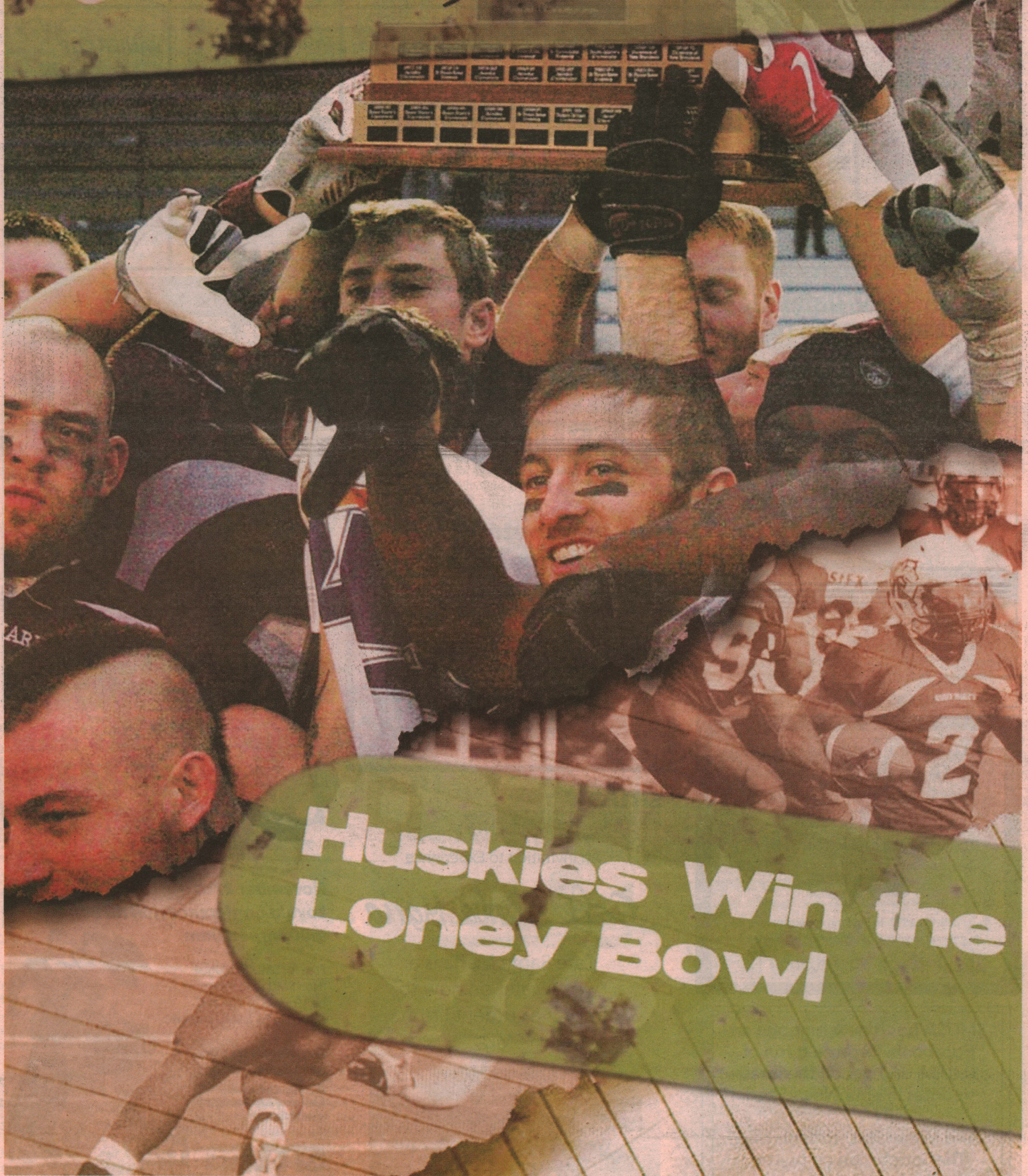




# THE JOURNAL



**Huskies Win the Loney Bowl**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>CAMPUS CALENDAR</b>	<b>LEGEND</b> Presented by SMUSA Sporting Event / SMU Athletics Academic Event or Presented by SMU Alcohol Available No Entry Fee for SMU Students No Minors (19 years+ only) Gorsebrook Special To get your event added to the Campus Calendar, send an email to <a href="mailto:marketing.manager@smusa.ca">marketing.manager@smusa.ca</a>		<b>November 18</b> <b>OPEN MIC NIGHT</b> The Gorsebrook Lounge 9:30 pm SA \$	<b>19</b> <b>HARD HATS FOR HABITAT - Construction Costume Party</b> The Gorsebrook Lounge 9:30 pm SA \$	<b>20</b> <b>MR. SMU COMPETITION</b> The Gorsebrook Lounge 9:30 pm SMUSA Board of Directors Meeting SMUSA Boardroom 4:30-6:30pm SA <b>Brunch</b> The Gorsebrook Lounge noon-2:00 pm C	<b>21/22</b> <b>UTECK BOWL</b> CALGARYvsSMU @ 1:00 pm The Gorsebrook Lounge open @ 12 for the game. Tickets @ <a href="http://ticketatlantic.com">ticketatlantic.com</a> <b>WOMAN'S HOCKEY</b> Sat: McGillvsSMU @ 4:00 pm Alumni Arena <b>WOMAN'S HOCKEY</b> Sun: CONCORDIAvsSMU @ 12:00 pm Alumni Arena
	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm L290 <b>TRIVIA TUESDAY</b> The Gorsebrook Lounge 7:00 pm SA \$	<b>25</b> <b>CAFE SANTA MARIA</b> Student Centre Cafeteria 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm *Free Food SA \$ <b>OPEN MIC NIGHT</b> The Gorsebrook Lounge 9:30 pm SA \$	<b>26</b> <b>MOVEMBER PARTY</b> The Gorsebrook Lounge 9:00 pm Donation Cover Optional 50/50 draw and prizes SA \$	<b>27</b> <b>SNOW BALL</b> Loyola Conference Hall 290 9:00 pm all ages! Wet/Dry (I.D. req'd) SA \$ <b>WOMAN'S HOCKEY</b> StFXvsSMU @ 7:00 pm Alumni Arena	<b>28/29</b> <b>VANIER CUP</b> Sat @ Laval <b>MEN'S HOCKEY</b> Sat: DALvsSMU @ 7:00 pm The Halifax Forum

**SMUSA Tutor Database is back and we need tutors!**

To search for a tutor or apply to be a tutor, visit [www.smusa.ca/tdb](http://www.smusa.ca/tdb). You will need to create an account with us to access the database or apply to be a tutor.

**Terms and conditions for becoming a tutor:**

- Tutors will provide a free 20 minute consultation with the student.
- Tutors will charge no more than \$15.00 an hour for their services.
- Tutors are responsible for arranging for payment with their student.
- SMUSA is not responsible for any transactions.
- You need to have an A- in the class you wish to tutor.

[WWW.SMUSA.CA/TDB](http://WWW.SMUSA.CA/TDB)

SEARCH FOR A TUTOR      APPLY TO BE A TUTOR



**STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY**

You could win a Netbook or \$300 in tuition credit!

Fill out the survey online at [smusa.ca](http://smusa.ca)

**\$5 tax included**

**Poor Student Lunch**  
**Gorsebrook Lounge**  
**2pm -4pm daily**

Mon/Weds/Fri  
**Chef's Choice Special**

Tues/Thurs  
**Soup and Sandwich Special**

*That's a Dandy Deal!*

ARAMARK Gorsebrook Lounge SMUSA

**Attention Potential Grads**  
**Graduation Pictures**  
 About iMage will be on campus November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in the Private Dining Room (PDR)

**smusa**  
 Saint Mary's University Students' Association

call 429-1977 to book an appointment to guarantee your Grad Photo in the Yearbook

**About iMage Photography Co.**

SMUSA has a new fanpage on Facebook. Become a fan of SMUSA and get all the latest updates in your News Feed.

Also follow SMUstudents and TheGorsebrook on twitter

**smusa**  
 Saint Mary's University Students' Association

PRESENTS  
 An Invitation to Experience

**Café Santa Maria**

Café Santa Maria is a "world café" on how to improve student life at SMU

Come enjoy free food and share your brilliant ideas

Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>  
 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

*Saint Mary's*  
**SNOWBALL**  
*A Semi-Formal Affair*

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Loyola Conference Hall (L290)**  
**9:00pm - 1:00am**

Free for SMU Students! (Non SMU students must be 19 years of age and signed in by a SMU student).

**This event is Wet/Dry** (valid ID required)

Please drink responsibly. Admittance may be refused at staffs' discretion.

**smusa**  
 Saint Mary's University Students' Association

**1013 BOUNCE**

# PERSPECTIVES

JEFF CUSACK  
Editor-in-Chief



THE JOURNAL  
SUITE 517, STUDENT CENTRE  
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY  
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA  
B3H 3C3  
902.496.8201  
THESMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
JEFF CUSACK  
THESMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM

NEWS EDITOR  
KIM DARES  
NEWS.SMU@GMAIL.COM

SPORTS EDITOR  
JASON MACDONALD  
SPORTS.SMU@GMAIL.COM

SCIENCE & BUSINESS EDITOR  
MONIQUE JOHNSON  
BUSINESS.SMU@GMAIL.COM

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR  
NICK MADORE  
ARTS.SMU@GMAIL.COM

FEATURES EDITOR  
ALEX CLARKE  
FEATURES.SMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM

ART DIRECTOR  
MARLON SOLIS  
DESIGNS.SMU@GMAIL.COM

BUSINESS MANAGER/AD MANAGER  
TAFARRAH WILLIAMS  
BUSINESSMANAGER.SMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM

DISTRIBUTION MANAGER  
ELIAM CHIKANGE

WEBSITE MANAGER  
KEVIN YU

THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS

THE JOURNAL IS THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY. THE PAPER IS PUBLISHED EACH WEDNESDAY BY THE JOURNAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY, AND FUNDED IN PART BY THE STUDENT BODY.

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO SUBMIT PIECES OF WORK FOR PUBLICATION IN THE JOURNAL. THESE SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOON ON SUNDAY THROUGH THE PROVIDED EMAIL ADDRESSES. SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THESMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM OR AT WWW.SMUJOURNAL.CA. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR MAY BE NO MORE THAN 400 WORDS. ALL SUBMISSIONS MAY BE SUBJECT TO EDITING.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROOF-READ, VISIT THE OFFICE ON MONDAY MORNINGS. ALL PIECES ARE SUBJECT TO THE JOURNAL GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION. (AVAILABLE ON REQUEST). THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE JOURNAL ARE THOSE OF THE AUTHORS AND NOT NECESSARILY OF THE JOURNAL OR SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY.

**CORRECTIONS POLICY**

THE SMU JOURNALS STRIVES TO PROVIDE ACCURACY AND CORRECT INFORMATION TO THE SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY. HOWEVER THERE IS ALWAYS A DEGREE OF IMPERFECTION. AS SUCH WE PROMISE TO CORRECT THEM AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU SPOT AN ERROR PLEASE REPORT IT TO THESMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Individualism is Surprisingly Conformist Sometimes

JEFF CUSACK  
Editor-in-Chief

This isn't an article about how Goths, in an attempt to be individual, all end up looking the same; we all know this. But still, individualism is an interesting concept. Famous philosophers such as Ayn Rand have championed individualism as the key to a moral life. Modern champions of individualism often brand those who focus on the value of the community, or who believe in community oriented institutions such as religion, as sheep. Ironically, many of these so-called "individualists" tend not to be disorganized for long, and instead build increasingly structured and homogenized organizations, while continuing

to champion individualism. To me, individualism is more about freedom and a "live and let live" philosophy, rather than relentlessly attempting to ensure that everyone thinks as "individually" as everyone else.

The issue of individualism recently reared its head in a few different ways across the globe. In Italy, a woman recently complained about the widespread presence of the Crucifix in Italian schools. The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) found that this woman's rights were being violated by restricting the right of the parent to educate their child as an atheist. The courts ordered Italy to remove the crosses from all of its schools. Taken at first glance, this situation seems to be a triumph of individualism, but this is not so. This is a triumph of an individual, which

is a very different thing. According to Italian law, the decision to put up a cross or other symbol is left up to the individual institution, in this case the teachers or principals. By forcing Italian schools to remove their crosses uniformly, they are taking away the individual agency of schools to decide what is appropriate for them. Similarly, the banning of all religious forms of expression in France is conformism, not individualism. The individualist approach in this case would be to allow the students in France and the schools in Italy to decide for themselves, even if the schools all decide the same way.

Surprisingly, it has been Poland which has reacted the most strongly to the ECHR's decision to ban Italy's classroom crosses. Under the Soviet Union the Polish were prohibited

from displaying religious symbols. The country now has crosses and other traditional symbols on display in many locations as a sign of its hard fought struggle to gain the right of freedom of expression. According to Poland, no matter what the ECHR says, they will never take down their crosses. What the Polish government understands is that these rulings limit individualism, not maintain it. If the Italian crosses were part of a widespread indoctrination system it might be a different matter, but sometimes a cherished cultural symbol should be seen as just that: a cherished cultural symbol.

In Canada, a different situation recently occurred during a stopover by Prince Charles in Quebec. A mass of Separatist protesters gathered and began hurling slogans and insults at the Royals. A massive political movement like the Quebec nationalist movement is intimidating, particularly when there are a hundred and fifty of them gathered in a single place, it's a group that can be hard to stand up to, but one woman did.

Suzanne Reny approached the group, by herself, and began protesting them. She didn't have an issue with their right to be there, but with their choice to be there and the content of what they were saying. If one reads English language newspapers, it would be easy to believe that everyone in Quebec wants to leave or is at least indifferent to the idea of Canada. "If they are going to come here as a gang and say 'We're the Jeunes Patriotes' and all that stuff and 'we represent Quebec,' well, I'm here to say they don't represent Quebec," she said. Reny just wanted her view to be counted.

Many of the separatists were also individualists like Reny, only they believed something different. Other separatists were not about individualism, but about advancing their beliefs and silencing others. When they decided to act physically against Reny, the separatists who were truly about freedom and individuality acted in her defence. While everyone in the group may have been committed to an independent Quebec, only some were committed to an individual one.

Disagree with my opinion? That's cool, I'm just one guy. Send your thoughts and comments to thesmujournal@gmail.com

**NAME:** Shuy Karmaker  
**YOUR ROOTS:** Bangladesh  
**PROGRAM:** Arts/Economics  
**FAVORITE FOOD BACK HOME:** Fuchka  
**COOL EXPRESSION IN YOUR LANGUAGE:** "Ki Obostha?"  
**HOBBIES:** Music, Guitar, Rock Climbing, Football (soccer)

**NAME:** Marlon Solis  
**YOUR ROOTS:** Philippines  
**PROGRAM:** Commerce/Marketing  
**FAVORITE FOOD BACK HOME:** Nasi Goreng  
**COOL EXPRESSION IN YOUR LANGUAGE:** "Bagus Sekali!"  
**HOBBIES:** Drawing, Painting, Playing Computer Games

**NAME:** Fernando Oliveira  
**YOUR ROOTS:** Brazil  
**PROGRAM:** Commerce/Management  
**FAVORITE FOOD BACK HOME:** Churrasco  
**COOL EXPRESSION IN YOUR LANGUAGE:** "Belezal!"  
**HOBBIES:** Football (soccer), Traveling, Partying

**NAME:** Sarita Teixeira  
**YOUR ROOTS:** Brazil  
**PROGRAM:** Commerce/Economics  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Churrasco  
**COOL EXPRESSION IN YOUR LANGUAGE:** "Arrasa!"  
**HOBBIES:** Traveling, Partying, Gym

Brought to you by the  
Saint Mary's International Center  
Nicholas Sylver Reyes  
International Student Coordinator

## Teach English Abroad



**TESOL/TEFL Teacher Training Certification Courses**

- Intensive 60-Hour Program
- Classroom Management Techniques
- Detailed Lesson Planning
- ESL Skills Development
- Comprehensive Teaching Materials
- Interactive Teaching Practicum
- Internationally Recognized Certificate
- Teacher Placement Service
- Money-Back Guarantee Included
- Thousands of Satisfied Students

**OXFORD SEMINARS**  
1-800-269-6719/416-924-3240  
www.oxfordseminars.ca

Oh crap! Everybody died! I'm the last person left alive on the planet!

Oh crrraaaaaaa-

THREE WEEKS EARLIER... You know what's dumb? MY MP3 PLAYER.

How is your MP3 player dumb, T-Rex?

It should have one of those accelerometers or whatever in it, so it can charge itself from my motions throughout the day!

Those wouldn't generate nearly enough power!

Okay, that's dumb too!

we should have something that can turn the motion of my legs into enough electricity to keep an MP3 player charged. There, I just invented it. Someone implement it now okay??

There are physical limits to what a

OH MY GOD JUST DO IT OKAY??

SORRY WE WENT A WEEK OR SO TOO FAR BACK; THE EVENTS THAT LED TO EVERYONE DYING HAVEN'T REALLY STARTED YET

SORRY

LISTEN, THANK YOU FOR READING MY COMIC TODAY

Dinosaur Comics | Ryan North  
http://www.qwantz.com



## NEWS

KIMBERLEY DARES  
News Editor

## Blood Donor Clinic at SMU

KIMBERLEY DARES  
News Editor

Canadian Blood Services will be holding a blood donor clinic on-campus Tuesday November 24th between 12 and 4pm. There are 73 appointment times available and walk-ins are usually welcomed.

Donating is easy and (relatively) painless. The whole process usually takes less than 45 minutes and each donation can save up to three people. It is estimated that every minute someone in Canada will require a blood transfusion yet only about 4% of eligible Canadians donate blood each year.

Unlike the system in the United States, donors are not paid as recipients of blood donations as patients do not pay to receive it. Those who donate many times a year are often recognized for their contributions.

There is always a large push for blood donation around the holiday season. Although it is a time of celebration there is also an increased risk for injury. Poor weather conditions and bad decision making lead to many accidents that leave people requiring blood transfusions. Poor weather also limits the ability of donors to make it out to clinics

and flu season can place a strain on the number of people able to donate.

Each donation of one unit consists of a pint of blood. To give some perspective to how much blood is needed victims of automobile accidents may require up to 50 units

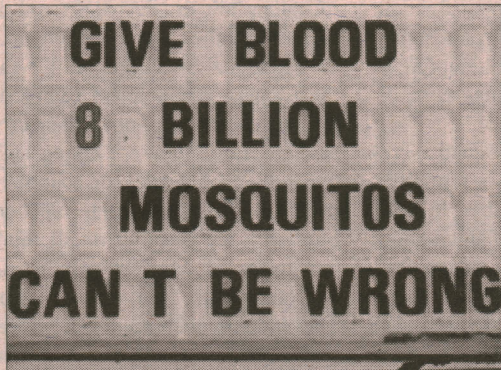


Photo Credit: bloodbanker.com

of blood, cancer treatments can require up to 8 units a week.

Donating does not hurt any more than receiving a regular needle. Many who donate do not experience any pain at all. If experienced, it is typically a feeling of moderate pressure at the point of entry. Canadian Blood Services staff members are extremely reassuring for individuals who are uncom-

fortable and do everything possible to ensure a positive experience.

If getting H1N1 is a concern, it cannot be contracted through blood donation. That being said if you are sick with the flu it is recommended you wait until you are fully recovered before donating. All needles and equipment used are sterile, as only new needles are used and donors are not at risk of contracting any transmissible diseases when donating. Drinking plenty of fluids and eating before and after donating is recommended to keep yourself healthy.

Currently, there is an immediate need for O- type blood in Canada, but donors of all blood types are welcome to donate anytime.

If you are interested in giving blood but unavailable during the hours of the clinic at SMU you can call or visit the Canadian Blood Services website to find another clinic nearby. The main branch offices are located on the corner of Göttingen Street and donations can be made there. There are also volunteer opportunities with Canadian Blood Services if needles make you squeamish or you do not meet all the requirements.

For more information call 1-888-236-6283 or visit [www.bloodservices.ca](http://www.bloodservices.ca).

## Keep the Noise Down

KIMBERLEY DARES  
News Editor

Partying seems to be a part of the university student lifestyle. Saturday night's were not intended for quiet reflection or studying, right? Actually, it depends on who you ask. In the South End, student housing is intermingled with family housing which can lead to problems for partygoer's.

The author of this article was recently at a party at an apartment in the South End in which to police arrived in response to a noise complaint from neighbours. Three officers arrived and spoke to the owners of the apartment about the situation. Luckily they were given a warning for their first offense, but not before being told that if the police had to return the residents of the apartment would be issued a ticket for \$450.

After the police had left, others attending

the party all offered different ideas about the visit. Some said "You can't be given a ticket on your first offense" or "That the Police have to come twice in the same night in order to ticket you." Also some felt that "Both neighbours have to complain before you can be issued a ticket."

After consulting the HRM Noise Bylaw (N-200), it appears individuals can be fined for "Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing." Also punishable by fine, "The operation of any public address system, television set, disc player, tape deck, phonograph, radio in a manner such that the sound from the equipment being operated is audible beyond the bounds of property from which the noise is emitted." Both of these are considered illegal during the hours of 9:30pm and 7:00am Monday to Friday, Saturday nights between 7:00pm and 8:00am and Sundays and holidays between 9:00am and 7:00pm.

The detonation of fireworks or explosive

devices for purposes other than construction in a residential area is punishable at all times.

The punishment for breaking a noise by-law is a fine of a minimum of \$300 for the first offense and is more than doubled for second offense to a minimum of \$700.

If the police do come knocking at your door during a party they do not want to speak to party guests and for your sake it's probably best if they don't. If it is the first offense and you are compliant to their requests to turn the music down their visit may not result in a ticket, but do not assume that you will not be ticketed solely because it is your first offense.

To prevent other un-necessary fines remember to keep open liquor inside, refrain from peeing off the balcony or on the side of the road and turn the music down. Remember there are families in the area who may not appreciate the musical styling's of Britney Spears or Jay-Z quite as much as you do.

## The SMU Gallery is Missing a Painting

KIMBERLEY DARES  
News Editor

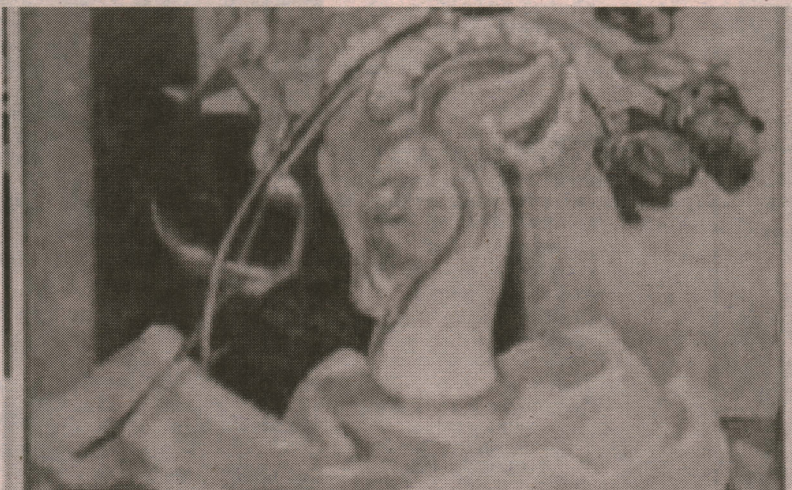
An oil painting from the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery's Permanent Collection went missing late last month and an on-campus poster campaign has been launched to locate it.

The still life painting is described as depicting an antelope or ram's head with red tulips sitting on a yellow and blue base. It is small in size, measuring 41.5 x 51.0 cm and was displayed in a wooden white frame. It was painted by Leroy Zwicker and has been

part of the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery's Permanent Collection since 1967.

This piece of artwork was on display in the Sobeys Building (First Floor) when it was noticed to be missing on October 24th. It was being displayed in the Sobeys Building in an attempt to allow viewing of the Art Gallery's collection by members of the Saint Mary's community rather than having many pieces in storage.

Anyone with information regarding the painting's disappearance or current whereabouts is asked to contact Saint Mary's University Security (420-5577) or the Art Gallery (420-5445).



## Newsfeed

## UN Launches "Billion for Billion" Campaign



The United Nations recently launched a campaign, known as "Billion for Billion" with an aim to raise one billion dollars to help the estimated one billion starving people worldwide. With the recent economic crisis nations that usually contribute funds have been struggling to donate, as a result the UN and the World Food Programme are appealing to individuals to contribute to the cause.

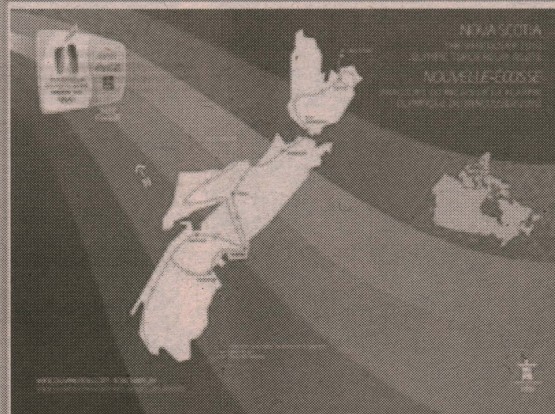
A website has been launched to attract donations and raise awareness amongst the general public. To learn more check out: <http://www.wfp.org/1billion>.

## Swine Flu Vaccine Controversy

Many Canadians are frustrated with the Government's Swine Flu vaccine campaign. First there was enough vaccine for all Canadians who wanted it, and now a small group of high risk individuals are being targeted until more vaccine becomes available. After all the hype it has now been made public that although people not in risk

groups are being turned away from clinics about 1% of doses are being thrown away because of a short shelf life. Once a dose of vaccine is placed in a syringe it is only approved for usage within a 24-hour period, after which it must be thrown out. Too many vaccines are being prepared and not enough are being distributed. Since receiving the vaccine late in October officials in Halifax have discarded roughly 80 doses.

## The Olympic Flame has Arrived



The Olympic Torch has finished its tour of Northern Canada and is now in Nova Scotia. The Torch reached Cape Breton early Monday morning and travelled the province before arriving in Halifax on Wednesday. The 520 Torch bearers included Pittsburgh Penguin Captain Sidney Crosby who carried the torch through his hometown. There will be a celebration Wednesday evening at Grand Parade Square in downtown Halifax starting at 6pm and will include performances from Classified and DJ Skratch Bastid, an appearance by Crosby and fireworks.

## Russia and U.S. Work on Nuclear Power Treaty.

Russia and the United States are closer to reducing their nuclear powers. U.S. President Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev met over the weekend at the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Forum. They discussed creating a treaty to reduce Nuclear Arms by the end of the year. Issues with violence and nuclear arms in Iran and Afghanistan were also discussed. Ideological barriers previously prevented with talks between the U.S. and Russia, but Obama and Medvedev seemed confident when talking to the press of the improved relationship between the nations.

LSAT MCAT  
GMAT GRE  
Preparation Seminars

- Complete 30-Hour Seminars
- Convenient Weekend Schedule
- Proven Test-Taking Strategies
- Experienced Course Instructors
- Comprehensive Study Materials
- Simulated Practice Exams
- Limited Class Size
- Free Repeat Policy
- Personal Tutoring Available
- Thousands of Satisfied Students

## OXFORD SEMINARS

1-800-269-6719  
416-924-3240
[www.oxfordseminars.ca](http://www.oxfordseminars.ca)

## Rate Your Professor

KIMBERLEY DARES  
News Editor

With the semester quickly drawing to a close it is time for the tables to turn as students are given the opportunity to rate the work of professors this semester. The forms handed out in every class at Saint Mary's help provide feedback to professors about how they can improve, and are also used to help make tenure decisions. Professors are expected to leave the classroom during the evaluation time and a student is supposed to deliver the completed forms to ensure confidentiality of responses.

“THESE PROVIDE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS PROBLEMS WITH A PROFESSOR'S METHOD, OR GIVE POSITIVE FEEDBACK IF THEY ARE REALLY AWESOME AT THEIR JOB.”

These provide a great opportunity to express problems with a professor's method, or give positive feedback if they are really awesome at their job. Either way, the forms provide SMU administration with needed information to ensure quality teaching staff.

If expressing your opinion confidentially is not enough there are many sites including the SMUSA sanctioned professor review which allows you to rate classes and professors. It is open only to SMU students which makes navigating it easier than using [ratemyprofessors.com](http://ratemyprofessors.com). Currently the SMUSA Professor Review is under construction but it should be up and running in the near future for students to post ratings.

There are currently 664 Saint Mary's University professors rated on [ratemyprofessors.com](http://ratemyprofessors.com) and most professors with ratings have been reviewed by at least ten people.

If you have already picked classes for next semester it is still worth checking out some of the online rankings to get an idea of what other students have to say about the professor. Be sure to weigh the number of reviews posted when making any final decisions about classes, some reviews tend to be more biased than others.

## Looking to Stay in NS Post Graduation?

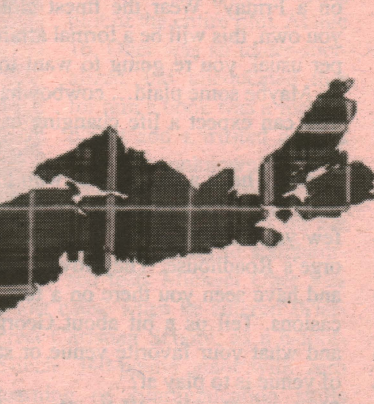
KIMBERLEY DARES  
News Editor

Whether graduation is months or years away there is an event happening on-campus this Thursday that students should attend. The Nova Scotia Student and Employer Forum will be held November 19th from 10am to 3pm in the 2nd Floor Loyola Conference Hall.

The Forum will provide students with the opportunity to meet employees from many sectors and discuss employment opportunities in Nova Scotia. The aim of this event is to educate students at all levels, and in all programs of study about opportunities for employment in Nova Scotia. It is also a chance for students to learn what kinds of occupations are available in the province.

Although some employers may be looking to hire for summer, co-op's, full or part time jobs the event is more focused on educating students as opposed to finding jobs. It is a great opportunity to network with employers and learn about market conditions in the province.

If you have questions this is a great chance to get them answered. Examples of questions that employers will be prepared to answer include: What courses and experience are needed to find permanent employment in Nova Scotia after graduation? What occupations are available in Nova Scotia? Where can students find out more about opportunities?



For students who have not declared a major this could present the chance to learn about what jobs are available in personal fields of interest, how or when to apply and what academic requirements need to be met.

There will be a variety of employers from both the public and private sector at the event, and there is not one discipline being targeted. Sobey's, the Nova Scotia Department of Im-

migration, Canadian Blood Services, Nova Scotia Power, HRM Police, Sun Life, TD Canada, CIBC, as well as the Nova Scotia Public Service Commission are just a few examples of organizations that will be represented. For a complete listing pick up a pamphlet at the door on Thursday.

If you are interested in living outside of the city there will be opportunities to discuss employment throughout the province not just within the Halifax Regional Municipality.

As always, if you chose to attend be sure to follow up after the Forum. When talking to representatives take down their names or ask for their business card and make a note of what was discussed, then email and say thank you for the advice. It won't take much time to do and can help solidify connections made.

The event is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Workforce Development in Cooperation with the Saint Mary's Student Employment Centre. To contact the Student Employment Centre visit [www.smu.ca/administration/sec](http://www.smu.ca/administration/sec) or stop by the office in the Student Centre.

## Preparing for Old Man Winter

KIMBERLEY DARES  
News Editor

With the first snowfall of the season a few weeks ago catching many off guard it is time to prepare for another Nova Scotia winter. The weather is changing quickly and the cold temperatures are here making it harder to pretend winter is a long way off.

Winter storms often lead to power outages, which can be more than just inconvenient if you aren't prepared. Since electric heat is of no use during a power outage be sure to have plenty of blankets on hand to keep warm. Flashlights are also essential, as are the batteries. Candles can also be

helpful but need to be used with caution.

A worthwhile investment may be a hand crank radio as it relies on human effort and not electricity to run it making it easier to stay up on radio coverage of the situation. Avoid opening the refrigerator during power outages unless it is necessary. This helps keep the cold air inside. If using a propane camping stove take it outside when cooking to avoid dangerous fumes.

A small shovel can be handy to have, even when living in an apartment, just in case you need to get out before a path is cleared. Road salt or sand is helpful as it can prevent slipping on ice.

For winter car safety stock the trunk with similar materials, including a shovel, ice scraper, extra hats and mittens, and a blanket. Flashlights or candles are also a good idea, as well as a first aid kit and a few granola bars and bottles of water. It is also a good idea to get your car a tune-up before the winter weather arrives to ensure the vehicle is safe for winter driving. Keeping a small supply of sand or salt in the vehicle is also recommended.

Programming the number for Nova Scotia Power into your cell phone and posting it along with other emergency numbers in an accessible place at home, is a good idea to make contacting help easier.

**WRITE FOR THE JOURNAL!**

Join our meetings on Thursday at 5pm on the 5th floor of the Student Union Building

**Taz RECORDS**

1593 Market Street - Halifax, NS - B3J 2C9  
902 422 5976 info@tazrecords.com

**NEW/USED VINYL RECORDS AND CDs**

**WRITE FOR THE JOURNAL**

THE JOURNAL IS LOOKING FOR WRITERS

SUBMIT TO [THESMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:thesmujournal@gmail.com)

[thesmujournal@gmail.com](mailto:thesmujournal@gmail.com)

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

NICK MADORE  
Arts & Entertainment

## Interview with Shotgun Jimmie

JORSH GARDY  
Writer

3:13pm, November 13, 2009. Shotgun Jimmie is on the telephone with me from St. Johns, Newfoundland.

**Jorsh:** So What did you have for lunch today?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** I haven't had anything yet! I wake up late because I'm normally up super late at night. So brunch and a late dinner are the typical eating for the day. I like to have snacks to keep you going, you know? But as of right now, nothing for lunch.

**Jorsh:** I don't know much about you Jimmie, fill me in quickly please?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** Well I'm Shotgun Jimmie from Sackville, NB. I'm currently playing some shows with B.A. Johnston, A quick 2 month Canadian tour that we're wrapping up. I've been playing music for about 10 years. And I used to play with Shotgun and Jaybird.

**Jorsh:** So you have a show coming up in Halifax on the 20th of November. Tell us why we would should go, what we should wear, and how your music is going to make us feel?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** You should go because what else would you have to do on a Friday? Wear the finest clothes you own, this will be a formal affair as per usual, you're going to want to fit in. Maybe some plaid... cowboy hat... You can expect a life changing experience.

**Jorsh:** I have a few friends who have been in the Sackville area for the past few years and they tell me about George's Roadhouse. They love it there and have seen you there on a few occasions. Tell us a bit about George's and what your favorite venue or style of venue is to play at?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** Well, it's a classic roadhouse across the street from a railway station; I believe it used to be a train station? It's 3 stories high, and they seem to keep taking levels off it. Its just one story now. They still have the old board with the destination and times; it's a cool looking giant copper piece. I think that may be one of my favorites actually.

**Jorsh:** Who and what kind of stuff are you listening to right now?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** Canadian music mostly right now. When you're on the road you end up running into other bands... I met a lot of friends who play in bands while touring so I end up listening to them on the road it seems. I just saw Attack in Black and Dog Day play. Constantines as always.

**Jorsh:** Nice, I just saw those guys too... at the Seahorse a few weeks ago, they were beating it out. I'm told you seem to be taking a bit of a new direction in your musical style. You've done some work with Attack in Black... what kind of influences do you get from working with those guys?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** Yeah, they have definitely. I enjoyed touring and recording with them. They are unbelievable, some of the finest guys I have met. They've definitely influenced me to rock some more.

**Jorsh:** Describe your music in 5 words? Take your time.

**Shotgun Jimmie:** ... (about 30 seconds of silence). Are you ready for this?

**Jorsh:** Tell us your best and worst show experience would you?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** Hmmm, the best that comes to mind right now was on this tour right now in Vancouver at Pats Pub. Ryan Peters, the drummer from Ladyhawk played drums for my set, and we had a great connection. It was amazing. That was one of my highlights in my musical things or

whatever... quote that "musical things or whatever".

My worst experiences were when I was younger and crazier; I would have too many beers, feeling invincible, I was foolish and reckless. In Dawson city one night, I was opening for a band and I got too drunk to tune my guitar. I think that was the turning point in my musical career. I realized I needed to start balancing rock and roll with rock and roll.

**Jorsh:** Do you plan on writing a cookbook someday?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** No, not writing a cookbook. I would like to write an instructional method book for music though. Maybe one on how to play my songs on different instruments that I don't know how to play in layman's terms so it's clear and easy.

**Jorsh:** Hangover cure?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** Ah... Alcoholism (jokingly).

**Jorsh:** Hidden Talent?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** I'm very good crazy 8's, almost unstoppable just to be honest.

**Jorsh:** Yeah? I feel like I'm pretty good at the 8's myself. Perhaps we could have a quick match before your show. In your opinion what is your greatest accomplishment musically? And what are you hoping to accomplish in the future?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** I'm game. Greatest musically... oh geez... lets say... I don't know if this is my greatest, but for the sake of giving you an answer, learning how to play Stairway to Heaven. Without tableture!

**Jorsh:** Can you do the solo?

**Shotgun Jimmie:** No, I have attempted Hotel California though.

**Jorsh:** Alright Jimmie thank you for taking the time to talk to me. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the main lick Friday. One more thing though, what is your main goal as a musician? Be serious.

**Shotgun Jimmie:** My goal is to play guitar and drive safely without any traffic violations... this may involve hiring someone to drive the car.

**Jorsh:** But then you wouldn't be driving and playing...

**Shotgun Jimmie:** I suppose you're right, I guess I need to put some more thought into that one.

Go check out Shotgun Jimmie at Gus's Pub this Friday, November 20 at 8:00. Make sure to wear your finest clothes!

Jorsh Gardy.

## BITE SIZE ENTERTAINMENT

Modern Warfare 2  
banned in Russia

As predicted, Modern Warfare 2 is going to be the most successful game of the year. With 4.7 million copies sold on the first day across North America and the UK (breaking the previous record, set by Grand Theft Auto IV, by 1.1 million copies), Modern Warfare 2 is being hailed as the most successful launch of any form of media, ever. Despite a rocky promotion cycle, full of controversial decisions regarding the absence of dedicated servers on the PC version and a viral video with an offensive acronym, the game has pulled through on the merits of fantastic gameplay and story elements. Even after shipping, however, the controversy surrounding the game lives on. Already the victim of censorship in Germany, where the player cannot shoot civilians in-game, the game has come under fire (no pun intended) in Russia, where natives take offense to a particular level of the game set in a Russian airport. All copies of the game have been recalled, and a re-release with the level omitted is planned for later this month. Whether or not this will be enough to appease the Russians is yet to be seen.

The Drunk and On Drugs  
Happy Funtime Hour

The boys behind the Trailer Park Boys fame are at it again with a brand-new show. Written by and starring Mike Smith, Robb Wells and JP Tremblay (who played the characters of Bubbles, Ricky and Julian, respectively, in the Trailer Park Boys franchise), the show is titled, get this, "The Drunk and On Drugs Happy Funtime Hour". Let that soak in for a minute. The plot is just as rich: the show takes on the form of a parody of a children's show, where the show's actors have accidentally ingested hallucinogenic drugs, believing they are really the characters they portray on the show. Said drug is created by a German scientist hired to teach kids about nutrition, played by none other than Rush guitarist Alex Lifeson. "We're also on these hallucinogenic berries, so we're trying to piece things together along with the audience," says Smith. "So we're trying to track him down and find out what the hell's happened." The show will air on Showcase in the fall of next year. Shooting of the starts here in Halifax in May.



Best of Food Winner  
The Coast

- Breakfast Available until  
5pm starting at \$5.29!

- Pitchers of Draft \$9.75 with  
food purchase.

www.thegreekvillage.ca  
(902) 405-3750  
6253 Quinpool Rd. Halifax

Bring this in and  
receive a  
**10%**

Discount on your Meal!

Valid until Nov 30th 2009

WRITE FOR THE  
JOURNAL!

## ASSHOLE(S) OF THE WEEK

This asshole goes out to everyone who feels OK hitting women, specifically the giant douche that attacked a woman while in line outside of a downtown bar on the weekend. What are you, some sort of effeminate wimp? Do you have to validate your manhood by hitting someone who is 1/3 of your size and can't defend herself? Man up you dick, grow a pair and stop attacking defenseless women.

WRITE FOR THE JOURNAL

THE JOURNAL IS LOOKING FOR WRITERS

SUBMIT TO THESMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM

## A Diamond In the Rough: A Review of The Blind Side

ALEX CLARKE  
Writer

What can I say...writing for The Journal has its perks. Not only do I get to work with talented individuals but I get to take part in great events. Recently the Journal was able to attend the screening of one of the most anticipated movies of November, *The Blind Side*. The movie is based on the true story of Michael Oher, a 2009 draft pick as offensive linesman for the Baltimore Ravens NFL football team and is soon to be released everywhere on November 20th.

The film follows Michael 'Big Mike' Oher, an inner-city youth from a broken family who manages to get accepted into Briarcrest High School, a religious private school because of his potential athletic ability. However, because of his lack of mental stability, he flounders, and is viewed as a lost cause by most of his teachers.

This was until a white family finds him wandering the streets searching for shelter, and decides to take him in and pushes him to reach his full potential. The movie's main characters are Michael Oher played by Quinton Aaron as the reclusive son of a drug-addicted single mother, and Sean and Leigh Tuohy played by Tim McGraw and Sandra Bullock

as the family that takes him under their wing. The film is written and directed by John Lee Hancock and based on the 2006 book *The Blind Side: The Evolution of a Game* by Michael Lewis.

My first thought of the movie was that it was going to be just another sports movie, with a down on their luck hero who got lucky. I have seen many football movies with all having basically the same outline and I'm guilty of categorizing this film before seeing it. However, to my great surprise, I was extremely impressed with the entire film from start to finish.

Hancock was able to capture not just a sports movie but was able to tell a tale of an emotional journey of hardship and second chances.

The audience was able to relate and feel the pain of new comer Quinton Aaron as he portrayed the struggle that Michael Oher went through to get off of the meanest streets of Memphis, Tenn. Growing up Michael had no idea where he would sleep, what he would wear or even what he would eat. Oher was large in stature but small in personality, being virtually invisible in school until a teacher realized that he was absorbing lessons in class, even when he seemed not to be.

The movie started off with an in depth description by Sandra Bul-

lock's character about the reason why the blind side of the quarterback is so vital. Everyone knows who the quarterback is on the team.



lock's character about the reason why the blind side of the quarterback is so vital. Everyone knows who the quarterback is on the team. Even though it is well known that the quarterback is the most well paid player on the football team, recent changes in the professional game have caused the position of offensive left tackle to be the second highest paying job in the NFL. The offensive left tackle is the man who protects a right handed quarterback's blindside from opposing players. If the quarterback is seriously injured it would be due to the lack of protection from the position now played by Michael Oher of the Baltimore Ravens. For this reason he is seen as an insurance policy of the team and became one of the most valued football prospects in America.

Oher was so vital for this position because his physical type was

as Sandra Bullock's character stated, "wide in the rear and massive in the thighs with long arms, giant hands and great feet." Unfortunately, having a great physical ability alone couldn't take Michael to where he is now. Thus we have the underlying plot of the entire film. At age 16, Oher was so under-socialized and uneducated that for him a book was a foreign object and a trusted adult a complete unknown. This is where the Touhys made such a remarkable impact on his life. According to standardized tests Michael Oher was a lost cause when he entered Briarcrest Christian School, as a 6-foot-5-inch, 340-pound giant with zero learning or communication skills and a profound inability to indicate his own desires. The Touhys were able to give him something that he lacked his entire childhood—a family and a future.

Both Sean and Leigh noticed great potential in the young man who simply needed the love of others to bring out his gift. But Leigh Anne became the driving force behind the Tuohy's decision to give Oher the chance for a new beginning. Their decision is the reason why this movie stands out compared to other 'sports' films. When debating over nature versus nurture, what the Touhys did shows

a remarkable clarification of how Oher's extraordinary physicality and natural smarts could only be released in a nurturing environment.

However, I do question the premise (held by many, it seems), that the only way out of the ghetto for black people is sports and for their talent to be recognized. The truth is, however, that even if all the barriers to inner-city talent in sports removed, the number of people the market can handle with such high salaries is limited --- there are only so many sports stars that can be discovered. The true path out of the ghetto is actually through education, so that productivity can be increased indefinitely, but I guess that is beyond the scope of this movie.

Hancock made sure that the flow of the film was simple yet tasteful and excels in making not just a sports movie but a character comedy, with Sandra Bullock doing an outstanding job as the role of a strong mother figure. The movie is a sure blockbuster that leads the audience to some insightful self-discoveries and allows us to view a teen's transition from an old to new environment. It was an uplifting story of compassion, commitment, and life altering second-chances that will make you laugh and cry throughout the film. The Journal guarantees that "The Blind Side" is a different kind of sports movie.

**GRECO PIZZAS**  
310.30.30

**\$5 Pizzas**

Buy ANY Medium Pizza\* at regular price and get up to 3 more\* for \$5 each!

Limited Time Offer!

Barrington Street Greco only  
Not valid with other offers



Write For the Journal!!!!

submit to  
thesmujournal@gmail.com

Join us on Mondays  
at the 5th Floor of  
the student union  
building

**Vogue Optical**

2nd PAIR FREE POLICY

Ask our friendly staff for details on this and our many other services.

0% PAYMENT PLAN  
EYE EXAMS ARRANGED  
2 YEAR FRAME GUARANTEE

**2<sup>ND</sup> PAIR FREE POLICY EVERYDAY...**

2nd Pair Free applies to frames, lenses, contact lenses & prescription sunglasses

- Newest Fashion Frames
- Convenient Payment Plans
- 10 % Student Discount
- Contact Lenses Available
- Eye Exams Available
- We Direct Bill

Visit our 3 locations nearest you, or call 1-877-489-2020  
1645 Barrington St • 6100 Young St • 6132 Quinpool Rd  
For more information on our services and locations visit [www.vogueoptical.com](http://www.vogueoptical.com)

# FEATURES

ALEX CLARKE  
Features Editor



## The CRANKY Professor

THE JOURNAL, THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER AT SAINT MARY'S



### Treating Others Disrespectfully

There are three ways in which we treat other people disrespectfully. We manipulate them, we humiliate them, and we burden them. Whenever we treat a person disrespectfully, we express some degree of contempt for her.

Treating people disrespectfully consists in failing to acknowledge through one's actions that other people's projects are as significant to them as one's own are to oneself. We treat others disrespectfully when we don't care that they are living lives that matter to them.

We manipulate another when we get that person to assist us in our own projects independently of her will to help to us. That is, we manipulate another when we trick her into giving us assistance, when we arrange things so that her consenting to help us is not free or informed. Manipulating another is disrespectful and contemptuous because in manipulating that other, one gives scant regard to her existence as a person in her own right.

Lying is always manipulative and, thereby, always disrespectful—even when it is done benevolently, even when it succeeds in making things better for the person lied to, and even when it does this at some cost to the liar. A liar uses another person to attain her ends independently of the other person's free and informed consent to be used toward those ends. That is contempt, no matter what good results from it.

Notice here that manifesting disrespect for a person doesn't require

that the other be aware of our contempt, of our failure to appreciate her personhood. We can treat another disrespectfully though neither she nor anyone else ever notices. And, as we've seen, manifesting disrespect for another need not harm her, nor harm anyone else.

Those of us who wish never to treat others disrespectfully as well as to help make things better sometimes find ourselves unable to fulfil both wishes. To keep peace among our colleagues, we must lie to Sally; to treat Sally with respect we must speak honestly to her, though doing so will produce bad feelings and hostility all around.

No argument can show that we should value good consequences over respect or respect over good consequences, and no argument can establish at which degree of badness one should put respect aside. (We can't imagine what it would be to make a mistake about these things, so we have no idea what getting them right could consist in.) For my own part, I prefer respect over producing good outcomes, and even over avoiding bad ones—except when the bad outcome threatens to be really bad. (Or so at least I say. My actions, I fear, might speak differently. I might choose being nice over being respectful more often than I imagine.)

We humiliate another when we make her feel small in her own eyes. We humiliate her when we cause her to find her projects and feelings insignificant or foolish—in comparison, that is, to our own. We certainly have our reasons for humiliating others,

just as we do for manipulating them. Humiliating others can be an enjoyable expression of one's power, or an effective means of elevating oneself above the other.

We burden others when we force them to deal with us, to look after us, to clean up the mess we have left behind. Of the three forms of disrespect, burdening is perhaps the least studied, the least understood. Philosophers who prefer good consequences to respectful treatment are right to note that burdening usually creates bad consequences, but the bad consequences are incidental to the contempt it expresses.

Some simple examples of burdening: littering; walking slowly three abreast on a public sidewalk; talking while the movie's playing; playing music loudly in your apartment. These are examples of someone depriving others of an enjoyment or getting in their way. They also illustrate the fact that one need not intend to treat others disrespectfully to burden them. Burdening, that is, can result simply from insensitivity, indifference, or inattention. This is a way in which burdening differs from both manipulating and humiliating.

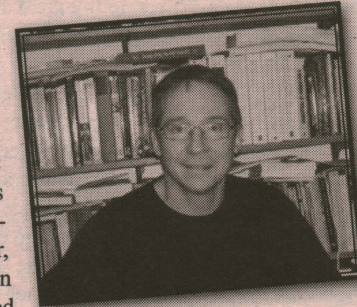
But of course we live among others and so we are always getting in each other's way. Getting in someone's way, then, cannot, all by itself, be disrespectful. Moreover, it's often because of your temperament or prejudices that you charge me with having got in your way. It's just as easy in such cases for me to say that it's you who is burdening me, you being so delicate and all, and to deny that I'm burdening you.

No, getting in another person's way is not in itself disrespectful. What matters is whether the burden is imposed fairly. One treats another contemptuously when one burdens that other unfairly. Our task now is to think hard about in what fairness and lack of fairness could consist here.

## Know your Prof. – Dr. Mark Mercer

ALEX CLARKE  
Features Editor

Every so often the Features Section of the Journal dedicates an article on a certain professor here at Saint Mary's University. This week the Journal has decided to speak to one of the most influential professors here at Saint Mary's University, Professor Mark Mercer, who has also been actively involved with The Journal.



Professor Mercer is a philosophy teacher here at Saint Mary's University and writes the Cranky Professor column for The Journal each week. If you are an avid reader of his column then you realize that his columns are intended to spark or convey an idea or argument. Every week Features is fortunate enough to publish one of his thought provoking opinions, and recently I was able to meet the man behind the column.

Professor Mercer is now in his eleventh year here at Saint Mary's University and teaches philosophy, mainly contemporary analytic philosophy, along with Greek philosophy based on the teachings of Plato and Socrates. He received his PhD. at the University of Toronto and a Masters at Carlton University in Ottawa.

When we discussed his certain style of teaching, he humbly stated that he feels he teaches no different than any other teacher. However, he does admit to teaching with a certain style and purpose compared to other professors.

There are many styles of teaching, especially in the philosophy department. Dr. Mercer knows that there are ways a professor can take an idea and try to make it exciting as possible for the students by focusing on multiple ways of approaching it. However, Dr. Mercer takes a more focused approach and states, "Here's an idea and give me one objection. Work it out carefully and explain why it's an objection and respond to it." He wants his students to be able to look carefully closely at the full picture along with the details. If possible he would take a few classes to focus on one idea and make sure examine it fully.

When considering test, his beliefs are similar to other Philosophy professors. Dr. Mercer stated that initially he never really believed in tests as a method of evaluating philosophy students. The courses are built more around thinking about an answer and evaluating it, rather than simply "right and wrong". According to Dr. Mercer, if it makes sense keep it, if not then throw it out. However, he has realized that some students like the comfort of being able to have a "right" answer. Thus for his lower level courses he has included test so as to give students that challenge.

Presently he is teaching Theory of Knowledge or the question of how

we conceive a proposition to be true. This course is intended to teach students how to justify their beliefs and the reasons that these beliefs are true. Therefore he teaches you to line up all of your reasons to develop a sure argument to justify your beliefs

so that you can answer skepticism. Dr. Mercer also teaches Critical Thinking or the study of rational decisions. Next term he will be teaching a 2nd year course that he clearly loves called Contemporary Issues in the Philosophy of

the Mind. He described this course as the study that asks the question: Are our minds our brains, or are they two separate entities? "There is stuff happening in your brain and there is stuff happening in your mind. But what's the relation? If one is caused by the other then we know where our brain is, but where's your mind?" Mercer helped to show me that they are one in the same but with two different descriptions.

Dr Mercer is a very profound teacher that has many different beliefs and values. He likes to discuss different ways of thinking based on the teachings of Plato, his ideal system among other things. We also discussed the value of virtue and how people use the vision of what is good and wrong.

Apart from other intellectual topics he shared with me the origin of the Cranky Professor Column. The reason for the column was to be able to openly express his opinions and ideas. After two and a half years the Cranky Professor has become one of the most well known sections of the Journal. His writings are made to be plain and informative, and in his third year as a Journal Columnist it has become clear that Mercer's ability to provoke discussion has remained as strong as ever. Dr. Mercer tries to convey his idea or arguments without letting the form they are conveyed in come between the idea and the audience. He wants the medium and the audience to connect.

Students at Saint Mary's University should be delighted to know that he is always open to discuss different topics. He is also the undergraduate Advisor for the Philosophy Department, so he can give you valuable insight for the future. However, be prepared for very intellectual discussions that will leave you thinking about life from many different perspectives you probably have never even thought of. His parting words are for that student to just think passionately with a clear and rigorous conception about all perspectives. Then engage on the basis of that understanding.

If you would like to speak to Dr. Mercer further on more complex issues you can email him at mark.mercer@smu.ca or you can find him in his office, room 258 on the second floor of the Sobey's Building.

## Mammary Mania

HEATHER MACLEAN  
Women's Centre

Breasts. They're everywhere. I was watching that stellar piece of cinema, G.I. Joe, with my roommate not too long ago, and I noticed that the actresses almost always had their cleavage showing. I know, what did I expect from a popcorn movie? But even actresses on TV shows like House M.D. and the CSI franchise have their shirts unbuttoned to their navels. I exaggerate, but only slightly. With the pornification of mainstream culture, bigger, siliconier, breastier breasts are out there, literally and metaphorically. Does this mammary mania represent a celebration of women's sexuality? Not really. The breasts on display are always someone else's eye candy.

Psychologist Carol Gilligan conducted a groundbreaking study of girls and self-esteem back in the 80s, and she discovered that girls' self-esteem plummets around the ages 11 to 13. This is also a time when most

girls already have breasts or are starting to develop, and they realize that their bodies are subject to outside criticism. Remember the scene in Sixteen Candles where Molly Ringwald says "I can't believe my grandmother actually felt me up!"? Suddenly friends, boys, family, and even strangers think they can comment on your breasts. It leaves many girls with deep feelings of shame, because does anyone tell you that your breasts are fine? Nope. It's either "Jeez, put on a bra!" or "Hey Amanda, you're a carpenter's dream!" Can you imagine if we talked about boys' bodies that way? "Boy, Tyler, is it cold in here or what?" or "What do you think you're doing, smuggling a cucumber?" Of course, boys agonize over their unpredictable pubertal bodies, too. But for girls, rude, ego-crushing comments are much more public, and are seen as socially acceptable.

It appears that as a culture we're fine with breasts as long as they're strictly for men's entertainment, but as soon as women decide that they want to breastfeed in public, as soon

as breasts become functional, people freak out. North American women, tired of being told that they can't feed their babies in public, have staged nurse-ins in stores, restaurants, and other public places that have chastised women for nursing. But breastfeeding can be its own form of tyranny. Women who have been pressured to breastfeed but either couldn't or wouldn't are often accused of not wanting the best for their children, and often feel like they're not 'real' women. It seems like you can't win either way. You're too much of a woman if your breasts are too big and/or you flaunt them; not enough of a woman if you have small breasts and/or you don't breastfeed. Breasts are sensual delights for all genders, but a woman's worth shouldn't be measured by her cup size.

FYI: No woman ever burned a bra in protest. Bras were thrown into a Freedom Trash Can during the 1968 Miss America Protest along with girdles, makeup, and curlers, but no one ever held a lighter to a not-so-wonderful Wonderbra.

# WRITE FOR THE JOURNAL

THE JOURNAL IS LOOKING FOR WRITERS

SUBMIT TO THESMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM



# BUSINESS & SCIENCE

MONIQUE JOHNSON  
Business & Science



## Fifteen Percent to Thirteen Percent to the Unknown

MONIQUE JOHNSON  
Business & Science Editor

The economy advisory panel has recommended that the province raise taxes to help combat the rising debt of the province. Nova Scotia is one of the provinces with a high tax rate and I'm sure its residents are not too



fond of the extra money that has to be coughed up if this recommendation is heeded.

The advisory panel, that was brought in to aid the NDP government with the deficit, also suggested that spending be cut as well. With the price of living increasing and the economy slumping deeper everyday, adding taxes may not be the wisest decision. Maybe they can divide the amount of the budget by the number

of residents and deduct this amount from the paychecks of residents. This may or may not be better than raising taxes for multiple years. Either way the provincial tab has to be settled advised Tim O'Neill, who is one of the panel members.

Families with low income will be protected through a tax rebate system. The deficit is now at \$592 million and revenues are not increasing. Whether this deficit was a matter of money being mismanaged or a few projects that went over budget, it puts residents between a rock and a hard place because the money will have to come from somewhere and it is evident that the government bit off more than they can chew. Offshore royalties and federal government funding have decreased. Programs such as education and health care will be affected because the government has to cut back on spending. Both sectors consume most of the day-to-day finances of the provincial budget, but both are very important to the survival of residents. Though no one would agree to pay higher taxes, it is evident that the budget needs to be replenished.

### Here are a few minor increases to keep on your radar:

- Bus Fare
- Bridge Toll
- Parking Tickets
- Speeding Tickets

## Closer to the Action of the 2010 Winter Games

MONIQUE JOHNSON  
Business & Science Editor

Ambassatours Gray Line in Halifax has secured a contract to provide one dozen motor coaches for the 2010 Olympic Games. These welcome wagons are moving west with no passengers or luggage. The trip will take five days; so start booking your trip or seat early. The only thing you will have to pay for is food, hotel and tickets for events. I think this could be the experience of a lifetime for a group of friends who want to hang out in Vancouver for a few weeks.

Dennis Campbell, the president of the company, mentioned that this could also be a good opportunity for those who would like to move equipment to the West Coast. Buses are a huge commodity during the games because of the multiple athletes and citizens needed to be transported

to and from the games. Two drivers per bus will be utilized to assist with breaks and take over the contract of another driver if he or she is unable to continue the contract while in Vancouver.

Some British Columbians have expressed concerns about the multiple companies in the United States that have signed transportation contracts for the winter games. It's good to see that locals are able to make money and be part of the experience while enjoying the games. More than 60% of the 600 motor coaches are from companies in the United States. This outcry may have prompted the contract signing for Ambassatours Gray Line. This is around the time of midterms for university students, so we may not be hitching a ride west. With that being said, who's to say that most students won't take advantage of this opportunity?

## Coyote Ugly

MONIQUE JOHNSON  
Business & Science Editor

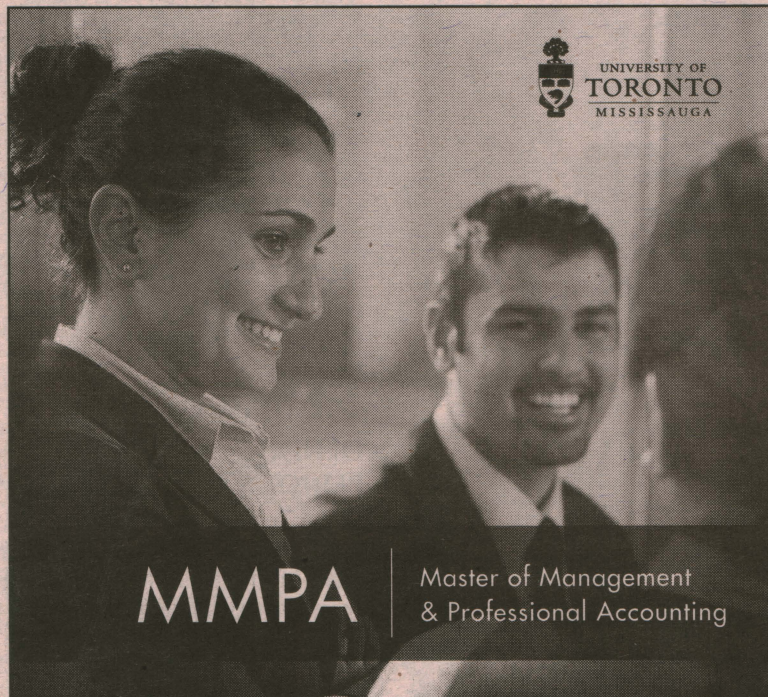
Since the death of 19-year old Taylor Mitchell, the folk singer from Toronto, the Cape Breton coyotes have been getting lots of attention. It seems that they are getting more and more brazen in terms of attacking humans as well as other animals. Sheep farmers are urging officials to eradicate the coyotes because the death toll has risen.

Cape Breton natives, Art and Maggie Perry who are sheep farmers mentioned that this is the worst they've seen in terms of cattle being eaten alive. The sheep farmers also mentioned that the coyotes are more likely not afraid of humans any more. It was reported by Perry that a coyote killed a 160-pound full grown sheep and dragged it away to be consumed. Maggie Perry also added that she herself was stalked by a coyote that

followed her on multiple occasions. The Perry's have tried many things to deter the coyotes: putting a Llama in the field with the sheep, trapping and even shooting a few of the coyotes.

Officials have been on the hunt for the coyotes responsible for Mitchell's death. My question is how they were able to find the coyotes-very stealthy Parks Canada official work? The coyotes were tracked down by Parks Canada staff and were killed in the highlands of Cape Breton. Tests from the Atlantic Veterinary Centre confirmed that the coyotes were involved in the attack. One of the coyotes, a full grown male, did not show any signs of being afraid of humans. Officials reported that the coyote showcased aggressive behavior.

There are no answers as to why the coyotes are becoming so brazen. Though the human attacks are rare, there is still a major concern for the safety of hikers walking the Skyline Trail.



**MMPA** Master of Management & Professional Accounting

- Designed primarily for non-business undergraduates
- For careers in Management, Finance and Accounting
- Extremely high co-op and permanent placement



To learn more about the MMPA Program, attend our information session:

Friday, November 27, 2009 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Secunda Marine Boardroom, Sobey Building, Saint Mary's University

[www.utoronto.ca/mmpa](http://www.utoronto.ca/mmpa)

WRITE FOR THE JOURNAL  
 THE JOURNAL IS LOOKING FOR WRITERS  
 SUBMIT TO THE SMU JOURNAL@GMAIL.COM

# The Power of Giving

MONIQUE JOHNSON  
Business & Science Editor

Just in time for Christmas: Nova Scotia Power, Inc (NSPI) applied to Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board regarding customers getting a break on their power bills. The hearing is set for December 2nd, 2009. If the application is approved, NSPI customers' power rates will decrease 1.4%. So what else do we have to thank for this: the implementation of the fuel adjustment mechanism. The mechanism is lowering NSPI's fuel expenses.

Nova Scotia customers who use electrical heat and hot water will save an average of \$2.50 per month. Customers who have non-electrical heating and hot water will save \$1.25 per month. Over the past years power rates have increased for Nova Scotians, so this happy-news bring in the jolly season a month or so early. We still have to wait until the hearing occurs and then will know for sure.

Compared to residential customers, commercial and industrial clients will see a small difference in their savings because the rates for commercial and industrial clients are based on fuel costs than those of residential customers. Across Nova Scotia, customers will save \$22 million. The decrease will last for one year. After which the board will reconvene to discuss the impact the reductions had on profits of the company.

NSPI mentioned that due to its fuel-adjustment strategy, commodity prices are lower and they are able to switch between multiple fuel sources. Customers will get a rebate if it turns out that the through the fuel adjusted system costs are lower than projected. Conservation is another mechanism that we have to thank. Patrons are becoming more eco-friendly and are turning off lights where necessary. This reduces the demand for electricity. Due to the economy downturn, customers are also looking to save a few bucks by conserving energy as well.




**NOVA SCOTIA  
POWER**  
An Emera Company

Are you looking for a **Chiropractor?**

**Dr. Brad Lohrenz**  
Robie @ Spring Garden  
Chiropractic Clinic

- Stress
- Headaches
- Back/Neck Pain
- Numb Legs/Arms
- Nutritional Questions



Halifax Professional Centre  
5991 Spring Garden Road  
Main Floor (beside Starbucks)  
**422-[EASY] 3279**  
Close to SMU (10 min. walk up Robie)  
Works with SMU student insurance  
No referral needed

Dr. Brad's quote of the week:  
"Don't just let your joy be the source of your smile, let your smile be the source of your joy!!!"

# Best-of-Craigslist

MONIQUE JOHNSON  
Business & Science Editor

I just had to share some of these postings from the Best-of-Craigslist advertisements. The postings are verbatim, so try not to cringe due to the spelling and grammatical errors.

“POSTED SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2009

JOB:  
ASTRONAUT  
NEEDED

LOCATION:  
NORTHERN  
ALBERTA

COMPENSATION:  
\$25,000”

Astronaut needed for experimental flight to Titan. I have been working on this project now for near 40 years and am afraid I'm no longer fit enough to go.

My secret space craft is the result of my professional experience and imagination while serving the U.S. military in advanced aeronautics as a scientist.

The craft harnesses a revolutionary propulsion system and its fuselage is fabricated with the most advanced material. While considerably safe, I am certain you will make it safely to Titan but there will not be enough fuel to get home. This is for someone unique that has always wanted to see the universe first-hand and has perhaps a terminal view on life here at home. Here's your shot at romantic history.

“MUST BE:  
-PHYSICALLY FIT.  
-MENTALLY SOUND.  
-OVER THE AGE OF 18.  
-A DREAMER.  
-A BELIEVER.  
-NOT AFRAID OF HEIGHTS.  
-NOT AFRAID OF EXTREME CONDITIONS SUCH AS SPEED, PRESSURE, HEAT, ETC.  
-BRAVE.  
-NO TALLER THAN 5'10 AND RELATIVELY SLIM.  
-GOOD EYE-SIGHT & HEARING.  
-MANUAL DEXTERITY (ALTHOUGH THE CRAFT IS LARGELY CPU CONTROLLED).  
-OK IN CRAMPED CONDITIONS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME”

“POSTED SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2009

JOB: IMPERFECT PET OWNER SEEKS PERFECT ADOPTER  
LOCATION: N/A  
COMPENSATION: A CAT”

I wanted a pet, so I got one. But I am tired of taking care of it, and paying for it. I might even be moving, in which case I would have to pay a pet deposit or spend an extra 30 seconds planning how to take along my pet. Maybe I decided to have a baby or get a boyfriend (or girlfriend). Anyhow, I don't want my pet anymore. Oh wait, that sounds every bit as selfish as I am. I mean, I can't keep my pet. Yeah, that's it. Oh allergies- YES, I suddenly got allergies. No one will question that.

and then change your mind ever because only I can do that. Now that I dumped him/her on you, he/she is too traumatized to ever face that again.

Last of all, I will now close by telling you that I need this person who takes over my responsibility to come along quickly, because otherwise I \*may\* have to take him/her to the pound. I probably won't, but that threat is sure to scare someone into hurrying up and taking over my responsibility.



Now about my pet. I've had it since it was a kitten (or pup, or egg if reptilian) and now it's middle aged, the age NO ONE wants to adopt, but didn't you see- I need someone to take care of it.

Anyhow, since this process will be very upsetting for my formerly precious pet (and because I may feel an inkling of guilt) I want the adopter to give it a home where there are no other pets, so it doesn't have to share your affections (even though I've been ignoring it for months). Now let me tell you how sweet, lovable, and darling he/she is. Also, allow me to fail to mention that he/she has a urination issue when scared, or he/she eat sofas, etc.

Oh, and I think you should pay a fee to show you're capable of buying cat food. And plus I spent money on it 8 years ago and heck I can get a few boxes of diapers for the baby with that cash.

Besides, everyone knows that you can tell a person who's taking your pet to be a test lab subject by whether or not they'll shell out \$50. If my pet is purebred, I will likely try to charge you hundreds. Because I spend hundreds and this is a very valuable pet. I just don't want it anymore. But YOU should want it enough to help me recoup my original purchase price.

Now, I hope you'll take it right to the vet, because he/she is behind on shots. And was never spayed/neutered. And make sure it gets premium food and all the things it deserves, but I am too selfish to even continue to care for it. And remember, this is a commitment- you better not take it

“POSTED SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2009

JOB:  
DEAD RAT FINDER  
AND REMOVER  
LOCATION:  
MILWAUKEE  
COMPENSATION:  
MCDONALD'S MEAL”

Had a rat problems and solved it by using the rat poison. The rats died somewhere in my bedroom wall and I can't find it but I can smell it it is not too good. I need some body who has experience finding where in wall the dead rats is and then taking them out it without breaking the walls. Maybe some guy who is poor they are more likely to have experience with the rats. Im not really able to pay too much for this would treat you to McDonald's it is close to my home. Besides, this is good experience for you if you are in the business. I would be willing to tell all your other customers what a great job you did with my rat. You could give them my cell number and as soon as my phone gets turned back on it would be like you have free advertising. I dispartly need some guys help right away cause my girlfriend won't sleep over anymore till I get rid of the smell and cleanup other things around my home and get a job soon. She used to go out with my brother and Im scared she will go back with him cause he don't have rats in his house. Dont worry if I dont answer you right away cause Im using my friends computer I dont have one. Give me your number and ill call you back and tell you where the house is. Thanks.

**WRITE FOR THE JOURNAL**  
THE JOURNAL IS LOOKING FOR WRITERS  
SUBMIT TO [THESMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THESMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM)  
[www.smujournal.ca](http://www.smujournal.ca)

## SPORTS

JASON MACDONALD  
Sports Editor

## Football: Huskies Advance to the Uteck Bowl

KIMBERLEY DARES & JASON  
MACDONALDFootball Enthusiast,  
Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's Huskies Football team defeated the St. Francis Xavier X-Men in front of a full house at Huskies Stadium last weekend in the AUFC Finals. This is the third year in a row that the Huskies have played the X-Men in the Loney Bowl and beat them out for the top spot in the AUS.

Although the X-Men fans were loud and proud, some in bright blue spandex, Huskies fans were louder and more proud of our football team than ever before. Even the most die-hard of fans, such as the "Pit Crew" were back in full force and celebrated their resurgence by sliding three times and leading cheers for

the entire crowd.

Scoring started off with a field goal by Justin Palardy for Saint Mary's and was quickly matched by St. FX's Anthony Alix. The remainder of the first half was slow going, St. FX kicked another field goal to take a brief lead. With 1:33 left to go in the 2nd quarter, SMU Quarterback Jack Creighton threw a pass to Carl Hardwick that was good for the first touchdown of the game making the score 10 to 6 for SMU at the half.

The second half of play began with another SMU touchdown, this one coming from Joe Dorhety, when he made a spectacular catch in the X end-zone. St. FX eventually scored two touch-downs of their own but they were unable to hold back the Huskies.

On a sad note; SMU player Meaders was seriously injured during the third quarter when making a tackle and had to be removed from the stadium in an am-

balance. He gave the crowd a thumbs up before the ambulance doors closed and received a standing ovation from the crowd in return. Seeing their team-mate taken off the field on a stretcher seemed to re-light the Huskies fire and they finished the 2nd half with a new sense of determination and drive to win.

Craig Leger was named the Alexander Keith's Player of the Game for his outstanding play. Leger was immortalized on the MVP trophy and was also awarded \$1000 for his outstanding play.

The final score was 31-22 for the Huskies. They will be taking on Blake Nill's Calgary Dinos in the Uteck Bowl this Saturday, November 21st at 1pm at Huskies Stadium. The Dinos made local news last year when former Huskies star Quarterback Erik Glavic made the decision to leave Saint Mary's and join former Huskies Head Coach Blake Nill to play for Calgary. Glavic spent last year on the Huskies injured list. The winner of this game will go on to play in the Vanier Cup at Laval University. Pick up your ticket today from the Ticket Atlantic Box Office and get out and cheer for the Huskies as they show Glavic and the Dinos that this is OUR HOUSE!

In other CISF action this weekend, The Laval Rouge et Or took home their 7th Dunsmore Cup in a 31-7 defeat of the Universite de Montreal Carabins before a crowd of almost 14,000 spectators. The Queen's University Golden Gaels won the OUAFC Yates Cup for the first time since 1978. The Gaels defeated the University of Western Ontario Mustangs 49-43. Their win saw seven lead changes and Gaels QB Danny Brannagan threw 515 yards and 5 touchdowns. The most important outcome of the weekend for the Huskies and their fans was the result of the CWFC Final. The Hardy Cup was awarded to the University of Calgary Dinos following their squeaker of a win over the University of Saskatchewan Huskies. The Dinos cemented their 39-38 win when Saskatchewan's kicker missed a last minute field goal due to a bad snap.

Following the CIS semi-final games this weekend the winners of the Uteck and Mitchell Bowls will meet for the Desjardins Vanier Cup on November 28th at Laval University, keep checking The Journal for updates about The Huskies and their drive to Vanier Cup Glory.



Photo Credit: Jason MacDonald

## Men's Basketball Have Winning Weekend, Pick-up 4 Points.

JASON MACDONALD  
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team hosted the #7 University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds for a double header this weekend and walked away victorious from each game.

On Friday night the men played before a crowd of more than 260 fans and defeated the Reds by a differential of 20 points. Final score was SMU 84, UNB 64. Player of the game for SMU was Joey Haywood who had 21 points.

SMU dominated scoring in all four quarters of the game, never trailing UNB and maintaining strong pressure throughout the game. Other strong players for SMU were 5th year player Mark McLaughlin who had 13 points and a 100% free-throw record. Also helping to secure the Huskies 2nd win of the season was veteran player Ikeobi Uchegbu with 12 points and some solid drives in the

paint.

Saturday night had the Reds back at the Tower to again face the red-hot Huskies, coming off a win on Friday night the boys were pumped up and ready to do it again.

Saturday's game was on par with the win of the previous night, final score was 90-74 for the Huskies and once more Mark McLaughlin and Joey Haywood lead SMU's scoring with 24 and 19 points respectively.

Ikeobi Uchegbu lead SMU's rebounds with 8 thanks to his strong presence deep in the UNB end.

The men are away for the next two games at Memorial before the winter exam break. The men will be back in action in the beginning of January for the Rod Shoyeller Tournament and then are back at home on January 9/10 when they take on the UPEI Panthers.



Photo Credit: Jason MacDonald

SPORTS  
in a minute

**Men's Hockey;** The men's hockey team improved their overall record to 7-2 this weekend with wins over STU(5-1) and UdeM(11-0). The Huskies are currently 3rd in the AUS behind StFX and UNB(who have yet to lose a game this season). Neil Conway recorded his fourth start of the season and almost had a second shut-out. The Huskies controlled scoring against the Tommies and held them from scoring until the last 2 minutes of the game when Matt Eagles snuck a goal past Conway.

SMU also walked through UdeM on Saturday, Conway was awarded his 2nd shut-out of the season and UdeM fell to last place in the AUS. Leading the Huskies scoring was Cody Thornton, Justin Munden, Andrew White and Justin Wallingford who each had 2 goals and Cory Tanaka, Cam Fergus, and Kyle Doucet who each recorded 1 goal. Fergus improved to 7 goals in the season and Thornton put up his 10th goal. 4 of SMU's goals came on the Power-play. Andrew Hotham was given a game misconduct following a kneeing incident late in the 3rd period.

**Women's Hockey;** The women's Hockey team were in action at home this weekend, playing two games, against STU and UdeM. The Huskies played STU Saturday afternoon at Alumni Arena before a very small crowd due to the concurrent football game. The Huskies defeated the Tommies thanks to Kori Cheverie's Over-Time goal. The Tommies were out shot 46-24 but were kept close thanks to the outstanding performance of Julia Sharun who faced 22 shots in the 3rd period alone. Sunday saw the Huskies host the UdeM Aigles-Bleus, currently 4th in AUS rankings behind the Huskies. UdeM came out strong, opening scoring early with an unassisted short handed goal by Marieve Provost (her 1st of three goals). Also scoring for UdeM was Valerie Boisclair(2). The Huskies were outshot by UdeM and were unable to find the tying goal at any point, trailing for the whole game. The Women take on McGill and Concordia this weekend at home, check Huskies at Home for game times.

**Volleyball;** The Huskies defeated UdeM this weekend 3 sets to 1. The Huskies currently have a strangle hold on the AUS's top spot, they are the only team currently 4-0 and are playing exceptionally well so far this season. The Aigles-Bleus won the first game in a close contest that had 2 lead changes but the Huskies came back in hard fought battles in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th games, keeping UdeM to less than 20 points each game. The women will be back at the Tower in January.

# Women's Basketball Take Lead in AUS Standings.

JASON MACDONALD  
*Sports Editor*

Following this weekends two wins over the UNB Varsity Reds the women's basketball team are currently holding the position of first place in the AUS Basketball Conference, in a close 2nd and 3rd place are St. FX and Cape Breton University.

The Women played first on Friday evening and defeated the Reds by a score of 93-73. SMU rookie Justine Colley was named player of the game and lead scoring for the Huskies.

Also a force to be reckoned with in Friday's game were the Daley sisters,

veteran Kelsey and rookie Robbi. Each had numerous points and played good hard defence to keep the reds from scoring.

Saturday's game was much of the same, the Huskies walked through the Reds once more, scoring 78 points to their 67 and increasing their points to 341 in 5 games, averaging 68.2 points per game.

The women are on a 3 game road trip before the winter exam break, visiting Memorial and Acadia and will be back at home on January 9th /10th when the UPEI Panthers visit the Tower for the first two of four games they will play against the Huskies this season.

**NEW TOY**  
**NEW JOY EVENT**

**46 mpg** 2010 Equinox from \$25,995

**48 mpg** 2010 Malibu from \$20,999

PLUS RECIEVE **\$1,000** HOLIDAY BONUS

**O'REGAN'S** DRIVING HIGHER STANDARDS

**CHEVROLET CADILLAC** 2477 ROBIE STREET • HALIFAX • 422-8551  
[WWW.OREGANSCHEVROLET.COM](http://WWW.OREGANSCHEVROLET.COM)

2010 Equinox and 2010 Malibu price does not include freight, delivery fee's & taxes. HOLIDAY BONUS \$1000 available on deliveries through November 30th, 2009. MPG rating based upon Canada's Fuel Consumption Guide. Visit O'Regan's on Robie for details.

**Huskies at Home**

**Saturday 21 November**  
**Uteck Bowl,**  
**Calgary Dinos @ SMU**  
**Kickoff, 1pm**  
**Tickets Available through Ticket Atlantic**

**Women's Hockey**  
**McGill @ SMU, 4pm**

**Sunday, 22 November**  
**Women's Hockey**  
**Concordia @ SMU, 12pm**

**YOU CAN FIND SCORES AND MORE AT**  
[WWW.SMUHUSKIES.CA](http://WWW.SMUHUSKIES.CA)

WRITE FOR THE JOURNAL!

**HMINC**

**HMINC-Halifax and D.C. Photo Inc.-Wolfville would like to Welcome Tara Dunbar to our Advertising/Modeling team.**

Drop in and say "Hello" to Tara to receive a FREE Hand and Body Lotion

**425.3225**

**1226 Hollis St. Halifax, NS**

**HMINC**  
*Hairdressers' Market Inc.*  
YOUR WHOLESALE / RETAIL & HAIRCARE PRODUCTS SOLUTION  
GENERAL PUBLIC WELCOME