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Winter Carnival Week PERCUSSION GROUP EXTRAORDINAIRE



SQUID at Summerfest '04

BY JEFF LOHNES

Hailing from across the HRM, this group was configured of percussionists from the Dartmouth Pipe Band Association. Squid consists of a few drummers with ridiculous talent and faster hands than Michael Jackson around a 9 year old and a bagpiper who does moves I could never do...while playing the bagpipes too. Their STOMP!-like show is sure to blow you away, playing, beating, pounding and throwing their drums, stools or whatever they choose around in perfect rhythm, never missing a beat.

With incredible energy these five young musical muses, who just happened

to win the People's Choice award at the 2004 Halifax International BuskerFest, will make your feet stomp and heart pound as they light up the East Coast Kitchen Party on Saturday, January 22nd, part of the SMUSA Winter Chillout 2005. Headlining the huge night of music and more will be Barnacle, who are certainly no stranger to Saint Mary's stages. Don't miss out on the chance to see your old favorite Barnacle and the amazing sights and sounds of Squid all in one big night. Doors open at 9pm with the music starting soon after...and it's only 5 bucks, with a portion going to the Tsunami relief efforts.

SMUSA Election Season: Are you ready? Should You Care? YOU DUCKING FAMN WELL SHOULD!

BY JAMEE GOH

Beginning Sunday, the 23rd of January, nominations for the SMUSA executive positions will be open to all registered students of Saint Mary's University. Students will be able to pick up nomination forms from the SMUSA reception desk on the 5th Floor of Student Centre. **These forms MUST be handed in by Friday, January 28th.**

During these elections, students use their constitutional rights of democracy to vote in who they want in charge of SMUSA in the next school year. Students are nominated or nominate themselves for the four positions available and will run a campaign to promote themselves.

For those new to the SMUSA Executive Elections, here are some terms which you should quickly get acquainted with:

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER (CRO): Person in charge of running the elections. Candidates will go to them to discuss their campaigning plans, and have their posters stamped.

DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER (DRO): Assistant to the CRO.

SLATE: A group of candidates running together as a team.

SCRUTINEER: Every candidate must have someone who will be present during the counting of the votes, to ensure every vote for their specific candidate is accounted for.

QUESTIONS:

WHO CAN RUN? As long as you are a registered student of SMU, you can run. You may not win, but hey, that's what the campaigning week is for!

WHO WILL RUN? Yes, you people will want to care about this. Is it a person we all know? Are they in the limelight of SMU's

society scope? Why are they running?

WHAT WILL THEY RUN FOR? Sometimes two people will want to run, but not against each other. If a potential candidate feels that another potential candidate would do a good job, they may not run in order to support the latter.

The million dollar question

WHY SHOULD WE CARE? These elections will determine who will run SMUSA next year. It is in everyone's best interests to show their opinions and vote for the people they think should be in office. These people will ensure that students will have a voice, you should want them to be saying what you want said.

HOW THE NOMINATIONS WORK aka THE PAPERWORK

Candidates will be required to fill in the following:

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These numbers are gold when you need to know if it's a "snow day", especially useful when you really just want to stay in bed. Faculty will still change their voicemail individual class cancellations as well. When all you can see out your window is white pick up the phone first.



SMUSA WINTER CHILLOUT

SCHEDULE

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WEDNESDAY THE 19TH

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE (LOYOLA COLONNADE) 12PM-1PM

PIE EATING CONTESTS (DOCKSIDE/STUDENTS' CENTRE CAFÉ'S) 1:30PM-2PM

SCAVENGER HUNT CHECK PAGE 8 FOR THE ITEMS

OPEN MIC IN THE GORSEBROOK

THURSDAY THE 20TH

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE (STUDENTS' CENTRE) 12PM-1PM

HOT DOG GIVEAWAY (LOYOLA COLONNADE) 12PM-1PM

PIE EATING CONTESTS (DOCKSIDE/STUDENTS' CENTRE CAFÉ'S) 1:30PM-2PM

BLACK LIGHT PARTY IN THE GORSEBROOK

FRIDAY THE 21ST

DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT (THE TOWER) 10AM-8PM

SCAVENGER HUNT. ITEMS MUST BE PRESENTED IN THE STUDENT'S CENTRE LOBBY 12PM-1PM

CASINO NIGHT (STUDENTS' CENTRE) YOUR FAVORITE GAMES, PRIZES AND MORE... 9PM-1AM

REALITY NIGHT IN THE GORSEBROOK 9PM-1AM

SATURDAY THE 22ND

EAST COAST KITCHEN PARTY FEATURING BARNACLE AND SQUID

(STUDENTS' CENTRE) 9PM-1AM

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This Week @ SMU

2005 GRI FILM SERIES

Join us at the Gorsebrook Research Institute on Thursday, January 20th at noon for the viewing of *Alberta Bound* and *The Islanders*. *Alberta Bound* addresses out-migration, telling the story of Bernie and Violet who leave PEI for better careers in Alberta. *The Islanders* details the circumstances surrounding the entry of PEI into Confederation. Location: 5960 Inglis Street (the white house behind the science building) Juice and soda pop will be provided - please bring your own lunch. For more info please contact Tim Harris @ 491-8664 or timothy.harris@smu.ca

ART GALLERY RECEPTION

The Saint Mary's University Art Gallery will host a reception on Friday, January 21st at 8pm to celebrate its latest exhibits: Bev Pike: *The Hysteria Chronicles* and Lucy Pullen: *Double Meandering Ling Drawings and the Thing*. Both exhibits run from January 8th through February 20th.

ASBESTOS AWARENESS SESSIONS

Anyone interested in information about the management of asbestos at Saint Mary's is welcome to attend a session on Jan. 21st from 11am until 12 noon or on January 28th from 1pm until 2pm. Both sessions are being held in the McNally Theatre Auditorium and will have identical presentations. Kim Strong, an external environmental consultant and Gary Schmeisser, Director of Facilities Management will present information and answer questions about asbestos. All necessary precautions have been taken and will continue to be taken to ensure that the work and study environment here at Saint Mary's is a safe one.

KOSHOGATSU 2005 (JAPANESE LITTLE NEW YEAR)

Celebrate Koshogatsu 2005 on Sunday, January 30th from 1pm until 4pm at the SUB Cafeteria. Enjoy a sample of Japanese snacks, crafts, games and demonstrations of calligraphy, origami, hanafuda and much more. Admission is free. For more info contact Miyuki Arai at 496-8725

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Student Wellness Fair

JANUARY 25th

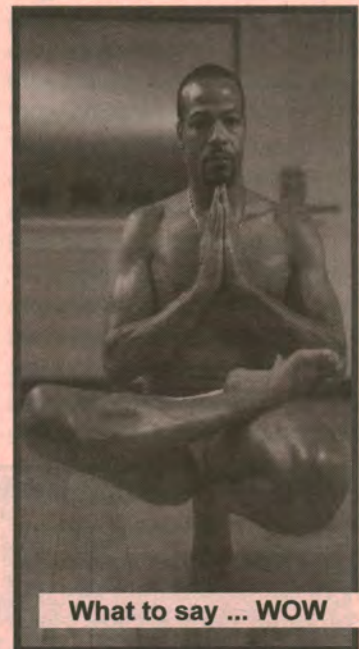
Of course we're all busy students. We've got reading, assignments, tests, pub nights, grocery trips, and lots more to do in the course of a week. With everything we've got to do, we often neglect one of the most important aspects of our lives: our own wellness. Well this year, it's time to start the year off right by experiencing some great wellness resources that can help you live a more balanced life. On January 25th, Counselling Services is holding the Student Wellness Fair from 10am until 2pm in the Loyola Conference Hall (L290).

The fair is open to all students, so feel free to drop in anytime and check it out. Lots of different organizations from on and off campus, will be setting up booths. Many booths will have information and free samples for you to take with you, and there will be representatives there to answer questions and provide more info. Throughout the day there will also be free scheduled workshops on a variety

of topics that all students are welcome to attend.

You can experience first hand the benefits of meditation, grab a smoothie, get a free massage, experience aromatherapy, and much more!

So make sure to stop by the Conference Hall on January 25th between 10am and 2pm and check out the Student Wellness Fair!



The tentative workshop and demonstration schedule:

- 10:30 Tai Chi and Qigong with Dr. Charles Beaupre
- 11:00 Meditation with Dr. David Sable
- 12:00 SMU Karaté Club intro class/demonstration
- 12:30 Yoga class
- 1:00 Healing Through the Medicine Wheel with Theresa Morris
- 1:15 SMU D.R.A.F.T. Team workshop on drinking responsibly
- 1:30 SMU Karaté Club intro class/demonstration

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NEWS

No Sunday Shopping ... Says Who?

BY MEGAN BLAIKIE

With Christmas having just past, and malls still packed with shoppers, it is amazing to believe that Nova Scotia voted down Sunday shopping last October. It seems as though everyone has an opinion on the subject, and while many voted, Halifax doesn't seem to have the same mind set on the topic as the rest of the province.

In the October 16th province-wide plebiscite, the vote was "no" to Sunday shopping with a slim victory. This means no shopping on the Sabbath, not only during the holidays, but year round. And those advocating for the right to shop on Sunday did not even win the right to shop during the six Sundays before Christmas as they had in previous years. The results were tallied provincially as a whole, meaning that even though voters in the HRM voted in favour of Sunday shopping, an older, rural population was able to offset these results. Simply stated, if Halifax had its own vote, Sunday shopping would be a reality.

This is easy to believe if you take a Sunday trip to the newly opened Pete's Frootique or to Chapter's bookstore - both allowed to be open on Sundays. Recent Sunday visits to these stores have proven, in my eyes, that Halifax desperately wants Sunday shopping. Pete's Frootique, for example, was so crowded you couldn't move and line ups to check

out were at least 20 people deep. It was impossible to look at anything or move five feet without being bumped into, pushed, or cut off.

How is it that this city allows this store the huge advantage of being open (and jammed with customers) on Sunday while all others must close? For a store to be allowed open on Sunday it must be either in a 'tourist district' (such as the waterfront) or be under the size regulations as set out by the province. Rumour has it that Pete's Frootique, although a large, store stays open legally on Sunday by registering each department as its own small store and therefore each of the small sections are separately under the legal size of a store allowed to be open on Sundays.

No matter how these stores open on Sunday, the fact that they do, and are amazingly busy should tell us something. Halifax wants Sunday shopping and those who are allowed to open on Sundays have a great advantage over the other shop owners. It is unreasonable to believe that because a store can slip around the regulation that they therefore deserve the chance to monopolize the Sunday market. If the chance to change this strangle hold law in Nova Scotia is of interest to you, take the chance to write or call Mayor Kelly or your local MP.

Singing for Asia TEN DOLLARS. OVER TWENTY BANDS.

BY JAMEE GOH



MIR (L to R) Shehab Illyas, Asif Illyas & Adam Dowling.

Concert for Asia was the brainchild of Asif Illyas, the lead of MIR. When he heard about the tsunami hitting Asia and taking more than 150,000 lives, he up and put together a concert, supported by Oxfam Canada.

Within five days, over twenty bands and musicians had booked a performance night at the Halifax Metro Centre. Companies pitched in to sell tickets and provide audio support. Delta Hotel found enough space to house the musicians, Canjet flew in an artist from India, Buckley's provided a raffle prize: a Norman Guitar with the autographs of all the performers of the night.

Seven thousand tickets went on sale about three or four days in advance of the concert for ten dollars. All were sold, and more were sold at

the door. The Metro Centre was packed - about 95% of the stadium seats were taken with a diverse crowd of concert goers ranging from age five to ninety-five.

Shaun Majumder and Mark Critch from This Hour Has 22 Minutes were the comedic hosts of the show, introducing most of the bands that played onstage that night. The concert started off with an Indian duo, playing the traditional drums and sitar (Indian guitar). The audience were obviously a little non-plussed at this non-mainstream music, but applauded loudly at the sitar player's obvious skill at the instrument. They were later joined by MIR, blending the traditional sounds with modern music with a passionate flair. Many of the acts tended to blend in with one another,

MIR being the main band behind the soloists when needed. Within the first hour and a half, ten acts had performed, including Crush, In-flight Safety, Susan Crowe (who began with a knowing, "You know you're going to get something different"), Canadian Idol's Kaleb Simmons, Bruce Guthro, Wintersleep and ending with an amazing Gaelic theme, combining the violinistic talents of Richard Wood, Rodney Macdonald and Natalie Rankin.

The Chairman of Oxfam, Richard Evans thanked the audience for their response, and encouraged them all to donate generously to the cause - aid relief in Asia.

The second half was introduced by Ricky and Julian from the Trailer Park Boys, and started with the Jimmy Swift Band, followed by a cello-violinist sibling duo, Denise and Mark Djokic. Other acts were performed by Sons of Maxwell, Steven Bowers, Universal Soul (providing a hip-hop flavour to the concert), Matt Mays (with just a guitar and a harmonica!), Andrew White, Meaghan Smith, Charlie A'Court and Lennie Gallent. The concert ended with MIR and several other performers singing together in a fabulous finale that obviously made the ten dollar ticket worth every cent.

Anyone interested in contributing to Oxfam's cause are welcome to donate by phone (1-800-466-9326), cheque or credit card, and visit their website <http://www.oxfam.ca>. If you want to find out more about MIR check out <http://www.mirwebsite.com>

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Marquee cues up big weekend

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BY BILL HUGHES



"indie rockers" Broken Social Scene

Following the success of last weekend's sold out K-OS Hip Hop show at The Marquee Club, booking's czar Mike Campbell has yet another great set of tunes on tap for this coming weekend at the Gottingen Street late night hot spot.

The Marquee is preparing for the arrival of established Toronto indie headliners and Arts and Crafts lablemates Broken Social Scene and Stars who will perform two weekend shows at the club. On Friday evening the headliners will be

joined by band In-Flight Safety and on Saturday evening they will welcome local favourite Wintersleep to the stage to open the evening's festivities.

Both nights will be a great opportunity to catch a BSS act that has released five records and has recently played to sold out crowds in NYC and Toronto. Tickets for those shows peaked at \$30, but a weekend show at The Marquee can be seen for the advanced ticket price of only \$17.50. A limited number of

weekend passes will also be sold for \$30 at Musicstop on Canard Street. Otherwise, advanced tickets are available at the regular Marquee outlets of Musicstop and Biscuit General Store on Argyle Street. The bands will bring with them sets of eclectic rock tunes that are sure to please. Come out and support the effort to keep Atlantic Canada's number one music venue alive. Because as The Trews frontman Colin Macdonald said, "It's drinking with a cause."

New live music Fridays at Reflections

TRICKY WOO + MARY LOU LORD + THE JUNIOR BOYS + DJ SERIOUS

Local promoter Gigantic Entertainment to present shows. Gigantic Entertainment is pleased to confirm the launch of a new live music night at Reflections Cabaret. This night will focus on staging shows by new and innovative artists each Friday starting February 4th.

"We are excited to stage these great shows in Halifax" says Wayne Mason, General Manager of Gigantic, "and are delighted with the size and quality of the sound in Reflections, which is a great venue"

The performance starts with Montrea I rock gods

Tricky Woo on February 4th, supported by local music scene stalwarts Contrived, followed on February 18th by a local hip hop showcase featuring Second Front and Recyclone. February 25th sees the Halifax debut of the hip-hop, funk and soul fusion of the Quartertones, featuring the turn table stylings of DJ Serious.

March 4th brings Hamilton's electro pop darlings the Junior Boys, who have been making waves around the world with their mix of the sounds of 80s pop history and the styles of contemporary dance music, and

finally, on March 11th Mary Lou Lord comes to Halifax. Attempts have been made and have failed since 1998, but third times a charm.

More info on these and other shows, as well as ticket prices, advance ticket locations and online sales, check out giganticentertainment.ca

And more about all kinds of events, bar listings, all ages shows, movie times & more can be found on halifaxnoise.com

Pitchman's tries again

Once a sports bar and pub, now a booming nightclub. Downtown Halifax's Pitchman's on Prince Street is undergoing a dramatic change that will bridge the downtown's nightlife gap.

"We're making weekends three-day events at Pitchman's," says Jessesar MacNeil of Fuse Group, the company hired to create Pitchman's alter ego. "We have found a number of gaps yet to be filled in the city's nightlife and Pitchman's can accommodate all of them."

The bar's new atmosphere will appeal to club hoppers and lounge fiends alike in the

same night. The layout features aspects of both genres and the new entertainment line-up has something for all interests.

The three-day weekend begins on Thursday, a night dedicated to the 30,000 students who call Halifax home. Fridays will be "Ol'Skool" featuring retro beats and themes. The big ticket of the weekend will be hip-hop Saturdays when Pitchman's will play host to popular DJs and acts. "We're listening to what the students want and the answer is variety and something new every night of the week. This is the start of something big," says MacNeil.

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FEATURES

The tuition cap: WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

BY ASHLEE STARRATT



Back in December, Nova Scotia universities signed an agreement to cap tuition fee increases for a maximum of three years on the condition that the provincial government would provide guaranteed funding for post-secondary institutions. The anticipated projection for the last year of the deal is that universities will be receiving \$34.6 million more per year from the government compared to what they are currently receiving. This works out to a \$1300 reduction in tuition fees per student over the three-year period.

Provincial Education Minister Jamie Muir is quoted as saying: "This is a substantial investment by the people of Nova Scotia in their students and universities. Higher education will continue to be an excellent value for students and our universities will continue to offer an education that is recognized across the country for its high quality. This comes on top of new initiatives in student financial assistance. Education clearly is a priority of the government". Saint Mary's President, Dr. J. Colin Dodds echoed support and encouragement of Mr. Muir's words by reiterating: "It recognizes that Nova Scotia's universities are a strategic asset, critically important to the province's future prosperity and quality of life".

This is the largest increase in provincial operating grants

ever for regional universities, as tuition fees will be limited to increases of no more than 3.9 percent annually for most programs during the agreement. The agreement also extends to limiting the cost of labs and residence fees, a substantial cut considering the 7 percent rise in tuition fees over the past few years. Although members of government, who sought their views in a meeting in October, reportedly took the needs and opinions of students into consideration there has still been a powerful voice of criticism on and off campus.

Students protesting and petitioning against the deal garnered a great deal of media attention as young activists pushed for a permanent freeze in tuition rather than the short-term cap proposed. Other areas of concern were that the cap did not include the faculties of medicine, dentistry and law, some of the most expensive programs offered, and did not provide relief for the differential fees that international students must pay.

Whether or not the benefits of this negotiation outweigh the downfalls, or whether it is merely a short-term band-aid for a long-term problem, remains to be seen. What we can know for sure is that the merits of further careful thought and deliberation where one's future is concerned is of the greatest value to all.

Travelers and Magicians

A GALA EVENING WITH INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED FILMMAKER KHYENTSE NORBU

Halifax will host the East Coast premiere of Khyentse Norbu's latest feature film "Travelers & Magicians". The film is a follow-up to his first feature, THE CUP. And like it's predecessor, Travelers & Magicians has won acclaim and numerous awards worldwide. "Two men. One chasing love, ends up in a dream. The other, chasing a dream, leaves love behind. A mystical tale of lust, jealousy, and murder set in the Buddhist kingdom of Bhutan."

January 31st, 7pm at the PARK LANE CINEMA 8. Gala Party, Lord Nelson Hotel, 9pm to midnight

Following the screening, there will be a Q&A with the director, and a gala party. Dress up and bring your dance shoes. Tickets are priced at \$40, with a charitable receipt.

All proceeds go to support Khyentse Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded by Khyentse Rinpoche in 2001 to support the international community of dharma students and practitioners, lay and monastic alike. The fund nurtures Buddhist schools for children,



more film details: www.travelersandmagicians.com

attendance at dharma programs, 3 year retreat, monasteries, publications, and translation.

Tickets are available at the Halifax Shambhala Centre, 1084 Tower Road, 420 1118. And at various supporting businesses throughout HRM, including Biscuit, The Trident, Drala Books, and Clay Café. They will also be available at a public talk Khyentse Norbu will be giving at Pier 21 on January 29th at 7pm. Mark your calendars now! Seating is limited, and tickets will not be available at the door.

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SPORTS

Women find success where men can't

BY BILL HUGHES

The Huskies had hoped that a road trip to the valley could help to heal their wounded record and take a step in the right direction of their playoff hopes. But, they ran into an Axemen club that showed very little mercy.

In Wolfville, Wayne Duncan and Achuil Lual each dropped 16 points on the Huskies enroute to a 70-66 Acadia victory. The win was the first of 2005 for Acadia, and registered yet another loss for a SMU club that has yet to make its mark in the win column in the New Year. James Burke contributed 12 points in the balanced Axemen attack while Nelson Carvery, an emerging second half scoring star, continued his strong play in recording 22 point for the Huskies. Jon Thibault and Jerome Goodman both put in solid performances with 18 and 13 points respectively, but in the end it was not enough to slow the 4-4 Axemen. The loss drops the Huskies record to 3-5 and marks their third consecutive loss since the Christmas Break. Remarkably, that 3-5 record puts the Huskies in second place behind only Acadia in the Baldwin division, but the Huskies remained in fifth overall in the AUS conference.

The Huskies will have a full week to recover and practice before they return to The Tower floor on Saturday

when they welcome the UPEI Panthers (5-5) to town. Game time is 4pm.

The lady Huskies travelled with the men to Acadia on Saturday but fortunately their trip rendered a much more positive result. Laura MacPherson had a phenomenal outing, recording a perfect shooting day (6-6) and dropped 15 points in the 61-54 SMU victory. MacPherson was not only perfect from the field, but also from the charity stripe as she went 3-3 on the afternoon. Team mate Jamie Walker also had a successful afternoon as she chipped in with 14 points for the 4-5 Huskies. MacPherson and Walker also cleaned up on the boards finishing with eight rebounds apiece. The home team got production from Kim Hurley who finished with 17 points and Ginny Gane who dropped 14 in the loss.

The win helps the Huskies close in on a .500 record, although they do remain in third place in the Baldwin division, and fifth overall in the AUS conference. The Huskies will continue to chase the front-running Memorial Seahawks (9-1) and the second place Dalhousie Tigers (6-3) in the hunt for the division crown. The Huskies next opportunity to improve on their record comes on Saturday in the early game against UPEI (5-5). The ladies take to the floor at 2pm followed by the men's game.

Predictability©

BY BILL HUGHES

Coming off a 4-0 divisional playoff week. Good work Billy. Conference Finals Sunday. Here goes.

ATLANTA AT PHILADELPHIA

Atlanta came out and proved a lot of sceptics wrong with a convincing 47-17 win at home against St. Louis. Michael Vick finally turned in a huge performance in a big game setting. The Falcons defence also performed admirably in shutting down the high-octane Rams attack. The Eagles looked strong, although they won a game marred by crucial mistakes that really could have gone either way. McNabb looked confident despite being without the services of All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens, who was forced to watch from the press box due to a season ending injury. With all that being said, I see this game coming down to two solid clubs separated only by home field advantage and cold Philly weather. Philadelphia will come out on top because a dome team will never win a Super Bowl going through the north. If this game were indoors on a fast track, it may be an entirely different story for the Vick driven Falcons. But outdoors, in as hostile environment as can be found in the NFL, the Eagles will finally exercise their demons and capture an NFC crown. They will advance to the Super Bowl in Jacksonville and prove to their supporters that a McNabb led club can get the job done. In the NFC at least.

Call it...

Philadelphia 23 Atlanta 20

NEW ENGLAND AT PITTSBURGH

It's a simple as this. Pittsburgh should not be playing in this game. That being said, they managed to sneak out a come-from-behind victory with a little luck, and a kicker that refused to let his team down the way the Jets kicker had done on two previous game winning tries. The Steelers have now won 15 straight games and that has given them the privilege of hosting the AFC championship game. The problem for the Steelers is that they welcome the defending World Champions to Heinz Field. The Patriots proved their worth last weekend as their defence completely dismantled the fourth most productive offence in NFL regular season history. On the other side of the ball, the Pats dominated with a ball control offence that held nearly a 2 to 1 margin in time of possession. The short passing game in combination with a stellar ground attack projected the Pats to a 20-3 victory at Foxboro. Although the Pats must now go on the road to Pittsburgh, having played in very difficult weather conditions, and succeeded should prove to be a big confidence booster. This is the match up that New England has been looking forward to since the Steelers defeated them on Halloween night, 34-20 at Heinz Field to halt their NFL record 21-game winning streak. The difference on that evening is that the Patriots were missing the presence of a key superstar. The absence of Cory Dillon was evident as his replacements were unable to spark the running game and

maintain ball control. Although the Steelers enter the game with one of the NFL's highest rated defences, both against the pass and the run, the Patriots will be able to maintain better ball control than in their first match up and will reap the benefits of having a much more balanced attack. Ben Roethlisberger showed last weekend that he might not be ready for the big stage. He looked nervous and his decision-making was clouded by the pressure of Steeltown's high expectations. The pressure translated into untimely interception throws, two of which should have cost them the game. To try and cover up Big Ben's shortcomings, the Steelers running tandem of Jerome Bettis and Deuce Staley will be very busy and will have to be very successful. My feelings is that Bill Belichick will devise yet another genius game plan that will focus on bringing his linebackers up to shut down the run and force Big Ben to beat the Pats secondary deep. The secondary is beat up, but they played well last Sunday against Indy and will do so again. Belichick's defence shut down the NFL's MVP Quarterback, they'll certainly do that again, and produce turnovers against the rookie. Richard Seymour will be back, and Cory Dillon and Tom Brady will remain undefeated in the playoffs. The drive for three banners in four years is alive. The Patriots will ride it all the way to Jacksonville for Super Bowl XXXIX. As I said earlier this season, Brady's favourite ring is his next.

New England 20 Pittsburgh 16

Huskies suffer tough week

BY BILL HUGHES

The Saint Mary's Huskies women's volleyball team began the 2005 portion of their schedule on a difficult note going 1-2 in the past week of play.

The Huskies had the difficult assignment of having to open the New Year on January 11th with a match up against the front-running Dalhousie Tigers. The Tigers were able to continue their winning ways by defending their home court with a convincing straight sets victory. The 3-0 win produced some excellent action, but the Huskies were unable to win any of the close games, falling 25-19, 28-26, and 25-21. The Tigers were led offensively by Jillian Goulet who finished with 13 kills. The Huskies were led by star Caroline MacFarlane and Kristine Mcculloch who each turned in 8 kills.

The Huskies hoped that a trip to the Island would prove to be the cure to what ailed them, as they looked to rebound following the loss to

open the new calendar year. Unfortunately, although they put forth another solid effort, the result did not follow. SMU was unable to win a single game as the UPEI Panthers defeated the visiting Huskies 3-0. The Panthers game wins of 25-23, 29-27, and 25-18 were spearheaded by three players that finished with double figures in the kills column. Nicole Murphy led the attack for the home team as she contributed 12 kills in the victory. Following her lead, Ashley Shannik and Barb Vriends finished with 11 apiece. No Husky was able to reach the double digit plateau in kills, as their leading producer Janesse Boudreau finished with only 9. SMU's Kristen Mcculloch led the defence, turning in a strong 11-dig performance. The Huskies having dropped their first two game of the New Year returned to the more comfortable home confines of The Tower, where they

welcomed the University of Moncton to their floor. The result was a much more positive one, as the Huskies reversed their fortunes from their previous efforts and turned in a 3-0 victory. In what seems to be a very competitive AUS schedule, this game, much like their previous two was closer than the final box score indicates. The Huskies won the three games 26-24, 26-24, and 25-21. Caroline MacFarlane stepped up her play and finished with 13 kills and 16 digs. Janesse Boudreau and Danielle Shortall also chipped in offensively as they recorded 8 and 7 kills respectively. On the defensive side, Alex Quinn and Kristen Mcculloch finished with 11 digs each. Despite 10 kills from both Anik Gallant and Kristen Levesque, les Anges Bleu were unable to counter the potent Huskies attack. Janice Thibault made a valiant attempt with 11 digs, but SMU's offence was simply

too much on the afternoon.

The Huskies record fell to fourth place, behind Dal, St. FX and UNB at 8-5 after last week's play, but will look to rebound this week with a single game. The Huskies return to The Tower on Saturday at 7pm in a pivotal match up against the third place UNB Varsity Reds. The Huskies trail the Varsity Reds by only 2 points and will look to push themselves into a three-way tie for second place in the AUS volleyball conference.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

BY BILL HUGHES

"We keep giving ourselves opportunities. Some teams would get to the playoffs and then the next year would feel bad for themselves and go 5-11. We'll be back next year."

-Peyton Manning

Can't wait to see you back at Foxboro next year Peyton. Same time, same channel, and same result.

Ranting and Raving

BY BILL HUGHES

Well, well, well. Was I the only person on earth that wasn't one bit surprised by Peyton Manning's performance, or lack thereof on Sunday evening? All season I have been insisting that he is overrated and that you cannot judge a player's performance based on blow-out wins against teams like the Detroit Lions. But alas, nobody has been willing to listen to me, instead chalking up my reasoning to bias. Well, this is where I take the opportunity to pat myself on the back.

I don't think that it is fair to discount his accomplishments in the regular season. His 4557 passing yards, record 49 touchdown passes, 67.6% completion percentage and record 121.1 QB rating is nothing to ignore. But, one must keep in mind that these figures, primarily exaggerated against inferior competition, have to be taken with a grain of salt. When you consider Manning's poor record against upper echelon competition, the fact that only 17 of his 49 TD passes were completed outside of a dome and that he lacks in any kind of playoff success, it is very difficult to understand how everyone, including so-called media experts, picked the Colts to defeat the Patriots last Sunday at Gillette Stadium. Given that Manning had lost all of his six previous career appearances in Foxboro (including last season's AFC championship game and week one's 24-14 loss) it is difficult to understand, despite the Patriots banged up defence, how one could come to the conclusion that Manning would have any success.

The answer to this is the league's strength. The key is that the NFL markets their product better than any other profession sports league. The

result is that they control and influence the media to the point where fans for the entire week are bombarded with storylines that lead to the ultimate intrigue of Sunday's games. After the media continue to repeat time after time that something is going to happen, no matter how illogical it is, fans begin to buy into it.

The media throughout the past week had convinced everyone that Manning was going to dominate this game, and that despite his history outdoors in the cold and on the road in Foxboro, that he was going to embarrass the World Champs in their own backyard. That's why Peyton Manning is a media darling, not necessarily due to his success, but rather because the media see him as their poster boy and they talk him up (read exaggerate) his level of play every single weekend. They fail to step back and realize that his statistics are compiled in embarrassing blow-out wins against lower calibre teams.

At the end of the day Peyton Manning will enter the hall of fame because of his staggering statistics. But like Dan Marino, he will always be remembered as one of the best quarterbacks to have never won a championship. Leadership and success in professional sports is judged by the rings on your fingers and the sooner the media and Manning recognize this the better. I'm sick and tired of hearing about the greatness of QB darling Peyton Manning. How about we drop the subject until he proves that he can win not only at home in week five, but more importantly in the playoffs when it counts. Mr Manning is advised to better respect his opponents in the fourth quarter of games next season. Because now he knows how it feels to be on the opposing end of a blow-out.

SMU captures U de M track meet

Université de Moncton Track and Field Meet on January 15, 2005. Overall score: Saint Mary's University (88pts.) Dalhousie University (85pts), STFX (36pts), and U de M (10pts.)

Saint Mary's captured the meet winning the 60m sprint, 300m sprint, 600m sprint, 60m hurdles, and long jump.

Dalhousie won the high jump, triple jump, shot put (Tyler "Fabio" Durham), and weight throw (Tyler "Fabio" Durham).

Tedroy Gomes scored 19 points for SMU in his 60m, 600m, long jump, shot put, and high jump performance.

Fraser O'Neil scored 16 points for SMU and achieved two gold medals in both the 300m sprint, and long jump.

Prince Boabang, Brad Robinson, Tim Spidel, and Fraser O'Neil finished 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the 60m sprint.

Calum MacQuarrie finished 1st in the 600m sprint, with Kyle Gee and Tedroy Gomes finishing second and third, respectively.

300M sprint results: SMU filled the podium. Fraser O'Neil (1), Calum MacQuarrie (2), Kyle Gee (3), and Ben Claire (5)

Student Wellness Fair

FREE!

Tuesday January 25th
10am-2pm drop in anytime!
Loyola Conference Hall (L290)

Learn more about Spas

Practice Yoga

Try a Smoothie

Learn to Meditate

Enjoy Health Foods

Experience Aromatherapy

Hear about Spiritual-

Experience great wellness resources to help you live a balanced life

Counselling Services

personal • career • educational
4th Floor Student Centre 420-5615

HOCKEY RESULTS:

MEN'S

January 12th SMU 3 DAL 2
January 14th UPEI 6 SMU 3
January 15th SMU 3 UNB 2

This week:

January 21st STU @ SMU
7pm
January 22nd UdeM @ SMU
7pm

WOMEN'S

January 15th SMU 6 UdeM 2
January 16th SMU 6 UdeM 0

This week:

OFF

Hockey guru Adam Costello returns next week with the Huskies recaps. Promise.

Spaz and Eric's Scavenger Extravaganza 2005

Someone to do a pastel portrait of the Judge while the page is being judged (must be done by the end of page judging and look good enough to send to mom). [5 points]

A seascape complete with people as mermaids, seawitches, crabs and a drowning sailor. Involve goldfish. Lots of them. Preferably goldfish crackers which you give to the Judge. [15 points]

A champagne supernova (non-alcoholic). [5 points]

Human-sized onion ring. [20 points]

Child-bearing hips. [2 points]

A servers Hawaiian Shirt from the Mustache. [50 points]

Mood lighting. [7 points]

A moveable feast. [4 points]

A photograph of a team member in front of any Halifax landmark wearing an Army coat a Tutu and a Mohawk. [35 points]

Build a centrifugal compressor. [50 points]

Half a pound of cigarette butts (must provide a scale). [10 points]

Big'uns. [10 points]

Teammembers dressed like the Scooby Doo Gang. [15 points. 5 bonus points if they can run like them in place]

Pogo-stilts. [10 points]

Boots that were made for walkin'. [2 points]

A teammate covered entirely in mashed potatoes. [25 points]

Who was the cutest New Kid? [2 points]

Girls' photo IDs from Catholic school. [5 points per ID, 5 ID maximum]

An Egg McMary (5 points)

Three first-place ribbons from a county fair. [3 points]

Unopened box of Star Wars Valentines (bonus points for holographic or deluxe box). [5 points]

The rubbing of a Husky Van license plate. [10 points]

A light bulb powered by a bicycle, treadmill, stairmaster, nordictrack, or hamster on a wheel. [15 points]

Donate blood You must see the Judges on hand to record your donation. If you are unable to donate blood, you will not be awarded pts for attempts made. [20 points per donor, 500 points maximum]

A Moose Crossing sign. [100 points]

Nacho hat. [3-7 points, scaled on coolness]

A girl with a mullet. [3 points]

Your team's flag on as many campus buildings as possible. [1 point per flag, 5 flag maximum]

Something silky. [10 points]

Photo or videotape of a teammate playing basketball in their undergarments. [40 points]

Photo of love in an elevator. [5 points]

A lightsabre. [30 points]

One teammate in full breakdance regalia, including cardboard breaking mat. [50 style points maximum. 5

bonus points for the worm, 5.5 points for the wave, and 15 points for some wicked backspins]

A valid liquor license. [85 points]

Orange Julius Caesar--don't forget the toga. [12 points]

A glass slipper. [35 points. 50 bonus points if it fits on the Judge's foot]

High flying kung-fu moves (moves that do not meet our standard of "high flying" will be awarded no points). [9 points per move, 90 points maximum]

A menu from the Chicken Burger. [15 points]

A Toronto phonebook. [60 points]

A teddy bear as big as your Judge. [40 points]

Find a College student who has spent over seven years getting his or her degree. [10 points. 10 bonus points for every extra year]

A human being and citizen. [10 points]

Currency from Great Britain, France, Italy, Turkey, Sweden, and Denmark. [22 points]

Proof that a teammate danced in the cage at Palace. [15 points]

Proof that a teammate danced at Ralph's. [85 points]

A styrofoam Big Mac container. [75 points]

A mug from A&W. [10 points]

Ricky Martin paraphernalia. [10 points per item, 50 points maximum. 10 bonus points for Menudo-era items]

Gucci sunglasses. [28 points]

Viagra. [10 points]

A song about SMU" sung to the tune of the TV Show "The Beverly Hillbillies." [21 points].

27 pairs of earmuffs. (20 pts.)

Velcro shoes, men's size 10 or greater. (1 pt. each size over 10)

Underwear run up a flagpole. Bring Proof. (36 points).

Pictures of a team member swimming outside. (25 points There must be snow on the ground. + 75 bonus points if they're Shirts that say Loser, or, I don't know, something like Talk to the Hand. (15 points.).

The winning Scavenger Hunt trophy. Make a kick-ass design, build it, and present it. (39 points.).

Reenact the entire Star Wars Trilogy in 1 minute. (19 points). A priest, a rabbi, and a minister. Extra points if they walk into a bar. (30 points).

HUSKIES AT HOME

MEN'S HOCKEY

THE HALIFAX FORUM
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 VS STU 7PM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 VS UDEM 7PM

BASKETBALL

THE TOWER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 VS UPEI
WOMEN 2PM & MEN 4PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 VS UCCB
WOMEN 1PM & MEN 2PM

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 VS UNB THE TOWER AT 7PM

GAMES FREE TO SMU STUDENTS WITH ID

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