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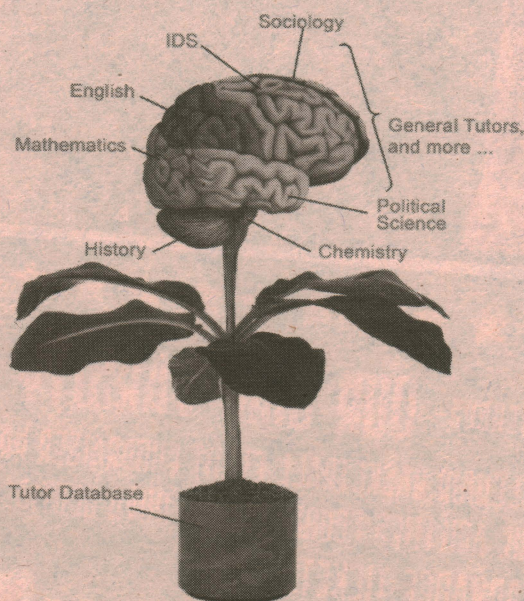
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NEWS

From January 4th to January 31st, the Saint Mary's University Women's Centre posed this question to the campus community – "What does it mean to be a feminist?" We asked you to answer this question in 500-1000 words. Sincere thanks to all those who submitted entries – we appreciate all of the effort you put into them.

Our winner this year is Lydia O'Regan, who is a SMU student and Arts Psychology major. She will receive 2 tickets to attend *The Vagina Monologues* and a \$50 gift certificate to *Venus Envy*. She will be performing excerpts from her essay at the Friday production of *The Vagina Monologues* – congratulations Lydia, from everyone at the Women's Centre.

What it means to be a feminist

BY LYDIA O'REGAN

Feminists are extraordinary people. They are people with jobs, kids, families and friends. They are women as well as men. They are heroic reminders of the past and fighters of the future. What makes them different is their enduring passion for equality, the persistent reminders of hope, and their demand for respect even if the odds are completely against them.

Women owe much of our freedom to feminists. They have stood up for us when no one else had the courage to, and have changed the world for the better. These daring human beings have given us hope and opportunities that are irreplaceable. They have given us the freedom to be women in any way we please, the freedom to say what we wish to say, and have the opportunities to pursue any of our dreams without limitations. They have, and continue to, beat the odds so that women around the world can feel protected, empowered and egalitarian.

Feminists have the courage to fight for women, even if they stand alone and outnumbered. They allow us the chance to dream of a better future, then making it a reality through

Black History Month

As all of you may know, February is the month of the year dedicated to Black History. It is a time when the legacies of our Forefathers are looked upon and embraced. We should be respectful and grateful as a common race to have evolved so gracefully through the passions pursued by our ancestors. Over the years, strong Black men and women have struggled to bring us life where success and equality is at every man's grasp and for this reason "We Shall Not Forget".

Throughout the month, there will be Black History Memoirs posted around the SMU campus. Please take a minute to look at these pieces, but most importantly look for their important connotations as we journey into the future. Remember, acknowledge the past, take heed the present and behold your future.

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise

Maya Angelou (1928-)
"Still I rise," And Still I Rise (1978)

Shervanna Deleveaux
Black Student Advisor – Saint Mary's University

hard work and determination. They stand up for what's right and never back down. They have inspired women around the world to realize their potential and to fight for what they believe in.

Being a feminist means you are fighting for women to have a fair chance. A fair chance to work where we want to work, marry or divorce whomever we wish, vote for whichever candidate we prefer, wear what we want to wear, and many other basic rights that have been allowed to men for centuries. Feminists fight for chances and choices. It is not a horrible thing to be a feminist. As was said by Cherie Kramerae, "Feminism is the radical notion that women are people." They believe in the strength of women and their abilities to learn, teach, work and love with as much force, knowledge and power as anybody else.

Feminists are brave people who attempt to destroy societal norms that oppress and discriminate against women, and they are succeeding. Feminists attempt to make changes happen, acting as valiant revolutionaries, in a world where it is constantly shown by the media and our

societal norms that women should be seen and not heard.

Any person fighting for what we deserve as humans, to be equal and given a fair chance, should be proud to be considered a feminist – it is they who change the world for the better.



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THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

BY JENNIFER CRAWFORD



For the third year in a row, Saint Mary's University will present a benefit production of "The Vagina Monologues" at McNally Theatre Auditorium on Friday, February 10th and Saturday, February 11th, 2006 at 7:00pm.

In the past two years, the Saint Mary's University's production of "The Vagina Monologues" has raised nearly \$4000 for Bryony House, a Halifax women's shelter. This year, the goal is to exceed a donation of \$2000.

This benefit production is sponsored by the SMU Women's Centre, and is made possible by the work of numerous volunteers who work tirelessly to end violence against women. The women involved are not your traditional actresses – most have never acted before, or if they have, it was in a previous performance of *The Vagina Monologues*. These are women who want to end the violence that women experience every day – to give voice to the stories of other women as honestly and accurately as they can.

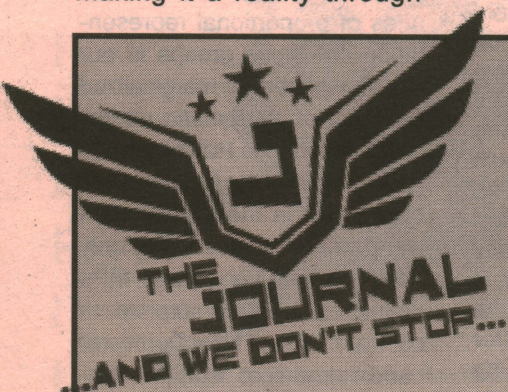
There are two beneficiaries of the 2006 production. Halifax's Bryony House is the main beneficiary for this year's event. Bryony House provides housing, safety and comfort to over 450 women each year, and answers over 4500 distress calls. What

these women have in common is that they are suffering the effects of an abusive intimate relationship. The presence of violence against women in our own Halifax community is undeniable – Bryony House is a necessary and crucial service.

10% of our funds will be going to the "Justice to Comfort Women" campaign. Between 1932-1945, during the Asia/Pacific wars, thousands of women were either coerced, lied to, or abducted and sold into "comfort stations" for the Japanese army. Here, the 'comfort women' were raped by the men for weeks on end, sometimes upwards of fifty times per day. Now in their eighties and nineties, these women have protested for years for a simple acknowledgement and apology from the Japanese government. Many of them have died; the Japanese government continues to maintain that it did not happen.

Tickets for the 2006 production of "The Vagina Monologues" will be available Feb 7th and 8th in the Loyola Colonnade, and at the door. They are \$5 for students/seniors/unwaged, and \$10 for all else.

For further information about the event, please contact jennifer.crawford@smu.ca.



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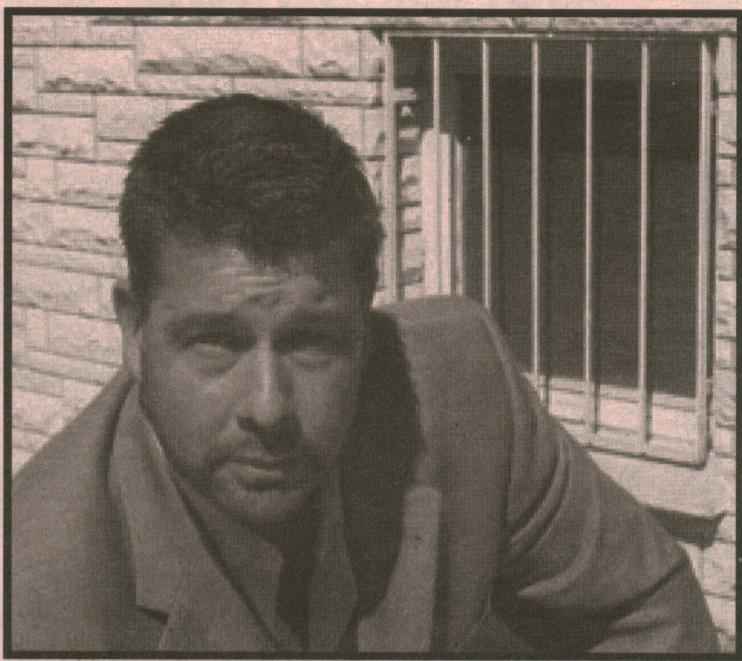
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FORMER CANADIAN HOSTAGE SPEAKS AT IDS FUNDRAISER



BY: ASHLEE STARRATT

A hush deadens the air inside the McNally Theatre Auditorium as one by one students become silent as Scott Taylor is introduced and steps up to the podium; they know that they are in the presence of one who has seen the darkness and lived to tell about it. A Canadian Esprit de Corps journalist, author and former professional soldier, Scott Taylor was captured by the little-known mujaheddin group Ansar al-Islam in the town of Mosul, northern Iraq in the fall of 2004. Held captive for six days under the pretence of being an Israeli spy, Taylor now stood before his audience on Thursday evening Feb 2nd, as the keynote speaker capping off Saint Mary's International Development Week. Taylor spoke of the current humanitarian crisis taking place in Iraq as the mitigating factor for his return to the country after his kidnapping, and also criticized the changing role of Canada's military presence within the borders of Afghanistan.

"Canadian troops have gone from providing a security force [in the region], to completely taking over the American mission in Kandahar", Taylor states, "We are witnessing a slide into war without any parliamentary debate, and is that sacrifice really what Canadians want in the end?" Using his first-hand experiences and interactions with both civilians and resistance groups on the ground in Iraq, Taylor has heavy words of criticism towards the American effort to re-stabilize the political landscape of the nation. "This is the beginning of the end for the American empire", he says, elaborating on the concept of terrorism as a form of asymmetrical warfare — a beast that no well-oiled military machine can actively combat because it comes from nowhere and everywhere all at once. "America is wrapped up in a guerrilla war that they aren't winning. They haven't been able to communicate with the local people to the same degree that the [insurgents] have, which is why after each terrorist attack people are cheering for the creation of a martyr. Yet they still embedded journalists in the region [to maintain coverage] as though the operation was a piece of cake".

Following Taylor's speech the floor was open to questions from the audience, which segued into a

reception and auction held for the International Development Society's Wells for Africa fundraiser. Items up for bid were donated by both students and faculty acquired during travels abroad and included a tea set from China and a woven hat from Pakistan, with all monies raised going to fund sustainable development in Africa. When asked how this effort came into fruition the Society's president Justin Vandenberghe stated that the Wells for Africa scheme was in the works since the fall. "I proposed an idea I stumbled across while attending the 2005 Insight Conference in London, Ontario. I had met a recent IDS grad from Huron University College, Andrew Middleton, who presented his thesis on the 'Wells for Africa' project that began in 1998, supported by the Mission and Service group of Saint Mary's United Church in Ontario. The project establishes fresh-water wells in various communities throughout Oyo State, Nigeria, often from shallow, parasitic pools of stagnant water. Our society decided that fundraising to establish one of these wells, under the broad theme of 'Water', would be a worthwhile cause to adopt. We need to raise about \$1200, and afterwards our school and society's name will be engraved on the concrete base. It will connect us to those people we strive to aid, even if we never visit the communities in Nigeria."

The question of determining in which villages wells are to be erected brushes up against the controversial topic of human rights; the most basic of them being the right for each person to have access to potable water. Recognizing this issue, the Wells for Africa project attempts to ascertain which areas fall into the most life-threatening categories of need, such as those regions afflicted by drought and famine, and works with local elders and officials to ensure community consensus and involvement is maintained throughout. Says Vandenberghe: "The project planning is very careful, ensuring none of the process is invasive or unwelcome. The wells are built during the dry season, which is early spring in Nigeria, [...] and are constructed with sustainability in mind; probably having around a ten year or more [functional lifespan]. Coupled with basic health education programs,

BY CHRIS CLEMENTS

On Monday the 23rd of January, Canadians elected a Conservative minority government to lead the country. Citizens of the Riding of Halifax, which contains both Saint Mary's University and Dalhousie, elected Alexa McDonough, former leader of Federal NDP, to represent them in this country's 39th Parliament. I recently had a chance to talk to Alexa about the election results, the chances of her party working with a Conservative government and how all of this will affect students.

The Journal: The NDP had a great showing on election night. The party picked up a number of seats, but the victories seem to be somewhat bittersweet as the NDP is now even further from holding the balance of power. What is your reaction to the strong showing by your party and the way that the new Parliament has shaped up?

Alexa McDonough: Given the February 6, 2006 decision of former Liberal Cabinet Minister David Emerson to cross the floor and join the Conservatives, and the possible election of Liberal Peter Milliken as speaker, the dynamics of Canada's 39th Parliament will be of great interest to Canadians.

I am grateful to the people of Halifax for the privilege of representing them in Ottawa. I am delighted to join Jack Layton's experienced, expanded team of New Democrats. The NDP has committed to ensure this Parliament produces results for working families, and gives seniors the dignity they deserve after a lifetime building this country; families the opportunities they want for their children, including affordable childcare, improved access to education and reduced student debt; protects our public, single-payer health care and our environment; and cleans up politics.

TJ: In the last sitting of Parliament, you served as NDP Foreign Affairs and Post-Secondary Education Critic. Has there been any discussion on what roles you'll be taking on this new Parliament?

AM: As leader, Jack Layton is engaged in discussions with each member of our team on responsibilities each will assume in Canada's 39th Parliament. I am

this will significantly reduce the chance for contracting waterborne diseases in target areas."

The overall success of the evening's events was measured not only by the sizeable audience turnout or the fierce bidding at the auction block. Instead the awareness raised surrounding two of the many crises of the post-modern age: the crisis of war and power that continues to claim lives, and the crisis of our world's depleted renewable resources which claims countless more on a much quieter front, was invaluable. Inarguably the theme of the night was global cooperation through respect and understanding diversity, a goal that is not so unrealistic given the hard work of all society members and volunteers who orchestrated the week's activities.

McDonough on the New Parliament

proud of my record as Foreign Affairs, International Development and Post-Secondary Education Critic. I was also pleased to be our party's Peace Advocate, but I will eagerly whatever roles my Leader assigns to me.

TJ: In June of 1997, Stephen Harper gave a speech to the Council for National Policy. During that speech he said that "the NDP is kind of proof that the Devil lives and interferes in the affairs of men." This man is now the Prime Minister of our country. How do you feel about his comments, and do you think that your party will have problems working with a Conservative government led by Harper?

AM: Stephen Harper is accountable to the people of Canada for his words and actions. He may need to be reminded Canadians did not give the Conservatives an outright majority. If he wishes to make this Parliament work, and to serve the people of Canada, he will need to set aside his prejudices and partisanship and work with a majority of Parliamentarians in the coming session.

TJ: The Conservative plan pertaining to post-secondary education is very limited. The three ways they intend to help students are: offer a \$500 tax credit to help cover the cost of text books; increase family income thresholds for student loan eligibility; and to exempt the first \$10,000 of scholarships and bursaries from taxation. Since a large portion of students do not make enough money to pay taxes to begin with, these seem like fairly empty improvements. How will the NDP work with the Conservatives to improve the state of secondary education?

AM: The NDP has made it clear that the Conservative education platform is woefully inadequate. We remain committed to improving access to post-secondary education and to lowering tuition and student debt. We will work hard alongside student leaders and campus organizations across the country to continue our solidarity-building with all students in order to put much needed pressure on Stephen Harper's government to improve its unacceptable PSE policy.

TJ: In the days leading up to the election, Stephen Harper, referring to the "Liberal" Senate, courts and civil service, said "these are obviously checks on the power of a Conservative government." He seemed to be suggesting that he has some unpopular items he'd like to push through Parliament. However, the checks on his power that Harper mentions aren't really checks. The Senate rarely, if ever, flexes its muscles, and the courts only get involved after the fact - when a law is being challenged.

The Conservatives may only have a minority government right now, but it's unlikely any party will force an election right away, especially since the Liberals have a lame-duck leader. Since nobody wants an election right away, what is to stop the

Conservatives from passing some of their more controversial proposals?

AM: Defeat of government legislation does not automatically lead to the resignation of a government. Generally speaking, there are three exceptions: the Budget, Throne Speech, and a motion of confidence. Therefore, there are significant opportunities for Parliament to improve government legislation. If the government refuses to accept these improvements, their legislation could be defeated as happened when the NDP took the lead in defeating Liberal legislations to split Foreign Affairs and International Trade into two separate departments.

TJ: What's your take on the Liberal leadership race, especially since so many prominent names are seemingly not interested in the job? What is your opinion of Bob Rae and the rumours that he'll be running for the position?

AM: I won't hypothesize on the upcoming Liberal Leadership. Clearly, many high profile Liberals were only interested in the position if the party were in power. Liberals have much to answer for, and the incoming leader will have his or her work cut out to do. As for the Rae rumour, Ottawa is always abuzz with rumours. Only Mr. Rae could answer this question.

TJ: During CBC coverage of the election, Conservative Senator Hugh Segal and former NDP leader Ed Broadbent seemed to have some consensus on the idea that electoral reform is needed, possibly in the form of proportional representation. What do you think the chances are that electoral reform will actually happen, especially since every party except the NDP and the Greens seem to benefit from the current system?

AM: Democratic reform remains an important priority for the NDP. Government House leader Robert Nicholson has been assigned responsibility for Democratic Reform. New Democrats will work with him and all Parliamentarians to advance changes to the current system. The true and intended beneficiaries of proportional representation are those groups in our society who remain marginalized because of systematic underrepresentation in Parliament.

Since 88% of the Conservative candidates in the last election were male, the election of only 14 Conservative woman MPs should come as no surprise. In contrast, 37% of New Democrat candidates were women, contributing to the welcome result in which women comprise 41% of our caucus! Proportional representation will enable parties to reflect the diversity of our population, but only if they are committed to taking the necessary measures available to them.

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Face Transplants

BY ALLANAH MCCORMACK

For those of you who watch the news on a daily basis, even read the newspaper or surf internet news sites, you may have come across a new subject; face transplants.

A woman in France became the first recipient of a partial face transplant. Her nose, lips and chin were ripped off in an attack by her own pet Labrador in May of this year (some say an accident, some say after a failed suicide attempt) She awoke on Monday the 1st December, and her first words, written to the doctors who completed the operation, were; "Merci"

Now this face transplant is just like any other organ transplant. The operation generally involves a donor and the permission of that person before they died, or their relatives. The donor in this

transplant case was a brain dead woman.

Engineers designed a special prosthetic mask, made from silicone, which was fitted to the donor's face after the tissue was removed for use in the transplant.

A team of surgeons prepared the disfigured patient for the painstaking operation. They cut away the fibrous tissue that had formed on her face since her accident.

When the transplant team arrived in Amiens, surgeons, led by Dr. Bernard Devauchelle, sewed the blood vessels in the woman's face to those vessels of the donor tissue. They then connected the nerves and muscles, and sewed in the lining of the mouth and the skin from the nose to the chin.

The woman now, has movement in the tissue and is able to eat and

speak slightly. Adjustment will take time.

Now, all well and good you may think. This new form of transplantation will make people feel like themselves again.

You may be wrong.

Surrounding the issue of these facial transplants, are the ethical issues. Some doctors have suggested that this transplant procedure is unethical and that considerable psychological effects will come from having such a procedure.

What are those you may ask?

The skin grafted from the other individual, although will resemble the patients own skin as much as possible, will still look different. The patient must then adjust to this new skin, this new face. They must accept it, knowing that it is someone else's and not their own. That has a tremendous effect upon a person.

The patient in this case, before the transplant, had a "depressive profile", which may lean many into believing that she may have been suicidal. This then adds to the psychological profile of the woman. So in future, a person may have to be checked out to see if they have a 'depressive profile'. In this case, would there be extra support on hand to help those diagnosed with depression?

What are the upsides?

This form of surgery, reportedly, is much more pleasing than regular reconstructive surgery. Reconstructive surgery does not aid the surgeons in repairing the muscles lost around the mouth which enables a person to talk and eat.

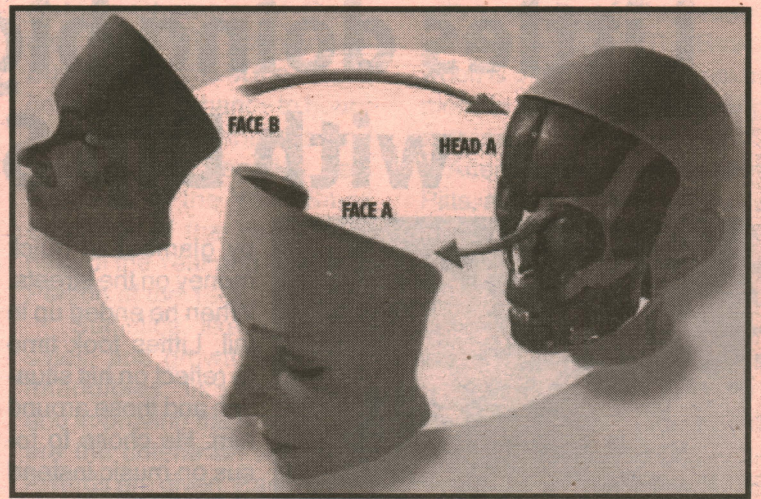
It provides a better final result that reconstructive surgery.

It can be done in one operation rather than many painful and long reconstructive surgeries.

Now, I find this interesting. The ethics of transplants on the outside of a person have been rampant ever since the first full hand transplant and the first double arm transplant.

Is this ethical? Is this procedure an ethical operation?

In my opinion, it is ethical under the right conditions. If the person receiving this operation is in of genuine need of it then I believe it should be allowed. Yes, it may be a stark, difficult and long adjustment for the person receiving the



operation, but I believe that it's similar to people who have reconstructive surgery on small parts of their faces. This procedure is huge. This is a step forward. It's not like they're getting plastic surgery, so I believe they should have it.

I personally don't think it's unethical at all. The woman who was receiving this transplant went under many, many hours of counselling, which I think is required. She'll also be on medication for the rest of her life to stop the new

skin getting infected. If a person is willing to take these medications for the rest of their lives, then I believe they will benefit in more ways than one.

It is a choice, yet it is a viable option, and is showing our significant advances in science and technology. I sincerely doubt that fifty years ago, this would have even been attempted with such success. Needless to say, I'm eager to see the next development coming our way.

Amazing response to SAGA's efforts!

The SAGA volunteer program stands for "Students Acting for Global Awareness". This program is organized by the Department of Student Services and conducted by the International Centre at Saint Mary's University. It seeks both International and Canadian student volunteers on campus to organize events that may bring awareness about different cultures, religions, beliefs, and customs of other human beings around the world in order to bring about a common ground between all humanity. Well, these words seem broad and daunting, but we do what we can on campus.

In these times, reaching a common ground between all people is very important. It helps to diminish the feeling of racism and superiority upon other people, and it makes it easy to believe that diversity is not just a "policy" that the Canadian government adopted in order to support a multi-cultural nation and help other poor people around the world to come to Canada", but it is a very unique part of humanity. Being diverse is being human.

One of SAGA's jobs includes preparing a presentation about his or her country and to present it to two organizations; once for the Residence Assistants and their floors, and the second is presented in a Halifax high school.

As SAGA volunteers, we were very excited to inform other people about our countries, cultures, and beliefs. We prepare interesting presentations of very high quality. In the past, we booked the Private Dining Room to make presentations to the RA's of the SMU residences on January 23 & 24. We contacted more than ten RA's and most of them agreed to come and bring as many people from their floors. SAGA gathered there, and waited for almost 30 minutes and it appeared that none of the RA's gave a @#%\$! about following through with the meeting!

One of our coordinators started to call and check with them about why they were not coming. We thought there was an emergency or somebody needed hospital attention or something, but in

fact, few of them didn't answer our phone calls. It seemed our RA's who said they would attend preferred to party at the Gorsebrook to check out the so called "chicks"! Some others were lying to us to our faces, saying that "wow we didn't know"!

Overall, we were really disappointed about how caring we were and how careless they were. Actually they (the RA's) were irresponsible, and they acted as children about the entire situation.

I met many people who think that St. Lucia is in Mars and not in the Caribbean, Palestine is in China and not in the Middle East, or Sri Lanka is across the street from Moscow and not in Asia. They justify that shameful ignorance by smiling and saying "yeah, well, I didn't know about the meeting". It is shocking that nobody cares to educate themselves about today's ever changing world.

----- Ali Hamed, Commerce student & a SAGA volunteer



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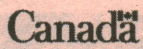
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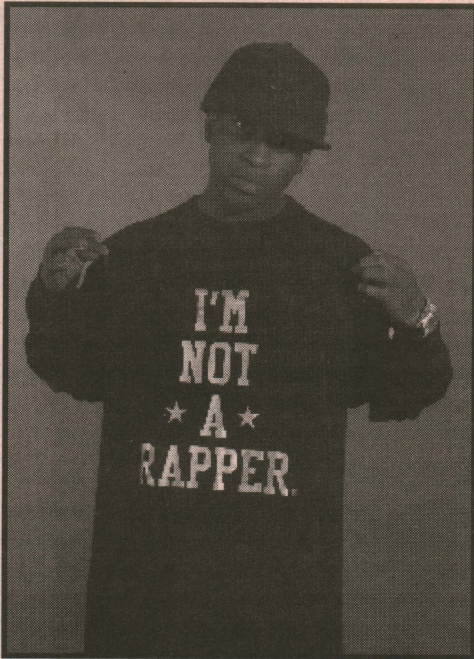


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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Littles doing big things with Dip Set



BY ANDREW BREEN

Ryan Lorde, AKA Littles the General, is determined to succeed. The 21 year-old Halifax rapper has made a big name for himself since turning his focus from the streets to music three years ago. In that time he has opened for major rap artists like Snoop Dogg and the Game. This month he will be opening for Too Short in Vancouver, then returning home to perform at the much-anticipated Juelz Santana concert February 22nd.

His upcoming mixtape, I'm Not a Rapper, features some big names in rap, including Dip Set member JR Writer. Littles, JR Writer and Halifax's KL collaborate on "I'm Reloaded", a hard-hitting track that has people talking.

But Littles' situation wasn't always so positive. Growing up in Halifax's Uniacke Square, he was surrounded

by glamour of quick money on the streets. When he ended up in jail, Littles took time to reflect on his situation and those around him. He chose to focus on music instead of hustling.

"I never really took rap seriously until three years ago. I got locked up; I was getting into a lot of trouble with the law. It was just too much to bear, so I thought I would take my talent and make something of it."

"I want to be the type of person that can help other people through their negatives. To use our negatives to create some positives for my community and my friends."

"When I first started, I went to a lot of people for help, and I basically didn't get it. So I figured forget it, I'll get my own money, I'll spend my own money, I'll make my own choices."

The do-it-yourself approach has paid off. The self taught businessman is taking his own route to music success in Canada.

"In terms of sales, Canadians don't push hard enough, they limit themselves. Atlantic Canadian artists only cater to Atlantic Canada. They only promote from Halifax to Newfoundland. I have promotion going on right now for my I'm Not a Rapper mixtape going

on in Europe. I do a lot of networking."

Networking with Toronto promoter Big Apple helped Littles hook up with the Diplomats (AKA Dip Set). Working with the Diplomats, Harlem's hottest rap collective, has helped build buzz for Littles' upcoming mixtape. It has also helped pave the way to bring Juelz Santana to Halifax.

Santana is a Diplomats member whose sophomore album, "What the Game's Been Missing," features hits like "Oh Yes" and "The Whistle Song." Santana, JR Writer, Littles and others will be performing at the Forum Multi Purpose Center on February 22nd.

On top of the mixtape and live shows, Littles is working on a web-based reality show. The show will be hosted on his site, littlesaintarapper.com, and features footage from clubs, studio sessions, and Littles handling business.

"We do all of our own management, book our own shows. A lot of people want to understand, want to know how we are doing it."

With a goal of 25,000 unit sales of I'm Not a Rapper" Littles has his work cut out for him. But with a drive to succeed and business acumen, Littles the General looks poised to take his music to the next level.

Pull?

"You got to support your artists, don't wait until they start getting big and then want to support them."

THE G-SPOT

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Q: How do you feel about shaving?

Stephanie Foster: This is a very open question.

When it comes to men, the hairless look is popular now. Even many women who love hairy men desire a male who keeps his pubic region trimmed down just a little. No one of any gender likes having pubic curls get in his or her mouth. Men with furry armpits are also advised to prune them just a little when planning to wear something sleeveless.

For women, shaving the armpits has been widespread for decades now, because bushy armpits play up body odor. No one likes to stink. Some women feel that the male population wants them to shave so they will look like little girls all their lives as opposed to the strong beings they feel themselves to be. Some have partners who desire the 'organic' look. Some find it 'liberating' not to shave. Still others feel warmer when they do not shave in the winter. I find it momentous that some girls do not shave, whatever their reasons. The population should not find things as ordinary as body hair as repellent as it does. Sure, some women have an excessive quantity of body hair, but there are also some men who have an excessive quantity of body hair, and no one seems to mind them.

Shaving is a delicate preference. Do whatever makes you comfortable.

Rick Wolfe: I personally think that both men and women should shave. When it comes right down to it, I hate performing oral sex and getting a mouth full of pubic hair, it's the absolute worst thing that could happen. It just kills the mood. Dead.

I hate having hair in my mouth, period. I also hate it when a girl stops to pull hairs out of her mouth, I don't blame her but I still hate it.

So, for me, the simplest solution is to just shave it all off. Trimming is just useless. While it may be more aesthetically pleasing than a wild bush, it's just as annoying, if not more, what with the smaller hairs to pull out and all. As I've said, it's a two-way street, if someone shaves, their partner should have the decency to do the same.

Facial hair can be interesting on men but seriously, keep it neat guys. Nothing is more unattractive than a man with sloppy facial hair. While we gents contend with this, the ladies have their legs to worry about. Personally, I don't care if a woman shaves her legs, unless you want your legs kissed.

Of course with all pleasure, comes pain. We can't forget that shaving does create tiny (or large) tears in skin. This opens the body to STDs, so always use proper protection.

Finally, since guys are probably going to be the most difficult to convince to shave for their ladies, shaving makes it look bigger. Think about it.

HAVE A QUESTION? SEND IT TO: JOURNAL.GSPOT@GMAIL.COM

Thread of the Week

Pro Choice Question ('Anything, Everything' section)

We encourage you to check out the fiery debate that has been taking place under this controversial thread.

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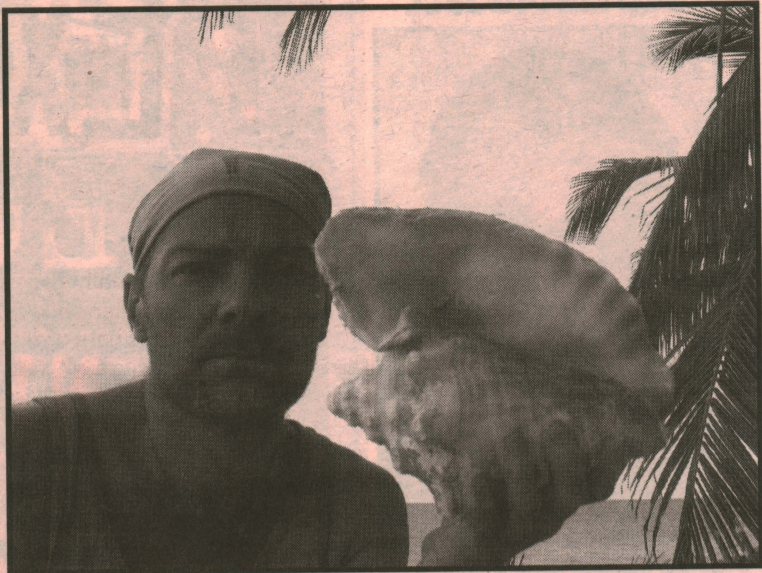
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The Cut of the Edge



The entertainment world is full of crap. Inundated by formulaic garbage, finding intelligent and innovative ways to while away the hours can be difficult, unless of course you have a good imagination and can entertain yourself.

This space will highlight some of the more interesting messages, organized by their medium. Things can make the list based on their quality, their marketing strategies, their newsworthiness, anything really, so long as it sets them apart from the competition.

If you've got suggestions for a future edition of The Cut of the Edge, send them to malcore@gmail.com and give a brief description of why they should be on the list.

TELEVISION SURVIVORMAN

Les Stroud used to make rock videos for a living. He still makes videos, but these are of a very different nature. Les Stroud is Survivorman, and some would say Survivorman is a little crazy.

Each episode sees Les dropped off in extreme locations where he has to survive for a week. He is not given any special provisions, only what someone in a similar situation might have to work with. An episode filmed in the Canadian Arctic showed him surviving with the remnants of a broken-down snowmobile; an episode called Lost at Sea had him surviving a boating accident on a self inflating raft typical of the devices commonly found on yachts. Apart from situation specific supplies, he has only the clothes on his back, a harmonica, a multi-tool and sometimes a little bit of food (four corn chips, or one whole power bar is he's lucky).

It is important to point out that these situations are real; he really is surviving in the wilderness for a week by himself. Watching the show it's almost hard to believe that he doesn't have a film crew following him wherever he goes.

Les Stroud is also an accomplished musician. In addition to filming and producing the show, he provides the

soundtrack.

PRINT - ROGUE STATE: A GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S ONLY SUPERPOWER

This non-fiction book written by William Blum was first published in May of 2000. The book outlines America's foreign policies, especially in instances where the USA pushes a corporate agenda which can be detrimental to the people of the countries which said policies affect. Blum argues that American interventions abroad sow the seeds of terrorism.

The book had not been an amazing success commercially, but that all changed in mid-January when Blum's book got an endorsement from an unexpected source.

A taped truce offering to the United States from Osama bin Laden was released. At one point during his message, bin Laden quoted from Blum's book and recommended that "if Bush decides to carry on with his lies and oppression, then it would be useful for you to read the book 'Rogue State,' which states in its introduction: 'If I were president, I would stop the attacks on the United States:

First, I would give an apology to all the widows and orphans and those who were tortured. Then I would announce that American interference in the nations of the world has ended once and for all.' "

Oprah helped raise the sales of a false memoir when she denounced the author. bin Laden's endorsement helped Blum's book rise from 205,763 to 26 on Amazon's list of best-selling books. I guess there really is no such thing as bad publicity.

PODCAST THE RICKY GERVAIS SHOW

The most downloaded podcast in the world is the brainchild of the same man who created the award winning television show The Office, he's also written and stars in an upcoming episode of The Simpsons. Currently two-thirds of the way through the limited twelve week run of this podcast, the show has topped 2 million downloads.

The Ricky Gervais Show is hosted by Ricky and his long-time friend and co-writer of The Office, Stephen Merchant. Having no music, the majority of each half hour episode consists of the two talking, reading listener emails and making jokes.

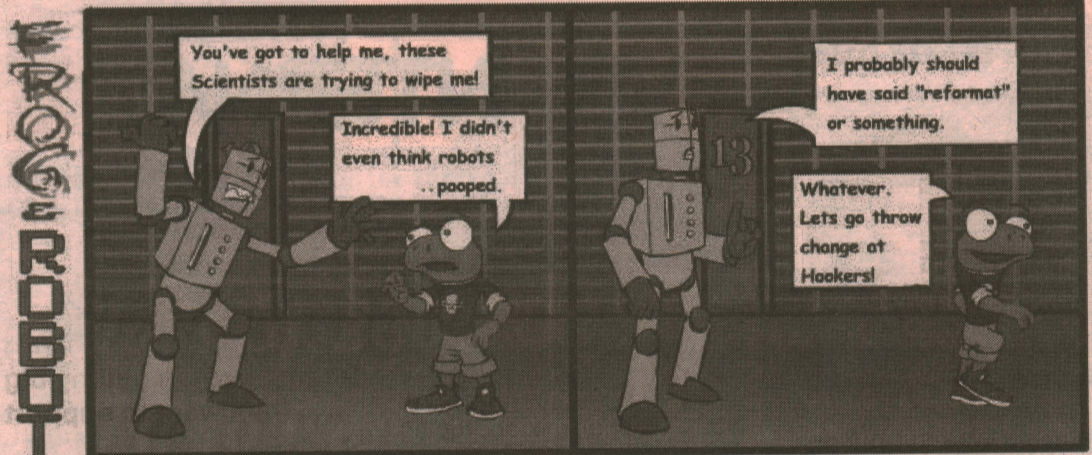
The most entertaining parts of each show involve the producer, Karl Pilkington. Karl, whom Gervais says is "the funniest man alive in Britain

today", is really the star of the show. He never laughs and has crazy theories which are always ridiculed by Gervais and Merchant.

One of Karl's crazy theories is that people should die at 78 and then have something injected in their temple which brings them back to life. The aging process reverses until nine months, at which point people won't be sad that the individual is going to die, and neither will the person in question because they'll be too young to realize.

The big feature of each show is a segment called Monkey News in which Karl takes a news story involving at least one monkey and tells the story of said monkey. Monkey News is sometimes fact and sometimes fiction, but Karl's deadpan delivery makes it difficult to tell which is which and adds to the humour of the show.

The Ricky Gervais Show plays like a conversation between good friends, but they are extremely funny guys who are great to listen to.



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VP EXTERNAL

IAN BRITTO



Ian BRITTO for VP External! Why? Because I care...I'm a Canadian in the Arts faculty. So what can I do for you?

- Create a SMU discount card for use on and off-campus. SMU is a business that consists of over 8,500 students. We need someone in office that is willing to go out to the community and negotiate discounts for students. Imagine a discount at Sobey's!!!
- Bursaries for volunteering students
- Advocate to lower tuition for both Canadian and International students
- OFF-CAMPUS USE OF SMU MEAL CARDS...use your card at subway, etc.
- External corporate sponsorships and bursaries
- More charitable events

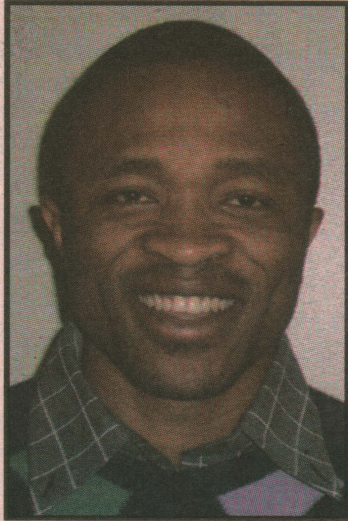
I'm big on bursaries and charity work within our community. I believe that in order to help others, we have to first help ourselves. There are many charities out there that require SMU's future leaders, today. So vote for me and we can make this happen.

SEBASTIAN CAREY



I am a third year Marketing major at St. Mary's University. During my time here, I have held several positions including frosh leader, President of the Caribbean Society and employment in the SMUSA Marketing Department. During my years of university in Canada, I have become aware of various different issues, including the rising cost of tuition and differential fees, immigration issues, off campus employment, and the credit transfer process. I am dedicated to providing the student body with solutions to the problems that must be faced by way of communication and negotiation with the appropriate external organizations and governing bodies. I have two years of experience, working with all levels of government, through my employment with a labour association. Given my experience, leadership skills and determination, I am undoubtedly the right choice for SMUSA's Vice President of External Affairs 2006-07.

EMEKA CHINABU



I'm the current Vice President External Affairs for SMUSA. I'm vying for re-election because the state of the union demands a dynamic, virile and progressive administration to achieve success. In the past 9 months I've worked towards a better, more affordable and accessible post-secondary education. I made proposals to 20 Members of Parliament last year on the state of education in Canada and urged them to take a leadership role on education in their various caucus. I lobbied for the Expansion of Canada Access Grant, holistic review of Canada's Student Financial Assistance, international students working off campus, fundraised for hurricane Katrina, Liver Foundation, United Way, Lungs Association, HIV/AIDS and more. Right now I'm working on removal of parental contribution on student loans, bill C48 & C207 and more need based grants for students. Re-elect your experienced advocate for a transparent accomplishment.

SCOTT HAGGELL



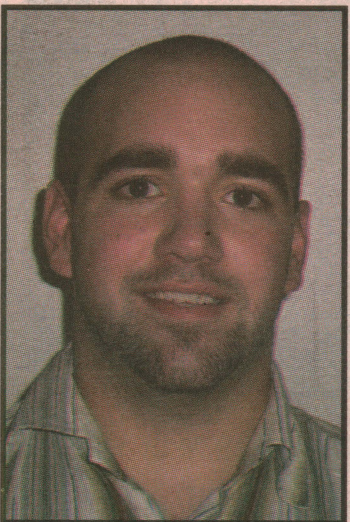
My name is Scott Haggell, and I am running for the position of Vice-President External Affairs in the upcoming elections.

I have been a student at Saint Mary's University for the past four years, and in that time I have repeatedly seen the hardships that students face in trying to get a post secondary education. As a recent graduate, I know how difficult it is to afford an education and I know that it's not getting any easier.

I am not going to make any promises to lower tuition or to do anything like that because these promises cannot be kept. I will, however, promise to do the best job that I can to ensure that the voice of every single student at this university is heard. This is the only promise that I'm going to make because this is the only promise that I know that I can keep.

Sincerely,
Scott Haggell

JACOB HORNE



I'm a 4th yr finance major from Halifax, NS. My schedule next year only includes 2 classes per semester; this will give SMUSA my undivided attention.

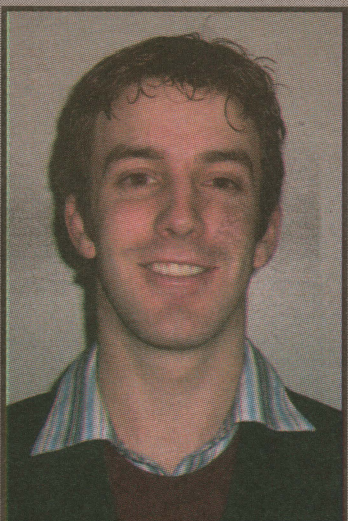
I really want to leave SMU knowing that my hard work made a difference. Assisting students for when they graduate is very important; I will create a larger reference database of potential organizations and work with student employment centre to increase post-graduation access to job opportunities. On top of that, it's important to look at students to come, rallying the federal and provincial government for improved student financing will be on the top of my agenda.

When I get elected, I will work with the RAK squad (random acts of kindness) and help those that are less fortunate. I will raise Community Awareness for SMU by coordinating the "Pride in our Shared Neighborhood" & "Bike Again" programs to promote and increase student rights and privileges within the city of Halifax.

I'm a proud Husky and have committed much time and effort for our school including being a SMUSA Volunteer; also I am President of the SMU Men's Rugby Team during their best year in history.

VP INTERNAL

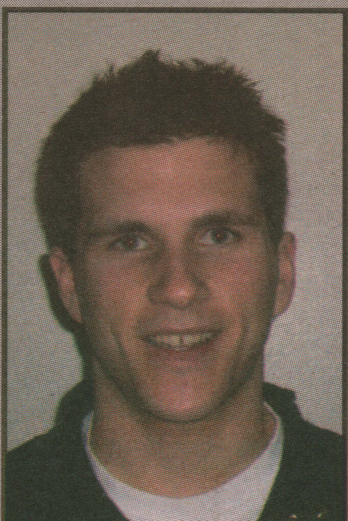
MIKE KEATING



I am running for VP Internal. During my time at Saint Mary's I've been involved with various aspects of the school, most recently as your 05-06 Commerce Representative. As your next VP Internal I will address a number of key issues, which affect all university students. I would also like to encourage you to explore my website by visiting www.votekeating.4t.com. On it you will find information regarding my involvement at Saint Mary's as well as my 2006 Election Platform. Highlights of my platform include increasing communication between SMUSA and students, the revitalization of The Gorsebrook, and the creation of an "Introduction to Saint Mary's" video for our new website.

In closing, I wish to let all students know that as your next VP Internal I will represent the needs and interests of each and everyone of you. On February 13th and 14th, make your voices heard and vote Mike Keating for VP Internal.

JEFF LOHNES



Accomplishments:
Parking Pass Subsidy for Students + Increased/Diversified Campus Events + Increased Society Involvement by Students (e.g. Second Society Expo) + Helped bring Local and National media coverage to SMU and our students + Only Student in Canada Elected to Board of the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities

Future and Continued Goals:
• Fight for more Bus Routes to SMU + Increase SMUSA's employee wage rate + Even More programming for the diverse student body + Ensure that YOUR opinions and ideas are heard and recognized by SMUSA + Increase Student Employment/Revenues through a Marketing Department that services the external businesses

As VP Internal I worked hard, making sure that all willing students had a voice on campus issues. I pushed for students' needs on university committees and gained respect for SMU/SMUSA Nationally with schools and media. With my experience, passion, and knowledge of the position I know I will be the best person to be working for you.

ADAM LORDON



I'm a fourth year Marketing and Management student and currently, the SMUSA Programmer, responsible for all of this year's awesome events, including The SMUazing Race, The Price Is Right and SMU Years Eve.

As the VP Internal there are several things I would like to make happen:
- More unique events, pub theme nights, and all ages events
- A Society Summit where society execs can meet to share ideas
- A Residence Council that will provide activities and advocacy for residence students
- A society events calendar on the SMUSA website
- A year long "Residence Challenge" competition

While at SMU I have been involved in student life in many ways: as an RA for 2 years, as a frosh leader, on the entertainment committee, and as a member of several societies. As VP Internal I will continue to work hard to maximize the SMU experience for all students.

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Zach Churchill
Some Accomplishments:

- Increased SMUSA's presence
- Effectively advocated for a food aid system and an expansion of which were adopted as policy
- Launched the Random Acts of Kindness
- Effectively advocated for a health bacco products will not be sold
- Demonstrated the qualities of leadership and involvement in the university Plans for you next year.
- Create a SMUSA Endowment for scholarships and bursaries for grounds
- Spearhead the creation of a South End a safer place to live

USA Executive Elections

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VP ACADEMIC

COLLEEN
BARRINGTON



Hello there! My name is Colleen Barrington and I am a second year arts student running for the position of VP Academic in the current SMUSA Executive election. I am an experienced counselor as I was First Year Students' Representative for the 2004/2005 academic year on the SRC. I was a recipient of the "Certificate of Distinction" at the 2005 Charter Day Awards Ceremony which indicates that I made significant contributions to Saint Mary's students during my first year. I have done extensive volunteering here at SMU and outside as well. If elected I intend to:

- Continue to improve the Tutor Database as a main initiative
- Build more awareness of the SMUSA Book Exchange and its benefit to SMU students
- Aim to have wireless internet provided in more areas of the university campus, and
- Improve SMUSA policy to make it more effective in representing SMU students.

YUTING CHU



Well, I'm a pretty friendly and laid back person....I like to have a good time with me pals. I don't believe in exclusive social cliques or social ladders which means you'll probably see me talking to complete strangers.

Someone once told me "Once an eastcoaster, always an eastcoaster." After living here in Hali-town for the past little while, I have to agree. After all, what other city in Canada has a song written about them? (if you don't know its Hello City by the Barenaked Ladies). Some of the things I want to do: Increase the number of Husky Vans and hours of service Increase social activities on campus Reduce tuition rates Improve the Grade Appeals process. paying like 40 - 50 bucks is refuckingdicolous! Hey I just invented a new word! Haha "Remember, all friends start out as strangers...."

"food for the body, drink for the spirit, and music for the soul." - The Old Triangle
"All I need are some tasty waves, a cool buzz, and I'm fine" - Jeff Spicoli

DENIZ DEMIREL



I will work directly with the student body to better fulfill their needs academically through representation

I will look into making the Book Exchange co-ed with other local Universities, which would make more books available for students. There needs to be more study rooms and should be open for longer hours.

The tutor database would be more efficient online. I will address the flaws in the Banner system, such as prerequisites, and promote better understanding of the program.

I would like to advertise SMUSA's many services and advantages to students.

Every student is a member of the Students Association and should benefit from it.

I would like to create more scholarships and bursaries and make sure that all eligible students are aware of them.

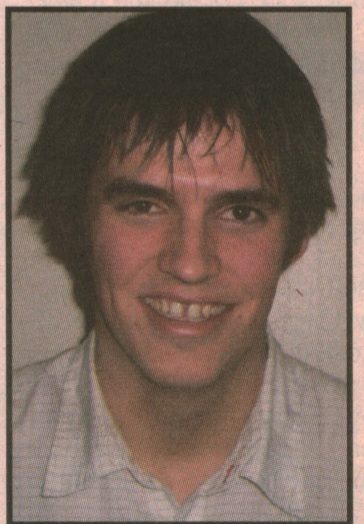
Experience: 2nd year Residence Assistant + 2nd year SMUSA Marketing Department Staff + Turkish Society President + Member of Disciplinary Committee and President of Class

MITCH
GILLINGWATER



I'm very enthused to be running for VP Academic and would like to tell you about who I am and what I would like to do next year. In my time here I have been very involved with the university, acting as an R.A. for the past two years and volunteering for SMUSA, SMUSAFE, and six other charities. If elected it is my goal to accomplish the following things: lobby for more adequate space and times to study on campus, increase the availability of online courses, have final exam schedules available to students at the beginning of each semester, work to establish arts and science societies, further promote the online book exchange, and increase communication between SMUSA and students about academic policies and regulations. An educated vote is a good vote, and I encourage all students to elect a Students Association that will best represent the interests of everyone.

CHRISTOPHER
MACDONALD



Wireless What?!

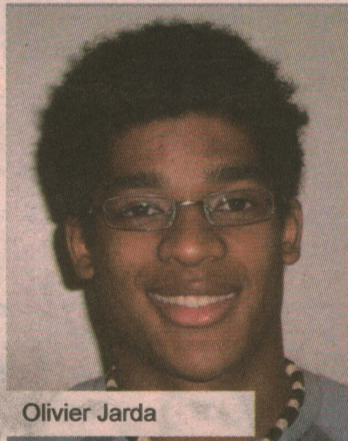
Exactly, we need more wireless internet on campus. Introducing wireless in the Gorsebrook and Library this year was a start but was not enough. We all know finding a computer near exams is a scarce reality here at SMU. Also, I want to help SMUdents take advantage of the scholarships available for the many international exchange options such as Homburg's \$1.5 million donation for students studying abroad. Insuring consistency among the multi-section course in content and grading will be an additional priority. Olivier has done a great job this year and I will continue to pursue his projects, the online professor reviews. Four yours into a dual degree, majoring in Finance, Economics, and Asian studies, has developed my ability to multi-task and my passion for academics, combined with my experience as President of the Commerce Society puts me in a strong position to do the best job possible.

CHRISTINA LOPEZ



My name is Cristy Lopez and I am running for VP Academic. Academic success is an important component of your university experience here at Saint Mary's. As VP Academic, I will strive to find a solution to the academic barriers facing students such as: limited studying space after hours and on weekends, choosing a professor who meets your learning style, course availability, consistent use of available technology (posting slides online, etc) by professors, awareness regarding academic opportunities. Also, I will urge Tim Horton's to increase hours of operation during the exam period to make studying easier. Education is something we all value highly, and I believe that it should not be held back by anyone. As VP Academic, I can use my leadership, knowledge, passion, commitment and experience to help find answers for you. Remember, voting is a privilege, so use it!

On February 13 and 14, Vote Cristy Lopez for VP Academic



Olivier Jarda

I've been an active participant on the Board of Governors and Academic Senate. I am the outgoing VP Academic and chair the Senate Student Caucus. If re-elected, I'll work with the incoming VP Academic to strengthen SMUSA's lobbying skills within the university.

Achievements during tenure on Senate and the Board:

- Introduced proposal to ban consecutive exams (under review by Academic Regulations)
- Lobbied for a universal grading scheme (approved by Academic Regulations, will be voted on by Senate)
- Successfully lobbied to have an alternate student representative on the Academic Appeals Committee.
- Revised Charter to resemble university policy,

to eventually have the document ratified by Senate

- Began project of online professor evaluations which is nearing completion and has been reviewed by a Senate subcommittee.

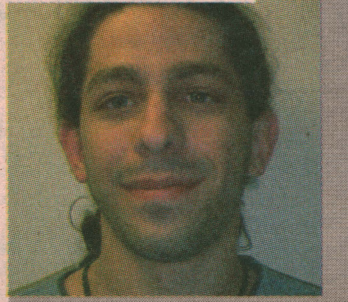
University Committees I sat on this year: Appeals, Discipline, Agenda, Food, Quality of Teaching, Regulations, Teaching Awards, Academic Planning, Curriculum, Neighbourhood, Liquor Operations.

If elected for the Senate and Board of Governors, I will strive to represent the interests of Saint Mary's students within the student government, with University administration, and in the larger community. I think that all students can benefit through involvement with student activities and reaching out to more student groups will strengthen our University's student body. By creating more opportunities to work within our University, with external groups and the greater community I think we can strengthen the opportunity network for all students.

Past and current involvement:

- President of Saint Mary's Athletes' Council
- Co-Vice President of the Literati
- Captain of the Women's Soccer Team
- Volunteer Coordinator for Abilities Foundation and Heart & Stroke Foundation
- Soccer Programs Coordinator for the Athletics & Recreation Department

Elie Khoury



ELIE KHOURY DID NOT PROVIDE A WRITE-UP.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS : Colleen Barrington, Yuting Chu, Zach Churchill, Olivier Jarda, Elie Khoury, Adam Lordon, Cristina Lopez, Chris MacDonald, Ally Read

ACADEMIC SENATE: Colleen Barrington, Yuting Chu, Zach Churchill, Olivier Jarda, Elie Khoury, Cristina Lopez, Chris MacDonald, Rhys MacDonald, Ally Read

Check out smusa.ca/forum for all the election chit chat...

BUSINESS

SMU GRAD DRIVES BENTLEY TO THE TOP

BY ANDREW BREEN

It surprised me to find out the CEO of Bentley Motors Inc., Andrew Stuart, is a Hailigonian and SMU graduate. I didn't picture an Atlantic Canadian running the North American division of the famed British luxury car. Stuart is helping Bentley reach record sales while ushering in a new hip era at the formerly stuffy, upper-crust corporation.

When I started research for this article, I noticed there wasn't a lot of information out there on Stuart. He seems to keep a low profile, a trait which typifies Atlantic Canadian leaders. After leaving a voice message on his machine, I was shocked when he personally called me back to arrange an interview time. This wasn't what I expected from the CEO of a car company whose cheapest model starts at \$171,285 US.

I talked to Stuart on the phone from his Michigan office. He told me he grew up in Halifax, graduating from QEH before starting at SMU. He began in arts, but transferred to commerce and finished in 1992 with a Marketing major.

When asked about his days at SMU, Stuart said, "I played rugby and intramural hockey. I was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. I had a lot of different interests and enjoyed my time at Saint Mary's."

After graduating from SMU, Stuart began working at Volkswagen's Burnside office. After a few years he was promoted into VW's Canadian head office. When Canadian and American offices of VW merged, Stuart was relocated to the States.

Stuart was the Sales and Marketing Director for VW Credit when he was approached for the Bentley CEO position by company executives. Volkswagen owns Bentley, so Stuart was already familiar with the luxury automobile. Stuart was surprised by the offer, but was up for the challenge.

When he officially started as CEO in October, 2004, Stuart became Bentley's

first CEO from outside of the United Kingdom. His appointment signals a new approach at Bentley, moving away from chauffeur-driven snootiness and back to their racing roots.

"We went back into racing to reestablish our credibility as a high-performance automobile. Our Continental series are very high performance, the cars will go zero to sixty in 4.8 seconds and have engines with 550 horsepower."

Bentley's performance is rivaled only by their luxury. Bentley features elegant hand-finished wood and leather interiors. The steering wheel alone takes five hours to hand stitch. With that attention to detail, it is little wonder that it is the car of choice for the rich and successful.

Not only are the owners of Bentley successful, but with Stuart at the helm, Bentley itself has seen great success, boosting sales by 51 percent from 2004 to 2005 in North America.

Bentley has also increased their popularity in pop culture. In a study done on product mentions in the top songs of 2005, Bentley came fourth with 51 mentions (up ten spots in two years). "We are becoming a much more hip brand," says Stuart.

Stuart credits his success to his varied experience within Volkswagen. "I never saw myself as strictly a marketing guy. When an opportunity came to work in financial services for a few years, I took it. Take advantage of all the different experiences and it makes you a well-rounded manager."

Despite being a leader of one of the world's most luxurious and exclusive brands, Stuart came across as a plain-spoken, kind person. This unassuming nature is often seen in top leaders that hail from the East coast, and it seems that Stuart, like Bentley, is succeeding by staying true to his roots.

THE ROCKEFELLER

1. Do you think the more Valentines Day (and other holiday's) become commercialized by businesses, they will eventually lose all meaning and fade out?

This question is probably left best to the Oprah's or Dr Phil's, but there is a way to look at this from a business perspective... so to all those out there looking for a diehard romantic response: yes it would lose all meaning. Now from a more pragmatic approach, let's take a look at Valentines from the angle that it is a product selling a one-day opportunity for couples to reflect and act upon their emotions for each other. Any businessperson will tell you that products over time may have to shift in order to continue to find a place in the market (if you don't believe me, lets just say that at one time there was Cocaine in Coca-Cola, or Post It Notes were once viewed as glue that did not work). Taking this into account, Valentines in itself has a rich history of shifting over time. In 1847 Esther Howland commenced the promotion of the Valentine's Day cards; but I would doubt that anyone would say that these cards detract from Valentine's Day. A hundred years after, they brought us roses and chocolates, which have become apart of the Valentine's

imagery today (thus, commercialization has shaped what we even connote Valentine's to be today). A quarter century ago, jewelry started showing its roots as a Valentine's Day staple - arguably you may not call it part of Valentine's today but let's give it another quarter century. As a product, Valentine's Day could easily be "Singles Awareness Day", but yet you would be hard pressed for those enjoying that day, so I don't see the Valentine's Day name going anywhere fast. The same goes for other products that have changed over time, a computer may not be thought of as an object that takes up a floor of a building but at its roots, it still is there to manage information in one way or another. The same goes with Christmas. It has become the pinnacle of consumer spending but Christmas is still seen as a celebration for various reasons. Like any extremely successful product, Valentine's Day may continue to slowly change over time, but I would not worry about it disappearing any time soon. There will always be those die hard romantics to keep it alive, whether we like it or not.

2. I heard Starbucks is partnering with iPod. What's this all about anyway? How does it benefit both of them?

The new (potential) part-

nership between Apple and Starbucks is a deal whereby at Starbucks you could quickly fill up your iPod while you are getting your double mocha latte. Exact details are yet to be completed, so I would suspect a deal where you give your iPod to the clerk who puts on it a mixture of new singles/full albums for the week. The cost I would suspect would follow iTunes. Another theory on this partnership is that Starbucks will house iPod-docking stations at every table in their outlets. This would enable consumers to purchase songs at their leisure while enjoying their Starbucks drink. Starbucks really benefits here because it keeps patrons inside the store, meaning, their tables look fuller (attractive to passerby's), and the probability of selling more products skyrockets. Also, it reinforces that Starbucks is a hip, innovative, and technology-savvy brand. Because Starbucks are everywhere these days, and growing fast, iPod co-branding with Starbucks gives Apple another means of promoting the functionality and universality of its product - as in, it's here to stay. This alliance is fairly revolutionary, and may change the face of coffeehouses, as we know them. A coffeehouse just isn't a coffeehouse anymore unless it has a wireless Internet connection and potentially, an iPod docking station. This is just another indicator at where our fast-paced, technology obsessed society is heading.



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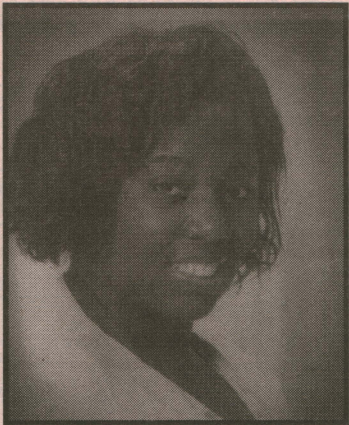
ACE Campus Spotlight on: Risen Talent Theater Co.

BY: LAURA MACINTOSH

Since we missed last week's column, this ACE is back with twice as much entrepreneurship power this week. This Campus Spotlight highlights Tara Taylor and Natalie Hodgson, 2nd year students. Tara majors in sociology while Natalie is criminology major here at SMU. These two ladies run the Risen Talent Theater Company and are starting to branch into film.

LM: Tell us a little information about your business what have you done, and when did you start?

TT: Natalie and I started this company 3 years ago as a result of working together on a few projects. I run a pageant called Nubian Pageant Systems and Natalie is one of my titleholders. She holds the title for "Miss Nubian Napata Digby 2003/04". I also am a fashion designer and Natalie models for me when I show a new line. We wrote several plays together and performed them in the Atlantic Fringe Festival with a successful turnout each year and tremendous positive feedback. We decided to stay together and



form this company because we discovered we worked so well with each other. We write original plays, perform them and have recently moved into film making. We have completed our first documentary entitled, "Am I my Brotha's keeper?", screened on January 27, 2006 at the Neptune Theatre. We have been asked to shoot a music video and several cd compilations. We also incorporate dance (belly dance, hip hop and latin), spoken word and song in our plays. We are working on opening a studio in the near future.

LM: How do you fund your busi-

ness?

TT: The business is self funded; we use our own money and money we earn from performing our plays.

LM: Who is your target demographic?

TT: The general population, we don't have an age limit as we write plays for all ages.

LM: Where are you located?

TT: Right now we run our business from both of our homes. We each have a computer and keep an email for business contact. Because our business is performing, we take our business to various venues. This is why we were looking to get a studio, to start offering dance lessons and be able to perform plays more often.

LM: One of the big turnoffs for potential student entrepreneurs is balance. How do you find balancing school with running a business?

TT: It can be a challenge at times. We manage to divide up the tasks between us and that seems to work out great. This is another reason we decided to stay together.

LM: Risen Talent is a great name, is there a story behind it?

TT: Yes. Another aspect of our business is to help up and coming artists make it where we have and further. We had a tough time in our community, in the beginning, to get up and running. There also were not a lot of resources to help us along. We want to give new artists an opportunity to have a place to get their name and talent out, talent on the rise, hence, Risen Talent.

To contact Risen Talent Theatre Company, email risentalent@hotmail.com, or mail to: 5459 Heron Walk, Halifax NS, B3K 5X3. To reach Tara or Natalie by phone call (902) 222-8161 (Tara) or (902) 471-0753 (Natalie).

<< -- **Don't miss our second Spotlight this week, featuring Duncan Enman and Can Stock Photo Inc.**

ACE Campus Spotlight on: Can Stock Photo Inc

BY: LAURA MACINTOSH

This week's feature is on 4th year SMU student Duncan Enman, the Small Business Entrepreneurship major, who owns Can Stock Photo Inc, a company that sells stock photography around the world.

LM: Tell us about your business; what do you do, when did you start, where did you get the idea?

DE: Basically, stock photography is general-purpose photos and images that are primarily used for marketing and promotion. I have a photography background and was looking for a way to commercially retail my images - so I decided to start my own stock photography agency. The business was launched in June 2004 and now has over 145,000 photos, from 2,500 photographers around the world. There are almost 13,000 active members, and the website receives about 100,000 hits a day. The site is currently ranked in the top 10,000 out of every website on the internet, based on traffic. Images from the site have been used in magazines, newspapers, TV commercials, books, websites, annual reports, trade shows, and brochures.

LM: How do you fund your business, the photography supplies needed and the cost for the website?

DE: I used my piggy bank.

LM: Impressive, who is your target demographic, other than those big shots using your work for magazines and commercials?

DE: My primary target is those ages 25-45, and my secondary is those over 45.

LM: Ok, so where did you come

up with the idea of running this as a website, and how did you accomplish this international coverage?

DE: At the time, I was aware of similar stock photography agencies, but I was not happy with how photographers were treated (poor commissions). So I created CanStockPhoto with the goal of being fair to both photographers and buyers. The site gives 50% commission to photographers, which is quite a bit higher than other agencies. Yet our prices remain very affordable (\$1+)

I believe this has also helped the international coverage. Once you get one happy photographer, they tend to spread the word. So by offering competitive wages, we have gained some valuable positive publicity. We get several hundred new photographer sign-ups every month.

LM: Running an internationally recognized company must be hard. How do you find balancing school with running a business?

DE: It has been very difficult. It's quite challenging to manage a business, attend school, and attempt to have a social life, all at the same time. The business is just so busy that it unfortunately requires constant attention.

I have been able to adapt by only taking 3-4 courses per term, and hiring people to help out. I have a few part time employees and they make a big difference.

Although time consuming, I wouldn't want that to discourage anyone. Running my own business has been a great experience, and I would recommend it to everyone. By running this venture, I have been able to meet people and experience things that would never have been possible. It really opens your eyes to the outside world, and shows you what is possible. But aside from being financially independent, it's the feeling of pride and satisfaction that really makes it all worthwhile.

To find out more about Can Stock Photo Inc, visit the website at www.canstockphoto.com.

Halifax Chamber of Commerce Awards

On February 2nd, the Halifax Chamber of Commerce hosted its Sixth Annual Business Awards at the Westin hotel. It was a chance to honor Halifax's top businesses and people in four categories: New Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Business of the Year and Business Person of the Year.

Statistics, like revenues, sales, and growth, including intangibles, like innovation and improving the community, are the criteria on which the Awards are given. Each award winner was able to improve their businesses bottom line while contributing something back to the community.

The first award of the night, New Business of the Year, went to The Wooden Monkey. The Monkey, on Argyle Street in downtown Halifax, is a restaurant serving up delicious dishes using only locally grown organic food. Lil MacPherson, one of the partners in the restaurant, delivered a passionate speech about the importance of health and supporting local farmers. She was equally as passionate about the subject when I spoke with her at the after party.

"I'm happy the Chamber recognizes what we are doing," MacPherson told me. "We have to support our local farmers or we will lose them. I don't want to rely on the Americans or the rest of the country for our food."

Small Business of the Year went to Rosewood on the Cove. The Rosewood features nine luxurious seaside cottages on Nova Scotia's South Shore. Owner Phyllis

Hind has grown the business with a customer-first approach which is paying off. The Rosewood is often booked a year or more in advance by returning patrons.

After a speech from Gordon Pitts, author of The Codfathers and senior writer for the Globe & Mail, the Business of the Year Award was handed out. The winner was Killam Properties Inc., Atlantic Canada's largest residential landlord. Four years ago, Killam started with 149 units and two employees. They now own 11725 units, amassing \$500,000,000 in assets, and employing over 200.

The final award of the night went to Scott McCrea for Business Person of the Year. McCrea is the President and CEO of Armour Development, a leading real estate development company. Armour is leading the \$300 million Queen's Landing Development project which will dramatically reshape the Halifax Waterfront.

"What the Chamber does here tonight is to recognize that there's a new spirit in the region, and they are reaching out to it and making it happen," McCrea said in his acceptance speech. "They help breed a culture of success for us here by recognizing that it's okay to be great."

Overall, the Halifax Chamber of Commerce Business Awards was a thrill to attend. The food was wonderful, the winners inspiring, and the pace was perfect. I would like to thank the Chamber for inviting me, and congratulations to all the winners.

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THE SOCIETY PAGE

COUP AT SMU, OPTAMUS LEARNS

(A distraught thirty-eight year old science major telephoned OPTAMUS, the SMU mature student society, and related a disturbing tale. Society member A.L. Golding happened to take the call. What follows is a partial transcript of their conversation. The caller's name has been altered to protect her identity).

Cassandra: Like I was telling you, an English professor has finagled the external chair of the biology department. I dare not speak his name for fear of further emboldening his expansionist agenda. Covetous of the expanding science facilities, he plans to take over the laboratories and use them to house sub-departments of Southern literature and who knows what other horrors! It is as clear to me as a vision. That fiend is cunning, though; he seems to have fooled everyone else. Goes around all smiley smiley, he does. Oh, excellent falsehood! Nobody's that bloody affable unless he's up to something! Nor is he alone; that blasted department of his is parked just the other side of the science complex pedway, ready to march on over the minute he gives the order! We must festoon this passage with calculus homework, biochemistry midterms, Drosophila melanogaster presentations – whatever's at hand – for this stuff, to that lot, is like crucifixes to vampires, and not only that...

A.L.: This is panic button talk, my dear, please calm yourself. Even if what you say is true, what would they do with the Test Tubers?

Cassandra: Put to the sword, sent on perpetual sabbatical to the mines of Numidia – how the hell should I know? The man is mad, I tell you, mad, mad, mad! His lust for power and additional square footage is unprecedented in the history of St. Mary's!

A.L.: Well, how could this English professor and his flunkies plan such an undertaking without anyone noticing?

Cassandra: Strategy sessions take place during upper-level class time; those so-called "special subject" seminars of theirs. I'm certain of it!

A.L.: Now that you mention it, those seminars always struck me as a bit suspicious too – no, no, no! – that's kids' stuff; this rigid faculty affiliation crap. We at OPTAMUS take a more mature view, eschewing such

narrow-minded definitions, and hold that the university offers its students a cornucopia of choice and opportunity.

Cassandra: Well, bully for you-

A.L.: Has it occurred to you, my dear, that this man may genuinely wish to lend a hand in a spirit of cooperation to the science program; that his talents and enthusiasms transcend petty faculty boundaries?

Cassandra: A science lubber, eh? Well, just listen to this, then: he once told a student he could trust her only as far as he could throw her, and then pitched her towards the back wall by way of illustration. She only made it as far as the third row, but he didn't throw her very hard, so it proved nothing! Controls? Variables? Where are they?

A.L.: You're right; this monster has absolutely no appreciation of the Scientific Method!

Cassandra: Oh, why can't the farmer and the rancher just be friends?

A.L.: Have you considered the possibility that the bankers may be the ones pulling the strings here?

Cassandra: You mean the Commerce faculty?

A.L.: Yes, my dear, using Sweet Thing as their tool, playing one side against the other, dividing and conquering; it's just the kind of thing they get up to.

Cassandra: Do you really think they're behind this?

A.L.: Not really. It just seemed like something to say.

Cassandra: I wish you'd take this seriously!

A.L.: I will, later dear, I promise! But first, I have to dash off to my poetry class.

Cassandra: How can you continue to associate with those people after what I've told you? You silly cow!!

A.L.: But dear, it's too late to replace that class now, and well...hello?...are you still on the line?

(Any coups, cuckoo or otherwise, simmering away in your neck of the woods? Do you view pedways as a pedestrian convenience? A compromise of faculty independence? Are you twenty-four or older? Why not become an OPTAMUS member and tell them what's on your mind!)

The Pre-Game Game

BY DYLAN JAMES



While many were focused on placing bets, organizing parties, or gathering supplies for this weekend's Superbowl, there were two Saint Mary's students who had their eye on a game whose prize was a bit more practical than an oversized bowl.

Matt Clow and Tim Stephenson faced off this past Sunday at the Gorsebrook Lounge as the Seattle Seahawks and the Jacksonville Jaguars, respectively, in the Annual Madden tournament put on by the Management Science Society. The tournament, which started as eighteen students and

spanned three days, held the grand prize of an iPod shuffle.

As crowds began poring into the Gorsebrook Lounge for the pre-game show, Clow and Stephenson sweated it out over their Playstation 2 controllers, eventually coming to a victory for the Seahawks at a score of 47-13.

Unfortunately for Seahawks fans this was not to foreshadow the bigger game that was to follow as the Seahawks fell to the Pittsburgh Steelers at a score of 21-10.

The Management Science Society would like to thank everyone who came out to play or stop by to watch, as well as the Gorsebrook Lounge for hosting the pre-game game.

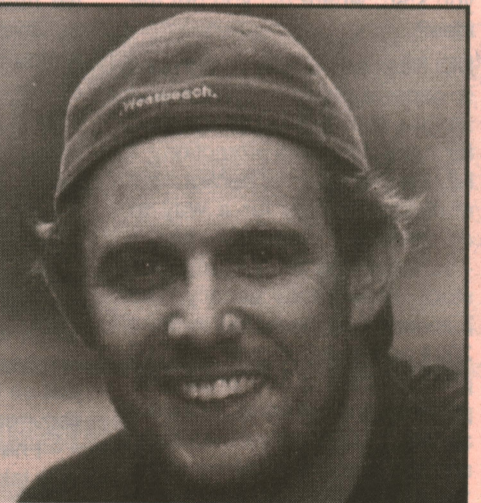
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"African Night 2006" promises to be the most interesting, entertaining, educative and inspirational experience for those who will attend. The theme chosen for the night is -"Proud African: Embrace Unity". The event will include African dance, drumming, fashion show, drama, other cultural performances, authentic cuisine served buffet style and a gala to end the night.

The African Night is an annual event, previously organized by the Dalhousie African Students' Association to celebrate the unique and diverse African culture as well as to promote increased awareness about the current social and political climate in Africa.

This year for the first time the event is being jointly organized by the Dalhousie African Students' Association (DASA) and the Saint Mary's African Students' Society (SMASS) and has been scheduled as part of the African History Month Celebrations.

Venue: McInnes Room Dalhousie University (Student Union Building)
 Time: 5:45pm - 1:0am
 Admission Tickets: Adults: \$20.00 in advance or 25.00 at the door
 Students: \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door.
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 Tickets are available at the International Students' Centre at Saint Mary's, Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent's University respectively.

For additional information on the event or for tickets, please call 877 6188 or 225 7939.

About DASA and SMASS

DASA and SMASS are student run associations that serve as a voice for African students and friends of Africa at the respective universities. DASA and SMASS are composed of a dynamic group of mainly African students who undertake a number of different activities to promote awareness of the rich cultural diversity of Africa.

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Thread of the Week

Pro Choice Question ('Anything. Everything' section)

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SPORTS

PLAYOFF BOUND

Women's standings packed
Men need to finish on high note

BY: ADAM COSTELLO

With the top of the standings in the Atlantic Womens hockey conference looking as crowded as one of the elevators in the SUB, for the St. Mary's women, last weekends game against the Dalhousie Tigers was crucial to say the least. With the SMU squad of women currently just a couple points back of Dal and St. FX, the playoff spot they've already clinched was irrelevant, as they tried to gain some ground on top spot overall. Having already beaten the Tigers in 9 strait games before their weekend match-up, the Huskies managed to scorch their south end rivals for 5 strait goals, stretching their head to head win streak against the Tigers to 10 strait games. SMU Goaltender Krista MacInnis kept the Tigers off the scoresheet for the final 50 minutes and eight seconds, including an amazing pad save off a penalty shot by Laura Walker late in the third period. Dal finished the game 0-11 on the power play.

The win however, may be overshadowed by discouragement for Saint Mary's, as All-Canadian forward Courtney Schriver and rookie Melissa Young were both injured in separate incidents during the second period and did not return. Schriver, last year's CIS rookie of the year, has 21 goals and 36 points this season. After the injury, Schriver got dressed and spent the last half of the game in the stands with a blanket wrapped around her left knee while Young left the rink on crutches. A sorrowful sight for a team in the midst of a battle for top spot in the conference.

The CIS seventh-ranked Dalhousie team of girls had its seven-game win streak snapped just three days after toppling St. FX. for the first time in school history. The Tigers beat the X-women 5-2 at Dal Memorial Arena last Thursday night and temporarily held top spot in the league until the loss to the Huskies was combined with a St. FX win against Mount Allison, leaving them 1 point back of St. FX and just 1 point up, on the Huskies. Each Saint Mary's, Dalhousie and St. FX. have just four regular season league games left. The top two teams in the conference earn first round playoff byes.

On the Men's side, inconsistency reared it's ugly head once again. On a road trip that saw them going through the 2nd best team in the league, then the second worst team the following night, one would be crazy to assume they'd win the first game and lose the second right? Well one thing I have unfortunately learned in my

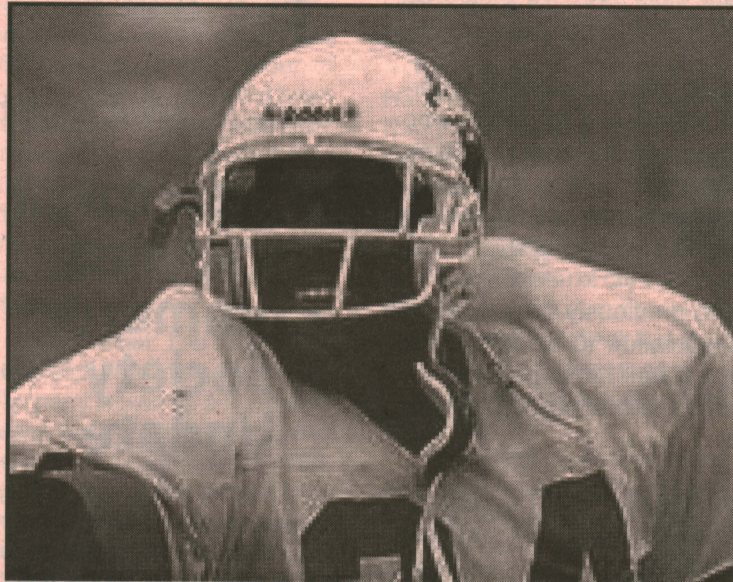
two years covering this Husky hockey team, is that nothing should ever be taken for granted. So they end up skating into New Brunswick to face off against UNB and manage to pull off a huge 8-5 victory. Husky forward Dan Rudisuella had a two-goal and an assist in an excellent performance, while Tyler Noye (PP), Jon Howse, Brad Self, Mark Szott, Mark Rancourt (PP) and Travis Chapman scored the other 6. V-Reds goalie Reg Bourcier stopped just 16 of 24 shots, while SMU goalie Cory Roberts turned aside 36 shots in the victory.

The following night, going into lowly UPEI on a high note and seemingly with a confidence boost, the Panthers made sure they pulled the plug on that boost, with a 4-1 victory over the Huskies. Mark Szott scored the only marker for the Huskies in the second period, while Randy Upshall and Gordon Bell assisted on the goal, the only bright spot for the pack over the course of the entire game. All UPEI goals came at even strength, while starting Panther goalie Paul Drew made 34 saves for the win. Back up SMU goalie David Chant made 24 saves in the Huskies untimely losing effort.

This weekend, the Huskies will hope to shake off the inconsistent play that has plagued them all season, welcoming 1st place St.FX to town on Friday, followed by hosting last place DAL the next night. This is the last weekend of play for the whole season and with SMU sitting five points back of St.FX, first place is definitely out of the question at this point. Second place however, is still up for grabs, making this final week of play of the utmost importance if any show of Husky prowess is to be recognized going into the playoffs. Not only would a win against St. FX bring them closer to the second seed, allowing for an easier opponent in the first round of the playoffs, but it would be a massive confidence boost to this young team. The Huskies still haven't found an identity this season, lack of leadership and confidence sometimes shrouding their judgement in certain circumstances of play. This weekend can either be a finale to the season that has potential to start forming this much needed identity, or could break any chances they think they might have at confidently challenging for the championship. That being said, get to the Forum and support these guys! Both games, Friday against X and Saturday against the Tigers, have 7pm start times. Go Huskies Go.

Mullings signs with CFL's lowly Cats

BY: ADAM COSTELLO



Besides this year, Les Mullings always played for a dominating Husky team in which the supporting cast of helped allow for his great achievement. With 2 Vanier Cups, stellar and consistent play and countless conference championships, so far Mullings has had a pretty good career. Next year however, with his eligibility at SMU expired, Mullings will suit up with a different supporting cast, perhaps a far superior one to that which he had at SMU. Mullings will suit up for the Hamilton Tiger Cats next football season and instead of staring down the field at uniforms that encompass an X or an Axe, he'll be staring at Argonauts, Renegades and Alouettes. This will make for a much steeper amount of competition Les has in the past been so used to dominating on the East coast.

The Hamilton native and former star running back of the Huskies will get a chance to play on his home turf, with the Tiger

Cats announcing the signing of Mullings and former Acadia Axemen defensive back Eric Neilsen on Jan. 6th. Both will attend the team's training camp in May and both are expected to play at least some sort of role on a dismal Hamilton team that has underachieved for the last few seasons now. Mullings had previously been a third round selection of the Ottawa Renegades during the 2005 Canadian college draft and was nominated for the Hec Crighton award in 2003, although didn't end up taking it home. The two Vanier cups he won seem like more than enough to prove his worth to a CFL team. The Six foot One, 210 pound Mullings says he's in good shape, and feels more than confident heading into camp, saying the team wants to use him as a fullback and on special teams. He's prepared accept any role given to him by the Tiger-Cat franchise, he so attentively grew up watching as a boy.

THE BASKETBALL DIARIES

BY: MATTHEW BIRD

In Atlantic University Basketball action last week at The Tower, A balanced St. Mary's attack allowed for the Huskies to grab a huge 76-53 victory over the Acadia Axemen. All 12 Husky players hit the scoresheet, with nobody getting less than eight minutes of floor time. Jerome Goodman led the way with 16 points on a seven-of-13 performance shooting, while Aaron Duncan contributed eight points accompanied by nine rebounds.

Saint Mary's held a 42-25 lead at halftime, shooting an incredible 51.7 per cent from the floor. With the win, the Huskies improve their record to 8-6, and move into a tie with Memorial for third place in the conference, currently having accumulated 22 points on the season. Jordan Sheriko had 13 points to lead the Axemen, who now hold a 2-13 record after having dropped seven straight games. They currently sit in last place, 10 points out of a playoff spot.

In women's action, last-place Acadia shocked fourth-place Saint Mary's 63-53.

It was just the second win in 15 regular-season games for the Axewomen, who managed to end a nine-game losing streak with the victory. Acadia's only other win on the season was a 70-58 decision at home against St. Francis Xavier. The underachieving Huskies had blown out the Axewomen 67-44, just two weeks prior in Wolfville.

Alise Brown was the lone Saint Mary's player to accumulate double-digit scoring, with 16, while the Huskies could only convert just one of 15 three-point attempts. The Axewomen on the other hand, handily went 9 for 15 from beyond the arc. Acadia also went to the free-throw line 35 times, bucketing 20, while Saint Mary's was just four-for-nine from the line. Saint Mary's record now falls to an even 7-7.

Both the men and women play their next games on the 11th of February, the men starting at 6pm and the

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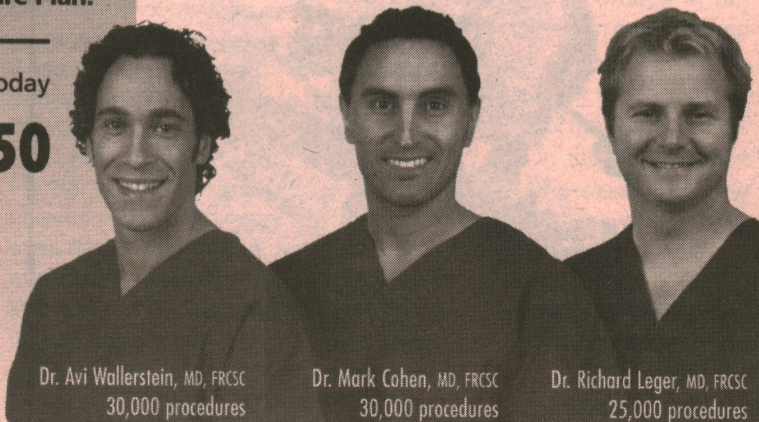
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The Journal's Top 10 NFL moments

2005-2006 EDITION

BY: ADAM COSTELLO

With the Super Bowl concluded and the 2005-06 NFL football season at an end, a wrap up of this fantastic year is in order. The Super Bowl was a rather average one this year, with no extremely exciting moments taking place other than a few fantastically orchestrated trick plays by the Steeler offence. The half time show was also mediocre (a lot better than Timberlake and Jackson mind you) but is it just me or do the Stones just look too ridiculous to be taken seriously anymore? I mean don't get me wrong, I love the Stones, but they are sooo old. I mean the drummer looked like he was gonna keil over and die before "Start me up" was even over! Anyway, it was an alright Super Bowl I guess, A Super Bowl in which the Journal's A and E editor picked the winner of before seasons start (I managed to predict their win in last weeks column but hey, Chris called it all the way). It was good to see Bettis and Cowher finally get their long deserved rings after an immaculate team effort on defence and offense. I suppose just with all that went on this season, I was expecting something monumental to happen. No, Super Bowl XL didn't turn out to be as extra large as everybody metaphorically anticipated, the entire season however, in my opinion, was in fact, Xtra Large.

In a new top 10 segment I'll try to keep going every week, assuming we have room, the top 10 of something or another will be overviewed. In this particular segment, I'll put fourth what I believe to be, the top 10 stories that took place in the NFL this season. Enjoy, and send comments to TMLFAN1028@hotmail.com. Send me an email whenever, whether you thought a particular weeks top 10 sucked, or if you have an idea for a future top 10 you'd like to write about yourself or for me to. After all, "It never

hurts to get involved!" (how lame am I eh?) anyway here it is, the first segment of, The Journals Top 10.

10. Chicago Bears become contenders

Not everybody may like the Bears, but nobody can deny them the credit they deserve for the vast turnaround they experienced this season. After going 5-11 the year previous, the Bears defence played SICK all season to put up an 11-5 record and take their division crown. With Brian Urlacher bringing home defensive player of the year honours, and helping his team back to the playoffs, the Bears surrendered the fewest points in the entire league. They even came close to breaking the record for fewest points allowed in a season, unable to quite keep pace with the Ravens of 2000, who allowed just 165 points that season. The Bears allowed just 202 this season. Not bad at all.

9. Ricky's Return

The return of Ricky Williams to the Dolphins made headlines all year, after his performance upon his return was mediocre at best. He served a 4 game suspension for walking out on the team and violating league drug policies last year and was thought to just be in it for the money this time around, so as he could support his marijuana "addiction". Upon his return, Ricky did little to help the Dolphins come even close to the playoffs and with his services seemingly unneeded in Miami anymore, who knows where Williams will end up next year.

8. - Hell of a Hall of Fame class

With the likes of Troy Aikmen, Warren Moon, the late Reggie White and John Madden getting inducted this year, the hall got that much more prestigious. You should have seen the list of names that didn't get inducted!

7. - The Bengals Return

Who didn't want to see the poor Bengals finally return to the play-off's? With the emergence of Carson Palmer as a top notch quarterback and Rudi Johnson as a capable running back, the Bengals emerged as one of the offensive powers atop the AFC. Unfortunately for the Bengals, their first playoff appearance in 14 years turned out to be a loss to the eventual Super Bowl champion Steelers. A loss in which Carson Palmer was injured on the first playoff pass of his young promising career.

6. Owen's Oral Opposition

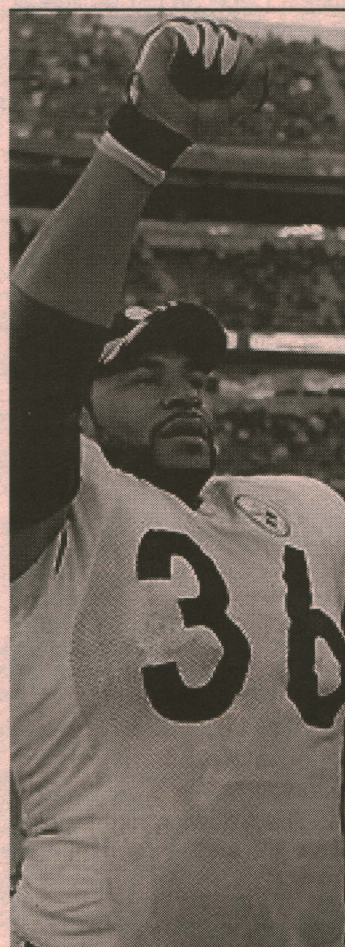
This guy really needs to learn to shut the fuck up. He's caused more turmoil in Philadelphia than Lindros did, and that's saying a lot. All year he blabbered on about how he should be paid more and how much his team would suck without him and how he wished McNabb was white, until finally, they just told him to hit the road. Fittingly, Denver is now rumoured to be his next destination. Considering Terrell Davis's big mouth once found a home there, the Broncos could be a good fit for Owens.

5. - Patriots Puzzle Finally Gets Solved

It was sad to see it finally come to an end, but they had to lose sooner or later. Once again decimated by injuries, the Patriots still managed to play decent and even beat the Jags in the first round of the play-off's, setting the NFL record for most consecutive play-off victories with 10. They then travelled to Denver and allowed their special teams to essentially hand the Broncos the game, ending the impressive dynasty that will no doubt go down in history as one of the best ever.

4. - Alexander Breaks Single Season Rushing TD record

The Seahawks may not have won the Super Bowl, but running back



Shaun Alexander sure was the reason they even got close. The guy was a machine this season, piloting his team to possessing the number one offence in the NFL on his way to breaking the record.

3. - Saints Sing Sorrowfully all Season

Not only did the city of New Orleans get destroyed by a hurricane, but the football team that called the city its home also ensuingly had nowhere to play home games, A major disadvantage in the present day NFL. Not to say a football team ability to play home games is really a huge area of concern considering how many people actually died, but there's nothing worse for a football teams chances than not even having a home. Especially when your owner's a complete sell out who talked of moving the team out of

New Orleans before all the victims bodies were even found. I doubt any team in the history of sport has ever had to endure that which these guys did this season, eventually leading to a once optimistic season, finishing up as one of the worst ever.

2. - Colts Almost Go Undeatefed Before the loss to the Chargers, all anyone could talk about this season was how the Colts couldn't lose. It was almost already decided that the Colts were to win the Super Bowl by media and fans across the board before the season was even half over. That is until the untimely loss to the Chargers seemed to shatter their confidence and their well rested players eventually lost to the Steelers in the first meaningful game the Colts had played in 5 or 6 weeks. It seems rest doesn't always equate to being the best and most prepared, and the Colts found that out the hard way, losing to the Steelers in the most ridiculous game of all time.

1. - Unlikely Super Bowl Favourites Attain Victory

As uneventful as Super bowl 40 was, it was still the biggest story of the football year, as is every Super Bowl for the pure fact that it is, the Super Bowl, the whole purpose of playing football in the first place. The reason for this one being so particularly big, was the amazing play and resiliency of a Pittsburgh Steelers franchise that now becomes the first ever 6th seeded team to attain a Super Bowl victory. Although the game itself wasn't to impressive, the Steelers did what it took throughout the entirety of the playoffs, to call themselves champions. Along with the Bettis storyline and managing to beat the 3 best teams in the AFC all on the road to even get to the Super Bowl, Pittsburgh's playoff run will by far, go down as the biggest story in the NFL, during the 2005-06 season.

The State of Education

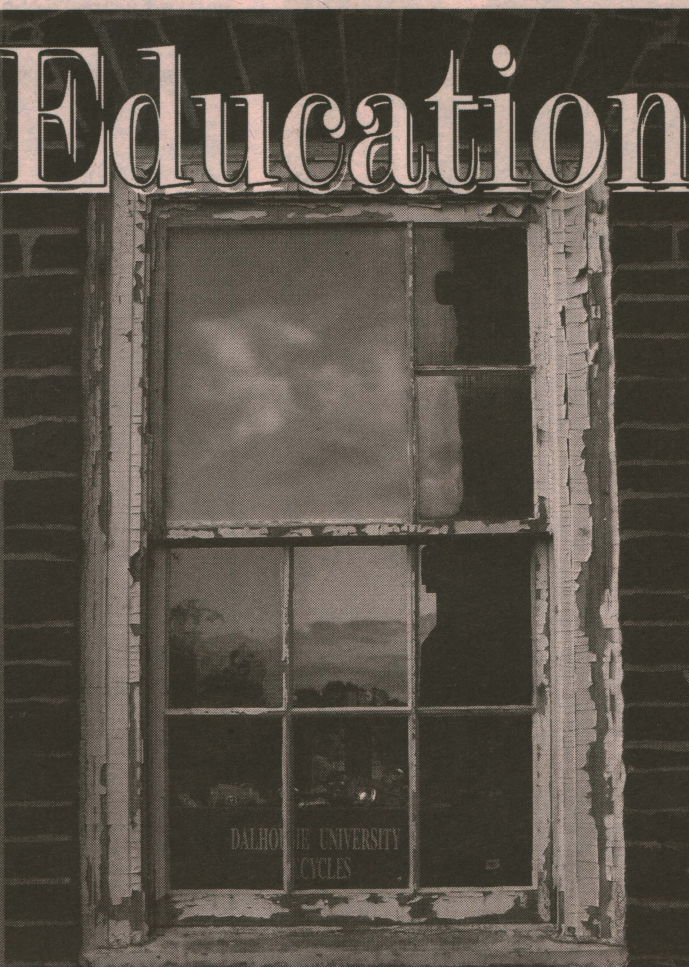
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The Nova Scotia Wheelchair Basketball team will be traveling with the Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia to Universities across the province to compete against varsity athletes in Stars on Wheels.

Varsity athletes from Saint Mary's University will be canvassing their local area on Tuesday February 7, 2006 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. with all proceeds going to the Abilities Foundation. Following the canvass the SMU varsity athletes will take on the Nova Scotia Flying Wheels Thursday night at 7:00p.m. at the Tower.

Stars on Wheels will continue around the province ending up

back in Halifax for the grand finale at the AUS Finals at the Halifax Metro Centre March 9th - 11th, 2006. Other locations include Cape Breton University on February 17th, Saint Francis Xavier University on February 18th, and Dalhousie University on March 4th.

Each game will be open to the public for a donation with proceeds from the event going to the Abilities Foundation of Nova Scotia and its newest Active Lifestyles program Take P.A.R.T.

Stars on Wheels is a promotional kick-off for the Take P.A.R.T. program that is set to launch upon completion of Stars on Wheels.

This comprehensive program will encourage people with physical disabilities to lead an active and healthy life. The Abilities Foundation and University partners will host weekly activities at each university location to provide the opportunity for people with physical disabilities to get active.

THANK YOU!

The Athlete's Council would like to thank everyone who supported the Abilities Foundation by making a donation at the Superbowl Party at the Pub on Sunday Night. We hope to see everyone on Thursday February 9th, when the Nova Scotia Flying Wheels take on our team, made up of Saint Mary's Varsity Athletes and SMUSA Executive members. The game starts at 7:00pm, and there will be contests and prizes for spectators. Admission to the game is \$3, with all proceeds going toward the Abilities Foundation. Please take the time to come out and support this amazing event!

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