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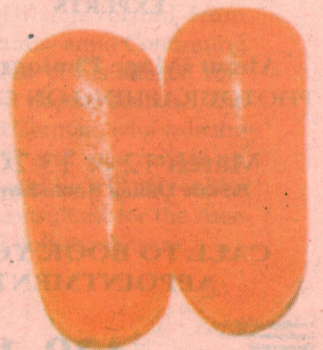
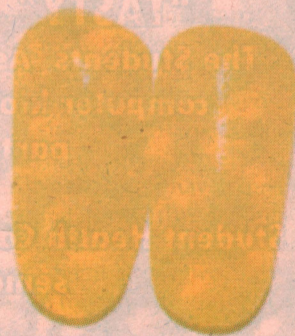
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Your 2007/2008 SMUSA Executive Unofficial Results

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VP External
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RHYS MACDONALD

President
MITCH GILLINGWATER

Referendum Results February 2007

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PASSED

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SMUSA 40th Anniversary Charter Day Celebration

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For Nominations

Nominations are being accepted
Friday, Jan 26th - Wednesday, Feb 28th

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The Students' Association has installed a new computer kiosk in the Student Centre in partnership with ITSS.

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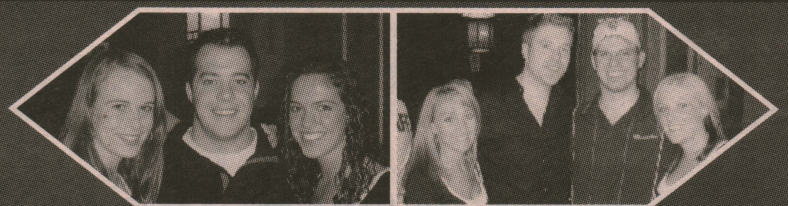
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THURSDAY
MARCH 1ST

FUNKY RETRO NIGHT

FRIDAY
MARCH 2ND

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3-6PM

SATURDAY
MARCH 3RD

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STAFF PARTY

SUNDAY
MARCH 4TH
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MARCH 5TH

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TUESDAY
MARCH 6TH

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHITE SEPARATIST TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEBATE AT SMU

Mr. Editor:

I was shocked to find out that Jared Taylor will be at St Mary's on the 6th of March participating in a debate with Peter March. I question the wisdom of having such a polarizing figure on our campus considering that Dalhousie cancelled a scheduled event where he was due to showcase his lunacy. That being said I do recognize that SMU is an institution of higher learning and we may not always agree with guest speakers or even some of our professors. However, we must accommodate such people. Furthermore we do live in a democracy and people like Jared Taylor reserve the right to their opinions, however ludicrous they may be, they also reserve the right to offend whoever they wish in showcasing their foolishness.

I am pleased to find out that SMU is not taking the safety of the University community lightly and that they have demanded that Dr March provide security, insurance and clean up for his latest publicity stunt. I just hope and pray that it will be a collegial atmosphere and that none of the above will be needed. Personally I will attend this debate; it is not very often that one gets to see the personification of ignorance, stagnation and static thinking. We have our resident court jester Peter March to thank for this rare opportunity.

PS: Just a thought Mr. Taylor have you considered moving to the Arctic? It's the whitest place on earth; I am sure that you and your backward white supremacists will love it out there!

Monwabisi M, Sobantu
4th Year IDS Honours Student

JOE DIRTY FOR PREZ

To the Editor:

I am writing because I wish to draw attention to an issue concerning the recent SMUSA election. Joe Doherty, who ran for President (!) posted campaign posters which depicted him standing above an open mouthed woman, pouring "milk" into her mouth. At first glance, one is likely to mistake the image for a classic cumshot... after a closer look however, it becomes evident that it is in fact a campaign poster designed in poor taste to appeal to the male chauvinist population at SMU.

I brought the issue to the attention of SMUSA only to be told that the posters would not be removed because the election was taking place in a few days anyway, and after all, it wasn't actually a cumshot... it just looks like one.

I'm sure that some of you remember the "CEO's and Office "You-Knows"" theme party that was advertised to take place at The Gorsebrook last semester. It didn't say hos... but that was the obvious implication. Responding to complaints about the offensive posters, SMUSA had them removed immediately. And by doing so, they acknowledged that such depictions are offensive and inappropriate.

So why did this happen?? Why did SMUSA approve the posters in the first place? And why did they refuse to respond to the complaints of the students that they have been elected to represent, as well as The Women's Centre and the Conflict Resolution Advisor? This is not okay.

In case the reasons that this

poster is so problematic are not perfectly clear to everyone, I'll break it down for you: Women are CONSTANTLY being portrayed as sexual objects in the media. Being bombarded by such pornographic imagery is dangerous, as it creates false perceptions of women and our roles in society. Reducing a woman to a mere object designed for male pleasure in such a way effectively removes her subjectivity. She is dehumanized.

It is simply insulting that a presidential candidate has so little respect for women. And even more insulting that nobody stopped him from imposing his disrespect on the entire student population. I can not speak for everyone, but I know that I certainly do not want to be represented by a President who thinks it's a good idea to include an image that represents women in this way on his campaign poster.

Long story short, the posters were out of line. As a woman, I am personally offended by the demeaning manner in which the female in his poster is portrayed, and I would be more comfortable knowing that I did not have to be subjected to such discriminatory imagery in the future.

This is the type of example that we do not want to set for students, and I encourage anyone who feels the same way to let SMUSA know.

Holly Taylor
Coordinator

Saint Mary's Women's Centre

THE BUCK STOPS WHERE...?"

To the Editor:

The soliciting at the Willow Tree Intersection (Robie and Quinpool) and others is a disgrace! And it is dangerous to all - to the solicitors begging for

money - (they can be hit by cars) and, to the motorists - (they are distracted). It is not a question of IF, but WHEN, a tragedy will occur. Somebody will be hurt. Who will be responsible? Where does the buck stop? At the steps of the mayor of HRM and our councillors. They are elected by the people of HRM and responsible to them - responsible to both the motorists AND to the solicitors begging for food money. That is where the buck stops - and, that is where the votes should stop.

If the residents of HRM do not want this situation and our representatives do nothing, then it is our duty as citizens to elect others that will. This is an intolerable situation. But still our elected and paid representatives do nothing. This cannot continue for one day longer. Will tomorrow be the day of the tragedy?

Perhaps tomorrow, our tired and hurried motorists will be distracted and take their eyes off the road, or whatever, for a moment and run over some children in those crosswalks, or hit another car, or run over one of the solicitors begging.

Indeed, is it common sense to have such a situation? Does not our mayor and our councillors drive by daily and see this? Or, do they take alternative routes down the side streets?

And, when a tragedy does happen, then who will be both morally and financially liable? Where, indeed, does the buck stop? At the city's doorstep. And who will sue whom? What will be the damages? What will be the city's liability and what will the city's insurance company think of all this? Will the city's insurance rates go up? Who will pay in the end? The citizens of HRM, of course, as always, for the negligence of our public officials.

This makes for an interesting legal analysis...If the City condones this situation - (and certainly it must be against a number of traffic laws, jaywalking laws, whatever) then the City would be liable for damages, would they not? That would be for the courts to decide, when such an action, as the result of a certain tragedy, is brought against HRM. (Run over my children and see if I would not launch it.)

Are the City's lawyers absolutely sure that the City would not be liable? Exactly where does the buck stop?

In a fine city like HRM, a rich and powerful and socially responsible city, can the residents of HRM, the jewel of Atlantic Canada, let this intolerable situation continue for one more day - to the disgrace of all of us, and, show to the rest of the visiting world on our doorsteps (both other Canadians and international visitors), just what kind of a city we are?

And how foolish we are, to have this human and potential financial liability continue for one more day? I believe most residents of this fine city cringe at the sight of this daily disgrace, and are appalled by it. That is the mood of the people. Our public servants should serve us and end this situation, or resign your positions and let us elect public servants that will. Drive by and have a good look. Do not creep down the side streets and into your offices and ignore this situation until something terrible happens...

Even Moncton has passed a bylaw against such. Must mighty HRM stand humbled in progressive Moncton's shadow?

If I know the citizens of this proud and free city, you will not be in those offices long...we will see to that. Your job is to see to this - and see to it now!

D. Alexander Butcher,
SMU Alum

THE TRUTH ABOUT HERPES

To the Editor:

We noticed a factual error in a recent installment of the G-Spot (February 7). The columnist told the reader "... swallowing someone else's bodily fluids... is where the risk of contracting an STD comes from. What may seem like innocent fun can lead to a face full of herpes." We would like to inform the columnist that a person can contract the Herpes simplex virus from direct contact with an infected area of skin or mucus membrane. In other words, you do not have to swallow semen to get the virus. If anyone is interested in learning the risks for STIs, contact a local sexual health clinic or access Health Canada's information page at:

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca>

People for People Without a
"Face Full of Herpes"

EDITORIAL

Jared Taylor is Coming to SMU

BY OLIVIER JARDA

Jared Taylor is coming back to Halifax, and this time he'll be coming to Saint Mary's, March 6th. The editor of American Renaissance had been scheduled to defend the cons of racial diversity with David Devine, the chair of Black Canadian Studies at Dalhousie University. After researching Taylor's questionable past, Devine cancelled the debate.

Instead, Taylor held a lecture at the Lord Nelson Hotel. Protesters, some clad with bandanas to cover their faces, refused to let him speak and physically forced him out of the room.

This time, he will be debating with Dr. Peter March, the Saint Mary's professor who defied the university by posting controversial cartoons on his door twice in 2006.

Taylor's monthly magazine considers itself "America's premiere publication of racial-realist thought. The magazine purports, "Of all the fault lines that divide society - language, religion, class, ideology - [race] is the most prominent and divisive."

In a recent press release, Saint Mary's stated, "[it] is NOT sponsoring the debate nor does it support or sanction Mr. Taylor's presence or his views. All planning and arrangements are being made by [Dr. March]." Saint Mary's has asked philosophy professor Dr. March to pay for expenses including insurance, security and clean-up, which are usually covered by the university at such events.

Taylor argues that multiculturalism should be avoided. Races shouldn't mix, because that causes conflict and hostility. Although Taylor's attack on multiculturalism has stirred controversy, the problem lies in how Taylor has argued against it. He's simply failed to be objective on the topic.

I've pulled some arguments from an earlier editorial to shed light on Taylor's views.

Taylor asked on an interview with CTV News if diversity raised per capita GNP. However, if a country can adequately integrate and educate different ethnic and religious groups, this can result in an increase in labour productivity and economic growth. Although multiculturalism does breed tension and conflict, Canada is a land of immigrants that's embraced multiculturalism and has reaped many benefits. Taylor fails to mention multiculturalism also breeds tolerance.

Taylor has listed the bads of multiculturalism in a biased manner, failing to note any positives. Canada's experiment of diversity is a great example that shows the world a country built on multiculturalism and immigration can have a strong economy, low crime rates and one of the highest standards of living. It's an important example to set in a world of increasing

globalization and multicultural interaction.

On Taylor's website are the notes he was to use on his first visit. He was to explain that the government of Canada and its institutions agreed with him on multiculturalism, not with Dr. Devine. Not so. In 1971, Canada became the first country in the world to adopt multiculturalism as an official policy. The fact that multiculturalism is enshrined in our constitution must have eluded Taylor.

Taylor's website has countless examples of this biased fact-dropping. Taylor's American Renaissance website features skewed 'academic' essays on black history (the site's telling of how Haiti gained its independence is laughable to someone who has properly researched the topic). Visitors who post racist comments on the site are left uncensored.

Taylor may appear to be a credible academic at first glance, but after reading his arguments, it's evident that he uses half-truths and flawed comparisons to prove his 'realist' points.

Taylor cites George Orwell, a valiant opponent of propaganda, in order to validate his own. In the essay that would have been the basis of his first talk in Halifax, there is a picture of George Orwell with the caption, "Orwell was onto something." Taylor borrows government slogans from Orwell's 1984, 'war is peace', 'freedom is slavery' and 'ignorance is strength.' "Diversity is strength' fits right in, doesn't it?" asks Taylor. To borrow from Orwell's essay, "Politics and the English Language", Taylor uses an academic writing style that "...is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind."

Taylor completed his BA at Yale, holds an MA in International Economics and is the author of three books. Here is a man that has been equipped with the tools needed to persuade people. It is unfortunate that he uses his skills to promote such a narrow-minded anti-diversity agenda.

Although Taylor should be allowed to speak, I understand why Prof. Devine refused to debate with Taylor. His arguments are often weak, unfounded, biased and have added little to the academic debate on race relations and multiculturalism. Taylor is simply not a credible academic. It would be like a young Mohammed Ali agreeing to get into the ring with Dr. Colin Dodds.

While Devine chose not to drop the gloves for Taylor, our notorious Peter March has jumped at the chance. I look forward to the debate. It will give Halifax an opportunity to see the many gaping holes of Taylor's arguments. I must admit, I would've rather seen Dr. Devine vs. Taylor, but this will do.

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CORRECTION: LAST WEEK, WE FAILED TO CREDIT ALICIA WALLACE FOR HER SMUSA CANDIDATES DEBATE RECAP.

NEWS

The SMUSA That YOU Built

On February 15th and 16th the student body was called upon to decide next year's executive staff for the St. Mary's University Student Association. You (yes you) were tasked with nothing less than deciding who would not only control the hundreds of thousands of dollars we pay SMUSA, but also someone who would effectively represent the student population to the university proper, the community, and the world at large. So what did you decide? Let's break it down (results are unofficial).

SMUSA President: Mitch Gillingwater

Vote Tally:

Mitch Gillingwater - 845
Bradley Farquhar - 492
Joe Doherty - 162
Jean Brunet - 128
Total Votes - 1627

Mitch Gillingwater is your new president. As a former Resident Assistant and Vice-President Academic during the Churchill administration, this 4th-year commerce student possess a wide range of experience in both the day-to-day lives of students and the behind-the-scenes administrations that keep the school running. Only time will tell if that experience has been successfully translated into leadership ability.

When asked what his 5 major campaign goals were, Mitch Gillingwater listed the following in no particular order:

More on-campus lobbying & awareness campaigns about barriers to post-secondary education.
Create a Student Advocacy Centre to fight for the rights of students.
Continue Fundraising for the SMUSA Opportunity Bursary to assist students in financial need.

Lobby the University Administration to improve Student Services on Campus (ie. personal counseling, academic advising, career counseling, financial counseling, and mentoring services)

Address students' ideas and concerns from the SMUSA's Cafe Santa Maria held in November.

At the debate all the presidential candidates made very impressive displays. In the polls however, Mr. Gillingwater demonstrated the most commanding lead of the entire election with over half the total votes going to him.

SMUSA Vice-President Internal: Chris MacDougall

Vote Tally:

Chris MacDougall - 525
Mani Itiveh - 435
Jen Schwartz - 385
Scott MacPhail - 230
Julie Thompson - 101
Total Votes - 1676

Mr. MacDougall is no stranger to the inner workings of the university. Some highlights from his 3 year stint here include being voted the Commerce Representative for SMU students, managing the SMUSA Communication and Marketing departments, and frosh will remember the highly successful Smuvivor Casino Night that Mr. MacDougall helped organize.

MacDougall gave the following as his major campaign goals:

Create events that students will want to be a part of, and through this, instill a sense of pride and spirit among the student body.
Lobby for lower prices for student services that are REALISTIC for a student budget.

Make Open Mic, Pub Nights, and Gorsebrook parties the heart of Saint Mary's social scene.

Work with the different groups around campus to increase communication and cooperation when planning events and fundraising, including Societies, Athletic Council, RA's, SMUSA, and the Students. Continue SMUSA's dedication to the Bus Pass, Health Plan, Dental Plan, and Opportunity Bursary.

You voted Chris MacDougall in with 31% of the total votes.

SMSUA Vice-President External: Matt Risser

Vote Tally:

Matt Risser - 546
Ali Sing - 401
Andrew Seymour - 270
Maureen Kimanis - 149
Chris Mercer - 119
Holly Underhill - 117
Robert Hingley - 60
Will Matheson - 47
Total Votes - 1709

Matt Risser doesn't work on external affairs like government lobbying just because he's running for VP External. He is running because he's already involved in dealing with these issues. This 3rd-year Poli Sci student was already a Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Campus Ambassador and has been working with the group for some time. Mr. Risser also makes appearances as the Chairperson of the Students' Representative Council. Here is his platform:

Work with CASA to achieve a dedicated transfer payment from the national government to the provinces.
Work with ANSSA to establish a Needs-Based Grants System for Students from low-income back-

grounds.

Coordinate with other Student Unions in the HRM to better lobby the municipal government.

Work with CASA to improve the Canada Access Grant and ensure the renewal of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

Improve on the already great community involvement that Saint Mary's cultivates with their work with Feed Nova Scotia, the Random Acts of Kindness Squad, and fundraising for things like Breast Cancer Research.

The race for VP External was one of the most contested of the campaign. A total of 8 students threw their hats in the ring. Matt Risser achieved the same percentage as his VP Internal counterpart at 31% of the total vote. It's interesting to note that Mr. Risser is the only member of the new executive council that is not a Commerce student.

SMUSA Vice President Academic: Rhys MacDonald

Vote Tally:

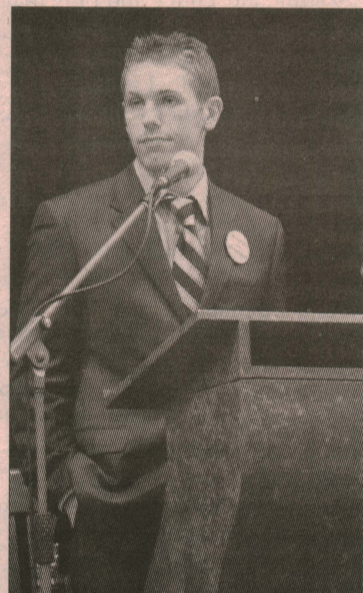
Rhys MacDonald - 645
Courtney Schaller - 627
Joe Power - 293
Total votes: 1565

Rhys 'Reese's' MacDonald seemingly lives for academia. A regular contributor at the St. Mary's academic senate, this 3rd-year Commerce student even ran for a position on the Senate last year. Though he did not achieve the position, he volunteered as the student-at-large on the Academic Senate Student Caucus to further his understanding of the system and to better help fellow students in the long run. Seems all that work paid off, because last week you voted him in as your Vice President of Academic affairs. Let's

see what he has in store for us:

Create a more comfortable study environment for students
Allow first year students to declare their major and to participate in the co-op program
Advocate for more student support of grade appeals
Continue the growth of professor appeals
The creation of a teaching assistant society

While this was the smallest race with only three opponents, it also resulted in the most dramatic results. Rhys pulled ahead with a lead of only 18 votes. The narrow margin has sparked some discussion of a possible recount, but at the time of writing nothing to that effect has been confirmed. With the current numbers, Rhys is the winner with 41% of the vote.



Mitch Gillingwater Incoming SMUSA President

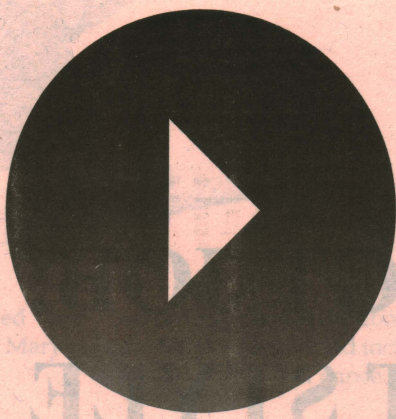
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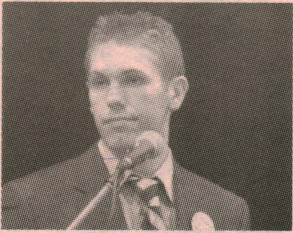
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Good luck to the incoming SMUSA executive team and congratulations to the outgoing executive on a job well done.



NEWSFEED



The SMUdents have spoken. Elections before the break have named Mitch Gillingwater your new president.
SMU Referendum results. Students voted 69.8% in favor of the dental plan, which means it passes. The referendum to raise the Journal fee by \$3/year did not pass. Thanks guys.



that claim the shirts mock the "No means No" campaign.
Bones of Jesus found. James Cameron and Canadian filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici are finishing up a documentary that claims to have found the skeletal remains of Jesus Christ. Mel Gib-



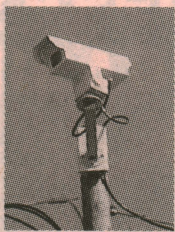
Karma wins SMU student some cash. Since returning the \$10 000 he found on campus, Jaime Hawkins has been receiving numerous anonymous donations to help cover his tuition at SMU.



son is not involved in the project.
Jean Charest Supports Soccer Head Scarf Ban
 An 11 year old girl from Ottawa was kicked out of a soccer tournament because she was wearing a hijab, or Muslim head scarf. Charest says the referees were do-



SMUFU and SMU Sign New Contract
 The two sides have officially ratified their contract. We students

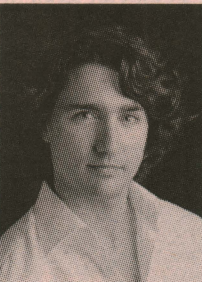


should be safe from more debates until 2009.

Police Chief says cameras aren't good enough. Three months after installing security cameras downtown, Chief Beazley says that new, better cameras are needed. The original cameras



were installed due to a major spike in random violence in the downtown area.
Bluenotes pulls inappropriate T-Shirt
 A t-shirt with the phrase 'No means have a NOther drink' has been removed from Bluenotes stores across the country due to complaints from anti date-rape activists

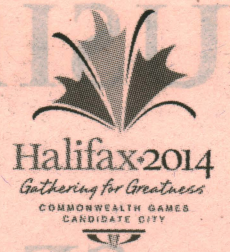


ing their duty under FIFA's laws of the game.
Justin Trudeau to enter the political game.
 Son of the legendary liberal prime minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Justin will be running for a seat in the House of Commons in the



Papineau riding that is currently held by the Bloc Quebecois.
Brittney Spears Loses it. Her hair that is. The former pop princess has shaved her head bald. Why? Who knows! Brittney is also still engaged in a custody battle for her children, she's in and out of rehab, and is still working on her upcoming CD.

Halifax's Bid For 2014 Commonwealth Games



BY CHRIS RIEN

On February 16th our lovely McNally Auditorium was the venue for the announcement of the sport line-up for Halifax's bid for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Halifax is representing Canada in this bid, and is up against Abuja in Nigeria and Glasgow in Scotland. Halifax already beat out three Ontario locations, York Region, Hamilton and Ottawa to be allowed to be Canada's official bid for the host city.

Each year the Commonwealth Games are held the host city gets a choice on what sporting events to hold. If Halifax is successful in its bid, the sports program will include aquatics, athletics, basketball, boxing (men), badminton, cycling, gymnastics, hockey, lawn bowls, netball (women), rugby 7s (men), shooting, squash, table tennis, triathlon, weightlifting and wrestling.

Even though the full details of the bid will not be released until later this year, some aspects of it have started to leak out. Part of the bid would include the creation of a new stadium and state-of-the-art aquatics center in Halifax. These would be a major boost to the city's image and ability to host other major sporting events. There is some talk that a new stadium could possibly act as a venue for Canada's 2018 FIFA World Cup bid. Other say it would help Halifax in the fight to get a CFL team.



Scott Logan CEO of Halifax 2014 Bid Committee courtesy of www.smu.ca

But like everything, this comes at a cost. While the official numbers haven't been released by the bid committee or the city council, the Mayor recently stated that the price tag has been estimated as high as 1.8 billion dollars. The cost is being spread out among multiple financiers such as corporate sponsors and government funding. Even the NSLC is helping out by asking customers of they'd like to make any contributions at the time of purchase.
 The bid committee's secrecy has done nothing to ease the con-

cerns of those citizens that worry that Halifax isn't ready for this commitment. People opposed to the games frequently point to the financial disaster that was the Montreal Olympics in 1976. It was only recently that Montreal finally paid off their debt.

Despite the potential money issues, the most recent polling data shows that over 70% of Haligonians are in favor of the games.

The final decision on which of the three bids will win is handed down on November 9th 2007.

Haitian Civil Rights Activist Cancels Halifax Visit

BY MICHAEL RIEN

Due to poor health, doctors have advised that Annette "Sò Ann" Auguste postpone her trip across Canada to speak about the injustices and human rights violations happening in Haiti. Annette is a renowned folk singer and due to her horrific ordeal in Haiti, a human's rights figurehead.

Annette was originally scheduled to speak at St. Mary's University on Saturday, March 3rd in the Sobeys' building. Due to the postponement, it is unclear at the moment if Annette will ever be making it to Halifax to tell her story. The event was organized by the Halifax chapter of the Haiti Action Group.

Over the last several years, the always unstable Haitian government finally succumbed to complete disintegration. February of 2004 marked the latest in a long series of military coups. The ruling Fanmi Lavalas party was violently overthrown and the prime minister was forced to leave the country under American escort. For all intents and purposes, the ailing country fell apart. The United States of America sent Marines into the capital of Port-au-Prince. It's there that Annette unwittingly became a symbol for all those who wanted to bring justice and stability to the

war-torn country.

The following comes directly from Amnesty International's report on the situation in Haiti:

"...at about midnight, a contingent of US marines detained Annette Auguste, known as Sò Ann, a prominent singer and member of Fanmi Lavalas, at her home. The marines used explosives to open the front gate, shots were fired and the door to the house was forced open, even though the marines reportedly met no resistance. One of the family's pet dogs was killed in the operation. Annette Auguste and at least 10 members of her family present at the time, including her five-year-old grandson and four other children, aged 9, 12 and 15, were handcuffed and taken into custody; at least some of those arrested had black hoods (black plastic bags) put over their heads. They were taken to the campus of the Aristide Foundation for Democracy University, used as a military base for US forces belonging to the MIF. Several members of her family were interrogated as well. They were all released at about 6 am, except Annette Auguste who was handed over to the Haitian National Police the next morning, and was still being held in the Pétion-Ville police station at the time of writing this report."

Annette was held in prison, without being charged for any crime for 27 months before mounting political pressure forced her release. Two years and 3 months of her life were taken away just because of her political affiliations.

During her imprisonment the country existed under martial law. An interim government was set up with the support of the US, France and Canadian governments. The RCMP in particular took responsibility for training much of the interim governments "Haitian National Police." Both the government and the police are accused by many to have committed a wide range of human rights violations. They have been completely unsuccessful at stopping the violence in the country, and some claim they've only made it worse.

In September 2006, the British medical journal *The Lancet* reported "...4,000 political killings and 35,000 sexual assaults against women in the twenty-two months following February 2004 attributed to the HNP or paramilitary death squads supportive of the regime."

For more information on the situation in Haiti you can visit <http://www.haitiaction.net/>.

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SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT JOB: UNDERNEATH INTERNET STYLE

BY JACKIE HOWATT

It's hard to believe that the year is coming to end already. With final exams shortly looming overhead, the pressure of securing either a part-time, or for many of us grads, a full-time job, is what pervades the minds of most SMU students right now - including myself. Even though we've all heard horror stories about gallantly attaining that undergrad degree, only to be thrust out into the real world with slim pickin's in terms of well-paying business-related (and non-sales, non 100% commission) careers. Just recently, a few good friends of mine headed out West - some to Ontario and some to Alberta - with their dream job awaiting them. Each of them found their new careers through job banks. True, they had to relocate which is not always the most attractive or best option for everyone who may have ties locally, but it's always beneficial to have options open - just in case. Also, being a fresh University grad, the best jobs will go to those who are flexible enough to relocate. With that said, I figure that I could make the job seeking process a little easier by explaining the various internet job banks, and the benefits and features

companies list the hourly wage or yearly salary - something other sites severely lack. Because this site is government related, it has the impression of being more reliable as well. I also like how the region category is plentiful and the industry categories are condensed, so time is not wasted as much searching for particular variables that fit together. This site is quick and simple in that respect. Currently, there are over 44,000 jobs listed, compared to Workopolis.com which has just over 50,000 jobs posted (and is much more extensively marketed in comparison). The only drawback to this site is the lack of advertising and therefore, the lack of awareness that the site exists. But like I said earlier, that should not be a prohibitor in frequenting the site. It has some good jobs - and many government jobs at that.

Next we'll look at Workopolis.com. Workopolis strives to be an all-in-one job hunting company, offering everything from extensive job hunting criteria to career advice, along with how-to documents for resume writing and interviewing. They also offer an online "career advisor" and tons of reading material on the job hunting process. This is a great site to utilize if you are in need

positions you are interested in.

Some other interesting job search sites are those targeted at just representing a certain geographic area, such as <http://www.ontariojob-watcher.ca/jobdirorhttp://www.bc-jobs.ca>. If you're interested in finding jobs in particular areas, these sites do exist and provide a wide selection of jobs in specific areas, meaning, the traffic flow will not be as heavy and selection will be greater than an all-encompassing site like Monster.ca.

Another crucial component in job seeking is to keep an eye out for company websites with job opportunity or career postings. Aliant.ca provides a career section that lists recent openings in the company. This is actually how one of my friends secured his new job - he searched around on websites of the companies

he was interested in.

Keep in mind that Western provinces, particularly Alberta, are hiring many students from the Eastern provinces, and looking into companies that operate out West is something worth considering. Hopefully this rundown has motivated you to at least give the internet job banks a go - especially if you need a job in the next few months. Some other useful job bank websites include: <http://mediasearchcanada.com> for those looking for a job in the media. <http://jobsearch.educationcanada.com> lists job opportunities for those looking



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to teach in Canada, and <http://www.jobshark.com> is another job bank worth checking out. Have fun!



for each. If you are looking for a job after graduation, job searching can actually be really fun because you never know what you'll find. Excited yet?! I am!

Now, naturally I would suggest using the most popular job bank sites, as these hold a wide variety of different jobs that are constantly being updated. However, it would be naïve to neglect the smaller search engines, as there are many reputable companies who use them, and not many people who frequent them. In essence, the smaller engines could prove to be more beneficial than the bigger ones. One thing to remember when searching for an amazing job - you have to dig, and dig often. Your search process will yield more fruitful results if you visit the websites often and keep up to date on new postings.

Even though Workopolis.com and Monster.ca are extremely popular, one job bank that I gravitate towards when looking around for new opportunities is surprisingly the Canadian Government Job Bank website, http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/search_en.aspx. One of the reasons that I appreciate this site is due to the simple layout and the fact that most

of revamping your resume or if you want to interact with other job seekers, and even employers. Narrowing down your search in Workopolis is entirely possible due to the many selections of categories to choose from - job category, industry, location, and city, along with any other keywords you wish to include. This site is very extensive, and offers a depth of jobs located across the country, however, it tends to be very picky in search results if you do not specify each and every category properly. I for one find it a little complicated, but again, it houses over 50,000 jobs and should be included in any online job searching process.

Monster.ca is very similar to Workopolis.ca in many respects - it provides an in-depth job seeking site dedicated to helping people build their networking and resume skills, along with providing advanced searching options for various jobs. Monster.ca is a little easier to work with seeing as you only need to provide three categories of information in order to receive feedback, however, the breadth of selection in each category can be daunting, and you may end up searching for a while to cover all the locations and

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THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE

BY: ALEKS STARK

Picture this: It's summer. It's a beautiful day outside. The weather is perfect, nice and sunny with a warm breeze blowing. You're at the beach enjoying the sun and surf. And do you want to know the best part? This is your work environment every day. You are a lifeguard and you get paid to be at the beach all summer. Sounds like a dream job, right? There must be a whole mess of people lined up to get these jobs.

Well unfortunately that is not the case. Not only is there not currently a major competition for these coveted positions, the lifeguarding industry is actually experiencing a shortage of interested applicants. The problem becomes especially bad in the summer months with the opening of beaches and outdoor pools.

Last summer in Halifax one beach in a rural area had to be shut down for the entire summer because of staffing issues. Even on the more populous peninsula, one HRM-run pool was forced to run at reduced hours because there were simply no more lifeguards willing to fill the shifts on the weekend. After full shifts Monday to Friday, and being responsible for the lives of nearly a thousand individuals during the week, most guards are less than enthusiastic about returning on the weekend for additional hours.

After talking with many lifeguards, aquatic directors, and even

the regional director of the Lifesaving Society, one issue seems to pop up over and over again. How much lifeguards get paid compared to what is expected of them.

Being a lifeguard is a serious job, and it takes a certain kind of person to do it. These are not your regular burger-jockeys. You'll find that most lifeguards are out-going, talkative and friendly. They are people that are there because they truly want to help others. From my experience they are, by and large, good people. It isn't so much that being a lifeguard makes then that way. It's just that the job seems to attract that kind of person.

Before a lifeguard's career begins, a large amount of training is required. They are expected to know everything from water safety, to pool chemistry, to the latest in emergency medical techniques. Most lifeguards in the HRM must hold the following certifications:

Bronze Medallion, Emergency 1st Aid, Bronze Cross, Standard 1st Aid, CPR level C, National Lifeguard Service Award, WHMIS, Oxygen Administration and this last year most lifeguards are being trained in the use of emergency defibrillators. These courses all have a cost and many have to be recertified

every few years.

That's over 100 hours of training. The price tag for these courses can easily total over \$500 for the initial cost and more every year as certifications expire.



Being a lifeguard means being responsible for any and every person that visits your pool or beach. People like the small kids who decide to see if they can swim by trial-and-error, or the people who have never heard

of heatstroke and decide that 40 degree weather is the perfect time to run around at the beach, or the 80 year old who wants to prove he can still swim a kilometer just like 50 years ago. Lifeguards are persons that have willingly made themselves responsible for these people's very lives. If there were no lifeguards, more people would die. It's as simple as that.

And for their long hours of training and their willingness to put their lives in danger to save the lives of strangers, what do they get? In this province it is about 50 cents above minimum wage. As one lifeguard pointed out to me, it's about the same wage that you'd get paid stocking shelves at Wal-Mart.

The aquatic directors that run the pools are starting to realize that this financial disconnect is a problem. At places like the Capt. William Spry Wave-pool they have tried to offer other incentives on top of wage. For example: free gym memberships, helping to pay for recertifications, free uniforms, free pool memberships for families etc. But in the end, the cheque in the mail leaves something to be desired.

The problem has become so bad lately that many use their certification

in this province to work in other locations. There are a growing number of Nova Scotia trained lifeguards that move out West to work for over double the wages paid here. The United States of America is another tempting option. Since the Canadian standards for the certification are higher than the American ones, Canadian lifeguards have a major advantage in the competition for positions.

Just last week New York State started taking applications for summer positions. Lifeguards there "...work 48 hours a week and make at least \$11.72 an hour." The state hires around 1200 persons each summer, many of them from out of the country.

So between people deciding that it just isn't worth it, and others leaving for more lucrative ventures, it is easy to see why every summer, employers struggle find qualified staff.

But it's not all bad news. There is a growing turn in the industry that is starting to realize that continuing along this path will only lead to problems down the line. More and more people are starting to see that when it comes to keeping the lives of our friends and family safe, doing the minimum might not be enough. And also that maybe, it's time to pay a little more respect to those that are willing to put it on the line so 'That Others May Live.'

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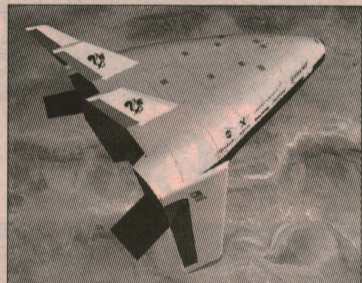
BY ALEKS STARK

The United States Military invests in robot vehicle research.

In 2001, the United States congress approved funding for the military's research into fully unmanned automated vehicles. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DAPRA) headed the project. It's the same division that brought us such military gems as the air defense laser, soldier exoskeletons and body armor made up of crystals.

The automated vehicle competition is called the 'Grand Challenge.' The Challenge is an open competition that consists of sending a completely automated vehicle out on a 132 mile race across the desert. The vehicles are given a destination and have to use onboard sonar, GPS and LADAR to find their own way.

2004 was the first year the event was held and not a single entrant completed the race. It wasn't till 2005 that an entrant from Stanford University won the \$2 million prize money. This year the DARPA Grand Challenge has evolved with the changing face of combat needs and will consist of an urban environment. Vehicles will have to make their way through a mock war zone in a city setting.



Nova Scotia will soon be entering the space race.

A 120 hectare plot of land on the Cape Breton coast near Sydney, Nova Scotia could become the home to a new space shuttle launch site. The company Planetspace is currently in negotiations with NASA about the use of such a site to service the current International Space Station. They also state that even if the deal with NASA does not go through, the site could still happen. The growing interest in commercial cargo and orbital tourism would justify the construction of the planned, multi-million dollar facility.

The planned shuttle system even carries some Canadian heritage; it's named the Canadian Arrow after the technological marvel that was the Avro Arrow.

The Cape Breton site lies on the same latitude as the Russian space command, the Cosmodrome. Studies have proven that launching from that area of the earth is much more efficient than Cape Canaveral in Florida. The nearby water also reduces the risk of possible debris landing on populated areas.



The world of MP3's just got a little more confusing.

Microsoft was just successfully sued by Lucent Technology in a patent suit. Lucent argued that they were the inventors of the now ubiquitous music compression format known as MP3. And as the inventors they held the patent for the technology and get to decide who gets to use it where.

Microsoft never received a license from Lucent, so a federal judge in San Diego has ordered that Microsoft pay up for every copy of Windows sold with the MP3 codec since May 2003. Total price tag: \$1.5 billion. This is approximately enough to buy nuclear fast-attack submarine. All for a simple piece of electronic coding.

Microsoft argued that it believes that it properly licensed MP3 technology from Fraunhofer, paying that company \$16 million. Fraunhofer developed the format in association with Lucent. Most of the industry regards Fraunhofer as the true licensor.

It's possible that Lucent may use the victory to go after the other big players that use MP3 such as Apple, Intel and Texas Instruments.

Earlier this month Richard Branson decided he wanted to save the world.

And the best way to get anything done? A competition of course! And so we now have the Virgin Earth Challenge (named after Branson's empire, Virgin).

Apparently not content with the idea of prevention, Branson is going straight to reversal of the problem as the solution. The basic idea is that \$25 million will go to the first person or group that can come up with a commercially viable way to capture and remove CO2 and greenhouse gases from Earth's atmosphere.

Branson even has one of the world's most respected global warming figureheads on board. That's right. Al Gore fully supports the proposal and has even agreed to be one of the judges on the committee that decides the winner. "Things which would never otherwise have been entertained as possibilities now must be explored, that's really the reality," Gore said at a news conference in London.

Obviously this will require a massive jump in technology; we humans have never before attempted terraforming on such a massive scale. The only current technology that effectively removes CO2 from the air is 'scrubbers' found in space suits, quarantine rooms, and military submarines.

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Switch at the Grosebrook,
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Cuban Assassins, Myles
Deck and The Fuzz at Gus'
Pub, 10 pm \$ 5

Crimson Tides, Scribbler,
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and Oh Beautiful Majestic
Eagle at the Speakeasy, 10
pm \$ 5

Sunday
The Most Serene Republic,
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God Made Me Funky,
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Grawood, 9pm \$ 2

SMU'S RESIDENT MUSIC SNOB

Singled Out

Sam the Record Man

BY TREVOR MURPHY

OK, let me hop on the seven-years-running bandwagon and say this: I do not believe that the Internet is ruining the music industry. Maybe I was stupid in thinking that this argument had gotten old and that people were starting to realize the Internet didn't *destroy* the music industry, it just forced a change the way we consume music.

I honestly thought the mp3 debate was on par with beating a dead horse.

So last week when, to my utter dismay, Sam the Record Man on Barrington Street suddenly closed up shop and subsequently blamed the Internet for the lack of business in recent years, I was shocked.

Really? Still? The Internet? Mp3s? I mean, really?

Don't get me wrong, I loved Sam's - it was my favourite record store in town (he had an excellent vinyl selection) - but it seems like a bit too much of a cop out to blame downloading mp3s on the failure of an entire business. And this goes for the record industry too.

Mp3s and downloads aren't killing the music business, they may be killing CD sales, but they're not killing the business as a whole. The problem is there is no desire to

adapt to the new medium. Instead of figuring out how to make mp3s and the Internet work to their advantage, stores like Sam the Record man decided to persevere, cut their losses and hope that CD sales would rebound. Hint: they won't.

The allure of the mp3 is that people aren't interested in buying entire albums anymore. This is a mass movement towards the market of the single - a market which, unfortunately, is almost non-existent. In a time where nearly every record store used to sell CD singles, I can remember a few trips I took to Halifax specifically to buy singles from CD Plus or Sam the Record Man. That was less than ten years ago. Hardly anybody saw the importance of this, until it was too late - and it left companies like Sam the Record man scrambling for solutions.

Some companies have caught on, iTunes perhaps the most vehemently, but it's still too little too late. We are going through a drastic shift in how we consume our media; be it music, television shows, movies, or articles like this. But instead of jumping on the trends, record companies decided it would be a better idea to put all their money into pirate-protecting their media, instead of generating new, easier, and (hopefully) cheaper ways for us to get the latest

Justin Timberlake single.

In a time where people are living such fast past lives they can't even hang up their cellphone for one minute to drive their car safely, singles are the answer. Forty years ago, singles were the *only* source of purchasable music, albums were rarely made. It was until the mid-1960s that albums actually began to become important. We need to revert this industry back to a pre-Beatles period.

I mean for Christ's sake, I don't want to buy the entire Snow Patrol record, I just want that one ridiculously catchy song (so sue me!).

I am sad to see Sam the Record Man close up shop. I am even sadder for all the people there who lost their jobs on pretty much a day's notice. But this closure is not their fault, and it's not the Internet's fault, and it's not your fault for downloading so much, and it's not my fault for not buying enough vinyl (did I mention I loved their vinyl selection?), it's the recording industry's fault for not recognizing and implementing cheap and efficient solutions to a large and lengthy problem.

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The ECMAS are not OK

BY ALLYSON MARSH

Every year in February the East Coast Music Awards come around and, while I'm always excited, by the end of it all I'm always disappointed as well. I love the fact that great talent gets recognized by its peers on national television for all of Canada to see, but lots of small things always pile up leaving me frustrated at the East Coast Music Association.

The biggest problem with the ECMA awards is that to be nominated you must be a member of the East Coast Music Association. To do so an artist has to pay a membership fee, \$159 yearly for a group with four members. This price may not seem like a lot, but for those of you that have spent time in the independent music scene you probably know that any amount of money can be very hard for a band to come up with. Struggling bands should not have to shell out what may be their monthly music income just to have the opportunity to be considered for recognition. Also, no information is given to what the price is for a band with more than four members. They more money they have to pump into an ECMA membership the less they have to tour, record, manufacture

CDs, or do anything else that would help really promote their career.

If you watched the award show you might have noticed something that seemed to have annoyed a lot of musicians this year. Sloan was again nominated in multiple categories. While the band hails from the Halifax area, members have lived in Ontario for many years now. I have to question how fair it is that a band that has been gone for a decade because of their large scale success can take away a nomination slot from a band who resides from and works out of the East Coast.

You may have also noticed that Jill Barber was a multiple award nominee and double winner at this year's award show. I am huge fan of Jill and hate to say anything negative about her success but Jill Barber is from Ontario. She resides in Halifax now and has for a good number of years but still something seems wrong to me that a woman who has spent most of her life in Ontario finds herself in the ECMA pool. According to nomination criteria any person that lives in the East Coast between June and October, who is also an ECMA member, can be nominated for an award. The membership for doesn't state any residency time requirement so does this mean that

you could live here for six months and find yourself with an ECMA award? I sure hope not.

The ECMA award show is always what gets me the most. If you were to pay close attention you might notice that some awards aren't announced on TV. Now I may have been too busy screaming at the TV screen and missed on or two of these being announced, but I'm fairly sure not one single genre specific award was televised. That means 18 categories get ignored. I appreciate that no one would want to watch a four hour ECMA award show on TV and that the CBC probably couldn't feasibly show all of this but that means that the smaller acts that only get recognized because of the broader categories get no national exposure. While acts like Rex Goudie (Canadian Idol runner up), Sloan, and George Canyon get their name out nation wide acts like Jon Epworth, The Punters and Jesse Dangerously go without any their name being said on TV for all of Canada to hear.

I don't want to sound totally ungrateful. The ECMAs certainly help worthy acts. Awards with sponsorship give out money to help rising acts, and in the past few years music acts have switched from being more "traditional" East Coast bands



despite living in Ontario, Sloan still continues to be nominated for ECMAs

to showing acts like Wintersleep, The Divorcees and even having In Flight Safety close out this year's broadcast. The awards (and association) still has

a long way to go, however, before it can give all the struggling, underrepresented and overworked alternative artists the recognition they deserve.

TV GEEK

A Special Report: African-Americans on TV

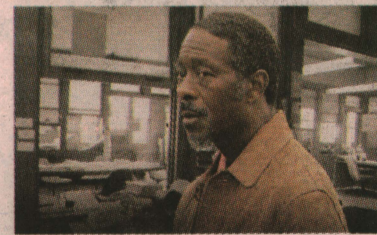
BY RESSA PETERS

February is African-American history month. Today on TV African-Americans are still few and far between and those that are on TV aren't always positive, fully developed or progressive. There are few excellent characters and shows but it's like finding a full scholarship, they're out there somewhere but you may have never seen one. So here's my list of four steps forward and four slips backward for television, African-Americans and society in general.

1. Frank Pembleton, *Homicide: Life on the Street*.



There are so many cop show clichés by now that they're almost as familiar as fairy tales. But *Homicide* was a different breed, based on the book "Homicide: A Year on the Killing Streets" by journalist David Simon. *Homicide* featured some stories based on true events. Not the kind on Law and Order when you can tell what famous case they were ripping off, but the real life stuff that happens close to home; drug killings, hit and runs, bar brawls and anything that could happen in any city. The cases weren't always solved, sometimes the cops mess up, sometimes the criminals get off on not enough evidence or a killer gets found 'innocent' because they jury just wants to get home for the weekend; these happen more often than serial killers and celebrity murders. Frank Pembleton (Andre Braugher) is a complicated, complex cop. A devoted husband and father, a conflicted catholic, an ace interrogator and a black man who didn't act like a stereotype. Along with Pembleton, the cops at Baltimore *Homicide* were unique, intelligent and fully developed from tough, gregarious Sargeant Kay Howard (Melissa Leo), old school Lieutenant Al Giardello (Yaphet Kotto) of African and Sicilian heritage, and rookie Tim Bayliss (Kyle Secor) another television rarity, a bisexual man who isn't promiscuous or unstable.



2. Lester Freamon, *The Wire*.

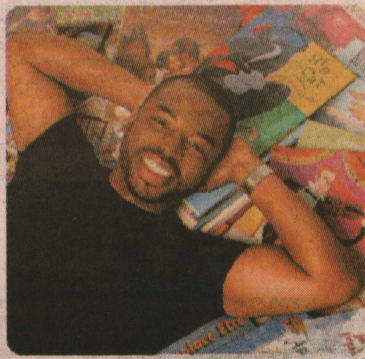
Sharing many of the same crew, cast and location as *Homicide*, *The Wire* is its spiritual sister show. *The Wire* goes where the NBC-made *Homicide* could not, into the "ghetto" to expose the drugs, the violence, the language and the sex. The ghetto and the law meet and intertwine to show us the lives of all sides of the law, and how similar they all are. The cops are flawed, the criminals sympathetic. *The Wire* renounces the cliché of good vs. evil, it's just people vs. people. There are no easy answers presented to the problems of drugs, racism and poverty, it's simply presented as reality. The majority of the cast is African-American, accurately reflecting Baltimore's demographic and the characters are all just as rich. *The Wire* has some

of the most complex characters, black or white, cop or criminal, on tv. Lester Freamon (Clarke Peters) is a good cop, he's not a great, superman cop that knows everything and can do anything, he's an older guy who just does the right thing. Banished to the Pawn shop unite for thirteen years and four months after charging a criminal with connections after he was warned not to. Now he's back in action in the Barksdale task force doing what he does best, good police work with an eye for detail. He has a Morgan Freeman-like intensity, makes doll furniture in his spare time and knows the words to The Pogues' "Body of an American". He's a surprise all around.

3. Kareem Said, *Oz*.

Not only the first Muslim main character on tv, Said (Eamonn Walker) was a Black man who grew up in the projects, converted to Islam and pledged to lead and help people wherever he was, no matter what colour or religion, he even acted as legal counsel for Neo-Nazi leader Vern Schillinger (J.K. Simmons). He's not a terrorist or a bigot. He preaches non-violence and equality, fighting for the rights of all, especially those trampled by the system and society, those of colour, the poor and the most ignored of all, prisoners.

As with everyone on *Oz*, prisoner and staff alike, he was flawed; with pride, self-righteousness and a temper that sometimes got in the way of his non-violent ideals. He was an embodiment of the ideals and flaws of not just the Islamic religion but all religions. *Oz* itself was a microcosm of society, with all races, ages 16-65, all points on the Kinsey scale, and questions about religion, law, life, love, hate, death and everything in between. It's every issue in sociology and criminology today wrapped into one brutal, realistic story.



4. Oprah Winfrey and LeVar Burton.

Oprah, what can't she do? She's an actress, book critic, publisher, talk show host, and hero to millions of people everywhere. She's one of the most influential African-Americans of the Twentieth century and the richest. She's richer than God but she does some good stuff with it, she donates more of her money to charity than any other person in show biz. She gave to Hurricane Katrina relief, put 100 Black men through college with her scholarships, and instituted the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for girls.

LeVar Burton is a great actor, he was Kunta Kinte in the amazing mini-series *Roots*, Geordie LaForge in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, and tons of voicework such as *Captain Planet*, *Batman: The Animated Series* and *Gargoyles*. Since 1983 he's been hosting and executively producing *Reading Rainbow* on PBS. The show and LeVar encourage children to read, and teach about different topics like immigration, music, food and dinosaurs as well as topics

not usually taught to children like slavery, poverty in U.S. inner cities, September 11th and prison. You're never too old to have LeVar or another celebrity voice read you a story. Never.

Now here's where we need to make progress:

1. BET. They said they were going to play *The Wire*, I was excited, then I changed the channel and all I saw was rap videos. Aaron MacGruder was right, it's all just a black woman's gyrating rear end. It's only perpetuating stereotypes.

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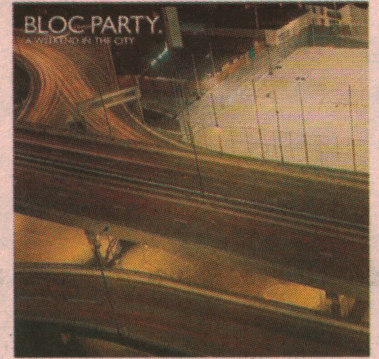


liken, Marianne Taylor. All Black women, all untrustworthy. And almost all of the non-Americans and non-whites are evil.

3. Flavor of Love. Not just a disgrace to the Black race, but the human race. Flavor Flav, who already has 6 kids and 2 grandkids, whores himself out to a slew of women who degrade themselves and each other to win his affection. Flav gives them nicknames like nibblz, sumthin, like dat and deelishis and spends time with several different women a night. I feel bad for everyone involved.

4. Simply, we need more African-Americans on tv that aren't tokens, stereotypes or insults. African-Americans make up about 12% of America and 2.2% of Canada, but are not represented as such on tv. We need more minorities on tv, we need to show their stories, their lives and their voices.

CD Review: Bloc Party: A Weekend in the City [2007, Vice]



The most obvious angle for criticism here is the pitfall of the dreaded sophomore slump; where many a band have fallen the dark depths of. With that said, their first album, *Silent Alarm*, was a better effort simply put. Here, lead singer Kele Okereke and his mates manage to step over the edacious sophomore pitfall, but just barely.

With Grammy winning Garret "Jacknife" Lee behind the boards, *A Weekend in the City* showcases a refined sound; it's tighter and polished up in all the right places. You can tell the lads spent a great deal of time in the Irish studio to knock this one out, maybe too much.

All the reasons I loved *Silent Alarm* are not really found here on the new album. It's too tight, maybe contrived even; I can imagine there were many discussions about where to add an electronic glitch or pop and requisite synth line. Sometimes less is more. At times I thought this disc was produced by Neil Godrich, what with all the aforementioned studio show-and-tell glitch/pop tricks a la Radiohead and newest Beck disc. When used sparingly, as we saw on *Silent Alarm*, (excluding the remixes) those can add depth and spatial character to a song; but here I see an indie rock band losing its way. With their second release out, saying that Bloc Party 'sold-out', would be obtuse, but I can definitely foresee...wait for it... 'indie backlash'!

I know that Kele's words are honest and very lyrical; he definitely put time and thought into penning these songs. His earnest croon and heartfelt falsetto are omni-present this time around as well, but something's missing. I'm all for experimentation and a band demonstrating growth

and change from one album to the next; after all that is the life and purpose of a band, but I can't say that I like the new direction here. This album comes off as dubious and lackluster, paling in comparison to their breakthrough debut which was raw, frantic and edgy.

Even still, there are definitely some great tunes here such as "The Prayer", which is pretty bad ass, riding on big drums, cynical lines and wistful synth sounds. "Uniform" is an interesting affair, where the first half of the song is mellow; Kele's voice just accompanied by soft drumming and clean guitar, then it switches gears halfway to aggressive rock drumming and chainsaw guitar, making a notable use of contrast. Other standouts are the powerful "Kreuzberg", (which isn't entirely about the actual Berlin neighbourhood, but more so the complications of relationships) and "On", probably the best song on the album, with great use of Cello for tone.

A total stinker would have to be "Sunday", where the listener is challenged...to get through the song. Here, Kele pours on the cheese so thick that it is hard to perceive, with lame lines like, "When I'm with you, I am calm/A pearl in your oyster," followed by a refrain of "I love you in the morning", ugh, c'mon, it sounds as if he stole these lines from old greeting cards.

If you are a BP fan I'm sure you'll pick up this CD without hesitation. But when you're tearing off the plastic wrap and reaching for the Open button, remember, even great bands can make mediocre records, despite how great they actually are.

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FEATURES

THE FALL OF AN IDOL

BY AMANDA WENEC

It's hard for a girl to watch her childhood idol fall to pieces bit by bit. As I'm sure the media has made you all aware, Britney Spears has been going through an all too public breakdown. From the non-stop inebriation, the cocaine rumours, to the three stints in rehab within a day, the 25 year old is on the verge of a complete breakdown- nervous, mental, whatever you want to call it, she is much too young to be in the unstable place she is now.

Growing up during the height of the boy band phenomenon Britney Spears was a welcome addition to the world of Lou Pearlman and male-dominated popular culture. She was a sassy, cute, Southern girl with a big voice and contagious dance moves. I remember on my 14th birthday my mom surprised my best friend and I with tickets to the Britney Spears concert at the Corel Centre. Fourth row on the floor, all of my favorites from *...Baby One More Time*, what more could a fourteen year old girl ask for? Needless to say, the concert was all I expected and more. With numerous outfit changes (no one could wait to see what Britney would come out in), covers by Janet and Madonna (Britney's admitted inspirations), and surprise dance interludes (no one could dance like Britney could) the show would be etched in my memory forever.

In my public school years I always had dreams of becoming a singer. My best friend and I even had a band, with an entirely too-embarrassing name so it will be withheld. We would write all of our songs and choreograph entire concerts in my basement. Britney was always an inspiration to us. We would tape her music videos to mimic her dance moves, attempt to wear our hair like she did, dress like she did, and even write our songs in the same style. We were very Britney-esque. Or at least we tried to be.

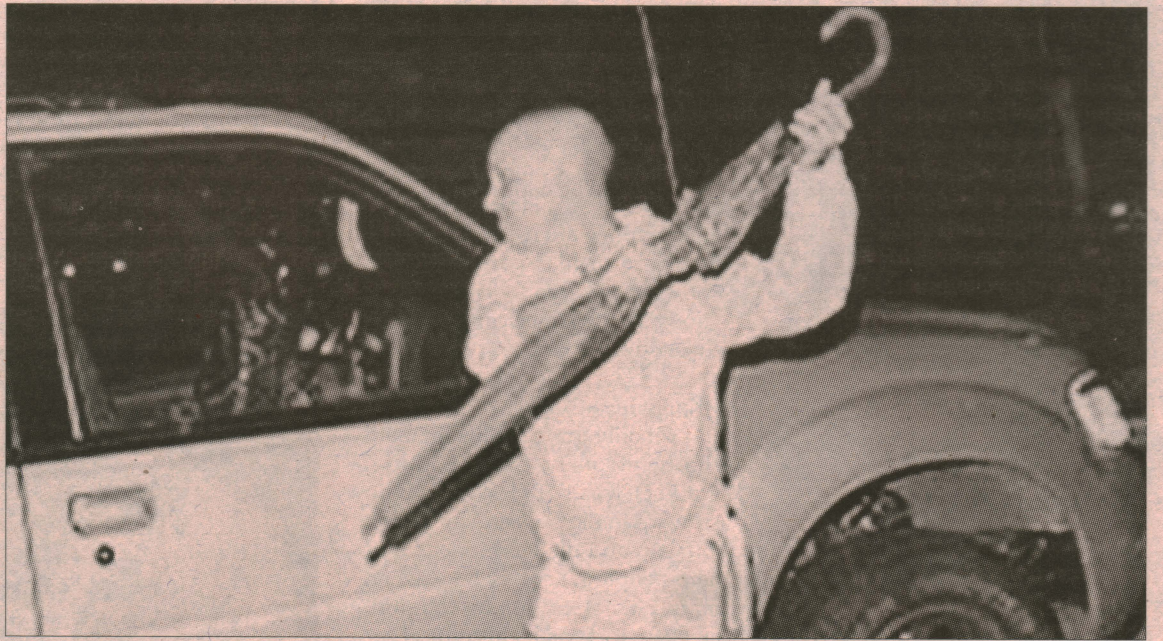
Luckily for me Britney was still an innocent young woman back then. She wore demure outfits,

kept covered up, and sang about innocent highschool crushes. Because if I was that impressionable age now, Britney would be no role model. But perhaps her innocence was just mistaken naivety? In retrospect, thinking back on her schoolgirl outfits, her suggestive song lyrics, her sexy dance moves... she still claimed over and over again that her music had no sexual undertones, yet everything she did was sexy. Could it have been some corporate mastermind taking advantage of a young, naïve mind? In a society where sex sells, it's very easy to cover it up with a young girl claiming it is all innocent. But didn't Britney say herself, "I'm not that innocent"?

That sort of manipulation and misguidance can eventually catch up to a susceptible teenager. Being in the public eye at such a young age has never turned out well in the short term. Look at Macauley Culkin, or Drew Barrymore, both child actors who took the wrong path due to a lack of guidance. Culkin entered a doomed marriage when he was eighteen years old and Drew Barrymore was in rehab by the time she was twelve. I guess Britney was just a late bloomer.

Given too much freedom, too much luxury, and not enough restrictions it's easy for anyone, let alone a teenager, to forget why they are where they are in the first place. Britney's very public breakdown is the reflection of her misguided youth. With months of cocaine rumors and numerous vaginal flashings Britney had hit a new low. At only 25 years old and a mother of two, she is going through a divorce and custody battle. Kevin Federline was never seen as the top-notch parent, with two children with another woman as well as his two with Britney, he was always seen as the irresponsible, insensitive partier. Who knew K-Fed would turn out to be the more desirable parent of the two?

Britney's most recent bizarre behavior consists of going in and out of rehab three times in one day, shaving her entire head of hair off after Kevin threatened to test her



Before: a younger, healthier Spears at a red carpet event (credit: askmen.com)
After: Spears captured attacking paparazzi with umbrella (above).

hair follicles for drug use, a suicide attempt by walking in front of traffic, and an overdose attempt in the same day. Britney's family is finally taking action by cutting off her credit cards and forcing her into rehab. Kevin even threatened an emergency custody hearing to take the boys away unless she finishes a thirty day program in rehab.

One would think this behavior was well foreshadowed. Britney and Kevin's reality show "Chaotic" showcased the blonde as a nonsensical rambler. There was always speculation that she was on one drug or another. She also came off as an attention-needing nymphomaniac, something that didn't change when she started dating post-divorce. Even fellow former-Mouseketeer, Christina Aguilera, said in an interview in 2003 that she thought Britney was a lost little girl who just needed someone to talk to. Could all of this have been prevented if Britney's loved ones had intervened long ago? In the world of entertainment, Los Angeles, and the paparazzi I suppose it's easy for someone to get lost in the shuffle and be unable to distinguish between true pain and mere attention seeking. Lindsay Lohan entered rehab for alcohol addiction yet the day she was released went to the bars three consecutive nights, Mariah

Carey had a nervous breakdown and left the spotlight for years, Isaiih Washington entered rehab for speaking homophobic slurs in order to keep his job. It's hard to tell the sincere troubles from the insincere.

But now, at age twenty, I am a completely different person than I was at fourteen. Looking back, I can see Britney for the lost little girl that she is. I can see through the make-up, the expensive clothes, and the glamour. For any young woman to insist *Slave For You* is not a sexy video - and actually truly believe that - you know she is not getting the advice and guidance that's imperative at that age. It's one thing to be sexy and to own up to it, but it's a whole other thing to be sexy and provocative yet truly believe you are just being fun, flirty, and age appropriate.

I enjoyed watching her rise to success. I anticipated every album that went on sale, each music video that was released, every aspect of her personal life that the media reported on. But there comes a time when you grow up and realize those people you idolized are not really the people you thought they were at all, and it's then that



it breaks your heart to realize their climb up was really just a steady fall to their ruin.

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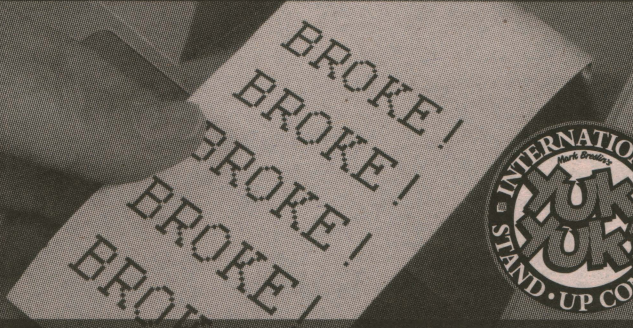


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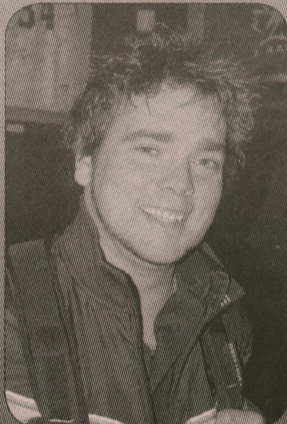
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CRAIG STARKEY

"I saw two guys fight with a broken chair and a high heel shoe."



MARK DOWNEY

"I have no money. I just went to the tanning place."




ADAM KHALFALLA

"I saw penguins."




NICOLE AUBE

"I actually just stayed home and spent nine hours a day on the computer."



ALI HEARD

"I saw two deer while hiking a mountain to get to a friend's house."



NEIL MCLEOD

"I walked across Bras d'Or Lake. I also saw my grandmother and mother get drunk."

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- Escaping reality for a week
- Being high enough to consider shaving your head
- Ray Emery
- Jennifer Hudson
- Amazing Race: All-Stars
- Downtown surveillance cameras that work
- "Rrrolling up the Rim"
- Escaping from rehab
- Martin Scorsese and The Departed
- Post Break Sobriety Vows

- Coming back
- Actually shaving your head
- Justin Peters
- Eddie Murphy
- House of Carters
- Halifax's downtown surveillance cameras
- "Please Play Again"
- Escaping from Prison
- Joan Rivers and The Arrivals
- Knowing you'll be drunk by Thursday

THE SPOT

Q: Hi SS Randy Blue!

I love your column, and I make it a point to read it every week. This week, I have a question of my own. I'm not dating anyone exclusively, but I'm still sexually active. Sometimes, while having sex, I wonder if I'm getting wider, or more loose, especially when my partner is really hitting the spot. Is there anything that I should avoid doing to ensure that I remain as tight as possible for when that special person comes along, other than abstaining?

George
(I'm a girl)

SS Randy Blue

A: George, if your partner is hitting the spot and you're having awesome sex and both you and your partner are enjoying it then I wouldn't avoid anything that you're doing.

As for getting wider and looser, don't worry, it's natural. The more frequently you have sexual intercourse the more relaxed and stretched your vaginal muscles will become. If, however, you feel that you are becoming too loose, say comparable to a sleeve of wizard then there is something you can do. You can thank the good Dr. Kegel for the following exercises.

When you go to the bathroom to urinate then use your pubococcygeal muscles (PC muscles) to try to stop the urination process. Try to stop the flow about two or three times each time you go to the bathroom. Once you have perfected this process you can start practicing outside the bathroom. Next time you're in line at Tim Horton's or listening to the same history lecture for the third time; try to practice your exercises. Squeeze the PC muscles together for eight to ten second increments at a time. If you can't do eight, than start at five seconds and work your way up. Repeat this for approximately one minute at a time. You should be able to do your exercises without anyone being the wiser, they'll think the smile on your face is from the lame joke the professor just told.

Next time you are in bed try these same exercises. You will find yourself having greater orgasms and at a more frequent rate and the extra tension it will put on your boyfriends penis will have him begging for more, and if nothing else...you will find that you will no longer have that nervous spasmic urination when you cough or sneeze.

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Empowerment in Zimbabwe

BY DAVID MILLER

It is hard to not be slightly jaded about the term 'empowerment' when it is now a flavour of toothpaste, but since arriving in Zimbabwe and working with Girl Child Network I have found a new respect for the term. I think it would be hard not to when you get the opportunity to see girls ranging

from age five to eighteen years old standing up in front of crowds of people and reciting poems, singing songs, and telling stories about their own experiences of abuse, rape, or neglect.

Through a federally funded internship program called NetCorps and Canadian Crossroads International, a volunteer sending organization, I have been working

with Girl Child Network (GCN) in Zimbabwe since the end of October, and will be here until early March 2007. This program focuses on sharing skills and knowledge, specifically as it relates to Information and Communication Technologies.

iving I have been concentrating on learning about the large variety of programs and projects



Girl Child Network Director and Founder, Betty Makoni, passes out new journals and certificates to girls in Mupfumi, Zimbabwe
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that Girl Child Network does in Zimbabwe, and how I might be able to develop some databases and communication strategies to help them implement these programs in the future.

The work of GCN in Zimbabwe is positive and empowering, but can be heartbreaking as well. Girls in Zimbabwe tend to be limited in their options and occupy the lowest spot on the social ladder. As a result, they are often placed in situations that leave them vulnerable, out of school, and possibly orphaned. As well, Zimbabwe continues to have some members in their society that believe, and even advocate, the myth that having sex with a virgin will cure HIV or AIDS. This myth has contributed to the phenomenon of rapist-to-child HIV infection, and due to the desperate situation some people with HIV find themselves facing, they resort to having forced sex with younger and younger girls. It is hard to read stories of rape of anyone, but doubly hard when the victims are not yet out of primary school, and in some cases, even in school yet.

This is the context that has led to the creation of GCN by Ms. Betty Makoni, a former teacher, who herself faced rape and abuse as a child. Through her leadership and ideas, GCN began as meetings of girls with Betty Makoni, and eventually spread to other schools with different teacher leaders. In these clubs, girls talked about the numerous issues they faced as well as the issues that forced their friends to drop out of school. As well, these clubs became a place where girls could learn from each other and help each other, and in the process become empowered, in the truest sense of the word.

From these humble beginnings in 1998, GCN has rapidly expanded to meet the needs of girls in Zimbabwe by creating more than 500 clubs in schools across the country with a membership of more than 27 000 people.

Before the Christmas holidays

I was privileged to join GCN staff in attending the launch of a club in one of the rural areas of Zimbabwe. Clubs are easily formed, but only when the members demonstrate empowerment, through naming and shaming abusers, knowing their rights, and a variety of other ways, is a club launched. At launches there are performances by the girls, of poems they have written, dramas, songs, dances, as well as performances by the guests. There are speeches in support of the girls and their mission from school heads, teachers, village chiefs, the police, as well as visiting guests, including politicians and members of the department of education. The girls receive certificates and new journals to document their steps to empowerment. The girls are given new strength and hope for the future through the speeches and support by Betty Makoni and other GCN staff.

Today, GCN has a variety of other programs that help communities support girls, that advocate and lobby the government and policy makers, and produce and collect information on the issues the girls face. As well, GCN operates a 24 hour rescue program for girls at risk, as well as offers referrals and assistance to receive medical care and legal assistance. For girls who have no safe space, there are three villages and one other safe house where the girls can live in safety with counseling support.

Since its inception in 1988, GCN has assisted 20 000 girls who were victims of abuse and reinstated thousands of girls in school. As well, GCN assists girls living with HIV/AIDS, and raises awareness about the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

This opportunity to work with GCN has taught me a lot already about how a simple idea can have massive changes in a society, and how the force of will of one woman can enact this one idea. I hope to share more of my experience in Zimbabwe in the future.

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BY ADAM COSTELLO

It may have taken 16 goals, but when all was said and done the St. Thomas Tommies had stamped their ticket to the AUS Men's Hockey semi-finals -- after a grueling 3-game quarter-final series with the St. Mary's Huskies. The Huskies had an up and down year this season, showing mastery at times in beating the number one ranked team in the country, twice, while 3rd year forward Dan Rudisuela finished the regular season first in AUS scoring (3rd in the CIS) with 45 points, 20 goals and 25 assists. By playoff time, though, the Huskies seemed to just run out of gas. Their line-up was undeniably stretched to the limit.

The Huskies lost 4 of their last 5 regular season games, an unfortunate stretch that saw Captain Jordan Chomack step down for personal reasons and stand out defencemen, Tyler Noye, forced from the line-up with a blood clot in his left lung. In the end, after an exciting playoff series with the Tommies, it was just one goal with 1:13 left on the clock that led to a first round ending to another solid AUS hockey season for St. Mary's.

In game one, the Tommies virtually stole one on the road to take an early lead in the best-of-three quarter-final series. Also beat up with injuries, the Tommies showed they had no intention of losing another quarter-final series to St. Mary's as they did last year, catching Saint Mary's rookie goalie Brandon Verge on a bad night and beating the Huskies 5-3 at the Halifax Forum. While by no means was this a lucky win, St. Thomas seemed to get all the bounces in this one, catching Verge out of position and scoring on a few pure floaters to seal the deal before it was even on the table.

While Brandon McBride and Scott Brophy both managed scrambling rebound goals for SMU, the Tommies had built up a 5-2 lead after two periods, chasing Verge from the net and forcing the Huskies to utilize now back-up veteran goalie Cory Roberts in the third period. That period proved to be the only one throughout the entire series where a goal did not reach the back of the St. Mary's net. League scoring champ Dan Rudisuela scored a beauty with the man advantage in the third but the deficit was still too deep to mount a realistic comeback, as the Huskies were left faced with the peril of heading to Fredericton down 1-0 in the series.

The games seemed to get progressively more exciting in this series as St. Mary's came out with a vengeance in game two. Second year defenceman, Scott Hotham, who has been an integral part of the teams success all season, scored his second goal of the game just 18 seconds into overtime to give his team a 5-4 victory and keep the Huskies' season alive.

After Chris Morrison potted one in the first, Rudisuela and Hotham each scored in the second to even the game at 3 heading into the final frame. Nathan Beausoleil then put the Huskies ahead by one in the third, but Justin Roy of the Tommies caught Verge sleeping



Photo by Adam Costello

just 15 seconds later to even the score once again, sending the game to overtime tied at four.

That set the stage for Hotham's overtime goal for the win, which was almost unbelievable considering the Huskies were down to four defencemen after Greg Hoffe hurt his shoulder during warm-ups and SMU forward Bobby McBride left the game after a couple of shifts with an injured groin. SMU goalie Brandon Verge put together 26 saves in what would prove to be his best performance of the series.

Game three was set. In front of over 1080 spectators at The Forum last Sunday night, the biggest showing of the season, the Huskies shortened bench immediately showed their fans that offence would not be a problem. First year St. Mary's forward, Kyle Doucet, opened the scoring just 30 seconds into the game to give his team the lead for about a minute and a half, until STU tied it up at 2:08. Then, while on the power play with about 5 minutes left in the first, the tired Huskies defence allowed Justin McCutcheon to squeak through at the blue-line, allowing him to streak in on a short-handed breakaway and score a dazzling 5-hole goal through Verge, giving STU their first lead of the game. Less than two minutes later, though, on another power play, Colin Power banged in a rebound to tie it up once again. Doucet then potted his second of the night to give SMU a 3-2 lead with just under a minute left.

St. Mary's opened the second period on a high and managed a short-handed goal of their own, with Ryan Rorabeck scoring his first of the series. Just as St. Mary's looked to be pulling away with it, STU forward Aaron Lobb scored back-to-back goals just over 3 minutes apart to tie the game 4-4. Five minutes later, the Tommies managed to convert for their first power play

goal of the game and the St. Mary's lead quickly turned into a one-goal deficit, however, SMU had no intention on heading into the second break without the momentum. St. Mary's forwards buzzed around Tommies goalie Matt Davis as the period ticked down until Scott Brophy finally grabbed a loose puck and fired it by Davis' glove side, once again evening the score.

In the third, both teams looked tired but SMU seemed to have the momentum throughout the first half of the period. With a thousand fans all crossing their fingers for a goal, Kyle Doucet came through in netting an imperative marker for the home team, notching his third of the night for a hat-trick. The Huskies were up 6-5 with the period starting to wind down. Brandon Verge made two or three spectacular saves as the Tommies pressed for several minutes but it eventually proved too much. Kyle McAllister finally beat a flopping Verge with just 8 minutes to go. The game was tied at 6.

The two teams then started trading scoring chances until something happened that could have changed the Huskies entire season. A shot was fired at the Tommies net that beat Davis, and in an instant the puck seemingly rang off the cross-bar and ricochet downward, hitting the side post and curving out almost like a baseball pitch. Seen from an angle absolutely parallel with the side plane of the net, an angle the referee who waved "no goal" was nowhere near, it actually looked like the pucks side-spin carried

it on a trajectory slightly inwards onto the perpendicular bar behind the goal line. It then hit the bar at an upwards angled spin that fired it back downward off the side post and out, making it seem like it had only hit the crossbar. It may very well have been called a goal if instant replay had been available. This not being the NHL, however, there is no way the referee could have examined it as being a goal in anyway, so play went on.

Minutes later the season ended for the Huskies, as Justin Bowers got a weak one past Verge to put his team ahead by one with just over a minute left. SMU tried pulling Verge and pushed for the equalizer, but to no avail; The St. Thomas Tommies will go on to face a top seeded Moncton team in the semi-final and the St. Mary's Huskies will now look to next year.

Brandon Verge posted a

6.00 GAA and a .777 save percentage during the series with St. Thomas, perhaps not his best showing of his young AUS career. It could be argued that veteran goalie, Cory Roberts, having put up solid numbers throughout his career while at SMU, should have been given a chance to save the series in his fourth year with the team. On the other hand though, the St. Mary's Huskies have a solid group of returning players and Verge is pegged as the Huskies stopper of the future -- and for good reason -- he definitely earned his chance this season. The former Quebec Major Junior Hockey League netminder posted a 10-10 regular season record, and had the second-best GAA (2.90) and the second-best save percentage (.913) in the AUS. Every player on the roster besides Roberts and Gregory Hoffe are in their first, second or third year at St. Mary's, so the chemistry, heart, and leadership this team showed all season can do nothing but gain momentum in the years to follow.

And then there is Coach Trevor Stienburg. Almost single-handedly recruiting players year-in and year-out, he is one of the most fundamental and down to earth "player's" coaches in hockey. He has, for the second straight year, despite countless key players graduating and getting injured, proved his Huskies should never be counted out. He seems to bring a sort of spirited moral fiber to this team; an atmosphere of rugged discipline and old fashioned values that the game of hockey in its entirety should be desperately trying to hold on to. He will no doubt continue to fuel the competitive nature of the men's hockey program he helped turn around 10 years ago. Watch out for these Huskies next year.



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THE JOURNAL

SPORTS ROLLBACK

WOMEN'S HOCKEY PLAYOFF'S UPON US, UNB FIRST FOE

The St. Mary's Huskies women's hockey team rounded out their regular season with a 4-1 win over Dalhousie last week. Zoe Launcelott had a goal and two assists for Saint Mary's while Joyce Spruyt, Courtney Schriver and Melinda Kaye scored the other 3 St. Mary's goals. Dalhousie led 1-0 after Kate Tweedie scored just 3:19 into the game. The Huskies went up 3-1 when Spruyt got a short-handed marker at 13:15 of the second. Dal netminder Kristen Ladouceur made 34 saves while SMU goalie Jillian MacIsaac turned aside 26 shots. St. Mary's finishes the season as the number 3 seed behind Moncton and St. FX. The tournament begins Thursday as the Huskies face the number 6 seeded UNB Varsity Reds at 12:30 p.m. while tournament host, No. 4 St. Thomas takes on the No. 5 Dalhousie Tigers at 3:30 p.m.

ZIDANE HEADING TO AMERICA? NOT FOR THAT MUCH MONEY

French soccer legend Zinedine Zidane is keeping quiet about rumours that speculate he will come out of retirement to play in the United States, following in the footsteps of former Real Madrid teammate David Beckham. Zidane was in Thailand for a charity match last week and would not discuss the rumours that the three-time FIFA World Player of the Year might follow Beckham's lucrative switch to play club soccer in the United States.

While David Beckham's playing contract was originally seen as lucrative enough to lure anyone in their right mind to play in North America, it was also revealed last week that his playing contract with the Los Angeles Galaxy is only worth about US\$27.5 million in base salary over the five seasons for which he signed. That is only a fraction of the \$250 million income figure originally announced for the English star when he agreed to the deal last month. Beckham's average base salary of about \$5.5 million was disclosed last Friday by a person who had been briefed on the deal and who spoke on condition of anonymity because those details had not been announced. AEG, the company that runs the

Galaxy, trumpeted a far higher figure when Beckham's agreement was announced. Beckham's contract, according to several people familiar with the details, is a complex and probably unique arrangement that gives the 31-year-old midfielder a percentage of club sponsorship, merchandizing and uniform sales contracts. Promotional arrangements also are included, which is why AEG announced the highly inflated salary. Still, Beckham will easily be MLS' highest-paid player. Chivas USA's Juan Francisco Palencia was tops last season at \$1.36 million - a \$692,308 salary with about \$668,000 in bonuses. The Galaxy's Landon Donovan was second at \$900,000, followed by Kansas City's Eddie Johnson at \$875,000, the Post reported.

Beckham recently regained his starting position with Real Madrid and his recent play has improved his chances of rejoining England's national team for next month's European Championship qualifiers against Israel and Andorra. Beckham stepped down as the national team's captain after England was eliminated in last summer's World Cup quarter-finals, and Coach Steve McClaren dropped him from the roster.

FINALLY A BRAWL WORTH TALKING ABOUT (CARMELO WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED)

Sabres co-captain Chris Drury is out indefinitely with a suspected concussion after a blindside hit by Ottawa's Chris Neil that sparked a now widely televised brawl, the first of its kind in quite awhile. Drury required more than 20 stitches to close a forehead gash after landing headfirst. Neil was not penalized and said after the game the hit was clean and Drury should have had his head up. When the puck hit the ice on the ensuing faceoff, Buffalo's Adam Mair crosschecked then punched Jason Spezza, while Andrew Peters grabbed Ottawa's Dany Heatley across the face from behind. All 12 players on the ice became involved. In the end, 100 penalty minutes were handed out - 63 against Buffalo - and three players ejected. Drury, who scored his team-leading 33rd goal during the game, becomes the eighth Sabres regular to be out with an injury. It's

a list that includes forward Maxim Afinogenov (broken wrist), defenceman Jaroslav Spacek (broken hand) and centre Tim Connolly, who's missed the entire season with a concussion. Buffalo had at least one player injured six straight games. If you haven't seen the brawl yet, a brawl which featured a goalie fight and almost a coach fight, youtube had it up the very next day. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TbZAua6JJ4>.

TOMLINSON'S FATHER DIES IN CAR CRASH

The father of NFL MVP LaDainian Tomlinson was killed last week when the pickup truck in which he was riding blew a tire and flipped on a highway. Tomlinson was 71.

The driver was his brother in law, Ronald C. McClain, and was rushed by ambulance to Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center, where he was listed in critical condition and later was pronounced dead. Witnesses reported that a tire on the 1969 Chevrolet truck blew, causing the truck to swerve out of control and flip over near an intersection east of Waco near Asa. Both men were thrown from the truck. Jewel Tomlinson, Oliver's wife and LaDainian's stepmother, said her husband and McClain had been returning to Waco after a trip to the family home in Tomlinson Hill. She said Oliver, who lived in Chilton, had been staying in Waco recently while recovering from an illness. LaDainian Tomlinson starred at Waco's University High School before going on to TCU and the San Diego Chargers.

CORY DILLON NO LONGER PATRIOTIC

Corey Dillon, who is 14th on the NFL's career rushing list, is likely to be playing for a team other than New England next season. Dillon's agent, Steve Feldman, said last week that his client will ask the Patriots for his release and that the team is likely to grant it by March 2, the start of free agency. Dillon told The Boston Globe that he would probably retire, but Feldman, while acknowledging that retirement is a possibility, said it is unlikely. "Corey does not have to play, but he still figures he's got a couple of years left as a premier performer and the Patriots have

been kind enough to understand that," he said. Dillon will not resign with the Patriots, Feldman said. Dillon, 32, is the top active runner in the NFL, with 11,241 career yards in seven seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals and three with the Patriots. He has three years remaining on his current contract and was scheduled to count \$4.4 million against the salary cap in 2007. In his first year with New England in 2004, after he was acquired from the Bengals for a second-round draft pick, Dillon ran for a regular-season franchise record 1,635 yards on 345 carries and helped the team beat the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21 in the Super Bowl. His production dropped off the next two years. He had 733 yards on 209 carries 2005 while battling a high ankle sprain. Dillon had 812 yards on 199 carries last season when he split duties with rookie Laurence Maroney.

PACMAN GETTING TOO GREEDY FOR CHERRIES

Adam "Pacman" Jones, entangled in a triple shooting at a Las Vegas strip club, might not be on the Tennessee Titans' roster next season. Jones, who is under contract through 2009, has not been charged in connection with the shootings that left one man paralyzed. But police seized more than \$81,000 in bills they say belongs to Jones and sparked the melee and the shooting. Jones was showering more than 40 strippers onstage early Feb. 19 with cash "intended as a visual effect," a search warrant said. But a scuffle broke out when the Houston promoter who hired the strippers told them to pick up the money. The promoter, identified as Chris Mitchell, and a male associate took a plastic trash bag containing Jones' money and walked out the front door, the warrant says. Police recovered the money and two watches inside a safe at Mitchell's hotel room Feb. 19. Club co-owner Robert Susnar has said the gunman arrived with and left with Jones and his party. This is the eighth time Jones has at least been interviewed by police since the Titans drafted him with the sixth pick overall in 2005. Criminal charges have been lodged against Jones three times over nightclub altercations. Charges were dismissed in two of the cases, but in the third Jones was ordered

to stay out of trouble until July 5 if he wants his criminal record cleared of public intoxication and disorderly conduct charges. Jones led the NFL in punt returns last season and tied a franchise record with three returned for touchdowns. He also is the Titans' best cornerback. Shooting apparently followed a scene where Jones was seen throwing one dollar bills at the club and allegedly tried to beat up one of the strippers when she picked them up.

FORMER NBA GREAT PASSES

Dennis Johnson, the star NBA guard who was part of three championships and teamed with Boston Celtics' great Larry Bird on one of the great postseason plays, died Thursday after collapsing at the end of his developmental team's practice. He was 52. Johnson, coach of the Austin Toros, was unconscious and in cardiac arrest when paramedics arrived at Austin Convention Center, said Warren Hassinger, spokesman for Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services. Paramedics tried to resuscitate him for 23 minutes before he was taken to hospital and pronounced dead. Johnson, a five-time all-star and one of the top defensive guards, was part of the last Boston dynasty. He spent 14 seasons in the league and retired after the 1989-'90 season. He played on title teams with the Celtics in 1984 and 1986 and with the Seattle SuperSonics in 1979, when he was the NBA final MVP. He averaged 14.1 points and 5.0 assists for his career. When he retired, he was the 11th player in NBA history to total 15,000 points and 5,000 assists. Johnson made one all-NBA first team and one second team. Six times he made the all-defensive first team, including five consecutive seasons (1979-'83).

ULLRICH QUILTS BEFORE GETTING CAUGHT

Former Tour de France champion Jan Ullrich retired from cycling Monday amid continuing investigations of his alleged role in a Spanish doping scandal. The 33-year-old German, who won the Tour in 1997 and was runner-up five times, said he will stay in the sport as a consultant for the Austrian-based Volksbank team.



Women's Basketball
CHAMPIONSHIPS
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Friday, March 2
6:00pm SMU vs CBU
8:00pm UNB vs StFX

Saturday, March 3
5:00pm DAL vs lowest remaining seed
7:00pm MUN vs highest remaining seed

Sunday, March 4
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Women's Volleyball Wins Second Straight AUS Title

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The Saint Mary's Huskies had their work cut out for them this year. But despite the poor odds given to them during their quest for a 3rd AUS volleyball championship in 4 years, they are champions once again.

Two weekends ago in Fredericton, the Huskies used a seemingly unstoppable offence to beat the Acadia Axewomen 3 games to 1 to win the match and reach the top of the AUS for the second straight year. The score-lines were 25-17, 25-22, 15-25, 25-18. Strong blocking was supported by Ashley Wicks collecting 16 kills, Tara Matheson adding 11 and Danielle Shortall finishing with 10 for the Huskies, who began the match strong and never looked back.

While last year they were heavily favored to win the championship, this year the Huskies

finished the season with an 11-10 record, good enough for only 4th place heading into the playoffs. The Huskies, however, possessed one thing in this tournament that records simply cannot express: Experience. Wicks, Matheson and Shortall have all been around for all 3 championships and that experience proved invaluable as they swept aside the host and top-seeded UNB Varsity Reds the night before to set up the final with Acadia. In that game Ashley Wicks and Janesse Boudreau had 11 and nine kills, respectively, in a sweep of the V-Reds by score-lines of 25-20, 25-22, 25-21. UNB finished the season with a record of 16-5, 10 points higher than the SMU in the standings.

Standings meant little in this tournament though, as the St. Mary's Women were ready to play from the tournaments commence. In the first game, the Huskies

swept the Cape Breton Capers, 25-15, 25-19, 25-18. Katelyn Cross, a rookie setter from Truro, NS, recorded 32 assists, 4 aces and 7 digs in the win. In the semi-final against UNB, Cross registered 29 assists, 2 aces and 4 digs and in the championship game, she was named the Player of the Game after contributing 46 assists and 7 digs. With all the experience, the Huskies roster was bolstered with, it was a rookie, Cross, who was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. She recorded 107 assists in 10 sets, boding well for the future of this already young Huskies team.

The Huskies will now represent the AUS conference at the Canadian university championship, set for March 1-3 in Calgary.



Courtesy of SMU Athletics

2006-07 BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(as of Feb. 25, 2007)

Womens	G	4W	2W	L	Home	Road	F	A	Pts
xy-Dalhousie	20	7	9	4	9-1	7-3	1413	1233	46
x-Cape Breton	20	4	11	5	8-1	7-4	1394	1190	38
x-Memorial	19	5	8	6	9-1	4-5	1299	1140	36
x-UNB	20	6	5	9	7-3	4-6	1401	1350	34
x-StFX	19	4	6	9	6-4	4-5	1132	1145	28
x-Saint Mary's	20	3	2	15	3-7	2-8	1162	1357	16
Acadia	20	2	3	15	3-8	2-7	1127	1289	14
UPEI	20	0	4	16	1-8	3-8	1190	1414	8

Mens	G	4W	2W	L	Home	Road	F	A	Pts
XY-Cape Breton	19	7	8	4	8-1	7-3	1468	1266	44
x-StFX	18	6	6	6	7-2	5-4	1405	1269	36
x-Acadia	19	5	8	6	8-2	5-4	1382	1306	36
x-UPEI	20	7	1	12	4-5	4-7	1423	1474	30
x-Saint Mary's	19	4	6	9	7-3	3-6	1375	1367	28
x-Dalhousie	19	1	7	11	7-3	1-8	1330	1467	18
UNB	19	0	5	14	3-6	2-8	1400	1556	10
Memorial	19	0	5	14	4-6	1-8	1419	1497	10

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Game 18	Tuesday, Feb 20	StFX	70	SMU	58	6 p.m.
Game 19	Saturday, Feb 24	UNB	67	SMU	68	3 p.m.
Game 20	Sunday, Feb 25	CBU	84	SMU	62	2 p.m.

MENS BASKETBALL

Game 17	Tuesday, Feb 20	StFX	78	SMU	76	8 p.m.
Game 18	Saturday, Feb 24	UNB	87	SMU	100	5 p.m.
Game 19	Sunday, Feb 25	CBU	61	SMU	68	4 p.m.



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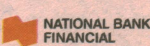
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