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Huskies champs again

SMU leaves no doubt as to who the best team in the AUFC was this season

by Daniel Bonner

By the mid part of the season people were quick to spout that the king of the AUFC was dead, and new blood was going to take the throne this season. Instead, a late season run, culminating with a victory on Saturday, saw the Huskies be coronated for the fourth straight time, this time in the most convincing fashion yet.

It certainly didn't take a high dollar analyst to realize that the AUS championship football game this past weekend



Photo by Peter Horne / The Journal

was about one thing, respect. Both the Saint Mary's Huskies and the St

FX X-Men entered the game feeling under-appreciated by fans and

media. X has suffered at the hands of the Huskies for the past few seasons, and

this year after beating SMU and cracking off seven straight victories, the X-men continued to live in the shadow of the maroon and white, and garner little respect in the region. For the Huskies, neither fans nor the media have forgotten a midseason stumble that saw an incredible winning streak end, and both have used it repeatedly as example of the mortality of the dogs. Later in the year, the national ranking of X (sixth heading into this game), and the aura emitted by the Antigonish school, left the Huskies with some unfinished business with the blue and white. Given the circumstances, one

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Electoral reform reports

External reviewers suggests sweeping changes

by David Miller

As a result of the SMUSA executive elections held last spring, independent inquiries were conducted on the results of the election and the entire electoral process.

There were several problems which arose from the election and several candidates claimed to have been treated unfairly while others were favoured. One candidate was removed from the campaign, reinstated, and then removed again. This caused a great deal of confusion within the short election period. There were complaints that actions such as those mentioned above skewed the results of the election. These claims were considered by some to be unsubstantiated and others began considering legal action against the student association.

Both groups eventually decided that formal investigations into the processes of elections at Saint Mary's were in order. In this context, two reports have been drafted and recently released. Both

reports are available on the SMUSA website. One report was completed by Tim Hill of the law firm Burchell MacDougall: Barrister and Solicitors whom has represented the Saint Mary's Student Association as well as the comparable organizations at Dalhousie, Mount Saint Vincent, and some other Nova Scotian universities. His report is based on his assessment of article five of the constitution of SMUSA which contains the electoral procedures for all elections and referendums at Saint Mary's.

Mr. Hill found that there were no barriers in place at Saint Mary's that effectively limited the ability of any candidate to run in an election and campaign. He does however, note that some candidates may not find it within their personal budget to spend the money required in an election campaign. Although the costs of many of the campaigns at Saint Mary's are minimal, they may pose a barrier to some students wishing to run in the election. Dalhousie University has a system

which allows all candidates who have received more than 20% of the vote when there are only two candidates or at least 10% of the vote when there are more than two candidates to be partially reimbursed for the costs involved in the campaign. Those that qualify for this refund can receive 62.5% of the maximum campaign spending limit of 400 dollars. This system exists in many universities as well as federal and provincial elections.

In regards to spending in campaigns, Mr. Hill has recommended that an advance ruling on the total cost to the candidate's campaign budget by the CRO be allowed in order to determine the actual cost of a specific campaign idea.

Mr. Hill's most extensive recommendations are in the area of campaigning. Under the current system, candidates are not allowed to do any advance campaigning nor are they allowed to campaign on the days when voting is taking place. Mr. Hill, while agreeing that campaign materials in sight of the polling stations should

continue to be disallowed, recommends that candidates should be allowed to leave posters and other campaign mechanisms up until the actually voting has ended. The same recommendation applies to candidates doing actual campaigning during the vote. This would hopefully draw more attention to the actual election and encourage more people to vote and be more informed about voting.

The second report has been made by Transformations Policy Consultants, and more specifically by Howard Epstein. Epstein is currently the MLA for Halifax Chebucto and has been a lawyer and professor of law. His report outlines the basic problems that can be found in the process of elections and other activities surrounding elections at Saint Mary's. Many of the

recommendations are similar to the recommendations by Tim Hill. Some of Epstein's recommendations are based around changing the legal status of Article 5 and an expansion of its roles. He also recommended the CRO be a position advertised to students and the appointment be made by the SRC.

Epstein's report suggests that the SRC be given more power to deal with discipline of candidates and take some power away from the CRO to determine punishments. There has also been a recommendation that the Internet be used for campaigns and campaigns be extended. The most powerful of the recommendations is that no executive member be eligible for re-election to their previous position.

Epstein has also made some major

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Book theft

by Juliette Gonsalves

Since October 25th, 2002, a box of modern Greek textbooks have been missing from McNally North 406, a seminar room. These books are very important to two classes of students and their return would be greatly appreciated. There will be no questions asked and a reward will be given. If you have any information about this incident, please contact Dr. Geraldine Thomas of the Classics department at 420-5812.

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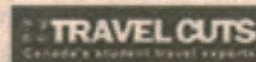
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A Gambian summer

by Daniel Cosman

For the second year Saint Mary's and Dalhousie students, through a student led initiative, organized and executed a study program abroad. Titled the Gambia Project, this unique learning experience combines travel and study allowing students an opportunity of a lifetime, traveling to the Gambia in West Africa.

It was not without tremendous difficulty that these students were able to achieve their goal. The project has a high cost financially and requires students to sacrifice much needed time and effort. In the end the project would have fallen through were it not for the Dal students who hopped on board. SMU administration requires a minimum of ten students for a class to go ahead, this past

summer there were eleven.

The project is composed of three classes; Special Topics in Development Studies, Research Methodology, and Field Research in Development. As research is an integral part of International Development Studies, this project is integral to the IDS program at Saint Mary's, bringing it up a couple of notches from other programs. Furthermore, it

is a search for identity and reality, providing perspective, experience and confidence for students who one day will find themselves on the road in challenging new settings. As a student of development one is constantly faced with issues of right and wrong, a decision that is difficult to make without profound knowledge of ones own values.



Photo courtesy of Daniel Cosman

In Gambia, Canadian students share a classroom with Gambian students at Saint Mary's sister university, Saint Mary's. The classroom is packed, and hot, and SMU Professor Gerry Cameron delivers interesting and challenging classes. Outside the classroom Canadian and Gambian students team up to face development issues ranging from female genital mutilation to beach erosion, allowing students from both countries to glimpse one another's culture, and to provide a tremendously unique group experience.

The courses this summer lasted for almost four weeks and when it ended every one of the students was happy. Feeling drained, mystified, tranquil, and eager all at once for having accomplished what they did, the group split up. Those students who were interested in traveling to the interior of

the Gambia and to other countries were free to do so. This year some went to Senegal and Mali where they had a few more interesting adventures or two.

The world is changing, and IDS students are in the midst of this change. It is important for them to understand that the world is not made of development reports, but of complex cultures. It is also important to see that the often depressing issues of the classroom are not the whole reality of the South. It is important for students to graduate knowing that they have gotten the most out of their program, and in the case of IDS it is programs such as this one that will do so. The Gambia Project would not have been possible without the devotion of Prof. Gerry Cameron, and the tremendous help of President Dr. Colin Dodds, Academic Vice President Dr. Terry Murphy and Director of International Activities Denis Leclaire, nor would it have been possible without the stubborn IDS duo Evelyn Gere and Danya Davis.

Abduction Spice

Bizarre plot to kidnap Victoria Beckham foiled

by Daniel Bonner

Police in England arrested nine people this weekend after receiving tips that they were plotting to kidnap Victoria Beckham (nee Adams), the former Posh Spice. The plot has caused the stunned celebrity and her family to re-evaluate their security.

Police rounded up the nine primarily Romanians and Albanians, after receiving a tip from the News of the World, an English tabloid. Apparently, the newspaper learned of the plot when an investigative reporter infiltrated the gang and learned of their plot to ambush Beckham in front of her home, subduing her with a unspecified chemical spray. The plot also included the abduction of her two children, Brooklyn and Romeo, if they were with their mother at the time of the ambush.

The plan was to hold the former Spice Girl hostage at a secret location, while



sending her soccer player husband David Beckham a ransom note demanding five million pounds for her safe release. Police commented on Sunday that the sum might have increased if the children had been involved as well.

Victoria Beckham skyrocketed to fame as a member of the mid-nineties phenomenon the Spice Girls, earning herself the nickname of Posh Spice. After enjoying incredible (albeit rather brief) success with her band mates, the girls split up and attempted solo careers, with all five releasing solo albums.

Beckham soon settled down with footballing hubby David Beckham (a player for England's national squad, and Manchester United) to raise a family, producing a pair of sons in the past five years. The couple has risen to become the first couple of the United Kingdom, nearing the national popularity of the late Lady Di.

Believe it or not this is the second time that a plot was hatched to kidnap the singer. In 1999, police foiled an earlier attempt to kidnap Beckham, and her then newborn son. After that event, the Beckham's hired a bodyguard for their child. Similarly, another step-up in security is set to occur after this most recent attempt. Officials at Manchester United and Scotland Yard are planning to work in conjunction with the family to step up security at their home, hopefully ensuring that a third attempt will fail as the prior two had.

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Reforms

recommendations regarding the role of The Journal in elections. He has suggested that The Journal carry a special supplement during elections that would include information on the procedure for voting, marking ballots, location and times for polling stations, and candidate names and platform statements. Editors and other staff at The Journal should also refrain from taking any journalistic role in any issue concerned with an election that he/she is participating in.

The current process for changing any part of Article Five of the SMUSA constitution is the same for any part of the constitution, a referendum. This makes it very difficult to change the electoral rules except during the executive elections in the spring. It is at these elections that more than 10% of voters turnout, thus making the referendum valid. It would be possible to change the content of Article Five to make it a very broad and easily updated part of SMUSA's work.

It has not been decided at this time what will actually be done with this report. All or none of the recommendation may be carried out by SMUSA in the coming months. Some of the recommendations will require a referendum and much debate from all concerned parties. Some of the recommendations are already being used to make the entire electoral process more transparent and more legitimate. The SRC will be asked to make their own recommendations based on these reports. These will be used to guide a task force which is expected to have some concrete decisions made in time to be decided in referendums in February.

Saint Mary's slips out of top ten

by Ian McNeill

Maclean's Annual Special Issue ranking Canadian Universities hit newsstands this week and there is a new school sitting atop the of the primarily undergraduate heap. St. Francis Xavier, in Antigonish, is ranked the best out of 21 undergraduate schools in the country. According to Maclean's rankings, Atlantic Canada is one of the best places to do an undergraduate degree with Mount Allison, in Sackville New Brunswick, ranking second and Acadia, in Wolfville, rounding out the top three.

Unfortunately, Saint Mary's slipped out of the top ten in this year's ranking, falling two spots from ninth to eleventh in the primarily undergraduate category. Mount Saint Vincent improved however, rising four spots to sit one spot behind SMU at number twelve. The only other Nova Scotia university in the undergraduate category, the University College of Cape Breton, in Sydney, continues to bring up the rear sitting in the 21st spot.

Like Saint Mary's, Dalhousie, who is ranked amongst schools in the Medical Doctoral category, also dropped two spots in the rankings. That means that Dal is now sitting in eleventh out of fifteen schools in that category.

The top schools in the Medical Doctoral category are: in first place the University of Toronto, second place Queen's and tied for third McGill and Western. The third and final category is Comprehensive, where Guelph stole top honours over second place Waterloo and third place Simon Fraser.

Maclean's has been doing the rankings for eleven years now and creating the rankings have become a year round process. First of all, the universities are divided in categories based on the programs that they offer. The Primary Undergraduate category ranks schools that largely focus on undergraduate education and have relatively few graduate programs. The Medical Doctoral category ranks schools that offer a broad range of Ph. D programs, concentrate a large effort on research and that also offer medical programs. The schools that fall into the Comprehensive category are those that have a significant amount of research activity and offer a wide variety of programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Maclean's gathers information and also includes information submitted by the schools to create the ranking system. Depending on which of the

three categories a university is in, it might be rated on up to 23 different factors including the distribution of class size, the caliber of faculty, faculty-student ratios, and library holdings. This year Maclean's also included an expansive reputational survey, whereby they solicited the opinion of over 7000 individuals across the country. These individuals included high school guidance counselors from every province, university officials, and also CEOs and recruiters from various corporations.

St. FX, which has been around for 149 years, has been slowly crawling its way up the rankings, one spot at a time since the year 2000. The university was applauded for having small class sizes, high grades among students and an excellent faculty. X is also in the middle of a \$75 million renewal project, which includes new residences, the Charles Keating Millennium Center and a new science complex. X also has the best alumni support of any of the primarily undergraduate schools with an endowment that is currently more than \$40 million; pretty impressive for a school with only 3800 students.

Although Saint Mary's and Dalhousie only fell a few spots in the rankings, it should be considered a

red flag for the schools to start addressing certain issues before they become more serious. Every year the Maclean's rankings come with some controversy, as students and schools question the reliability of the findings,

however the ranking definitely succeeds in bringing the subject of education to the forefront and this exposure should help lead to an improvement in the level of education being offered at our Canadian Post Secondary Institutions.

Huge rally in Italy

Protestors remain peaceful

by David Miller

On Saturday, November 9, hundreds of thousands of protestors marched through the streets of Florence, Italy to protest globalization and the possibility of a US led war on Iraq. There were no violent incidents requiring the security forces to make mass arrests. Although there had been a great deal of police and military at the event, security was very low key in an attempt to avoid the bad press and the loss of life that occurred at the Genoa protests in 2001. A single protestor was shot and killed at that protest against the Group of Eight.

Police estimate that there were more than 450,000 people involved, but organizers suggest that the actual figure was much higher, somewhere around one million. Many shops

were closed in fear, but the majority of the actions on the six kilometre march were peaceful and considered carnival-like. There were food stands, exhibits, and street theatre. The parliament had approved the protest after serious and extended debate and major considerations on security arrangements.

Protestors came from across Europe bearing banners and signs in multiple languages. For the most part the signs were anti-war. The lead banner read "No War". Some protestors have been quoted saying that this is an opportunity to show that a different and better world is possible. The peaceful atmosphere of this protest has raised hopes among protestors and security forces that demonstrations can continue to occur in a world now obsessed with security, even on a large scale.

Sharing culture

by the Turkish Society

The Turkish Society was established in September 2002, at Saint Mary's University to introduce the Turkish culture to people unfamiliar with Turkey. The establishment of the Turkish Society was followed by activities held so the Turkish students would also familiarize with each other. One of these activities was the Turkish Night that has drawn much attention in the Halifax area. The night was held at Mount Saint Vincent University on November 1, 2002 and entertained 203 guests. These guests were Turkish and Canadian

families, Turkish and International students, professors of Halifax, and the vice presidents of Saint Mary's University and Mount Saint Vincent University.

After the appetizing dinner served by Aramark, the night entertained guests with varied programs such as poems of the land, Turkish folk dance, Turkish and foreign songs, belly dancing and drum playing, in addition to large slide shows of Turkey. The night was sponsored by Sultan Air Travel by giving away a free return ticket to Turkey.

The Turkish night was successful in representing the Turkish culture to the people who attended the party. It also brought together all the Turks to celebrate the Republic Day of Turkey. Moreover, it was capable of bringing about a strong interaction between Canadians and students of various cultures as they cooperated together for this large event. After having presented such a good night, Saint Mary's Turkish Society continues to prepare new projects and activities to the students and families in Halifax.

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Racism and the harsh realities of teaching ESL in Asia

by Justin Marcus Johnston.

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Mention the word "Asia" and many Westerners think of rice, sushi, chopsticks and noodles, but rarely of racism and discrimination.

We have all seen the recruitment posters around campus recruiting English-speaking students to teach English in Asia. The lucrative salaries are persuasive and many students turn to these opportunities as an easy way of paying off their student loans.

I have studied and taught in China and Taiwan and my experiences have been good and bad. What follows are my observations about the ESL field in Asia and the inherent racism and discrimination that I encountered.

China Experience

Two summers ago I studied in China and I had a great time, I found the people to be warm, friendly and hospitable. I had lots of opportunities to teach English and still pursue my studies in Chinese. The wages were low from a Canadian perspective, but they are significantly higher than those of the locals and the cost of living was low. I had been concerned about encountering racism and I certainly attracted a lot of attention. However, I got used to people always touching my skin and staring at me in public. I found that people were curious, but not hostile. When my four months were up, I left with a strong appreciation for Chinese people and their culture. I also learned to speak Chinese well, so I was all set to continue my studies in Taiwan.

Arrival in Taiwan

I arrived in Taiwan in September of 2001. I took a few weeks to settle before beginning my studies in Chinese. I met many other Canadians at my school that informed me of the

lucrative market in Taiwan for English teachers. Since none of them were people of colour, however, they had been unaware of the racial discrimination that I was soon to experience firsthand. Although I did manage to get several jobs in Taiwan in spite of my colour, it was a struggle both to get hired and then to remain employed. Each time, my race was an obvious issue.

ESL schools in Taiwan are referred to as "Bushibans". "Bushibans" are privately owned, for-profit enterprises. There are two types of schools in Taiwan: "chain" schools and "small" schools. Chain schools have many locations around the island and are generally well organized, with strong central administrations, fair hiring policies and adequate curriculum development. Chain schools will hire people of color provided that they have a university degree. Teaching experience is not required, and training is provided.

Small schools are often scams, run by people out to make a quick buck. Teachers are often given no support, they are simply told to teach from a book. Small schools are very sensitive to market conditions and won't hire people of color, regardless of qualifications or the ability to teach, in fear that the parents might become upset and take their business elsewhere. The irony is that these schools will often supplement the high demand for teachers with non-native speakers from Europe. In these small schools, it is not uncommon for a German or Russian to be teaching English. The general assumption among Taiwanese is that all people of European descent are "Americans" regardless of where they come from or their ability to speak English for that matter. On that note, the Taiwanese

feel that having a teacher with a particular dialect of English, will yield certain social/economic benefits and make the transition of living or study abroad easier.

Racism and discrimination

It is not uncommon for "Bushibans" to advertise their skin color preference and request pictures. Although this is illegal in Canada, it is not in Taiwan and other places in Asia. It is normal and a widely



accepted practice in the country. Discrimination is not limited to race, it also has negative implications for people who are disabled, overweight, and short, etc. Asians prefer people who are white skinned, tall, have blond hair and blue eyes. In other words, Asians want "Ken or Barbie doll" look alikes.

For those lucky enough to get a job, most people can easily make \$25 dollars per hour (500 NT dollars per hour) and/or about \$3000-4000 Canadian dollars (40,000-60,000 NT) per month at a "Bushiban" regardless of its size. Smaller schools tend to require less commitment and offer quick money, as opposed chain schools that generally pay less and require a longer commitment.

ESL is a business first and foremost. There are few schools that actually focus on quality and these schools tend to be picky when it comes to qualifications. For instance, Taipei America or European schools are "real" schools that cater to the expatriate community living there. For teachers at Bushibans, there are very few resources for redress if you run into problems. Teachers are at the mercy of their employer, especially if they are working illegally (a very common practice). It is not uncommon for teachers to be cheated out

of pay, or to be fired for no obvious reason.

Some Realisations

Asian racism is very different from its western counterpart. Where there is a sense of agreement and acknowledgement of the existence of racism in North America, Asians are generally unaware of their racism. This is largely due to the cultural homogeneity that exists in many countries, such as Taiwan, Korea and Japan. Asians remain largely oblivious to the idea of racism in their own countries.

Living in a foreign country over a length period of time is very different than visiting the same place over a short time. The former requires a greater cultural adjustment and unique challenges in a new environment. For people of colour, there are additional challenges and hurdles that must be dealt with. Particularly, the uncertainty associated with the overall receptivity of the host culture. The sad reality is that people of colour are not always welcome with open arms and red carpets when going abroad.

Taiwanese and other Asians perceptions of Western society and culture are largely influenced by the mass media and popular culture. North Americans are responsible,

in part, for how Asians perceive certain ethnic groups. For instance, the ways in which blacks are often portrayed in Western movies and in music have an important role in how Asians perceive this group as a whole. It is no coincidence that Asians often see blacks, particularly males, in a negative light and accordingly there is widespread fear that comes as a result.

On a different note, I have also realized that Asian perceptions of the West are wrong. Many Asians see North American society as a cultural homogenous place with only people of European descent. The existence of blacks and other racial groups is something that some Asians have a hard time accepting.

But my most important realization is that the growing demand for teachers in Taiwan, Korea and Japan has made it a land of opportunity for some, but also one of exclusion and intolerance for many others, especially people of colour. The harsh reality is that if you are not a "Ken or Barbie doll" look alike, forget about teaching in Asia; stay far, far away.

If you have any comments or questions please send them to jeanmichelde@hotmail.com.

Retraction

In issue 9 the article entitled "Same clothes until Christmas", states that the money raised will be donated to Parkinson's Support and Research. This is incorrect as all money raised will be donated to the Parkinson Foundation of Nova Scotia. We apologize for any inconveniences caused due to this mistake.

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SMU fairs well at accounting case competition

by Ian McNeill

This past weekend, from November 7 to 9, was the annual Atlantic Schools of Business Conference (ASB Conference) held at Saint Francis Xavier in Antigonish. The theme of this year's conference was "The Future of Economic Integration in the Americas" and featured seminars and lectures by professors from all of the Atlantic Universities including Saint Mary's.

The conference also included the Accounting Case Competition for Atlantic Universities. The competition began on Friday, with teams receiving the case, which they would have to prepare in time to present to a panel of judges and spectators on Saturday morning. Representing Saint Mary's this year were third year accounting students Chris Upham and Michael Shea, who were winners of the SMU Accounting Case Competition in October. Chris and Mike had been practicing for the competition under the guidance of team coach Dr. Tom Cheng, of the accounting department, and they also had previous experience in case analysis as members of the Saint Mary's ICBC case team.

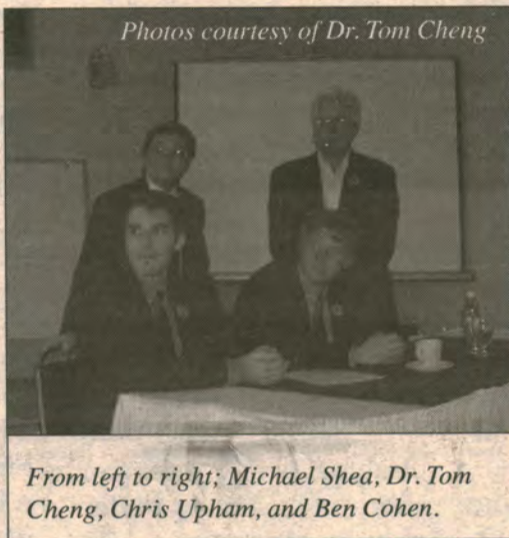
The event took place at the Claymore Inn and Conference Center, Antigonish, in the Cameron Conference Room and the presentation portion of the competition began at 8:40 AM, after a brief introduction by event sponsors Grant Thornton. The competition this year also included teams from Mount Allison, UNB Saint Jean, U de Moncton, St. FX, UNB Fredericton and UCCB. Acadia also sent a team to compete, however their team decided it was only fair to withdraw from the competition, when they discovered

that they had already studied the case in preparation for the event. Each team was given twenty minutes to present their case, which included an introduction, analysis of issues, recommendations and conclusions. There was a projector and laptop computer available, so students could use power point to aid their presentations and every group took advantage of this technology to get their main points across to the audience. There were three judges, including employees of Grant Thornton grading the teams, with 65% of the grade based on the content of their case and the other 35% based on their presentation.

Saint Mary's team of Chris and Mike were in the difficult position of being the first group to present the case and it didn't help that they only had two hours sleep the previous night, as it took them until around 4 AM to prepare their arguments. Their discussion lasted nineteen minutes and they seemed to touch on all the important issues in the case. They each took turns speaking and running their PowerPoint presentation and did a nice job of relating the issues with policies in the CICA handbook. As their presentation progressed they became more comfortable speaking and finished very strongly.

They set the bar for other groups, who would definitely need to step it up if they wished to place ahead of the SMU team.

The other teams to present before the mid-morning break were average at best, with their presentations ranging in length from seven to fifteen minutes. Saint Mary's biggest competition would be St. FX, who were



Photos courtesy of Dr. Tom Cheng

From left to right; Michael Shea, Dr. Tom Cheng, Chris Upham, and Ben Cohen.

winners of the competition last year. The St. FX team were very strong and touched on many of the same issues as SMU's team. Their presentation was shorter than Chris and Mike's, however their presentation was very clear, concise and smooth. At this point in the competition, things were looking pretty close between the two teams, who both seemed to be leagues ahead of their closest competition. One of the last two teams to present, before the judges had to make their final decision, UNB Fredericton, also had a smooth presentation. It was clear to most of the spectators, however that the final decision was to be made between Saint Mary's and St. FX.

From an analysis point of view these two teams had the upper hand, as they both included a financial analysis in their presentation, which showed the potential effects on the company's financial statements given the proposed

changes. The other teams touched on many of the same issues, however they didn't have the financials to back up their statements. The other advantage that SMU and X had, was that they were able to relate the case to a real life scenario by analyzing the issues in the case using real life policies, such as the CICA guidelines.

After the judges reached a consensus, lead judge Ben Cohen presented their findings to the audience and the competitors. For a second year in a row, St. FX would be the winners of the Atlantic Universities Accounting Case Competition. Mr. Cohen was very impressed by all the competitors and he thought they did an excellent job of hitting the issues, staying composed during their presentations and working well as teams. He stressed

that it was very important in the case to find areas where management was manipulating numbers and also to find any errors in the financial statements. He also mentioned that this was "a real-life case and that [today in business] number manipulation cannot be tolerated".

John Gunn spoke to close the event and he stressed that the case had been chosen for a reason, as it contained very topical issues. He stressed that "trust in the accounting profession as a whole, has been damaged by the likes of Enron and WorldCom" and that "this particular case shows the importance of integrity and doing the right thing." His main point was that by exposing up and coming members of the accounting profession to such topics it will help to ensure that we avoid situations like Enron in the future and that the accounting profession will have the opportunity to rebuild its reputation.

The event concluded with a photo session for each individual team with their coach and one of the judges and also a group


photo with all the teams together outside, before a lunch was held for the competitors, coaches and judges.

Although there is no official ranking given to the other teams who participated in the competition, based on my own opinion and the opinions of the people I discussed the matter with, it is safe to place our team in the top three, with them most likely being the second best team on the day. Even though Chris and Mike weren't able to win the competition, they put in an excellent effort and should be congratulated for this. The competition also proved to be a good learning experience for the pair as they both have a chance of making it to the ICBC competition at Queens in January, where they could use what they learned at this weekend's competition to their advantage in the preparation of their presentations.

Photographs of the event can be viewed on the P:\ drive (P:\Commerce Accounting\Cheng\Accounting Case Competitions\Atlantic Universities Competitions\Photos). If you have any questions or if you are interested in participating in next year's competition you can contact team coach, Dr. Tom Cheng at thomas.cheng@stmarys.ca.



From left to right; Michael Shea, Dr. Tom Cheng, and Chris Upham



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Sobey's MBA ranks number one in Atlantic Canada

by Ian McNeill

Canadian Business Magazine recently published their 11th annual issue that focuses on ranking the various MBA programs offered across Canada. Saint Mary's ranked first in Atlantic Canada, which earned Charlene Hercules, a second year MBA student at SMU, a spot on the cover of the magazine.

In the past two MBA editions, Canadian Business Magazine, polled alumni on topics such as their satisfaction with the program and how quickly they were able to find work in a relative field once they graduated from their program. These results were then combined with a weighting system with each school's return on investment (post-graduation salary minus tuition and lost wages), average GMAT scores, and percentage of international and female faculty and students. For the third year in a row the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto asked to not be included in the rankings as they felt that the surveys, such as those commissioned by the Canadian Business Magazine, are too much of an imposition on their graduates and recruiters.

Soon after, the magazine also received a letter from a group of six schools including the Richard Ivey School of Business at Western, Queen's University, McGill University, HEC Montreal, the University of British Columbia and Rotman showing how they were displeased with the ranking system being used for the annual issue. The magazine agreed to meet with officials from the school to take suggestions for improvements of the system, however there were really no suggestions to be made. The officials were more so looking for Canadian Business Magazine to stop doing a ranking all together. The

biggest issue voiced was the fact that the larger schools didn't like being compared to some of the smaller schools and officials from McGill even went as far as explaining their focus was on international students. We should all feel good about our tax dollars going towards a school that concentrates on students from abroad and not those from here at home.

The Canadian Business Magazine, didn't really have a choice but to change their system of ranking MBA programs, as the six universities refused to participate in the article if rankings continued to be conducted as per before, a big issue for the magazine, as these were some of the highest ranked institutions year after year. The new system asked 400 Canadian senior business executives and 100 human resource executives questions about the various MBA programs based on their own experience and opinions, a much different approach than used in the past. Respondents were selected randomly to make for an even playing field and included the country's largest companies (those with revenue of \$50 million or higher).

Some of the smaller business schools weren't happy with the new system, because they felt that the old system was a better indicator of their ranking when measured against the larger schools, however this particular ranking should be a decent indicator as it is polling the employers that hire, interact and work with the graduates of the MBA programs every day.

Although the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario had ranked third, fourth and fifth in previous years, both themselves and Queens ranked way above the competition after the polling of top Executives and HR Recruiters was complete. The Canadian Business Magazine not

only ranked the MBA schools nationally, but they also considered schools on a region-by-region basis. In the East, 37% of top Atlantic Executives chose the program offered by the Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce at Saint Mary's University first place, narrowly edging Dalhousie University with 36%. Memorial rounded out the top three with 20%. Saint Mary's reputation is clearly growing as last year it jumped from 15th to 6th place in the survey.

In the Quebec region McGill was tops with 42%, HEC was second with 38% and the Molson School of business was trailing with 12%. As expected the Ontario region had Ivey on top with 48% of the vote, Queen's in second with

30% and Rotman in third with 10%. In the Western Region, UBC tallied 34% and Simon Frasier and Alberta tied for second place with 17%.

Nationally, the Atlantic Universities were nowhere to be found with Richard Ivey, Queen's and McGill taking top honours in the minds of Canadian Executives and HR Recruiters. Interestingly, however, employers in the west only chose one of the western schools, UBC, in their overall national ranking, whereas employers in Atlantic Canada, included Saint Mary's, Dalhousie and Memorial along with Ivey and Queen's in their national ranking. This isn't the greatest news for the MBA programs offered out

west, however these schools are aware that they have some work to do to gain national prominence versus schools in central Canada and believe that their programs are improving.

In terms of our own MBA program students seem to be very pleased with the level of education and training that they are receiving. The program has a nice mix of Canadian and International students, concentrates on team-based activities and learning and since many of the students have previous work experience they offer each other an excellent opportunity to learn from each other's experiences.

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Pub crawlin'

by Ian McNeill

For a lot of us enrolled in commerce, the weekend after Halloween represented the end of midterms, and what better way to celebrate than a good old-fashioned pub crawl. The Commerce

drinks were consumed and many games of pool were played. Obviously, as the night wore on and the level beer in people's glasses went down, so did the level of skill at the tables.

Slightly before nine

venues, Merrill's. I can personally say I have never been at Merrill's so early, however I was a happy camper as soon as I found out that bar shots were on special until eleven. It didn't take long for the crazy commerce students from SMU to hop on the dance floor and start dancing it up. A person could even actually spot a certain Business Editor on the dance floor jamming with a double rum and coke in each hand in between trips to the bar.

Finally, as Merrill's started to fill up, it was time for us all to trudge to the MT&T building to visit Pacifico. It ended up being a pretty cold night, but I think the majority of us were feeling warm and toasty inside. After flagrantly jumping the line and getting our coats checked it was time for some more drinks. The bar was packed and so was the



Society held its annual Fall Crawl Saturday, November 2, 2002 and it turned out to be loads of fun for anybody who partook in it.

The night began on familiar turf at our own Gorsebrook around six o'clock. This gave everybody an opportunity to pick up their t-shirts and get acquainted with their fellow crawlers. Plenty of people brought along Sharpies, Terrell Owens style, and were quick to sign everybody else's shirts. By the time I managed to get my shirt signed people were festively inebriated and the messages were a nice combination of hilarious and offensive. Needless to say I won't be wearing that particular shirt around the parents' house anytime soon.

After a few frosty pops at the pub, or many frosty pops in most cases, it was time to head to Planet Pool. Everybody had a chill time at The Planet, where more

everybody headed down to Peddler's Pub, on Granville Street, and even though it was snowing, it didn't dampen our spirits. Happy hour made things a little easier on the wallets and



everybody seemed to have a good time sitting down and chatting with their fellow crawlers.

Before too long it was time to hit up the second last stop on the list of

dance floor, however that did little to impede us from getting our dance on. A person could see plenty of white t-shirts on the dance floor and also on the speaker, or booty rack, as I prefer to call it. The music was bouncin' and from what I could tell everybody was having a kickin' time. I also heard that a few stars from WWE were in the house and a certain individual even managed to get his pub crawl shirt signed by them.

Some crawlers decided to call it a night when two o'clock hit, others decided to take the party to late night establishments like the "Dirty" Dome. I



Photos courtesy of the Commerce Society

decided to go somewhere in between and spent the remaining change in my pocket on a slice of pizza at pizza corner.

The Fall Crawl ended up being a perfect way to cap off a awfully busy October and I had a great time, a much better time than a

couple of my friend's, who weren't on the pub crawl, however still somehow managed to spend the night in the drunk tank.

A big thanks goes to Cathy Pitman, Social Director of the Commerce Society, for all her efforts organizing the Fall Crawl.



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Let it snow, let it snow

This week I would like to talk about a topic that has been very near and dear to our hearts since our first days of school, and that will remain the most revered and holy of days until the day we retire: snow days. These rare occurrences, dictated by the hand of God and the mercy of Mother Nature, are one of the few completely unexpected surprises in life that you can do absolutely nothing about. It doesn't matter what you've got planned, or what you have to do, if enough snow falls and everything shuts down, it's all over. We were lucky enough to have a snow day last Thursday, and even luckier to have it affect the university. The question is, did you take advantage of this day the way it was supposed to be spent. There are, always have been and always will be certain guidelines to snow days, which some of you may have forgotten over the years as your childhood fades into a dim memory. You've gained a free day, whether you wanted it or not, and the beauty of it is that it is unlike any other standard free day (i.e. weekend, holiday, etc.) you might have. Also, with each passing era in your life, the snow day takes on a whole new meaning, hence opening a new world of possibilities maybe once or twice a year.

The first snow days everyone experienced were in elementary school. Before homework, before essays and before exams, when school was as simple as the a b c's and one plus two equals three, the snow day wasn't as valuable to us as it becomes later in life. However, in those worry-free days, a snow day still had that inherent quality of the bonus day as if from nowhere. It kind of screwed our parents for the day, and so for some, it meant going to work with mom or dad, which isn't quite ideal for the snow day. What you really wanted was, what else, but to try out this fabulous white fluffy substance that granted us reprieve from our daily tasks. You'd throw on all your winter gear until you couldn't bend any joint in your body more than ninety degrees due to the number of layers of clothing, and run outside like a little bundled maniac, tripping up occasionally as your sled caught on various doorways and your feet. The first thing I would do is check the snow for its packability, or how well it forms into various shapes and holds them. The best way to test this is by forming a snowball. Not only would this tell you how well the snow would pack, but it would give you an idea of moisture content, ice content and it's cohesiveness in flight among other things. If the snow proved acceptable, a snow angel would often follow the snowball test, because there is no better way to let the nature of the snow day really sink in than to get down to it's level and really feel that snow all around you. Finally, the best part: sledding. Such a simple concept, yet it brings with it a sense of exhilaration and sheer fun like nothing else. Find the biggest hill you can with as few obstacles as possible, and fling yourself down it on a piece of smooth plastic or wood if you were lucky enough to have a sled, or else a chunk of cardboard would often do the trick. It was all about the snow those days, when the very essence of the snow day was the focus of it.

Inevitably, we got older, and the snow kept falling. By junior high and high school, school was no longer just a walk in the park, but was slowly filling with all kinds of academic responsibilities. It was a time of adjustment to this lifestyle, and often, things would get away from us. The odd project wouldn't be finished quite on time, or we just wouldn't be ready for that test the next day, and when all else failed, you still had one hope if it was winter, the snow day. I don't think there's anyone out there who hasn't at least once pleaded, begged and prayed their ass off to any higher power out there that might happen to be on weather duty that night to send obscene amounts of snow to cover the city and shut down the schools. And every now and then, it would seem those prayers had been answered. You'd wake to the sound of your alarm, blearily

realize your predicament from the night before, and rush to your window to see if the gods had delivered. The rush of excitement when seeing a blanket of white flakes enveloping everything in sight, the possibility of your prayers being answered; these were the days that seemed to come closest to proving the existence of a greater power watching out for the desperate and needy. That wasn't quite it, though, as you still had to listen for your school being read off the schools closed list on the radio. It was like listening to the winning lotto numbers, and when you heard those magical words, you'd jump up, pump a fist in the air and run up the stairs yelling like a moron. From there, the potential was limited only by your imagination and tenacity; this was the age of doing nothing and everything, where you weren't really old enough to do anything grown up, but old enough to be left alone to your own devices. I won't even try to nail down what high school kids do on snow days, except that it could include the stuff from before, plus tons more. Those days it was more about saving your ass from school than anything else, but that was more than enough.

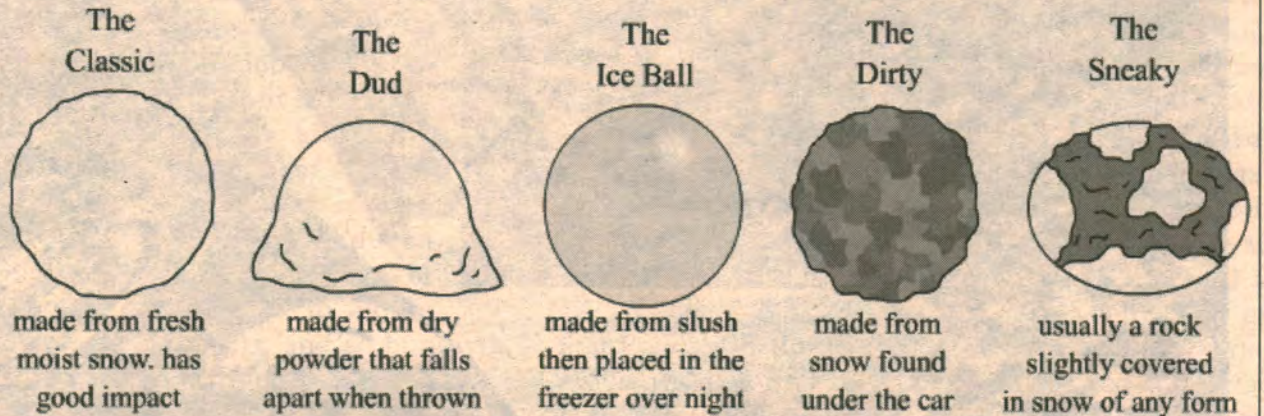
Which brings us to university snow days, perhaps the rarest of all. It seems that the last thing to ever close down in this city are the universities, so after my first year, I conceded to the idea that snow days were essentially no more for me. However, the occasional snowfall will be just right, maybe take out some key power sources or

ice everything down just so, so that the school closes down for at least half the day (we all know that once you close the school down for any length of time, the whole day is toast, regardless). Since we were blessed with one of these already, and it seems many of you are unaware of snow day protocol on this campus, here is a comprehensive breakdown. Where the snow days are so rare in university and nobody even bothers to listen to the radio, most people arrive to find most classes cancelled and everything else on campus closed for the day. Well, almost everything; the pub will be open. This is where you must go. There is absolutely no better way to spend a snow day than in the Gorsebrook. This is the way it should go;

gather any friends who you know are also on campus, go to the pub, order drinks and proceed to get drunk in the warm pub as you watch all the cold, possibly wet people walking through the crappy weather. However, rather than exclaiming an exuberant "Cheers!", the call to drink on snow days is, you guessed it, "Snow day!". Continue this until pleasantly plastered. It's just that easy. So, until the next time we are presented with such a golden opportunity, keep praying (I'll be right there with you) and if it comes along, join me in the pub for a draught, we'll raise our glasses high and bellow an exuberant "Snow day!" in appreciation of all the snow days, past, present and future.

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Know Your Snow Balls



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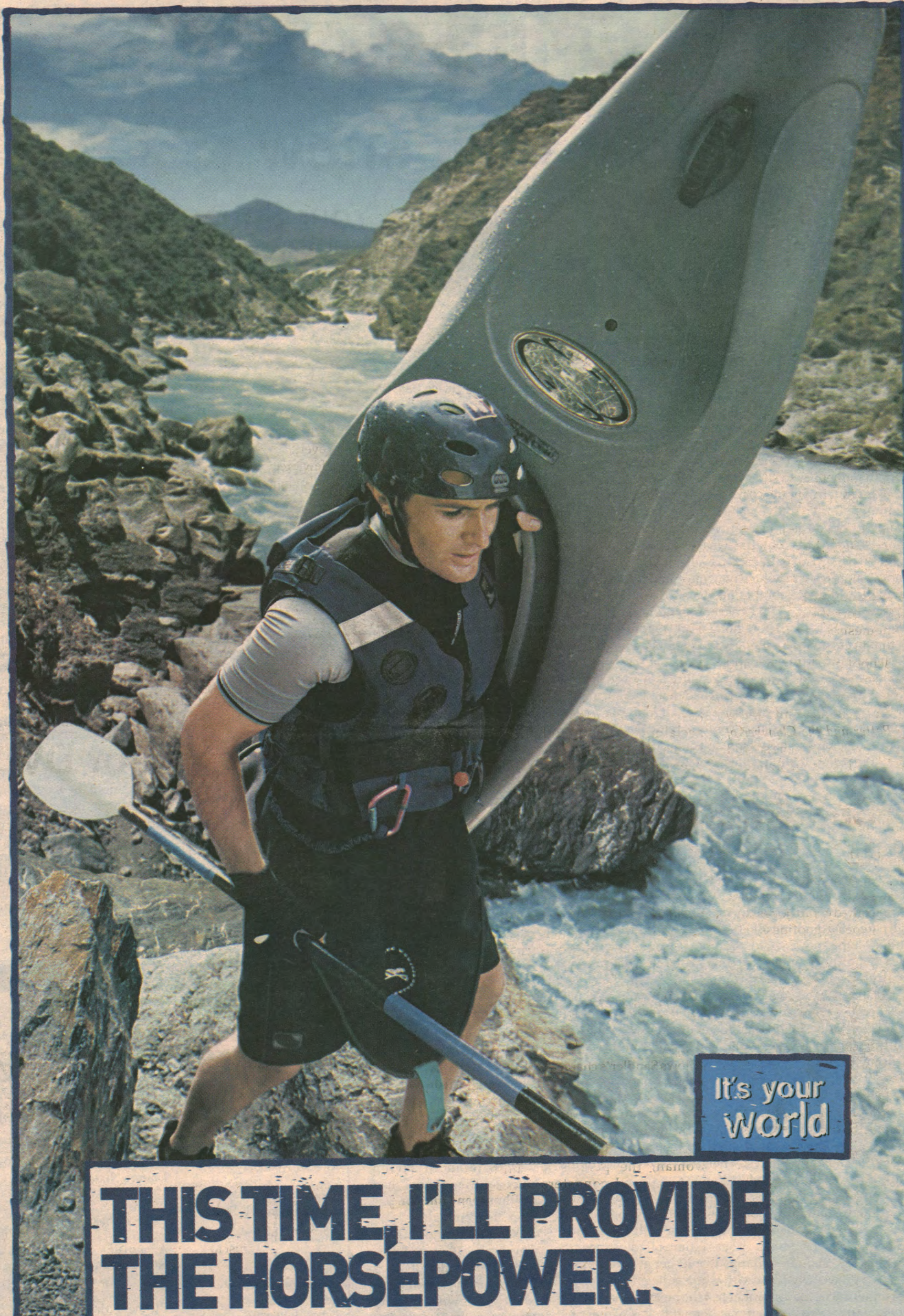
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Harry Potter vs. snakes, spiders and the Chamber of Secrets

by Marcin Modzynski

For most students, going back to school is not something to look forward to, between going to class, doing homework and that



teacher or student you just never get along with. But what if you went to a school in a huge castle, got to study potions and spells, and could challenge your nemesis to a duel? You might be as excited about school as children, and many adults, all over the world are about the new Harry Potter film "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets". This is the second installation of what is

supposed to be a seven film series based on the books written by J.K. Rowling. For those who are unaware of the Harry Potter craze sweeping the globe, Rowling's books center around Harry Potter, a young boy who finds out he is a wizard, and so begins to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. The books chronicle

adventures at Hogwarts, with each book taking place over the course of a school year, as he and his friends, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, simultaneously get into trouble and save the day. The books have received much critical acclaim, and though written for children, are as often read by adults as they

are read to kids. The film adaptation of the first novel "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" was a huge success, and no doubt due in part to faithfulness of the book to movie transfer, and so hundreds of thousands wait with bated breath for the next film, due to open this Friday.

Having read all the



books (they're up to number four right now) before the movies came out, I was excited to hear



that Rowling had sold the movie rights for all seven Harry Potter books, and even more excited to get a few precious passes for the advance screening this Sunday past. I wish I could say that no one was disappointed with the film, but that would be a lie. For the most part, everyone did enjoy the movie, as it is another worthy adaptation, faithful and accurate enough within the restrictions of

film and time. This film is a little darker than the original, with scenes that could actually frighten some children and even made some adults jump at the screening I went to. The feel of the movie was still Harry Potter all the way, with the cast seeming just a little more confident and comfortable with their roles the second time around. The effects were outstanding, which really shouldn't surprise anyone with the kind of budget they get to play with on these movies, and though the money factor does often dictate effects quality, you have to know how to use them. Basically, I would say this movie was on par with the first; it wasn't necessarily better, neither was it worse. Though it may sound odd, it's slightly difficult to

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Sandler seeks the serious

by Jeremy Strong

Adam Sandler is synonymous with comedy, fart jokes and general goofiness. His



biggest hits include *Waterboy*, an off kilter movie about an innocent and slightly simple errand boy turned football star, *Happy Gilmore*, a hilarious movie that pokes fun of the snobbish world of professional golf and the recently released *Mr. Deeds*, in which Sandler stars as just recently convicted shoplifter

Winona Ryder's newly rich boyfriend.

But with the release of *Punch Drunk Love*, one wonders if Mr. Sandler has now grown up a bit and is trying to prove to the world that there is more to him than rage and goofy comedy.

Although *Punch Drunk Love* is funny, it is dark humor. The film's premise follows Sandler's character as a phone sex line he used to call blackmails him. The problem is that he just recently met and is falling in love with a wonderful woman; the persistent underground gangsters threaten to ruin his new found love and expose his shady past to his new sweetheart.

Magnolia and *Boogie Nights* director Paul Thomas Anderson brilliantly constructs the film. Themes of love, loneliness and despair are accentuated brilliantly by Anderson, whose

genius behind the camera and the script are unparalleled.

Punch Drunk Love is receiving high acclaim from critics and awards committees alike. Sandler is also reveling in a praise he has never known, that given to the serious actor. Sandler's success will only grow in the coming months with the release of an animated cartoon based around his Hanukkah song. Hopefully Sandler will use his newfound respect and connections (and his millions of dollars) to bring us higher quality films than *Little Nicky*.



Big week for DVD

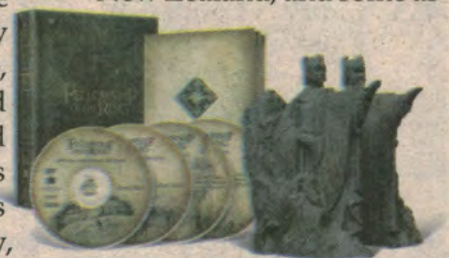
by Jeremy Strong

This week sees the release of two huge box office hits on DVD, *The Lord Of The Rings: The Fellowship Of The Ring* and *Star Wars Episode 2: Attack Of The Clones*.

Both of these DVD editions look incredibly comprehensive. The *Attack of the Clones* DVD will at the time of its release be the most technologically impressive DVD to date, with skillfully layered features all compacted onto two disks including interviews with cast and crew, documentaries on filming and even a hilarious special on the evolution of R2 D2. George Lucas is certainly the king of crystal clear sound and digital presentation - this DVD is worth buying just to see the behind the scenes documentaries.

What George Lucas appears to lack these days, a passion for storytelling, is definitely more prevalent in *The Lord of the Rings* DVD. Director Peter Jackson has assembled a four disk special presentation of his film, this version completely

different from the theatrical release. The differences are exciting; over half an hour of footage added to the film, four separate audio commentaries encompassing over 24 different people involved in all aspects of the filming, a documentary about the chosen filming ground, New Zealand, and some as



yet unreleased footage of the second installment (*The Two Towers*), which is being released December 19th.

So this week DVD lovers get two very exciting options, the first the chance to own the biggest special effects movie to date, the second the chance to own the first installment of one of the greatest stories ever written and see some never before seen footage.

So if you've saved any money from your last paycheck, these two DVD's are available now.

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GNR fans riot in Vancouver

by Richard Woodbury

Guns N' Roses North American tour got off to a smashing start on Thursday, November 7th in Vancouver, B.C. The show was set to start at 9:30 p.m., but was cancelled at 8:00 p.m. by the manager of the GM Place without the band's permission. The show was cancelled without the band's permission. Lawyers for the band are looking into the situation.

GNR minus singer Axl Rose were in Vancouver on Wednesday practicing at GM Place. It was normal in the past for Rose to not rehearse with GNR. Rose was on a plane on the way to Vancouver when the show was axed. Various reasons are circulating as to why Rose was not in Vancouver on time.

Sources say that the plane could not leave on time because of mechanical problems or weather problems. At this time, no official reason is available for the delayed departure.

Thousands of fans rioted outside GM Place for about an hour, using metal barriers to smash windows. The total damage has been estimated at several hundred thousand dollars. Twelve people were arrested at the scene.

This is not the first time that GNR fans have rioted; this is the second time in Canada. On August 8th, 1992, the band was playing at a sold out Olympic Stadium in Montreal with Metallica. Metallica opened the show, but had to cut it short because singer James Hetfield got burned in a pyro accident.

GNR soon took the stage, played for 50 minutes, and then Rose left the stage. A riot also occurred in St. Louis in 1991 when Rose once again left the stage.

GNR's tour did kick-off Friday night in Tacoma, Washington. The band played the 22,500 seat Tacoma Dome, but were only able to fill half of it. The band's performance was highly reviewed, despite some technical glitches. The microphone line deteriorated throughout the course of the night. This caused Rose to overcompensate at the start of the show, and by the end of the show, his vocal chords were blown. Kurt Loder of MTV.com praised the band, complimenting what each new member brought to the show, even going as far as saying that

the level of musicianship was unusually high. He praised the singing of Rose by saying that he was still able to hold those shrieking notes at levels beyond normal human ability. The tour will continue Thursday, November 14th in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In other music news, The Police, The Clash, Elvis Costello & The Attractions, AC/DC, and The Righteous Brothers will be inducted into the Rock and Hall of Fame's Class of 2003. The show will take place March 10th in New York City. Singer/bassist of The Police, Sting, has said that he hopes for a one-night Police reunion for the show.

Bon Jovi has announced a tour in support of their current album, *Bounce*.

The Everyday hit makers will play 10 dates in Australia and Asia before coming back to North America for 16 dates. The band will be making two Canadian stops along the way, playing in Toronto on Thursday, February 20th, and in Montreal the following night. Once the North American leg of the tour is done, the band will head to Europe for fourteen gigs. The Goo Goo Dolls will be the opening act for the North American leg of the tour.

Rap pioneers Run DMC officially announced their retirement last Wednesday, one day after the funeral of their DJ, Jam Master Jay. Joseph "Run" Simmons and Darryl "DMC" McDaniell say that Jay is irreplaceable.

Killer Dwarfs

Reunion of Scribes Live 2001

by Richard Woodbury

The Killer Dwarfs have returned. They cut a live CD/video/DVD at the Docks in Toronto on August 29th, 2001 in honour of their 20th anniversary. The Canadian band had a modest following, and was at the peak of their popularity between 1985 and 1992. The video for their song *Keep The Spirit Alive* was the most requested video on MTV in 1987. In 1988, the Dwarfs were the opening act for Iron Maiden's sold out tour of Great Britain. 1990 saw the band receive a Juno nomination for their *Dirty Weapons* album. In 1992, the band toured North America with Pantera and Skid Row. The group decided to call it quits in 1995.

This album comprises a great performance, and shows that the Dwarfs can still hold the stage. The musicianship is tight and the band sounds great. The

recording quality of the performance was a little weak, initially the show sounded like a high quality bootleg; but eventually the kinks were worked out.

Singer Russ Graham's voice sounds the way that it does on the band's CD's. The drumming, bass parts, and guitar parts also sound as good as previously recorded albums.

One of the interesting things about this CD is that given that it was recorded in a small venue, the things that the fans yell throughout the show can easily be heard. This adds a comedic element to the album, if you don't enjoy it for the music, you will at least enjoy the banter between Graham and the audience.

Given that I am a lover of all things 80's, it's only fitting that I would enjoy this album. If you are into 80's rock music, you will almost certainly love this album.



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Harry Potter

compare these two movies. True, they are from the same series, and have all the same characters, but that's because the stories follow a progression. As the series goes on, Harry grows, learns and meets new characters, and this is obvious as the books get longer and longer, with the latest, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" being at least three times the size of the first book. So, when the movies are made based on the books, each of which have excellent stand-alone story-lines within the overall larger continuing story, they seem quite different and are hard to compare effectively.

For those fans of the movie who haven't read the books and are curious as to what perilous magical plot points Harry comes up against, here's a little breakdown that hopefully won't give away too much of the movie. The movie opens just before Harry is due back at school, just like the books. He receives some rather ominous warnings from a magical creature to not go back to

Hogwarts for his second year, but takes no heed, and so arrives at school in an unorthodox fashion. School begins at Hogwarts once everyone has settled in as usual, but soon things start going wrong. Someone or something is petrifying students at Hogwarts, and the culprit has something to do with the mysterious Chamber of Secrets on the school grounds. Harry, Ron and Hermione use their ingenious magical tactics in an attempt to preserve their way of life at school, since Hogwarts will have to be closed down if the attacks on the students continue. Action and adventure ensue. I won't go into more detail than that, except for a few other tidbits that Potter fans might like to know of. There is one Quidditch match that takes place, reminiscent of F-1 racing; you can almost feel your clothes flapping in the wind as Potter chases the snitch throughout the arena, as well as underneath it. The Chamber of Secrets plot gives some history on Hogwarts, explaining the names for the four different houses; each one is the name of one of the founding members of the school. The students get a new Defense Against the

Dark Arts teacher, Gilderoy Lockhart, a pompous fraud of a wizard, played brilliantly by Kenneth Branagh. A few other new key characters are introduced into the Harry Potter world, including Lucius Malfoy, Draco's father, as well as Arthur Weasley, Ron's dad. Everyone's favourite giant, Hagrid, plays an important role in this movie, plus we get to see a whole new assortment of magical spells, creatures and items, including some pretty nasty spiders and snakes (if you don't like regular spiders and snakes, just imagine what they would look like in Potter's world).

Both the Harry Potter books and movies transcend any age barrier, almost everyone can appreciate these stories and characters on some level. In light of that, with a craze this big, I won't even put a recommendation on if you should see this or not. However, aside from a few anomalous reports, if you're into Potter, you should be in the theatre with a nice big bag of every flavour beans.

The G-Spot

The fear of rejection and some words on erection

by Kara Gammell

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I have said it before and I will say it again: every now and then it starts raining men and damn it, when it rains, it pours.

I have been noticing that these days, guys have been coming out of the woodwork. Friday night at Sobey's was no exception. After filling my cart with groceries I decided that I couldn't carry all of it home; so to treat myself, I took a cab (I know I live too close to the store to be getting a cab, but it was icy and cold, the damn cart had a broken wheel and I had already run home to get my stupid bank card - so at the time the 3 bucks seemed worth it). Somewhere between waiting for the cab and actually getting into the cab, I managed to thoroughly embarrass myself in front of a good-looking stranger.

The guy, hot as balls (visualize Mountain Equipment Co-op with great teeth and dimples) attempted to talk to me about something (which for the record I can't remember because I'm an idiot). But as typical Kara-luck would have it, I managed to somehow let go of the goddamn cart (which all of a sudden had wheels that

worked and swiftly rolled away), drop my newspaper, and run after the cart, trip on the curb, land on the cart itself (which naturally decided to stop just as my mouth hit the handle), and there I was - looking like a complete and total idiot; big surprise.

Somewhere in there I think I grumbled something stupid and then avoided eye contact in an attempt to lessen the blow of my own embarrassment. This quite obviously gave him the signal that a) I was not interested in flirting his ass off or b) that I was a just a clumsy dork hanging out at the grocery store on a Friday night with the inability to control herself or her actions. I'm not sure exactly which one it was that sent the poor bastard running, but nevertheless, there I was physically kicking the snow bank and mentally kicking myself.

While in the cab for the 90 seconds that it took me to get home, I thought about the reasons behind my shyness and tendency to avoid flirtatious situations such as these. Could it be the klutzy track record that I've had for pretty much my entire life? Or could it be the fear of the big r-word - REJECTION? I gave both possibilities serious thought and have come up with the

following: not only are we terribly afraid of looking like idiots (which I think I may have already mastered) and getting shot down (or falling on your face in a parking lot), we also fear the possibility of having to reject someone else.

Some of us, who apparently have standards that even Superman himself couldn't satisfy, tend to think that unless someone has all the criteria that we have listed in our minds, then he/she is undatable. But, what I have come to realize is that those in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

I am always the first one to say that it's impossible to meet someone downtown, and have gone on record saying the only decent and remotely interesting guys I have seen out on a Saturday night were the Sport Desk Guys on the big screen. The hypocritical thing here is, that if this is the case, what does that make me? I am no stranger to the barstool, a bottle of booze or a little harmless flirtation.

So what exactly did my roll around the parking lot on Friday night get me other than a fat lip and a bruised ego? It made me realize that by ruling people out for stupid reasons; like the way the pant leg falls over the shoe or the length of their fingernails, you are only missing out on meeting people who could be a lot more interesting than they first appear. And what am I going to do with this newfound discovery? Other than not turning down dates (not that it happens very often) and keeping in mind that they are not marriage proposals nor long term commitments, I am going to haul my once sorry ass back to Sobey's and wait for Mr. November. Because before we know it, we will all find ourselves settled down with kids, a mortgage and never-ending student loan payments. And nobody wants to be one of those people who go around saying shoulda, woulda, coulda - and never actually do.

Q: Ok, G-Spot girl! - here is a toughie. There is considerable debate on

this subject, so I'm anxious to have your thoughts. I am a heterosexual female, but enjoying my youth and exploring the benefits and pleasures offered by my own sex. What I am wondering is (and I'm just going to say it since there is no eloquent or refined way to put it), is using a plastic penis considered sex? Should I consider my "stats" (so to speak), as increasing with every tryst in the sack with a lovely lady?

A: I've had this discussion many times over the years and always give the same answer. Worrying about your stats (although everyone knows their own numbers) is unnecessary as long as you haven't compromised your self-esteem and self-worth. I have known people that were so obsessed about avoiding being labeled as sluts or man-whores that they simply backtracked and got with people they had been with before to avoid this completely.

For some, a notch on the belt is only rendered if they have had vaginal intercourse. Depending on what type of intercourse has transpired is another thing all together. I like to think that in this situation you should not worry about notches on your belt. You might as well permit yourself a second belt - this one for your sexual experimentation. I would keep in mind that it is still important to engage in safe sexual practice, no matter what gender you are "experimenting" with. Either way, donning a new belt does not grant you a shield of invincibility; condoms and proper sterilization are always necessary, even with sex toys.

Q: I just found out I have a yeast infection. It seems kind of messy to me - can I still have sex with my boyfriend while I take the stuff to clear it up?

A: If you are treating a yeast infection with vaginal ovules or creams, keep in mind that these products affect the natural rubber and therefore one should not rely on condoms or dental dams to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. Furthermore, do not rely on condoms or diaphragms to prevent

pregnancy during this time.

Q: How can you tell the difference between a guy who has been circumcised and one that has not and how come the uncircumcised guy gets more sexual pleasure?

A: One easy way to tell if a guy has been snipped, is the appearance of the penis before erection. If there is a hood of skin hiding the head then the boy has not been circumcised. No hood circumcised. This is all fairly straightforward; the only problem here is actually getting a good look before he gets a hard on.

There is no truth to the notion that an uncircumcised man can control ejaculation more effectively than a circumcised man. The myth is founded in the widespread misconception that the glands of a circumcised penis are more sensitive to touch. During coitus, the foreskin retracts, exposing the glands exactly as with a circumcised penis. There is no difference in the contact that a penis makes when erect, therefore no difference in the amount of pleasure that the penis receives.

Q: I hooked up with a guy a few weekends ago and noticed that he shaved himself. Why would a guy go to all that trouble to shave his balls and the area around it? I found it looked boyish. Some of my girl friends say that this is a standard practice among guys. Call me inexperienced, but most penises I have seen weren't completely bald. What's the deal and should I be expected to do the same to myself?

A: When men shave their testicles and the area surrounding the penis, it gives the illusion of a more prominent, larger set of equipment. From what I understand and in my opinion (people love to share their sexual secrets with me for some reason), this trimming below the belt is common and going bare is not as unusual as you may think.

There are many trends on the go here in regard to pubic control. Dyeing pubic hair has been known to occur but has mixed

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Did you know?

Catch Me If You Can based on real events

by Jeremy Strong

This December will see the release of Steven Spielberg's latest project, *Catch Me If You Can*, a film about an FBI agent on the trail of one of the most notorious and successful con-men in history, Frank W. Abagnale Jr.

Tom Hanks will play the detective on Abagnale's trail and Leonardo DiCaprio will be the dashing Frank Abagnale.

The real life Abagnale was a con artist and swindler of women, who

did almost everything in his life dishonestly. During the course of his career he impersonated a doctor, a pilot, a lawyer and even a used car salesman. For the last few years of Abagnale's career in crime, he was hotly pursued by a keen FBI agent who had a strange mixture of respect and loathing for the man he was after.

Frank W. Abagnale wrote a book about his exploits and now works for the FBI to help capture criminal masterminds like himself.



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G-Spot

results. Bleaching tends to turn pubic hair orange, and can also cause severe irritation and burning on sensitive skin (therefore not a good idea). The most popular trend for women is the 'Brazilian Wax', which is the removal of all pubic hair. Though it probably improves a woman's chance of receiving oral sex, it can make adult genitalia look very childlike and itches like hell when it starts to grow back in. More moderate styles include the arrow - hair trimmed in a triangle shape pointing downward and the "bacon strip", which is a strip left down the center.

What you are expected to do is simply this: use good judgment and keep the area as tidy and approachable as possible. But I wouldn't do something that is going to be a bitch to walk around with because if it's uncomfortable just to walk around with, imagine what it would be like to invite company down to visit -

yikes.

Q: What was the most surprising thing you have learned about sex?

A: Some of the useless bits of information that I have tucked under my belt of wisdom include one of the reasons that eye contact is so important - it is to permit you to see the dilation of the pupils - which indicates the person is sexually attracted to you. Another thing is that just below your armpit there is an erogenous zone that when rubbed in a circular motion can stimulate sexual feelings (bet you are trying that now aren't you?).

But what really caught me off guard today was when I read about the Empress Wu Hu, who apparently ruled China between 683 and 705 A.D. and decreed that all government officials and visiting dignitaries should pay homage to her by performing oral sex on her. Wow - what a great 22 years on the throne that must have been.

Music to end movies by

Sigur Ros CD definitely worth a listen

by Lindsay MacPhee

If you haven't heard the music of Sigur Ros, then you have definitely been missing out. Until a few days ago, the name Sigur Ros had to me only been just that - a name. Popping the disc into my stereo, I was unprepared for what was going to happen next.

The music that came out of my speakers could, and should, be used in every climatic scene for a movie. The sound, which is comparable to some of Radiohead's more mellow and experimental songs with a hint of Enya, combines the perfect balance of piano, strings, synthesizer, drums and other instruments used that make this CD the listening experience it is. Every song on this album is very slow and mellow, but that doesn't make for a boring

disc. The lyrics, which sound more like chanting at some points, are hypnotizing and dramatic. Although barely audible and scattered once in a while throughout the course of the CD, the words have feeling and emphasis behind them. It is almost as if the song is being focused at you.

There was no information about the group Sigur Ros in the liner notes of the disc, and a short trip to the website (www.sigur-ros.com) does not open the doorway any further. Signs point that Sigur Ros is a European group and this may be their first album. If so, then I have two words for them: Good God. It appears as if this group really has its head on its shoulders.

There are a couple of guidelines that you may

want to follow when listening to this disc. The first: I would not recommend listening to this while on a long, boring drive through the prairies at night. It is easy to get lost in the music; and eventually a hypnotic trance will lead you to sleep. The second guideline to follow is that this isn't a party CD. Don't think that you're going to be able to get your lame party rocking with this disc, because you won't.

If Barry White isn't your choice of music when you want to "turn the lights down low", your Dave Matthews Band CD is worn paper thin, or you just want to try something different and perhaps a wee bit eccentric, then I would definitely recommend this to you as good "bedroom" music.



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could say that business is finished now.

The game certainly started well for the Huskies, who when given the chance always select to kick the ball away to start the game, and try and set the tone defensively. This time, however, it was special teams who set the tone. After a Dave Stala kick to start the game, the pursuers collapsed on the ball carrier, rookie Steve Cormier, forcing the ball loose, and recovering it seconds later. The result was a short field for the potent SMU offense to work on, and they capitalized. Veteran running back Dean Jones, playing his final game in Huskies Stadium, was given the ball, and after a pair of good yardage runs, he punched it in from one yard out to hand SMU a 7-0 lead, thirty seconds in. X was quick to respond, however, marching down the field while exposing a SMU secondary that has looked shaky all season long. A 17-yard pass from Nick Chessa to Adam Stinson completed a two and a half minute drive, which saw St FX convincingly march the length of the field. Apparently undaunted by this display, the Huskies would march the field on each of their next two



possessions, finishing with a 31-yard TD scamper by Jones, and a 57-yard pass from Steve Panella to Dave Stala, running the score to 21-7 just six minutes in. Fans seemed to be poised on the cusp of an offensive slugfest, but the pace would lessen quickly, as the defenses held and the first quarter ended without another point being tallied.

The second quarter was all Saint Mary's, the Huskies scoring four times before a St FX answer. The first two occurred on the ground, as big Les Mullings thundered in from four yards out, while swift Stephane Lubin darted his way to pay dirt from 16-yards out. The Huskies took flight with their next two scores, as Panella found Stala and Fleming for 46 and 42 yards

respectively on the way to opening a seemingly insurmountable 49-7 lead. X fired back with a long touchdown run of their own, before Billy Robinson hooked up with Paul Fleming, for the receiver's second touchdown of the game before the end of the half. Make the score 56-14 at half for the maroon and

white.

The second half had a distinct feeling that the teams were just playing out the clock, as both teams wallowed around midfield for the majority of the thirty minutes. In the end, the only tally of the second half would prove to be a 17-yard pass from Robinson to Mike McPherson that counted for seven, to run the final score to a very convincing 63-14 victory for the Huskies.

The day was a fitting end for Jones' career at Huskies Stadium. The always reliable back traveled 121-yards on only 11 carries, finding the end zone twice. The Huskies also debuted their twin-quarterback system, where both Panella and Robinson will be showcased, but only in very specific situations. If the on-field scenario warranted pocket passing, than Panella's number was called, and he went seven for eleven, for a total of 220-yards and three touchdowns. Robinson, who is easily the quicker of the two, will be used in situations where his speed can be an asset, like in the red zone. Robinson gathered 56-yards on the ground on four runs on the day, ranging from straight keeps to triple options. On the defensive side of the football, Sebastian Clovis, a



SMU linebacker, had an excellent day, with an interception, three sacks and a total of ten tackles.

Elsewhere in the country, the Ontario championship was also held on Saturday, and the winner received the prize of being able to host the Huskies in this week's Churchill Bowl. In a battle between the number one and number two ranked teams in the country, undefeated McMaster won the Yates Cup by a 33-19 margin over the number two Queens Golden Gaels. In Quebec, the Dunsmore cup saw number three ranked McGill narrowly edge the Concordia Stingers 10-6, to earn the Redmen a birth in the inaugural Mitchell Bowl. The second spot in the Mitchell Bowl was awarded to the upstart Saskatchewan Huskies, who one week after knocking off then undefeated and number one ranked Manitoba, easily took care of number five ranked Regina, thrashing the Rams to the tune of a 44-28 victory.



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The grass conundrum

Does the Huskies artificial existence hurt their chances in Ontario?

by Daniel Bonner

If there was one word used to describe the feelings of fans of the Huskies for the Churchill Bowl, taking place this weekend, it would be concern. This may not come as a great surprise, as most fans would be nervous when their team goes up against an undefeated, number one ranked club. The nervousness, however, does not come directly from McMaster, but rather the field on which they play.

The problem is simply

this, the Marauders play at Les Prince Field, a natural grass pitch in Hamilton Ontario. SMU's track record on grass this season is not great. The facts don't lie; SMU was 5-0 this past regular season on artificial turf, and 1-2 on natural grass. Both of the Huskies losses this year (the first regular season losses in three years) came on wet natural grass. Both the fields at Acadia and St FX showed the effects of a night previous to the game filled with rain, and especially in the case in Antigonish, the pitch

turned into a mud bowl. The prospect of this weekend is really no better. Les Prince field played host to the Yates cup match-up between McMaster and Queens this past weekend and the field was far from pristine. Between the hash marks, where the real war takes place, the field was a mess of slop and sod.

So what does a wet grass field really effect? Many things. First off, the ball itself, which becomes wet and slick within, minutes, usually causing numerous fumbles. This was the case in the game against X,

which saw a total of eight fumbles lost between the two teams. Secondly comes the footing issue. Clearly, the running game becomes effected, as cuts and jukes are more labored, and borderline impossible. Perhaps greater an issue, however, is the defensive secondary, a place already of concern for the Huskies. It's one thing to say that for a running back or receiver it is difficult to make a cut, but at least they know which direction they are going in. A defender does not have that luxury, and attempting to mirror a receiver's route in slick condition becomes one of the most difficult tasks on the field.

Perhaps the biggest problem with a muddy pitch is one that effects everyone, regardless of what side you are cheering for this weekend, and that is that slick fields often lead to situations where the better team does not win. Slick conditions is the great equalizer, and it can become a battle to be the team that copes better, as opposed to the team that actually plays better. All we can hope for this weekend is a situation where the team that plays the best wins, rather than a situation where either of the teams have to endure an early exit due to the weather.

Droppin' the Gloves

Emmitt the greatest ever, and sports in T-dot this winter

by Daniel Bonner with Stephen Clow

We're back for another week of Droppin' the Gloves, where we look at (and often debate about) global sports issues. Remember to send any of your feedback to Journal.Sports@Stmarys.ca. With that said, let's drop 'em.

The Scene: With an 11-yard run against the Seattle Seahawks, Emmitt Smith surpassed Walter Payton as the NFL's all-time leading rusher. Smith, whose game average has dropped considerably over the past few years, returned to old form, rushing for a season-high 109-yards on his way to the record books. As has become their way, the Cowboys went on to lose the game in the dying seconds, but not before the debate had begun as to whether or not Smith was truly the greatest running back of all time. Does this record make Emmitt the greatest back of all-time?

Steve: One word answer, no. Top ten for sure, but he's not as good as Sweetness [Bear's running back and former record holder Walter Payton], but than again I'm not even sure that Sweetness was the greatest back of all time. I don't think that whoever holds the most yards in NFL history is the best measure of who the greatest running back of all-time. I'd take a great running back like Barry Sanders or O.J. Simpson before I'd pick Emmitt, despite the fact that they don't have the yards to back it up.

Dan: Well you mentioned a key player in my mind, that being Barry Sanders. I was a huge Barry fan, and to watch him walk away from the game in his early thirties, just fifteen hundred yards short of the record was difficult for a lot of people. I think that it is safe to say that Emmitt Smith would not even have been close to the record if Barry stayed around. Think about it, he was one good season, two seasons at most, away from making the record his own.

Barry was a fans running back, he had unbelievable moves that would stupefy fans and defenders alike, while Emmitt was just a good running back on a great team for a lot of years. Barry's Lions rarely went anywhere, while Emmitt, behind the best O-line of the time, went into the playoffs and to Superbowls.

Steve: Well I agree, and would go as far as to say that the potent passing attack of the Cowboys allowed Smith more room, while Barry never had a decent quarterback, and only one decent receiver for most of the years that he was in town. If I were to

Dan: What about a guy like Ricky Williams? I really like him, he has speed and power, and with the exception of his tendency to fumble a few more times a season than one would like, I think he is going to be a great back.

Steve: Williams is good, but I just don't believe the hype. I don't see him as being one of the greatest of all time.

Dan: Well he set the NCAA rushing record while at Texas, and although he's only a few years in, I think that he is at least half living up to that potential. Then you can look at a guy like Ron Dayne, who the very next

rated, because I don't feel as though they were rated that high going into this season. I would pick them as a team that will make it into the playoffs, but not do much beyond that, and I don't think that I would be alone in that.

Dan: But last season they were one of the favorites to win the cup. What has changed?

Steve: Belfour for Joseph, definitely saw at least a slight drop between the pipes for the Leafs. Then there is the loss of Yuskevich on the blue line, who was a valuable component of that defense. I know that you have at least some issue with that though...

Dan: Well I don't understand how, just last season you trade away a good defensemen like Danny Markov, because you're flooded at the position. Then this off-season you lose one guy, and regardless of how good he was/is, he is only one man, and now you try and tell me they have one of the worst defensive cores in the league. That doesn't make sense. Were they over rated before? I don't know.

Steve: I'd call them a team with one good offensive line, a weak defense, that in turn puts pressure on an old



goaltender who cannot do it all on his own.

Dan: Well, switching gears, what about the Raptors. Last year pegged as a favorite in the east, this season that respect is not there and fans and critics alike are starting to doubt the hype machine, and waiting till the team actually proves something on the floor.

Steve: The Raptors are in a world of trouble. They can't, and yet they do, rely on [Morris] Peterson and [Alvin] Williams to carry the team. Meanwhile, [forward Antonio] Davis is going to be Davis. I think Vashon Leonard is a nice surprise thus far. Simply put, the team is not deep enough to lose its starting power forward [Davis], starting center [Eric Montross] and starting shooting guard [Vince Carter], and still have any chance at all to survive. In all fairness to the Raptors, I think that they have done alright, all things considered, and I think they will be in much better shape when some of this injuries start to disappear.

Dan: We're two weeks in, and I think that is the most important thing that you just can't tell anyone in Toronto. The Raptors will get better as their health

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DtG Power Poll

Who has the greatest potential to surpass the all-time rushing record now held by Emmitt Smith?

LaDainian Tomlinson (SD)	Edgerrin James (IND)
Curtis Martin (NYJ)	Eddie George (TEN)
Ricky Williams (MIA)	Other (Write In)

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rank them, I would have Sanders as the third best back of all time, behind Sweetness and Brown, and Emmitt somewhere in the top ten.

Dan: Well, with all of that being said, the record is Emmitt's. Of all of the new guys in the league, let's say with five years or less under their belts, who do you see as the biggest threat to the new record holder?

Steve: It's still very early on, and one is not able to take any unforeseen injuries into account, but with that being said I would have to say that I like San Diego Chargers back LaDainian Tomlinson. I think that he has incredible potential, great jukes, great speed and so far, great production, and he's not even on a great team. As for a guy who has been around for a while, I could see Eddie George really coming back with a fury.

year betters Williams record in the NCAA, and what is he doing now? He's an average (at best) full back in New York. So I think that a guy like Dayne is a prime example of why yardage records don't always tell the whole story. In the end, Emmitt Smith's legacy, at least to me, is as a good running back on an even better team, but not the greatest of all-time.

The Scene: Toronto, Canada's Mecca of sports is certainly in a bit of a lull. After another season of wallowing in mediocrity, the Blue Jays have called it a year, just in time to watch the Leafs scream out of the gates to a 4-9-2, while the Raptors have an equally great start of 2-4. Is there hope for any success in T-dot this winter, or do Torontonians have nothing but a bleak few months in store?

Steve: As far as the Leafs go, I don't think it is a matter of them being over

Tale of the tape

Daniel Bonner

Sports writer at the Saint Mary's Journal since 1998, he covered hockey in the early years. In 2001 he was promoted to the Sports Editor, a position he continues to hold. Bonner has also written for Sportsite.ca. A journalist by trade, if it's a sport he watches it.

Stephen Clow

Coming to Saint Mary's in the pursuit of a basketball career, instead fate threw Steve a curve and he ended up joining the Journal to cover basketball in 2001. Yet another avid sports follower, he is as knowledgeable as anyone out there.

SMU volleyball suffers weekend woes

by Daniel Bonner

The Saint Mary's women's volleyball squad began their season last weekend, hoping to build on a successful 2001-2002 campaign, that saw the lady Huskies finish near the top of the AUS table. The journey will certainly not be an easy one, however, as the Huskies are reeling from some key losses. Gone is the steadfast play of Gillian Dobbin, as the six footer played her fifth and final year of eligibility last season. Also absent from the team is half of the MacFarlane duo of

Catherine and Caroline, as the latter has been left the active roster for reasons not disclosed, just to name a couple of the non-returnees. All that being said, the Huskies began their season a week ago on the road against the UNB Varsity Reds.

The first game of the season for the lady Huskies went well, if not challenging. SMU took the first set by a 25-23 margin before losing two straight to the Reds, each by the score of 25-20. The Huskies tied things up by taking the fourth set by the now

familiar score of 25-20, before sealing the victory with a 15-6 fifth and final set.

The Huskies had hoped to continue their great play this weekend as they hosted the Memorial Seahawks for a pair of games on Friday and Sunday. Friday's game went sour for the Huskies, who watched themselves fall on the wrong side of a three set victory, losing 25-22, 25-15 and 25-15. Leading SMU was Andrea Shakespeare, who led the team in points (7), digs (3) and aces (3), while sending home a respectable four

kills. The Seahawks were led by Jessica Veitch, who led all players in kills (9), points and digs (4), enough to garner her the player of the game award.

Unfortunately for the Huskies, Sunday afternoon went no better, as the Huskies again would drop the match in three straight sets, 25-19, 25-21 and 25-21. Leading the way for the Huskies on this day was Janice Chapman who had a very impressive game high 14 points, 10 kills and 25 total attacks. Andrea Shakespeare had another good game, grabbing 10

points off 7 kills and 14 total attacks.

This week sees the Huskies deep in a difficult schedule, beginning with a trip to Mount Allison this Thursday night at 7:30pm. The road then leads the Huskies back home for a match-up at the Tower against UCCB on Saturday night at 7pm before the real fun begins. The Huskies then are forced to board a bus and play against perennial powerhouse Udm Blue Eagles in Moncton at 1pm, around 18 hours after they get off the floor on Saturday night.

Men's basketball preview

Old faces look to play new roles on men's basketball team

by Stephen Clow

The men's basketball program is coming off a year in which they finished second in the AUS for the third straight year. They had a conference record of 13-7 and an overall record of 23-14. Their record alone was enough to deem the season a success, but the Huskies went one further by qualifying for the Final Eight for the third time in four years. This year the AUS doesn't have the luxury of sending it's two best to the show, instead only the conference champion will be in action at the metro centre when the Final Eight rolls in. Thus, a loss to X won't be tolerated.

Coach Quackenbush welcomes back two starters and eight players in total this year. Gone from last year's squad are all-star point guard Nathan Anderson (lost to

graduation), dynamite swingman Colin Allum (also graduation), and one of the best back to the basket players in the league, Nate Phillippe.

Returning to the fold this year is fourth year forward Gabe Goree, who will be looked upon to be the number one option on offense for the huskies, a role different from the supporting type he has played thus far. The team will

get a boost offensively, defensively, and in the rebound department when injured forward Damon Parachnowitsch returns to the court.

Replacing the backcourt will be difficult indeed, but Damon Cole, Shawn Smith and newcomer Derek Van Weerdhuizen will make

adjusting to a new backcourt a smooth transition. While he may not score as much as the lost Anderson, Damon Cole could very well be the best assist to turnover man in the AUS, and don't think he cant step it up when

needed as his 15pts against a tough Kentucky Wesleyan team will attest. Should Cole stumble early, expect third year man Shawn Smith, who seems to still be the one in the waiting, to handle the ball for the huskies. An old face and a couple of new faces will alternate time at the off guard position as Jonathan Thibault looks a year more mature and ready to contend for some major minutes. Newcomer Van Weerdhuizen adds to the team rebounding numbers and handles the ball quite well, and let's not forget about the ever intense Geoff Williams, who with his defensive intensity and silky smooth jumper should make a hard case for action in crunch time. Relieving these guys won't be easy but 6'2 Cordell

Wright will be ready to fire when called upon. Overall this has the potential to be a great backcourt, but different from the ones in the past when Taussig and Anderson were looked upon to score in bunches. The offensive production will be down slightly, but assists should rise and turnovers should fall; not to mention a tougher defense.

The frontcourt looks to be the place where SMU will win and lose their games. Goree will be relied on heavily and has never had a problem with shooting more. His eyes look great early as he threw some tasty dishes out against the div.II squads on the weekend, but will have to keep his free throw percentage up. Goree should play up to all-star form this year and is the guy the huskies need to step up. Spelling both Goree and the off guard will be second year dual-sport athlete Atnas Maeko who may just be the quickest guy in the league. Maeko is an instant spark plug and brings intensity every time down the floor. The potential is there for Maeko to be a big money player on this team, and judging by his performance at the end of last year, he just may be. Joining these guys in the trees will be second year man Ben

McCarthy who has come along nicely and is another one of Quackenbush's seemingly endless line of post player projects. McCarthy will be looked upon to alter shots and stay out of foul trouble. He will chip in nicely on offense some nights, but disappear on others. Look for him to be a little more consistent as he has a more defined role on this year's team. Along side him will be 6'8" defensive specialist Ibraheim Muhammed. Muhammed is a great athlete and has a knack for blocking shots. Him and Prosper Hewa will be looked upon to help McCarthy with the load down low. The frontcourt is raw in the middle, but looks promising around the perimeter. The big men are just as big as anyone else's and are only going to get better. If Ben can stay out of foul trouble and continue to improve this team can only go up.

The AUS is wide open this year and there appears to be no reason that SMU can't put it together in time to make a return trip to the Final Eight in March. The AUS season starts this coming Friday night with both the women and men hosting UPEI at 6 and 8 respectively. Come on out and cheer on your SMU Basketball teams as they begin their season.

Kentucky Wesleyan Lives up to hype going 2-0; SMU splits showdown with Americans

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Lady Huskies in Maine

**Saturday November 9th
SMU 69 - Southern Maine 45**

**Sunday November 10th
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Saturday Nov. 9th SMU 6 MTA 2

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@ Nationals in Edmonton

Thursday Nov. 7th SMU 1 UBC 4
Saturday Nov. 9th SMU 0 UWO 2

The Journal would like to extend congratulations to the Saint Mary's lady Huskies soccer team on a great season and a good showing at the Nationals.

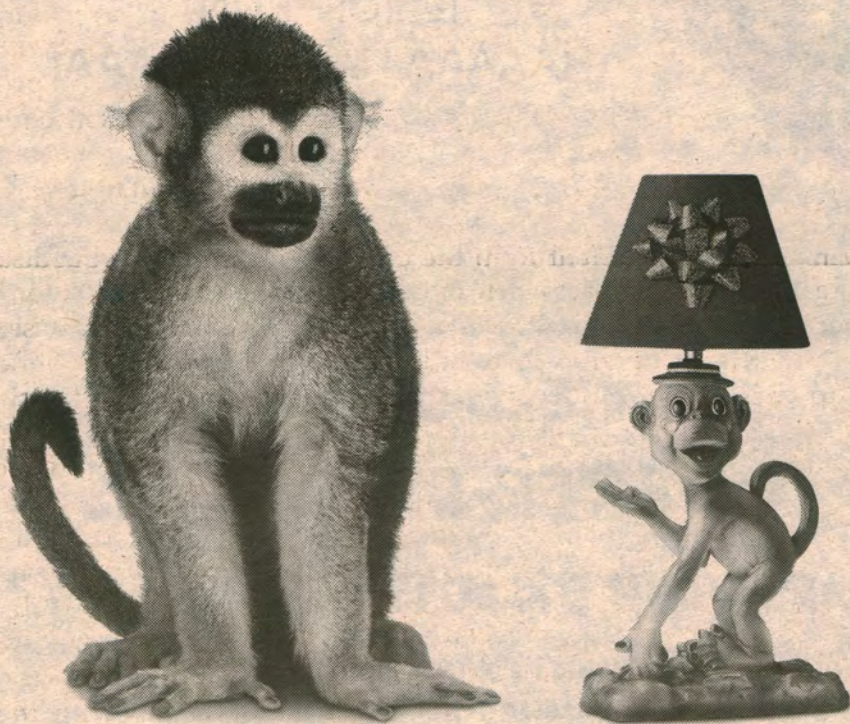
Basketball anyone?

SMU intramurals is holding a 3 on 3 tournament on Friday Nov. 22nd from 6 - 12.

Entry fee is \$20 and is refundable. Team sign-up sheets can be found in the intramural office, second floor of the tower.

Sign-up deadline is Thursday November 21st at 3:00 pm and possible divisions are Mens recreational and competitive and Women's competitive.

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Basketball

This past weekend at the Metro Center the #1 ranked team in the NCAA div.II lived up to their bill by first beating the always exciting St.FX X-Men on Friday night by a count of 75-68 and then putting away the SMU Huskies in last five minutes of their game Saturday night by a count of 59-52.

SMU won their game against MCI on Friday night by a count of 60-58. As well MCI also fell to X by a count of 86-76 on Saturday evening.

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Droppin

improves. The Leafs have a few new faces and a new goaltender, they will get better as they begin to gel. It's extremely hard to tell anyone in a sports town like Toronto to wait and see, but I think that is the only remedy to what is happening right now.

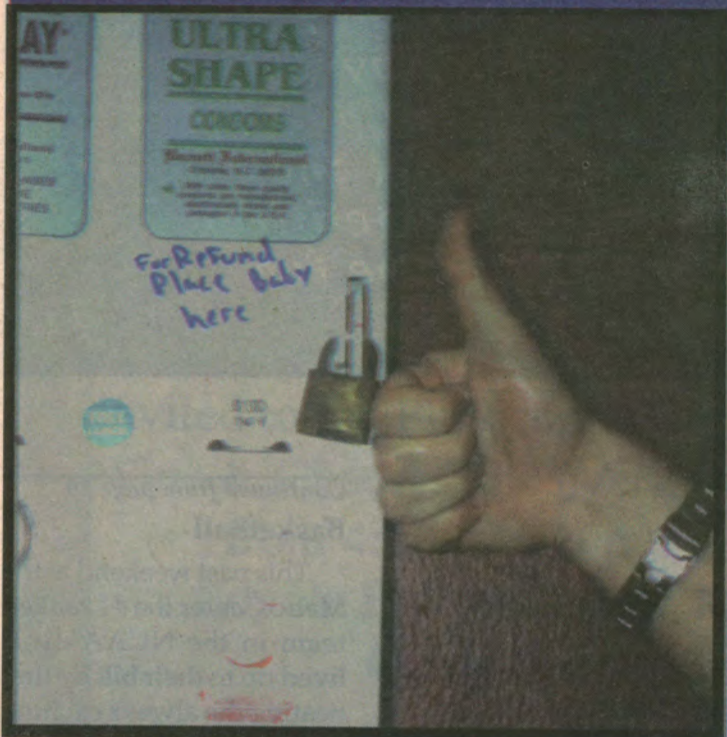
Steve: I agree. As far as the Raptors go, being in the east, they don't have to win every game to get into the playoffs. I think that they will make it into the playoffs, thanks to the fact that I don't think there is a team in the east that they can't beat on any given night.

Remember to answer the DtG Power Poll this week, and check us out next issue where we will have a look at, among other things, Magnificent Mario and his Penguins off to their great start.

BEAVER AND PENGUIN



Pete's Pic of the Week!



Now that I have that pesky caped crusader out of the way, don't miss **OPEN MIC** Wednesday November 13th it's bound to be a night of **ILLCIT FUN.** HAAAAA HAAA HAAAAA!



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