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Halifax University Girls: A Step Back

BY SALLY WHITMAN

Monday marked a step back for women on the SMU campus. On sale this week in Loyola is the Halifax University Girls calendar, which was created as a school assignment by Paul Pedersen. As the coordinator of the Women's Centre I have to speak up when I think that something is inappropriate. I think this is inappropriate. The Women's Centre, among other things, is attempting to maintain a voice and presence on this campus that speaks to the issue's women still face today and we are attempting to provide a space where women are not diminished, harassed, insulted or commodified.

Perhaps you will read this and roll your eyes and consider me a silly oversensitive feminist, but what I have to say is not silly or radical. There are two problems with this calendar. First, in and of itself the calendar is sexist, and second, I am shocked that this was okayed by the professor of the class whose assignment this was for, and the administration.

Women posing in little clothing and provocative postures is not an uncommon sight in our culture, and maybe many didn't even think twice about this project. I do not believe that there is something inherently wrong with trying to

make provocative images to turn people on, and this is not an anti-pornography argument. That said, I am providing an analysis of the calendar within the context of our society. The society we live in is one where women's bodies are constantly and relentlessly commodified, and our bodies are presented as our most important feature. I'm not saying anything that hasn't been said before, but obviously it still needs to be said.

What's wrong with enjoying looking at a woman's body, you might ask? You might be saying to yourself that you don't dismiss a woman's inner qualities just because you're looking at her outer exterior. The problem is that everywhere we look we can find images of women that, subtly or blatantly, present us with a hoard of negative perceptions of what it supposedly means to be a woman. And we are being sensitized into thinking these images are normal. Beauty is presented as a very narrow formula, leaving most to feel inadequate. And it is not just about the strict guidelines of what constitutes beauty. Media and mainstream images of women often give us other dangerous impressions such as women really mean yes when they are saying no (a scary thought when statis-

tics say that 28% of women on Canadian university campuses report sexual assault, and it is thought that only 10% of date rape cases are reported). Negative portrayals of women in media and mainstream images are often so subtle and/or so common we miss the point if we don't take a moment to actively consider what they are suggesting.

In considering these points that I have made, my next problem is that this university allowed this to go through. I am left wondering and concerning about the responsibility that should have been taken by the faculty and administration in saying that this is not appropriate. Has there been no consideration by the faculty and administration as to what this calendar suggests to the men and women attending this school. Or what it suggests to those looking to come here? It suggests to me that this school thinks it is okay to contribute to the never-ending negative images of women that we are subjected to in every other aspect of life. It suggests to me that women, even though making up roughly half of university students these days, still are not given the respect and equality of citizenship that they have fought so long for.

The Battle on tuition: How your school fights back!!!

BY STUART NEATBY

Why does tuition keep rising? What is the government doing to help students? What is your student association doing for you?

Saint Mary's is a part of the National Lobby Group CASA. The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations has 19 member schools and represents over 300,000 students from across the country. CASA is a non-partisan organization and lobbies each and every political party on Post-Secondary Education Policies.

This past week I was in Ottawa for CASA's annual lobby conference. CASA's head office set up over 165 meetings with MP's and senators from all over the country. Student leaders met with names like; Stephen Harper, Jack Layton, Scott Brison, Peter MacKay, Alexa McDonough, Mike Savage, just to name a few.

CASA has a huge media event each year. This year we built a 120 foot wall of debt on Parliament Hill. This wall was covered with over 12,000 names of students who will graduate with crippling amounts of Debt. The message was sent to citizens across Canada, but more importantly Parliament Hill. Many federal officials came to view the structure that had over \$360 million of Debt displayed on the bricks.

At the top of CASA's priority lobby list was the Dedicated Transfer for PSE. In 1996 the Federal Government created the CHST (Canada Health and Social Transfer). This direct funding combined PSE with all other social programs. The amount of funding for PSE went from 2.365 Billion before the CHST to an unknown number. Tuition kept rising after the CHST, and the Provincial Government put PSE on the back burner. CASA wants the federal government to take a leadership roll and create a CET (Canadian Education Transfer). When

you include inflation and demographic growth, the \$2.365 Billion would amount to \$3.99 Billion today.

CASA successfully lobbied the federal government last year to create a low-income grant. This grant provides low-income students up to \$3000 or half their tuition for their first year. CASA applauds the government for creating this grant. This is a good start, but we deserve more. CASA now wants the government to extend this grant over 4 years, so the student can get this grant for their full degree. This program is better for students and will cost half as much as BILL C5. CASA would rather see the money from this BILL put into other programs. BILL C5 and the Canadian Learning Bond will only help out families that can invest into their children's education. This program will help students 18 years from now. How this program works is: Parents invest \$500, the government will then match that amount and provide an additional \$100 every year. The end result is that a student will have approximately \$3000 for PSE in 18 years. This is not enough money to go towards tuition now. This program will cost the federal government approximately \$410 million at maturity. This money could be better spent in other places. A few other issues lobbies to the government were taking GST off textbooks and expansion of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

CASA methods are: media stunts to attract attention, and then lobbying the major players in our political world to fight for a better PSE system. Saint Mary's is proud to be a part of an organization like CASA who has demonstrated its effectiveness in the latter years. If you have any questions please contact me at vpexternal@smusa.ca or phone 496-8716

December 6th Memorial

BY STUART NEATBY

On December 6th, 1989, Marc Lepine entered Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique and proceeded to separate the male and female students at gunpoint. What followed was a horrific tragedy, in which 14 female engineering students were killed. Several witnesses heard Marc Lepine scream "I hate feminists" before he opened fire. He then turned the gun on himself.

Since 1989, men and women have gathered

throughout the country in memorials to the fourteen women killed in the Montreal Massacre, as well as the many other victims of violence against women in this country. Next Monday, December 6th, the Human Resources Office, the Sexual Harrassment Office and the SMU Women's Centre are planning a memorial to the victims of the Montreal Massacre in the SMU Art Gallery. The time is to be announced. All are welcome and encour-

aged to attend, including men and women. The event will feature a short speech by über-activist and feminist Muriel Duckworth. In addition, all are asked to wear a purple ribbon this week as a personal memorial to victims of violence against women.

For more information, contact the St Mary's Women's Centre at 496-8722 or visit them on the fifth floor of the student centre.

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The E-Spot To blog or not to blog

BY CINDY COOK

Communication technology does it again with, yet, another method for reaching out and touching someone. It was only a matter of time before the ability to create a website would become user friendly. Enter - the blog. "Blog" is short for web log and web logs can be created by anyone who can follow a template.

Blogs are easy, fast, and free (what's not to like) and they are popping up everywhere - discussion boards, magazines, newspapers, and - huge sigh from me - on resume. Will an employer log on to a blog to learn more about a candidate? Will a blog give you an edge? Or, will a blog seem pretentious? And where do we stop with all the contact information on the top of a resume - name, address, home phone, cell, fax, e-mail, blog?

So, I did what any curious girl would do and Googled it. Interestingly enough I learned that **job search blogs** are indeed in practice but only since spring of this year. They are a new concept in the job search realm that may or may not work for you. Although new, the internet (in typical internet fashion) provides plenty of info regarding the dos and don'ts of job search blogs. One article by Rebecca Blood, author of The Web Log Handbook, referred to a blog as an "on line representation of your thinking." She further suggests that a job search blog may have the "staying power" that a resume does not have causing an employer to notice a candidate for a little longer while learning a little more. Of course, as with anything new, there are risks and although taking a risk is right up my ally, it may not be up yours.

Some advantages may include: appearing on the edge of current technology, culture, and information, willingness to try new ideas, a vehicle to express creativity, having the "thing" that stands out from other candidates, and it is another way to elaborate on skills.

However, one disadvantage to consider may outweigh these advantages. Wasting the employer's time is a big one. It is important to realize

that a blog should not be used for the sake of - it exists. I recently spoke to an employer who had strong views on this issue and he indicated that poorly designed blogs have hurt candidate's chances for an interview. He felt that it was a waste of his time to go to a blog that was repetitive of the resume/cover letter, badly written, confusing, irrelevant to the job, or too lengthy. If you ask an employer to view your blog and it doesn't WOW - you have wasted his or hers time (the risk). Also, if blogs take off and become the latest phenomenon, it won't be an edge for long.

Some do's and don'ts for job search blogs as indicated on various websites: **Do** keep it professional, **Do** choose a simple background, **Do** include targeted information that is of interest to the employer, **Do** edit and update according to the job, and **Do, Do, Do**, write well. Don't include confidential information that is also inappropriate for a resume such as SIN number, birthday, etc., Don't use it be more personal (employers do not care if you have two dogs and a fish), and if you are unsure of your writing skills, (or if you are sure that they suck (it's ok, we all suck at something) **Don't** include a blog address on your resume.

So to blog or not to blog? It is like anything, do your research. I would suggest checking out blogger.com (which, by the way, is only one web log template site amongst others) and playing around with design and text. There are also examples of job search blogs on Google as well as tips. It's worth checking out - especially now that you know the risk.

Questions/comments on blogs or other job search topics, email smuespot@hotmail.com. Keep the questions coming; look for answers to selected questions in the next edition.



Employment Center note: Great article as usual from Cindy. We wanted to add a couple things to think about. Don't make the mistake - should you choose to incorporate blogs in your application process - of thinking your thoughts are always fascinating to everyone. This kind of information can be revealing and sometimes always fascinating to everyone. This kind of information can be revealing and sometimes completely irrelevant to what the goal is - that of getting the job! Blogs may well be the new generation of web sites and another way to provide employers with information that MAY help you find employment - however, remember, that some of the information you provide in applications processes and the information you provide in interviews also eliminate you as a candidate!

Affordable Housing Squat in Dartmouth

BY STUART NEATBY

A warning: this is not an objective article, nor does it pretend to be. You want something "objective?" Go see the mainstream news reports.

I spent a good part of my weekend attending an anti-poverty protest, during which about 40 people participated in a squat of an abandoned museum and library near downtown Dartmouth. The building had running water, decent air quality, and working toilets. The building could easily house up to 50 people in tight quarters. I would live there. The fact that this building continues to lie unused within the Halifax area while municipal, provincial, and federal governments make excuses about lack of funds, attests to the hypocrisy of a system which does not care about the poorest members of society. All levels of government are complicit in the fate of those who spend their nights sleeping in the streets of this city in the dead of winter.

The squat was a relatively calm event for most of that sunny Saturday afternoon. People came and went inside the two-story building, including many mainstream media reporters. The media presence at the squat was also very large, with reporters from CBC-TV, ATV, the Chronicle-Herald, The Daily News, and the Coast present. This peaceful protest was then shattered by the presence of approximately 30 police officers who forced their way into the building, dragged out the six who had remained inside during their approach, and proceeded to arrest and rough up two other activists outside of the squat. One woman, who had not even entered the building, was simply grabbed by a police officer and hauled INTO the building, out of sight of media cameras. Another

organizer with the Halifax Coalition Against Poverty was grabbed by the neck, choked, and then dragged along the ground inside the building. It appeared to everyone there that what was happening was that these activists were being dragged off-camera for the purpose of being beaten. Once inside the building, one officer continued choking the male HCAP organizer until he was close to losing consciousness. He was kept inside the building, away from sight, for at least ten minutes. This organizer later told me that while he was inside the building the officer simply stood over him and laughed.

The success of the action was the attention it received, both before and after it occurred. No other affordable housing action in Nova Scotia has garnered as much media attention locally and nationally in recent memory. That evening, it was a lead story on the CBC national news, and was on the front page of all local papers the next day. Organizers are still vowing to continue other squats as long as there remain unused buildings within this city which can be turned into affordable housing.

Still, at least two of the eight people arrested at this action still have several charges pending against them. Such is the way our justice system works when those who struggle with the poor for basic human rights are attacked in broad daylight by police goon squads.

For first-hand accounts, photos, and reactions from people who were there, visit maritimes.indymedia.org. If you think that doing something about the growing disaster of homelessness in this city is worth your precious time, you can tell Mayor Kelly how you feel at kellyp@halifax.ca.



ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

A Haligonian Burlesque Ball

BY JAYMEE GOH

We, the rowdy, luscious, burly burlesquers believe in behaving badly.

1. In traditional burlesque fashion, we mock! Humour is a subversive tool.

2. We are for everyone and anyone getting up on stage. Your size, looks, gender, race, sexuality, etc., are irrelevant and there are no auditions.

3. We believe in creating our own cheap live entertainment outside of the BOX.

4. We believe in amateurs, immatures and professionals (some of us are all three).

5. We believe in the power of burlesque to make erotic performance and nudity legitimate forms of expressions. We emphasize that finding sexy dancing and stripping enjoyable (both for the viewer and the performer) is not necessarily perverted, while some of us work to keep it that way.

6. We support the right for performers to do what they want with their body hair.

7. We are lace and pearls over tassles, evening gowns and leather, ball-room dancing and crotch flashing, lowbrow, high-class empowered sluts who can't go too low or sit too high. Screw conventional views of sexuality and gender!

So read the Burlesquefest by Chesty LaRue at the beginning of the performances at the Olympic Center, by the Halifax Burlesque Society. She was flanked by the hosts of the show, Ronnie and Wayne Wiley, who held their hands over her chest and crotch respectively as she read the manifesto. Ronnie and Wayne were hosts of an Ontario children's TV show, "Timmy the Talkin'est Dog" twenty years ago, and, at the show, were drinking luses who delivered comic relief.

A snowy Saturday night did not deter viewers from going to Coburg Street, queueing outside in the cold for the "Tele-Tease: Operators are Standing Bi!" show on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th of November. Tele-Tease is the 6th show held by the Halifax Burlesque Society. The hall was dimly lit with tables at the back and chairs lined up along the balcony. On the tables at every seat were *Lifestyles* condoms, and every other chair on the balcony had a little box of mini-mints.

There were a lot of interesting-looking people who worked at the show, such as the young women selling 50/50 tickets (is it usual to walk around with lights under a skirt? I didn't think so) and even members of the audience indulged in some form of dress-up, expressing themselves creatively.

There were two acts, although some of the performers appeared on stage more than once, such as Tom Tom Sonnybird, who read Mariott Edgar's three-part poem "The Lion and Albert" in three separate parts. He showed only eight square inches of naked skin throughout the whole show.

Performances included The Amazing Magic of Annie McUnderpants featuring Stoopid and Chainsaw Lover, The Spin Cycle, Wonderwom-

an for President and PSCM (pronounce that phonetically). Most of them involved a lot of stripping, none of them involved totally bare crotches, all of them involved some form of cheap entertainment that only professional, immature amateurs could provide. (At the risk of giving too much information: Toppless women had pasties over their nipples, some of the pasties had tassles.) After their own performances, they retired to the sidelines to watch their fellow members take their turn on the stage, such as the Divine Miss C, who energetically bobbed around in her underwear.

Advanced tickets were priced at \$7, available at Venus Envy and Mid-East Food Centre, while tickets at the door cost \$10. Merchandise such as pasties, posters, T-shirts and pins were also for sale. There was also a photo booth for people who wanted Polaroid pictures taken with their favourite star. All proceeds went to the Halifax Coalition Against Poverty and the local Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic, found at 6009 Quinpool Rd, Suite 201.

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FEATURES

Saint Mary's student wins major scholarship from EDC

A student in the Sobey School of Business here at Saint Mary's is realizing how hard work in academia can pay off. Christopher Joseph MacDonald, who is from Moncton PEI, is the proud recipient of an International Studies Scholarship from Export Development Canada, valued at nearly \$14,000. Only a handful of students at universities from across Canada receive this prestigious scholarship each year.

The scholarships are awarded to top undergraduate students in business and economics, and to MBA students based on their demonstrated interest in finance and international business, as well as their leadership potential and academic achievement.

"I am pleased to congratulate these students as they embark on an experience that will assist them in becoming Canada's future business leaders", says Gilles Ross, Acting President of EDC. "Working on the front-lines of international trade under the guidance of our seasonal experts will prepare them for the challenges they will face in the global business environment", he adds.

In addition to a financial award of \$3000 for undergraduates and \$5000 for graduates, students are also offered a four-month work-term opportunity with EDC, bringing the total value of the award to about \$14,000.

Scholarships were offered to 24 EDC partner universities this year. These part-

nerships are a key part of EDC's Education and Youth Employment Strategy, which is designed to foster a trade culture in Canada. Through scholarships, guest lecturers, case studies and participating in education studies and participating in education and youth-related events, EDC is building awareness of the challenges and opportunities of international trade. Since 1999, more than 145 students have benefited from EDC scholarships and many more have used the experience to pursue careers in international trade.

CISS LAN Party

On behalf of the CISS team of executive I would like to thank all the members who came out and supported the LAN Party on Nov. 12th. It was a pleasing turnout and I look forward to the next one next semester. Hopefully even more people will participate.



This Week

@ Saint Mary's

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, December 2nd, 1pm at the Women's Centre, 5th floor of the Student Union Building. For more information call: 496-8722.

WORLD AIDS DAY

Public Screening of 'The Three Amigos', an award-winning Canadian/South African animation, and 'Women Are... Learning Change', a documentary film by World YMCA, UNAIDS, and Mondofragis Productions.

November 30th, 7:30pm in Loyola Room 175. Also be sure to visit the Aids Quilt display, Wednesday, Dec 1st (World Aids Day), at the Dal Student Union Building. Candlelight AIDS vigil memorial ceremony to follow that evening.

SMU NDP CAMPUS MEETING

Wednesday, December 8th, 2-4pm, Loyola Colonnade, Upper Level Lounge. For more information please contact Nat Smith at 483-5292, or natsmith@hfx.andara.com

Immigration conference a success

BY ASHLEE STARRATT

Saint Mary's has always been an active member of the greater Metro community in many of its outreach programs, and it once again broadened its horizons by having taken part in the Economics Domain Conference that took place last week, November 18-19th at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Downtown Halifax. The topic of the conference is Immigration and Outmigration: Atlantic Canada at a Crossroads, and its goal is to address the issue of regional population imbalance, which has been a concern of Canadian government policymakers for quite awhile now.

Although immigration has helped to maintain Canadian population growth as a whole, its effect has been uneven. Between 1996 and 2001, Canadian censuses highlighted a large decline in native-born population in the Atlantic region due to the area's inability to attract a larger influx of new immigrants. According to some economists, the loss of both human and financial capital is an additional symptom of a declining economy.

The primary goal of the conference, which was hosted by the Atlantic Metropolis, is to assess factors that are responsible for this loss of attraction and retention of immigrants, and attempt to address any key solutions that can possibly reverse this trend. The conference provided a forum for government policy makers, NGOs, researchers and employers in the Atlantic region to explore immigration policy, models, programs and best practices in other jurisdictions, estab-

lish contacts, seek further information, and explore the possibility of adapting these best practices to an Atlantic Canadian perspective.

By following this model, the conference hoped to promote a more balanced geographic distribution of immigrants in Canada. It was also the first conference of its kind to focus on the issues of regional mobility of immigrants and their integration. Academic researchers, policymakers and NGOs from across the country that have already adopted such approaches and initiatives towards immigration were present to provide first-hand accounts of their experiences. Researchers from the United States were also invited to provide their unique perspectives on the issue of population retention and ethnic diversity in small and large communities.

Three panels presented immigration experiences from the perspectives of Atlantic Canada, the Prairies and Quebec, in addition to recent information on the regional mobility of immigrants and on the ethnic diversity of the Canadian population will also be presented with a discussion to follow. This conference provided an interesting opportunity for members of the university and the wider community to gain insight into the experiences of immigrants both foreign and native-born as they struggle to find a place within the economic centres of various regions across the nation and in particular, come to a better understanding of the crisis that is currently afflicting the Atlantic region.

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SPORTS

Huskies on top heading into Christmas break

BY ADAM COSTELLO

All good things must come to an end and for the St. Mary's Huskies hockey team that good thing did just that, as their winning streak was finally snapped at 6 games at the hands of lowly Acadia on Saturday night. They now lead Moncton by only two points heading into the Christmas break and although they played exceptional last week, and despite a pair of key victories, it was a heartbreaker to see the streak end with a 4-1 loss in Acadia.

The Huskies must look at the positives however and they can start by looking at their dominant win over the Dalhousie Tigers last Wednesday in front of over 1000 screaming Tiger fans. Kurt MacSweyn quickly silenced the crowd when he opened the scoring early in the first period and Cory Roberts would not budge, stopping everything that was thrown at him. The second period was also dominated by the Huskies and was one of the most entertaining periods of hockey I've ever seen. With a crowded crease

and SMU applying ample pressure, Dan Rudisuela finally shovelled the puck into the net on the power play, it being obvious to everyone that Dal goalie J.F Perras simply could not find the bouncing circular rubber within the sea of players surrounding him. With just 2:19 left in the second, a scrum involving everyone but the goalies broke out behind Dalhousie's net and must have taken at least five minutes for the referees to break up. SMU got the extra penalty and while Dal was pressing on the power play, Kurt MacSweyn drew a penalty after having been crushed into the boards from behind, making it a four on four situation for the rest of the period. With just 38 seconds left, Jordin Chomack streaked into the Dal zone and buried the puck behind Parra, making the score 3-0 going into the third period.

Unfortunately SMU came out of the gates rather sluggish in the third and Dal pressed nearly the entire period with

the St. Mary's defence seeming a little lost. With about five minutes to go the Tigers finally put one by Roberts, spoiling the shutout bid he stood on his head all game trying to secure. With about a minute left Dal thought they had gotten it to within one but the goal was negated by an interference penalty, sending the Dal fans home with nothing but a 3-1 loss and their inflatable noise makers in hand (one of which was thrown at me for cheering.)

Friday night the Huskies took on St. FX at the Forum in front of tons of cheering home ice fans, ready to see their Huskies extend the winning streak to six games. Ryan Lauzon put forth a phenomenal effort in this one scoring twice. With the Huskies trailing by one and playing shorthanded in the middle of the second period, Lauzon was hit with a long pass and flew into the X zone on a breakaway, beating X goalie and fellow CBC reality show finalist Mike Mole with a slap shot from close range.

With X scoring again in the third, SMU was pressed hard in the dying minutes of the period but to no prevail. Finally Cory Roberts was pulled and with just eight seconds left on the clock, winger Aaron Van Leusen potted the equalizer sending the crowd into hysterics and St. FX into complete shock. Overtime followed and just two minutes in, Ryan Lauzon split the X blueliners and beat Mike Mole again, finishing off an X team who with eight seconds left in the game thought they were heading home with a victory over the top team in the league.

It was unfortunate that after such an intense and dramatic game that the Huskies had to go into Acadia and lose, but I guess you can't win em all eh? Acadia scored two goals in the first seven minutes and the momentum was maintained throughout the rest of the game. They were very much outplayed on all fronts with frustration boiling over resulting in undisciplined penalties throughout. However, it must be recognized that the Huskies were only able to dress fifteen skaters for the game due to injuries and absences, and therefore were forced to ice

three lines rather than four. The women's team had a stellar weekend as they came home from a road trip with two victories under their belt. The first came against St. Thomas and saw the female Huskies come out with a 4-1 victory, with three goals scored in the opening frame. Lindsay Taylor had a goal and two assists adding to her point total, while Lindsay MacInnis, Erin Haley and Courtney Schriver also scored for the Huskies.

The Huskies then travelled to Mount A to take on the Mounties on Sunday afternoon and once again did not disappoint. First-year player Zoe Launcelott scored all three goals as the Saint Mary's Huskies edged Mount Allison 3-2 in a hard fought game. Launcelott proved to be the difference as she netted the winner at 8:46 of the third period to seal the victory. As close a game as it was, SMU did dominate in the shots on goal department with a 40 to 24 margin.

The nationally number ten ranked women's team and the fifth ranked men's club will rest over the winter break as they are both idle until the New Year.

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Men sweep Memorial

BY NEIL JORDAN

The Saint Mary's University mens basketball team were on top of the AUS Baldwin Division ahead of last weekend's trip to Newfoundland's Memorial University, who sat in third place behind Acadia, and in front of Dalhousie.

On Friday night, the Huskies pulled out a narrow 52-50 win over Memorial in a defensive struggle that saw neither team shoot over 30% from the field. Forward Jerome Goodman continued his fine run of play with a 19 point, 8 rebound effort. SMU held MUN's scoring leaders Justin Halleran and Jeff Saxby to 7 and 6 points respectively, and as a team, stifled Memorial into shooting 27.4% from the field, including a measly 3/18 from 3-point land. Robert Hickey led the way for MUN with 16 points and 11 boards.

In the last half of the back-to-back set, the game opened up more offensively and once again to the Huskies' favour, with a final score of 73-67. Senior Jonathon Thibault spearheaded the Huskies attack with 21 points, with Nelson Carvery chipping in 20 points and 7 rebounds. Goodman had another solid game with 14 points, which put him in first place in AUS scoring. Damon Cole ran the point effectively with 11 points and 8 assists. Justin Halleran broke loose for 19 points for MUN, while Hickey had another double-double with 14 points and 11 boards. Amazingly, SMU went 20/20 from the foul line.

SMU go into the Christmas break in first place in the Baldwin Division with 10 points, 2 ahead of the Acadia Axemen. They resume the regular season on January 6th, in a big game hosting the nationally ranked number two, and always tough, St. Francis X-Men.

HUSKIES STATISTICAL LEADERS AT THE HOLIDAY BREAK

Points:	Jerome Goodman	18.7 (leads league)
Rebounds:	Jerome Goodman	9.2
Assists:	Damon Cole	3.7 (leads league)
Steals:	Jonathon Thibault	1.7
Blocks:	Jerome Goodman	1.4 (leads league)
FG% :	Jerome Goodman	61%
3 point FG% :	Nelson Carvery	41%
FT % :	Nelson Carvery	79%

Women drop two at MUN

BY NEIL JORDAN

The Lady Huskies had to play catch up on the weekend, as Memorial threatened to widen the gap between first and second when the Huskies visited the St. John's campus. SMU had to figure out a way to stop the high-scoring senior duo of Jenine Brown and Amy Dalton.

In Game one, the Huskies were outplayed, losing 77-57. Dalton was an imposing force on the court, scoring 20 points, dishing 11 assists, and grabbing 6 rebounds, with Brown contributing 23 points. Seniors Jamie Walker and Samantha Coutts led the Huskies squad with 17 and 16 points respectively, but the Seahawks held SMU to 23% shooting.

In Game two, it was more of the same from the MUN duo, as they ran away 82-64. Brown led the Seahawks again in scoring with 22 points, with Dalton added 19 points and 12 assists. Walker had a huge game with 26 points and 8 boards, but again the Huskies shot 23% against MUN's 43%.

SMU go into the break tied with Dalhousie at 8 points, good for second in the Baldwin, 8 behind Memorial. They host the St.F.X. X-Women on January 6 at the Tower at 6 p.m.

HUSKIES STATISTICAL LEADERS AT THE HOLIDAY BREAK

Points:	Laura MacPherson	13.8
Rebounds:	Laura MacPherson	8.7
Assists:	Sam Coutts	2.3
Steals:	Sam Coutts	3.4 (leads league)
Blocks:	Emma Halpin	1.0 (tied for first)
FG%:	Laura MacPherson	50%
3 point FG%:	not available	
FT%:	Jamie Walker	91% (leads league)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"He got down on his knees and tried to find the muff."

-CBS football commentator and analyst Jim Nantz

The play occurred in heavy rain and Baltimore Ravens QB Kyle Boller had to go to his knees to retrieve an errant snap, also refereed to as a 'muffed' snap in football circles. Get your mind out of the gutter and happy holidays.

Predictability©

BY BILL HUGHES (B) & NEIL JORDAN (N)

We're in the stretch run here in the world of NFL prognostication. Neil and I are neck and neck. Some differing opinions this week could go a long way in determining the winner. Check the asterisks and stay tuned...

SAN FRANCISCO AT ST. LOUIS
 B: St. Louis 30-13
 N: After losing last week's battle of the ugly against Miami, it's all downhill for the Niners. St. Louis 34-10

BUFFALO AT MIAMI
 B: Drew Bledsoe threw for 3 INTs last week. But the Bills running game is stellar right now. McGahee all day...
 Buffalo 27 Miami 13
 N: Buffalo 24-17

CAROLINA AT NEW ORLEANS
 B: New Orleans 24 Carolina 20
 N: This will be a good game. The Saints are so unpredictable.
 New Orleans 30-24

HOUSTON AT N.Y. JETS*
 B: Houston came back from a 21-point deficit to knock off Tennessee. If Pennington returns from injury on schedule the Jets win. If not...they probably sneak off with yet another close one...
 N.Y. Jets 20 Houston 19
 N: Houston 24-21

ATLANTA AT TAMPA BAY
 B: Atlanta 23 Tampa Bay 17
 N: After watching Michael Vick against the Saints, I'm starting to like the guy. Plus, he can throw with both hands.
 Atlanta 31-17

CINCINNATI AT BALTIMORE
 B: The Bengals won't total more than 5+8 this week. Look

for Ravens QB Kyle Boller to rebound.
 Baltimore 24 Cincinnati 10
 N: Baltimore 20-10

MINNESOTA AT CHICAGO
 B: Minnesota 27 Chicago 13
 N: Even less than 100%, I'll still take Randy Moss and Daunte Culpepper over da Bears.
 Minnesota 28-21

NEW ENGLAND AT CLEVELAND
 B: The Pats should run the table now to 15-1. Dillon put up another hundred-yard game. There's no chance for a let down here. The Pats are too focused on taking first in the AFC and sitting and waiting for either a rematch with the Steelers or another shot to knock Manning back down to reality. Cleveland allowed 58 points last week against Cincinnati. The Pats are five times better than Cincinnati.
 New England 290 Cleveland 10
 N: New England 24-12

ARIZONA AT DETROIT
 B: Detroit 6 Arizona 3
 N: Ugly game of the week.
 Detroit 13-10

TENNESSEE AT INDIANAPOLIS
 B: Best headline of the last week. "Six shooter" after Payton Manning continued to embarrass opponents by unnecessarily running up the score. I can't wait till playoffs when he has to go on the road to Foxboro or Steel town. A real defense will put him in his place. Keep adding up the TDs Payton, because as the Northeast gets colder your expiry date nears. Not this week though...
 Indianapolis 35 Tennessee 20
 N: The Colts show continues.
 Indy 35-17

KANSAS CITY AT OAKLAND
 B: The Raiders shocked Denver last Sunday night in the best game of the week. Kansas City played a close second in a loss to San Diego. I still can't believe Dante Hall dropped that ball. KC by a narrow margin...
 Kansas City 27 Oakland 24
 N: KC 34-31 (OT)

DENVER AT SAN DIEGO
 B: San Diego 30 Denver 24
 N: Another close one. Drew Brees does his best Elway impression.
 San Diego 34-31 (OT)

N.Y. GIANTS AT WASHINGTON
 B: N.Y. Giants 20 Washington 13
 N: Eli's learning curve continues. This will be a field day compared to getting beat up by the Eagles.
 New York 17-13

GREEN BAY AT PHILADELPHIA
 B: Green Bay 24 Philadelphia 23*
 N: Easily game of the week. As well as the Eagles are playing, I hate betting against Brett Favre, but defense talks.
 Philadelphia 27-24

PITTSBURGH AT JACKSONVILLE
 B: Don't be fooled into thinking that this is Ben Big's team. He went 9 of 20 last week for less than 100 yards. Jerome Bettis, on the other hand continues to run downhill. But can his battered body keep up this pace for a full season? Jacksonville 20 Pittsburgh 17*
 N: Pittsburgh 20-10

DALLAS AT SEATTLE
 B: Terrible teams that came into '04 with much too high expectations. I don't know what to tell you.
 Seattle 10 Dallas 9*
 N: Dallas 20-19

Huskies go the distance twice

BY BILL HUGHES

The Saint Mary's Huskies opened their weekend set with a disappointing loss to their rival the Dalhousie Tigers. The Tigers continued their dominance of the Huskies in capturing their second consecutive victory over their south end counterparts in as many games his season. The Huskies pushed the Tigers to a hard fought marathon but were unable to pull out the victory. The scores in the five set match were 25-18, 16-25, 25-22, 17-25, and 15-12 in favour of the Tigers.

Jilliane Goulet appeared to have luck on her side as she led the Tigers with 13 kills and 13 digs. Teammate Haley McInnis followed suit and chipped in with 11 kills and 12 digs, Jennifer Ward contributed 19 kills and Leah McInnis recorded 13 digs.

Responding for the Huskies was Caroline MacFarlane with a huge 22 dig and 21 kill performance. Janesse Boudreau finished with 15 digs, and Danielle Shortall finished with 12 digs in the SMU loss.

The win pushed Dal's first

place record to 9-2, while SMU's loss dropped their record to 6-3.

The Saint Mary's Huskies long weekend ended in fine fashion on Sunday as they defeated the UCCB Capers in yet another five set marathon. The Huskies dropped the opening set 25-16 but responded by winning three of the next four 25-23, 25-13, 24-26, and 17-7 in the closely contested match up.

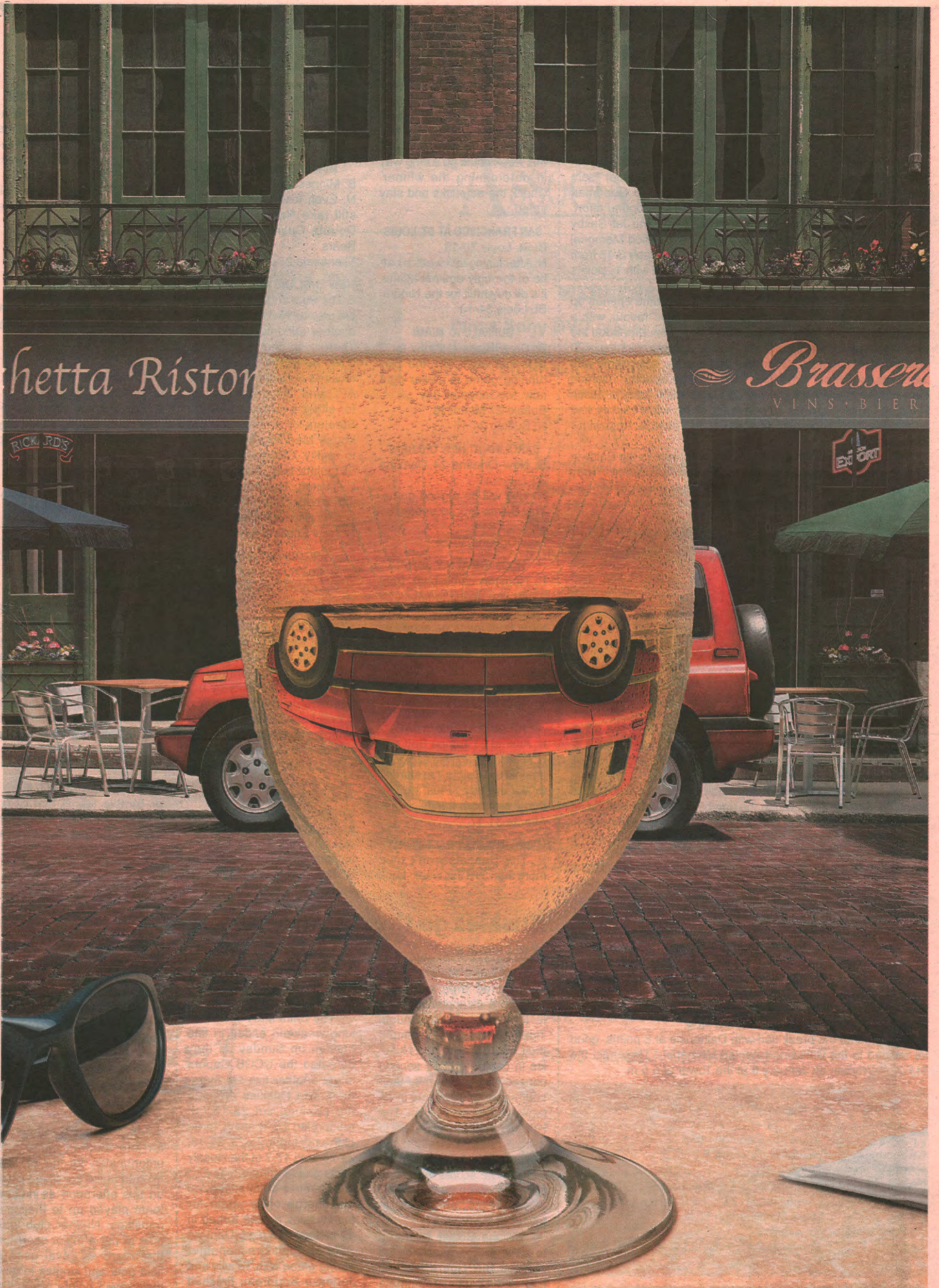
Caroline MacFarlane led the charge once again for the Huskies as she turned in 17 kills and 18 digs. Danielle Shortall registered another strong game with 13 kills and Janesse Boudreau finished with 11 kills and 18 digs in the victory.

The Capers got production from Crystal Hawkins who finished with a fine performance in recording 11 kills and 15 digs. Brianne Walsh and Lindsey Bussey each chipped in with 14 kills for the losers. The win ups the Huskies record to 7-3, a fine first half result heading into the Christmas break.

Laval goes back-to-back

BY BILL HUGHES

It's always said that defense wins championships. The Laval Rouge et Or completed their quest for back-to-back national championships as they downed the Saskatchewan Huskies 7-1 in the 40th Vanier Cup on Saturday after in Hamilton. The 7-1 final score indicates either a great defensive effort or simply a terrible football game and unfortunately for the 14, 227 in attendance it was the latter on this afternoon as neither team played up to their capabilities. Neither club was able to put a major score on the board as Laval used a field goal and singles to tally their seven points, while the Green Huskies put up their three points on the strength of three singles. The game was marred by turnovers (ten in total) and proved to be the second lowest scoring output in Vanier Cup history. To capture the highlights, backup place kicker Matthew Leblanc was named the game's MVP for his contribution of a 12-yard, third quarter field goal. Altogether brutal.



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