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## Protest Action

by Jeremy Strong

Last Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, the largest student protest ever to take place in the history of Halifax, Nova Scotia, was successful, despite the bitter cold. Students from Saint Mary's University, Dalhousie University, Saint Francis Xavier University, Acadia University, Mount Saint Vincent University and other post-secondary institutions, like NSCAD, King's College and Universite St. Anne. All marched and gathered in front of the provincial legislature to protest the rising price of tuition in Nova Scotia and in

Canada.

News crews were on hand from the beginning to videotape the students who walked from separate locations to meet near Spring Garden Road and then march onward together to the legislature building. Several student leaders spoke out to the crowd and to the camera. Police were on hand to keep a watch on the large protest group and to ensure that the protesting did not turn to violence.

The protest began around noon-time and students began to dissipate at about 4:30pm. There was a sit-in at the Royal Bank, which commenced at this time.

Although there has been a small amount of support from members of the provincial government and from representatives of the universities, the "Day of Action" has as of yet yielded no visible changes or results to the tuition issue.

The protest has raised the awareness of students and of



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The largest student protest in Nova Scotia history, boasting over 2000 post-secondary students, occurred Wednesday, February 6, 2002. Above is a glimpse of the march stretching from the corner of Barrington Street.

## Tradition meets the future

by Kathleen Lingley

Tradition will meet the future in May 2002, as the year long celebration of Saint Mary's founding kicks off. Anticipation is building around campus and the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is set to be a memorable year of events. Upwards of 75 volunteers from faculty & staff, students, and the community have formed the Steering Committee and its eight sub-committees. They are responsible for planning a broad spectrum of events to please everyone affiliated with SMU. Keith Hotchkiss, Chair of the Special Events Committee, is especially excited to see the celebration coming together, saying, "It's nice to work with students, colleagues, and alumni to put something of this magnitude together. It's going to be an exciting year for everyone connected to Saint Mary's University."

A copy written logo has been designed by Corporate Communications for the celebration and will be appearing "everywhere". The logo is simple and provides a focus for the 200<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary. Soon this logo will be appearing on letterhead, brochures, print advertising, the website, and varsity uniforms; by encompassing various facets of the University this logo presents a coherent focus for the proceeding year. Already this year during the Vanier Cup in Toronto a fifty foot banner was displayed with the logo, in addition, the player's uniforms displayed a special crest symbolizing Saint Mary's 200 years of history.

Three plaques are to be unveiled at the central campuses where Saint Mary's has been located. The first, on May 21, 2002, is the Glebe House Campus. The corner of Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street is where Father (later Bishop) Edmund Burke constructed a college for young men in Halifax in 1802, and this site will be honoured with a plaque featuring graphics and text of the original Glebe House. The Windsor Street Campus, constructed in the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, will have a plaque unveiled during the Homecoming Weekend of

2002. Finally surrounding the convocation of May 2003, the third plaque will be unveiled at the current site of the Robie Street Campus.

Canada Post has also agreed to honour Saint Mary's with a commemorative stamp, special indeed, as not all anniversaries and celebrations are bestowed this honour. The stamp is to be a 48-cent stamp that portrays our campus and our University, and will be much sought after by collectors. Eight years ago, Ron Lewis had the idea to pursue a stamp for the upcoming anniversary and much credit must go to Senator Wilfred Moore (SMU alumnus) for the stamp. Ron Lewis (recently retired University Librarian and Chair of Senate) and Kimberly Dunn have been acting as liaisons with Canada Post, and the official unveiling of the stamp is set for May 27, 2002.

The province has provided incredible support for the upcoming celebration. For example, The Lieutenant

## Professor of the year

by Tyler MacLeod

The Saint Mary's University Commerce Society is seeking nominations for full-time and part-time Professor of the Year. The awards are presented every year at the Commerce Society's Annual Business Dinner to recognize the outstanding performance of two professors within the Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce. The Annual Business Dinner brings together students with faculty and working professionals from the business community. The dinner is an excellent opportunity for students to make those contacts so important in the business world. The dinner also gives students the chance to listen to guest speaker, Dianne

Francis, currently editor of *The Financial Post*. The dinner is also an opportunity for students to recognize those professors who have made a positive contribution to Saint Mary's University.

Students are encouraged to nominate professors who have excelled in the classroom as educators, and who have been active in the Saint Mary's University community, contributing to campus life. The awards will be presented on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Business Dinner, to be held this year in the Conference Hall. Students may make nominations by e m a i l , [smu.commerce@stmarys.ca](mailto:smu.commerce@stmarys.ca), by phone at 496-8799, or in person at the Commerce Society office, L288 in the Student Lounge.

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## Protest

the members of the community, however. After Wednesday's media coverage, more people in Nova Scotia and in Canada are certain to become aware and alert to the fact that there is an unsettled atmosphere around secondary education. The protest may set the stage for further actions by students and is certain to eventually elicit some sort of response from both provincial and Federal governments.

The protest has already roused the opinions of some

university students at Saint Mary's University. The Journal received several opinion pieces by students who had something to say about the protest, the tuition issue or about who's to blame for the high tuition prices.

If you are a student or even if you are not, the Journal wants to hear from you. Write to us and let us know what you think about tuition, about the day of action (was it effective or was it not?), about who is to blame for the flaws in

the system, about what should happen next or write to us if



you think you know how we can solve this problem. Remember that The Journal is a student newspaper, and is open to everyone at Saint Mary's University. Also remember that a student newspaper is only as well written and well informed as the students who contribute to it—in other words, if there are things you would like to see done differently or a certain genre of articles you would like to see printed, then by all means contact us and make your contribution.



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## Tradition

Governor has agreed to host a reception as a part of the events planned. To celebrate the 200 years of history and numerous milestones the university has had.

The celebrations extend to academics with the President's Hall of Academic Excellence. Beginning with May 2002 Convocation all students graduating with honours and medal recipients will be permanently honoured by having their names placed on plaques lining the hall outside the president's office. Also, the academic records from years past are to be searched and as far as these records will allow, past students will be honoured for their academic accomplishments.

A proper history of Saint

Mary's University is to be written within the next ten years. For the meantime people will be able to purchase a pictorial portrayal of Saint Mary's University and College created by Anne West. With pictures gathered from the University Archives, this portrayal captures moments in Saint Mary's History and provides a flavour for the establishment; this portrayal is due soon for release.

The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration events will extend past the campus though. During the International Tattoo hosted at the Halifax Metro Centre, Dr. Colin Dodds will take the salute at a special night dedicated to Saint Mary's University. The MacKay Bridge's flower display will also bear the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration logo during the summer

months this year. At the Canadian Embassy in Washington there will also be an All Canadian Alumni Reception with a focus on SMU's anniversary. Other events include a Mass of Thanks to be held at Saint Mary's Basilica on December 8, 2002 and an interfaith service tied in with Spring 2003 convocation.

Each celebratory event is planned so that tradition meets the future. Dr. Colin Dodds is optimistic about the anniversary saying that it will, "celebrate our rich history of service to students, commitment to accessibility and community outreach. It will also permit us to welcome our future as a dynamic and innovative leader in post-secondary education."

# Depression study

by Denise Bernier

Depression is a serious mental health problem with adverse effects on social, familial, occupational and scholastic functioning. This illness affects 8% of the population at any time, and its lifetime prevalence is higher in women than men. What happens in the brain when we feel depressed? The associations between sleep and depression have been known for decades; indeed, disturbed sleep is a common feature in depression. With a technique called magnetic

resonance spectroscopy, it is now possible to improve our understanding of the biochemical changes in the brain that occur during depression. In this study, brain scans are performed before and after half a night of sleep deprivation. The findings will ultimately help design better treatments for depression. If you are interested in participating in this research, and meet the requirements below, please contact Denise Bernier for more information.

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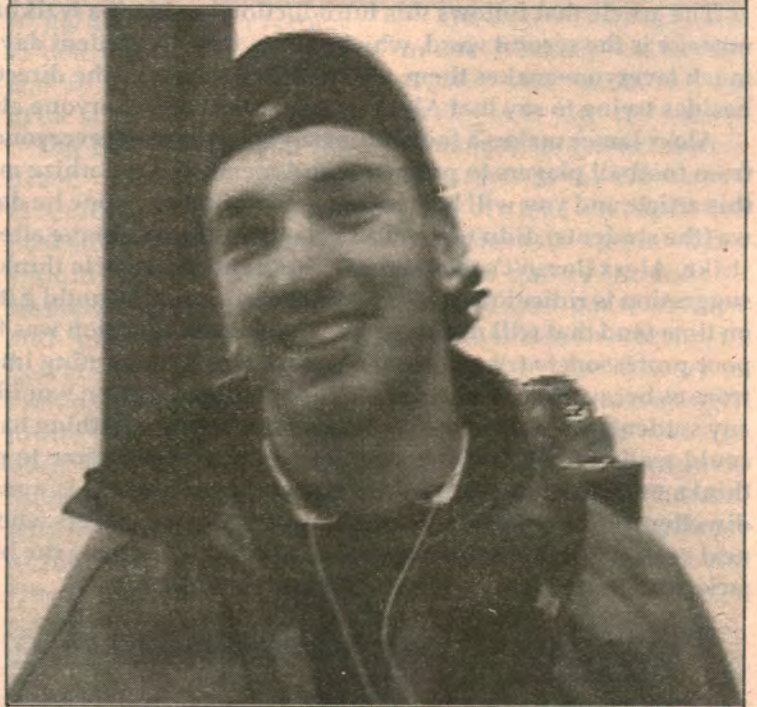
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# Meet Steve



For those of you who do not know me, I am Steve Marques, the new business helper at The Journal. A little bit about myself: this is my fourth year at Saint Mary's University. I am majoring in Psychology and have a minor in Commerce. I am a member of the National Championship Football Huskies. I also like long walks on the beach, puppy dogs, and curling up with a good book in front of the fireplace. Oops, wrong column.

I would like to add a fresh flavor to the business section of The Journal with a retroactive column entitled "The Buzz on Biz". I plan to bring you, the reader, current information on events and issues that concern students today. In this column I look forward to receiving comments, concerns, and ideas about business related topics that you wish to see discussed. E-mail me at buzzonbiz@hotmail.com. This semester should be an interesting one. Get involved and be aware of what is happening around you.

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Or, if you are interested in writing a news story, or being a news-writer for the Journal, please call 496-8201 and ask for the News Editor, Jeremy Strong.

The article that follows this introduction is a bit of a walking contradiction, and we at The Journal decided not to edit it. It is presented as received. The first mistake is the second word, which asserts that the student day of action was on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> (it was on Wednesday). Technical errors we don't mind so much (everyone makes them, we do all the time); it's the direction this piece seems to be going in (all directions at once) and the point of the piece (is there one besides trying to say that Alexx James is right and everyone else is wrong?).

Alexx James makes a fool of himself by saying that everyone plays "the blame game", when really he is playing that very game himself. He scoffs at everyone from football players to protesters and seems to sympathize more with poor John Hamm and the little old "Government", than with his fellow students. Read this article and you will be hard pressed to find someone he doesn't blame besides himself. Last week, I suggested in an article that it would really get results if we (the students) didn't attend any classes until we got the attention and results we are looking for. I pretty much said without saying it that the students should strike. Alexx doesn't seem to think this would work. He thinks it would be better if we all just neglected to pay our tuition. There are several reasons that his suggestion is ridiculous. If we by some great miracle could gather up enough people who would be willing to jeopardize their enrolment by not paying tuition on time (and that will never happen), then even if tuition was frozen or decreased, the semester in question would never get under way. It's hard enough for our poor professors to try and cram a credit's worth of learning into under four months-but imagine what our year would be like if another month was taken away from us because of the absolute chaos not paying tuition would cause the University. With a strike, enrolment is already assured. They can't teach classes without any students and the negative press would make something happen, and happen quick. But when it did, we could all just go back to class. And in the interim we could read our text books back to back and still find time to picket. Striking is effective and raises the hair on necks, that's why people do it. It works. Alexx thinks everyone involved in the student day of action is a moron. While I think that a day of action is not enough, I certainly think it is a step in the right direction. So if you are one of the Day of Action protesters who froze your ass off last week so that ungrateful students like Alexx might not have to pay so much next year, then let him know what you think of "Playing the blame game". Send your responses to the Journal, fifth floor Student Centre. Or if you think I'm a jackass, let me know as well.- J. Strong, News Editor.

## Playing the blame game

by Alexx James

On Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> students across Canada held an international day of action, protesting the high price of tuition and looking for a government sponsored freeze. This is all well and good, tuition is too high, in that much I agree. The problem lies in how students and government are handling the issue.

Our premiere the delightful (delightful used with sarcasm) Dr. John Hamm blames the federal government. The federal government talks about the provinces mishandling funds. The students blame the government and the banks, when in reality they are partly to blame. All of these parties have a hand in this problem, and there are many other factors to look at. Such as landlords in the south end who gouge on rent, and grocery stores, which are more expensive on certain items than others in the city. Although that has more to do with the more affluent south end residents.

Starting from the beginning: Canada is not like the United States where it is very common and planned from a young age that you go off to university on your own. But your parents pay for it. There is not as much of a loan system in the US although there certainly is one. An out of province student who is complaining about their debt load when they are taking a bachelor of arts that they could have taken closer to home should be mocked and insulted. They had a choice to save money but instead chose to move provinces and ride up their debt. Sometimes you have to do this as a student to accomplish what you want,

but a BA in English can be done anywhere and I don't want to hear about how it's so expensive when you could have stayed at home and done it. Secondly, the students who use their loan money strictly for necessities need to get a little angrier with those who spend it with frivolity. Students who have loan overages often see it dwindle downtown, sure it makes the bar owners happy, but in the morning what do you end up with? Simple, twenty dollars poorer and a nasty venereal disease. See, tuition is too high but apparently condoms are too expensive for people, but that's a whole other article.

The provincial government has made some mistakes as well. Cancelling John Hamm's student debt relief program for one. Letting the banks to whatever the hell they want to is another. Although that is more on the Federal side of things. Big business does have a lot of control over higher education. Universities are in it for profit not for the education of students, and that should be obvious to anyone who has ever taken a university class. Your professors are not teachers, your text book is, I fail to see how, and there are some good professors, that we should be paying the salary of someone who does a terrible job. The whole system really needs to be analyzed and audited, but that would cost millions so you know it won't happen. And if it did happen students would complain that the millions should have gone towards tuitions instead. The quote on the news was student activist Patrick Anderson saying "education has been commoditised, slapped with a label and sold

off to the highest bidder." Well guess what moron, you are the highest bidder. The one thing that bugs me about protest and protesters is that for the most part they really don't have a clue what they're talking about, or who to protest to. Tuition prices start at the highest level, with the Federal government, then to the provincial, and a lot of the time we forget that the universities could play a large roll in lowering costs if they wanted to. But hey SMU won the Vanier Cup so we can't have any less money going to football players.

Tuition is high all across

the country. What we have to keep in mind is that in Nova Scotia we have the highest concentration of universities per capita in the country, and the provincial government must find money for them all. That means SMU, Dalhousie, The Mount, St. FX, Acadia, UCCB, NSCAD, NSAC, Kings College, and College Ste. Anne, not to mention the community college system must be maintained. Nova Scotia is not a rich province to begin with, and you wouldn't find any extra funding coming in a richer province anyway. The province receives a population boom from

September to April but since many of the away students don't work we lose out on the tax income from that. Don't tell me there aren't jobs either, because if you look you can get one.

University students seem to like playing the victim. It gives them a lot of room to whine and be pretentious. All students want is sympathy, "oh we're being held back, bla bla bla", cry me a river. When you make yourself a victim, you invariably get taken advantage of. March and yell all you want it accomplishes nothing. Unless your goal is

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# EDITORIAL

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Dear Editor,

There's a better way to protest for lower tuition. It's too bad so many student organizations won't listen. Instead they schedule a protest in front of an empty legislature. They aim it at a cash-strapped provincial government already taking funds from other budget lines to meet the needs of universities.

Attacking the Hamm government may suit the upper-Canadian CFS agenda, but it doesn't reflect Nova Scotia realities. This province receives the lowest per capita funding for PSE from the federal government. Nova Scotia gets punished by the federal government for having a large number of successful universities, a relatively small population, and a large number of out-of-province students.

At this university alone, a large fraction of its student population is not from Nova Scotia. The provincial government receives *no funding* for those students. It doesn't take a math professor to figure out what such disparities in federal funding do to tuition. The federal funding for those students is pocketed by their respective provinces. In other words, there are provinces receiving funding for more than 100% of the students in their universities.

The provinces that have enacted tuition freezes have between 50 and 140 per cent more federal funding than Nova Scotia (per university student.)

As long as this anti-Nova Scotia formula exists, it seems obtuse to focus attacks on the first Nova Scotia provincial government in decades to actually make it a campaign promise and government priority to fight to end this robbery.

Why aren't student groups joining with the provincial government's fight to ensure fair funding? Why not fight to have funding follow the student instead of the province or institution?

They should support the provincial government in its campaign for fairness on offshore petroleum royalties. That campaign, if successful, would see the millions in oil and gas revenue presently stolen by the Chretien government remains in Nova Scotia where it belongs. That money would help lower university costs and tuition.

Some advice for students: next time your student union, alliance, association, or federation decides to spend thousands and thousands of the dollars you pay in student union fees for TV ads and protest materials, tell them to get the target right.

You have the power, through protest and informed debate, to bring some measure of focus to your student union. You also have the power to bring Jean Chretien and Paul Martin to ask for their disgraceful treatment of university students in this province. Use it.

Thank-you for your input. You make a good point. It would be intelligent to focus our attention towards Federal as opposed to the Provincial government, as they allocate the total budget for the province. Perhaps it would be a wise idea to also support the Provincial government in its campaign for fairness on offshore petroleum royalties especially if it would mean a surplus amount of money to dedicate to the education of students. This would require a firm promise to dedicate the money to students, not the all-too-familiar empty promises we have heard before.

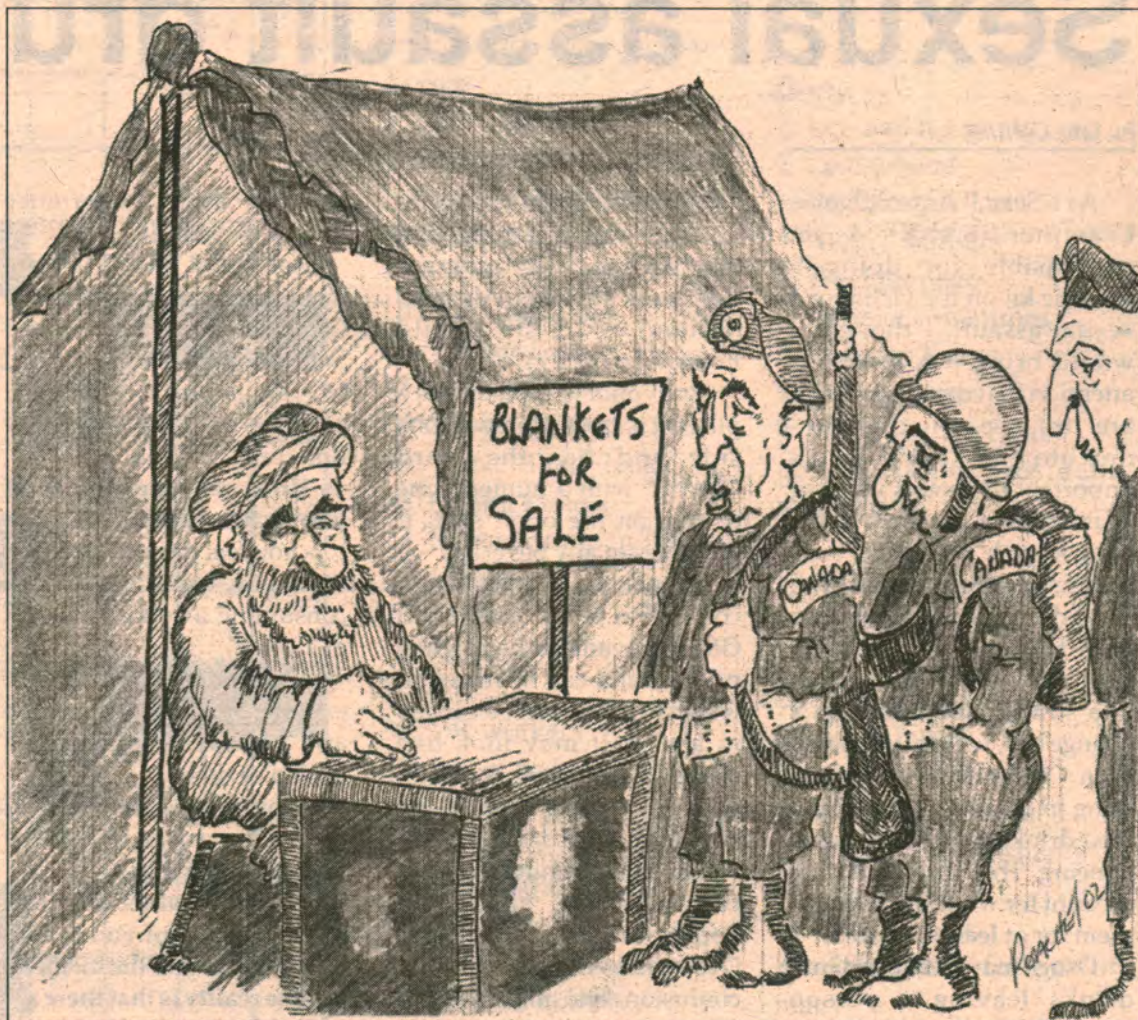
I believe that the Day of Action was definitely a step in the right direction. Students were banding together for a common goal, as opposed to being apathetic when faced with a situation, and in turn, complaining at a later time about the disadvantages they have to live with. C.M.

Dear Editor,

Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002...12:15 in the afternoon, the weather is cloudy, snowy with freezing rain, with occasional sun. The forecast for Sunday is sunny. As a student photographer, I am excited for some sunny, blue sky and eagle photos on Sunday. I ask my girlfriend if she would like to stay overnight for an early rise to see the 100+ eagles being fed in the valley.

Flipping through the 2001 Nova Scotia Doers and Dreamers tourist guide, the "four stars" say this one place in Canning has a Jacuzzi and is priced reasonably from \$55-\$85. I am excited at the thought of a Jacuzzi, and give the place a call. Calling to hold a room, luckily they just had a cancellation, the price was \$115.00 plus HST with no Jacuzzi, and we held it with our card number. After finding a better rate up the road, with a Jacuzzi, I called back a few minutes later to find the card had already been charged. The owner then proceeded to call me a liar and irresponsible, yelling at me for twenty minutes over the phone.

I was so disgusted with this person on the other end of the phone, I would never stay there ever, just so I would never have to meet such a mean person. Now it is Monday, I have been charged by the Canning Inn \$132.25 for a room I never want to



see.

To make things worse, he called to see if I had the reservation in Wolfville, with Jacuzzi (which I did, for \$41.40 cheaper).

I called three other professional Inns and they each said it would be no problem to refund in the exact same situation.

This is only good professional conduct and service as I expected.

The Canning website advertises \$69.00 and up for this Inn, and the 2001 tourist guide says \$55-\$85.00.

No Jacuzzi, and no mention of \$115.00 anywhere?

Why would a room in Canning be worth more than the Sheraton in Downtown Halifax?

After explaining my problems with the Canning Inn, the Wolfville Inn offered to give my stay with them for FREE out of their own good will, and just being good citizens. I objected and said "that is not the point".

The point is that the Canning Inn with "four stars" should be accountable for their advertising, practice good business, and never yell at their customers by calling them liars and irresponsible.

As a student, I just wanted to share my experience of being taken for \$132.25 so that it never happens again.

If I was a tourist, I know I would NEVER visit here again, because that one person ruined my Saturday.

Yours Truly,  
Mike Tompkins

Dear Mike,

Wow. This is surprising that a "four-star" Inn would ever allow such disrespectful behaviour of its employees, let alone the owner. You should consider writing a formal letter of the complaint to the Inn, mentioning this absurd behaviour as well as the obvious price miscalculations in the Doers and Dreamers guide. Why not forward a copy of your letter to the Editor-in-Chief of the Doers

and Dreamers Guide as well?! Good luck in the quest to get your money refunded.

If you have any grievances you would like to air out, or any comments about what you have read in this issue, PLEASE forward them to me at [smueditor@hotmail.com](mailto:smueditor@hotmail.com). Thanks to everyone who has been taking such a keen interest in The Journal, all articles, comments and ideas are greatly appreciated.

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## Sexual assault drugs: what you should know

by Jane Collins

As a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), I am responsible for doing a forensic kit on the victim of a sexual assault. I thought I would bring it to people's attention that date rape drugs are in use in the bars downtown, and it is important to protect yourself against being drugged. In the past month I've seen four victims of sexual assault who were drugged while dancing with friends downtown. In each case, the victim woke up in a strange apartment, in a strange bed, with an unknown man. They all shared one thing in common. They'd left their drinks unattended while dancing. They also could not account for what happened to them for at least six hours.

Drugs may be slipped into drinks leaving a person vulnerable to sexual assault.

There are many drugs used to facilitate a sexual assault but the two most common are Rohypnol (Roofies, Mexican Valium) and GMB (liquid Ecstasy, Easy Lay).

Rohypnol is available as a pill that is cross-scored on one side and has the word "Roche" with a numeral one or two on the other side. It dissolves in any beverage - it is odourless, tasteless, and colourless when dissolved. GMB is available as a white powder and can be mixed in water so that it can be carried in a vial. It may look like mineral oil and is clear, odorless and salty-tasting. The effects of these drugs are felt within thirty minutes, peak in two hours and last approximately eight hours. Drowsiness, dizziness, confusion, and memory loss (blackouts) may occur. A

person may experience nausea or vomiting.

Rohypnol and GMB are included in schedule III of the Controlled Drug and Substances Acts since April 1998. It is illegal to import, export, or possess either Rohypnol or GMB.

### How do you know if you've been drugged?

- You feel more intoxicated than you usually do after consuming a certain amount of alcohol.

- You wake up confused, experiencing a memory lapse and cannot account for a period of time.

- You had a drink but can't remember what happened after drinking it.

- You feel that someone had sex with you but you cannot remember any of the incident.

**The reality is that there are individuals who are using**

**this method to take advantage of others. Here's how to avoid an unwanted event:**

- Never leave drinks unattended at bars, parties, or any type of social gathering.

- Drink only from tamper proof bottles. Insist that you open them yourself at a house party. At bars accept drinks only from staff.

- Do not share or exchange drinks

- Do not drink anything that looks or tastes unusual.

- Do not drink your beverage if it has been moved, looks different, or appears to have been topped up

- Make transportation plans in advance

- Do not leave a bar or social gathering with someone you just met

- Avoid going to bars or parties alone

- Be alert to the behaviour of friends if someone appears more intoxicated than usual; be concerned - get help.

Sexual assault is a crime of brutality and/or intimidation. It is an act of power and control over the victim - it is not about sex. If you think you have been drugged or sexually assaulted, get immediate attention. Tell someone you trust, call 911, or go to the Emergency Room. Samples should be obtained as soon as possible, and a forensic kit may be done up to seventy-two hours after an assault.

For more information call the nurse in Health Services at 496-8778 or 471-8129 after hours.

## Who's been squeezing your melons?

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We all know that our fruits and vegetables should be washed before eating to remove pesticides and possible germs that fellow shoppers may have left during selection - hey, I know it's disgusting, but not everyone washes their hands - but have you ever considered what might be IN your food?

Unless otherwise specified, fruits and veggies get sprayed with all sorts of chemicals, and

are generally grown in chemically enhanced soils. And if you think that a simple swish under the tap will magically remove these chemicals then you better think again. Did you know that although DDT and other chemicals were banned from use in Canada they are still used in many of the countries that supply our grocery stores with food? This is bad not only for us, but also for the workers exposed to it...and what about genetically

modified foods? That's a topic that could fill this entire column, all I have to say is, in my opinion, messing with nature is sketchy to say the least...have you heard the latest on Dollie the cloned sheep?

So now you're saying, "What can I do? I don't want to wake up with three eyeballs!"

I realize that it's hard, especially in the winter, to get your fair share of fruits and veggies without buying

inorganic foreign produce but you can cut back on your chemical intake. Was that your wallet groaning at the thought of organics? Hold on a second, there are inexpensive options...

The Brewery Market on Lower Water Street is open every Saturday in the Keith's Brewery building (Mmmm...beer) from earlier than I get up until 1pm (423-2279), you can not only find people selling organics, but local organics too. There is

also a local food coop called The Grainery located on Agricola Street (open Mon-Sun 3-6:30pm, 446-3301) where you can pick up organics at cost, they offer local produce as well. With the options available there's no excuse to be unhealthy.... So the next time you're squeezing melons (selecting produce - come on.) remember, it's what's on the inside that counts.

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### Upcoming blood donor clinics

Press release

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Monday, February 25:

Amherst, Fire Hall, 62 Albion Street: 1:00 - 3:00 pm and 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation, Training Room  
93 Chain Lake Drive Bayers Lake: 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, February 26:

Amherst, Fire Hall, 62 Albion Street: 1:00 - 3:00 pm and 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
Mount Uniacke, Fire Hall, 654 Highway #1: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 27:

Springhill, Springhill Armouries, 72 North Street: 5:00 - 7:30 pm  
St. Peter's School, Gymnasium, 5 Crichton Avenue: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 28:

Cole Harbour, Pope John XXIII Church Hall, 35 Colby Drive: 5:00 - 8:00 pm







## Nuthin' new in Hollywood

by Sean F. Hamilton

February the ninth sees the new version of *Rollerball* released. This film is a remake of the 1975 classic starring James Caan. While this may only be considered a classic for sci-fi fans, you can trust that it was a big movie for the times if they decided to remake it for a new audience.

It seems as if all classic movies are being redone and rehashed for the big screen. Yet we all know that there is no comparison between an original and a remake. Though in today's big budget market people would rather

not seen the new version of *Rollerball*, so I have no terms by which to compare the two. For all I know it could be better than the original. Not likely, but who knows?

I may have a bit off "High Fidelity" syndrome, seeing as I've been immersed in film for the last four years. I don't think it's asking too much for other people to realize that most movies are just carbon copies of the classics that last through the ages. If you're looking for an example or two I'm here to provide. What person has not heard of *Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho*?

Well, when the remake came out a few years back and I tried to push the classic on a video renter, what transpired? They took it home and brought it

back the next day complaining that it was in no way as good as the newer version. Now I don't think I have to say anything else about this, do I? One doesn't have to be a movie freak like me to know that Hitchcock was one of the most talked about directors ever. To say that a crappy late 90's remake of one of his most famous

films is better than the original that terrified audiences so much that people wouldn't take showers, geez come on now. One is not to say that all experiences with remakes are bad ones. Take the movie *Gone in 60 Seconds* with Nic Cage. When it was released it did quite well in the theaters and in the rental market. What a lot of people didn't know is that it was based on an earlier indie-flick of the same name that was essentially the same thing but without the big budget. I pushed the original on most customers and most people ended up appreciating the original and thus enjoying the remake even more.

While I'm not saying that putting a new spin on a classic idea is a bad thing, I'm just saying that it is overused. There are a lot of movies that get released and one never knows that an earlier version exists. Take the new version of *The Count of MonteCristo*. This movie has been made four times but still continues to fascinate moviegoers and draw in an audience. It just seems that some movies never die, kind of like James Bond and Godzilla.

One can even take this argument further. The ideas for most movies don't just pop out of someone's head, but rather they come from an author's book. The majority of movies are popped up

versions of a book that some producer or director think would do well in the film market; they're usually right too. Look at *Lord of the Rings* for instance. *LOTR* has always been a staple for most sci-fi/fantasy readers, but in today's market of video games and fancy lights why would a child bother to read a book when they can be immersed in a virtual reality game? I'm in no ways saying that people should go see movies instead of reading, I'd love for more people to do the opposite, but if it helps to get a classic novel exposure to a group that usually wouldn't see/hear about it, power to yah! Its the same with film I guess too. If a remake is made and it helps to push the classic to even a single person who wouldn't have seen it, than it's all worth while.

What I'm trying to say in all this incoherent rambling is that remakes aren't bad just misused. People try to surpass the classic and

overshadow it, when they should be trying to respect the



see a flashy version of an older film than actually take the time to watch something that may challenge their mind. All in all, I guess, maybe it's the fact that there are no new ideas in Hollywood. This in no way makes it all right for someone to appreciate the new version of a film without seeing, or at least considering, the original. Granted I have

original and help push it to new heights. Tim Burton did this recently with *Planet of the Apes*, where he did not remake the film, but adapted the story line to reflect how he was inspired by the original, and his take on such a tale. So go see the new version of *Rollerball* but just remember that it was remade for a reason and that reason is that the original kicked some serious ass.

## Big back in Hali': Flashing Lights return to Halifax

by Jon Bruhm

The Flashing Lights' Matt Murphy is a friendly, honest, and modest guy. The born and raised Haligonian admits that he's "not the best person to boast" - but to quote one of his group's songs: "We're known in the valley/and big back in Hali/we're the kings of the Canadian mile (I think - ed.)/though it's hard to assess/the power we possess/if you haven't caught our act in a while" - which is nothing short of true. Fortunately, The Flashing Lights will once again prove this when they arrive back in 'Hali' on February 15th at The Marquee Club.

Some of my loyal readers may remember an article entitled "Never the Same Thing Twice" back in October of 2000 - a review of The Flashing Lights in concert. As it was my first exposure to the group, lines such as: "The Lights, lead by marvellous

Matt Murphy, rocked the crap out of the packed Marquee" and "[the band] put on a most excellent show, which was highlighted by Murphy's insane guitar solos."; hardly do the group justice, and barely express the sentiment that one can expect from their show.

Murphy, on the other hand, effectively describes the band's live performance in a more vivid and descriptive manner: "I think that ours is a pretty 'human' show; there's no 'us and them' vibe to it. We let it all hang out and turn our mistakes into beautiful paths of destiny," said the front-man in a recent interview with The Journal. "There's a lot of spontaneity in our show, so hopefully people who see us for the first time will catch on to the fact that this is probably not the same show that we played the night before."

One of the group's

signature tunes, "Same Thing Twice", hardly seems like a fitting title for a Flashing Lights song, as you can never expect a 'cookie-cutter' performance from this band. "Every night is different for us," said Murphy, "we like to keep it fresh and exciting for us and for the fans...We try to keep ourselves, and the audience, guessing - and as the night unfolds, people get to know something about us as people, and that's the best thing." Some may recall the band's October 2000 show, when Murphy 'messed up' the bridge in the aforementioned 'Twice' - then halted the song and broke it down again, heightening the energy of the already explosive performance. He told me that "We use our mistakes as opportunities for success."

Although they are eligible for nomination at the East

Coast Music Awards, due to Murphy and bassist Henri Sangalang's Atlantic Canadian heritage, the group has chosen to bypass the awards. According to Murphy, "[An ECMA is] not really on my radar, and I don't feel that it really does much for bands like mine - I don't see Sloan, Joel Plaskett, Mike O'Neill or any of those guys really getting much out of being nominated and never really winning anything. I feel like it's almost irrelevant for the kind of music that I make. It often feels less about rewarding hard work and excellence than it does about rewarding lots of money. It seems very political."

Regardless of this, Murphy and Sangalang have not entirely distanced themselves from their roots. Despite their relocation to Toronto, they, along with drummer Steve Pitkin and the multi-talented

Gaven Dianda, continue to visit points east as often as possible. "[Playing in Halifax] is a luxury. I've heard people talk about it as if it's a special occasion," said Murphy, when asked about the difficulty of some bands when it comes to venturing out to the East Coast. "For most bands, it's a really long drive with very little in between...it's a lot of money and gas, and a lot of time. That's an obstacle. But we're at a level in Halifax where we can afford to fly home, which makes it very do-able for us, and that's why we try to make it home once or twice a year."

So luckily for us, The Flashing Lights will be back in town on February 15th. "I just hope that we don't pull out any of the gags that we tried last time," the guitarist joked - but even if they do, it will still be one of the best concerts to hit town in 2002.





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## The G-Spot: Toe-jobs, Rat-bastards and Rape Drugs

by Kara Gammell  
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Another weekend is over, and the countdown to Spring Break is on. This is always a busy week; Valentines Day, Condom Awareness Week (yes, there really is a national week – and it's my job to know this kind of stuff) and a bunch of freakin' midterms. The library's packed and everyone is a bit on the stressed side – and what better stress buster than a little slap and tickle? Studies have proven (and not just my own) that sex is an excellent way to relieve stress as well as calm the senses – as well as serving as a great way to procrastinate. With Thursday being Valentine's Day, people will be knockin' boots all over campus. Now, normally this is where I would lament about how, not only am I without a date on this stupid, overly-marketed holiday, but all my roommates are working until late that night, leaving me alone and bitter until they get home. But, no, no, not this year, I am not going to do my usual "Let's kick St. Valentine in the ass" routine. Instead I am going to just pretend that Valentine's Day is for young single ladies like myself go out and do the girls thing.

Anyone, who is out on the town on this Thursday night, will notice that this is probably the best time to meet single and very available people. Being Valentine's Day as it is, all the happy little couples that frequent the bars in this city, will be out with their dates doing a bunch of romantic shit, thereby basically creating a "singles night" downtown. Isn't my glass is half full? And let's face it, for people like me, it doesn't get much better than that.

I would also like to take this time to have a bit of a rant. I realize that I spend more time than the average university student looking at books on Sexual Health - but would it be so hard for the authors of these books to at least throw in a few attractive models for the photographs that are included? I've never seen so many mullets – I feel like after doing research that I've hung out in Little Nashville over in Dartmouth on line dancing night. It just isn't right. A man with a mullet is bad enough, but a naked man with a mullet – is just wrong. Mark my words; first book I write that includes photos of people copulating, will not have mullets. Oh, the 'things I have to put up with work.

**Q: This is just a hypothetical question, but is it possible to have a rape drug put into your drink and get raped if you are a guy? How would it be possible, I mean really, to rape a guy if he can't get an erection?**

**A:** Yes, to the first question. Yes, to the second one and for the third part, all I can say is two words – anal sex. It seems to me that everyone always forgets about this type of sexual assault, which for the record, doesn't have to involve a penis in any way, shape or form. Drugs that may be slipped into a beverage are usually colourless, odorless and occasionally tasteless. Other than the infamous, Rohypnol, there are many other methods to facilitate a sexual assault. Some examples include alcohol, cannabis, and some prescription drugs used to promote sleep; all which are extremely easy and likely to access. Just think about how easy it is to get some of these yourself, now just imagine that you are a desperate, sick pervert out trying to score. It's a little scary isn't it?

Some of the signs of these drugs are felt within 30 minutes, peak within two hours and last approximately eight hours. Drowsiness, dizziness, confusion, memory loss, reduced heart rate, and respiratory depression may occur. You could feel too hot, too cold nauseous or have difficulty speaking. These drugs have been known to cause a coma and death. Dangerous effects on the body increase in the presence of alcohol, cannabis and and/or sleeping pills. If you feel that you have been exposed to a form of one of these rape drugs, go to the nearest hospital emergency room. Do not bathe or shower, for you may destroy crucial evidence, it is additionally important to collect a urine sample in a clean container in the first 24 hours after the assault. Even if you do not want to file a police complaint, it is still important to get medical attention. For assistance, you can contact the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre at 425-0122.

**Q: What's the difference between being a transsexual and being a transvestite?**

**A:** The difference between the two can sometimes be a little confusing, both seem to be a person who wants to be the other sex. A transsexual is a man or a woman who feels that he or she is really a member of the opposite sex, trapped in the wrong body.

Transsexuals may undergo sex change operations and hormone treatment to change the sex of their bodies. For an example think of the movie *Boys Don't Cry*. A transvestite on the other hand, is a man or a woman who has a strong compulsion to cross-dress in clothing of the opposite sex. For many transvestites, cross-dressing is necessary for them to be able to enjoy sexual activity.

The main difference between male transsexuals and male transvestites is the feelings associated with the penis. The transsexual regards his penis as disgusting, especially when erect, while the transvestite may have both heterosexual and/or homosexual relationships that are satisfying.

**Q: I love to suck on my partners' toes; the only thing is that I don't have a regular partner. Do you think that it weirds people out when I ask them if I can before I try, or should I just pull up their foot and latch on? Would you say this is common, and do you have any tips for giving a more enjoyable toe job?**

**A:** You would be surprised at the number of people that do enjoy a good toe-job every now and then. Toe suckling is a common fetish. In sexual terms, fetishism involves endowing a physical object

with sexual powers so that the person with the fetish requires the object to become sexually aroused or be sexually satisfied. In your case, it's toes – there must have been some time in your life where you experienced a sort of conditioning. In other words, if you masturbated as an adolescent while using an aid, such as a porn magazine or watching videos, which involved toe sucking, you would associate the erotic feelings you felt with these stimuli and therefore derive pleasure from the memory. I haven't watched that much porn myself, but I have noticed a commonality throughout many videos, all the actress's tend to keep their high heels on regardless of what sexual feat they are accomplishing (pardon the pun). I would figure that this wouldn't be that conducive to developing a foot fetish, but then again what do I know, I'm not into feet.

**Q: I used to go out with this guy who was only ever able to have sex once a night. Once he got off, he thought that everything was fine and off he'd go to sleep. Now that I am no longer with that rat-bastard, I was wondering if he was just a selfish prick, or was there a physical reason why he'd be so skimpy when it came to skin?**

**A:** There could be a

biological reason why the "rat-bastard" you used to go out with could only get off once a night. There is however, NO biological reason why he would not make sure that you were taken care of before slipping into his selfish-yet-satisfied-slumberland, other than he is a rat-bastard. Biologically speaking, there is a period of time following ejaculation that he would be unable to get an erection. This is called the refractory period. Unfortunately, the older men get, the longer this time span becomes.

But back to the fact that he was only into satisfying himself, part of that problem could very well have been yours. It is important to keep your partner informed on what is or is not working for you and what you both should do about it. Maybe he had no idea that you never got off? Maybe this "selfish-prick" wasn't so selfish, just inexperienced and wouldn't know an orgasm if it bit him in the ass. Or better yet, maybe when you two rolled off each other, he thought your disappointed silence was not from disappointment, but from total exhaustion and satisfaction? Okay, maybe not as likely but then again, if he is a rat-bastard, then I won't give him too much credit. But either way, speak up or shut

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He was big for the taste of burger and fries,  
never remembers to zip up his flies.

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Where we do not sing this or that other song  
that kinda sounds like this one.



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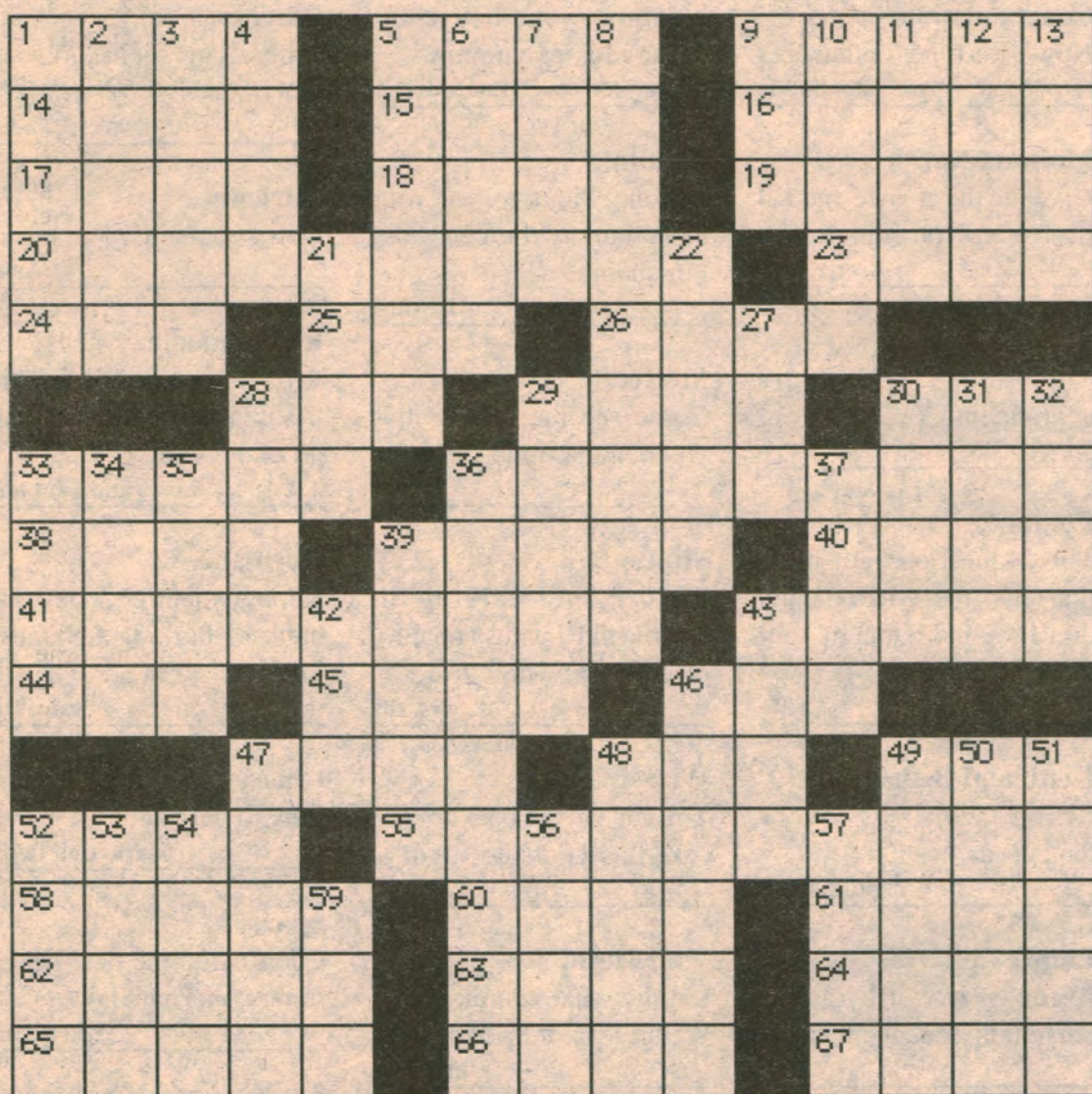
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- 2 Lent a hand
- 3 Tomb raider Lara
- 4 Archer William
- 5 Treeless plain
- 6 Dangle, sometimes
- 7 Director Kazan
- 8 Repaired tires
- 9 Millwood HS rivals
- 10 Russian president Vladimir
- 11 "I'm \_ \_"
- 12 Mend, sometimes
- 13 Tolkein's trees
- 21 Per
- 22 Bits of research
- 27 VCR button
- 28 Concert lineup
- 29 Tennis star Monica
- 30 Parking lot mishap
- 31 Took a horse
- 32 Brat
- 33 John Paul, for one or many
- 34 James \_ Jones
- 35 Drifting
- 36 Belief in evolution
- 37 Farmer's handle?
- 39 Lawyers often
- 42 Spring
- 43 Nobel Prize winner Bellow
- 46 Places within
- 47 Duke it out, olde school
- 48 Saccharine
- 49 "Don't \_ it"
- 50 Curt
- 51 Media
- 52 Poetic foot
- 53 Hook's sidekick
- 54 Shade
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- 57 Wise ones
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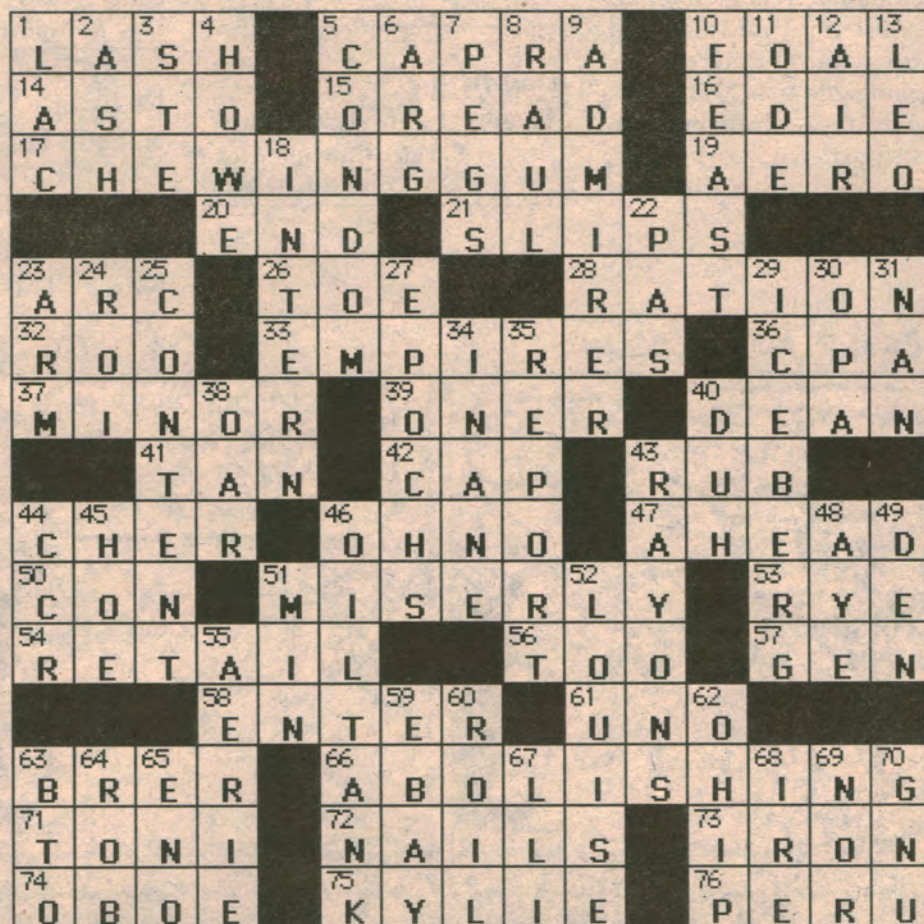
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## Quote of the Week

*"I'd make a good pope."*

- Richard Nixon





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## Engineering

communities. His work and philosophy provided the conference with a sensation that anything is possible.

Project fair displays revolved around improving the well being of developing countries, either through public awareness or engineering projects. Displays such as WaterCan focused on more direct issues such as the implementation of sustainable water supplies for developing countries. There were also student projects from many different universities, ranging from improving levels of computer literacy, to the purification and transportation of water to villages to the production of housing for the poor.

**Can you add one more thing to your 'to do' lists: To Change the World**

While this sounds like a daunting task, Dr. Avi Freidman words summed up the outlook of the EWB conference participants. The Dalhousie University chapter of EWB has begun to spread its wings to reach out to academics, students and professionals within the Halifax community to create the changes to better other's, as well as our own lives. EWB is a student initiative, however, the extent of knowledge, experience and creativity available within academic and professional communities is indispensable in providing realistic, practical and ongoing guidance in the development, design and implementation of developing world solutions. As EWB Dalhousie is now emerging into the Halifax community, we look forward to your input, advice and participation in our events, beginning March 2002.

For more information, please go to [www.ewb-isf.org](http://www.ewb-isf.org) and look for notices of upcoming events.

**P-Dawg ... G-Dawg,**  
Will da boyz be re-united next year?? Only time will tell!  
**J-Dawg**

**South Bland Tim,**  
Hahaha. When will I get my beer?  
**Missed the snowbanks**

**Finner,**  
It's your fied day and I have the ultimate pleasure of taking your fied virginity away. Now we'll have to seal the deal with a drink.  
**Smiling ghost of the fifth floor**

**Photoboy Joe,**  
You're showing some real talent. I hope that your talents span farther than just photography. Oh yeah sorry about this week, a particular sports editor decided to rant and rave and leave no room for photos.  
**Photochick**

**Sammy Paye,**  
Happy V-Daye.  
**Johnny Paye**

**Husky Patrol Crew (and any other SMUSA staff or anyone for that matter),**  
Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> meet at my place (5231 Kent, Apt 21) between 7-8pm for one helluva time.  
**Cecilia**

**Spaz,**  
Teaching them will be easier when we rule the world. Which half do you want?  
**Scalzone**

**Donny,**  
Thanks for all your help.  
**Former Candidate for President**

**C.R.O,**

Congratulations-it's over! Now's it's time for that beer  
**Bio buddy**

**Molson Man,**  
Give me the chance and I'll make sure you enjoy it.  
**Beer Kitten**

The mad cows are approaching...  
**Pep**

**Puddin',**  
The 5 questions got me a man. Do me a favour and don't say my name in your sleep again!!!  
**Tiffa**

**Keith and Ben,**  
Siting can be very dangerous.  
**Ed the Red**

**Laura Van,**  
I guess it's all in the personality change haha.  
**Ange**

**Bonner,**  
Twice chickened out, but this time I have outdone myself.  
**Nix**

**Sleepy Bear,**  
Happy Valentine's Day my fav man. Don't forget to shower after the game. I won't be going to dinner with a smelly man  
**SnoRk**

**Organ,**  
Make sure you're @ the Volleyball game (if it's not cancelled)  
**Your Partner in crime**

**Richy,**  
Not but! For life!  
**Scallion**

**Van de Ven,**  
New Husky pickup

location: your house for sugar cookies-yummy.  
**Husky driver**

**Puddin',**  
No one wants to see your hairy butt at the cat walk. For shame  
**B. Yard**

**McGee,**  
Come see me..... I miss you being around.  
**Nix**

**Stine,**  
Picture me walking in Loyola in PJ pants at 6am... nice hair @\$hole!  
**tiff**

**Wizzer,**  
You can get me back for the cake this Thursday night.  
**C.W.**

**Your Hero,**  
I know what you didn't do Wednesday or Friday night.  
**Frat boy**

**Jonesy and Ed,**  
Mmmmm, thanks for the lovin' and my 'warm' visit.  
**Cis**

**SMUSA Exec,**  
Beer and Blue Rodeo-what a concept.  
**VP Academic**

**Jackie baby,**  
Innocent I'il kitty kat, eh? Innocense is MY middle name chump  
**Tiffany baby**

**Jenny,**  
Who would have ever thought!  
**AcadianX**

**Arbuckle,**  
I love you-Happy Valentine's Day.  
**Your hopeful roommate to be**

**Peaches,**  
Where's my money? I want lunch!  
**Ed**

**Adrienne,**  
Don't come in... I'm busy!  
**Ange**

**El Presidente,**  
Still too much adipose tissue at the posterior end; go to the gym  
**Joey and Frat boy**

**Hey babe,**  
Happy Valentine's Day you hunk of burning Lebanese love.  
**Love BB**

**Chris,**  
Way to get beat by a girl!  
**Marketing Dept.**

**Spaz,**  
Can I be on the list? I'll be thirsty on Thursday.  
**Scalzone**

**Jacyln,**  
How 'bout that love wand, you old dog you!  
**Tiffa**

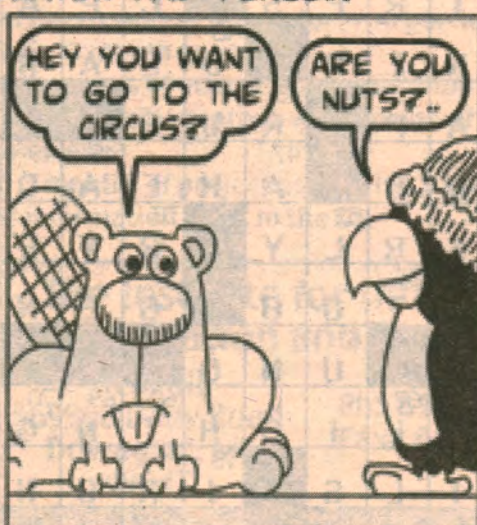
**SS,**  
Happy V-day.  
**JG**

**Jonesy,**  
What's with the gf and the whole cheek thang?  
**Nice Guy Eddie**

**Surfing frosh-leader chick,**  
I know I haven't paid my cell phone bill, but I think it still works. Help me check  
**Surfing Facilitator**

**Cece,**  
Again... the best!  
**Steve**

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# AUS Volleyball Playoff Preview

by Jeffrey Warford

With the AUS volleyball season winding down and the playoffs looming closer each day, the Saint Mary's women's volleyball team has secured itself at very least a third place finish in the regular season standings.

While it is a very respectable finish, the Huskies missed a golden opportunity to help their own cause last weekend at Memorial in Newfoundland. Both matches turned out to be five-set slugfests between the two squads, with MUN taking the victory three sets to two on Saturday (25-20, 25-27, 25-18, 22-25, 15-11) and SMU picking up the win three sets to two on Sunday (25-21, 25-11, 19-25, 13-25, 15-10).

Due to Saturday's loss to Memorial, SMU has probably lost its only chance to earn a bye into the semifinals of the AUS playoffs. When St. FX's dismal 1-6 record at home is combined with Dalhousie's overall success this season, it seems almost certain that Dalhousie will finish off its season with a win over the lowly X-Women on Saturday, bringing their overall season record to 14-4. SMU, currently 11-4, can match this total if it manages to win its final three games, but even if the Huskies manage this feat, the Tigers will remain in second place due to their previous head-to-head successes against SMU.

The good news for the Huskies is that, being ranked

third, they will draw sixth-ranked UCCB in the quarterfinals of the AUS playoffs. The Capers currently have a 9-8 record and a previous loss to SMU in October of last year, meaning that it should be an easy win for the Huskies. The bad news, however, is that a meeting between the Huskies and the Tigers in the semifinals seems to be inevitable. The Huskies have fared poorly against their archrivals this season and have come out on the losing end of all three contests between the two. Even if Dalhousie somehow loses the Saturday game to St. FX and the Huskies win their remaining games to take

second place, the Tigers would also be heavily favored to defeat UCCB and would end up meeting the Huskies in the semi-finals anyway.

On the other side of the draw, fourth-ranked Memorial will meet fifth-ranked Acadia. Memorial should be considered the stronger team in this match, and provided that SMU defeats UCCB, they might even pose a significant threat to the top-ranked Moncton Blue Eagles in the semis. Moncton's only losses this season have come at the hands of the Huskies and the Sea Hawks, and the Blue Eagles stand to face both teams during the course of the playoffs if all of the chips fall

in the right places.

The three remaining games in the Huskies' volleyball season will probably be irrelevant to the final standings, but are nonetheless important to the Huskies in terms of a final tune-up before the playoffs begin. This week's games include a rescheduled game against Mount Allison on February 13 (7:00pm at the Tower), a preview of an increasingly likely quarterfinal scenario against UCCB Friday night on February 15, and the Huskies' final game against Acadia on February 17 (7:00pm at the Tower).

## Putting the Super back in the Superbowl

Patriots find their savior in Tom Brady; I'm not convinced

by Daniel Bonner

Let me begin this column by saying that I am a New England Patriots fan 365 days a year, an important fact given that these past two weeks have brought every "fan" out of the woodwork. It should therefore come as no surprise

that I'm glad to see the team I support win the Superbowl. More than that, however, like many football fans the importance of a good contest in the usually dull Superbowl was paramount.

Last year's Superbowl was

not atypical. The Baltimore Ravens walked all over the New York Giants, defeating them 34-7, and people chalked up the incident as just another in a long line of bad Superbowls. A quick glance at the past few Superbowls

tells you all you need to know. If one eliminates Superbowl XXXIV where Kevin Dyson came one yard short of tying the score on the last play of the game, there has not been a Superbowl contest worth mentioning since the New York Giants defeated the Buffalo Bills in 1991, thanks to a missed Scott Norwood field goal with no time left on the clock. By all accounts, Superbowl XXXVI was not expected to be the third good contest in eleven years, as the New England Patriots surprised everyone by merely being in the contest, surely their luck was about to run out. Odds makers immediately placed the spread at 14 points, which still seemed to close to many analyzers of the sport. The Patriots, however, had different ideas, and Bill Belichick, long known as a defensive mastermind, was able to shut down an explosive Rams team like no one else was able to all season long. A 14-3 halftime score, in favour of the Patriots, made everyone take notice. A late surge by the Rams forced the Patriots to run a two-minute drill that led them 62-yards, and just into field goal range. Adam Vinatieri, who looked a lot calmer than perhaps one should in his position, stepped up and nailed a 48-yard field goal that will remain etched in the minds of Bostonians for years to come (convenient for Vinatieri that

his contract is up this year and, given the circumstances, he's probably due for a raise). After the game's conclusion, Tom Brady was named the MVP with paltry numbers consisting of 16 for 27, passing for 152-yards with one touchdown. This decision is arguable. Every point that the Patriots got, with the exception of their final three, can be directly traced back to a Rams turn over, mere moments earlier. All Brady really did of note was marching the team down the field in the two-minute drill, accounting for nearly half of his yards all day, and in fact he was hardly the MVP. This was not the first time, however, that the public seems to have been blinded by the play of one Tom Brady, which leads to the second issue.

In a week three game against the New York Jets, long time New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe was injured. Enter Tom Brady. The sophomore quarterback led the then 1-2 Patriots to an 11-2 record, masterminded by young Brady, or so we are led to believe. Drew Bledsoe was a crutch for the Patriot players, like most 3,000 yard a year quarterbacks, the team was likely to look at Bledsoe and say, 'either you'll win it or you'll lose it.' The Patriots were unable to do this with young Brady, and therefore more than anything else the

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# Huskies hockey secure spring break

## SMU earns bye with a successful week

by Daniel Bonner

The end is near. Perhaps that was the battle cry of a severely battered Saint Mary's Huskies hockey squad that was attempting to end their regular season on a winning note this past week. The Huskies, who just three weeks ago looked assured of a first round bye, were going to have to play well and hope for a little help, if they were to earn themselves a little vacation before the playoffs begin. Although to some people a first round bye is more of a hindrance than an aide, given the fact that your team sits idle while your future opponents gain momentum by winning a playoff series, to the Huskies the break would be greatly appreciated, given the banged up Saint Mary's squad's laundry list of injuries. With numerous players out indefinitely and still many more playing their way through certain injuries, the Huskies had a pair of tough tests to end their season, beginning with a clash with the first place Dalhousie Tigers.

The Tigers walked into Alumni Arena this past

Wednesday evening after stealing the previous meeting away from the Huskies by a 3-2 count, just a week earlier. It was time to see if the Huskies would respond to the challenge laid by bench boss Trevor Stienburg, who was reportedly irate at the pair of losses the week previous. The Huskies started strongly as Jim Midgley scored his thirteenth of the year halfway through the first period, on the powerplay, to send the Huskies out to an early 1-0 lead. Dalhousie's Marty Johnston responded just a few minutes later, again on the powerplay, before SMU's Lindsay Plunkett would reinstate the lead for the Huskies just before the end of the frame, making it SMU 2, DAL 1. Coach Stienburg has criticized his team for showing up for only portions of games, stringing together a period or two of good hockey surrounded by a period or two of poor hockey. This certainly seemed to be the case on Wednesday as the Tigers came out and stormed the Huskies in the second frame, scoring three straight goals to

run the score to 4-2 after forty minutes of play. The Huskies came back in the third period, however, perhaps inspired by some more words of wisdom from their coach, and they outshot the Tigers 17-5 in that final frame. Jason Maleyko scored five minutes in to narrow the gap to one, setting up an exciting finish. With the Huskies pouring on the pressure in the dying minutes, Brad Morgan fired a shot on the DAL net, fooling Tiger netminder Mike Weatherbie, and despite Weatherbie seriously reducing the puck's speed, the Morgan shot still managed to trickle over the goal line to equalize the score with four minutes to go. The remaining minutes and overtime would solve nothing and the final score would be Huskies 4, Tigers 4, in what could be called a well earned tie for the Huskies after working themselves into a hole.

Saturday night saw the St. FX X-Men come to town in a meaningful game for both clubs. A SMU win coupled with a DAL loss (in Acadia the next night) would give the

Huskies the regular season championship. The X-Men's concerns, however, were much more humble. An X loss coupled with an Acadia victory would send St FX home for the season. It was for this reason that both teams were expected to come out strong and play for the victory, as it turned out the opposite would be true. It soon became clear that rather than going and winning the game, both teams intended to just not lose it. The back and forth chess match produced only 38 total shots after regulation between both clubs, eight shots less than the Huskies themselves fired at the Tiger net the game previous. Regulation ended in a 0-0 tie, and just when everyone was headed for the door, Huskies defenseman Steve Gallace (nursing a poor hip) fired home the winner three minutes into overtime.

Elsewhere last week Dalhousie hosted the Axemen in another key game for both squads. As mentioned before, the Axemen had to win to keep any hope of a playoff

birth alive, while the Tigers now needed to win or tie to claim the regular season championship. As in the SMU vs. X contest, this game would not live up to expectations, as the Axemen would not play as though they wanted a playoff birth, being drubbed 7-1 and handing the Tigers the AUHC title.

Other results this past week ensured the Huskies the second spot overall and a first round playoff bye, the other bye going to the Tigers. The first round matchups being (3) Moncton vs. (6) St FX and (4) UNB vs. (5) UPEI, both series beginning on Wednesday. The Huskies will then face-off against the highest ranked advancing team, most likely Moncton, with that series tentatively scheduled to begin Wednesday, February 20, at 7pm at Alumni Arena. The good week also guaranteed that the Huskies would finish the season ranked in the CIS top ten, finishing seventh in the country, two behind Dalhousie and two ahead of Moncton.

# Captain of the ship

by Daniel Bonner

There are a few names that perpetually resonate around the campus sports scene here at Saint Mary's. Names like Luis Perez, Ryan Jones and Julie Galipeau, just to name a few, have become synonymous with their respective sports and to a greater extent with the University itself. Added to this list could also be Huskies hockey captain Jim Midgley. Midgley has become a fixture on the ice since his rookie season four years ago, and it has become a situation where how Jim Midgley goes, so goes the Huskies. With the playoffs fast approaching, the pressures and strain often fall on the shoulders of the captain, however, if this is the case the Huskies captain certainly shows it well with a laid back demeanor off the ice, to counter his intensity when on the ice.

Midgley's pre-SMU career is pretty standard for a university hockey player. After playing minor and Junior C hockey, he played a year of tier two junior hockey in St Thomas. While playing in St Thomas, the future Husky had the opportunity to

play next to a future star in the shape of Joe Thornton, the first overall pick of the 1997 NHL entry draft and current Boston Bruins star. The North Bay Centennials of the Ontario Hockey league then drafted Midgley where he played for a year and a half before being dealt to the Bellville Bulls where he ended his junior career before heading to the Maritimes to play AUS Hockey.

After an outstanding rookie campaign that garnered him AUHC rookie of the year honours and consideration for the national rookie of the year, Midgley has gone on to finish in the top five of scoring for each of the next three years. At the beginning of the 2000-2001 season he was named co-captain with veteran Justin Stienbach, eventually being given the sole captaincy just a few weeks later. Having been such a key component of the past three editions of the Huskies, 'Midge' has the ability to compare this team to past incarnations, and for him this squad stacks up nicely. "This year we have a really good nucleus, we only have three or four rookies so we have a really veteran squad. I

find that this year we have really good balance, we have four really good lines, six solid defensemen and we have great goaltending right now. Other years I think we might have had two or three good lines, so I think our balance this year is really good and better than ever before."

As is often the case, the captain of a team will often stick up for those players who he feels do not get enough credit, and when asked for a player who is overlooked, Midgley was quick to rattle off numerous names. "Alex Halat, Jason Cannon and Clark Udle, that entire line that is out there to stir up a lot of stuff and get our energy up, and we feed off of the production of those guys. Then there are our stay at home defensemen, like Jeff Mekercher and Robin De LaCour, the guys like that do the little things that don't always get noticed, but are key to our club's success."

This season can be looked at as a great success for the Huskies, who have surprised everybody, with the exception of themselves, by fighting neck-and-neck for the conference lead all season long. "I think that so far we've



had a great year, we've had ups and downs, starting off a little slow, but all in all it has been good thus far." The keys to future success, however, lay more in conditions beyond their control, namely injuries, as opposed to actually improving skill. "Our worst enemy right now is injuries, and we're just trying to stay healthy, and get all of those injuries that we have healed up. I think that we have a team that could go deep into the playoffs, as long as we improve our health a bit and have the guys who are already healthy stay healthy."

With the results that the Huskies achieved this past week they were able to secure themselves a first round bye, which for Midgley is important with regard to the overall health of the squad, not so much just rest for weary players. "All you have to do

is look at last year and you'll see that the two teams that had the bye [X and St Thomas] went all the way to the nationals. The layoff will definitely be helpful for our injuries but at the same time we have to be sure that our work out regiment stays strong, because a ten day layoff is pretty long, and our opponents won't have that same layoff."

If the Huskies hope to continue their strong play and run deep into the playoffs, their captain will have to continue his strong play and lead his team to victory. Number 77 has been around for four years now, however, this may easily be his best chance at a national title. Only time will tell whether this season will end with the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat.



# Men's Huskies keep pace

by Stephen Clow

SMU kept pace with the Memorial Seahawks, who beat UPEI twice this weekend, in the race for second in the AUS' Baldwin Division by beating the UCCB Capers 62-58 on Sunday afternoon.

SMU used a 10-0 run, one that started right out of the locker room at half and didn't end until 11:58, a span of eight minutes, and some timely defense to finish off the Capers in the end by four.

The Huskies came out strong and built themselves a 7-2 lead just three minutes into the game. But the Capers used a 10-0 run to keep even with

and eventually pull ahead of the Huskies. Coach Quackenbush decided that the starters weren't playing up to snuff and decided to stir up the lineup in an effort to stop the Capers momentum. The plan appeared to work as Shawn Smith and Ben McCarthy dropped in 8 and 6 first-half points respectively. However, the Capers would counter with Orville Edwards who would score 8 of his game high 23 in first half, sending the teams to the locker room knotted at 28.

Quackenbush, coach of the #10 ranked Huskies, put his

starters back on the floor to open the game's last twenty minutes in hopes of a better effort. The move paid off immediately as SMU ran out to a quick ten point lead and used sticky defense to hold the Capers to no field goals for eight minutes. The run proved to be the difference, as SMU would hold off back-to-back threes in the final minute to come out on top 62-58. The win is Saint Mary's fourth in their last five games, but more importantly it moves their AUS record to 9-5, good enough for 18 points and a second place tie with the

Memorial Seahawks in the unofficial race to not have to play St FX before the final of the AUS playoffs. SMU has a tough schedule as they play their next four games away from home, starting with Wednesday February 13, 2002 at Dal. However, the Huskies play three of their last six against teams with an under .500 record, while Memorial plays four of their last six on the road, including two against the Nelson Leading Varsity Reds of UNB, with both of their home games coming against St FX.

Can St FX be caught in the

race for the Baldwin Division bye? Yes, but it will be very tough. The Huskies will have to beat X at X on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and hope Acadia, Dal, and UCCB can somehow manage to give X at least one loss; and those games will only matter if X doesn't sweep MUN next weekend. So, it isn't impossible.

SMU clashes with the recently tarnished basketball program over at Dalhousie this Wednesday in an effort to keep up their hot play.

# Huskies squeak out a win

by Stephen Clow

Another big game from Julie Galipeau and some clutch shooting down the stretch from the always-reliable Katie Gammon, let SMU emerge with an 81-80 victory over the Capers of UCCB.

The Huskies used a big FG% differential (51.6% vs. 37.9%) in the first half to run ahead of the Capers 42-32 at the half. The two teams would

trade hoops for the first ten minutes of the second half and it wasn't until Caper guard Melissa Manning nailed a huge three-point field goal that would begin the Caper comeback. Amanda Fisher and Heather Ross began to take the ball to the hoop and nailed their jumpers pulling the Capers to within three at 69-66 with only five minutes to play.

That is when SMU coach Jill Jeffery became irate at the "no calls" on her star forward Julie Galipeau down at the offensive end. It proved to be a strategic move as compared to an angry gesture as Galipeau would get the next two calls to go her way. From there on in it became a foul shooting contest, in which Gammon would miss four consecutive free throws,

giving UCCB the opportunity to tie or even win the game in the last minute. The early lead proved too much and the Capers couldn't catch up as SMU stumbled to the finish line for an 81-80 victory (combining to outscore the men's game by 60 total points.

The win moves the Huskies to 6-9, good enough for third in the Baldwin division, ten points behind second place STFX with five games left before the AUS playoffs at UCCB. The loss drops the Capers to .500 at 7-7; good for third place in the Nelson division four points out of first with a game in hand.

Galipeau had a huge game with 29 points, 11 rebounds, 6 assists to 1 turnover, and 2

blocks and steals. Austrian guard Katharina Hack scored on 8 of 13 shoots to drain 20 points, and point guard Gammon added 13. SMU got a much-needed lift from Jamie Walker as she dropped 8 coming off the bench. Amanda Fisher, who finished with 21, led UCCB.

SMU will be hard pressed to move up into the second place position in the division, and they shouldn't take their eyes off of Acadia sitting behind them. But for the most part it seems safe to assume the Huskies will have a third place divisional finish. Key games will one at Acadia this week and the seniors' game against MUN on the last weekend of spring break.

## Athletics briefs

### Being a SMU fan pays off and Hart breaks with women's team

by Daniel Bonner

Who knew that just by attending a few Saint Mary's games and showing your support you could win a free trip to Toronto? Although this may be news to you, it certainly is not news to Shane MacDow who will be taking in a Raptors game while staying in Toronto, all-expenses paid, later this month courtesy of the Saint Mary's athletic department and their many sponsors. As mentioned, MacDow gets free airfare from Halifax to Toronto, two tickets to a Raptors game and \$100 spending money. Second prize went to Sean O'Leary, who took home a student survival kit, including a massage, a 24-pack of Coke, a meal plan and Saint Mary's clothing and paraphernalia. Third prize went to Derek Light, who received a package from Keith's brewery including a kit bag, tee shirt, hat, towel

and 12 pack. Coke donated the fourth prize and Tyler Grose took it home, consisting of a bag, a jacket and a beverage holder. The Athletic department would like to thank all the fans as well as their sponsors, Harvey's Travel, Coca-Cola, Keith's, The Bookstore, Aramark and the Physioclinic.

The Saint Mary's Huskies women's soccer team is currently looking for a new coach as Stephen Hart resigned this past week. Hart has coached the team for the past five years, to moderate success, but he has since left to pursue a position with the national program. Hart played here as a Huskie from 1980-1985, and after a brief playing career in Halifax, he returned to coach at his alma mater in 1996. The quest for a new coach will begin immediately.

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### Superbowl

injury to Bledsoe helped the Pat's realize how good they really were. A quick look at Brady's numbers aid this argument, an average game in 2001 has Brady throwing for under 200-yards, while tossing, on average, one touchdown every two games, and three interceptions over the same period, hardly stellar numbers. All Brady did was excel in a system built for him, he wasn't called on to win the game, just asked not to lose it, what has recently been labeled as 'Dilferball' after the Baltimore quarterback that won the Superbowl last year.

In closing, I do believe that Tom Brady has all of the tools to become a marquee quarterback in the NFL; however, this is still a ways off. For the Patriots to cast away Bledsoe, a proven quarterback throwing for 3,000 yards each of the previous seven seasons, would be a brash decision. This decision, however, seems inevitable, as the Patriots are content to put all their eggs in the young basket of one Tom Brady.

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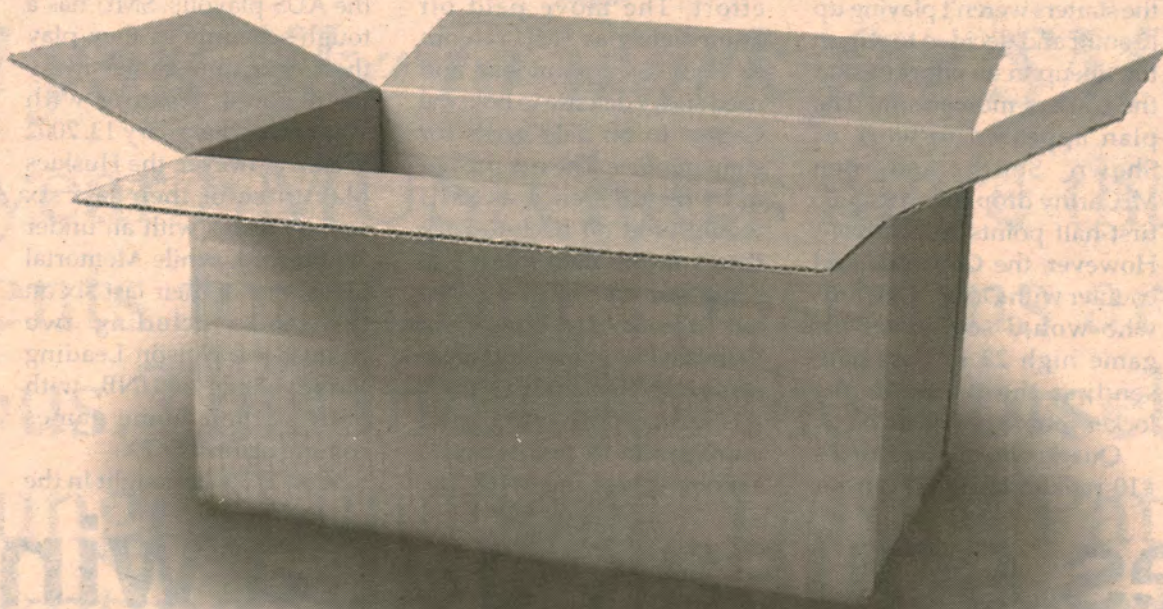
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