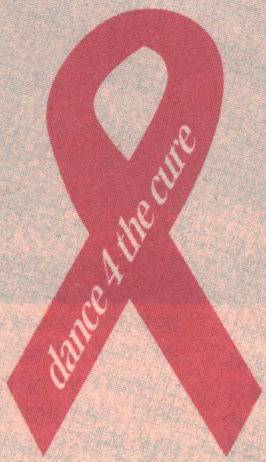


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Dance for the Cure is a dance-a-thon being organized by university students both at Saint Mary's University and Mount Saint Vincent University. This event will be held in the Gorsebrook Lounge at Saint Mary's, and begins at 5:30PM. There is a \$5 cover charge, and all proceeds go to the Atlantic Chapter of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Shannon Rafuse - one of the key organizers - is confident that this will be an annual event, which can engage post-secondary students all across our country. Rafuse's experience with breast cancer motivates her to bring awareness to the cause, to mobilize young people and make them aware that they can make positive change.

"My life was affected by Breast Cancer in 2004 when my mother was diagnosed with the disease," says Rafuse. "During this time, I found myself questioning the level of breast cancer awareness that actually existed on University campuses, and tried to think of ways to increase it."

Rafuse is definitely increasing the level of awareness at both campuses, as well as in the Halifax Regional Municipality with a sea of pink advertisements and volunteers out in the community. Both university student unions would like to encourage the community to support this cause by coming to the 1st annual Dance for the Cure on March 4th.

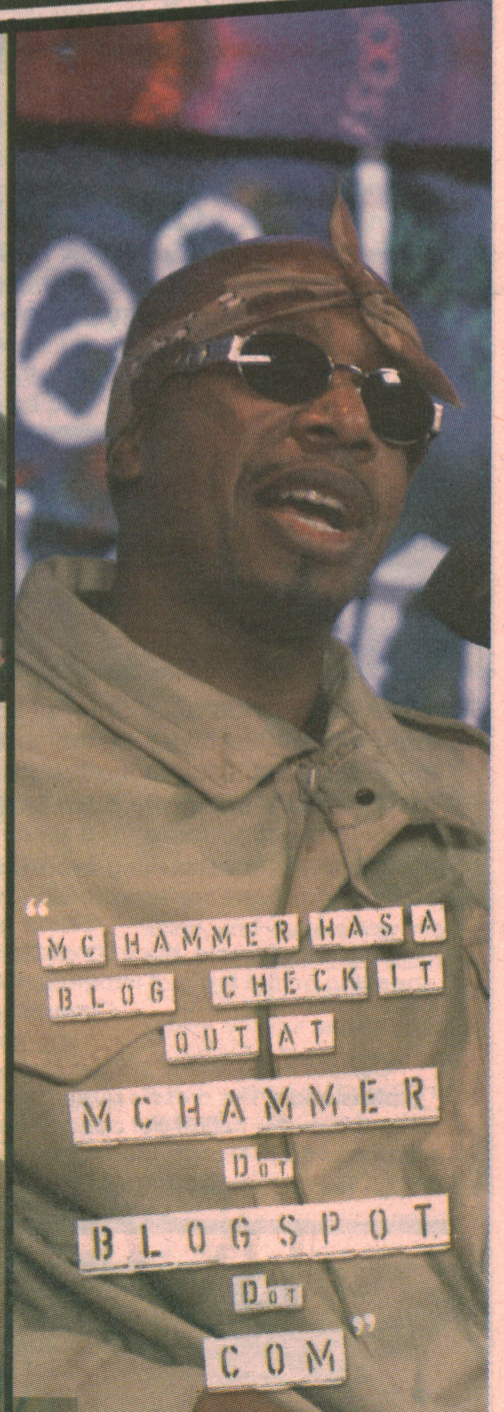
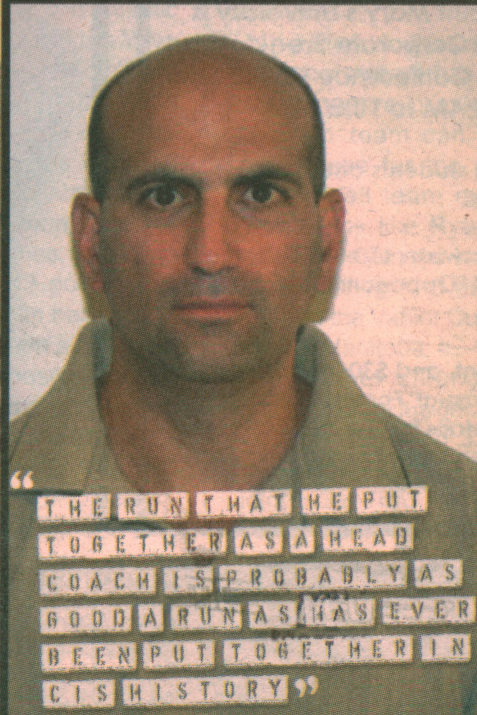
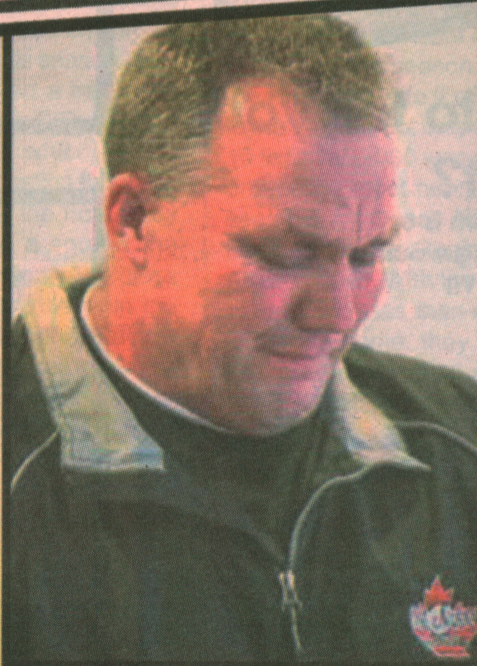
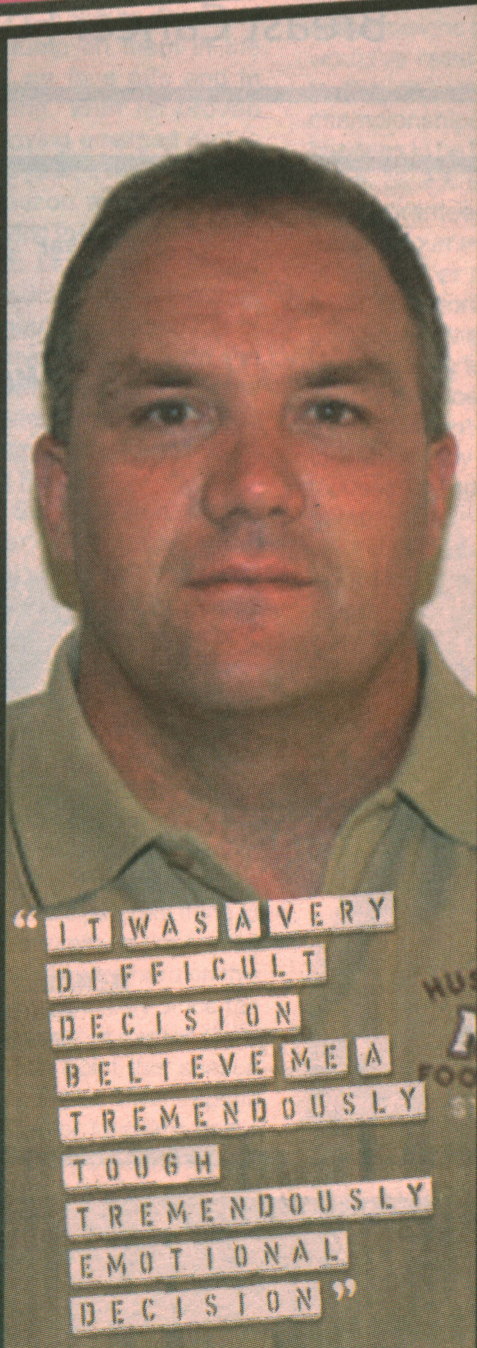
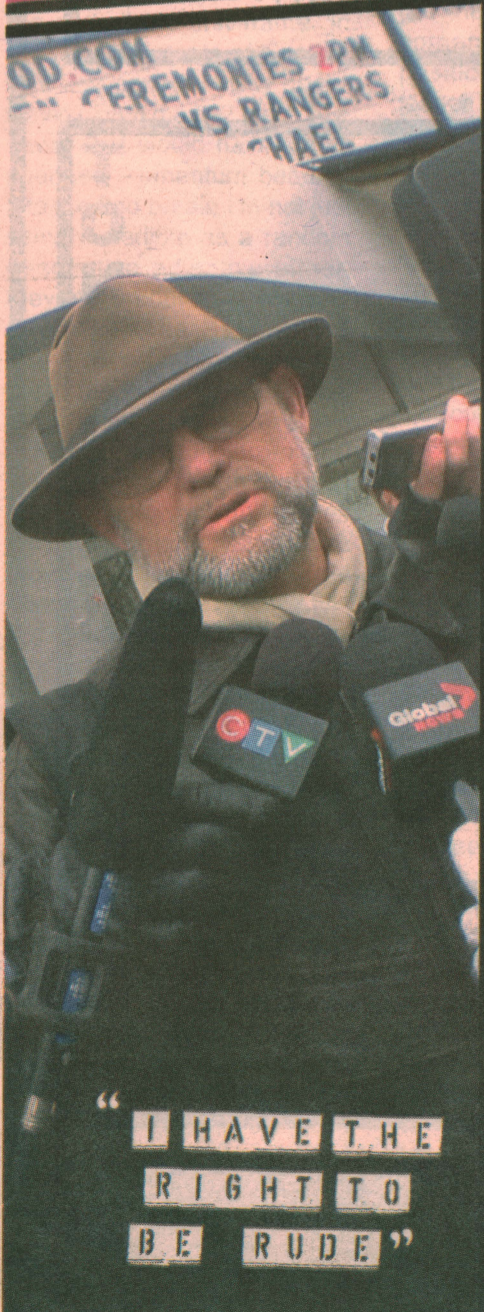
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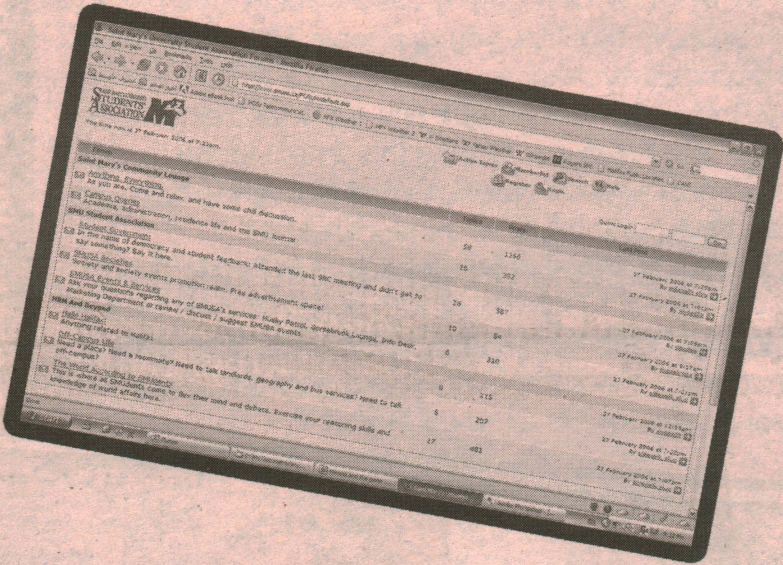


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Cost for this event is \$15 per student, and \$30 for business professionals. The dress is business casual. For those wishing to view the poster to find out contact details for The AIESEC Halifax chapter at Saint Mary's, please click on the following link: [AIESEC Corporate Breakfast Invite.](#)

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## ISLAM 101

a very brief overview

With regards to the recent Muhammad caricatures initially published by the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten, and the ensuing range of opinions and views regarding the issue by the international community in general and the Saint Mary's community in specific, I had initially chosen to publish an article offering my own opinion with respect to the incident early February where these cartoons were displayed upon the office door of a Saint Mary's professor (whose name I dare not mention so as to give him the satisfaction of having even more of the attention that I believe he craves for). Upon reading last week's issue of The Journal and absorbing the varying multitudes of opinions presented, I have instead chosen to rewrite my original article so as to, firstly, educate my fellow classmates about the Muslim perspective on the cartoon depictions of the Prophet Muhammad, and to secondly, voice my reactions to some of the interesting comments made by last week's writers.

Firstly, allow me to give you a very brief overview of the religion entwining this holy figure whose cartoon depictions have enraged tens, if not, hundreds of thousands of people worldwide, so as to help you get a better scope of the extent of the situation; let us call this "Islam 101". In Islamic Law (Shariah), Muslims are commanded to follow the guidelines set forth by the Qur'an (the Islamic "Bible", if you will), and the Teaching of the Prophet (the "Sunnah"), which stems from the Qur'an. The importance of the Sunnah in Islam is due to the fact that it is an accurate compilation of the sayings, actions, teachings, and doctrines of Muhammad during his lifetime; he is thus considered to be the perfect role model for all Muslims.

Aside from these facts, Shariah forbids (yes, I mean strictly forbids) the pictorial and/or physical representation of any prophet (be it Muhammad, Jesus, Moses, Noah, or any other), positively or negatively, for fear of people starting to worship the images, rather than the teachings, of these prophets; they are also highly revered as being pious, honourable individuals, not to be made a mockery of by some cartoons.

Which brings me back to my main topic; Jyllands-Posten, university newspapers, privately-owned magazines, and our very own university professors are all taking a stab at this opportunity to incite animosity and derogatory inflammation, citing freedom of speech and "initiation of philosophical discussions", if my memory serves me well. Tackling the latter of these two excuses, it is my understanding that discussions are most often productive if they are presented in a respectable fashion and with a publicly expressed end goal. But for someone to retrieve a set of cartoons mocking a highly

revered religious figure and to publicly display them, as if they were a piece of artwork to be appreciated, is deeply deconstructive and demoralizing. After all, is it not the purpose of cartoons to make us laugh? And should one think it wise to laugh at another's way of life (namely, their religion), even if it is not their own? As seen from the emotionally charged protests, this kind of reckless behaviour can initiate only chaos, and never constructive criticism.

But I realize that in this great country we live in, not everyone leads their life by way of religion, and in fact, many people consider themselves to be entirely atheistic. As such, it would not be fair of me to expect those people whom are voluntarily isolated from my own religion to see this issue from my perspective, so let us take this to a slightly personal level. Imagine that someone has made a cartoon of an important figure in your life (let us assume that it is your father), and that these cartoons portray him in a less-than-commendable fashion, to say the least; if you love your father, would you not object to these cartoons being published, let alone conceived? Should you not be livid with anger that someone has abused his or her freedom of rights in the way of ridiculing someone important in your life? This is a rhetorical question; it has no answer because the answer lies intuitively and needs no mind-boggling thought process. Truly enough, freedom of expression is essential, but it should not be mistaken for a license to inflict mass prejudice and discontent.

I hope this analogy has shed some light on the subject at hand and has enlightened you into thinking about the issue in question from a slightly different perspective, to "view the landscape with new eyes", if you will. At this point, I feel the need to voice my denouncement of the senseless violence that has ensued within the worldwide protests; as a proud Muslim, Indo-Arab-Canadian, and Santamarian, I think it necessary to remind all those involved in the protests, and myself before anyone else, that this man whom we are protesting for (the Prophet) has been recorded to have said that "The best among you (Muslims) are those who have it within their right to take revenge, but choose not to" (Sahih Bukhari). Let us not get involved in senseless violence and claim that it is in the name of religion, when in fact it is our prudent course of actions that will be the saviour of us all.

As for the distinguished individual who published the article last week reminding protesters that they were able to protest without being "fired upon by authorities" (I think that's how they put it!) because of the freedoms bestowed upon them by this country's laws, I could not help but sense the accompanying negative undertones, as if to indirectly imply that Islam was a religion lacking in freedom of

its people. Whether this was or was not the correct implication, I think it noteworthy to point out to whomever it may concern that Islam is in fact (in my opinion) the religion of freedoms. As a matter of fact, it was Islam that liberated women in the Arab World at a time when baby girls were being buried alive; the revelation of Islam to the Pagan Arabs (by Muhammad, I might add) condemned and put an end to this atrocity. As an aside, consider this; Islam actually pioneered women's freedoms more than 1400 years ago by lawfully giving them right to a portion of their deceased parent's wealth, and the right to earn their own source of income free from having to spend it on household expenses. If I'm not mistaken, women were not even considered to be "persons" in Canada until the 1920's; not to mean to sound ungrateful, but so much for the "free world" of western civilization!!

In conclusion, I leave you with but a simple dilemma: If you had the power to express yourself to the masses (in speech or through some other medium), would you exercise your power to seek calamity, or would you rather use it in persuading the rest of the world of that which you truly believe to be most gratifying? In the words of rap artist Mary J. Blige, "...know in your heart that we are free, free to believe in whatever we feel, so feel something real..."

Rammi Hassan  
Faculty of Science  
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## What Don't We Know? Who Knows what we Should?

BY JEFF RESHOR

Hearst-owned Popular Mechanics magazine published an article titled 9/11: Debunking the Myths, in the March, 2005 issue. The article takes aim at various 9/11 skeptics claims, many of which truly are absurd. One though, I noticed does not quite measure up.

The PM article, under the heading WTC 7 Collapse states: "a fifth-floor fire burned for up to 7 hours. There was no firefighting in WTC 7," 'Sunder says.' Shyam Sunder is the National Institute of Standards and Technology lead investigator. This can be found at: <http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/de...html?page=5&c=y>.

In the PBS documentary America Rebuilds: A Year at Ground Zero Larry Silverstein, the who leased all seven towers of the WTC six weeks before 9/11, stated - 'you know, "We've had such terrible loss of life that the smartest thing to do is just pull it." And they made that decision to pull it and we watched the [World Trade Center 7] building collapse.' In the rest of the documentary they use the term to describe taking down a building through controlled demolition.

On September 9, 2005, Mr. Dara McQuillan, a spokesman for Silverstein Properties, issued a statement. It contained the following quote, "Mr. Silverstein spoke to the Fire Department Commander on site at Seven World Trade Center. The Commander told Mr. Silverstein that there were several firefighters in the building working to contain the fires. Mr. Silverstein expressed his view that the most important thing was to protect the safety of those firefighters, including, if necessary, to have them withdraw from the building. Later in the day, the Fire Commander ordered his firefighters out of the building and at 5:20 p.m. the building collapsed." This information is available at the following government site, under the heading The Collapse of World Trade Center 7: <http://usinfo.state.gov/media/Archive/2005/Sep/16-241966.html>.

Well that's a contradiction. The PM article goes against information on a government website. Is PM lying or is Larry Silverstein's spokesman and the government? There are many unanswered questions that have been put aside regarding 9/11. 9/11 was the major catalyst behind a war we are now fighting, should we not have full details of the event?

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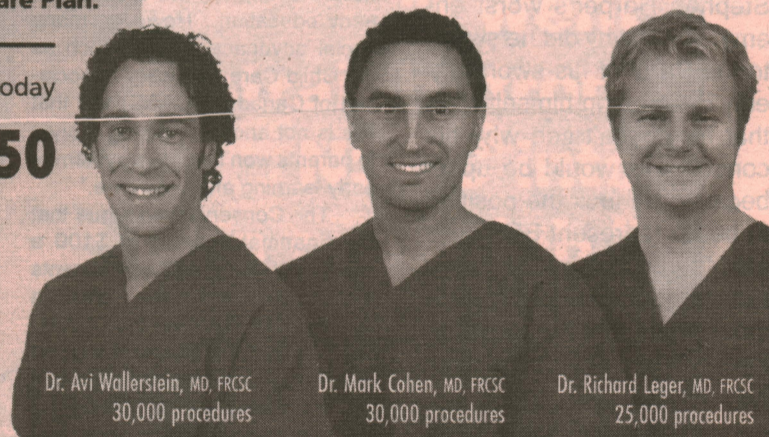
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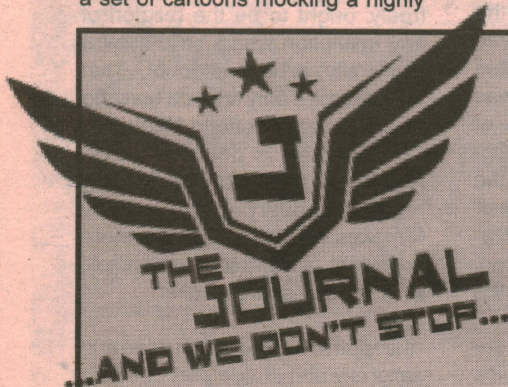
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# NEWS

## WHO'S THAT SITTING IN OUR HOUSE?

Canadians still are questioning the legitimacy of David Emerson's position in Cabinet

BY CM CAMPBELL

Canadian MP, David Emerson has a Cabinet position in the House of Commons -- as a Conservative. But on January 23rd, 2006 Emerson's BC riding of Vancouver-Kingsway voted in a Liberal representative. Two weeks later he crossed the floor, joined Stephen Harper, and became the Conservative's International Trade Minister. This has many Canadian's wondering what the point of voting is.

Emerson had won a Liberal seat in the 2004 election in Vancouver-Kingsway, an area with a long history of not voting Conservative. And it was much the same in the 2006 election that saw Emerson taking 21,000 votes, 7,000 more than the NDP ballot, 12,000 more than Conservative Kanman Wong. In fact, Vancouver-Kingsway had never voted in a Conservative MP since 1958. It seemed clear that this riding was not Conservative country.

Emerson himself seemed to disagree with the Party politics of Stephen Harper's Conservatives. It was under Paul Martin's urging that Emerson pursued and won the Vancouver-Kingsway riding in 2004, and again in 2006. In the beginning of his second election as a Liberal Emerson used terms like "heartless," and "angry" to describe Harper's Conservatives. Emerson is quoted on his election night saying "I'm going to be Stephen Harper's worst enemy..." So why did he switch to the Party of his sworn enemy? Emerson himself says that he doesn't see why his constituents would be upset because he took the position to better represent BC. He's also "surprised" by the public outcry concerning his floor crossing as that the move allows him to continue the work he's already been doing.

Vancouver-Kingsway constituents don't seem to be pacified by Emerson's reassurances that he's doing what's best for BC. Several protests have occurred in the weeks since Emerson has switched Parties. During a sit-in at Emerson's Vancouver office held on Friday, Feb. 24th, four people were arrested for assault by trespass for conducting the sit-in. A campaign to "De-Elect" Emerson is being headed by former Emerson election team member Kevin Chambers. There is even an on-line petition for the recall of David Emerson with close to 20,000 signatures on it already. Emerson himself has stated that if there were some form of floor-crossing legislation in place he would abide by it, but he's certainly not going

to run in a by-election, something many of his constituents think he should do.

But has David Emerson broken the law? This is still under scrutiny. Some, like NDP MP Peter Julian aren't even sure and that's why he has filed a request with the ethics commissioner. Julian wants the ethics commission to make a ruling as to whether Emerson's switch was a result of his private interest, if so this would violate the MP's code of conduct. It comes down to did Emerson make the switch and get offered the seat or did he get offered the seat then make the switch and that is a hard thing to prove. No matter what the circumstance, his constituency isn't pleased. Neither is Canada. The whole debacle has some questioning the validity of a voting process which allows MP's to jump ship when they don't get what they want, in this case, a seat in the House.

## Daycare Dilemma

The Debate over the "Choices in Child Care" Plan.

KATHLEEN LEAMAN

The Conservative Daycare plan has many parents worried about finding daycare for their children and many daycare workers worried about their employment. Under Stephen Harper's proposed National Child Care plan, parents would receive approximately three dollars a day to fund their child's early education. However, many social advocacy groups, such as the Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada (CCAAC) say that this is not enough; "Giving money to parents won't create a system of early learning and child care."

The Conservatives argue that the financial support of \$100 a month will give Canadian parents the choice to raise their children as they wish. However the CCAAC believes that this financial support is actually detrimental to women who work outside of the home. "The Conservative proposal for a taxable allowance penalizes working mothers who will lose part of their benefit to taxes and won't be further ahead finding quality child care. A cash payment that amounts to three dollars per day is a strong message about how little the Conservatives value child care and the people who provide it."

The Conservative Party website ([www.conservative.ca](http://www.conservative.ca)) explains that a changing Canadian society requires a more flexible daycare plan. "A one-size-fits-all institutional approach will prevent many Canadian parents from receiving the assistance they need in caring for their children." The Conservatives plan on creating more child care spaces through the new Community Child Care Investment Program. The program will "help employers create child care spaces in the workplace by allocating \$250 million a year in tax credits to employers who cover the full cost of creating spaces."

In addition to tax breaks for businesses, the conservatives plan on

BY JENNIFER HAIGH

The pretty waitress at the restaurant where Dr. Peter March and I are having dinner is wearing a bracelet of the most eye-catching blue -- one sees a little flash of cobalt out of the corner of the eye as she moves between the tables. "I love your bracelet", I say when she comes to refill the teapots, and March says he loves it too and manages to get a hold of it. "It's bronze" he tells her, "and you underpaid. It's definitely Middle Eastern. You see how there are no images on the thing, just abstract designs, lattice patterns. The surface is lacquer." "He knows all about pictures and Islam" I observe archly. March laughs and Stephanie smiles a puzzled little smile and slips off. "You know that's going in the article" I say.

Dr. March has caused a local commotion in the past few weeks by displaying cartoons depicting the prophet Mohammed which were published in a Danish newspaper in 2005 outside his office door at the Saint Mary's philosophy department. The cartoon has been the cause of rioting, and fatalities in the hundreds, from London to Indonesia, just about anywhere in the world where there is a Moslem population.

To put this in context, the only similar action in the world of Canadian academia was the printing of the cartoons in a student news-

paper at the University of P.E.I., which was promptly pulled. Saint Mary's officialdom has made it clear that it does not support Dr. March. Moslem and Arab groups organized a demonstration two weeks ago -- the Peter march, we joke -- demanding an apology (which they didn't get). Contemplating the waitress' bracelet sets March off in a new direction. "Of course Islamic culture doesn't deal in pictures -- it's vastly superior in that it's not image focused, it's a linguistic, written culture."

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March believes that Christendom has behaved abominably

towards the Moslem world and that any objectionable trends in Islam or in Islamic countries should be attributed directly to this. Moslems, Dr. March reminds me, were responsible not only for inventing algebra (some people swear by it), but for preserving classical learning during the European dark ages. Returning to the question of images, we speculate as to whether there is a connection between Plato's condemnation of Art and the Moslem rejection of visual depictions of God's creation. We touch on the subject of the state of Israel, which March says categorically should never have been created (at the end of World War II). He thinks that Israel "should accept a democratic solution -- Hamas would win, of course -- or ship out. Since we (the Western world) created this mess, we should take up the burden of accepting Israelis who are running for their lives".\* Later March states:

"Hamas has every right to terrorism. Their land was taken from them, brutally." Yet Dr. March says that he believes that if Israel were to withdraw from the occupied territories, Palestinian terrorism would cease.

"There are 100 Israeli settlements in the West Bank. Sharon was on the way to emptying it. That can't happen now."

Dr. March is studying the Qu'ran, under the guidance of a lady of Iranian or Syrian origin. "It's fascinating...when you meet a person, that person affects you." So will he convert, I wonder, from militant atheism to Islam? Will he make like Salman Rushdie? I ask, pointing out that it didn't do him much good. The idea gets a laugh.

Dr. March feels that he's probably in some danger. I ask if he's been offered Police protection. "I'm doing what's necessary. I'm not in danger from anyone locally." His worry is militant extremists from the United States, or elsewhere in Canada, taking the initiative. He doesn't want to die, he says, but he's prepared to. He has had an interesting life, with lots of travel and great women and he is proud of his children. After dinner we decide against going to see *In Cold Blood*, which he's been to see before and calls "superb".

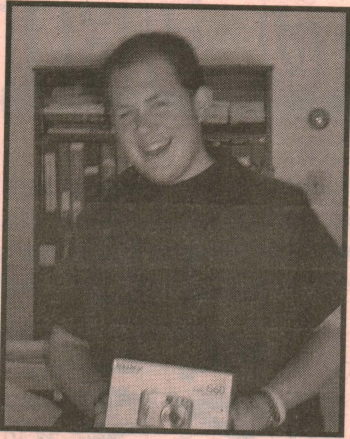
I was one of Dr. March's students and I have known him, on and off, for years. I doubt he'll hold it against me too much if I say that there is a certain love of the dramatic in some of what you might call his public role-playing. Certainly some of his Moslem adversaries have dismissed him as an attention-seeker. But his sincerity in defending the principle of freedom of expression (a principle which, if I may express myself so freely, ought to be the religion of any institution which calls itself a University) is beyond doubt. That is Dr. March's only agenda here; he has no desire to offend Moslems.

What he is doing is brave. And the fact that what he is doing requires bravery -- real bravery -- makes his doing it all the more important, and throws the principle at stake into sharper relief.

\*the Islamic regime which ruled and culturally dominated part of Spain from the 9th to the 15th centuries

\*When I read this to him over the phone Dr. March said that this phrase sounds terrible but, since it's what he said, I should leave it in.

**Student Employment Centre:  
Summer Job Fair WINNER!**



Ty Walsh, a second year, Saint Mary's Arts student, with his new digital camera that he won as a result of having attended the Summer Job Fair organized by Saint Mary's, Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent Student Employment centers.

Ty learned about the Summer Job Fair when his Residence Assistant, distributed a piece of promotional material about the fair. Ty tacked the promo piece to his bulletin board and made some time to attend the fair. He met with potential employers and is hopeful of follow up that may lead to a great summer job! He now has a great new camera too.

**SMUSA Teaching Excellence Awards**

The SMUSA Teaching Excellence Awards are back. These annual awards are given to an outstanding professor from each faculty, an educator (i.e. councillor), and a teaching assistant. If you feel that one or more of this year's set of mentors has gone "well above and beyond the call of duty to your country and your school", make yourself heard.

Forms are now available at the SMUSA Info Desk, 1st floor Student Centre, the residence security desk, and the SMUSA office, 5th floor Student Centre. The form is also available at [www.smusa.ca](http://www.smusa.ca) and can be emailed to [vpacademic@smusa.ca](mailto:vpacademic@smusa.ca)

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**Take Me Home (Safely) Tonight**

BY KATHLEEN LEAMAN

After those late nights studying at school, do you need someone to take you home? Well Shanye Russell and his brigade of SMU Safe Walk volunteers are here for you. A new service was created by Russell, a second year History major; as a compliment to the Husky Patrol car service that is currently available at SMU. For students, faculty and staff living in close proximity to Saint Mary's, a volunteer is available to walk them to their door Monday through Thursday from 7-11pm. Russell says he started the service due to a "rise in violence, jumpings and muggings, all that good stuff" in order to get people in the SMU community home safely.

For those looking for a unique volunteer opportunity Russell says that he is still accepting volunteers. SMU Safe provides a hat, whistle, security vest, cell phone and gloves to all its volunteers. Stop by the SMU Safe Walk office, first floor student centre next to the Travel Cuts office during hours of operation (7 pm -11 pm) and fill out an application. Maps detailing the area available for a SMU Safe Walk can be found at the SUB building information desk. Russell says he wants to promote Safe walks to the community and encourages people to "come get a walk!"

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Hello, my name is John Vo. I am a 4th year student in a bachelor of Commerce program, majoring in Finance and Human Resource Management. I am from Yarmouth, Nove Scotia, but my nationality is Vietnamese. I have recently accepted a job as a personal banker at CIBC, starting in May upon graduation. Since I've been at Saint Mary's University, I have been been an RA in Residence for one year, I've been a campus ambassador for 3 years, I've been on Student council for 2 years (residence and off-campus rep), I was a Frosh Leader Facilitator for a year, and I've also been involved with the commerce society, entertainment committee, and intramural sports. I chose to come to Saint Mary's because of it's good reputation for undergraduate programs, it's size, and the city it's located in.



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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## What's Wrong With the Movie Going Experience?

BY NELSON MACDONALD

Last weekend I went with a couple of friends to see Capote, the Oscar nominated biopic of American author Truman Capote that stars Philip Seymour Hoffman. The movie was above average, Hoffman was great, and I enjoyed the evening very much. The next day, inspired by the movie, I decided to pick up Capote's "In Cold Blood." I tried a couple of my favorite used book stores, but I was told that the book has been flying off the shelves since the release of the film. Before abandoning my search and buying a new edition, I decided to try one more shop. I asked the man behind the counter if there were any copies in the store, and, not surprisingly, he informed me that there wasn't. He asked if I had seen the movie and after replying I asked him the same question. He said no, and added that he doesn't go to the theatre often these days. He explained himself by recounting trips to the movies that were ruined by chatty filmgoers and noisy cellphones.

During his spiel, another gentlemen sitting nearby browsing the literature section chimed in. He said that he "used to love going to the movies" but has all but given up on the cinema in recent years.

For the next ten minutes or so, the three of us rhymed off a list of complaints about the movie going experience: people are too loud, admission prices are too high, popcorn costs an arm and a leg, the commercials are torture, people don't turn their cell phones off, the theatre feels like a Wal-Mart, etc.

Hollywood director Steven Soderbergh (Traffic, Ocean's Eleven) agrees that there is plenty wrong with the current state of film exhibition. In the December issue of Wired magazine he was asked,

"Have you been to the movies recently?" Soderbergh replied "I tried to go to a theater yesterday, but the fire alarm went off. The theatre experience isn't always pleasant. Theatre owners need to address that. There are often problems with projection; tickets and concessions are expensive; theatres aren't always clean; people talk during the movie. They're making it easy for people to stay home." Hmm, this might explain why Soderbergh's latest film, Bubble, was released simultaneously on DVD, cable television, and theatre screens.

Until the big wigs in the theatre exhibition business decide to fix things, more and more people will choose to watch movies at home where a good seat is guaranteed, and they can press pause if they have to go to the bathroom. With the increased popularity, affordability, and quality of home theater systems, people aren't missing much by staying home. Unless they prefer to see movies on the big screen, want to see the movie as soon as it's released, like getting out of the house, or enjoy the communal experience.

Perhaps we shouldn't sit back and wait for the exhibitors to catch on; maybe the power to change things is in the average moviegoers hands! I'm not saying that movie geeks should go on a hunger strike or chain themselves to the box office, but maybe they could write an e-mail or something. It only takes a couple of minutes, and it might just make a difference. If you think maybe I'm taking this a bit too far, just imagine what it would be like if you didn't have to pay ten dollars to put up with all kinds of crap every time you went to the theatre. I don't know about you, but I'd go to the movies a lot more often.

## Taiwanese Underground



BY CHRIS CLEMENTS

So, you graduate and you have a massive debt. If you're a typical graduate, you have very limited job opportunities. How do you deal with your new situation? Some people take depressing jobs that have nothing to do with their degree, some go back to school in order to avoid the "real world", and some people take advantage of one of the few jobs that's available to anyone who has a degree; they go overseas to teach English. For the people who do go overseas, there are more opportunities than just teaching, especially if you can play guitar.

Dereck Thibault spent a few years studying at Saint Mary's and then graduated from St. Francis Xavier in 2004. His English degree offered him very few prospects close to home, so he went to Taiwan.

Teaching English in Taiwan for just over a year and a half now, Dereck figures to have his debt paid off by the end of April. But the real money comes from two other occupations: private English lessons and busking.

Dereck started busking over the recent Chinese New Year, setting up shop in some tunnels that serve as a crosswalk at a busy intersection. "There are some underground tunnels in an X-shape for people to cross the street. Near the tunnels are three shopping malls, so people are always crossing through the tunnels. I pitch myself up in the cross and play."

"During the New Year I made \$660 CAN for 21.5 hours of singing over 7 days," he says, adding that the average rate hasn't really been dropping since then and that he goes out "for an hour each day and makes about \$30."

Western music is very

popular in Taiwan and he gets plenty of requests. The most common are for The Beatles' Hey Jude and, surprisingly enough, Holiday by The Scorpions. Mr. Brightside (The Killers) and Moondance (Van Morrison) are two other songs that go over really well.

To keep each busking session fresh, Dereck has taught himself many songs. "I made myself a lyric book of about 100 songs that I know how to play." He brings the book with him to the tunnels whenever he performs.

While having a regular teaching job provides security and, in some cases, lodging, the money is better in busking and private English lessons. While busking, Dereck is approached by people who are looking to practice their English skills and this can be used as a great opportunity to get clients for private lessons.

While one could definitely go to Taiwan, stay in hostels and make a living while busking and teaching English in private homes, it's not recommended. Not right away at least. "Having a job is good in the beginning because it gives you a feel for teaching if you aren't used to it, or you haven't taken an ESL course - I didn't - you can learn some tricks of the trade that you can use teaching privates." Dereck also has some advice for those who aren't interested in teaching in a classroom setting, "the best bet is to come over as a traveller and scope things out, meet people and get some insight."

- For more information on teaching and living in Taiwan, visit <http://www.tealit.com/>

- For more information on Dereck, including some audio of his performances in the tunnels, visit <http://dereckthibault.blogspot.com>

### Thread of the Week

Why Peter March is a Tool ('Anything. Everything' section) SMUSA encourages you to check out the fiery debate that has been taking place under this controversial thread. These lions never sleep.

[www.smusa.ca/forum](http://www.smusa.ca/forum)

Turtles can fly screening, Sunday March 5th, 1:00pm @the Oxford, 6\$ (all proceeds going to anti-landmine efforts) The first film to come out of Iraq since the fall of Saddam.

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# THE G-SPOT

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**Q:** I was having sex with this boy the other day, when he "accidentally" stuck it in my bum!! I told my friend about the "accident" and she said the same thing has happened to her. I feel violated! Does this happen with everyone?

**Stephanie Foster:**

You're not alone. Many will not confess it, but a 2005 study from the Journal of Clinical Forensic Medicine indicates that accidental anal sex happens to the majority of people. Of the 512 individuals surveyed, there were 498 individuals who had experienced unintentional anal intercourse. Among those individuals, 83% reported that their partners were experienced. Personal intoxication at the point of unintentional anal intercourse was reported by 43%, with 41% reporting that their partners were under the influence. (For more, see <http://kidneynotes.blogspot.com/2005/03/hilarious-journal-articles-part-1.html>)

All that being said, it is also viable that this was no accident. On occasion, men who intend to experiment with anal sex feel too self-conscious to request it, so they undertake it 'by accident', in hopes that their partners will get pleasure from it, and perhaps ask for it a second time. Gentlemen, this is a very terrible, not to mention cruel idea. It takes massive amounts of preparation, lubrication, and concentrated breathing to render anal sex pleasurable, especially for the receiver's first time [outside of BDSM]. Otherwise, it hurts! The majority of people who have had bad experiences with anal sex want no part of it ever again even under the best of conditions, so if you do find somebody prepared to take a crack at it, do not grind away like you will never get another opportunity for the rest of your days. Doing so may ensure you are correct.

A little concluding advice: never change from anal to vaginal intercourse without clean-up or condom replacement. Failure to do so will

put the woman at risk for infection.

**Rick Wolfe:**

I hate to be the one to tell you this but I am very doubtful that this event was an innocent little "accident". I think that there's a good chance this boy had it planned or, if it did happen to be spur of the moment, it was probably still on purpose. When I've participated in anal sex, I noticed a huge difference switching between vaginal and anal penetration. Even with a condom on, I could still differentiate between the two. Not to mention the difference in tightness. So, I don't think it would accidentally occur.

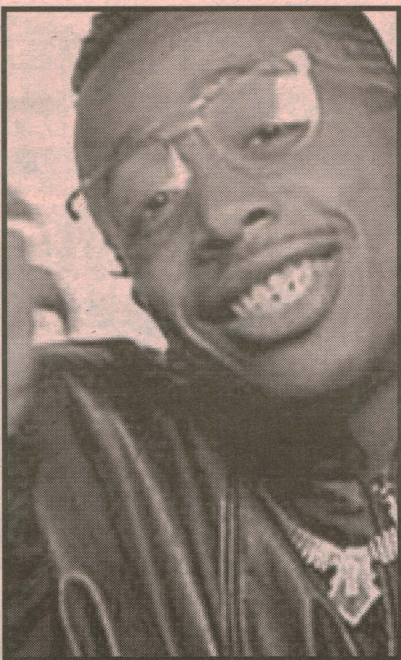
Now, the main issue beyond the penetration itself is that fact that what this boy did was wrong. People should always consult with their partners before taking part in sexual acts. It may seem like it was a simple little affair but it is a serious violation of personal space.

However, this type of sexual exploration, under the right conditions can be a very enjoyable experience. Don't feel violated because of the social faux pas that some people see anal sex as. This type of interaction is very common. But, as I said, be sure that all your sexual interactions are always consensual.

For a humorous anal sex encounter, visit [www.tuckermx.com](http://www.tuckermx.com). And for all your questions, email them to us!

I ALSO HOPE THEY HAVE BEEN IN HELL

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**  
I GOT THIS FROM THE SHOPPING CHANNEL.



## Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em

"I walked into the sheriff's office and immediately all eyes were on me. The room went silent and you could hear a rat pissin' on cotton. My dark chocolate skin and my bold jaw line complimented my broad nose and my full lips. I opened my mouth and simply said, "I'm here to apply for a job as an officer." Reluctantly I was given an application and I quickly filled it out and returned it to the officer on duty." —MC Hammer

For more amazing readings like that quoted above, check out <http://mchammer.blogspot.com>. Hammer is back. In blog form. I can not put into words how truly amazing this is. You have to check it out for yourself.

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Contact the Grad Class at [smu\\_grad2006@hotmail.com](mailto:smu_grad2006@hotmail.com) for more information or to reserve your ticket!

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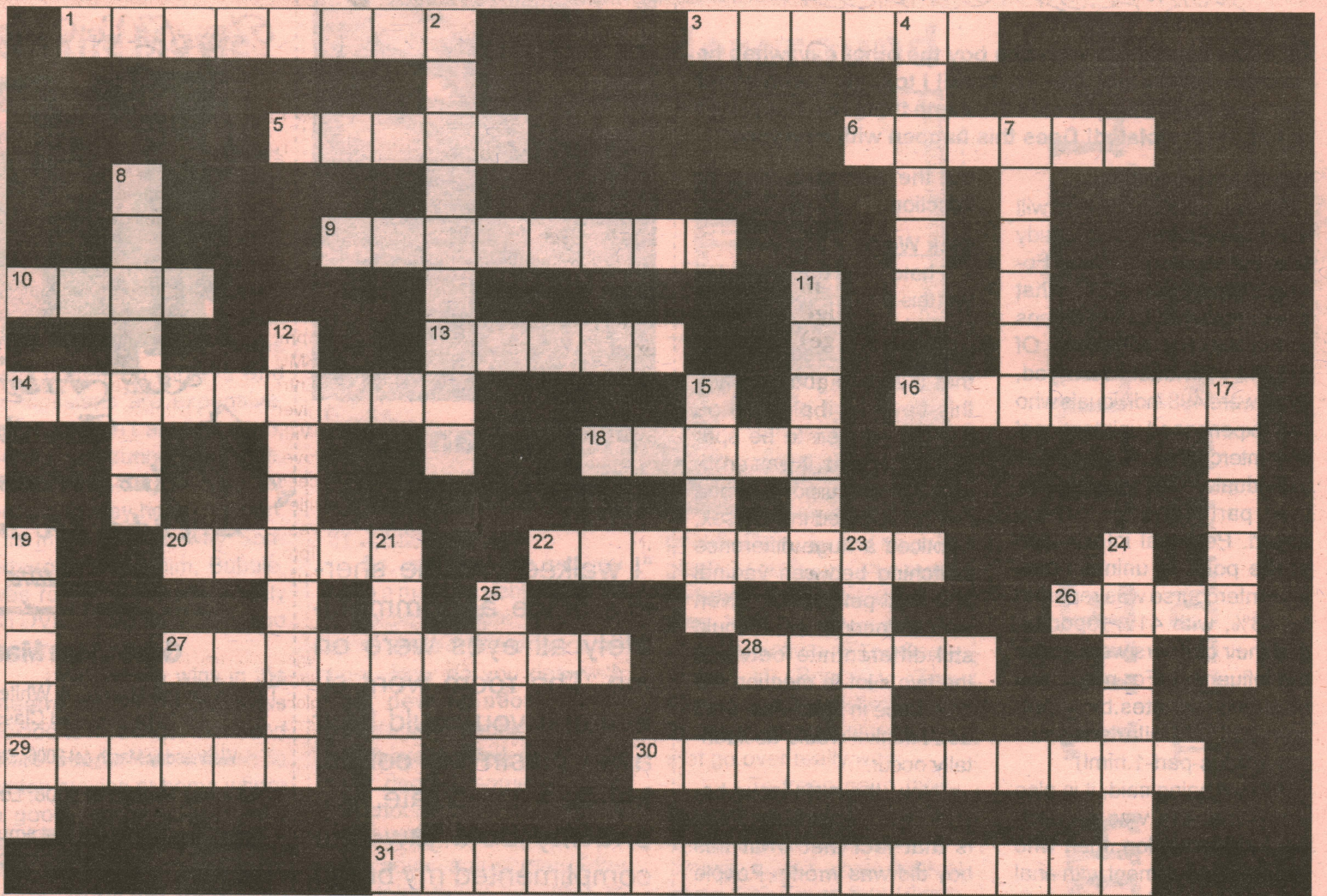
# ROCK, PAPER, SISSORS.

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- 5. Batman's sidekick
- 6. The fat character on Lost
- 9. Juno headliner
- 10. Apple's mp3 player
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- 14. Host city of 2010 Olympics
- 16. BK's mascot (2 words)
- 18. Porn star from Halifax
- 20. Everybody Hates \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. Groening's other cartoon
- 26. Winner of first Canadian medal in Turin
- 27. \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain
- 28. \_\_\_\_\_ Ferdinand
- 29. 1984 Author
- 30. Les Stroud's show
- 31. Local TV show, soon to be a movie (3 words)

**Down**

- 2. Munich director
- 4. Crazy Scientologist Tom \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Infomercial superstar
- 8. Walk the Line star
- 11. Godzilla's winged adversary
- 12. Biggest sporting event every year
- 15. Toyota's hybrid
- 17. The big search engine
- 19. Star of Simple Life and a sex tape
- 21. Daily Show host
- 23. One of the CSI cities
- 24. Creator of The Office
- 25. Motorola's slim cell



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# BUSINESS

## THE ROCKEFELLER

**Q1. Why is gold a commodity? I know it seems a very simple question, but I've always wondered why is it fundamentally a wanted thing? What gives it its value and what determines the fluctuations in value?**

**A:** The simple answer to why gold is valuable, is it's more traditional than anything. Since roughly around the time of the collapse of Babylon in 612BC, gold has been used as a common denominator for transactions along with a bushel of wheat or (more commonly), silver. Gold provided a common denominator where quality could be easily classified, while at the same time being precious enough to not be hit with massive amounts of inflation (it's estimated that all the gold in the world if refined would form a 20m cube).

Notwithstanding any wants in the form of jewellery, global standardisation can be blamed on England having a shortage of Silver (then its standard) during the Napoleonic wars forcing them to mind gold coins instead. After this, England never really looked back, and with their rapid Victorian expansion, gold became the de-facto global standard. In regards to the second part of your question - the value is determined quite simply by supply and demand.

Does that mean gold is really worth the \$555 US/oz? Not necessarily. But at this point in time with a lot of global uncertainty in regards to the price of oil and the general market, gold is providing once again a safe commodity for investors looking for a lower risk investment.

**Q2. Were there any "online marketplaces" similar to that of eBay, but before eBay existed? Or was eBay the pioneer? How did they manage to become so huge (what is their advantage)?**

**A:** eBay, original known as Auctionweb way back when in September 1995 is quite possibly the pioneer. Although a few auction houses may have had a small web presence, we have to remember that in 1995 the Internet was still commercially infantile, so any other competitor that may have existed to my knowledge was quite small. Taking that into consideration though, Craigslist.com, may be considered the closest thing to early stages of competition; although it can be argued against, since this site focuses on being an online classifieds section instead of an online auction house. The way I see it, eBay's success can be quite clearly defined into two branches. One aspect is simply having the luck to be in the right place at the right time. The other reason which has attributed to why eBay does not yet have a true competitor (although Google/Microsoft are both getting into the business so who knows what will happen) is Meg Whitman and Jeffrey Skoll who were both brought in by the founder Pierre Omidyar at an early stage of the company. Skoll wrote the business plan on which the eBay as we know today is based on, while Whitman has been the CEO since 1998 and has helped steer eBay through its period of rapid expansion and mergers with smaller firms such as Paypal. Neither of these, however,

explains eBay's biggest thing going for it which to this day is the momentum. In order to run a successful auction house (online or offline) your biggest problem often boils down to how many people know you exist and how reputable your firm is. This means unless eBay starts to suffer a massive scandal (my guess it would stem from Paypal if it ever happened) or a well known company creates an auction site that is either more user friendly (or cheaper), eBay will be here to stay.

## ACE Campus Spotlight

BY LAURA MACINTOSH

This week we're taking a break from highlighting new student business owners to update you all on one of our first Spotlights, Green Choi Kwang Do.

Alana Green, 4th year Small Business and Entrepreneurship/Marketing major here at SMU was nominated, along with 14 other SMU businesses, for the Student Entrepreneur of the Year Award, given by ACE Canada and CIBC. With hard work, dedication and love for her business, Alana succeeded in winning the Provincial title of Student Entrepreneur of the year, with a cash prize and trip to Toronto, where she will present her business to acclaimed judges and

compete for the national title. We at ACE would like to congratulate Alana for her success and wish the best of luck at the ACE national competition, where our ACE SMU team will also be competing, for the title of most successful team in Canada and a trip to the SIFE world cup in Paris.

It is easy to see Alana's passion for her business, just by sitting in on a class. I, as well as another ACE member, have joined up as students of Alana's school after feeling the great vibe and energy she puts into her work. We know that this excitement and passion will be as visible to the judges in Toronto as it is to all her students and friends.

**Congrats & good luck!**

## Miss Biz aka Jackie Howatt

I know that it is so cliché to say, but "I am hoping that everyone had a fun and safe reading week". Hopefully you had the chance to read my last article, "Diamonds are for... what?". Anyway, I won't be writing about anything too in depth this week because I am still doing research for my next article. However, I am making an attempt at involving the Miss Biz audience in next week's article. I figure, since I am doing all of this research, why shouldn't my readers be as informed and have their own thoughts about the subject while reading? I think it will make for a more informed, considerate, and knowledgeable read.

With that said, I highly recommend that everyone try and get their hands on "The Corporation" DVD, directed by Jennifer Abbott and Mark Achbar (it's at Blockbuster and there are only a couple copies). The caption on the back of the cover explains the video best, "Take a closer look at the creation of American corporations, their


legalization and the effects their often dangerous actions have on local and global economies". For everyone who is currently in business, this will probably be a real eye-opener for you, and may even have you questioning your motives and beliefs in the corporate world. It really shows an underbelly of a different color, but then again, you have to make educated opinions about the material for yourself (meaning, do your own research!). For everyone not in business, you will definitely learn a thing or two about the world that you operate in.

If you are lucky, I am hoping that you can rent this DVD by next week. Instead of me just writing about my take on economics and other business issues, I am giving you the chance to come prepared with your own thoughts. I will not give away exactly what I will be writing about, but I will say that it is not about the movie itself. It is regarding some of the subjects discussed. Michael Moore (Bowling for

Columbine) is a commentator, along with very notable business and media specialists, for example, Noam Chomsky.

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# THE SOCIETY PAGE

## SNO\* TO SURF SOCIETY

Sno Folk,

Well the break defiantly went by quickly... Apparently, Wentworth Valley has quite a lot to offer a young university student on her break, who knew? Skiing and Riding has been quite lovely here in the valley, weather has been fabulous and visitors aplenty, not to mention the wonderful social gatherings...let's just say this is a pre-Ducky's Wing Night email.

After meeting with "The" Red Bull Girl there has been confirmation of quite the event next Friday (continue on for more details...). Let's just say there might be a free trip up here.

This Friday, March 3, 2006  
Friday Night Lights  
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Red Bull will be sponsoring a trip and evening event up to Ski Wentworth next Friday Night! All of you who are available to attend will have to purchase your lift ticket early on this week to guarantee your spot on the bus.

The Bus will be leaving Friday afternoon (around 3pm) arrive for Skiing and Riding all afternoon and evening at Ski Wentworth

Then there will be;

WING NIGHT at Ducky's  
with Contraband

The bus will then depart after "Wing Night" and arrive back in Hali for after hours D.T.

Then there will be a Rail Jam for those who are interested in winning a Nitro Snowboard Perhaps a few other prizes... Registration for the Rail Jam will be from 6 to 7pm  
Cost to enter is; \$10.00

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Tuesday, February 28, 2006  
In the SUB from; 1 to 5pm

The Red Bull Lady's will be selling tickets for;  
\$15.00  
(for your lift ticket and to secure your spot..the bus will be taken care of by R.B.)

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

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~ Melissa

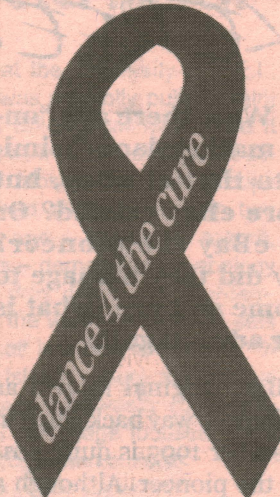
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# SPORTS

## SMU Hockey, Opportunity's Lost

BY ADAM COSTELLO

Since the AUS hockey season started, I've regrettably mentioned over and over in my weekly hockey column that both the men's and women's hockey teams have the ability to play great hockey, but play it inconsistently. Both of these St. Mary's hockey teams showed flashes of brilliance this season, usually followed up by a next to mediocre effort the next time out. Unfortunately, it was that very consistent inconsistency, that ultimately got them both knocked out of the playoffs in each of their respective semi final match-ups this past weekend.

For the men, it was never truly expected they could pave their way to the championship series, looking in the face of the Acadia Axemen during the semi finals, the top team in the league. SMU had however beaten St. Thomas in a convincing quarterfinal series that went 3 games, the finale taking place at the forum during the first weekend of reading break. After dropping the first game at home, SMU went on to beat STU on the road to bring game 3 back home, and disappoint they did not. SMU came out hard against the Tommies, with Dan Rudisuela scoring within the first 3 minutes of the game, setting the pace for Colin Power to make it 2-0 before the end of the first frame. In the dying moments of a scoreless 2nd period, Husky goalie David Chant made 2 incredible saves that would have surely changed momentum heading into the 2nd break. I'm not just using incredible as a random descriptive adjective either, they were both truly colossal saves to keep STU off the board during a pivotal point in the game. SMU came out with the momentum again in the third, shutting down STU with an aggressive style of play that obviously got under their skin, with scrums and mix-ups providing a theme to the final period STU would end up playing, which ended with a 3-1 victory for the Huskies. Although in this series, they came back to win 2 straight games to stave off elimination at the hands of STU, their semi-final match-up against top seeded Acadia was an entirely different story altogether.

Heading into game one, the Huskies knew they had to take at least one game in Wolfville, hoping this would be it. Although this series was originally thought to be a tight checking defensive battle, the combatants opened the flood gates for game one, in a fast paced flurry producing goals left and right. The Huskies maintained pace with the league favourites up until the 2nd period, when a 4-4 draw was

begging one team or the other to step up it's D. Acadia, behind 2000 plus fans urging them to do so, then shut down the St. Mary's offensive for rest of the game. After Acadian Robbie Sutherland provided the eventual game winner late in the second, Acadia scored three more goals during a 5 minute stretch early in the third to put Saint Mary's completely out of reach on route to a decisive 8-4 game one victory. As if the loss wasn't bad enough, Husky coach Trevor Steinburg was suspended for one game after he and other players, verbally abused referee Mark Hulshof after the final buzzer for various suspect calls throughout the game. Suspect calls or not, going into game two against the top team in the league without your head coach on the bench, immediately forced the Huskies into an uphill battle. Well, really the hill was just made steeper, and the 9-year coaching vet should know better, making quite a suspect call himself in verbally slinging about the refs.

Game 2 didn't go to well for the Huskies to say the least. While putting up a decent effort, this game epitomized what went wrong for the Huskies all year, not capitalizing on numerous chances and letting the pesky Acadian forwards get the jump on them in the corners, on face offs and in positioning. With no proven leader having emerged on the team this year, it was expected Ryan Lauzon and Brad Self, both playing in their last season here with SMU, would step it up. No such thing happened and without the leadership of having even a coach on the bench, SMU succumbed to the Acadia attack and went out with a discouraging 5-2 loss at home this past Friday.

So what went wrong this year? The same thing that went wrong last year! Bad defensive decisions, an insufficient power play, bad penalties, and lack of leadership all combining to equal constant inconsistent play. There's no question these guys are talented, but talent can only take you so far and in this case, it took them as far as this. It's really simple to assess the Huskies problem but it's a whole different thing to fix them, something I'm hoping staff will work extra hard on this offseason, especially since the core of talent that carried them even to this point this season are set to leave. With captain Andrew Carver, long time goalie David Chant, top scorers Ryan Lauzon and Brad Self and special teams specialist Gordon Bell all taking their leave from the team next year, SMU could be in some serious deep water next season if action isn't taken

swiftly.

The women on the other hand were thought to be prime contenders for the AUS women's championship this season, but had their hopes shot down during their semi-final match-up with the Dalhousie Tigers this past weekend. After rounding out their season the week previous with a 2-1 win against the Tigers, followed by a 7-3 loss to top-seeded St. FX in their final game of the season, the semi final leading to the championship game was set.

The Huskies expected a re-match with St. FX in the final, the team that bounced them in last years final, but first a re-match with the Tigers needed to be settled before focus could be turned on the powerhouse that is St. FX. Perhaps the girls were thinking a little too much about what needed to be done to win in the final, for upon facing off against Dal for the chance to even get there, SMU came out rather flat. The Tigers, not having beat the Huskies all season, came out relaxed, cool and collected while the Huskies seemed to be over thinking every aspect of their play. Tigers goalie Kristen Ladouceur played brilliant, turning aside 26 shots as the Tigers edged the highly favoured Saint Mary's women's squad 2-1.

Not only did St. Mary's make an early exit in the semi finals before even getting the chance to even play St. FX, if they had just beaten Dalhousie like they already had on numerous occasions this season, they would've received a free pass to the national CIS hockey championships, which St. FX happens to be hosting this year. Since St. FX is the host, they are guaranteed a spot in the national tournament regardless of whether or not they win the AUS. Therefore Dalhousie now gets an automatic call to the national tourney to fill in the ranks, even if they lose the AUS final, a call that could've easily gone to SMU if they had been more focused during their semi final game.

On somewhat of a brighter note for the Husky women, Courtney Schriver, last season's CIS and Atlantic conference Rookie of the Year, took home the award of Atlantic conference MVP, the sixth consecutive year a member of the Huskies has claimed the award. She finished fourth in conference scoring with 44 points in 21 games, including a league-best 13 power-play goals. Courtney, in her second year, has also been a first team all-star in both seasons and will now represent the conference as a nominee for the Broderick Trophy, awarded to the CIS Player of the Year. SMU defencewomen Sharon Kelly was also selected to the first AUS all-star team along with Shriver, while superstar Lindsay Taylor, hampered by injuries this season, was selected to the second team of all-stars.

## SMU V-ball wins second title in three years

In the women's Atlantic university volleyball final held at Dalplex on the 19th, the top-seeded Huskies captured their second championship in three years with a thrilling 3-2 (25-15, 25-23, 20-25, 22-25, 15-12) victory over the host and second-seeded Dalhousie Tigers in front of an estimated 700 spectators. Dalhousie had been 30-4 overall on its home court over the past four seasons.

Saint Mary's, who have a history of slow starts, did the opposite this time around and nailed down

the first two sets with authoritative smashes and digs. The Huskies let a 15-10 advantage slip away to lose the next set and were within three points of the championship in the fourth set before a series of unforced errors enabled the Tigers to square the match at two sets apiece. The Tigers led 6-2 and 12-11 in the final set, but the Huskies buckled down with an immaculate sense of court, taking the final set 15-12 to capture the championship.

## Blake Nill Moves On, Legacy Forged

BY: DANNY CAREW

Blake Nill has spent his last season as coach for the St. Mary's Husky football team. Nill is heading home to Alberta where he will embark on a new challenge in taking over the Calgary Dino's, a team that finished 2-6 last season and haven't won a playoff game in more than ten years. It's sad to see a living legend set off into the sunset, but what he has accomplished will never be forgotten, and most certainly will never be matched.

Nill strolled onto the scene back in 98, to take over for Larry Uteck. The Huskies finished with a dismal 1-7 record in 97, and Nill brought the program back to a respectable 4-4 mark in only his first season. In 1999 the Huskies made it all the way to the Vanier Cup, only to fall 14-10 to Laval. 2000 was probably one of the most heartbreaking seasons for Coach Nill as the Huskies hosted Regina in the Atlantic Bowl. With the Huskies ahead, and less than a minute left in the game, they opted to kick off the ball deep and play it safe the rest of the way. Unfortunately for SMU, the return man took it all the way to house and left the Huskies with a 40-36 loss and their heads in their hands. 2000 could have made it five Vanier appearances in a row, considering they made the trip the following 3 years as well.

The Huskies may have lost important games in back to back years previous, but the 2001 team can make a strong case for the greatest CIS football team ever! Led by veterans like Ryan Jones and Luis Perez, the team went an astounding 11-0 and easily captured the Vanier Cup by rolling over Manitoba, 42-16. 2002 was another championship year for Nill's Huskies, defeating Saskatchewan 33-21 for their second straight Vanier Cup victory. So SMU had back to back Vanier's, and a three-peat would certainly solidify SMU as a dynasty among the greatest CIS Programs of all time. Much to their dismay though, 2003 yielded another defeat, at the hands of the pesky 'Rouge et



or of Laval' 14-7. 2003 was the last year the Huskies made it to the show, but Saint Mary's will forever be respected and seen as a perennial powerhouse. Nill amassed a 61-20 overall record as Head Coach. Nill won't be remembered just for his records, but also for his actions.

Nill has always been a hands on coach and was never afraid to express his opinion. After the Huskies raped, destroyed, dismantled, pulverized, and embarrassed, the Mount Allison Mounties 105-0, Nill was criticized for running up the score. Nill fired back, and was coincidentally suspended for his remarks. He claimed that it was the school's responsibility to field a competitive team. And he questioned how a team could fall off the map. I couldn't agree anymore so. Football is a game for the mentally tough and physically able. Don't step out on the field if you're not prepared for the repercussions. I'll always remember the Nill era as one that dominated the opposition, and found a way into our consciousnesses. If it wasn't for jammed pack stands on Friday nights, and our team's success, do you think there would be talk of a CFL team in Halifax? Highly unlikely.

Nill was quoted in the Halifax Herald, saying "I'm going to a program that needs to be rebuilt. It's not better than the team I'm leaving here." Well Blake, thank you for rebuilding this program. As you make your journey out west, you'll be remembered as one of the best.

## THE HALIFAX XPLOSION A Historic Event for Nova Scotia



BY H.N. BARRYMORE

This summer, a new team will be joining the Football Nova Scotia roster. The "Halifax Xplosion" will be a name proudly borne by some of Nova Scotia's toughest, meanest, football-playing... women?!?! That's right, it's not a misprint. The summer of 2006 will be groundbreaking for the province of Nova Scotia - Halifax will be home to the first, and only, female tackle football team in Bluenose history!

The idea of starting a female tackle football team in Halifax began two years ago, when New Brunswick established their provincial Women's Football League. It was (and still is) the first women's tackle football league in Canada. The league began with only two teams, but after the successful completion of their first season the interest of females across the province sparked and it has grown ever since. Halifax expressed interest in joining the league last year, but was unable to do so due to a lack of available coaches and organizers.

This year however, after securing a dedicated coaching staff and an executive to help manage the team in the fall of 2005, the idea of starting a women's football team in Halifax has become a reality. The Halifax Xplosion will become the fourth addition to the New Brunswick Women's Football League (NBWFL), and the team will be competing against the Saint John Buccaneers, Fredericton Lady Gladiators, and Moncton Vipers this year.

The teams play 10-aside football (two less players than in regular Canadian football) and are governed by certain "special rules" to cut down on injuries and to allow for a more offensive game. For instance, the defense is not permitted to blitz the quarterback, and the women will play with four downs as in American football rather than with three downs associated with most levels of Canadian football (such as in the CFL or CIS). Furthermore, within the first three downs, the team must attempt at least one forward pass. This rule was designed to force teams to pass who might otherwise run the ball for the entire game so as not to risk an interception. These are probably the most interesting rule changes that the women play by, and make the game more "fan-friendly" according to second-year player Hilary Moors.

Moors played for the Saint John team in 2002, during the first season that the NBWFL came into existence. "When I first heard about a female football team starting up in Saint John, I was interested in playing but a little nervous since I had never really been involved with competitive football, or football of any kind for that matter before. But the first time I put on the gear and stepped on the field, I fell in love with the game. I was surprised at how much strategy

was involved. It turns out that football isn't just about two teams pounding each other into the ground - although that's all part of the fun too. There's nothing like the adrenaline rush you get when you're running up the field with the ball trying to make it to your endzone, or when you get in a great tackle to stop the other team in their tracks."

Having had such a great experience playing for Saint John, Moors plans on playing with the Halifax Xplosion this summer and is enthusiastic about the upcoming season. "Since I moved to Halifax, I've been keeping in touch with football Nova Scotia inquiring about a female tackle football in the area. I was excited when I heard about a team starting up in Halifax in 2006 and stepped onboard as part of the organizing committee. Seeing the development of the team and commitment of the coaches over the past few months has been very encouraging and I have no doubt that this season will be a successful one for the Xplosion. I can't wait to play!"

Although the Halifax Xplosion is the newest addition to the league, and has a lot of work to do to catch up with the more experienced New Brunswick squads, the coaching staff is confident that the women will be well-prepared for the challenge. According to Head Coach Nick Barr (a Saint Mary's Science Alumni), the team has set its goals high, "We strongly believe that we can win the Maritime Championship in our first year. We have a lot of work to do, as we are already two years behind our competitors, but we expect to have the athletes on this team to enable us to be strong from day one."

Coach Barr also noted some of the issues that he has run into when recruiting, "It's funny, a lot of women think that you have to know how to throw a football in order to play. I don't know how many times I've had to tell people that we really only need one or two players who can throw the ball, and that some of the players may never touch the football at all."

The team is currently looking for women who are interested in playing. All females fifteen years of age and older (players must turn 16 by December 31st, 2006), and players of all skill levels are encouraged to join. The Halifax Xplosion has a dedicated and enthusiastic coaching staff who will teach players everything they need to know about football - from the fundamentals to the playbook.

The team has planned a "Football 101" classroom session for Sunday, March 19th (details regarding time and location to be announced). This session is designed to teach players who are new to the game all they have to

## THE JOURNAL'S TOP 10 2006 OLYMPIC STORIES

BY ADAM COSTELLO

The Torino Olympics in Italy wrapped up this past Sunday with the Gold medal game in men's hockey, followed by the flamboyant Italian closing ceremonies that if nothing else, left people wondering the purpose of. Many people expected Canada to be in that gold medal hockey game, the fact they weren't being one of the few downsides to these Olympics. Another may have been that they weren't even in the Bronze medal game or that they got shut out on 3 separate occasions by scores of 2-0. Everything else on the other hand went well for Canada, this being the most successful winter games of all time for our country. Canada was awarded a record 24 medals at the 2006 winter Olympics, despite the shortcomings of our highly favoured men's hockey team. There were feel good Olympic moments across the board for Canada, along with numerous humorous American Olympic moments as well, one being their hockey team finished in worse fashion than ours did. The fascinating stories these particular Olympics offered the Canadian media brings us to this weeks instalment of, The Journals Top 10:

### 10. Americans Celebrity Boxing over Olympic Result?

American's Chad Hedrick and Shani Davis were both favourites to contend for gold in the men's 1500 meter, but made public a feud between them that began when Davis opted not to skate on the team captained by Hedrick in the Team Pursuit event, an event the American's resultantly lost. While these two idiots battled it out through the media, a skater who actually was focused on the race, Enrico Fabris of Italy, won the race. With Davis finishing 2nd and Hedrick finishing 3rd, the two would not shake hands or even look at each other on the podium. At an awkward press conference with both present, Davis claimed he could take Hedrick in a celebrity boxing match!

### 9. Jennifer Heil

In notoriously unpredictable moguls skiing, Jennifer Heil had been a dominant force on the World Cup circuit ever since she finished fourth at the Salt Lake City games in 2002. This time around in Torino, Heil put together a masterful run that claimed her the Gold medal, Canada's first ever medal in the history of Women's Moguls.

### 8. Swiss Hockey Takes Step in Right Direction

The Swiss men's hockey team made a huge stride in this years Olympics, attempting to solidify it's spot as the worlds 8th hockey power, and doing so in rather

know before they step onto the field; rules, positions, equipment, strategy, etc. Coach Barr sums it up as follows; "We know we're working with a lot of people who have never played the game before because they didn't have the opportunity to play. We want them to feel comfortable with the game before they step on the field, and that's why we, as a coaching staff, have planned the Football 101 program."

If you are interested in getting more information about the team, you can contact the Xplosion via email at [hmxplosion@hotmail.com](mailto:hmxplosion@hotmail.com).

fine fashion after shutting out the Canadian men and beating the eventual bronze medalist squad from the Czech Republic in the preliminary round. Their bid would have been a little more forceful if they hadn't tied Germany and Italy to close out the preliminary round, before they were swept aside by the eventual gold medal winning Swedes in the quarterfinals.

### 7. Canada Men Go Out Low in Hockey

I don't even really feel comfortable talking about this atrocity. Not a positive story but a story nonetheless, the men came out with no jump, no heart, no leadership, no discipline ect...What I was waiting for was Gretzky's "crock of crap" speech. Never came though, and neither did a better than 7th place finish. Ugh, just ahead of the Americans.

### 6. Swedish Women Upset American's

This story was Right outta left field! who in their right mind would have thought the Swedish women's hockey team could have possibly defeated the Americans? Amidst talks of weak competition in women's hockey, this outcome actually went a long way in thwarting the opinions of those who thought women's hockey was simply a two team competition.

### 5. Canada Thrives in Skeleton

Besides Melissa Hollingsworth winning a bronze on the womens side of the event, Canadians Duff Gibson and Jeff Pain finished 1-2 in an event where the rider flies down a bobsled track head first on a tiny board going like a hundred km an hour! What a Canadian sport eh? Not only did Canada win Gold and Silver in the men's event, the gold medalist Duff Gibson is 38 years old!

### 4. Could Have had 45!!

Not only did Canada bag 24 medals during the Torino Olympics, but our athletes also managed 13 fourth place finishes, along with 8 fifth place finishes! 4th and 5th finishes may not seem like a big deal, but most winter Olympic sports are decided by a couple hundredths of a second. Look out for Vancouver in 2010, when most of those young 4th and 5th place finishers are experienced enough to shave off those few extra milliseconds for a medal.

### 3. Women upstage Men, Take Home Gold.

During an Olympics where Canadian women accounted for nearly 3 quarters of Canada's medal count, unlike the men's, the women's hockey team decided against letting their country down and took Gold in rather simplistic fashion. The women outscored their

opponents a combined 46-2 over the 5 games that were played, including a 16-0 romp against Italy. They finished off surprise finalist Sweden in the gold medal game by a score of 4-1.

### 2. Cindy Klassen Takes Home 5 Medals

Canadian speed skater Cindy Klassen broke Canadian records and tied Olympic records in her winning of 5 medals in one Olympic games. Klassen started off with a Bronze in the 3,000, followed that with a Silver in the team pursuit, won Silver in the 1,000, Gold in the 1,500 and capped it off with a Bronze in the 5,000. That's an monumental performance for just one Olympics. Klassen, just 26 years old, now has 6 career Olympic medals and plans on taking the ice even stronger in 2010. What about six? Or seven maybe??

### 1. Brad Gushue Becomes Newfy Hero

Brad Gushue's run to Gold in Torino was finished off in expert fashion, closing out the Finnish team they faced in the final by a score of 10-4 on a day that Newfoundland schools were closed across the province. Mark Nichols completed a massive quadruple take out during the match, which eventually led to his team scoring 6 in one end to essentially put the match away. It was Canada's first ever 1st place finish in Olympic curling, curling being a sport supposedly dominated by Canadians, and finally was. The Gold was without a doubt the biggest medal Canada attained at the 2006 winter Olympics.



John Munro, 2nd year student was the winner of our SMU Student Take Flight Promotion...John won a airfare for two to Toronto and \$200 spending cash. John won the student promotion at the final basketball game on February 26th.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Nelson Carvery  
Men's Basketball  
Vs uPEI, 26 pts., 3 rebounds  
Vs StFX, 15 pts., 8 rebounds

## Alise Brown

Vs PEI, 19 pts., 15 rebounds  
Vs SFX, 17 pts., 4 rebounds