journal office and anyone would be happy to give you a better understanding.

T.M.

Email the editor at
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SMUSA Executive Elections

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Christian Haggart	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Kevin Holland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wendy Innes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Marshall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chad Schofield	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Tim Hockin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Weatherhead	<input type="checkbox"/>

Vice President External Affairs

Ian Appleton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doug Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Horne	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle MaGee	<input type="checkbox"/>

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SMUSA Executive Election Candidates 2001

Vice President Student Affairs and External Affairs

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Paul Deveau

Saint Mary's University...How do you feel? My name is Paul Deveau, and I am VERY excited at the opportunity of being your Vice President Student Affairs 2001-2002. I'm a 3rd year student here at Saint Mary's, and so far have taken advantage of every opportunity SMU's had to offer me. You may have seen me wandering around campus giving university tours, jumping around cheering as a Frosh Leader, driving you home in the Husky Patrol vans, or helping us all cheer on our Huskies as part of that crazy, hill-slidin' Pit Crew. My days at SMU have been very satisfying, but my next goal is to represent you in our Students' Association. I thrive on taking a leadership role, and truly believe that I can make a difference. The Student Affairs position is an important one for you, because it's your voice to the university concerning your academic affairs. You deserve a responsible, committed, and excited individual to be your representative, and I my friends, am that and so much more. I will be around campus this week and at both Candidate Forums, and encourage you to meet me and see for yourself why Paul Deveau is the right choice.

John F. Kennedy one said "The men who create power make an indispensable contribution to the nations' greatness, but the men who question power make a contribution just as indispensable, especially when this question is disinterested, for they determine whether they use the power, or the power uses them." It will be my job as VPSA to make sure that it is we the students who use the power. I have no hidden agenda in this campaign if I am elected, it will be my job to make sure that your voice gets heard. You are the men and women who contribute to our schools' greatness. It is you (the students) who create the power and it is my job in the week ahead to convince you of my ability to effect this power. To help me in my cause I have aligned myself with three other candidates: Christian Haggart for President, Dave Marshall for VP Administration, and Ian Appleton for VP External. I feel that we share similar political interests, and I feel confident in their capabilities. I wish all the other candidates good luck, and for the students "you create this school's future. Make it a productive one."



Tim Hockin



Tom Weatherhead

Hi my name is Tom Weatherhead. I am currently a third year commerce major with a major in finance. I am running for the position of Vice President of Student Affairs for Saint Mary's University Students' Association for a number of reasons. The first of these reasons is that the students of the university need to have better communication between the student body and the Association. This is so that the students will have the knowledge that they need regarding the services of the Association and better access to these services. Without this increase in communications with the students there may still be those that believe that the Association does not do that much for the student body. The second reason that I have for running for this position is that I would like to be able to effect some positive change within the university for the students because I believe that if an elected individual can not act in the best interests of those that they represent then that individual should be in office.

Why do maritime universities receive the least amount of funding per student, compared to other provinces? J. Francis Leddy, an expert on university finance, said in 1984, "Knowledge is not bought with small change." Why is it so hard for some students to obtain student loan assistance? What is the Millennium scholarship fund? Is the \$2.5 billion being used to aid Canadian students most effectively? These issues are external affairs, which concerns the everyday student. It is often hard to overturn Federal and Provincial Government's decisions, but it is impossible for politicians to ignore precise research and a strong voice. I have a strong voice and the resources to work most effectively for the students. My voice will be heard on the provincial and national level. I plan to use my commerce training to contribute to SMUSA, helping it become an even more successful corporation. My involvement at Saint Mary's: lived on floor 17 and 15 of Loyola, Commerce Society, SMU Men's Team, Federal and Provincial politics, SMU Rugby Society. Vote Ian Appleton for VP External Affairs; all the best to the other candidates, with special mention to: Christian Haggart, Dave Marshall, and Tim Hockin.



Ian Appleton



Doug Henderson

Hello, I am Doug Henderson and I am running for the position of Vice President External. This position not only plays an important part to SMUSA but at the same time plays an important part to the students.

As VP External, my goal is to increase student awareness as to what both the provincial and national lobby groups, NSSAC and CASA, are doing for them. I promise to be a voice for student concerns.

This past year I have held the Off-Campus Rep position, I have working knowledge of SMUSA, which would allow me to better help students. I stand for Communication between SMUSA and the students.

My name is Peter Horne, I am running for the position of VP External. I am a second year student working towards a degree in Environmental Science and I've lived in Rice Residence for the past two years. I was a frosh leader this past year and currently am the Manager of the Saint Mary's University Women's Basketball Team, as well as a coach for Spartan Gymnastics Club. I hope to bring the same enthusiasm and intensity to the position of VP External, that I brought to Frosh Week.



Peter Horne

Initiating a Recycling Program for Saint Mary's and in Residence is something I would strive for.

I would like to see a Job Fair set up to help students get a summer job in their field of study.

I would like to encourage everyone to come out and vote on February 12th and 13th, and to also attend the two forums. I look forward to any ideas or suggestions you may have. Thank-you.



Michelle MaGee

Hi, my name is Michelle MaGee and I am in my third year at Saint Mary's doing my B. Comm, with a double major in marketing and global business studies. I currently work for SMUSA in the Marketing department and as an advertising manager at The Journal. I am running for the position of VP External Affairs because I think that post-secondary education (PSE) is important. Students at SMU need to have their concerns about PSE voiced to all levels of government; I feel that I have the work ethic, responsibility, and enthusiastic attitude to do this effectively.

Issues important to students are communicated to government officials through student advocacy groups like the Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA) and the Nova Scotia Student Advocacy Coalition (NSSAC.) Some of these issues include; the rising cost of tuition, bringing back the loan remission program in Nova Scotia, keeping interest rates low on student loans and updated information on the student loan program.

If elected, I will work hard to find better methods for students to voice their concerns about PSE as well as effectively communicate these ideas to external advocacy groups. On election day, vote Michelle MaGee for VP External Affairs!

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Summit of the Americas to be held in Canada

by Paula Sansom

On Friday, January 26th, Guillermo E. Rishchynski, Canada's ambassador to the Republic of Columbia gave two separate talks at Saint Mary's University. In the morning at a breakfast seminar at The Oaks, where SMU's International Activities Office is located, Ambassador Rishchynski spoke about the up-coming Summit of the Americas and Canada's role in trade in the hemisphere. Upper-class commerce students as well as MBA candidates, both Canadian and foreign, were informed about the Summit which will take place in Quebec City from April 20-22, 2001.

The Summit will mark the culmination of a period in which Canada has strongly reaffirmed its identity as a nation of the Americas, and as a busy crossroad for our hemispheric friends and neighbours. Re-

cently, Canada has chaired negotiations on the creation of a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). In June of 2000, Canada hosted the General Assembly of the Organization of American States in Windsor, Ontario.

At the 2001 Summit, leaders of the 34 democratically elected heads of states from North, Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean will gather in Quebec City for the Third Summit of the Americas. The topics will focus on common hemispheric challenges, namely economic integration, improved access to education, poverty alleviation, and enhanced respect for human rights and democratic development.

Ambassador Rishchynski's talk highlighted themes of the Summit. He spoke about strengthening democracy and creating prosperity through the expan-

sion of free trade and the promotion of social corporate responsibility. In order for this to happen, he stressed that human potential must be encouraged by access to justice and equality and by promoting health and education. IT connectivity is essential not just for those who can afford it, but for all, so that further economic marginalization is not the result. In terms of the role of civil society in this paradigm, he spoke of partnerships of non-governmental organizations with commercial development and with that, the need for accessibility, transparency and accountability.

Canada's trade equals \$25 billion in the Americas. The FTAA and the greater economic integration will comprise the single free trade area by 2005. Eight hundred million people in 34 nations with a combined \$16 trillion GDP will make up the larg-

est trading partnership in the world.

Later in the day, Ambassador Rishchynski spoke about Columbia, the country to which he is assigned as Canadian ambassador. To the audience of students primarily from the faculty of International Development Studies, the ambassador spoke of Canada/Columbia trade. Major Canadian imports from Columbia are coffee, bananas, cut flowers, sugar, coal and petroleum. Major Canadian exports to Columbia are grains and agri-food products, copper, newsprint, telecommunications and electronic equipment. Canadian foreign direct investment (FDI) totaled C\$450 million in 1999. About 20,000 Canadians visit Columbia each year and 10,000 Columbians visit Canada. Canadian aid equaled C\$10.3 million in 1998-1999.

For those students interested in

possible student internships during the Summit of the Americas, please visit the website, www.AmericasCanada.org, and send an e-mail to mediainfor@americascanada.org and request info regarding an internship.

As well, the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education (CFEE) is giving away up to \$5,000 for the best action plan for youth for the "Opportunities in the Americas" Challenge in collaboration with the Summit. The action plan should outline what could be done to better prepare our youth for effective participation in the economy of the Americas. The plan can focus on commerce/business, education, economic development, culture or entrepreneurship. For more information concerning the challenge visit the website, www.cfee.org/summit-sommet.

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Trilogy to acquire Chapters

by Andrew Spencer

It is now official, Toronto based Trilogy Retail Enterprises will acquire the leading Canadian book retailer, Chapters Inc. Trilogy plans to merge Chapters' 77 superstores and 200 mall outlets with its privately controlled small chain of 15 superstores at Indigo Books & Music Inc. Ms. Reisman, president of Indigo, and her husband, takeover specialist Gerald Schwartz, won the bidding battle to buy control of Chapters Inc. Trilogy had previously owned about 14 per cent of Chapters.

The war for control of the retailer has been raging since late November, when Trilogy came out with a \$13-a-share offer for 50.1 per cent of Chapters. That bid has since been increased twice to the most recent and now accepted offer, \$17 a share in cash for about 70 per cent of the book giant. The Canadian leading electronics retail giant, Future Shop Inc. had also bid for control of Chapters. On Thursday, January 18 the Future Shop had bid \$16.80 in a friendly cash-and-stock offer for all of Chapters worth around \$200 million.

Chapter's directors and key shareholders switched allegiances from Future Shop to Trilogy, because they said, "it had a high likelihood of being successful". It is probably good for shareholders that Trilogy emerged as the winner. Merging two book superstore chains makes sense. They are both in the same business and can potentially eliminate any duplication of operations. They can benefit from any economies of scale, and learning curve effects. In other words, there should be several "synergies" with merging the two leading bookstores. You've heard of it before, one plus one equals three, the new entity is worth

more than the sum of its parts. At least that is often the rationale for merging two similar businesses.

This was the idea for the AOL-Time Warner merger. This merger, announced last January, creates a giant in US media, entertainment and communications. AOL is the leading Internet service provider in the world and pursued Time Warner for two reasons: content and cable. Time Warner has millions of magazine readers, a vast library of films, and most importantly the company has about 12.8 million cable subscribers. This should help AOL in the coming battle to deliver high-speed content and services to computer users. Together this newly merged company has both the content and delivery capabilities.

But why would an electronics store, such as Future Shop, want to own a bookstore? Would they combine their retail stores to include both electronics and books? Would you be attracted to pick up a book or two when you are shopping for a computer or a DVD system? Would you like a Tom Clancy novel with that Think Pad sir? Not likely. Chapters does have a good e-commerce Internet operation, although they haven't been able to make any money at it yet. Maybe the Future Shop planned to create a new combined e-commerce web portal, similar to Amazon.com, where you can buy anything from books to TVs. Future Shop claims they could generate \$25-million a year in synergies by streamlining the two on-line businesses as well as the chains' distribution, marketing and real estate capabilities.

"What we've talked about is synergies, either cost savings or profit improvements", said Gary Patterson, CFO of Future

Shop, "it's a no.1 retailer in one segment coming together with another no.1 retailer."

One reporter has gone so far as to say "the better buying power and synergies from the merger would help Future Shop take on U.S.-based electronics retail giant Best Buy, which is set to arrive in Canada in 2002." What buying power? One chain buys TVs, computers, fax machines, printers, and DVD players. The other chain buys books, magazines, some gifts, and yes CD-ROMs. CD's, CD-ROMs and software are the only real overlap between these two businesses. Are there really that many cost savings to buying these items?

And how would this possibly help Future Shop compete with the US giant Best Buy? They do not compete by selling books. They know their industry, they know their core competencies, and they are set to invade Canada with them. Future Shop would better prepare themselves by concentrating on their own operations. I am obviously not the only one who thinks this. On the day Future Shop announced their intent to enter the book industry, their shares dropped 12%. Coincidence? I think not.

An Indigo-Chapters marriage seems to make more sense. They are the number one and number two leaders in the book retailing industry. Both are having trouble making profits, but they have the market share. Chapters is a profitable bookseller, but heavy losses at its Internet book selling and wholesale operations have squeezed its cash flow. To reverse this, Ms. Reisman, who will head the new Indigo-Chapters chain, said she intends to close as many as 15 superstores of a combined total of 92, spin off Chapter's wholesale book distribution business and inte-

grate administrative, marketing and buying functions. These changes, she said, "should save \$23-million over the next couple of years." Ms. Reisman said her biggest challenge "will be integrating two very different organizations." She said she and Chapters founder Mr. Stevenson "are very different people with differing philosophies and different operating styles."

Shareholders in the end had the last say, and even though many viewed the original bid

from Trilogy as a hostile attempt to gain just enough control to issue pink slips and streamline management, they eventually realized if Chapters was to be merged with anyone, it should be another bookstore. The Indigo-Chapters bookstore merger makes strategic sense. A Future Shop-Chapters electronics bookstore merger is a bit of a leap.

So you've got an interview

by Andrew Spencer

So you have finally been asked to go in for an interview. You feel you are qualified and have a shot at getting the position, but are not sure what to expect. Don't worry, most people are naturally a little nervous beforehand. It is important to remember that it is not enough to impress a recruiter on paper with a great resume, you must also impress them in person. Here are some interview tips to help you prepare for the big day.

First, research your prospective employer. Don't go into the interview 'cold'. This will help you to ask appropriate questions, and respond to those asked during the interview. Search their organization on the Internet, look for brochures and annual reports available from the company, or at local libraries. It is always to your advantage if you know someone who works for the company. He/she may be able to provide information on the day-to-day workings of that particular enterprise.

Second, after you have a good broad knowledge of the company, become familiar with the specific position being offered. Try and identify what skills exactly are needed to be successful at this job. It helps to

talk to others who are already employed in a similar position. List the skills needed, and then analyze your strengths, weaknesses, skills, abilities, accomplishments, career goals and your work style. Think of the interview as your chance to show the interviewer how your skills and aptitudes best match the position, and how you can not only perform the job, but also be very successful at it.

Third, become familiar with the different types of interviews. Some are technical in nature, while other interviews follow a more behavioral focus. For many positions applicants will undergo two interviews. Often, the first interview will be with the HR department, which is sometimes called a screening interview. This interviewer is mainly interested in your people skills, your attitude and your personal qualities, rather than your technical abilities. The subsequent interview might include the manager of the department in which you hope to be working. This person will want more specific information about your technical skills. Also, during this interview, you will be able to learn more about the specific department and the details of the position.

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Break out the Crayolas

by Journal Staff

Saint Mary's University, ranked as one of Canada's best institutions of higher learning in Canada, now has a Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. Since its founding in 1802, Saint Mary's has remained strongly committed to excellence in teaching and research. Small class sizes at the undergraduate and graduate levels have allowed students to work

closely with professors, a quality not found in many universities across Canada.

Graduate studies and research has developed rapidly at the University in the last decade of the twentieth century. The strong growth of unique and diverse programs has therefore prompted the University to form a new Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, replacing the current Office of Graduate Studies which was first introduced in the Fall of 1999.

"The new faculty will provide a focus for the University to maintain and improve its service to graduate students, whose needs are rather different from those of undergraduates," says Dr. Georgia Pe-Piper, Director of the Office of Graduate Studies.

The University currently offers Masters programs in Atlantic Canada Studies (ACS), Criminology, History, International Development Studies (IDS), Philosophy, Women's Studies,

Applied Psychology, Astronomy, Business Administration (MBA), Executive Master of Business

Administration (EMBA), and Ph.D. in Business Administration.

The 1996 Report of the Arts Faculty Development Committee envisages more graduate degrees in Arts. Commerce envisages more Ph.D. programs in the future. Activity in several of these programs will be greatly enhanced by the acquisition of Millen-

nium Chairs.

"Scholarly research is an important part of the mission of the University and is essential if our

undergraduate and graduate students are to be exposed to new ideas and the skills that they will need in today's workplace," she says. "The new faculty will therefore also serve the University research community by strengthening links with the private sector and government agencies."

Sugar and a slice of fluff

by Christine Wentzell

The All-American girl: head cheerleader of the A-squad meets star football player, they fall in love... the



perfect stereotypical teenage girl dream. In the movie *Sugar & Spice*, everything is perfect until the night of the homecoming dance when the lovers an-

nounce to their parents that they are getting married, but after the baby is born. The parents, not so impressed by this idea, kick them out without any support.

Here starts the story of Jack (James Marsden) and Diane (Marley Shelton), two kids forced on their own by their actions. They get mediocre jobs, a

small dirty apartment and a future of poverty. When Diane realizes that she will not have much money to support her child she thinks up her master plan.

The A-squad: Diane, Cleo (Melissa George), Kansas (Mena Suvari), Hannah (Rachel Blanchard) and Lucy (Sara March) along with new



found friend Fern (Alexandra Holden) and some hardened criminals, plot the perfect solution: a bank robbery. Dressed as pregnant Betty dolls the



girls pull off the perfect crime. And everything is perfect until team enemy, Lisa Sokoloff, recognizes them, and decides to use this to her advantage.

I would consider this movie 'fluff.' Thought is definitely



not a requirement for this film, I would not recommend this movie for anyone who is looking for a decent comedy,

though it is funny when slightly intoxicated (well maybe more than slightly). I could see it as a teenage girl comedy but not for anyone with more than a little intelligence.

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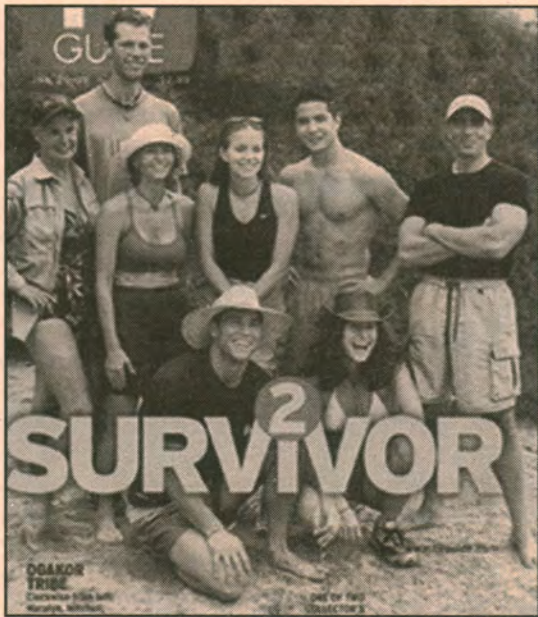
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Reality check

Are we suckers for pop culture influence?

by Jarrod Francis

There as been much discussion as to whether or not the new "Survivor" will achieve the same mega level of success as the original. I have little doubt it will, not necessarily because of the quality of the show, it's debatable how good it's predecessor was, but because, for whatever reason, it has worked it's way into popular culture, and doesn't show any signs of leaving anytime soon.



What amazed me about the first "Survivor" was how it exceeded the boundaries of a mere television show. It was talked about on the news as a current event, (I've yet to see Dawson and Joey's latest trauma make the front page.) How could you avoid at least seeing one episode when you couldn't turn anywhere without hearing about it? I know I tuned in for the last few episodes, and I watched the premier of "Australian Outback" after the Superbowl. I admit it, I'm a sucker for popular cultural influence, but I believe I'm among the majority.

How do these type of things work their way into popular culture? How does a phrase like "voted off the island" become part of daily discourse? We've seen the same thing happen before with "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire" and it's clones. First of all, it has to be different. "Survivor" was something all it's own, combining elements of game show, drama, and even comedy without fitting into any of these TV genres.

To give credit where credit is due, "Survivor" also put together a great cast of characters and manipulated the footage well in order to exploit their unique dispositions. The truck driving, foul mouthed Sue, the ex-Navy SEAL bigot Rudy, and the conniving,

sparingly clothed Richard, could not have been created by the most talented scriptwriter. Thus far, I have yet to see a character as engaging as any of these to emerge from "Australian Outback," but I'll give it time.

The power of pop culture influence and good promotion is demonstrated well in the reality show "Temptation Island." This show has added the term "train wreck television" to go along with reality TV due to the fact that as bad as it is, people can't turn away from it. If you haven't heard of this show yet the basic premise is that four couples are taken to an exotic island, separated, and basically allowed to run wild with multiple members of the opposite sex. They've basically taken the

"wild island sex" aspect of "Survivor" and made an entire show out of it. Leave it to Fox, huh? Have we learned nothing from "Who Wants To Marry a Multi-millionaire?"

I don't think there's really any losers on "Survivor." Each contestant automatically gets turned into a quasi-celebrity. Colleen, from the last one, has a movie coming out, starring as Rob Schneider's love

interest, and has been appearing in a lip-balm commercial. This time out, where the show has picked up so much momentum, even the first cast-offs are given a chance at stardom. Everyone who gets voted off will likely be making a series of appearances.

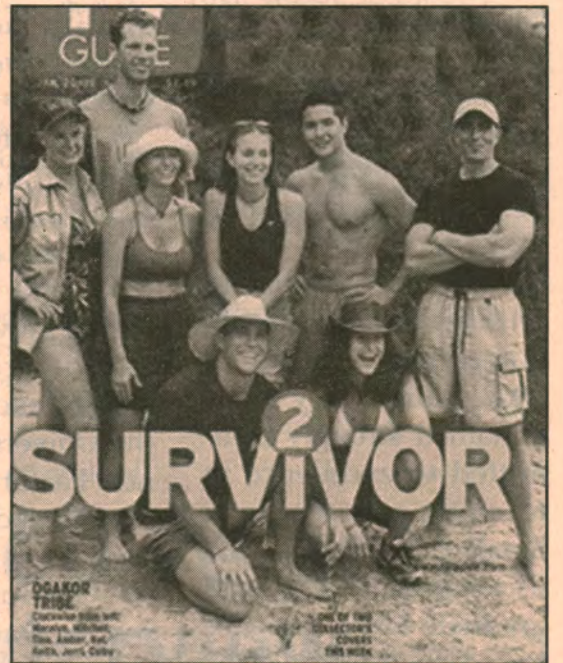
Who's going to back stab whom in the Outback? I'm not sure, but you can be assured that it will continue to generate plenty of water cooler discussion in the weeks to come. Will there be a "Survivor III?" Most likely, but by then much



Island ho! A couple from Temptation Island.

of the appeal will have finally worn off. How will the clones fare in matching its success?

It's been shown enough times that you really can't match something by attempting to duplicate it, however, these shows can still for a large part ride the wave started by "Survivor" last summer. Will I be tuning it to the inevitability overhyped two-hour finale to see what dead beat takes home the million? Oh yeah.



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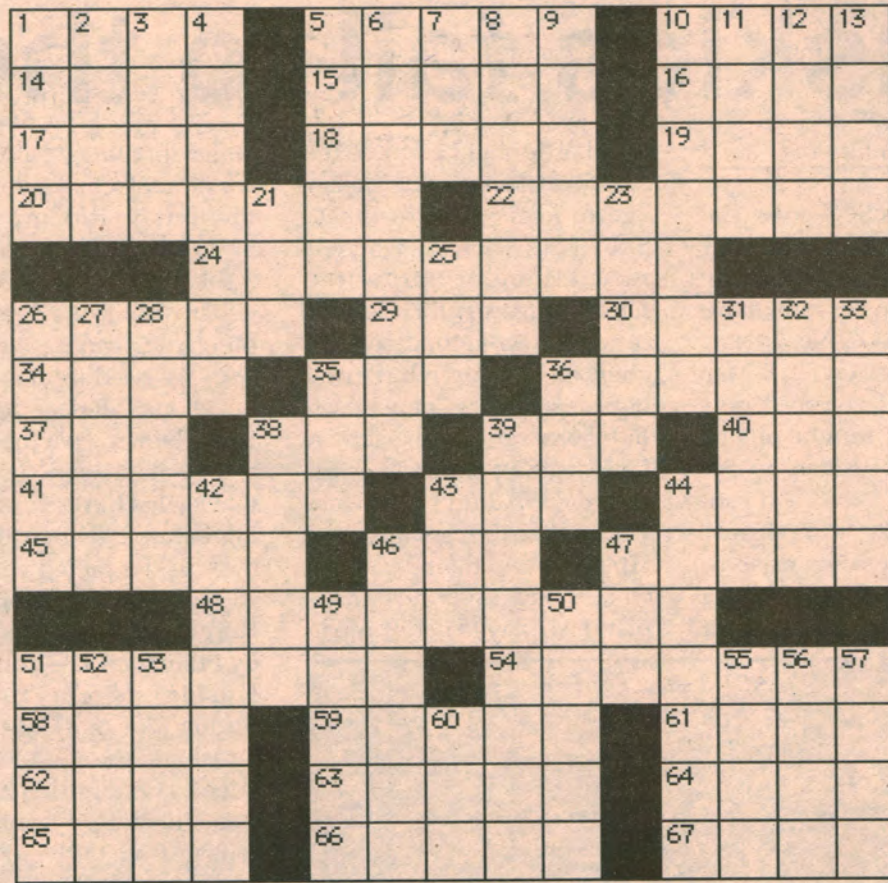
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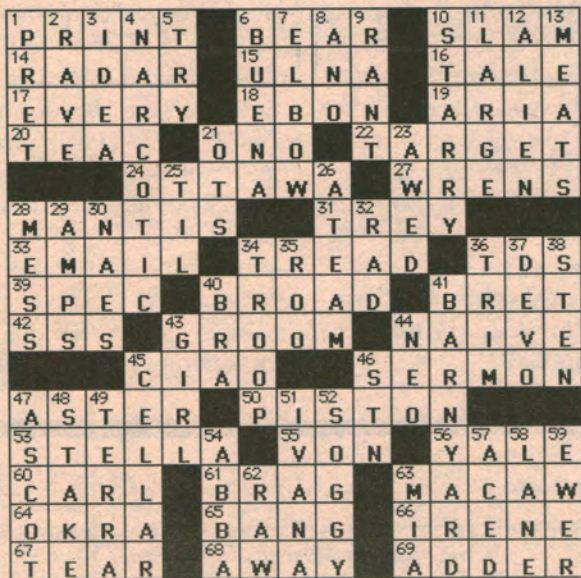
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Huskies fall to the big blue X

by Jennifer Weatherhead

A jam-packed crowd at The Tower on Friday, had one of the best showdowns of regular season basketball this year. The CIAU's No. 1 team, the St. Francis Xavier X-Men kept their perfect record, now 12-0, as they fought off the Saint Mary Huskies on the Huskies turf, 88-78. An estimated 1,600 (200 turned away at the door for safety reasons) basketball fans, braved the crammed bleachers to cheer

on a hard-fought game as the No. 6 Huskies couldn't manage to keep up with the X. SMU fans, with the wonderful addition of Sprite (the faithful mascot) for the first time this basketball season, cheered on for what they hoped would be an X upset. But there were just as many X fans cheering on for a perfect record. "We didn't play well. They did, so they got the win," Huskies coach Ross Quakenbush said. "I'd be happier if we played better, made

better shooting decisions, but we didn't." Quakenbush was obviously unhappy with SMU's overall performance. Ashkan Rajae was not happy either, despite his 20 points in the game, leading the Huskies. "We need to make better decisions," Rajae told The Daily News. "We took some bad shots at bad times and that's what hurt us." After being behind 45-40 at the half, the Huskies pulled within 51-48 with a great 3 pointer by Kurt Henry. St. FX answered by pulling an 11-3 run on the Huskies. From then on throughout most of the second half, the X-Men maintained a double digit lead, despite shooting a terrible percentage from the line, 20-33, or 60%. The Huskies didn't do much better at the line, a factor in the ten point loss, shooting only 20-32, or 62%. "Those free throws could have done it, made a big difference," said Quakenbush. "I don't expect to hit all of them, but it would have helped." That and shooting only 4-20 from three point land put the Huskies behind, but the Huskies still put up a fight on their home court. "We came into their house and lead the whole game," said X-Men coach Steve Konchalski. "Saint Mary's is a very good basketball team. Very good, so I am happy with a win." Jonah Taussig, the only player on either team to play 40 minutes, put up 17 points along with nine assists to add to the score.

Henry added 12 points with six assists as the Huskies fell to 8-4. All-Canadian Fred Perry led the X-Men with 20 points, Jordan Croucher with 19, Dennie Oliver with 15 and Randy Norh with 12. The Huskies also ended with a loss to X in women's action, 54-50. After what looked like a come back for the Huskies in the second half, down by one with seven and half minutes remaining, St. FX put up a jumper with only two minutes left to pull ahead 51-50. SMU was unable to benefit from an inbound pass as it went off of Julie Galipeau's hands and out of bounds. St. FX got their wining baskets from a Saint Mary's foul to end the game. In such a tight game every move in the last few seconds count. Like the two of 28 eight turnovers Saint Mary's committed in the last 3 seconds of the game. Finishing out games strong seems to be the issue right now with the Huskies, as Katie Gammon also missed a jumper with only five seconds left. The Huskies fall to 7-6, while the X-Women improve to 8-5 this season. Galipeau managed to keep up her strong play with 18 points and a game high 12 rebounds, while Nikki Doucet and Katie McDonough each had 15 points for the X-Women.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams rebounded from their home court losses to St. FX on Friday night, by coming back with two victories over the visiting UCCB teams. After being made to watch the video of their loss to the X-Men, the Huskies had a new spark of energy as they trampled the Capers on Sunday, 79-62. The Capers trailed by as much as 25 points in the second half as the Huskies breezed by for the win.

The Huskies allowed rest for some tired players in the last 15 minutes of the game, as they clearly had it under control. This gave some of the new faces on the team a chance to show their stuff and gain some extra court time. The Huskies now 9-4, were led by 3rd year forward Nate Phillippe with 21 points. Jonah Taussig had only seven points in 26 minutes, but pulled out four assists and six steals in the first half alone. Gabe Goree added 10 and Peter Turnbull chipped in 11 points. In women's action, the Huskies gave the Capers a run in a tight game. It ended in overtime with the Huskies on top 76-72. Shira Hassanali was player of the game with a massive 27 points for the Huskies. Julie Galipeau put up 16 to contribute as the Huskies gained the victory. The women are now 8-6 thanks to their win over the Capers.

Huskies rebound from loss; show Capers how to play some ball.



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K.J. Robinson gets fouled driving to the basket in Women's loss to X last Friday.

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Winning Way Continues for Hockey Huskies

by Daniel Bonner

This past week saw the Saint Mary's Hockey Huskies attempt to continue their winning ways with a pair of games in New Brunswick. The Huskies controlled their own destiny, with a win in both games clinching them a playoff spot. Friday night's match-up pitted the Huskies against the UdeM Blue Eagles.

Friday night's engagement in Moncton was the critical game of the weekend for the Huskies, with the Blue Eagles being the only team that could catch SMU for the final playoff spot. Heading into the game the Huskies were clinging to a four-point lead over the Eagles and required a big effort from all in this key game. As has been the story of the hockey huskies, when it was needed, it was done: SMU flew out of the dressing room to a 3-0 first intermission lead by way of goals from Alex Halat and Jason Cannon who potted two in the period. The second pe-

riod saw the Blue Eagles pour it on, realizing that their playoff lives hung in the balance. UdeM outshot the Huskies 10-6 in the period but rookie Husky netminder Brent Zelenewich turned them all away. Jason Byrnes added another Husky goal before the end of the period to give SMU a 4-0 lead after forty minutes. The third period saw the Huskies endeavor to make an example out of the Blue Eagles, after a short handed UdeM goal closed the gap to three, the Huskies fired home three more goals of their own on twenty shots. The game ended Huskies 7, Blue Eagles 1.

The next night the Huskies traveled to first place St Thomas to duel with the Tommies. The Huskies continued with the momentum that has followed them since Christmas as Sheldon Kennedy found the net twice in the opening frame to give the Huskies a 2-0 lead. Poland bound Steve Gallace opened the second period for the Huskies with a

first minute powerplay goal, extending the lead to three goals. The third period saw a St Thomas comeback begin. One minute in to the period the Tommies scored, and with three minutes to go they were pulled within one by Luc Rioux. Any hopes of a complete comeback were dashed forty seconds from the end of the game when with their net empty, St Thomas took a too many men on the ice penalty, sealing the victory for the Huskies. Make the Final SMU 3, STU 2. With the wins this past week the Huskies clinched a playoff spot, and in the process passed the Acadia Axemen for 5th in the Conference. This coming week sees the huskies do battle twice, beginning on Friday night with a game in Antigonish against the St FX X-Men. Saturday evening sees the Huskies play their final game of the regular season at home against cross-town rivals Dalhousie with the puck dropping at 7pm.

Volleyball Huskies secure a playoff berth

by Barbara Simon

The Volleyball Huskies arrived at Mount Allison this past Saturday, hoping to acquire another win to boost themselves up in the standings after last week's slip from second place to fourth place. All too familiar was the last time they visited Mt.A's gym last season, when the heat was turned off over the weekend, the game was scheduled for the wrong time, the referees had not arrived on time, and once they did arrive they wore gloves and toques to keep warm. However, the girls were forced to play on in their tights and t-shirts, never stopping to take a breath, fearing the cold that would seize their bodies. That time the

Huskies came out with a loss, but this past Saturday's match proved to be different. The first two sets saw the Huskies two consecutive wins of 25-19 and 25-20, keeping them in a good state of mind and maybe a little over confident as they could not hold on to their lead. The Huskies saw the next two sets slip from out from under their feet, with a loss of 23-25 in both sets, tying the score at two sets a piece. The winner of the match all came down to the fifth set, where the Huskies would pull away with a 15-8 victory over the Mounties, with a final match win of 3-2. The Huskies currently have a record of 11 wins to 5 losses, leaving them in fourth place. Memorial retains the number

one spot with 15 wins and 3 losses, Moncton in second with 12 wins and 4 losses, and Acadia in third with 11 wins and 4 losses. The outlook for the rest of the season looks good for the Huskies as they have already secured a berth in the playoffs along with Memorial, Moncton, Acadia (host playoff team), and Mount Allison. This is a big step up from last season, where the Huskies lost their sixth place spot (top 6 out of 10 proceed to playoffs and host team gains an automatic berth) to the host team-St.FX (who was ranked 9th) Be sure to be here for the last home game of the season this Sunday February 11 at 7pm when the Huskies host the St. Francis Xavier X-Women.

WEEKLY SPORTS STANDINGS



Men's Hockey

	W	L	T	P
St. Thomas	12	5	4	29
St. F.X.	12	4	3	28
U.N.B.	10	8	5	25
Dalhousie	11	10	1	23
Acadia	8	7	4	21
Saint Marys	8	10	3	20
Moncton	6	10	3	17
P.E.I.	6	14	2	14

Men's Basketball

Baldwin Division

	W	L	P
Saint Marys	6	3	12
Memorial	5	5	10
Acadia	3	5	6
Dalhousie	2	6	4

Nelson Division

	W	L	P
St. F.X.	9	0	18
Cape Breton	4	6	8
New Bruns.	3	5	6
P.E.I.	3	5	6

Women's Basketball

Baldwin Division

	W	L	P
Dalhousie	10	0	20
Memorial	8	2	16
Saint Marys	5	5	10
Acadia	1	8	2

Nelson Division

	W	L	P
U.N.B.	7	3	14
St. F.X.	5	4	10
U.C.C.B.	2	8	4
P.E.I.	1	9	2

Women's Volleyball

	W	L	P
Memorial	13	1	26
Saint Marys	10	4	20
Moncton	9	4	18
Mount A.	8	4	16
New Brunswick	7	5	14
Acadia	6	4	12
U.C.C.B.	4	9	8
Dalhousie	3	7	6
U.P.E.I.	2	11	4
St.F.X.	1	12	2

Huskies Varsity Weekend Lineup

Basketball vs Memorial

Saturday, February 10th

6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11th

1:00 & 3:00 p.m.

Hockey vs Dalhousie

Saturday, February 10th

7:00 p.m.

Volleyball vs SFX

Sunday, February 11th

7:00 p.m.

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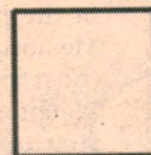
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