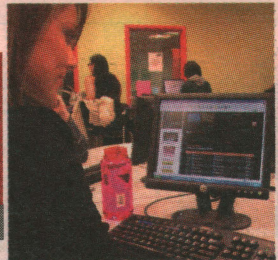


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HALIFAX FAMILY CLAIMS WRIGHT IS INNOCENT

As politicians debate over crime in Halifax

BY JAMES C. O'BRIEN

Last week Halifax, particularly the Courthouse, became the object of a poster campaign made by friends and family of Cory Wright. Posters read: "Help an innocent black man falsely accused by Halifax police" and featured Wright holding his alleged baby daughter.

Wright has not entered a plea for charges of first-degree murder in the highly publicized stabbing death of American sailor, Damon Crooks, 28 on November 4th outside a club on Argyle Street. The incident happened very early in the morning and police allege that Crooks was trying to help his friend who was purportedly attacked in an attempt to steal his jewelry. Crooks was then stabbed three times, once in the heart, his own gold chain and Christ medallion was stolen and he died on the sidewalk.

On the 21st, demonstrators outside the Courthouse bore posters that accused the police of arresting Wright because of his criminal past. One that includes a sentence of five years for an aggravated assault stabbing, for which he plead guilty out of in 2004.

"This is a white wash job, emphasis on White," said one Wright supporter. "Violence isn't new to this city and has been allowed to continue without any problem by the government or the police. This time it is an American serviceman and this city has to save face and find a scapegoat." The supporter felt that there is a political and financial need to "crucify" Wright and notes an aggressive media campaign to "demonize Wright and canonize Crooks". "Check out the headlines," she added, "they're calling him a 'Good Samaritan' and one literally read that he was 'Peace Loving' -Halifax is overcompensating, Kelly's going hysterical and he's going to bust the hobos and drunks. The bars will be shut down, there will be a province wide curfew, you won't even be able to get laid in this town without police reprisal. Hey, the world is watching"

"I have no doubt that he's guilty," said SMU Criminology major, John Smith: "I have faith that

the police followed protocol and just didnt grab some shady black man." Smith feels that the incident was a "tragedy" and suggests that a stronger jail sentence could be handed down. "If he is convicted, they should and probably will give him more time" referring to the 2004 incident which Wright served two years for. Smith then advocated the Conservatives' proposed bill for a three-strike system for violent and sexual offenders whereby they can be jailed indefinitely until they prove they are no longer a danger.

However, reports are arising that Crooks' behavior on the 12th was less than ideal. One anonymous witness at the Mariott hotel reported that he saw Naval Officer Crooks, "and his friend" wreaking 'havoc' at the hotel, badgering the help and guests. "They stole detergent bottles from a maid's cart and began spraying each other, guests and security", she claimed. When asked to stop, they became "belligerent" and "threatening", they left the premises on their own "and then 12 hours later, he was dead". Further, unconfirmed reports persist of Crooks and his friend's behavior in their last hours, including alleged narcotics use, sexual misconduct and petty vandalism.

"I cant talk about it," said one waitress at a place Crooks visited before Rain on Argyle, "I've been warned by my boss, he's terrified the city will shut him down".

"We all know what happened on Argyle," Smith of SMU said, "we have countless eyewitness testimony and reports. It looks like Wright murdered Crooks and that's all that matters". "Hang the son of a bitch" yelled a bystander on Tuesday's demonstration.

Damon Crooks leaves behind a fiancé, Schyla Washington and an unborn child due next month. Two Dartmouth men face charges of obstructing justice, they will appear in court on December. By Friday, all subject posters around Halifax had been taken down. Neither Wright, his family or his attorney could not be reached for comment.

During last Tuesday's Provincial Legislature debate, Liberal

Michel Samson blasted the Conservative government for being lax on crime. Samson states that the decision the Crown made not to appeal the 2004 sentence for Cory Wright on charges of a stabbing enabled the more recent stabbing death of Damon Crooks which Wright is charged with.

"Because of their inaction, possibly, we have a sailor dead today, whereas they could have taken action that may have reversed that sentence and kept that person in jail," Samson told the legislature. "I'm suggesting that the government of Nova Scotia told the people of this province that they were going to get tough on crime and seek stronger sentences for violent crimes and, in this case, they didn't," he added.

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter sided with Samson, noting that the government has yet put into action their promised 'Safer Communities' legislation. Passed through legislature in July, it will give police the authority to "crack down" and "close" brothels and drug dens. "The problem with this government is that they are continuously putting off into the future actions that need to be taken today to address problems people are facing."

Premier MacDonald objected to Samson's accusations: "Sometimes in question period people stretch things a little bit and perhaps the question stretched it a bit to lay the blame at the feet of the government," he said. Noting that he is planning on fulfilling earlier promised of hiring 250 new police officers by next year.

Earlier this month, Mayor Kelley held a meeting on violence in Halifax. It was held in the wake of the Crooks' stabbing and an upswing of swarmings covered by the media. It was attended by Police Chief Beazley and over a dozen community groups. The meeting has lead to numerous solutions both proposed and implemented. Of those implemented are the security cameras on Pizza Corner. Of those proposed is the controversial motion for a curfew on bars in Halifax.

STILL FIT FOR PRINT:

Journal reunion a big success



We're 70 years old! From left to right: Paul Fitzgerald (BA '97 and MA '06), former Editor in Chief of The Journal; Kristian Bertin, current News Editor; Adam Costello, current Sports Editor; Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82), President of the University's Alumni Association; Ryan O'Hearn; Jackie Howatt, current Business Editor; Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's; and Zach Churchill, President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA).

The Journal Newspaper is now 70 years old, and this past weekend former and current editors took the time to celebrate the success of one of Canada's oldest student newspapers.

A special 70th Anniversary ceremony for The Journal was held this past Saturday afternoon in the Gorsebrook Pub from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM, and the event drew a number of alumni who spent countless hours during their time as students penning stories of all sorts.

The Journal was established in 1935 when the University was located on Windsor Street.

Since its founding in 1802, the University has always maintained a strong student press. During the 1800's, students produced The Santamarian, and in the early 1900's the newspaper was renamed The Tatler.

Everyone enjoyed reminiscing about their days as editors, and there were lots of stories to tell. A tour of The Journal, which is located on the fifth floor of the Student Centre, was also provided for those who attended last Saturday's event.

Those in attendance included Edmund Boyd (BA '44), former News Editor; Doug Murray (BA '55), former Sports Editor; Dave Ryan (BA '98), former News Editor; Elizabeth McCarthy (BA '97), former Arts and Entertainment Editor; and Paul Fitzgerald (BA '97 and MA '06), former Editor in Chief.

A number of current editors at the paper were also in attendance which made the event even more interesting. They included: Kristian Bertin, News Editor; Jackie Howatt, Business Editor; and Adam Costello, Sports Editor.

A number of others attended this event, including Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's; Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82), President of the University's Alumni Association; Chuck Bridges (MBA '92), Vice President (Assoc.) of External Affairs; and Zach Churchill, President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA).

The event was organized by the Alumni Affairs Department and the Public Affairs Department.




Edmund Boyd (BA '44), former News Editor, and Kristian Bertin, current News Editor, shared their stories with one another at The Journal Reunion.

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NEWS

SMU STUDENT WINS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

BY KRISTIAN BERTIN

Saint Mary's 5th year Arts student Olivier Jarda has won the Rhodes scholarship to attend Oxford University. The scholarship will fund up to three years of study at the university. Jarda is one of about 80 scholars chosen worldwide out of thousands of applicants. The oldest and most prestigious scholarship in the world, the Rhodes scholarship measures a student's academic and athletic skill as well as their character and leadership in order to determine the winner. Jarda fulfills all of these categories with his 3.93 GPA, heavy involvement in student politics, track and field and outstanding community work. Other Rhodes Scholars include Bill Clinton, Rex Murphy and Kris Kristofferson.

Jarda has been a leading figure in the university community during his years at Saint Mary's, as VP Academic of SMUSA in 2005-2006, member of the SMU Board of Governors and Senate, and Editor-In-Chief of the SMU Journal. He has served on over twelve university

committees. Jarda was Secretary of the SMU Model UN Society in 2004. He also hosted Open Mike Night at the Gorsebrook for two and a half years, and plays in his own band, Turnstiles, which he took on a cross-Canadian tour this summer. Jarda has won numerous awards throughout his career including All-Canadian Athlete 2006, Residence Assistant of the Year 2005, the Edmund Morris Memorial Scholarship 2005, the William J. Dalton Award and several others.

As a first-generation Haitian growing up in Canada, Olivier quickly found interest in Black History and Politics, both of which he is very passionate about. After completing his BA, Jarda wishes to pursue an MPhil and DPhil in International Relations. He is especially interested in one of the university's projects, Global Economic Governance: Making Globalisation work for Developing Countries, which seeks to amass and compile academic work, create academic networks, and influence public policy on the subject. Jarda hopes to then seek employment with the

Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and hopes to join the Foreign Service at the Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Terry Murphy, SMU VP Academic is ecstatic about the news. "I'm just thrilled at his success," said Murphy, "though I'm certainly not surprised. We are all very proud and cognizant of the qualities that led Olivier to this point. Olivier is involved, not just in the academic and athletic community of SMU, but in the community at large, really making a difference."

"It reflects well on Olivier, as well as SMU. We're getting some of his reflected glory," Murphy stated.

After a two day interview process, Jarda was informed of the decision Saturday night. "I'm grateful that I was chosen and I'm excited at the prospect of studying international relations at Oxford," said Jarda, "I could not have achieved this without the support of my family, friends, and the Saint Mary's community."

University Beat

University of Calgary to open campus in Middle East

President and Vice Chancellor Harvey Weingarten announced on Friday that the University of Calgary would open a branch campus in the Middle East. The university will offer a baccalaureate degree in nursing to 40 students next year in Doha, Qatar. Eventually, the university plans to offer masters and doctoral nursing degrees as well. "This project is the largest overseas program that has ever been developed by a Canadian university," Weingarten told the Calgary Sun.

The government of Qatar will fund the program. It approached U of C after researching nursing programs at various North American universities. There is high demand for skilled health professionals in the region. This venture will also give students and professors at U of C the opportunity to study and teach in the Persian Gulf region.

Campus newspapers thriving, attracting big business

Although many mainstream newspapers have fallen under hard times, the Washington Post has found that university newspapers have become hot commodities.

One report found that about 76 percent of the 6 million full-time US undergraduates read their campus newspapers at least on occasion. This may be why corporations and advertisers have taken a keen interest in student newspapers.

A subsidiary of MTV bought out College Publisher, which runs websites for over 450 university student publications. One mainstream newspaper, the Tallahassee Democrat, bought a Florida State University student paper that had been performing strongly.

Big business and advertisers have tapped into student newspapers in order to reach the younger demographic that mainstream newspapers struggle to attract.

Bomb Defused at Moscow University

Investigators and bomb-disposal experts have identified components of the explosive device defused at the Moscow University dormitory on Saturday.

Investigators found a bomb with the equivalent power of 500 grams of TNT in the Moscow University dormitory Saturday. The Security Service's bomb-disposal team defused the homemade bomb with the help of a robot and a video camera.

Another smaller explosive did detonate in the dormitory (the equivalents of 50 grams of TNT), damaging doors, a wall and windows. About 300 people were evacuated. Experts believe the first explosion to have been a warning, to avoid loss of life in the second blast. Authorities believe this to be and act of hooliganism.

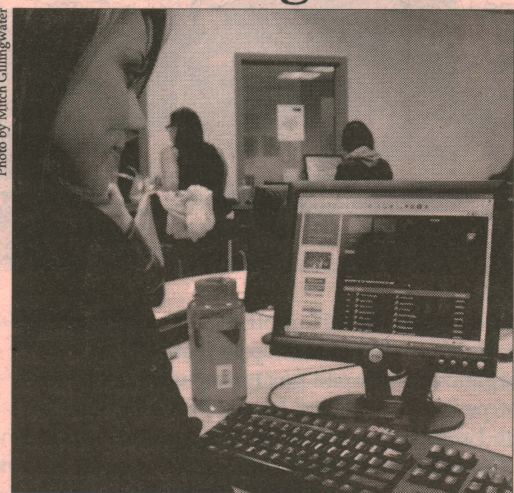
Students are Giving the Grades

BY MITCH GILLINGWATER

After its launch on November 3, 2006 the SMUSA Online Professor Review has been successful with over 340 reviews posted by Saint Mary's students. This new service offered by SMUSA is meant to give students the opportunity to rate their professors in a professional and revolutionary way, while ensuring all information is made public for all current and future students.

In the past many students have used to ratemyprofessor.com to check out professors before registering, but this new review, exclusive to SMU students, blows away the competition. It's sleek, easy, and provides immediate feedback for all students.

While the university does conduct in class evaluations at the end of each semester, the results of these evaluations are never made public. Unfortunately, many students are



Danielle Lapage checks out the SMUSA Online Professor Review at McNally Lab

best meet their learning styles and add the most to their university experience.

Students should always be able to give feedback, positive or negative, at the end of each semester while having the most up to date information on courses and professors during each registration process.

Filling out reviews for a full course load will only take you 5 minutes and can make a big difference for students registering

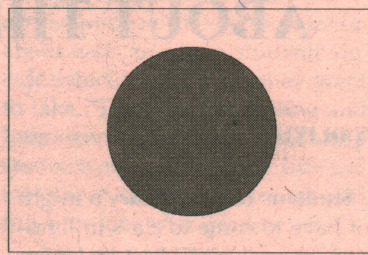
for classes next year. As the fall semester winds down make sure you check out www.smusa.ca/professorhome.asp and rate your courses and professors. It's just a click away.



NEWSFEED



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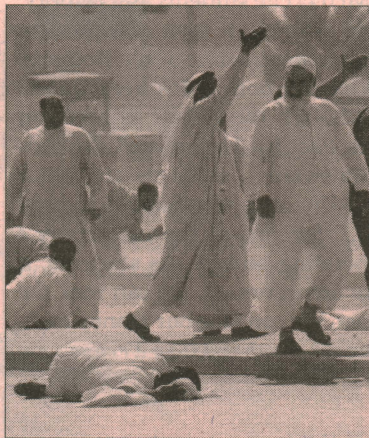
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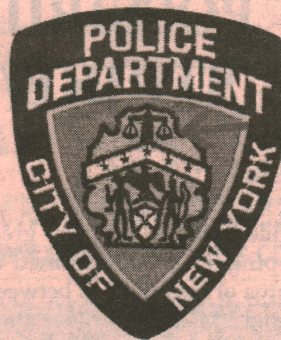
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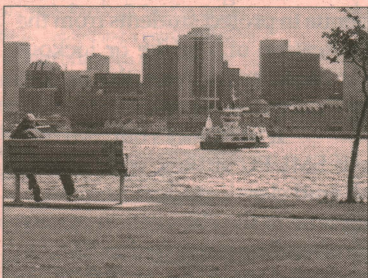
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PERSPECTIVES

EDITORIAL

WHY WERE STUDENTS LEFT IN THE DARK ABOUT THE STRIKE?

BY OLIVIER JARDA

Students of Saint Mary's might not have to come to class in January. Last week, SMU Faculty Union President Larry Haiven and SMU President Colin Dodds issued a joint memorandum, stating, "With the exam period approaching and in light of the Christmas vacation, the Faculty Union and the University want to assure you that there will not be a strike or lockout call before the New Year."

Yet the ramifications of this decision may be felt next semester, in the form of dropping enrollment. With this announcement, students are left in the dark about what will happen in January, urging some to rethink their winter session plans. The University may be in danger of losing students who would rather accept a job or transfer universities to then wait around for a strike or lockout to conclude.

SMUFU's official stance on why they did little to inform students on the possibility of a strike is that it did not want to cause concern before anything was definite. However, even when the Union voted to strike (which was held on October 4-6), it didn't formally inform students until November 16th. SMUFU had posted press releases on its website after the strike vote, but this information was not readily accessible to students. SMUFU made no effort to contact The Journal. In fact, neither did the Administration.

The Administration has assured us that the relationship between both parties is still amicable. However, it is evident that tempers among SMUFU have flared. If Haiven was serious in his concern that he did not want to worry students, perhaps he should have been more cautious in The Journal and the Chronicle Herald regarding the collapse of talks. Haiven said to the Herald, "Somebody in the higher reaches of Saint Mary's has taken a new approach to bargaining. It's a much more hardnosed approach, kind of like they want to take the professors and rub our noses in the dirt which is very baffling to us." He said to The Journal, "If the Faculty isn't angry enough right now, this would send [it] over the edge." His choice of wording regarding the dispute made negotiations seem much more volatile and serious than was previously reported.

Both the administration and SMUFU cite students as a priority, and both claim their actions were in the best interest of the students. Why did both sides keep quiet? Although the debate is between the Faculty Union and the Administration, students are major stakeholders, who happen to fund 55.7 percent of the university's operating budget. As students, if we are informed, we can rock the boat. We can take our money back. We can leave and take it elsewhere.

SMUSA AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF A STRIKE/LOCKOUT

Dear Editor,

While SMUSA has been great in keeping students informed of the status of negotiations between SMU and SMUFU, I believe their position of inaction should change. While SMUSA has no say in or control over the contract talks, it does have a responsibility to the students it represents. As such, it should maintain its mandate of students working for students, and follow through on any possible avenue to protect students from the implication of a strike or lockout that could result from the broken down negotiation talks.

If SMU locks out SMUFU, or if SMUFU strikes, what would the grad class / student unions position be to file class action against the offending party (either SMU in the case of a lock out, or SMUFU in the case of a strike)? I did some research and have not seen any cases of this happening in the past - but that's how precedents get set.

As a student (especially a graduating student), a strike

or lockout would be detrimental to our earning potential, job opportunities (many graduating students receive conditional offers of employment or entry into grad school based on their graduation date) and work promotions. Many will be required to begin repaying student debt as a result of inability to attend full time schooling due to the strike. The list of implications can be endless.

I would like to encourage SMUSA to explore its legal position in the event of a strike or lockout with the full support of its student members. Students should not be held liable for the inability of SMU and SMUFU to come to a reasonable agreement on the terms of their contract. While SMUSA has no say in any of the contract talks between SMU and SMUFU, it can create forces to encourage both sides to settle without labour action.

Sincerely,
Kevin K. Schulz,
B.Comm, 2007
(if SMU(FU) well let me)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SAINT MARY'S CONTRIBUTED TO CONSERVATIVE AND LIBERAL CAMPAIGNS

To the editor:

As someone who is interested in politics and the workings of government, I pick up a copy of Frank Magazine every now and then to catch up on all the latest news. For those who don't know, Frank is a magazine, some would say a tabloid, dedicated to discussing politics, government related issues, and the occasional gossip on the lifestyles of the province's elite.

In the most recent edition, there is a section of the magazine that lists all of those businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated money to the Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia in 2005 as well as the amount of money they donated. I always find it interesting to see who donates money to political parties, especially the party currently in government, as this is often a good way to identify potential cases of patronage when it comes time for the government to appoint individuals, or to award contracts or loans to certain businesses.

Not surprisingly, most of the individuals listed as having donated money to the party were politicians from within the Conservative party itself. There was, however, something that did sur-

prise me. While scanning through the list of names, I came across an entry entitled "SMU" and was quite surprised to learn that Saint Mary's University had donated \$338.99 to the Conservative party of Nova Scotia in 2005. To ensure that the information printed in the magazine was accurate I contacted Frank Magazine to find out where they had obtained the information. They told me that the information was obtained from the Elections Nova Scotia website in a document titled "Annual Statement of Political Contributions". After verifying that they had in fact made the donation, I scanned through the document and found that Saint Mary's University also donated \$429.04 to the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia in 2005.

After discovering all of this, I couldn't help but wonder why our university had donated money to two political parties in Nova Scotia but, perhaps more importantly, I wondered where the money donated came from in the first place. I tried to find out where the money donated came from by looking at the University's budget located on the SMU website, but there was no information to be found. Although no information was found, one can only assume that we, the student

body, were the ones who ultimately paid for these donations in one way or another.

While I have no problem with the administrators of our university personally supporting, and donating money to, a certain political party, I do have a problem with them donating the university's money to such parties. This is problematic not only because it is, in my opinion, a misuse of university funds, but I would also argue that it is inappropriate for the university to take a political stance at all. I say this because I think it is important for the university to remain politically impartial so as to ensure a good working relationship with all political parties in the province.

The purpose of this article is not to question the political affinities of any group or individual. The important issues here are how are our tuition dollars being spent, and why is our university getting involved in partisan politics? We are all paying a lot of money to attend university and I think that we as students have a right to know how our tuition dollars are being spent, and to be frank, we should not have to read a tabloid magazine to find this information out.

Scott Hagell

NO SNOW MAKES THINGS KIND OF NASTY, KIND OF NICE

To the editor:

It may not be falling out of the sky but that doesn't mean there is no snow. Ever driven by Gorsebrook Park and seen a patch of snow with some scavenger snowboarders congregated around it? If you had been walking by on the Saturday of October 28th, you would have seen much more than a patch of snow and a couple of snowboarders. You would have seen the first annual Nasty-Nice "No Snow Jib Show" snowboard jam: the theme being "Halloween" of course. You might have seen me dressed in a lime green leprechaun suite, rambling on in the announcers' tent.

Equipped with a dozen or so sponsors giving away piles of the latest snowboard paraphernalia, as well as free hot dogs, hamburgers and energy drinks, the "No Snow Jib Show" was the place to be.

Nasty-Nice, an Indie snowboard organization newly founded out of Moncton/ Halifax, by a few local students, organized the event as a way to get people, mainly younger kids excited about the up-coming season. So after making a few phone calls, they all met up early on Saturday morning, robbed the Saint Mary's rink of their unwanted snow, and made it happen.

About 35 snowboarders, ranging in age and size, came out to compete and were cheered on by no less than 50 or so spectators. Considering it was probably about

zero degrees out, with some nasty looking skies over head, not a bad turn out.

There were two separate lines the competitors could choose to

The smell of grilled pig and cow innards, mixed with the hot Redbull breath of the competitors, made for pungent odour which could sting the nostrils and water the eyes.

No one was seriously injured even though in the pursuit of the glory a few conversation-stopping-bails were had.

In the end first place was taken by Ian "Ferrari" MacArthur, from the Valley, receiving a new limited edition Salomon Bonfire snowboard. Fifty bones were shelled out to Nathan Sanford (snowboard instructor at Martok) for best trick, pulling a 270 (spinning 270 degrees of rotation) on the mean hand rail, with a frontside (going backwards) boardslide over the fridges.

The "No Snow Jib Show" is a series, meaning there will be two more competitions. By the time you will have read this, the next will have already happened (November 26th) at the Pit (corner of Morris and Lower Water St) downtown.

But hopefully some of you will have already heard about it and came out to indulge in some urban snowboard action, accompanied with free hot dogs, hamburgers and swag (free stuff that companies give away). If not stay tuned and I will fill ya in, and let ya know when the finals will be.

Until then pray for snow, and skateboard until it does!

Nick Khattar



PRESS RELEASE

SMU Students Say “DON'T FORGET ABOUT US!”

Halifax, N.S. - With negotiations resuming at Saint Mary's University between the Faculty Union and the University Administration (with the help of a mediator) students are urging both parties to reach a resolution before the New Year, so students aren't affected by a work stoppage during second semester. In an attempt to visually promote this message the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) has launched an on campus campaign that will see the distribution of over 1000 pins to the student body that read:

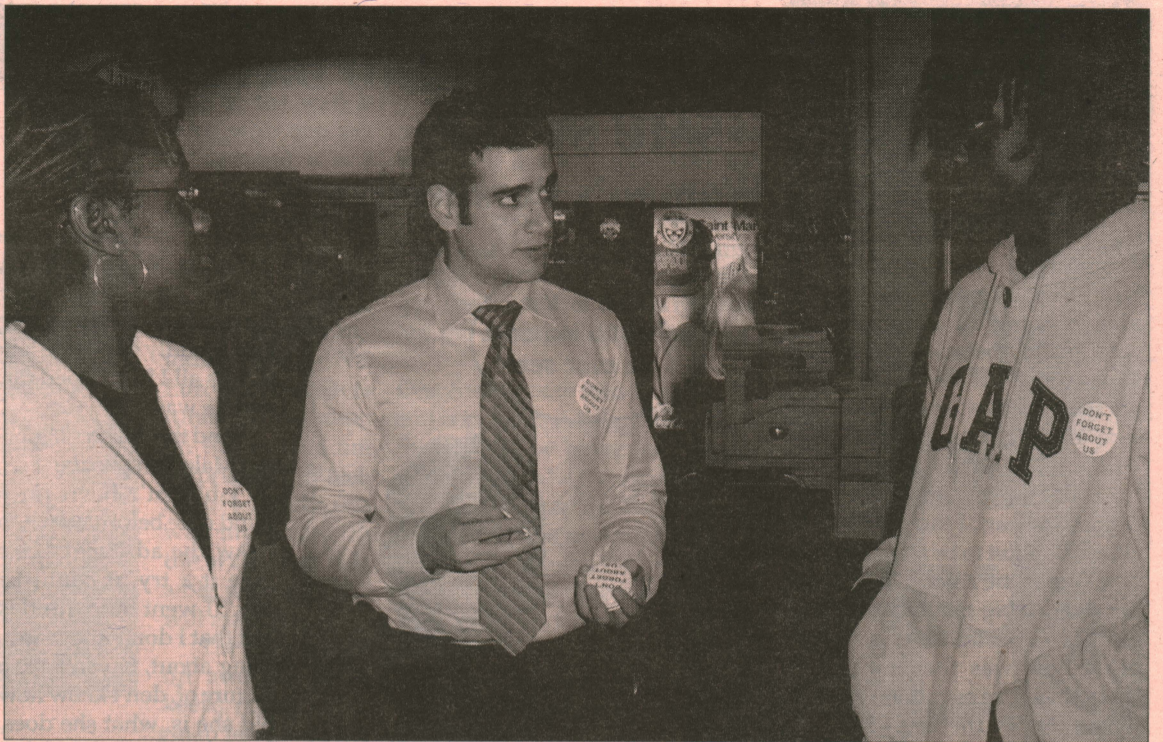


students; we are calling on both parties to act in our best interest; and we are calling on both parties to resolve this issue in a timely fashion.”

However, with the added pressure that the “DON'T FORGET ABOUT US” campaign will place on those involved in negotiations, SMUSA fully expects for both sides to reach an agreement before the campus is disrupted by a work stoppage.

“We are very encouraged that both parties have agreed to go back to the table and resume negotiations,” added Churchill.

“It shows that both sides are committed to do all in their power to settle this issue before it affects the students. Saint Mary's has always prided itself on the concept of community and has always lived by this concept; and I strongly believe that our sense of community will prevail.”



SMUSA President, Zach Churchill, hands out pins to students

*The “DON'T FORGET ABOUT US” pins are available at the SMUSA Info. Desk, Student Centre Lobby. The Saint Mary's University Students' Association is a not-for-profit organization that provides the students of Saint Mary's with services, employ-

ment and volunteer opportunities, as well as student advocacy. SMUSA was incorporated in 1966 and has continued to play a vital role in the Saint Mary's community, representing over 8500 students. For more information contact: Zach Churchill, President,

Saint Mary's University Student's Association (SMUSA), Tel: (902) 496-8701, Email: president@smusa.ca. Students interested in picking up pins, visit the SMUSA Info. Desk.

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FEATURES

THE ADVENTURES OF A BLIND DATE DONE SMU STYLE: A Woman's Perspective

A couple of years ago I would have rejected the idea of going on a blind date, mainly because you have no idea who he is and what he is like upfront. You only get to know when you actually meet him. But now, I have a change in heart. I thought "life's too short to be afraid of taking some risks." I'm not really a big risk-taker, so this experience of a blind date was the first crazy thing I've ever done. However, in the end, I felt that I was lucky not to meet some guy that I would really dislike or I would find annoying and the whole thing would turn out to be a disaster. In fact, it turned out just great and better than I'd expected.

We met at the Gatsby's Eatery on Spring Garden. I'd arrived early, fearing that he might be waiting for me too long. As it turns out, he wasn't there when I first came in so I just took a seat and kept my eyes near the entrance hoping to see a guy in the description of clothing he said he would be wearing. To be honest, I was really scared at first, and excited, with a little nervousness mixed in all because I had no idea who he is or what he's really like. Luckily, he found me and we introduced ourselves to each other. It was only through the constant conversation did those feelings of fear and nervousness fade away.



We talked about what we were studying, what year we were in and where we lived, just the normal everyday conversations. We also talked about our pastimes, our interests and hobbies, and things we do for entertainment. Time felt like it went by really fast as the wait for our food didn't seem to be too long. After we finished eating, he drove me around the city - through Citadel Hill and then around Point Pleasant Park. We both agreed that we actually had important school work to do after our date so we ended it in about two hours.

Some people may have thought it was too short but I thought it was just fine for the first time. I actually enjoyed those two hours and felt that I don't regret making this huge step for myself. He was a really nice guy and friend-

ly, just as I was hoping for. I didn't dare to have any expectations but just a nice and friendly person to talk to was all I had hoped for, and he was.

And the Always Different Male Perspective

I haven't been on a blind date before, so when I saw the ad I said "Let's give it a try, it could be fun." I went out with this girl that I don't know anything about, haven't see a picture of, don't know how old she is, what she does, I don't even know what she will be wearing for the date. But I guess that's how a blind date goes.

It was a lunch date, which meant she had to leave shortly afterwards. On my way to Gatsby's I was thinking "What if she is not there!" I went in to the restaurant and she was looking at me so I said "Are you here for the blind date?" she answered "Yes." She was really cute, but not the type of girl that I'm looking for. We talked about almost everything; we were laughing and laughing all the time. After lunch we went out for a drive around Halifax.

Overall, it was really a good experience for me. The date didn't go as I had planned, but it was fun.

We are still accepting Blind Date submissions, so if you have an interest in meeting new people, or just trying something new, email your information to features.smu@gmail.com

THE MIND IN SELF-DEFENSE AND RECOVERY Part 3 of a 3 Part Interview

Alana Green, Coordinator of SMUSAFE interviews Joan Helson, owner of Sisu Women's Self Defence. Joan has over 10 years of martial arts experience training under certified Masters and Grand Masters in several martial arts including a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and certification in Defensive Tactics and Spontaneous Knife Defense. This is the final part of a three part series.

AG: What are the mental aspects of self-defense and violent threats?

JH: This is a very important question and the most important issue in self defence. Self defence is 70% mental. More people have successfully defended themselves with no martial arts training whatsoever simply because they made a decision, a commitment to do whatever it takes to get themselves or their loved ones out of the situation. The cornerstone of all of the programs and workshops at Sisu Women's Self Defence is mental. Sisu is a Finnish term from my Scandinavian heritage that, loosely translated, means "guts". It is the courage, determination, and strength to continue and overcome in the moment of adversity. It means "what must be done, will be done". To me, it perfectly describes what is needed most in self defence.

Even before an actual physical assault, threats, including verbal and physical intimidation, will cause big changes in your body's chemistry. The adrenal response to a potentially violent situation (the "fight or flight response") is very important to understand so you can effectively respond to the threat. If you stand paralyzed like a deer in the headlights during the beginning moments of a potentially violent confrontation, likely asking yourself the common question, "Why is this happening to me?", your options for self defence will be drastically limited and may cost you your chance at escaping from the situation. An effective self defence course should help you work through these issues and educate you on what happens mentally during a confrontation so you can be better prepared to respond. For more on the mental aspect of self defence, I highly recommend Gavin de Becker's acclaimed book *The Gift of Fear*.

AG: What are the mental aspects of recovery from an attack?

JH: Knowledge and sensitivity to the issues that survivors face following an attack are essential skills every self defence instructor needs to know. I have had women participate in my courses who are

survivors of violent confrontation, from verbal intimidation to physical assault and rape. Whether you escape from a confrontation or are a survivor of sexual assault, you will have a lengthy healing process that requires support from family, friends and possibly professional counselors. Following an attack, it is natural to ask yourself what you could have done, to blame yourself, or to feel angry or depressed. It is so important to remember that no woman ever asks for or deserves to be victimized, and a woman is never to blame for being attacked. Never dismiss your feelings as a survivor, no matter how small you think the attack was. You do not have to be the victim of a violent physical attack to feel the effects of post traumatic stress, and even a verbal encounter or "close call" can lead to lasting effects. Allow yourself time to heal and help yourself by sharing your feelings with those who can help you with the healing process.

SMUSAFE offers safe walks within a south-end boundary Monday through Thursday 7-11 pm. Call 496-8706 for a safe walk or visit www.smusa.ca for more information. SMUSAFE is looking for volunteers! Email smusafe@smu.ca.

DEBATE OR SERMON?

BY RESSA PETERS

The ad on paper was enough to grab my interest as I walked back to class from my bathroom break on the top floor of McNally, where it's always about ten degrees hotter than outside, but that's another story. Almost all black with a small picture of a statue of two genderless figures in an embrace and large words exclaiming "A Public discussion on Homosexuality & Ideals of Erotic Love". Not knowing quite what to expect, I went to Loyola last Monday thinking, hey, it's a chance to procrastinate homework more and I'm always up to attending free things to possibly learn. Now, almost a week later, I'm not sure exactly what I learned.

One of the members of the SMU philosophy society began by introducing Philosophy professor Dr. Mark Mercer and Religious Studies professor Wendell Eisener who intended to try to challenge their knowledge of the opposite side by expressing each other's viewpoint on the topic (which is by no means the viewpoint of either faculty as a whole). Dr. Mercer took to the board and started to present what he believed to be Mr. Eisener's thesis "An erotic loving relationship in which the couple is open to procreation is better than one that isn't," now in this case it's difficult to define "better than" but he then said "more fulfilling, richer." Dr. Mercer talked for what seemed like a very short time before letting Professor Eisener come up and clarify his viewpoint. Human beings, he argued, are not defective for needing someone else, and the Catholic viewpoint of personhood sees being alone as "not good."

This was the point where I began to feel alienated. Isn't that almost condemning single people? In the Catholic viewpoint it's "not good to be alone" why are priests forbidden to marry? He clarified some of the ideas of different types of love (charity-like love, brotherly, affectionate and erotic) and Catholic ideals of a human as rational and free animals. Rational and free to choose, but choosing not to have children is not the right choice, I guess. He argues, "sex has existential significance for an erotic relationship and any erotic relationship that lacks existential significance to have children and keep the species going is defective." If any relationship that cannot produce children is defective, then are people past their childbearing years, infertile couples, homosexuals and those who use contraceptives for whatever responsible reason defective? Professor Eisener, in his speech, didn't seem to talk about homosexuality as much as procreation as the most important thing a person or a couple could do.

The floor was opened up for debate to those from the University community and public who attended. But wait, I thought they were going to present each other's viewpoints? Dr. Mercer presented what he thought Professor Eisener's was and then Professor Eisener clarified. What is Dr. Mercer's opinion? I can guess from the comments he made during the discussion part, but I would like to hear Professor Eisener present it, or better yet, Dr. Mercer himself. Doesn't this seem very one-sided? Only one side was actually presented. Is this truly a discussion then?

The audience discussion opened up and began to feel quite heated. Most of those in attendance seemed to be philosophy students, with a few other students like me and some members of the community who looked to me like members of the religious community. I'm not a philosophy or religious studies student and I must admit, I think some of it went over my head as things like Thomas Aquinas and authoritative natural law were brought up. I was a bit lost, but I was probably where an average member of the public would stand. At what level should a public discussion at a University be? Should any layperson be able to understand? Or Philosophy 1200 required implicitly?

There was one question that I can't remember that Professor Eisener answered by saying "I'm not going to touch that with a ten foot pole". How can we learn and debate if opinions aren't presented? Isn't that what the church would have said about homosexuality 100 or even 50 years ago? If a University philosophy debate isn't the place, where is?

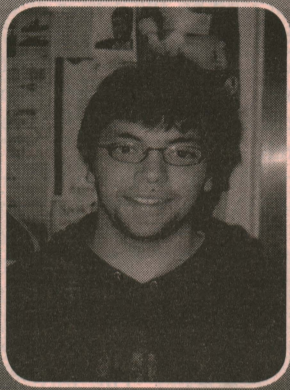
Honestly the things I understood and remembered best were Dr. Mercer's snide one-liners about sex, homosexuality and language (to paraphrase "better than is relative. I think ice cream is better than Auschwitz"). He broke up the tension pretty well, but there was still some uneasiness in the room, which a few audience members commented on and I myself felt a little uneasiness at some of the remarks from the religious side which I wouldn't necessarily characterize as homophobic, but they definitely weren't warm and welcoming.

So what did I learn? I learned about different ideas of love and Catholic ideals about personhood and procreation but I didn't learn one thing about homosexuality which was what I came to hear. I'll tell you what I do like though, I like my debates two-sided, my comments snide and funny and my sermons to be when I attend church at Easter and Christmas Eve with my Mom.

OJ ON THE STREET

Q&A WITH OLIVIER & JOEL

Q: THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES MIGHT BE COMING TO HALIFAX. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE \$163.3 MILLION PRICE TAG?



ZACH NEILSON
1ST YEAR SOCIOLOGY

"I think it's money we could be spending on other things. But if it attracts more tourism then it might be good."



COLLEEN BARRINGTON
3RD YEAR PSYCHOLOGY

"I think it needs to be considered in the long run. It's a great thing to happen. We may not be able to make the money back in the short term, but in the long run we can because it will raise the profile of the city and help people see Halifax as a more important city, and make people want to come back here."



MARY NADNGNI
1ST YEAR ARTS

"I think it could be good. It may or may not be profitable, but it will bring people together."



DANIEL MILLER
4TH YEAR HISTORY

"I think that money should be spent elsewhere. I don't think the price tag justifies what we're going to get back from it."



CALEB BOWERS
2ND YEAR COMMERCE

"I think if Halifax feels we can afford this and it will be profitable for our city, then we should go for it. Attract people to the city who wouldn't normally come down here."



EMILY WALSH
4TH YEAR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

"I don't think I have a huge opinion on the issue. I think that it's a lot of money."

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RYAN COOK JOINS NO SCENE RECORDS

No Scene Records added Halifax-based country artist Ryan Cook to their roster last week and are readying the release of his new album, *Sunny Acres*.

The label prides itself on giving a home to artists who do not have a chiseled niche within the local music community. No Scene co-founder Josh Pothier said, "He has the guts to make music that nobody in our circle is making or performing. We like that."

Known for his work with metal bands Eddybulls, Martyr's Brigade and Shadirpruf, Cook has spent the past year working on his solo country material. "I started to feel a separation between myself and the people I was singing to," said Cook. "I didn't really feel like I fit in anymore with the metal scene." Drawing inspiration from the likes of everyone from Jimmie Rodgers to Dwight Yoakam, Cook began writing his own roots music; old-school, honest, and heart-warming/wrenching country.

Sunny Acres is a compilation of six original songs and a moving version of Thomas Dorsey's "Peace in the Valley". Award-winning blues player and songwriter, John Campbell-john, local producer, Ross Billiard, locals blue player, Andrew Gillis, and banjo extraordinaire, Old Man Luedecke make appearances on the record, among others.

Infusing old country influences with a fresh splash of contemporary style makes *Sunny Acres* an album for music fans of all ages. "Country music is such a part of this province," said Cook. "I sure hope it helps me connect with the people here."

For more information or samples of Cook's songs, visit www.noscenerecords.com or www.myspace.com/ryankook.

No Scene Records is an independent label in Halifax, Nova Scotia and is home to Jon McKiel and The Establishment.



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- ▲ "If I did it"
- ▲ Mistletoe
- ▲ American Apparel
- ▲ Martinis at The Bitter End
- ▲ Heading home for Christmas
- ▲ SMU Year's Eve at the G-brook
- ▲ Seinfeld season 7 on DVD
- ▲ Eggnog and rum
- ▲ Yachts
- ▲ Being naughty
- ▲ Going to the editor of the Journal to hijack your best friend's column in order to get sweet sweet revenge

- ▼ Actually doing it
- ▼ Having no one to kiss
- ▼ American Eagle
- ▼ Martinis at The Fireside
- ▼ Being stuck in Halifax until Dec. 18
- ▼ Passing out before 12
- ▼ KKKramer's racist outburst
- ▼ Grandma after 5 eggnogs and rum
- ▼ "The motorboat"
- ▼ Being nice
- ▼ Always and Radiantly

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SNOWPANTS PARTY A SUCCESS

A Partygoer's Account of the Evening



A table of supporters with their snow gear on enjoying the evening.

BY NICK KHATTAR

Now that was a party! I got to the Gorsebrook at nine and I think it was pretty much just me, the bar staff, and Brett (the organizer) there. I was dressed head to toe in my snow gear, ensuring I was in proper attire for tonight's Snowpants Party. Eight dollar pitchers? I got started quickly. With my board in one hand and my jug in the other I settled into a table with some friends to watch a three year old ski movie. It would have to do until the DJ got started, or the Keith's Red started working.

It was still pretty quiet, maybe because Redbull had their Rickshaw Race and Party going on, but hopefully people were just at home pre-drinking before their arrival. Me and some of the boys settled into our pitchers and meaningless conversation, and by the time I realized just how glassy eyed I was, the place had filled up nicely.

Mustaches and long greasy hair

accompanied snow suits and neon head bands. I had tried walking around with my board on to help add to the ambience of the place, but I wound up on my face with a few stern looks from the bouncers. The DJ fired things up and played an eclectic mix of my favorite snowboarding tunes. A highlight of the night was dancing with all my boys to *Clap Your Hands Say Yeah's* "Skin of my Yellow Country Teeth".

In my travels around the bar I kept running into those Jagermeister girls, whose hair and scandalous outfits I kept commenting on. For this they gave me a tattoo on my cheek, some Jagermeister flip flops, and a wrist band. As the night progressed and I got my bump n' grind on with the snow bunnies, the Jagermeister ladies made sure I was adequately equipped with Jager condoms. If they are anything like the alcohol they would fit in well with reckless, irresponsible sex (I'm taken, I don't roll like that).

I heard talk of an after party at the organizers place, or maybe it

was Peddlers? Or the Ale House? Who knows. Regardless, I was far too inebriated to care. So at around 2am I was the only one still there who wasn't an employee (I had managed to convince them to let me finish my pitcher, explaining it would be easier than trying to keep me from bringing it with me). I finished the beer, said my thanks and departed.

I had snowboard boots on, goggles, pants, and my board with me, but no jacket. When I stepped outside it was a complete downpour. I live up by Quinpool, do the math. Talk about raining on someone's parade!

Editor's note: Some of the author's content has been taken out according to the editor's discretion. The Snowpants Party had about 250 guests bringing in approximately \$1250 for the SMU Board Society and the Dal Snowboard Society. Brett McDermott would like to thank everyone who came out to support the cause.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica

BY CHRIS MUISE
WITH ALEX COLGAN

Sitting in an ornate room adorned with enormous paintings of bishops and wooden crucifixes with various decorative ornaments, we turn around at Father Tom Mabey's suggestion. Behind us is a large, white, upholstered armchair that seated Pope Jean-Paul II during his papal tour to Halifax in 1984.

The seat is housed in the offices of the Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica, the massive Gothic-style Catholic Church located on the corner of Spring Garden and Barrington. It is impossible to ignore

the beauty of its enormous stained-glass windows and pointed arches as one walks by. As majestic as the outside is, the interior dwarfs its aesthetic properties tenfold. The arches of the ceiling supported by gargantuan pillars give the room an almost cavernous feel, and every pew and window portrays three intersecting circles representing the Holy Trinity.

The jubilant Fr. Mabey has been the rector of this exquisite structure since August of last year. His congregation comprises nearly 700 people throughout the four Mass services on the weekend. He estimates that 500 of them are usual parishioners, and 200 are "wandering" parishioners; the cathedral, because of its central location, provides a place to pray for out-of-town Catholics.

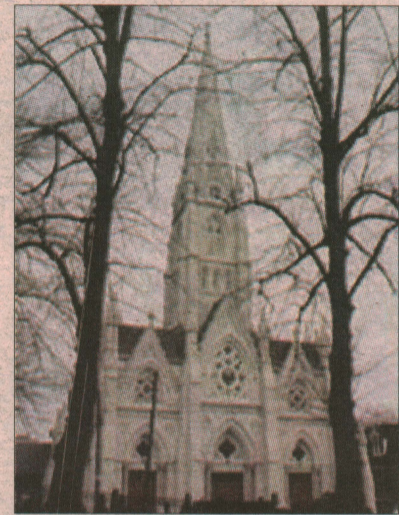
Besides the obvious duty of the church as a place for people to worship and confess, the basilica is also deeply involved in the Halifax community. The Catholic Young Adult Group (CYAG) engages in weekly Bible studies and faith development, as well as extending a helping hand to the homeless. The group is for young adults in their twenties, including university students. CYAG also holds frequent social events.

Other ministries include religious education for children from Kindergarten to nine and visitations to the sick.

Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica has a long and rich history. Until 1783, it was illegal for the Catholic Church to own land or build a house of worship in Nova Scotia.

When the law was repealed, the plot of land on the corner of Barrington and Spring Garden was the first Catholic land in Canada. It was also the site of the first Catholic Church in all of Canada: St. Peter's Church.

In 1802, Father Edmund Burke founded Glebe House next door to the church, which was the original site for Saint Mary's University. The building still exists today, and serves as the offices for the Parish. The Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica, also founded by Burke, replaced St. Peter's in 1820. At the time it had the tallest polished granite



spire in the world. The ceiling was to be so high that craftsmen of the day could not build it; the church hired ship-builders and told them to make the ceiling like a giant, upside-down hull.

Changes are still being made to the church to this day. Renovations are currently being undertaken in the basement of the church so it can be made wheelchair accessible, as well as to relocate the offices and the meeting rooms from the old Glebe building. Sadly, the majestic décor of the room in which we held our interview will go to waste, as the room will no longer be used for these purposes.

"Historically, this is the heartland of the Catholic Church in the dioceses of Halifax," said Fr. Mabey as the interview concluded. "We think this is not just historically important but it is socially important that the church retains

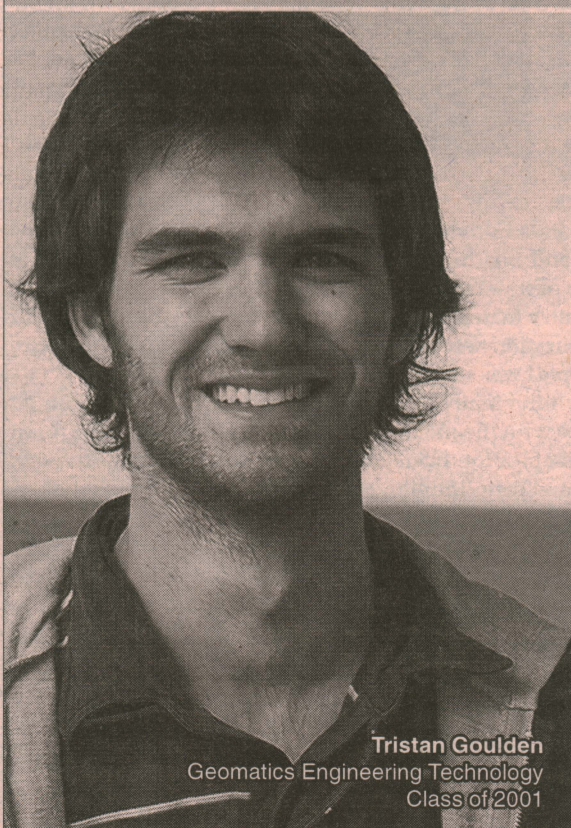


a presence and that we do what we can to keep the presence alive."

The parish is sponsoring an interfaith Social Justice Conference on Saturday March 3rd, 2007 from 9 am. to 5 pm. The conference will cover issues of poverty, "social justice in the gospel, Catholic social teaching and doing justice in parishes." There is no fee, but registration is required in advance; call 429-9800 (ext. 307) for more information. Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica is located at 1508 Barrington Street and can be contacted at stmb@eastlink.ca. You can visit their website at <http://www.stmarysbasilica.ns.ca/>

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Tristan Goulden
Geomatics Engineering Technology
Class of 2001

Tristan completed his Geomatics Engineering Technology Diploma at the Centre of Geographic Sciences (COGS) at NSCC's Annapolis Valley Campus. Since NSCC credits are recognized at many colleges and universities across Canada, he was then able to complete his five year Geomatics Engineering degree in just four years at the University of New Brunswick.

Tristan's work has taken him to the Mediterranean, Texas, and Georgia. He currently works at the NSCC's Applied Geomatics Research Group.

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ANCIENT EGYPT IN HALIFAX

BY ADAM COSTELLO

Our history is a rather complex subject and its role in modern society can take many different manifestations. While some believe our creator simply snapped his fingers and seven days later, there we were, others throughout history have looked deeper in their attempts at spirituality. For many, it seems comforting to ignore the unimaginable things that have been unearthed on our planet; things ranging from prehistoric fossils to the early crumbling of organized civilization. These findings and their showcasing go far in truly explaining our history, however long ago it may have occurred, and solidifies the ability to access an entire database of knowledge that at one time was lost -- but now stands as a testament to why we think the way we do.

The Nova Scotia Art Gallery has had a special exhibition on display since October 4th, 2006, called Treasures of Ancient Egypt. All the way from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, it features more than 200 Egyptian artifacts from the ancient

world; artifacts rarely seen in this region. It possesses a rather eerie feel as you take in the broad range of items on display, including statues, coffins, funerary arts, amazing hand crafted trinkets and even a mummified kitten that would fit in the palm of your hand. Most of the objects shown were gathered from the temples and tombs of a forgotten world that is only now starting to be somewhat understood.

Much of what we know about ancient Egypt comes from these tombs, which served as eternal resting places for the dead - houses of the gods. To ensure a comfortable afterlife, these tombs were filled with clothing, jeweler, furniture, pottery, tools and weapons. Thanks to the painstaking preparation of these tombs, including pulling out the deceased's brain with a hook, the splendors of ancient Egypt have survived the test of time. Many of

the inscriptions and physical representation of these gods took the form of animals; with cats, falcons and dogs seen depicted everywhere; creatures we humans in advanced society feel so superior to,

are great for teaching the public about ancient Egypt because visitors are able to view these artifacts first hand, rather than in a book or on a computer".

Miss Carmichael's job requires her to be available for visitors when they have questions about something, or give public tours when necessary. Fortunately for visitors, their quest for understanding need not be made on their own, for her job makes it easier for the public to benefit and obtain a better understanding of the significance surrounding the pieces in the collection. She's more than happy to do it.

"It has been very rewarding, we give school group tours and on Thursday evenings kids can come for Spooky pajama tours -- all of us here are trying to show how exciting and fun this exhibit can be."

The layout of the artifacts is very educational and reflective, truly worth taking in, and is accompanied by several other riveting art displays that one cannot help but get absorbed into. Toronto

photographer Edward Burtynsky recently donated 52 major prints to the AGNS. The showing represents a full-career survey of his work that is famous for its portrayal of appalling global industrial landscapes around the world. Another currently on display includes the remarkable work of Cape Breton-based artist Carl Zimmerman, who often depicts architectural utopias, fictional ruins from fictional worlds in his labor. This particular exhibit includes Landmarks of Industrial Britain, featuring eleven new photo-based works in an installation context. Also, some of the impressionist pieces on display in the main hall drew my gaze for minutes on end -- all definitely worth checking out. The Gallery is open daily from 10 am - 5 pm, 7 days a week and until 9 pm on Thursday. There are daily tours at 2:30 and at 7:30 on Thursday nights.

were worshiped as gods by the our compassionate forefathers. Perhaps we could learn more from our history than we understand from this technological monster of a present we've created for our future.

Laura Carmichael, Interpreter at the Nova Scotia Art Gallery, believes learning about our past speaks wonders to our present cultures' understanding of its own sustainability.

"I think it's important for humanity to properly understand and learn about ancient cultures and the progress of civilization, because it provides us with insight as to why and how our own culture is the way it is. It helps put our own lives into perspective, as it's important to learn about how people thousands of years ago dealt with the same concerns we have today (collecting food, building homes, belief systems, etc.) Exhibits like this one



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Boston Legal



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BY RESSA PETERS

Let me just start by telling you the starring actors on Boston Legal. Candice Bergen, James Spader, Star Trek: Deep Space Nine's Rene Auberjonois, and Captain Kirk himself, William Shatner. Not sold yet? Really? Okay, how about guest stars? It's had Golden Girl Betty White, Parker Posey, Michael J. Fox, Katey Sagal, Al Sharpton, Tom Selleck and Freddie Prinze, Jr. Now, at the risk of sounding like a name-dropper, I'll tell you about the actual show.

Over the years super-producer David E. Kelley has created many, many dramedy shows, usual about lawyers. In the past 10 years or so, I've found them to be either a little too much on the side of quirky, sexy lawyers in weird cases (I call Ally McBeal to the stand) or too dramatic and hot button pressing (The Practice, which Boston Legal was spun-off from, and Boston Public stand accused of tackling "issue of the week"). Like the porridge Goldilocks chose, Boston Legal is just right. Comedy like Betty White begins robbing convenience stores balances out the drama of a young man accused of killing a woman to get over his Oedipal obsession with his mother.

Boston law firm Crane, Poole & Schmidt is full of characters as odd and neurotic as Ally McBeal minus the visible ribs and anti-feminist whining. Shatner acts better than you'd expect and steals the show

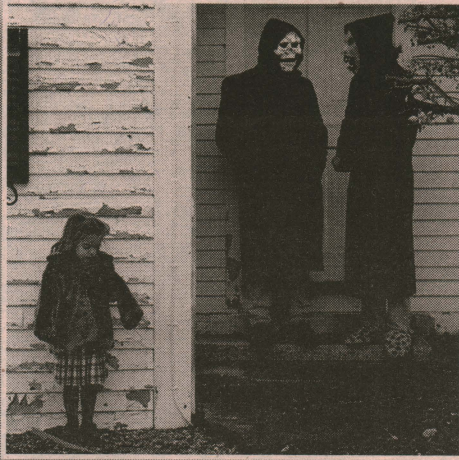
as Denny Crane, a lawyer as daring and womanizing as Captain Kirk himself (the show throws in plenty of Star Trek references for all the fans out there). He shoots a homeless man with a paintball gun for asking for money, he's been married more times than you can count on one hand, may have Alzheimer's but tells people it's Mad Cow Disease, loves to hear his own name and is an absolutely brilliant defence attorney. Candice Bergen is smart, witty Shirley Schmidt, who once slept with Denny after losing a bet. James Spader, who has a knack for playing normal looking guys with a kinky underbelly, (remember his bondage loving boss in Secretary?) keeps it up as unscrupulous Alan Shore, Denny's best friend and often rooftop confidante as they share cigars and stories in some of the best scenes. Rounding out the offices at Crane, Poole & Schmidt, are Jeffrey Coho (Craig Bierko) and eye-candy Brad Chase (Mark Valley) and Denise Bauer (Julie Bowen). Titular partner Edwin Poole (Larry Miller) is on extended leave after having a breakdown and coming to work with no pants on.

The out of Courtroom antics are as sexy and over-the-top as anything on Wisteria Lane and the legal battles are as funny as those in Harvey Birdman and as tense as any Law & Order. Season one and two are available on DVD now, and season three airs at 11 pm Tuesdays on ABC.

THE ULTIMATE CD REVIEW EXTRAVAGANZA

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BRAND NEW - THE DEVIL AND GOD ARE RAGING INSIDE ME
BY: AMANDA WENEK



Brand New's highly anticipated third CD, *The Devil and God are Raging Inside Me*, sounds exactly as the title describes; as though an internal struggle of overwhelming emotion exists beyond the vocals. With an edgier sound, grown-up lyrics, and the same strong vocals it can be said that Brand New set a new standard for themselves.

Singer Jesse Lacey has said in the past that he hopes every album that they release has a totally different sound from the previous, and in their collection of albums one can say they achieved just that. Their first album, *Your Favorite Weapon*, had a very amateur feel to it despite the strong vocals and musical backdrop. Fans saw tremendous growth with their sophomore album, *Deja Entendu*, as well as a whole new sound. With more mature lyrics and subject matter (there was a song titled "Good to Know that If I Ever Need Attention All I Have to Do is Die") and more powerful musical arrangements, the band kept their well-known emo status and gained fans as well as success. Now, three years later they've released their third CD.

On *The Devil and God* Lacey's vocals radiate a passion so intense that you really feel an internal rage within him. He sings with such fervour that you can't help but believe in everything he is saying as much as he does, as well as feel all the emotions he is feeling. There exists the same musical energy as their previous albums, yet the talent has gone up a notch. You can hear the difference three years of touring and practicing has made.

Death was always a recurring theme in their previous albums and there is no difference with *The Devil and God*, although it is noticeably not as prominent. However, one of the most notable songs on the CD, "Jesus", ponders the bleak expectations for life after death and the arrival at the pearly gates. Slow songs such as "Luca" complement the harder-rocking sounds of songs such as "Not the Sun" and "The Archers Bows Have Broken". No matter what the tempo, Brand New can evoke emotion like no other. They also have impeccable timing, as shown in the song "You Won't Know". Starting off slow and then hitting an emotional pinnacle halfway through the song reflects perfectly the emotional intensity of their lyrics.

Lacey asks us to forget things he still lacks, but the album is so rich with emotion and raw rock energy that it's hard to imagine much of anything is missing.

DEFTONES - SATURDAY NIGHT WRIST
BY TREVOR MURPHY

Do you remember being in the ninth grade? Do you remember what you were listening to? I was listening to Limp Bizkit, Korn, Deftones, and Marilyn Manson. With the exception of Manson (I still love him, face it, he's awesome), I have long since retired my *Three Dollar Bill Y'All*, *Follow The Leader*, and *Around the Fur* CDs. So it was with great skepticism that I indulged in the new Deftones record - *Saturday Night Wrist*. I mean, *White Pony* was OK - "Passenger" featuring Maynard Keenan was awesome - but the self-titled record was a sign that Deftones

were on their way out. Wrong.

Saturday Night Wrist is perhaps the best record Deftones have ever made, no exaggeration. Up to this point, each record kind of had its own distinct style. *Adrenaline* was all about intensity and screaming; that carried over to *Around the Fur* where Chino got more into the whining niche which became full-blown by the time *White Pony* and *Deftones* came around. This record takes everything that Deftones have ever done, and put them on one album.

The single "Hole in the Earth" harkens back to the better moments on *White Pony* as does "Cherry Waves" - which is probably the best non-screamy song on the album thanks to a stellar vocal hook in the chorus. Deftones bring the intensity back with songs like "Rapture" and "Rats! Rats! Rats!" - The best screamy song, if not the best song on the album. The few mellow



moments - obviously influenced by Chino's last solo-project called Team Sleep - are not the most interesting points on the album, but they help in summing up the total package that is this record.

Some of the guitar riffs are up to par with early Deftones classics like "My Own Summer," like on the song "Mein" which features a guest appearance by System of a Down's Serj Tankian, and some of them definitely exceed any previous attempts - again "Rats! Rats! Rats!"

If you have ever liked Deftones at any point in your life, *Saturday Night Wrist* is definite must-listen, especially if you can still appreciate heavy music. I swear though, if a new Limp Bizkit album comes out, and it is somehow mind-blowing (highly doubtful), it will be - like Chino screams on the second track - "a rapture, but of a different kind."

MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE- THE BLACK PARADE
BY ALLYSON MARSH

When Blender magazine calls a new release the "best CD of the year" pretty high expectations are built up for the listener. Fortunately *The Black Parade*, My Chemical Romance's newest CD lives up to all the hype. If you were a fan of their last CD *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge* you might notice a bit of a change. This CD is less of a solid mixture of rock and punk. This time around these New Jersey kids choose to instead grab from an array of rock elements.

The first single "Welcome to the Black Parade", among other songs on the CD, replicates the sound of Queen throughout the extra long intro with intense opera-like guitar melodies and crescendoing sounds.



"Welcome to the Black Parade" may, in fact, be the stand out tune of the CD but that doesn't mean that others fail. Lyrically both "Cancer" and "Teenagers" stand out. "Cancer" heartbreakingly speaks from the point of view from someone who is dying from the disease. The slow song haunts a listener and tears at the soul at the end of the song with the final repetition of the line "cause the hardest part of this is leaving you." The song "Teenagers" is funny on first listen. Once you take a second turn with it you realize that it's really a social commentary about how hard and screwed up it is being a teenager and how adults often ignore teenagers the real problems teenagers face.

If you are really longing for old style MCR "Mama" and "Famous Last Words" should suit your fancy. Old or new fans of this band can find tunes on this CD to enjoy. If you want some good old fashion emo turn on "Disenchanted." Talking about heartbreak, high school, and being disillusioned with reality, along with the slow rock melody, this song is only a dose of Chris Carrabba away from being an ultimate emo track.

Every song is quality. Many of the songs appropriately have a parade or circus-like beat appropriately filling for the CD's name. You might as well turn it on, turn it up and march along to *The Black Parade*, because Blender was right, it is probably the best CD of this year.

SPARKLEHORE- DREAMT FOR LIGHT YEARS IN THE BELLY OF A MOUNTAIN

BY A.A. WALLACE



Sparklehore's new album, *Dreamt for Light Years in the Belly of a Mountain* is the perfect example of why not to judge a book by its cover. Inside what has to be one of the worst album covers I've ever seen lies sonic gold. It seriously looks like the album art was the final project for some art deprived recluse's graphic design night course. It's one of those situations where you have to wonder if the art is intentionally bad and said badness is some grand artistic inside joke or if Mark Linkous is suffering from some drug induced brain damage. Is it supposed to be a take on outsider art or is it outsider art? Either way, Book+Cover=don't judge one by.

It's been a long time since Sparklehore released an album. Their/his (Sparklehore is basically just mastermind Mark Linkous' musical outlet) last album was a moderate hit thanks to its title track, "It's a Wonderful Life". That was five years ago. I had heard and read about Sparklehore for years before I finally saw them perform as the musical guests on an episode Late Night with Conan O'Brian. The next day I tracked down the album and listened to it non stop for the next god only knows how long. From that early morning late night show appearance on, Sparklehore has held a place in my top 10 bands to listen to when the sun is coming up. *Dreamt for Light Years in the Belly of a Mountain* isn't without its faults. It does however contain all the same whispered surrealism, creepy atmospherics and understated powerpop that made the last Sparklehore album a classic amongst the Chuck Taylor and shaggy hair set without feeling like it retreads the same ground.

THIS WEEK IN HALIFAX

WEDNESDAY

Hey Rosetta and Down With the Butterfly at Gus' Pub, 10:30 pm

Sleep to Dream and Slivergun at Tribeca, 10 pm \$5

THURSDAY

The Grass, Danger Bees, and The Tragedies at Gus' Pub, 10 pm \$5

FRIDAY

Risky Business, Memories of Phoenix, Get Tested, the Wake, The Blessing & more at The Bedford Fire House, 6:30 \$7 ALL AGES

The Superfantastics Video Premier with Husband/Knife, and Ghost Bees at Gingers Tavern, \$5

Al Tuck, Rebekah Higgs, and Laura Merriam at Gus' Pub, 10 pm \$5

Windom Earle, Benefit Party, and Music Inspired by Film at Stage Nine, 10 pm \$5

SATURDAY

Kataklysm, Terratomb, and Inexoerth at the Pavilion, 7 pm \$18 ALL AGES]

In-flight Safety, The Beginners, and The Lighthouse Choir at The Marquee Club, \$12 advance at DAL Arts Centre

The Art Department, Stephen Cooke and the Respected Halifax Journalists, and Wolf & Bask at Gus's Pub, 10 pm \$4

SUNDAY

Thumbdrift and Throw This Away at Gus' Pub, 10 pm

The Sunday Night Comedy Spectacular at Gingers Tavern, 8 pm \$4

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Mobile and guests at The Grawood, 9 pm \$10 in advance available at DAL SUB

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Be Bad, Benefit Party, and Tomcat Combat at Reflections, 10 pm \$3

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Jason Molina, Julie Doiron, and Ghost Bees at St Matthew's Church, 7 pm \$15 advance \$19 at the door

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IWK Fundraiser with Big Edith, Destroy Hope, Means of Egress, and Orison at the Speakeasy, 10 pm \$6

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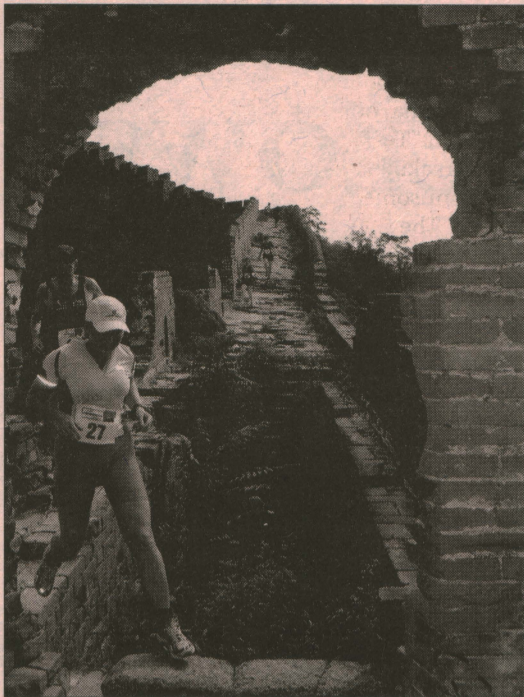
Climbing the Great Wall

BY CHRIS MACDONALD

Five AM is never easy, and the small hostel in the Chinese traditional Hutong neighbourhood is, well...traditional. The closest thing to western coffee is a long subway ride away, almost worth it to dull the edge of the morning. Quickly, I grab some imitation Ritz crackers and package of some kind of jerky and board the already full bus and settle in for the 3 hour ride.

The only seat left is high up against a window on the driver's side, not a preferable place to be. While the remainder of the bus nods in and out of sleep, those of us seated against the glass gasp for our life so often it soon becomes a whisper.

The city quickly fades and soon we begin to rise in elevation. The surroundings less urban, I began to appreciate seeing a horizon, something Beijing lacks. Peaks begin to form in the distance, and surprise sightings of sections of the



wall raise the moral onboard. We are almost there.

A quick stretch, small snack

and a trip to the washroom, everyone is ready. The path to the wall is lined with one last village and it is 9 AM, the villagers have dollar signs in their eyes. As we set foot on the first step we realize we are not alone, today there are 300 European travellers running a marathon on the wall. I am surprised at the feeling of jealousy; this was my day with the wall. But it is a big wall, I think I will manage.

The day creeps on and the heat keeps rising. I begin to feel a sense of

admiration for those crazy sweat soaked runners. Crumbling steps

and blinding heat, better athletes than me. Eventually we lose them, and we keep walking.

Negotiations for two cans of cold beer are heated. She knows she is the only one with more than one can, and you just can't drink alone. It tastes good and it is cold, what more could you ask for? We are 4 hours in and only 12 more towers to go. The rain starts. It does not matter; the sweat already did the job.

Descending now into a ravine, the end is in sight. A long walk around the lake, or be brave (or perhaps stupid) and take the zip line. I go for lazy and strap in. The feeling of rushing air has never felt so good but it is short lived.

Just enough time to get a quick bowl of soup from a hole in the wall, and haggle for a souvenir, the bus is waiting. I go for the t-shirt, something clean and dry, so does everyone else.

We did it, we climbed the Great Wall.

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KRISTA HARRIS FELLOWSHIP FOR SMU BUSINESS STUDENTS

BY JACKIE HOWATT

Have you ever dreamed of working in the fast-paced, ever-evolving realm of broadcast media? Does working for a large and well-respected company sound appealing to you? Saint Mary's University and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) are partnering up to provide SMU business student an opportunity of a lifetime. CBC is launching a special bursary and internship program - the Krista Harris Fellowship. I had the privilege of sitting down with Susan Mitton, Director of CBC Radio in the Maritimes, and Jane Chalmers, VP of CBC Radio Canada, to discuss the Fellowship program further; specifically the significant impact that Krista Harris had on the CBC organization and why her legacy of leadership will motivate and spawn future leaders in the broadcasting world.

Krista Harris had a very close relationship with Saint Mary's University; she loved it here very much. The Cape Sable Island native graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce at SMU in 1987 with a Summa Cum Laude and the Birks Medal for the highest standing in the Faculty of Commerce. "She worked her way through Saint Mary's on scholarships. She was a star and a self-made person", says Chalmers. "Her heart was here in Halifax". From there, Krista taught at Saint Mary's as an accounting professor. It was

2006, including Regional Director of Operations for CBC Radio in the Maritimes; Regional Director of CBC Radio in the Maritimes; and Executive Director of Production and Resources for CBC Radio Nationally."

Speaking with Ms. Chalmers and Ms. Mitton, it is clearly un-



Krista Harris was the executive director of digital programming and business development for all of CBC's English networks. The Krista Harris Fellowship program is honoring her accomplishments and career at CBC while providing an amazing opportunity to fellow SMU business students.

derstood that Krista Harris was an integral component of the CBC team. "Many employees have told me that she was by far the best boss they ever had. She was a person of great passion, and had to work in something that she believed in, and she found her home at CBC." Chalmers adds, "She was really able to build a team, she trusted people, and she had people working for her, doing things they would not do for anyone else."

"I wish I could take credit for getting her into the CBC - she came through the door in the finance

The Krista Harris Fellowship is granting one business student per year the opportunity to work on the corporate side of the CBC organization here in Halifax. In discussing the purpose and benefits of the Fellowship program for business students, Chalmers explains, "Because Krista's name within CBC is held in such high regard; we needed to find something that was appropriate to put her name on. I would say that for students, we need to attract management and managers inside CBC. She came from [Saint Mary's] and rose up the ranks very quickly." Krista Harris is a keynote SMU Alumni who was a representation of the quality experiences that Saint Mary's University and the Sobey School of Business provides. The Fellowship is a way in which CBC aims to celebrate and honor the student excellence that Saint Mary's produces, as demonstrated by Krista Harris.

"The Krista Harris Fellowship awards one full-time student a \$2000.00 bursary and a six-week paid immersion (\$750/week) at CBC in Halifax. The customized work program will be under the tutelage of the Regional Director and Regional Operations Manager of CBC Maritimes and will be designed to expose the fellow to all the facets of the CBC's operations in Halifax including Radio, Television and On-line production; Finance; Human Resources; and Communications".

Award winners will be entitled to use the designation: Krista Harris CBC Fellow (year of award).

This is an excellent opportunity for any business interested in broadcasting and media. The applicant must possess the following:

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 in the current year
- Demonstrated leadership in extra curricular and/or community activities
- Knowledge and interest in local and national current affairs and culture
- Is legally eligible to work in Canada
- And will currently be a full time MBA student, or finishing the 3rd or 4th year of the Bachelor of Commerce program at Saint Mary's University.

For more information regarding the Krista Harris Fellowship program, visit Dr. David Wicks, Dean of Commerce in the Sobey building, office #212. Applications must be submitted to Dr. Wicks by February 1, 2007. The announcement of the Fellow will be made by March 15, 2007.



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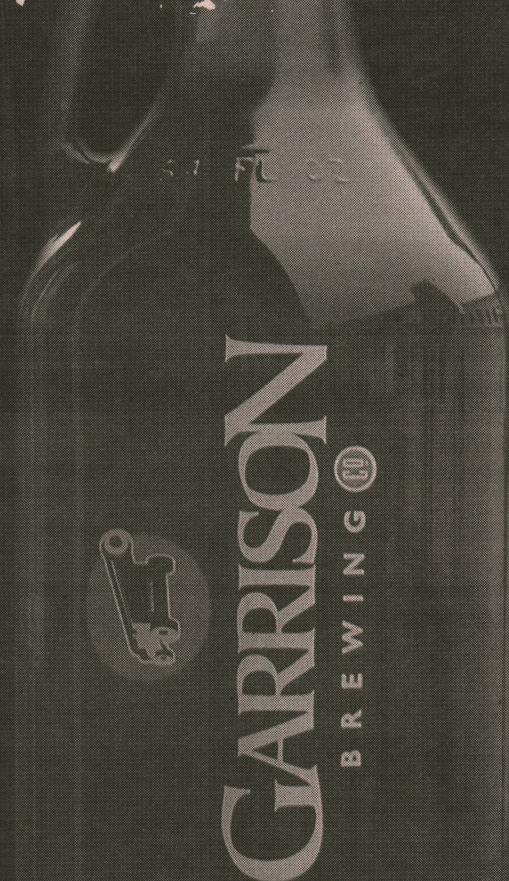
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at the end of this six year teaching stint that she really began to focus on her career at the CBC.

Scanning over the application for the Krista Harris Fellowship, I was immediately stunned at the accomplishments that Krista accomplished during her time at CBC. "Krista loved the CBC and was a fervent supporter of public broadcasting. She held a variety of positions at the CBC from 1994 to

department. I went after Krista [for Operations Manager] because she could see the big picture. She really got what we are all here for. She loved it, and she loved the people in it. She was able to stick-handle with sensitivity in a way I had never come across before", says Mitton. "She was a very interesting combination of a girl from a small town who just took off."

AS MYSPACE GOES MAINSTREAM, RIVALS RUSH TO FILL NICHES

BY ANDREW BREEN

A recent study shows that over half of MySpace visitors are 35 years old or older. Eww.

Social networks are like night-clubs: when they get too mainstream, the cool kids move on. Now that MySpace is increasingly populated by our parents, where do university students turn?

Facebook seems to be the popular on-campus choice at the moment. It was started by Mark Zuckerberg, a 22-year-old who created the site for fellow Harvard students. After quickly catching on around campus, Facebook rolled out to other universities and high schools. Now it's open to anyone with an email address, increasing potential users but at the same time killing the exclusivity which drew many to the site initially.

Another recent criticism of Facebook is the "News Feed," a feature that logs and reports the changes made on friends' profiles. Many felt it resembled a "Stalker Feed," as some dubbed it. Facebook

issued a weak response, offering the ability to partially opt-out of the feed.

Hi5 is another popular choice among young Canadians. A recent Youthography study shows 40 percent of 9- to 29-year old Canadians who social network use Hi5.com, compared to 41 percent who use MySpace. Hi5 users have the ability to see who has viewed their profile, a feature taken from dating sites. Again, some see this as an invasion of privacy and have reacted negatively.

As social networking becomes more popular, more niche sites are popping up to fill a demand not met by the broad-appeal sites like MySpace. There's Classmates, Bebo, WAYN, Nexopia. Ethnic groups, religions, hobbies, and regions are all being targeted by various sites hoping to break through. Each offers a slightly different twist on the basic concept.

Take, for example, LinkedIn, a social networking site for the professional crowd. Friend lists are made up of business contacts, and

user profiles read like resumes. The network can be used to find jobs, business contacts, or employees. For ambitious business students, this site can be utilized to build and strengthen a professional network.

Now, some companies are taking this trend a step further, offering the ability to flesh out a profile with a 3D character. Cyworld, a popular Korean site, allows users to program their 3D characters to dance, play, and even sulk in chat rooms. Users of Second Life can build 3D avatars that can be controlled like a video game character. The craziest part of these new sites is that users can spend real money on their characters for cell phones, clothes, and other useless digital accessories.

While MySpace is the dominant site at this point, it likely won't be in a year or two. People are fickle online, and are quick to abandon an old favorite for the next big thing. Need proof? Easy, just think about the last time you used ICQ.

SOCIETY CORNER Accounting Society

What's one of the most popular majors in North America? Accounting of course! (it's true - look it up). The Accounting Society was started to benefit accounting students at SMU. The society organizes events that bring accounting professionals to campus and helps accounting students get ready for job interviews and recruiting.

One of the premier events that they organize is the Annual CA Reception. The event is extremely important for accounting students who are seeking job opportunities with Accounting Firms. All of the major accounting firms in Halifax are invited to the school for an evening to meet students from SMU. Many firms use this event as part of their recruiting process.

Another major event that the Accounting Society organizes is the Annual Etiquette Dinner. Students can have a premier meal subsidized by the Society, while learning important etiquette tips that will help

in future recruiting and business events.

Other Accounting Society events include a CA, CMA, and CGA Designation Info Session and a Resume Writing and Interview Skills Workshop. These usually take place on an afternoon during the Winter Semester. Representatives from each designation will be on campus to provide information about each and help students decide which career path they want to take. The Resume Writing and Interview Skills workshop is to help students prepare their resumes and interview skills for summer and full-time jobs after graduation.

The Accounting Society is geared towards accounting students but their events can benefit all Commerce students. If you are interested in joining the Accounting Society you can email smu. accsociety@yahoo.ca, or stop by the office (L286) in the Student Lounge in Loyola.

TECHTALK

FORMAT FEUDS

BY ALEKS STARKS

Are those who forget history really doomed to repeat it? To answer that question, let us consider the case of Sony.

The Sony Corporation is based out of Shinagawa Japan and is currently one of the largest and most influential electronic companies in the world. These are the people that pioneered the precedent setting Walkman, the under-loved Minidisc player, SD cards, and even the infamous Playstation line of products. They've had their fair share of success.

Sony has also been dealt some pretty serious defeats. Go back 30 years and you'd bear witness to Sony's release of the technologically advanced video recording system ever. It was sleek at 15 x 9 x 2 cm, yet held an impressive 120 minutes of video. It was called Betamax.

The Betamax was not the only contender vying for market control. In the other corner we find another Japanese electronics titan. The Victor Company of Japan, better known as JVC, was touting their newest creation as the future of video recording for both major entertainment companies and the personal use market. JVC created and began producing the Vertical Helical Scan system. Sound familiar? Try its acronym: VHS.

The technology differences between VHS and Betamax were minimal. They both used magnetic recording tape on spools, encased in a plastic cassette. What's interesting is the fact that the Betamax format was actually slightly superior. The image quality was better and the cassette itself was smaller than the competition.

So what happened? Why did

the superior design of the Betamax lose out to the VHS system? Turns out, like most things in life, success depends on you know... VHS was backed by more production companies on release. It was also marketed to the general public, where as the Betamax was



marketed towards the discerning consumer that demanded the best possible quality. In the end, the inferior VHS was simply in the hands of more people and Betamax couldn't compete

Sony had lost the video format



war. Hard.

The VHS system became the standard of home recording, consumer purchasing, and video rental. It was left relatively unchallenged for decades (until the DVD appeared).

VHS was eventually replaced by the larger (and shinier) capacity of the DVD.

Now the market is outgrowing the limitations of the DVD, and is looking for a new standard recording medium to replace it.

The two newest contenders are the HD DVD and Blu-ray. Again,

both formats are similar in concept. They use holographic discs and lower wavelength lasers (hence 'blue'-ray) to fit a much higher file size in comparison with the now passé DVD.

Blu-ray is the more advanced of the two. Its capacity is approximately 25 Gig, with a possibility of reaching 250 Gig in the near future. The standard HD DVD is 15 Gig with 60 Gig possible. They are both a major improvement over the 5 Gig of a standard DVD

Even though HD DVDs may hold less information, they expected to be cheaper to produce than Blu-ray. This may be a major factor, especially if there isn't a real need for such massive storage on a single disk right away.

Has Sony learned from its earlier mistake? Not really. Sony entered the market by being a major supporter of the Blu-ray disk. It even went so far as to make its PS3 a Blu-ray player. It seems that Sony is once again willing to bet that the market is willing to pay more for the more advanced system.

Consumers have

three options at this point: The first is to invest in one of these expensive systems now and run the risk of having a several hundred dollar paperweight in a few years.

The second is to wait a bit and go with the winner once the dust has settled.

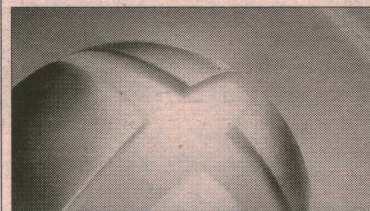
And for the third option, as always, is to just go outside and stop watching TV.

Even we at TechTalk have to remember: Just because it's advanced, doesn't mean it's good for you.

TECH AT A GLANCE

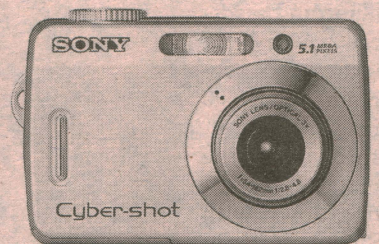


Rumour has it that Apple is preparing to enter the mobile communication market with an 'iPhone.'



Hundreds of people are demanding refunds for Microsoft's new online digital video download service for its Xbox 360. Some customers paid for videos they never received while others are being charged twice for failed downloads.

On the heels of their battery fiasco, Sony is once again pulling their products off the shelves. The



company is recalling digital cameras from their 'cybershot' line sold between September 2003 to January 2005.

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Contact: macinnis.m@gmail.com

■ SANTAMARIAN MUSLIM SOCIETY SURVEY

The Santamarian Muslim Society (SMS) is currently conducting a survey. If you could ask one question about Islam or Muslims, and have it answered for you as accurately as possible, what one question would you ask? Please send your questions to: islam.halifax@hotmail.com

SMS is currently collaborating with the Centre for Islamic Development (CID) in order to aid in the construction of a website (aimed directly at Haligonians) as part of the proactive and educational stance currently being adopted by the majority of the HRM Muslim community in hopes of opening doors to future inter-faith communications. All kinds of questions are welcome, and there is no such thing as a "stupid" question; please feel free to ask what is truly on your mind. Thank you.

Contact: islam.halifax@hotmail.com

■ WUSC SOCIETY 50/50 DRAW FOR REFUGEE STUDENT

Wusc is holding a 50/50 draw

every Friday until the end of term. Tickets can be purchased at the Info Desk or in Loyola by the bank machine on Thursdays from 11-1PM. The money raised will go towards the Refugee Student program which aims to bring a student here to Saint Mary's to study free from fear of persecution. Please support this cause. Everyone should have the right to a safe education and a new chance at life.

Date: Until the end of term
Place: Info Desk and Loyola (by the bank machine)
Time: 11:00AM-1:00PM

■ ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY CLEANUP

The Saint Mary's University Environmental Society (SMUES) is cleaning up Gorsebrook Park! Join us on Sunday, December 3rd and help make your neighbourhood clean! Meet us at 12:50pm in front of the Tim Hortons and the SMU library at 12:50pm. We will pick up trash and recyclables until 3pm. Then we will head to the SMUES clubroom in the student centre for hot chocolate and yummy treats!!

Bring: water, warm clothes, work gloves (if you have some) and any yummy treats that you wish to share.

Contact: smues@smu.ca for more information

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Our ninth annual International Night is soon approaching. This dazzling night of exquisite international cuisine, international entertainment, and a DJ dance is going to be held on Saturday, January 27, 2007 at 6:30pm, in the Loyola Conference Hall (L290).

Come and enjoy a great buffet dinner, a beautiful show, and to dance to the beats of international music.

This year tickets are \$15 for SMU students, \$20 for non-SMU students and \$25 at the door. Tickets will be available in January. Great door prizes will be drawn throughout the night!!!

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SPORTS

Journal Sports Rollback

AUS HOCKEY TO REPRESENT CANADA AT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSIADE

Canadian Interuniversity Sport and Atlantic University Sport announced last Friday the 22 AUS players who will make up Canada's men's hockey team at the 2007 Winter Universiade in Turin, Italy, January 17-27. Canada is represented at the University Games in men's hockey by each of CIS' three conferences on a rotating basis. AUS players brought home a silver medal from their last appearance in Zakopane, Poland, in 2001. The Ontario conference all-stars finished fifth at the last one. The selection process was led by Team Canada and Saint Mary's University head coach Trevor Stienburg, with assistance from all AUS coaches and the direct involvement of Universiade assistants Darren Burns (Acadia) and Gardiner MacDougall (UNB), and general manager Chris Larsen. St. Mary's players selected include Dan Rudisuela (10 GP, 11-11-22), Marc Rancourt (10 GP, 5-14-19) and defencemen Scott Hotham.

SMU MEN ICE BACK-TO-BACK WEEKEND VICTORIES

The Huskies won a pair of key victories last weekend. The first, played on the road at Acadia, ended with a 4-3 win for SMU after Jon Howse scored the eventual game winner early in the third. Acadia scored 2 goals late to cut the lead to one, but a 44 save night by St. Mary's goalie Brandon Verge and earlier goals by Kyle Doucet, Nathan Beausoleil, Ryan Rorabeck, proved the difference on the night. On Saturday the Huskies hosted rival Dalhousie at home, coming out on top with another close victory in a 5-4 shootout thriller. Marc Rancourt, Colin Power and Ryan Bowness all scored early to put SMU up 3-0 in a game they looked to be dominating, until the Tigers answered with 4 strait goals of their own - the last coming with under two minutes left in the game. With the clock ticking and SMU looking for a hero, defencemen Scott Hotham banged in the game-tying goal, shorthanded with just 15 seconds left in the game. Overtime solved nothing and during the ensuing shootout, the tally ended up tied at one heading into the final shot. The Dal shooter missed, leaving the game in the hands of Husky Ryan Rorabeck: who capitalized with a perfect shot - sending the crowd into hysterics and giving the Huskies the win. Cory Roberts made 28 saves in the triumph, as SMU continues its trend of letting two stellar goalies share the work load. Shots and penalties were mostly even on the night, while SMU was shoddily out-done on face offs.

FEMALE HOCKEY HUSKIES SUFFER FIRST REGULATION LOST OF SEASON

The SMU women's hockey team suffered their first regulation loss of the season this past Friday night, by a rather embarrassing final score of 7-1. Courtney Schriver got the only goal for SMU and St. Mary's goalie Jillian MacIsaac got peppered for 6 goals before getting yanked. The Saint Mary's Huskies retained their tie for top spot in the AUS women's hockey standings the

next afternoon with a 6-2 thrashing of the Mount Allison Mounties at Alumni Arena on Sunday afternoon. Joyce Spruyt managed a hat-trick, Blair Kitlar potted two, while Lindsay MacInnis netted a short-handed marker as St. Mary's sailed to victory.

SMU MENS BASKETBALL HEADS INTO BREAK 3RD - WOMEN GET FIRST WIN

The St. Mary's Men's basketball team busted off a victory against the UPEI Panthers during the last weekend of play heading into the Christmas break. In front of a home crowd of 675 at the tower last Saturday, the Huskies came out with a 59-54 win. Although SMU once again was horribly out-rebounded, this time by a count of 49-32, Mark McLaughlin and Aaron Duncan each contributed 17 points to squeak out the victory. It was their last game until Jan. 5th, however, the Rod Shoveller Tournament goes Dec 29-31.

The Women also head into the break on a high note, taking out the Panthers 67-63 in a hard fought battle to attain their first win of the season. The game was headlined by Alise Brown's season high 24 points. Elizabeth Gibbons and Kelsey Daley contributed 15 points each as UPEI got into foul trouble in front of the 450 spectators, costing them in the end.

SMU VOLLEYBALL .500 - DAL STILL WINLESS

The Women's Volleyball team is now heading into the break with just a .500 record, going 4-4 so far on the season after being defeated last weekend by UNB by score lines of 25-17, 23-25, 25-22, 25-15. In another bizarre twist, Dalhousie still has yet to even win a game, going 0-8 on the season thus far. Last year, the two Halifax based schools dominated all competition.

VANIER CUP OVERVIEW

The Laval Rouge et Or won their third Vanier Cup in four years last Saturday afternoon, beating the Saskatchewan Huskies 13-8 in a lacklustre Canadian university football final. A sold-out and cold crowd of 12,567 were sent home unhappy as the Huskies came up short in their third straight Vanier Cup appearance. Laval led 10-2 at the half. They maintained that same score through an uneventful third quarter and held on to win in the fourth. The game, being held outside Ontario for the first time, got off to a slow start as both offences struggled to find their legs on the frozen Griffiths Stadium turf.

Passing was particularly difficult. Laval's normally accurate quarterback, Benoit Groulx, was only good on five of 14 attempts for 64 yards in the first half. His Saskatchewan counterpart Bret Thompson was good on four of seven attempts for only 28 yards in the same frame. Saskatchewan did manage 111 yards on the ground in the first half on 25 carries. Most of that was gained between the tackles, as the slippery field made running outside difficult.

The first score of the game came when Laval kicker Cameron Takacs hit a 35-yard field goal midway through the second quarter. After the Huskies narrowed the gap to 3-2

by forcing Laval to take a safety, the Rouge et Or scored the first touchdown of the game, setup by a good punt return and some costly penalties by Saskatchewan. With the Huskies kicking from the shadows of their goal posts, Nicolas Bisailon returned the ball 21 yards and an unnecessary roughness penalty on the tackle gave Laval a first down on the Huskie 15. On the ensuing play, the Huskies took an illegal contact penalty, moving the ball to the seven. Running back Guillaume Allard-Cameus pounded the ball in from the one two plays later, after it initially looked like the Huskies defence stopped him short. The Huskies finally found the end zone early in the fourth quarter on a four-yard sweep by running back Tyler O'Gorman. The touchdown was setup by a 61-yard catch and run by Dan Houle that put the ball on the Laval four. The gap was narrowed to 10-8 with the score, but Saskatchewan was unsuccessful on a two point conversation try.

Saskatchewan got the ball back on their own 20 late in the fourth quarter, but Laval linebacker Eric Maranda intercepted a Thompson pass on third down and a Takacs 14-yard field goal sealed the deal to end the game and give Laval yet another Vanier.

MAPLE LEAFS DEFENCEMEN CAN'T STOP DRIVING DRUNK

Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Ian White has been charged with driving with a disqualified license. The 22-year-old rookie had his licence suspended for a year in September when he was convicted of impaired driving and was stopped and charged last Saturday with the latest infraction. He was selected by the Leafs in the sixth round (191st overall) of the 2002 NHL entry draft.

PLANNED MAPLE LEAFS MOVIE COULD BE MUCH SCARIER

The Toronto Maple Leafs and NHL have given permission for their logos to be used in a movie called "Breakfast With Scot." The producers call it "a thoughtful comedy," about a gay ex-Leaf and his partner, the team's lawyer, whose lifestyle and relationship gets turned upside down when they become the guardians of "a budding queen of an 11-year-old boy." The movie will star Tom Cavanagh of "Ed" and "Scrubs," while the 25-day shoot in and around Toronto is slated to end Dec. 15. They should just be making a horror movie where the entire plot revolves around someone just being a fan.

CONTRACT OF A LIFETIME... ALMOST

Jaromir Jagr's current contract may be one of the most intricate of all-time. If Jagr maintains his scoring pace and wins the Art Ross Trophy this year, or the Hart or Conn Smythe trophy, he'll trigger an additional year at 8.6 million for next season. From there it gets even more complicated, for if he scores more than 80 goals over the next two seasons, or over 180 points and New York wins two playoff rounds, an eighth year is added at \$8.6 million. Also, if in his final season

Jagr scores 40 or more, or collects 90-plus points and the Rangers win one playoff round, he triggers another year at the same maximum price-tag for the 2008-09 season. Of course, there is a chance he misses on all of the opportunities I've just uncovered. If none of these goals are reached, he still receives a \$1 million parting bonus. This guy's agent is a god.

IRON RAPTOR FINALLY SITS OUT

Toronto Raptors veteran Morris Peterson had his iron man streak of 371 consecutive games snapped last week after sustaining an elbow injury. He hadn't missed a game since Feb. 12, 2002. It had been the longest streak in the NBA - and happened on the night fans at the Air Canada Centre were given free Peterson action figures commemorating his longevity. A.C. Green holds the NBA record for consecutive games with 1,192.

HALL OF FAME BOXER PASSES AWAY

Willie Pep, a Hall of Fame boxer and one of the best fighters of the 20th century, has died at the age of 84. The embodiment of finesse and speed in his prime, the five-foot-six Pep was 229-11 during a career that spanned 26 years. Over that course he won 65 bouts by knockout and fought only one match that resulted in a draw. During the Second World War, Pep served in the army and the navy and was honourably discharged in 1944. In 1999, Pep was listed fifth among the best fighters of the 20th century and was inducted to the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990.

COCKBURN BESTS TRAMP

Karen Cockburn of Toronto beat the Olympic champion for the gold medal in the individual trampoline and added a second victory with Rosannagh MacLennan of Toronto in synchronized trampoline on Saturday at the World Cup final in trampoline and tumbling.

NO LEGGED RACER MAKES HISTORY

Alex Zanardi, who lost both legs in a crash five years ago, became the first double amputee to test drive a Formula One car last Saturday. The 40-year-old Italian drove 14 laps in a modified BMW-Sauber C24-B car at the Cheste circuit. In 41 F1 races, Zanardi's best finish was sixth for Lotus at the Brazilian GP in 1993. Despite his unspectacular F1 career, Zanardi holds the modern CART (CHAMP) record for points in a season with 285 in 1998. He also holds the CART record for most consecutive poles (six), front-row starts (11) and top-three finishes in a season (15). Zanardi's CART career is remembered for how it ended. He lost control of his car as he left the pit lane at the American Memorial 500 in Klettwitz, Germany, and was hit by Canadian Alex Tagliani.

The impact cut Zanardi's car in half, put him into a one-week coma in hospital and cost him his legs.

RUMOR RECAP

-The Philadelphia Flyers are getting set to deal winger Kyle Calder and reports out of Philadelphia hint as much. Of course, that presumes the

Flyers can find a taker for a player who costs \$2.95-million this season, has just three points and a minus-14 rating in 19 games and still skipped a recent optional practice.

-It seems Manny Ramirez, whom Boston has dangled in trade discussions each offseason since 2003, may finally be getting his wish. Rumour has him heading to either the Angels or Dodgers, and judging from the recent influx of spending in the free agent market thus far, Ramirez's contract appears downright affordable with two years remaining at approximately \$37 million total.

-With Stephon Marbury's production dwindling in New York, there have been discussions of the Timberwolves re-acquiring Marbury from the Knicks. Marbury's \$17-million salary would be a load off New York's back, and the T-wolves have an abundance of players in the \$5-to-\$6-million range. There is talk of the Knicks even offering a package for Kevin Garnett that may be enticing for the Timberwolves, with the media suggesting a package along the lines of Marbury, Steve Francis, Channing Frye, Nate Robinson and a number one pick being needed.

DID YOU KNOW?

-The Anaheim Ducks have failed to sell out any of their 14 home games since opening night, when they drew a full house for the Los Angeles Kings. Last season, they didn't have consecutive sellouts at home until April. They are one of the best teams in the league.

-The largest crowd to watch a Thanksgiving Day game was 80,259 in 1966 for the Cowboys-Browns game.

-Kellen Winslow (Browns) has 60 catches over 10 games. That is the most in Browns history over a 10-game period.

-Marty Schottenheimer (Chargers) became the seventh coach in NFL history to win 200 games.

-Some teams in the NFL currently have no players who have ever been inducted into the pro football hall of fame, including the Falcons, Ravens, Jaguars and Panthers. Others such as Tampa Bay, New Orleans, Cincinnati and Seattle only have one. Chicago has 26.

-Peyton Manning has moved up to No. 9 on the all-time list for touchdown passes with his 262nd. Dave Krieg had 261; Vinny Testaverde is No. 8 with 269.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

MEN'S HOCKEY
RYAN RORABECK
1ST YEAR COMMERCE, OS-HAWA, ONTARIO

IN SMU'S 4 - 3 WIN OVER ACADIA, HE HAD A GOAL AND ASSIST AND IN SMU'S OT WIN OVER DAL, HE HAD AN ASSIST AND THE GAME WINNING GOAL IN THE SHOOTOUT.

2006 Year in Review

BY JAMIE KELLY

Although we still have a little more than a month until the end of the year, this is the last issue of The Journal on the year. In honor of that, here is a little review of the year that was in the world of sports.

January 4th - Vince Young and the Texas Longhorns defeat Reggie Bush and the USC Trojans 41-38 to take the Rose Bowl, the College Football National Championship.

January 22nd - Kobe Bryant scores 81 points against the Toronto Raptors, the 2nd highest single game total ever.

February 5th - The Pittsburgh Steelers win Super Bowl XL with a convincing 21-10 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. Wide Receiver Hines Ward was named MVP.

February 6th - The Blue Jays dip into the free agent market as they sign catcher Bengie Molina to a 1 year contract worth \$4.5 million.

February 19th - LeBron James scores 29 points and claims the All-Star Game MVP and the East comeback to beat the West by 2 points, 122-120.

February 22nd - Team Canada is shut out for the 3rd time in the Olympic Men's Hockey Tournament in a loss to Russia, officially eliminating them from medal contention.

March 8th - The Edmonton Oilers acquire Dwayne Roloson from the Minnesota Wild for a 1st and 3rd round draft pick. Former Hart Trophy winner Jose Theodore is dealt from the Montreal Canadiens to the Colorado Avalanche, ala Patrick

Roy, for goalie David Aebischer.

March 9th - The two Stanley Cup finalists were busy on the trade deadline as Edmonton trades for Sergei Samsonov and Carolina deals for veteran Mark Recchi.

March 20th - Japan wins the inaugural World Baseball Classic, defeating Cuba 10-6 in the championship game.

April 3rd - March Madness concludes as the University of Florida wins its first ever NCAA title, defeating the UCLA Bruins, 73-57.

April 5th - Roy Halladay and the Toronto Blue Jays defeat the Minnesota Twins 6-3 in front of a sold out, opening day crowd at the Rogers Centre.

April 9th - Phil Mickelson earns his 2nd green jacket on his 2nd consecutive major victory (2005 PGA Championship) as he narrowly wins The Masters by 2 strokes.

April 18th - Sidney Crosby finishes his first full season in the NHL by losing to the Maple Leafs 5-3. Crosby scores a goal and an assist in the game and finishes the season with 39 goals, 63 assists, and 102 points, good for 6th in the NHL.

May 5th - In easily the craziest game of hockey I've ever watched, the Buffalo Sabres defeat the Ottawa Senators in overtime, 7-6. Chris Drury scored 18 seconds into overtime to take Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Semi-Finals.

May 17th - Barcelona defeats Arsenal 2-1 to win the UEFA Champions League trophy.

May 23rd - The Toronto Raptors win the Draft Lottery, giving them the opportunity to draft the first player in the June 28th Entry Draft.

May 28th - Barry Bonds hits the

715th home run of his career, passing Babe Ruth and putting him into 2nd on the all-time home run list.

May 31st - Two months into the MLB season, Roger Clemens signs a 1 year/22 million dollar deal to pitch for the Houston Astros. Clemens received a prorated percentage of the contract, equaling roughly 12 million dollars. Not bad for four months work.

June 18th - Australian Geoff Ogilvy wins the U.S. Open with a final score of +5. It marks the first time that Tiger Woods does not make the cut in a major.

June 20th - Shaquille O'Neal and Dwyane Wade lead the Miami Heat to the franchise's first NBA Championship, beating Dirk Nowitzki's Dallas Mavericks in 6 games.

June 22nd - At the NHL Awards ceremony, Joe Thornton is named League MVP, Miika Kiprusoff wins the Vezina Trophy as the NHL's best goaltender, and Alexander Ovechkin beats out Canadian kids Sidney Crosby and Dion Phaneuf to capture Rookie of the Year.

June 24th - American defenseman Erik Johnson is drafted 1st overall in the NHL Entry Draft by the St. Louis Blues. Jordan Staal goes second to the Pittsburgh Penguins. The Colorado Avalanche traded former Halifax Moosehead Alex Tanguay to the Calgary Flames for defenseman Jordan Leopold.

June 28th - The Raptors drafted Italian 7 footer Andrea Bargnani with the 1st overall pick in the NBA Entry Draft.

July 3rd - Steve Yzerman, the captain of the Detroit Red Wings since 1986, retires from the game of hockey 6th all-time in points with

1755 and 8th in goals with 692.

July 9th - Italy defeats France 5-3 in penalty kicks, after a 1-1 draw, to win the 2006 FIFA World Cup. Germany, the host country, finishes in 3rd.

July 10th - Future NL MVP Ryan Howard edged David Wright to win the Home Run Derby.

July 11th - BJ Ryan gets the win for the American League as they win the All-Star Game in Pittsburgh by a score of 3-2.

July 23rd - After missing the cut at the U.S. Open, Tiger Woods claims his 3rd British Open title.

August 5th - Dan Marino, Troy Aikman, Warren Moon, John Madden, and the late Reggie White are all inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

August 20th - Tiger Woods wins the 12th major of his career, as he takes the PGA Championship by 5 strokes.

September 6th - Florida Marlins rookie Anibal Sanchez throws the first no-hitter in over two years in Major League Baseball as he defeats the Diamondbacks 2-0.

September 12th - While in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia for training camp, Rick DiPietro of the New York Islanders signs a massive 15 year/67.5 million dollar contract.

September 19th - The great Tie Domi retires and joins TSN as a broadcaster. Domi spent over 58 hours in the penalty box over the course of his career. He also finished with 104 goals.

September 24th - Trevor Hoffman becomes the all-time saves leader as he records his 479th save, passing Hall of Famer Lee Smith.

October 2nd - Josh Towers

picked up only his 2nd win of the year as the Blue Jays win their final game of the year to finish with a record of 87-75, good for 2nd in the AL East. The Jays finished 3rd or worse every year since they won the World Series back in 1993.

October 4th - The NHL season begins as the Toronto Maple Leafs lose at home to the Ottawa Senators by a score of 4-1.

October 5th - The Leafs more than make up for their opening night loss, as they beat the Sens the following day, on the Sens home ice, by a score of 6-0. In the Rangers season opener, Brendan Shanahan scores 2 goals, becoming the 15th player in NHL history with 600 goals.

October 27th - World Series MVP David Eckstein drives in the winning run to beat the Detroit Tigers and clinch the first World Series victory for the St. Louis Cardinals since 1982.

November 9th - Arguably the best goaltender of all-time, Patrick Roy enters the Hockey Hall of Fame. Roy is 1st all-time in wins with 551 and won 4 Stanley Cups (2 with Montreal, 2 with Colorado), 3 Conn Smythe's, and 3 Vezina's during his 19 year career.

November 21st - New Westminster, British Columbia's Justin Morneau wins the American League's Most Valuable Player award.

November 22nd - Two nights after scoring the 600th goal of his career, Jaromir Jagr scores his 602nd, surpassing Jari Kurri for the most goals scored by a European born player.

CANADIAN WINS MVP AWARD

For the first time in Major League Baseball history, a Canadian has garnered the American League Most Valuable Player Award. Justin Morneau, the pride of New Westminster, British Columbia, and the Minnesota Twins star first baseman, edged New York Yankees star Derek Jeter by 16 votes (320 points) to claim the American League's top prize. Morneau hit .321 with 34 home runs and 130 RBI's, which ranked second in the AL next to David Ortiz's 137. Morneau's numbers skyrocketed from his 2005 numbers, when he hit .239 with 22 home runs and 79 RBI's.

Morneau's closest MVP contender, Yankee captain Derek Jeter (304 points), was the early favorite to win the award. Jeter hit .343 with 14 home runs and 97 RBI's, both numbers that are considerably lower than Morneau's. The New York Post immediately posted headlines of "Jeet-ed", claiming that Jeter was robbed of winning the award. It is hard to deny that without Jeter, the Yankees probably still would have won the AL

East with other powerhouses in their lineup like Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield, Jason Giambi, and Bobby Abreu. Without Morneau, however, the Twins would have faltered and most likely not have made the playoffs. After June 8th, Morneau had the best batting average in baseball (.362), the most hits in baseball (145), and the most RBI's in the AL (92). Thanks in large part to Morneau, the Minnesota Twins



went 71-33 after June 8th to edge the pennant winning Detroit Tigers and capture the American League's Central Division by one game. The Baseball Writers Association of America, the organization

along with driving in 149 RBI's and batting .313. Had Albert Pujols not missed 19 games this season, his .331 batting average, 49 homers, and 137 RBI's could have made the difference in the voting and captured him his second straight MVP award.

The 25 year old Morneau is just one of many Canadians who have had success in recent years and captured prestigious awards. Joe Thornton was named MVP of the NHL last season and Martin St. Louis captured the award the season before. Steve Nash, the reigning two-time MVP of the NBA, has already accomplished more with his MVP awards than any other Canadian athlete ever has. Back in 2003, Mike Weir became the first Canadian to win a major as he won The Masters and received his first green jacket.

Justin Morneau is not the first Canadian to win an award in Major League Baseball. Back in 1971, Ferguson Jenkins, the only Canadian ever elected into the Hall of Fame, won the National League Cy Young Award. The only other Canadian to win a Most Valuable Player award was Larry Walker back in 1997, when he captured the National League MVP. Walker was playing for the Colorado Rockies at the time, the team that Morneau played his first ever big league game against. In that game, Walker sent a bat over to Morneau that was signed, "To Justin, make Canada proud."

That is exactly what he's done.

THE JOURNAL'S NFL PLAYOFF PREDICTIONS

Being that this is the last issue of The Journal this semester, by the time we resume publication, the NFL playoffs will be upon us. Having decided against the weekly football predictions of journal past this year, Carew and I will go head-to-head in a one time showcase showdown of football prowess and knowledge. While I currently sit number one in all three of my fantasy football league's, I have yet to win even once on pro-line this season, as rational expectations have yielded little results on the gambling front this year. The Saints will win the big game on the back of Reggie "Bush" - if not this year, then within the next few.

CAREW'S PREDICTIONS:

1. Colts
2. Ravens
3. Patriots
4. Chargers
5. Chiefs
6. Bengals

1. Bears
2. Panthers
3. Cowboys
4. Seahawks
5. Saints
6. Giants

WILDCARD

- Patriots beat Bengals
- Chargers beat Chiefs
- Cowboys beat Giants
- Saints beat Seahawks

DIVISIONAL

- Colts beat Chargers
- Patriots beat Ravens

- Bears beat Saints
- Cowboys beat Panthers

CONFERENCE

- Colts beat Patriots
- Chicago beats Dallas

SUPERBOWL

- Colts beat Chicago

COSTELLO'S PREDICTIONS

1. Colts
2. Patriots
3. Chargers
4. Ravens
5. Broncos
6. Jets

1. Bears
2. Seahawks
3. Saints
4. Cowboys
5. Panthers
6. Giants

WILDCARD

- Chargers beat Jets
- Saints beat Giants
- Ravens beat Broncos
- Cowboys beat Panthers

DIVISIONAL

- Colts beat Ravens
- Bears beat Cowboys
- Chargers beat Patriots
- Saints beat Seahawks

CONFERENCE

- Chargers beat Colts
- Saints beat Bears

SUPERBOWL

- Saints beat Chargers