

#### **BOOKS WITH CD'S TAXED AT 15%**

BY DON HARPER // BOOKSTORE MANAGER

When the 15% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) took effect in 1997 for the three participating provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland & Labrador, BOOKS became eligible for a point-of-sale rebate which meant the 8% provincial component of the tax was exempted and could be taxed at the national GST rate 7%.

Recently, there has been confusion within the bookselling industry as to the tax status of books containing a CD-ROM or an "Access Code" to a text related web-site. In response to requests from the industry, the GST/HST Rulings directorate of Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) issued an application ruling of Excise Tax Act concerning the supply of "books with CD-ROMs," citing arguments that the addition of a CD-ROM is considered a new product and is "not a printed book." Books with CD's and/or access codes were therefore to be taxed at the full HST of 15%.

Nova Scotia's Finance Minister recently expressed disagreement with the federal Rulings Directorate that a book with a CD is a new product "integrated to meet the recipient's needs." In the Minister's words, "a book is a book." The view among college booksellers is that, at best, the CD's supplied with textbooks are a useful optional resource; at worst, they are of little or no use to most students, reinforcing the argument that within the text/CD

package, the supply of the CD is incidental to the supply of the textbook. The Province and the booksellers both agree the tax should not be 15%.

A large percentage of the textbooks at Canadian university bookstores contain either a CD or a Web Access Code insert. At present, publishers will not sell the books alone to the bookstore; purchase of the CD package is mandatory. The additional 8% tax revenue collected at the provincial portion of the HST could cost students a considerable amount more per year than they are now paying. This tax is a burden to students faced with increasing demands on their dwindling financial resources

The provincial government is aware of booksellers' concerns regarding the HST rebate status for books with CD's. Since the administration of the HST falls under federal jurisdiction, the three provinces must meet with the federal government to decide amendments to the Tax Act. An amendment allowing an exemption of the 8% provincial portion of the HST could take time to be passed, perhaps into the new year.

It is unfortunate that a tax amendment could not be made prior to the start of the new term. While non-HST provinces can amend their tax laws to exempt provincial taxes, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland must wait for a federal ruling before books with CD's can be taxed at the rate of 7%.

# Leader of The Worlds Largest GLBT Organization Coming To Halifax!

On Thursday, September 22, 2005, the Rev. Dr. Troy D. Perry, founder and moderator of the worlds largest international church started in, and reaching beyond the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) communities will be arriving in Halifax. He will help kick off the celebrations for the Safe Harbour Metropolitan Community Church's 14th Anniversary Weekend Festivals.

Rev. Perry who founded the world wide denomination, Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) begun in October of 1968; is the spiritual head of a church that now has over 43,000 members in 23 countries around the globe. Each year, more than 225,000 people attend MCC programs and services.

Under his visionary leadership and radical commitment to human rights, MCC was the first church to recognize the necessity of ministering to the needs of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people throughout the world. It is through that ministry that Perry has become a leading activist for GBLT rights.

Rev. Perry's activism has taken many turns during the past 37 years, including positions on a number of boards of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered organizations. He held a seat on the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations. In 1978, he was honoured by the American

Civil Liberties Union, Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter, with its Humanitarian Award. He holds honorary doctorates from Episcopal Divinity School (Boston), Samaritan College (Los Angeles), and Sierre University (Santa Monica), California for his work in civil rights and was recognized by the Gay Press Association with its Humanitarian Award in 2003. Rev. Perry was invited to the White House in 1977 by President Jimmy Carter to discuss gay and lesbian civil rights issues and was a guest of President Bill Clinton at the 1997 White House Conference on Hate Crimes. Most recently Rev. Perry was recognized by the city of Los Angeles as they dedicated a bronze plaque at the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Mc-Cadden Place to honour him as one of the three Christopher Street West founders of Pride. The plaque's location marks the spot where the first Los Angeles Pride Parade stepped off -- one year after the Stonewall Riots. This marked the very first Pride Event in the USA.

A leading activist in the fight for the recognition of same-sex marriages, Perry and his partner of 18 years, Phillip De Blieck were married in Toronto on July 16, 2003. The couple returned to their home State of California and successfully fought and won a legal battle to have their marriage recognized by the State. At recent international

church conference in Calgary, Rev. Perry credited Canada and our commitment to Human Rights as the catalyst that will bring eventual change to the USA and many other countries throughout the world.

In addition to his work as a gay religious leader and Human Rights activist, Rev. Perry has found time to write an autobiography, "The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay". Rev. Perry also completed a segual to this book titled, "Don't Be Afraid Anymore", published by St. Martin's Press. He is a contributing editor for the book, "Is Gay Good?" and he is the subject of another book, " God Too". In 2003, his book "10 Spiritual Truths for Gays\* (\* and everyone else!), was published; and most recently a biography of his life and ministry entitled, "Troy Perry Pastor and Prophet", edited by theologian and author Chris Glaser, was just released.

While Rev. Perry realizes the oppression still facing gays and lesbians, he stands at the vanguard of the movement, telling his flock and the rest of the world, "We're Not Afraid Anymore".



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#### **Open Mic Nights**

Open Mic is your chance to become a star! Every Wednesday night, the Gorsebrook Lounge hosts an Open Mic night. There is a \$100 cash prize for the best performance of the night and the weekly winners have a chance to play at the Best of Open Mic in December. First prize at the Best of Open Mic is \$500 in cash!



#### September12

· SRC Nominations Open

#### September13

SRC Nominations Open

Events Calendar

#### September14

SRC Nominations Open

#### September15

· Wing Night & D.J. @ Gorsebrook Lounge

#### September16

- Last day to register for courses and filing applications for Spring Convocation, 2006.
- SRC Nominations Close

#### September 17

Football Game (Away)
 SMU @ StFX, 2:00p.m.

#### September 17

- SRC Campaigning begins
- SRC Meeting

#### **Volunteers Wanted!**

SMUSA is looking for volunteers! Volunteering is a wonderful way to gain valuable experience by helping others. We're looking for volunteers that will help us with:

- A Soup Kitchen
- CASA/ANNSA Campaigns
- Clothing Drives
- A Christmas Parade Float
- Local charity work
- Events such as Homecoming, Winter Chillout, the Price is Right, and Bands and Concerts.

#### **Contact Information:**

Drop by the 5th floor of the Student Centre and visit Adam Lordon (adam\_lordon@hotmail.com), SMUSA's Volunteer Coordinator, to fill out a volunteer form. It's an easy way to get involved!

#### Available for FREE!

The 2005-2006 SMUSA Student Handbook is now freely available at the Information Desk on the 1st floor of the Student Centre. Never again should you forget an assignment is due or the quiz next class. Pick up yours today!



#### **ELECTIONS THIS WEEK**

Here's your chance to run for Student Representaive Council (SRC)! The available positions are as follows:

- Engineering
- First-Year
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- Mature Student
- Residence
- Senior Undergrad

Nominations Open Monday, September 12th, 9:00a.m. Nominations Close Friday, September 16th, 5:00p.m. Visit the 5th floor, Student Centre, to pick up your nomination package.





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## We're back, and so are you so ... welcome.

Hey there, so, it's September, time for a little recap of the last few Journal months I guess. The \$2 battle is finally over and it turns out we didn't get the much needed ca\$h. In a sketchy SRC meeting (that neither Journal Business manager Mark or myself were told about until the very last second) it was decided that the SRC members would just vote and get it over with. So, we will be seeking approval for

a 2nd referendum vote coming soon, and will of course be asking for your support at that time, until then, we're back! We can't, we won't and we don't stop.

Moving on, we're of course always on the look out for new talent. If you would like to write or know anyone who might please let me know. Hopefully everyone who dropped by on the society expo day to say hi will actually end up upstairs or in my email inbox at some point.

And finally, news editor Simon and myself haven't slept in like forever so ya, there are errors and stuff, today was crazy. I need to have a nap like nobody's business but the show must go on. We need a little time to work out the glitches, we'd love it if you'd help us do that. (Hint, come proofread on Mondays around 4-6, give us computers!) To everyone that helped us get this paper together, thanks.

Drop by the office 5th floor Student Centre, office hours will be posted on the door soon.

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#### WANT TO SEE YOUR NAME HERE? SEND SOMETHING TO THEJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM

If you have made a contribution and I've mistakenly not added you to this list please let me know as we use it for voting purposes.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK :

i like to dance. alone. with pink socks on.
... I'm pretty sure it was a "door man" that said this,
at the Gorsebrook Lounge.

he says, we're going to have a long talk someday, I'll explain how the entire universe works. because i can y'know.

she says, i think i'd have a panic attack, but i think you're one of the most interesting people i've ever met!

... overheard in the Journal office

# Mhat's wrong with the world?

Dear Kate,

I am writing this letter as a concerned student. I used to think that Halifax was a moderately safe city. I always knew that I shouldn't walk home alone, but I did it sometimes anyway. Regardless, if I had someone to walk with me, I would feel completely safe. I don't feel this way anymore.

Saturday night I attended a party on Tobin Street. Around 12:30, two friends of mine, a male and female, left the party together. As usual, I didn't think twice because the walk home was short and they were together. "Safety in numbers" has always been a golden rule, however being a pair did not matter on Saturday.

About ten minutes after my friends left the party, I decided to leave as well, by myself. I walked up the hill on Tobin Street and found my female friend crouched over her boyfriend. There was blood covering the sidewalk. When I got a closer look at his face, I saw more cuts and blood on him than I have ever seen on anyone in real life.

I did not see it happen, but they had been hit with a random act of violence. As the couple walked home after the party, a car slowed down and stopped in front of them. A male jumped out of the car, threw my female friend to the ground, and hit her boyfriend over the head with a beer bottle. As both lay on the pavement, the attacker kicked the male and proceeded to jump back in the car as it drove away. Neither victim could positively identify the attacker, or the car.

After the police and ambulance came, I began to wonder about people's thought process. The attacker did not steal a wallet, or anything else for that matter. Bystanders thought there may have been a negative past between the male victim and the attacker, but the male victim is not from Halifax and only very recently moved here. So what was the motive...a gang, drugs, or someone's sick idea of a good time?

The Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) offers Husky Patrol, which runs until midnight every night but Saturday. Campus Security used to

offer a "Safe Walk Home" Program which SMUSA is in the process of reinitiating with a similar time frame as Husky Patrol. As students, we are working hard to stay safe, but with many crimes occurring after midnight, and numbers no longer reassuring safety, action needs to be taken.

With attacks such as this one on a steady rise in the past several months in the south end, it is now time as students and as citizens to reach out to authorities for help. I want to urge all students to contact Sue Uteck, our South End District 13 councillor. It's time to lobby our municipal government to think of new and innovative ideas. It's time to use our own heads to think up solutions, so we can all feel safe.

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# NEWS

#### **Youth Co-op to Strengthen Community of Co-operatives**

BY STU NEATBY

The MYDAS (Mobilizing Youth to Deliver Advisory Services) Worker Co-operative, along with the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council (NSCC) is organizing a World Café to be held in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) this fall. This event will bring together stakeholders from Co-operative and Co-op related organizations throughout the HRM and surrounding areas of Nova Scotia. The event is slated to take place on September 26th from 6:30-9:30 at the St Matthew's Church Hall.

"Co-ops exist to fill a particular need within a community, whether it be the creation of jobs, or providing a service such as affordable housing," says co-coordinator of the world café and MYDAS member Stuart Neatby. "We feel that the co-ops that do exist now have both strengthened communities and provided economic opportunities in the region."

A World Café is a tool developed around the world to draw community members together for a dialogue. World Café's have been utilized over the past several months by the

Halifax City Council for consultations with citizens on the HRM cultural plan. "The World Café has never before been utilized on a large scale with the entire co-operative sector in Nova Scotia. I believe this is the beginning of a whole new level of co-operation in the Province," adds co-coordinator of the Forum and MYDAS member Matthew Petre.

"Co-operatives have a long and dignified history in this province. Much like the teaching circles of Moses Coady and Jimmy Tompkins in the 1930's, we are hoping to draw co-operators together as a community in order to address issues we are all facing," adds Neatby.

MYDAS is a Worker Cooperative comprised of youth throughout the Atlantic region. The core objective of the MY-DAS program is to strengthen and grow the co-operative movement in the region through development of new co-operatives and through public education. The Nova Scotia Co-op Council is the provincial representative organization of the co-operative and credit union system. It has recently celebrated its 56th anniversary in this capacity.

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#### You down with NDP? Ya you know me...

BY NATHANIEL SMITH

I would like to take a walk down memory lane if you would please bare with me for a moment. Being a History Honors student I tend to walk down this lane a bit too much in all aspects of my life, however, I promise this will not be boring.

I remember just three years ago walking onto the campus of Saint Mary's University, with my mother in tow, going to purchase books at the bookstore - it was amazing to finally be in university. something I always believed I could have skipped high school and gone right into - but I digress. The ability to go and learn about the things I wanted to learn about, the ability to cultivate my mind, meet new people and build relationships (good and bad) with people from all over the region, country and the world. It was amazing and still is outrageous debt or not. However, coming to university also allowed me to get involved more in the groups that fostered the same values and beliefs that I held. That's how I got messed up with the The Nova Scotia Young New

Three years later here I sit as President of this group and I've had the opportunity to

Democrats.

be involved in its building, its evolution into the most visible political group on campus. To get to this point has been slow and hard due to the fact that politics, outside of SMUSA, is not a favorite topic for many here at SMU. However, we have worked hard and are continuing to work hard to build our group.

This week is the cultivation of three years of work that, I along with a small group of others, have been working for. On Thursday September 15, 2005 Jack Layton the leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada - of which we are a group of - is coming to speak at Saint Mary's for the first time since he was elected leader in 2003. We are extremely excited and proud to be jointly hosting this event with our sister group at Dalhousie (Dalhousie NDP dalndp@gmail.com) and to allow for the students of Saint Mary's to have the opportunity to hear Jack speak and to ask him questions.

You might not agree with Jack's policies and ideas and that is perfectly fine - however to have one of the top political leaders of this country come to visit our campus, to have him speak and to have the ideas and issues he raises debated throughout campus

allows for a political dialogue to begin - something which I hope the Saint Mary's Young New Democrats can continue to keep going.

It is with great honor that we present the Leader of our Party. It is also with great honor that I put out a challenge to the Young Liberals, Conservatives, Green Party Youth, along with any political group or collective on campus to come out, participate, encourage political debate - because it is only through debate that we actually learn. I encourage you to invite your members, leaders, star people to come and speak to the students of Saint Mary's so that we can continue this debate throughout the year - Let's make 2005/06 the year of Politics on Campus. With the inevitable Federal and more than likely Provincial elections coming in the winter and spring of 2006 politics will be present, so lets take advantage of that and get people engaged and thinking. Because ultimately politics does effect every aspect of our lives whether we like to think it does or not.

For those who would like to attend the speech that Jack Layton will be giving, it takes place at 5PM on Thursday 15 September 2005 at the Sobey Auditorium. For more information about the Saint Mary's Young New Democrats they will be holding their first meeting on 21 September 2005 at 7PM in Loyola Room 277, or you can contact Nathaniel Smith at smuynd@gmail. com

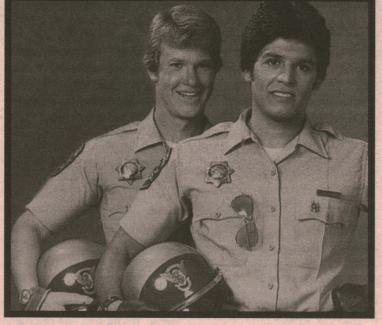
#### **Cyclists Beware**

Halifax Regional Police are beginning a strong and severe crackdown on bicycle safety in the metro area. On Friday, Sergeant Michael Spearns chatted with Journal-staffer Mark Layman about laying down the law.

Wth safety as their number one concern, HRP officers will be ticketing all cyclists who choose to let their locks blow in the breeze. Consider yourself warned. Read on, if you please, for an in-depth understanding of what is required when you are pedalling your way to class.

For leaving your helmet home, you can be stopped and charged \$128.75, but the fines don't stop there. Similar fines are given for carrying a friend (or enemy) on your handlebars, and for riding a bicycle without proper lighting and reflectors. You are required to have a reflector visible from the read at 60m. and a light on the front visible

If you ride on the sidewalk, you can be fined \$117.25. If your bike is not equipped.



with a horn or bell, you're out another \$117. These fines seem steep, but they serve as deterrents so that you'll get with the program ASAP. These laws may seem a little hard to enforce, but the infraction most easily seen is your obvious lack of a brain bucket. It doesn't make sense to put all this fancy university knowledge into your head if you're just gonna let it ooze out onto

the pavement. Let your helmet keep it all together.

At the request of Sgt. Spearns, we have printed these laws for you. Contact the HRM Partners in Policing office at 490-5016 if you have any questions. And please, give us an exclusive interview if you happen to get one of these avoidable fines. We'll try not to laugh too hard.

A neighbourhood yard sale and BBQ to raise funds for Hurricane Katrina Survivors will be held on

Sunday, September 18th 2005 9:00am-4:00pm at 6552 Bayers Rd.

If you have items to donate you can call 405-2414 to arrange to drop them off. There will also be bbq,face painting and much more! We will also be accepting Canadian tire money.

If you'd like to volunteer, please call 422-3208 (WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!)

Funds will go toward an organization composed of Katrina survivors who are working on relief efforts amongst the members of their community. This organization is also calling for the Bush administration to be held accountable for its sluggish, racist, and classist response to Hurricane Katrina.

See http://www.thenation.com/doc/20050926/klein

#### The Price is on the rise

BY NICK HORNE AKA

In the past few months the Maritime Provinces have been experiencing exceptionally low quantities of marijuana through out the regions. RCMP along with the help of City Police has cracked down on the transport as well as the cultivation operations in the local areas of the once abundant stream of "grass".

A large grow operation was recently discovered just outside of Adamsville New Brunswick, a short distance from Moncton where RCMP found and destroyed 19,000 marijuana plants. Shortly after the bust a house was raided and two males have been taken into custody.

Closer to home in past weeks RCMP raided a farm in Torbrook Nova Scotia, in Annapolis County discovering approximately 9,000 plants located between a field, barn and farmhouse. One man was arrested on the property; no names have been released at this time though the man is



being help in custody until a court appearance in Kentville this coming Wednesday.

With the recent stoppage in supply of marijuana to the Maritime Provinces which allowed an illegal industry to soar making a large amount of tax free money made through out the province, distributors as well as users can almost expect a price hike in the once inexpensive drug popular among teens and adults alike.

A timely hit on the marijuana industry RCMP have made it almost impossible for youngsters to purchase or locate the popular drug, which could have positive outcomes for the youth of today, as an almost stereo type for teen "potheads" has been on a continuous climb in past years, not all teens use or have used the drug but are labeled for being guilty by association.

With these recent busts and raids traffickers are feeling the pressure and the once booming underground business is drying up. At the peak growing time of the season just weeks before harvest you can expect the winter to be a long cold and not so "high time".

## **Back to the SMUture**

BY KATHLEEN "BLINGLY" LINGLEY

Once again Labour Day weekend coincided with the arrival of hundreds of new students to campus and the Students' Association was ready to welcome the new arrivals with a jam packed week of events.

Despite the holiday campus was buzzing on Sunday, with the combined Dry Pub and Casino Night in the Student Centre. Billy's Flick broke in the new stage in the renovated Gorsebrook and treated the crowd to some old favourites like the Ghostbuster's theme song. A computer was awarded to one lucky student in the Casino and many more walked away with other great prizes.

On Monday the frosh yelled loud enough to scare off the geeky

Dalhousie frosh and really kicked things into high gear at Turfburn. That night a new event, Blingo, graced the orientation schedule and students were decked out in bling, furs, and glitter. They also won some great prizes as those bingo numbers were called!

Tuesday was also a novel day at SMU with U-Stock filling the day's event list. During the evening 450 MSVU students joined some 900 SMU students for a rocking concert with Canadian icons Wintersleep and K-OS. During the day the crowd listened to the local talent of Christina Martin, The Wives, Two Hours Traffic, and others.

To celebrate the start of classes on Wednesday a dance was held

following the President's Dinner. Thursday was also a hit with the D.R.A.F.T. Team hosting a comedy and hypnotist show. On Friday SMU frosh had their first chance to show their school pride as they donned their bathrobes and booed the Acadia Axemen! That night they celebrated with Ruby Pier at the East Coast Kitchen Party.

The week was a huge success with amazing frosh participation and more than 100 dedicated frosh leaders. The frosh showed up with energy and the leaders went flat out all week. It all happened so quickly that we should all go Back To The SMUture and do it again!



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#### \$1.5 billion in transfer payment, a portion of which is committed to the reduction of tuition fees

I would like to use this medium to welcome both new and old students, while you were away, the VP External and the President has be working tirelessly through our lobby group, Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA), a federal student lobby organization representing the interests of 19 student governments and almost 300,000 students from coast-to-coast, and Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Association (ANSSA).

There have been some positive results from the government. The increase in federal transfers, announced in April, for the reduction of college and university tuition, has received a positive reception from Canada's students. The increase of 1.5 billion dollars in transfer payments, a portion of which is committed to the reduction of tuition fees, is a positive step towards addressing the complete lack of attention afforded to education in the last federal budget

On may 6, 2005. there was an act to authorize the Minister of Finance to make certain payments, was tabled in the House of Commons. With this Bill - containing terms from the deal between the NDP and Liberal Party - students are wondering where funding, slated for post-secondary education will end up.

"The announcement of this funding was good news for students. Financially needy students want to see their financial burdens reduced. We are now waiting for the government to make responsible decisions regarding the \$1.5 billion announcement," said Phillippe Ouellette, National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

CASA warns that funding post-secondary education without an effective, longterm framework is irresponsible, and will merely lead to

creating further disparities in the post-secondary system. CASA is calling for the creation of a dedicated funding transfer for post-secondary education. The agreement between the NDP and Liberal Party, and the resulting Bill is an excellent opportunity to begin the implementation of such a transfer.

"It is time that Canada had a vision for a strong post-secondary education system," added Mr. Ouellette, "the government must work with the provinces to develop a dedicated post-secondary transfer and a pan-Canadian accord on post-secondary education with this funding. The Bill expressly provides for such an arrangement, so let's see it happen," "If these measures are not achieved, we can't be sure that the money will reach the students who need it."

"We are all in agreement; extra education funding is a posi-

tive thing, but the way it came about must be questioned. The only funding received for post-secondary education this year was skimmed from the resulting surplus.

Students deserve a wellfunded, high-quality post-secondary education system, not leftovers from the government table. The government must make up for the lack of commitment and long-term vision shown to post-secondary education," concluded Mr. Ouellette.

Although CASA is pleased with the announcement of increased transfer payments, it is clear that future increases should be part of a Pan-Canadian Accord on post-secondary education between the federal government and provinces and territories.

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is a not-forprofit national student organization, offering progressive education reform solutions. CASA is celebrating its 10th anniversary as a successful lobby group and represents nearly 300,000 post-secondary students from across the country.

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#### **LOOKING FOR A JOB?**

#### **Contract Posting: Regional Coordinators** for "Dig Your Roots - Indigenous"

The National Campus and Community Radio Association (NCRA/ANREC) is looking for five part-time Regional Coordinators across Canada for its "Dig Your Roots" project. The project focuses on the distribution of a series of CD compilations, as well as the production and promotion of a series of nationally broadcasted radio programs featuring new and established acts. The regions are as follows: Pacific (BC/Yukon), Prairie (NT/AB/SK/MB), Ontario, Québec/North (QC/ NU), and Atlantic (NB/NS/PEI/ NL). In conjunction with other regional coordinators and the national coordinator, you will be responsible for:

- The recruitment of Indigenous artists, both Canadian and International.
- The promotion of a series of compilations featuring emerging Indigenous artists.
- The implementation of a series of national live broadcasts on campus and community radio stations.
- The implementation of a promotional campaign tying together the two aspects of the project (compilation series and live broadcasts).

Qualifications and Skills:

- Should have a working knowledge of and/or relationship with various music industry professionals.
- Should have a working knowledge and/or relationship with local and regional media, with an emphasis on alterna-

tive forms of media, including, but not limited to, radio, print, and Internet.

- Should have experience with producing and promoting live events/concerts/showcases.
- Should have a sound knowledge of the cultures of Canadian and/or International Indigenous artists.
- Should have a successful working relationship with Indigenous networks and/or communities.
- Should be working in and/or be familiar with the campus and community radio sector.
- Should have previous experience with self-employment and/or contract work.
- Should have demonstrated experience with meeting tight deadlines and working with demanding schedules.
- Should have demonstrated experience with networking and communications throughout a large region.
- Must be able to work as part of a team while needing little supervision.
- Must have proven organizational ability and time manage-
- Must be approachable and available for interested and participating individuals, organizations, and businesses.
- Must be flexible regarding scheduling and hours.
- Must be able to provide/have access to own workspace that includes a computer, Internet, and phone.
- Bilingualism and/or multilingualism is a definite asset.

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## Welcome

Back A message from Olivier your Vice President Academic, SMUSA

This is an exciting time for students, as your daily routine has been uprooted, and spontaneity has run amuck. Now that the parties have been busted, and the fines have been levied, it is time to ask the question "why am I here?" I hope that most students can answer that they've come to Saint Mary's to get an education. During your time here, if you run into any academic brick walls, please contact me.

I have been elected to be a student advocate, and if you feel unjustly treated, I can inform you of your rights, and give you guidance on how to deal with academic conflict. I can also direct you to the countless resources available on campus, which include the Writing Centre, the Financial Aid & Assistance Office, and SMUSA's very own tutor database.

Here are some topics students often bring up:

Registration (adding/dropping/pre-requisites) Academic Appeals

Academic advice

Professor evaluations/student evaluations of courses

Overcrowded courses

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Student rights and responsibilities

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#### BUSINESS

#### Miss Biz

a.k.a. Jackie Howatt

Has it been four months already? Well, I for one am glad to be back. Moncton just doesn't cut it for me. I've missed Halifax. Minus the copious amounts of wasps, I've missed the crowds, the transit system, the waterfront, and not to mention the shopping.

I've hardly been able to enjoy these little pleasures due to the madness of responsibilities I've taken on this year. Just to fill you all in on who I am and what I do: I'm a fourth year double major in Marketing and Entrepreneurship. I am currently working for SMUSA in the Communications Department, along with being Business Editor for the Journal, maintaining Marketing Director roles of two start-up companies and being a CASA Ambassador (Canadian Alliance of Student's Associations). It sounds like a lot to some people, but it's not that bad. It's actually normal to be this busy among most of my friends at this school.

Speaking about friends at school, I feel obligated to comment on the electrifying pub night last Thursday! Judging by the turnout, it's pretty safe to suggest that the renovations this summer were well worth it. Not only did the Gorsebrook benefit from the at-capacity attendance, but also, everyone who went was astonished at how beautiful, spacious and tasteful the interiors were. Personally, I fell in love with the dark wood, leather booths, and high seating. I'm loving that the seating has doubled and that it's more caféesque due to the wireless Internet! I was planning on staying until 11-ish, but like most people, I stayed till close - even though I had to work at 9 the next morning. It was well worth it though. Here's to hoping that every pub night this year is as amazing as the last.

Now down to business. Last year this article was very structured. I interviewed numerous small businesses around Halifax and wrote about them. I'm approaching this year differently. I'll be more or less facilitating this entire section and at the same time just casually commenting on past events, reporting



upcoming events, and babbling about random stuff I'm doing/ working on. Exciting? We shall see!

If you are interested in writing (which I know you are!), the topics you can write about (in case you need help getting those creative juices flowing), include, but are not limited to: the stock market, mergers, entrepreneurs around campus/ Halifax (like I did!), your adventures with opening your own business, evaluating business professors at SMU, your opinions on local businesses and how they are run (good/ bad), reviews on reputable and inspirational business leaders.. etc.. I am also working on a Classifieds section where you can find local jobs (internally and externally to campus), and where you can sell your stuff.

With all that said, I'm extremely excited about the Journal this year. I am in the process of recruiting writers

for this section, and there has been a lot of positive response thus far. A major misconception regarding the Journal that I have run into quite frequently is that the Journal is some kind of underground society where you must know the password for several portals in order to penetrate the impossible layer.... This is not the case at all. If you have any interest in writing about business, all you have to do is e-mail me. I don't bite..... hard...

Seriously though, if you like writing and are looking for something great to add to your resume, e-mail me and I'll set you up. Yes, I did say it will look fabulous on your resume. I will be more than happy to give referrals to frequent writers.

So whether you want to be a columnist, want to sell your stuff, or have a job to post, give me a dingle on my e-mail and I'll see what I can do for you!

## THE COCKERFELLER

-- QUESTION NUMBER ONE --

1. I'm interested in investing in the stock market. Can you give me an idea of the main Canadian and U.S.A stock exchanges and the differences between each?? Thanks! - L.M.

Dear L.M.

Disregarding the fact I would not recommend as a student to invest directly in the stock market (use a mutual fund from your bank till you are more comfortable with the real possibility of losing all your money). On a very high level the differences between the markets are almost nill outside of physical locations. Digging a little deeper you will notice that smaller companies will prefer to list themselves in their home country. While larger enterprises will list themselves simultaneously in both countries (often the same stock but simply traded in local currency). Otherwise you can notice that how you gain the right to trade at the exchanges varies from country to country. In Canada your first step is done at the federal level(Canadian Securities Course - which is offered at SMU if your interested), while in the US the process will vary greatly from State to State. Beyond this if you are still curious try googling "NASDAQ", "TSX" or "NYSE" and you can find some more information about specific exchanges.

#### -- QUESTION NUMBER TWO --

2. I have a small computer business that I aspire to taking public one day. What are the major implications for doing this.. What do I need? Where do I register? How long does it take? Where can I get more information? Hope you can help. –M.W

Dear M.W.

If you are not yet incorporated that will be your 1st step (it can be done through the provincial government with little to no hassles). As for going public (in the sense of listing on a stock exchange) you will need to get an Accountant and a Broker (also called Underwriter) to help do two things: the Accountant will get your financial statements in order, while the broker would be there to setup an IPO (Initial Public Offering) for your company. Your implications can vary significantly from having to answer to investors on a regular basis (which some people find annoying as it distracts you from the regular business work), to needing an audited financial statement every 4 months... Your best bet will be to go to your local bank and ask them where you can get a good Broker and Accountant - both of those people will be able to guide you through the process and answer questions more specific to your case.

If you have any questions regarding finance, management, marketing, careers, etc.. e-mail The Rocker-Feller at therockerfeller@gmail.com.

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#### THE SUCIETY PAGE

We at The Journal are pleased to introduce The Society Page, a new weekly section dedicated to the promotion and reporting of SMUSA's vast group of student societies.

We would like to encourage all societies to take part in this new section, and use

it as a tool to help promote events. In turn, we encourage societies to keep an eye on The Journal and keep an eye open for other events and fundraisers.

While many societies have already shown interest and excitement, we remain diligent

in our attempt to gather a list of society presidents or other members who will serve as liason officers between their respective society and The Journal.

Whether you are looking for a specific event, society, or are just looking for a chance to meet students who share your interests and passions, The Society Page will fill you in.

We at The Journal want to stress the involvement of each society here at Saint Mary's University. This new section is exciting for our staff as well as the many students with whom we have shared our vision. We look forward to the content of this section as well as the growth expected in societies and student life itself.

For now send all "society page" stuff to the journal@gmail.com, we'll have the real address figured out by next week. thank you for your patience!.

# 'The Literati'

If you are, or have been, desperately seeking information concerning the re-formation of an English Society - then I ask you to momentarily devote your attention to what I'm about to say.

Over the past few years, attempts have been made by various people to rebuild a once loved society amongst the student body of St.Mary's. However, a lack of time prevented the realization of this goal.

Thankfully, that is no longer the case.

With the work of six dedicated students, a new and upgraded society affectionately called 'The Literati' is finally ready to surface.

The Literati executive welcomes you all to become some of the first students participating in what we hope will succeed, and thrive, for many years. With an abudance of planned events, (including the publication of an anthology) the recruitment of students has now become our topmost

priority. Should you be frosh, you will have already seen our logo in your frosh packs. If not...expect an enormous variety of posters cluttering message boards around campus bearing our crest.

The official society meet and greet will be held on September 21st from 2-5 pm at the Gorsebrook. Where you can talk to us personally about any questions, concerns, or

Finally, if you have any creative writing that you wish to submit to us for publication, bring it along or e-mail us at smu.literati@gmail.com. If you submitted last year, rest assured that we still have your work, and cheers to you.

I wont divulge any more news quite yet, but please come and check us out, it really is worth your time.

Ashley Walsh Vice-Prez.

#### The Women's Centre

In the past, there have been some misconceptions about the SMU women's centre. It's been widely circulated that in order to be involved, one must shun shaving, wear hemp products and above all else, have a vagina.

My friends, you'll be happy to know this is not the case.

While all the aforementioned qualities are better than fantastic, they are not a strict requirement. The Women's Centre is a place where anyone from any walk of life, female, male or transgendered can meet to discuss gender topics, seek referrals, support, or just hang out. We also have a very healthy library of books and videos; use them for your papers, or just for fun!

This year, the Women's Centre will bring you events that we have in the past (such as The Vagina Monologues, which has allowed us to raise over \$3500 for Bryony House the past two years). Further, we're planning some shiny new events as well: an essay contest, a Movies that Matter series, volunteer opportunities with Titz'n'Glitz (a local breast cancer fundraiser), a celebration of International Women's Day, a Take Back the Night

March (a men's march as well as a women's march), a weekly column in The Journal, and several other rad events that are in the works.

Want to get involved? You can! We're currently recruiting for members to sit on our Board, and to help volunteer with our events. Whether you'd like to write, act, chair meetings, organize, volunteer – there's something for everyone, and we're always happy to hear new ideas. We are an inclusive centre, and also love collaboration with other groups on campus – we'd love to hear from you if you'd like to do an event together.

The Women's Centre is located on the 5th floor of the Student Centre, room 526. Stop by and pick up some of our free goodies (we always have condoms on hand, and some pretty snazzy buttons to complete your ensemble). You can call or email: 496-8722, womenscentre@smu.ca to let us know if you'd like to be on the email list. We'll be sending an email out by the end of the week with our first meeting, which will be next week! Swing on by the centre sometime; we'd love to meet you.

- Jen Crawford

#### **SRC NOMINATIONS**

The students' representative council has a bevy of open positions.

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# ARTENTERTAINMENT

#### **Chaos at SMU**

BY OLIVIER JARDA

Saint Mary's, our house at the end of Robie Street, was shaken last Tuesday by a cavalcade of great bands. Toronto-based hip hop artist K-Os, and the NS' own Wintersleep headlined orientation week's premier event, UStock.

Wintersleep played an impeccable set; the band was filled with energy, and played tighter than a pair of acid washed jeans. Wintersleep recently got back from playing a myriad of European tour dates, and it was evident that they had been hard at work on the road. Having seen Wintersleep on three previous occasions, I can attest to the fact that they are at the top of their game.

K-Os' band was also very tight. Aside from an interminable drum solo that gave K-Os enough time to leave the stage, and a few numbers which felt sluggish compared to previous shows, K-Os delivered a great performance.

The show began at noon, and concluded at 10:30. Christina Martin & Evan Koolvord opened the show. Martin is a Saint Mary's University student, who has shared the stage with many great artists, including Wilco, and Ryan Adams. The guitar and harmonica playing duo serenaded the audience with constant folkpop gems. Kolvoord is currently putting the finishing touches on

his second solo project, and Christina's debut album, Pretty Things, still has people talking.

The Wives, merchants of maritime metal, are perhaps what Halifax Indie rock is all about. (They're not a metal band at all, but Merchants of Maritime Metal should be someone's band name. For real.) One spectator actually managed to fool a student into believing that it was Joel Plaskett was playing. Although they have played with the Joel Plaskett Emergency, to the slightly tuned ear, they have their own unique sound. Sharp, pure vocals backed by a bullet rock band of scene veterans made heads bop hard. Bassist Chad Creaser, who hosted open mic at the Gorsebrook two years ago, had a wicked set.

Two Hours Traffic, four chemistry students from UPEI, followed. Joel Plaskett discovered these islanders and took them under his wing. He produced their debut album, THT, which has gotten solid reviews. Live, this band sounded as tight as the album.

Their catchy rock tunes were reminiscent of Halifax Indie rock, but had a distinctly different mellow mood. Fast drums and energetic solos kept the energy up, while solid and imaginative bass lines and strong vocals smoothed



out the edges. They're not Sloan, and that's cool. The band is currently touring with Wintersleep.

N.E.P., a Halifax rap group brought the house down quickly. They began their set unplugged. One member, equipped with a guitar and a mic, belted a soulful original, and was followed by a breathtaking accapella from another member. The stage was quickly filled by the rest of the posse. N.E.P. proceeded to rap to SMU until its eyes bled. Enjoy-

able bleeding.

All in all, the first 4 acts did not play to very big crowds, but the music could be heard all throughout campus, and added a great atmosphere. The Glo Pro games by the Arena also made the day more interesting. A significant amount of neighbours complained about the noise, but some came by and were invited by SMUSA President Zach Churchill to enjoy the show from the Tower's courtside lounge. Wintersleep attracted a sizeable

crowd, and K-Os played to a healthy pit of students. There were 1400 tickets available, and the concert came very close to selling out. Students from MSVU were invited to the concert in order to share the costs of such a huge undertaking. CKDU Radio personality RS Smooth DJ'd and MC'd parts of the night. The concert included a SMU vs. MSVU baby bottle drinking contest. Good show.

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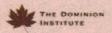


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I asked the SMUSA Communications team to give me the scoop on the "new" Gorsebrook. Here's what the boys had to say...

#### 500g? Boo Ya! Money well spent!

1pm? 2pm? 2:33pm? 3pm? 4pm? 4:52pm? Was The Gorsebrook ever going to open? Finally at high noon on Thursday, September 8th the doors to the newly renovated and fantastically accessorized pub open opened with shouts of "ohhhhh awwwww" and "welcome back"! The pub remained busy throughout the afternoon and really peaked at 11pm when the first pub night truely kicked into gear. With an awesome variety of music, the DJ brought people to their feet and kept them there! Even though the droves of thirsty and hot smudents had to wait in line, the new L-shaped bar is truly a great addition and allowed the usual free for all to dissipate to several different bartenders.

All of the old faithfuls were there, including the Husky, to embrace the newdesign and atmosphere. All in all everyone was stoked with the 'new' Groovesbrook and are really looking forward to an eletrifying pub filled 6 days and nights a week!

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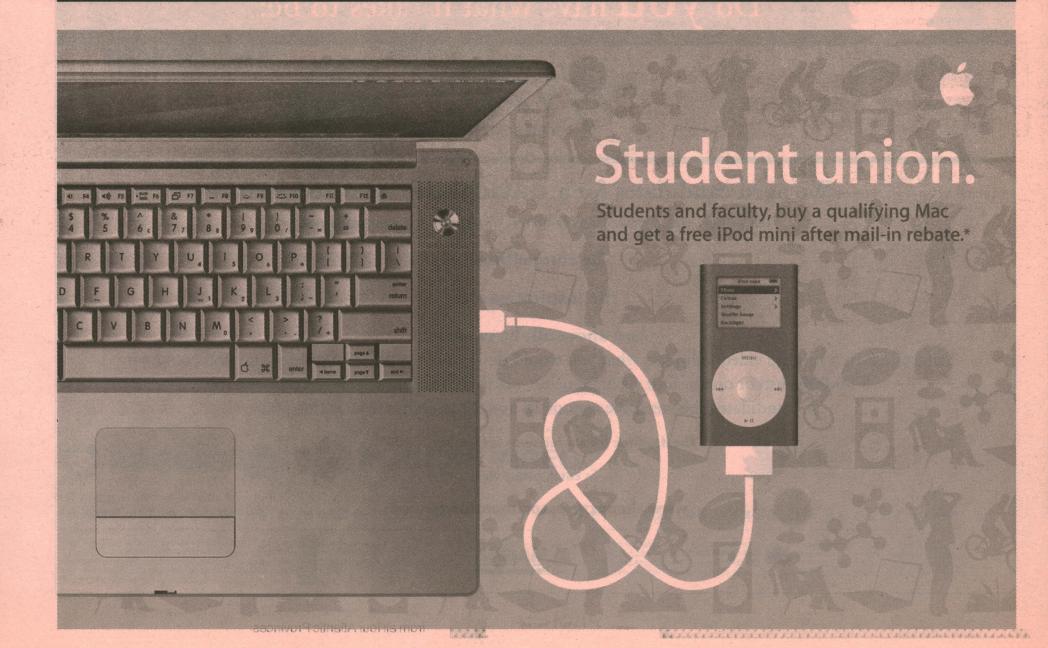


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# The Rolling Stones

BY CHRIS CLEMENTS

Traffic was heavily restricted around the concert site in Moncton on September 3rd in anticipation of the biggest concert ever to take place in Atlantic Canada. Mountain Rd, the four lane main road leading to Magnetic Hill, had half of the road cordoned off for pedestrian use, and that was a very good thing, because pedestrians were moving like herded cattle (I actually heard someone moo) towards the concert all throughout the morning.

The gates had been scheduled to open at 1:00, but the lineups had formed so early and were so large that the organizers decided to open the gates around 11am. I started making my way towards the concert site around 12:30. There are Subway and Mc-Donald's restaurants which are the last permanent food establishments on the way to the concert and they were packed with people attempting to avoid the high prices inside the concert grounds. I say permanent establishments because there was a plethora of makeshift vendors further on the footpath. People were selling homemade pizza and burgers, and the police were turning a blind eye as some people were selling homemade wine and in some cases were blatantly bootlegging alcohol at the end of their driveways.

As I got closer to the concert site, I could see the nine storey high stage armed with a seven storey high screen looming over a vast field. That's the first thing most people saw when they got anywhere near Magnetic Hill. Gigantic helium balloons with different logos: some red cross, some the international male/female lavatory symbols.

Security at the gates of this concert was a joke. There was liquor and illicit substances everywhere inside the grounds. The "search" of my person included a quick pass with a metal detecting wand and a "Have a good day!"

Once I passed the "security" check, I staked out a spot about a quarter of the way back from the stage to set out my blanket and proceeded to lay down and rest as the first act was not scheduled to start until 3:00, nearly two hours away.

When Les Trois Accords took the stage there was a small cheer which roused me from my prone position. Though it was nice to see a French band in Canada's only bilingual province, Les Trois Accords were good, but not spectacular. As they were playing I stood up to survey my surroundings and it was truly unbelievable. I've never seen so many people in one place before, and I suspect that the vast majority of the people there could say the same thing.

Next up was Our Lady Peace. I've never been a big fan of this band, although they did produce some decent



songs early in their career. I have seen them three times now (always because they were playing with another band I wanted to see...) and I can say they have improved musically quite a bit since their early days, but Raine Maida still struggles to hit his notes.

Maroon 5 was next and it was funny to see the mass exodus from the front of the stage. Obviously I was not the only person dreading this performance. I was surprised by the loudness and rockingness (if that's even a word) with which they played. I was not surprised to later learn that this band had five auxiliary musicians just off stage to back them up. I heard boos as they left the stage, but some

young teens nearby seemed pleased with the band.

As The Tragically Hip took the stage, I started making my way towards the front. As always, the Hip put on a great show. It seems they've gone back to their rock roots and the fans in attendance really enjoyed their set, even chanting for an encore despite the fact the Stones were up next. The Hip did not play their hit song New Orleans is Sinking out of respect for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Gord Downie, the lead singer did sing a few lines of another of their songs If New Orleans is Beat during the opening bars of Nautical Disaster, and that seemed fitting for a band that's always had close ties to the bayou city.

When the Hip finished their set, I decided I didn't want to get crushed in a mosh pit of rockin' grannies and made my way back to my blanket. Once the sun had set and it was properly dark, the lights went out and a video started playing on the seven storey screen in the center of the stage. The crowd went wild. The video showed a journey through the universe and when it ended at a huge set of lips with a tongue hanging out there was a flash of light and the opening riff of Start Me Up exploded from Keith Richard's guitar as he rushed on stage. The crowd completely lost it, and 80,000 people jumping and screaming is truly a sight to see.

The Stones rolled out the hits and the crowd ate it up. At the end of You Can't Always Get What You Want, Mick Jagger had the entire crowd clapping and singing the chorus over and over, it was amazing and I almost felt like I was in some southern church where the hymns are really groovy and everyone is dancing and singing.

After Mick introduced the band and thanked everyone from all four Atlantic Provinces

for attending - he even knew the province's names! - The Stones and their backup singers moved towards the center of the stage and the stage detached and rolled through the audience giving everyone who was anywhere near the stage a close up of the boys as they played such hits as Midnight Rambler and Honky Tonk Women. Meanwhile, back on stage, a three storey high inflatable Stones logo inflated in front of the giant screen.

As the logo deflated, the secondary stage rolled back to the main stage and everything went dark. Thirty foot high flames shot out of the top of the stage and the Stones started playing Sympathy for the Devil as Mick Jagger appeared on a platform in front of the screen which was glowing red and showing snake patterns. Next up was Paint it Black and the crowd again went even crazier with the opening riff to this song. The Stones finished out their set with Jumping Jack Flash and Brown Sugar. When they left the stage people actually started streaming out, apparently not interested in an encore. It was their loss as the Stones came back out to play a ten minute version of Satisfaction to end their night. The audience was then treated to a fine fireworks display before the flood lights were turned on.

Although the tickets were expensive at \$115 a pop, it was definitely worth the money. The Rolling Stones showed that even sixty year olds can rock with the best of them. I went with the mindset that they were going to suck, and I was mainly going for the experience a huge rock show, but Mick, Keith, Ron and Charlie impressed me with their energy, playing and dancing and going crazy for two hours straight, and they didn't miss a beat.



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#### by simon mackie

#### Kazzer - Broke

Following up on his 2003 debut, Go For Broke, rock/hip-hop artist Kazzer has recently released Broke. Kazzer is back to rap about cars, women and the world of hip-hop, but this time he's angry. When his recording company was bought out, he was left with no promotion or recording time, and he almost lost everything he held dear to him.

However, he perservered, and now you can hear all about it on 13 tracks that range from the hard hitting, fast rapping Fueled by Adrenaline, to the more mellowangry song Ordinary, to the ballad Rikki-Dawn. Kazzer's taken a different approach to his music this time. There's more singing in his songs, and less turn-table action, but that's not to say it's completely gone. Steel City is all about his rapping skills, and really gives the listener a sense of being in the steel city. Broke is one of the hottest hits of the summer, and it's on for a very reasonable price, so why not pick it up? Not to mention

he's Canadian, eh?

#### Coldplay - X&Y

For some reason, people like to pick on Coldplay. Maybe because to the average Joe their music might sound a little draggy, or because Chris Martin's vocals don't always sound quite on key, or maybe just because you can't bang your head to it. However, those who dismiss Coldplay for being insignificant are missing out on an incredible experience.

Their sound is full of raw emotion, and it goes straight to your heart. While the songs are mostly in the style of those on their last CD, Rush of Blood to the Head, those on X&Y speak more of hardship, and even without reading the lyrics, you can get a feel of the meaning of the song. Many songs deal with the loss of a loved one (such as Swallowed in the Sea), or repairing friendship or deeper emotions (like Fix You). Chris Martin has also said that Twisted Logic is the angriest song that they've written. Even if you didn't like Coldplay before, it's worth checking out X&Y--some tracks are a little more appealing to the mainstream. If you're looking for an emotionally uplifting experience, Coldplay's got you

#### **Children of Bodom**

The Children are not my usual flavour of music. Hailing from the bleak and icy shores of Finland, Chidren of Bodom is all about screaming vocals, fast and furious guitar and keyboard solos, and head banging. The first time I heard them, I thought it would be my last. And yet, afterwards, I just couldn't get them out of my head. Children of Bodom is hard to classify--the best way to describe it would be melodic black metal, if that's not too much of a contradiction. Their latest single, In Your Face, is a great example of their music. The verse is full of screaming (done much more tastefully than your average black metal band) and heavy guitar rifts, and then the chorus and solos are so beautiful, you'd think the two together just shouldn't be. And yet it works so well. Frontman Alexi Laiho takes his music seriously, but also has a bit of fun with it. The song titles are all rather humourous, such as Little Bloodred Ridin' Hood, Punch Me I Bleed, and Needled 24/7. Also, they did a 20 minute video of their antics in Helsinki on their 2004 single, Trashed, Lost & Strungout. The Children may not appeal to everyone, but if you have any inclination towards metal at all, or are just looking for some good head banging music, they might be up your alley. Their next CD is due out on the 19th, entitled Are You Dead Yet?

#### The Bravery - The Bravery

By now I think most people are familiar with The Bravery's big hit, An Honest Mistake. The tune works so well because it can appeal to many different people. It has a definite rock atmosphere about it, and yet it's also dancelike, and it's radio friendly to boot. The good news is that it's a pretty good indication of The Bravery's sound. The bad news is that it's the best song on the CD, and unfortunately it's also the first track. The Bravery's self titled debut is a collection of punk, pop and rock, and is a fairly even distribution of slow and fast songs. There is some experimentation in the songs with a synth and they succeeded with songs like An Honest Mistake and Unconditional, giving them both a haunting and nostalgic feel, while still giving it lots of energy. However, some of the experimental songs fail horribly, like Swollen Summer, making it sound as if the band really struggled at some points in the production. On the whole the CD is an enjoyable listen--nothing over the top. As with most beginning artists, they really hit the spot with a few songs, but just need a bit of extra work to fine tune the rest of the album to make it just as enjoyable.

#### Warmen

In 2000, Janne Warman--keyboard virtuoso of Children of Bodom fame--founded his own band because he wrote some songs that Bodom frontman Alexi Laiho thought weren't Bodom material. Five years later, Warman has released his third album, Accept the Fact. Each of his solo CD's are heavily keyboard influenced, with several instrumental songs on each CD, mostly key oriented. Warmen has a unique style that goes beyond the songs by themselves. The band doesn't have a steady vocalist; instead they use several different singers for each album, and each song has a different style from the last, which suits each singer's style. This makes the CD's feel more like soundtracks than anything else. Following Laiho's lead, Warmen also uses movie quotes spread here and there over the CD. However, all quotes used by Warmen are from the movie Amadeus, and some songs deal with the movie's plot and themes. Some may find that Warmen is just another melodic metal band, but their spin on key oriented music really changes the feel of the music and adds a fresh outlook on EuroMetal.

#### LATE BREAKING NEWS

Jackie Howett learned the Fibboncci sequence in ... grade 5
Kate says : lies...all lies.

# ON THE TIP OF MY

#### BY SIMON MACKIE

A week and a half ago, I was on my way back to Halifax from Peggy's Cove when my family and I decided to stop in at a little restaurant called Shaw's Landing. We were greeted by a very cheerful woman at the door who ran us through the menu, which was written on a large blackboard beside the counter. As could be expected, most of the menu consisted of seafood, which was fine by me, as I was dying for some fish and chips. I was starving, but I figured that the meal would be substandard, so I opted just for the two-piece fish and chips, even though our server insisted that I looked like a "three-piece kind of guy." We sat outside on the deck, just feet from the water. Shortly our meals arrived, and I very quickly regretted not ordering three pieces of fish. The pieces were ever so lightly battered, with just a hint of parsley. It was absolutely fantastic. After quickly devouring the fish and chips, it came time for dessert. Mom chose the macaroon pie, while I went for the peach and pear pie. It was served with ice cream. but the pie was still warm, and it wasn't crusty and hard, as if it had just been reheated. It was so soft, and the fruit tasted as if they'd just been picked that morning. When the desserts had been cleared,

we sat at the table for a while, taking it all in. Another server came by and chatted with us for a while, wanting to know how we enjoyed our meal--she asked with sincerity, not as if she was just reciting from her work book--and just shot the breeze. When we finally decided it was time to leave, lest we fall asleep at the table, I was all too happy to sign the guestbook. I could honestly say it was a superb meal, and the service was top notch. It's always nice to go someplace and be treated like a valuable customer--something you often can't find at bigger restaurants.

#### Desperado Beer. BY KATIE DANGER

Tequila flavoured beer. Sounds disgusting right? I ((this is Kate)) was gonna try it out though, for you, for the masses... I thought it'd be bad, all my friends thought it would be bad. I had everyone convinced that it was our duty to test it. Unfortunately, the girl who was wearing no where near enough clothes, who wanted us to review it in the first place failed to bring the promised samples to our table ... so.... I guess we can only do what's right and say, tequila flavoured beer really sounds like a bad idea, and I bet it tastes ickky, I'd stay away from it if i were you.

If there's anyone from Desperado out there, feel free to send some samples to the office and we'll actually taste is instead of just reviewing your concept.

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With football season starting last week, I asked myself if I was truly knowledgable enough about the sport's mechanics to make precise and accurate predictions on the slew of games we get to experience every Sunday. At first I thought I may not attempt it at all. Last year however, the NFL rescued myself and many others from a dark concept we Canadians solemnly refer to as, not having Hockey. All year, instead of cracking the first of many beer between Seven and Eight o'clock every Saturday, I found myself cracking it between One and Two o'clock every Sunday. Now obviously Terry Bradshaw or Micheal Irving can't be compared to Ron Maclean and Don Cherry, but in absence of by habitual yelling and throwing things around whenever the Leafs lost in any conceivable way possible, I at least got to watch the Patriot's systematically emmmbarrass opposing teams, week in and week out. In light of last year, I truly don't know where I would've turned if the NFL and all those pro line tickets had not been able to occupy me until the return of hockey. So in honour of a league that hasn't been run into the ground by pride infested conformists like

To make things a little more interesting however, I'm going to go one on one with TSN Football analyst Chris Shultz. Now Shultz is a professional sports writer and a retired football player, but anyone who would pick Oakland over the Patriots can be beaten by anyone, especially me. In fact, the poor guy went 4-11 in his first week of picks? I on the other hand managed to pick a few upsets (SF, MIA, and NO) and currently hold a record of 10-5. Good luck Shultz, and just imagine a TSN football analyst losing to the sports editor of the journal? How embarrassing.

Bettman and Goodenhow, I'm

going to dedicate this section

to the NFL.

Baltimore vs. Tennessee Although Baltimore's offence wasn't looking too great against the Colts last week, I don't think the Titans defence can hold an explosive Ravens running game. Boller's injury shouldn't hurt them too much, if anything it will help.

**Detroit vs. Chicago** 

- Baltimore by 10

Detroit's new wide out core was impressive against Green Bay, but Harrington is a ham that could throw a pick even if he wasn't playing. I think the Bears are just so bad though, that as long as Harrington and RB Kevin Jones watch out for big Urlacher in the middle, they will prevail. - Detroit by 7

Minnesota vs. Cincinnati

Minnesota looked horrible against Tampa last week. Although Tampa has a better Defence that Cincinnati, with the Bengal's playing at home and Palmer looking great, Minnesota's not yet meshed defence will be pressured hard. -Cincinnati by 3

# FOOTBALL

San Francisco vs. Eagles I think San Fran's big upset against the Rams had a lot to do with being at home. Although they are up and coming and Kevan

Barlow looked great, I think that the Eagles at home will be too much for this young group to contend with,. No matter how much Owens is running his mouth at his team mates.

- Eagles by at least 13

**Buffalo vs. Tampa Bay** 

Buffalo will be huge this year, Losman looked great in his first game and Magahee will continue to put up huge numbers. Tampa's defence looked very impressive last week and being at home, they could surprise, but I think Buffalo's defence will shut them down. - Buffalo by 7

Jacksonville vs. Indianapolis Although Jacksonville will be a horribly tough team for anyone to face all year and could very well keep it close...It's the Colts, they just have too many weapons to lose at home to anyone besides the Patriots - Colts by 10

New England vs. Carolina Not even worth talking about -Patriots by 24

Pittsburgh vs. Houston Although I think Houston has improved and will be a force at home for most the year, Pittsburgh isn't a one year wonder. If 3rd string RB Willee Parker plays as well as he did against the Titans last week, Bettis or Staley could be looking for work elsewhere. Steelers by 17

Atlanta vs. Seattle

Seattle's horrible. Although this was written before I got a chance to watch the Monday nighter between the Eagles and Falcons...God Seattle is bad. I would refer to them as inconsistent, but they are just so consistently inconsistent, that they can only be referred to as flat out bad. - Falcons by 10

St. Louis vs. Arizona

I think Kurt Warner's going to come out and play for this one, and against my better judgement, I'm going say he beats his former team in his new home almost single handed - Cardinals by 6

Miami vs. NYJ

Although the Jet's sucked out last week in KC, Arrowhead is a tough stadium to play in. Miami did impress vs. Denver last week but I think the Jet's just may bounce back for this one - Jets by 9

Cleveland vs. Green Bay

I am a huge Green Bay fan, but they are going to suuuuck this year. The only positive for this week is they are playing one of the only teams that will suck even more horribly than them (unless Romeo Crennel knows magic or Trent Dilfer dies or something) Packers by 10

San Diego vs. Denver

Denver should play better at home than they did in Miami last week, but San Diego is gonna come out fffflyin' after that heartbreaking loss to Dallas last week, Brees will come up huge. - Chargers by 21

#### The Return of the Ice

BY ADAM COSTELLO

The most elite level of Hockey BY ADAM COSTELLO Kansas City vs. Oakland I've always hated Oakland and although they could match offences with the Cheifs playing at home, the offence that scored 483 points last season should prevail after vastly improving their defence during the off season. - Chiefs by 7 NYG vs. New Orleans I know I should go with the Giants, but I think the Saints are riding so much emotion right now in retrospect of Hurricane Katrina, that they are just going to keep pulling games out of their ass. - Saints by 3 Washington vs. Dallas Dallas is at home facing a rival that couldn't even hit double digits against the Bears! They did win the game and held Chicago to just 7 points...But it's the Bears!? A team that had a 42% red-zone success rate last season! That's hoooorrible. Dallas is looking great with Bledsoe and Jones heading up the offence and are definitely playoff bound this year. - Cowboys by 10

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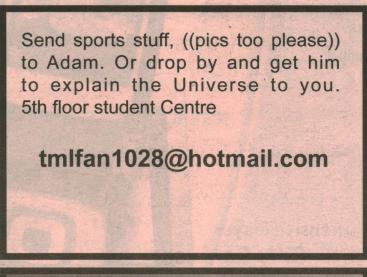
being played on Earth, is back. Now I know a lot of you are planning to boycott our great Canadian Pass time, honestly I can't blame you. One thing must be said for missing a year of hockey though, it really is coming back better than ever. I understand the bitterness. I understand the ridiculousness. What also must be understood however, is that in the long run the NHL will be better off now that all the nonsense that went on last year has been resolved. By no means should it have taken so long and by no means should any of the party's involved be commended for what transpired last year, but the layoff accomplished stable economic certainty to a game that was spiraling downward without it. I know that the die hard fans have been enjoying the rampant barrage of players switching teams as much as I have, but if you are one of those bitter former fans that got too fed up with the farce we had to go through last year to tune in Saturday night, maybe you could find it in your heart to give the only sport we dominate up here in Canada

another chance? Each week the journal will

how our six Ione Canadian teams are making out this year. I'm as bitter as the next person about the subtraction of hockey from my sports watching repertoire last year, but hey, all holding out got the layers last year was a year without any money and now many years with much less, so why make things worse by hating them for it? Since we all lost out on the torrentially retarded decisions made by both the owners and players alike, let's at least all try and wreak some enjoyment now that it's back eh?

Toronto - Ugh...How a team with so many injury prone players in the first place could make Eric Lindros and Jason Allison there top off season signings is beyond me. I mean for the looove of god, Lindros has had so many concussions I was surprised he could even sign his name on the contract. Allison had some solid years in Boston, but the guy hasn't even set foot on ice in over two years! What really boggles my mind though is why they would acquire more forwards before bolstering their defense. Jeff O'Neil coming over from the Hurricanes on draft day and Mariuz Czerkawski signing about a week ago just adds more scoring ability, something Toronto already has access off. They did lose veteran leaders Gary Roberts and Joe Nieuwendyk to Florida, as well as Alexander Mogilny to New Jersey and prospectively Owen Nolan to god knows what, but they should be calling up or acquiring younger guys, not signing more washed up injury prone over rates. What really scares me this year about the poor Leafs is they haven't added anyone to their less than stellar defense corps. Bryan Mc-Cabe and Thomas Kaberle are solid but seem to provide no leadership and Brian Leetch, the former Ranger captain they acquired at the trade deadline in 2004, opted to sign with Boston this year instead of the Buds. Without better defensive solidity, they are going to have to rely on 42 year old net minder Ed Belfour far too much, and he is many years to old to be facing 35-45 shots a game. To add a personal statement however...GOOOO LEAFS!!

Ottawa - Ottawa did a great job signing almost all their free agents. The signing lovakian sniper Marian Hossa was huge, especially when they traded him and cap space eating defensemen Greg DeVries to Atlanta for Young rugged winger Dany Heatley. I think he fits well in Ottawa and it'll be great to finally see two young Canadian boys (him and Jason Spezza) on a team that consists of players mostly from overseas. Spezza led the AHL in scoring last year and should be ready to NHL it full



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time, and Dominik Hasek (if healthy) is a lot more trustworthy in net then poor Patrick Lalime was. Ottawa also has one of the most solid defenses in Canada so look for them to be near the top of the conference, maybe even atop the NHL. (Although in the playoff's they better hope they don't run into the buds, cause we all know Ottawa automatically loses to the Leafs in the playoff's, it's just a given)

Montreal - Montreal didn't make much noise in the free agent market, but they did re-sign Alexie Kovalev, a high scoring Russian who came over from New York in 2004. He went on to help Montreal get by the rival and highly favoured Bruins in their first round playoff match up and it was hoped by many he'd stay with the Habs. They managed to lock up many of their free agents and will be icing much the same team as in 2004, minus long time Canadian Patrice Brisebois. They have loads of young talent and should be a shoe in for the playoff's assuming they all stay healthy. Theodore was signed to a long term contract extension along with would-be Norris trophy candidate Sheldon Souray, who was having a career year in 2004 for until succumbing to injury.

Calgary - The Flames are probably the most different looking team from 2004, signing solid defensemen Roman Hamrlik, as well always dangerous Tony Amonte. The two lost important contracts the Flames banked on after offering were without a doubt keeping Star forward Jerome Iginla and Finnish goalie Mikka Kiprusoff in Flame uniforms. Kippers coming over from San Jose in 2004, combined with the scoring prowess and leadership of Iginla, was the only reason the Flames managed to get one game away from bringing Lord Stanley's cup back to Canada. Other off season additions such as Daymond Langkow fills a void at center, making the Flames one of the most well rounded Canadian team this year. With big Dion Phaneuf expected to challenge for a roster spot this year, the Flames Defense will be bone crunching if healthy. Signing Darren McCarty adds more toughness to a team already loaded with, making the Flames a team coaches must really watch out for. If the Flames made the cup finals this year, they wouldn't be called Cinderella.

Edmonton - Two major acquisitions, Mike Peca and Chris Pronger will provide Edmonton with the much needed leadership this young team needs to make a splash in the playoff's. With a core of young guys just waiting to break out and a solid defense, look for the Oilers to be greatly improved this season. Their goaltending is slightly questionable but Ty Conklin looked solid between

#### All I could say was WOW...

P.S. SMU plays in St. FX on Saturday on 2pm.

#### BY ADAM COSTELLO

Wow. That's the first word that came to mind when I watched Husky QB Billy Robinson piggyback the St. Mary's Husky Football team to a 28-26 come from behind victory in the dying minutes of the Husky home opener. I think the word wow was actually the second word that came to mind as well, the astonishing last 4 minutes of excellency still fresh in my memory, blocking any other word or thought from even coming close to the surface of my consciousness.

Now I'll be honest, I almost left at the half. With Robinson throwing two

red zone picks and Axemen fans putting us to shame with at least twice the

decibel level SMU fans could muster, the scene on a pretty sorry one. Chants of "SMU Sucks" in our own stadium were echoing at least 5 blocks, with no SMU fan even feeling

justified enough to deny it. They even brought those little plastic thingy's they waved around while mercilessly yelling at our players while we... we kinda just sat there.

Just when my mind was almost made up to jet and go get drunk, I had second thoughts. Thoughts consisting of the absolutely stellar play our football team had been displaying for years now. No, this team wasn't done yet. Billy Robinson, starting in just his second game during a 4 year tenure of eligibility, came out in the second half on an absolute tear. He went on to throw for 195 yards, most of which came in the final 10 minutes of play

With time ticking off in the second half and still no hope in sight, Robinson busted out one of the most exiting performances in SMU quarterback history. After first throwing touchdown passes to Firass El Fateh (20 yards) and Ryean Warburton (28 yards), he plunged into the end zone for a one-yard touchdown score himself!

Then, during the absolute dying minutes of the game, SMU fans could not even seem to fathom how precise a throw Robinson was all of a sudden showing. Pass after pass was hitting it's mark and with Axe fans still trying their best to rattle the SMU players, the SMU crowd finally had something to cheer at themselves. With Robinson constructing one last drive with but one minute left on the clock, the crowd finally started

Finally, with just 37 seconds left on the clock, Robinson saw sophomore slot back Ryean Warburton streaking without coverage. With just 15 yards to go and

erupting with excitement.

the clock ticking, Billy fired a pass to Warburton that when caught, would send the SMU crowd of 3,724 home rampant disbelief. "Who the F\*\*\* is that guy?" Some guy behind me velled, his friend drunkenly yelling back "I dunno, but he's a F\*\*\*in' GOD." Now I don't know if I'd refer to him as god, but it sure looks like SMU has damn good starting quarterback.

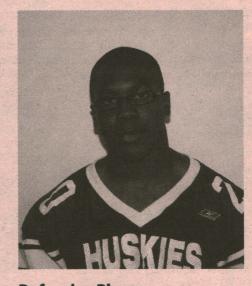
The incredible home opening victory was SMU's tenth strait and had to have been one of the most exiting of all time. Curtis Woodley was SMU's best defensive player by far, recording 7 tackles and coming up with huge plays when needed. Rodrigo Davalos hit all his converts with ease and SMU's O-line came up big as a whole near the end, giving Robinson the time he needed.

#### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**Offensive Player QB** - Billy Robinson 5th year, Halifax, NS

Billy mounted the SMU comeback vs. Acadia September 9th, throwing 3 TD passes in the final quarter to give the Huskies a 28-26 victory over Acadia. He had 261 vards on the night.



**Defensive Player** 

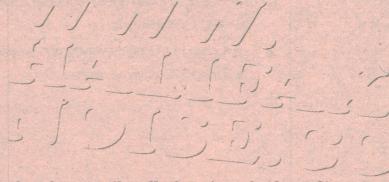
**SB - Curtis Woodley** 

4th year, Whitby, ON Curtis's defensive play, with 7 tackles helped the Huskies with their strong comeback.

the pipes suiting up for the US at the world championships so if he can break out during the next few seasons, Edmonton could be a cup contender within the next few seasons.

Vancouver - I love this team. They didn't make much of a splash in the free agent market this summer, but they did pick up gritty 3rd liner Anson Carter. Carter will be more of an asset to this team than many people realize due to his style of play. The Canucks didn't really need to spend big money on free agents because the young talent they already have in their system is sufficient enough, they just need more time to develop and play as a team. I think the new rule changes will benefit most of the Canadian teams more so

than most other teams in the league, especially Vancouver and Edmonton. They did a stellar job in Re-signing team cornerstones Markus Naslund and defenseman Mattias Ohlund. Todd Bertuzzi is fresh of his suspension and he and Goalie Dan Cloutier both have something to prove this year. Cloutier especially because one other free agent signing the canucks did make was the addition of goaltender Brent Johnson, another young unproven goaltender that could potentially have a great carreer, if circumstances permit. Look for Vancouver to vastly improve come 2006 and hopefully maybe even see the second round.



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