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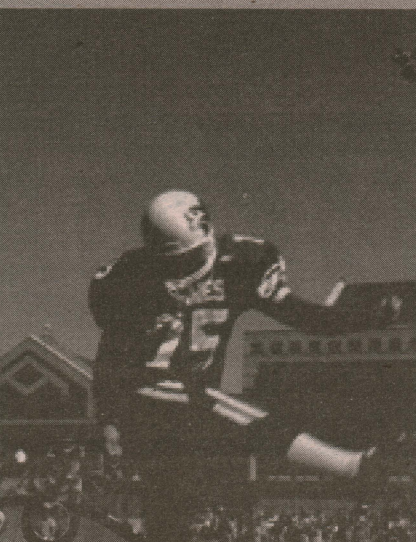
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# Perspective



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## Letter From The Editor

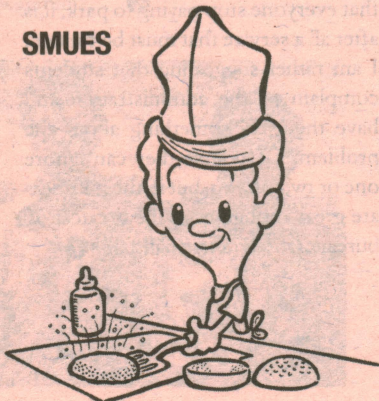
I have listened to people grumble about the fact that Emera, owner of Nova Scotia Power has posted record profits this quarter. NSP is regulated, and is not allowed to earn profits of more than 9.5%. The amount they are earning is within that 9.5%, and the company is doing exactly what it is supposed to do. In the early 1990's Nova Scotia Power was privatized under a crushing \$2 billion dollar debt. Shareholders took the risk and are able to reap the rewards. You can disagree with the fact that privatization occurred, but that makes no difference that it has taken effect. I would hope Nova Scotia Power is able to make profit in order to adequately fund the transition into increased renewable energy that is required. Currently, NSP generates approximately 12% renewable energy, are required to increase that to 25% by 2015. NSP has the worst of both world when it comes to coverage by the media: association with government and that fact that they are also privately owned. There will always be an easy angle for those who want to dump on the power corporation, and this simplistic style of reporting is an example of it.

Adam Faber  
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## Green Tip of the Week

When preparing a meal in the oven or on the stove, make extra so that you will have some for leftovers. That way you will save time and energy.

### SMUES



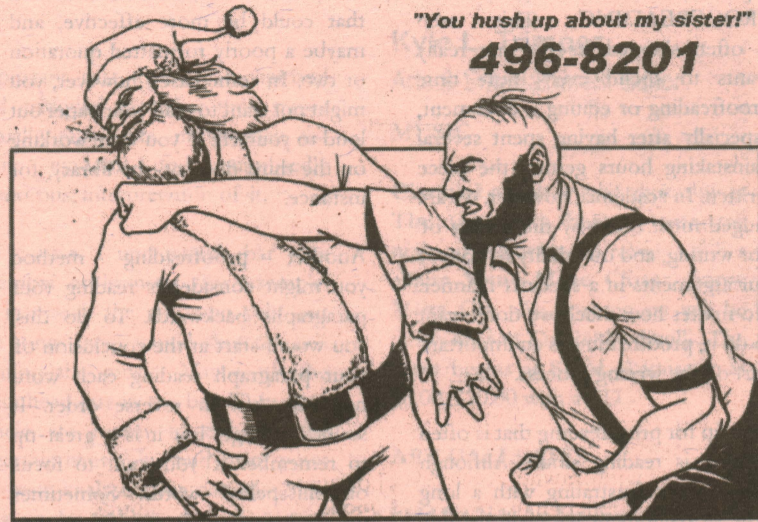
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**Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:25 PM Via Email (This week's winner!)**

I am so excited I could just vomit! Did you see the snow out there?! Just small flurries now, but man oh man, winter is just around the corner! Break out those fashionable hat-scarf-mitt combos and your favourite woolly coat, don a lovely turtleneck or cozy sweater, your best pair of trendy winter boots, and don't under any circumstance forget the festive yet occasionally functional winter purse. Your silver or gold jewelry will thank you for giving them an array of festive colours to go with (Siiiiilver and goooold, siiiiiilver and goooooold, everyone wishes for siiiiiilver and goooooold...). Oh lordy, I love winter fashion!

In addition to the lovely apparel, there's hot chocolate, Voortman cookies, Quality Street and Pot of Gold chocolates, Charlie Brown Christmas specials, The Nutcracker (ballet, music, and cartoon), toasty warm fires to cuddle up to with a special someone or a good book, Christmas music, pretty decorations, and the chill in the air puts a lovely



"You hush up about my sister!"  
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pink to the cheeks. Forget about fake blush when you can have it for real. Need I start on all the wonderful cooking and baking? I think that's pretty well implied. Oh and just think about how the trees will look all coated with ice after the first ice storm! Boston in the fall is nothing compared to Halifax in the winter. The snow falling in big, puffy flakes, drifting into a still ocean at your feet, sparkling brilliantly in the sun and glowing blue by starlight. Talk about the most wonderful time of the year. I'll say.

**Thursday, November 4th at 12:17 PM Via Email**

I whole heartedly welcome a tuition increase. I hope tuition goes up 200%. I'm no dummy, I got

good marks in math (I checked ratemyprof.com for the easiest markers, you see) and know that as tuition costs go up, enrollment will drop. I'm graduating this year, so this means less competition for us smart people! Now, you poor suckers in first and second year shouldn't fret, I'll give you jobs to pay down your debt after you drop out. I'll even put the good word in for you when I'm rubbin' elbows with the new elite. Peace out, suckers!

Weekly winners are to e-mail thesmujournal@gmail.com and claim their tasty pizza prize!

## Open letter to the Iranian President

Dimitri Soudas  
Contributor

Mrs. Lauren Harper and Indigo President, Heather Reisman issued the following open letter to the Iranian President condemning Iran's treatment of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani and that country's senseless and continual disregard for women's rights in the Iran. Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani was initially accused and convicted of adultery and sentenced to death by stoning. Now, she faces murder charges, which carries a death sentence by hanging, a fate that has marshalled women around the world to defend her rights and take up her cause.

President Ahmadinejad,

As women who enjoy the benefits and protections of a democratic society that values and promotes the rights and freedoms of all its citizens—female and male—we are deeply troubled by the flagrant disregard of women's rights in Iran. In particular, the most recent and public case of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, is an

affront to any sense of moral or human decency and is symbolic of the plight of Iranian women.

We urge you to take a progressive step towards improving the lives of Iranian women, mothers, daughters and sisters by unconditionally releasing Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani. There remains an unparalleled coalition of support around the world to keep the spotlight on the actions of the Iranian government and the status of women in Iran. We will continue to be vigilant to highlight this case and all other similar cases in Iran.

As mothers, sisters and daughters, we are gravely concerned about the unfair, undue legal processes faced by women in Iran. Repugnant sentences, such as death by stoning, are routinely rendered against women in Iran.

In Canada, women enjoy all the same benefits, rights and freedoms as men. But with these rights also comes responsibilities; and as such

we are morally obligated to speak out publicly in defence of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani and indeed all women in Iran.

Once again, we strongly urge you to take the first step towards progress and unconditionally release Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani. Certainly, this would be welcomed by women around the world as seen as a deeply symbolic gesture toward the betterment of all Iranian women. ①

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## Perspective

# Writing Centre's Tip of the Week

Katie Eaton  
Contributor

Last week, I mentioned an important aspect of the writing process: PROOFREADING. This step is often skipped, as no one really wants to spend even more time proofreading or editing a document, especially after having spent several painstaking hours getting the piece written. In academia, however, we are judged most often by the quality of our writing, and our ability to convey our arguments in a succinct manner. No matter how much we don't want to do it, proofreading is an important part of the writing process.

One tip for proofreading that is often helpful, is reading aloud. Although this can get frustrating with a long essay or assignment, it is really helpful, because it forces you to slow down and listen to what you have written. This way, is it much more likely that you'll pick up on mistakes by hearing them, mistakes such as misplaced punctuation, run-on sentences, and awkward wording. By reading aloud,

you are also more likely to notice misspelled words, a sentence or two that could be more effective, and maybe a poorly formatted quotation or two. In some cases, however, you might not want to read your paper out loud to yourself: if you were working on the third floor of the library, for instance.

Another proofreading method you might consider is reading your paragraphs backwards. To do this, you would start at the conclusion of your paragraph reading each word normally, but in reverse order. It sounds strange, but it is a great tip to remember if you want to focus on misspelled words. Sometimes we think faster than our fingers can type, especially when we're on a roll, so this can be helpful to find spelling mistakes and contractions that you might miss if you were to look over the essay quickly.

You might even grab a writing-savvy

friend to help you edit, or head on over to the Writing Centre to see one of the Writing Assistants for a fresh pair of eyes. No matter how you end up doing it, spending time proofreading your writing makes a difference. Your reader (your instructor) will be thankful, and you might just get a better mark.

Until next week,

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## Feature

# WTF is that Yellow Thing on my Wheel?

James Urquhart  
Feature Editor

Many of you may not know but this is not my only job; like many other students at Saint Mary's I have several jobs just so that I can stay afloat (and maybe enjoy some luxuries now and again). One of my jobs, which I enjoy some days more than others, is working at one of this city's fine subway locations. Now as many of you may know working at such an establishment is not always the most exciting task in the world, but luckily earlier last year the building's owner decided to hire no-go, no-tow to patrol the parking lot, and thus alleviated much of my boredom. I am telling you, nothing breaks up the monotony of eight long hours like watching the fine gentlemen of no-go engage in a verbal battle to the death with those poor individuals who were foolish enough to not read the 14 signs posted outside (or at least to the end of one parties wits). Recently on my trek to school I came across much of the same thing here at Saint Mary's. Only instead of the professionals of no-go, it is our fearless and loyal Saint Mary's security team that valiantly guards the parking lots against evil would be parking violators (yes all sarcasm is intended here and elsewhere).

This got me to thinking why is there a need for security to be taking time from their jam-packed day in order to go around booting cars? Are the students to blame? Surely they received the memo hidden

somewhere on SMUport. What would possess them to park in spots that are clearly labeled as car pool spots? What would possess them to park without having first paid to park in the designated parking lot? Is it perhaps the case that Saint Mary's students are morally corrupt, illiterate, horrible citizens (or perhaps only those students who drive)? Is this sounding as far fetched to the

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rest of you as it is to me? Well, then what is the answer to the question; why are students displaying such disregard for parking enforcement? Well perhaps this is the answer: there is only one lot on campus to my recollection, and this lot is not necessarily exclusive to students. What does this mean? Simple: Do not let the administration fool you, boots are meant to further accentuate the problem that already exists; there is not enough parking on campus (or anywhere else in this city for that matter). I am not saying that this is a problem that can be fixed overnight; however, the fact that the

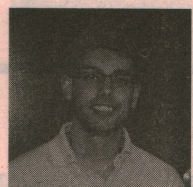
administration would rather boot its own students than consider an alternative solution to the problem is truly sad. I know that they will adamantly deny that they boot anyone who is not either parked in an illegal space or have outstanding parking fines, but this is a weak defense. Both of these issues are caused by the lack of parking on campus, and most of the students who get slapped with



walk, I like to walk, and the prospect of owning a car is not appealing to me, so this will not become my fight. I do not agree with how students who do own cars are being treated; however, I have bigger fish to fry. I do however encourage those students who do pay to park at Saint Mary's to champion this cause (our views on emissions aside). I am not advocating that everyone stop paying to park, it is after all a service that must be funded. I am rather suggesting that students complain to the administration and have them do something about the problem. Of course they can ignore one or two of you, but if the numbers are great enough even the greatest of bureaucratic tyrants shall fall! ①

campus parking fines do pay to park on campus. You would not go to the grocery store and pay for fruit in the anticipation that you may perhaps get some fruit. That would be absolutely ludicrous and Sobeys or Superstore (respectfully) would have a riot on their hands if they gouged people in this way. Well let me be the one to break it to you: if you pay to park on campus you are essentially paying for fruit without knowing if you will get any. The reason that the administration continues to get away with this sort of thing is because not enough people have raised grief about the issue. I will be quite honest; I





James Urquhart Feature Editor

# Feature

## Why Carleton Should Change Its Policy Regarding Demonstrations The Cranky Professor

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Carleton University, in Ottawa, will deny space in public areas to disturbing, upsetting, or offensive demonstrations. Carleton will, nevertheless, provide space for such demonstrations, just not in a location where people can't easily avoid them.

Early last October, Carleton denied use of the quad, a central public area on campus, to pro-life demonstrators who intended to show large pictures of aborted fetuses and concentration camp inmates. The university invited the demonstrators to set up their display in a particular room so that people wouldn't have to see the pictures. Demonstrators were allowed to stand in the quad to direct people to their display, but they were forbidden to erect their display there.

When the demonstrators ignored the university's invitation and attempted to set up their display in the quad, officers of the university had them arrested for trespassing.

Roseann O'Reilly Runte, the President and Vice-Chancellor of Carleton, thinks Carleton's policy regarding disturbing demonstrations gives everybody everything they should want. No one is prohibited from saying what they want to say or how they want to say it, while at the same time no one is required to hear or see what they would rather avoid.

Whatever President Runte thinks, Carleton's policy is entirely contrary to what a university is all about. It prevents Carleton from being what it should be. Carleton should not patrol demonstrations for either their content or how they present that content.

President Runte's central mistake is to think of the Carleton campus as a place where different sorts of people cross paths as they pursue their various projects, as though the quad were a downtown city street. She should, instead, conceive of the campus as a place where a very particular, very special sort of community lives. A university campus is, first of all, or at

least it should be, a home for university people, a home for intellectuals. Policies at a university should be designed and implemented with that fact or ideal in mind. A campus is not a city street welcoming to all, but a place entirely at the service of university people. Any accommodation with the needs or desires of people who are not university people is a betrayal of the university.

University people want above all not just to believe truly and to value nobly, but to believe and value what they do for the right reason. They would rather they believed something false on what they take to be good reasons than to believe something true because, out of fear or hope, they desire it to be true. Their respect for other university people is manifested in their refusal to seek to get others to believe a thing, even something they themselves maintain to be true and important, on anything other than good reasons.

Being a university person requires

always being ready to have one's beliefs and values challenged. An intellectual always leaves her position open to attack, her values at risk. If she is wrong about something, she wants to know, and so she invites anyone at all to show her where and how she is wrong.

For this reason, an intellectual, a university person, would never turn a demonstrator away from a public venue at her university, especially if that demonstrator intends to challenge her deeply held beliefs or values. No university person seeks to avoid a demonstration, and none needs protection from whatever the demonstration advocates or how it advocates it.

Carleton's policy on demonstrations, then, makes Carleton less of a home to intellectuals, to university people, than a university should be. And because it molluscifies the students—people who are on campus because they aspire to be intellectuals—it undercuts the educative mission of the university.

Everyone who steps onto a university campus risks being disturbed or upset, or at least that is how it should be. Moreover, only those people keen to risk being disturbed or upset belong on a university campus. University people at Carleton should be outraged by how their president has treated them, by her contempt for their values.

By the way, while an intellectual might occasionally be disturbed, upset, or even, outraged by something, she is never offended. Those people who would have been offended by gory images or an anti-woman message are to be pitied (and then educated). They are not to be indulged, especially not at the cost of corrupting a university. ①

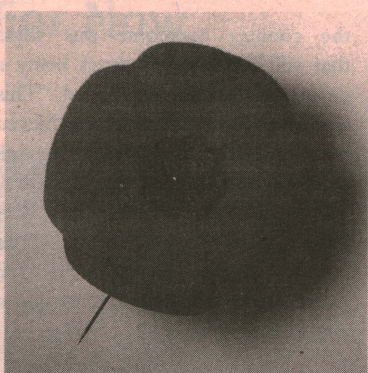
## Remembrance Day: Why I Remember

James Urquhart

Feature Editor

When I reminisce about remembrance day ceremonies past, and think back to when I was just a kid and did not truly understand the ramifications of what this day meant, I am humored by the fact that all I really cared about back then is getting a hot cup of coco and warming up my hands. As I have gotten older, and my views on the matter have subsequently matured, I

you know that there is a justification to follow a claim like this. What then is it that these individuals, those who make up and have made up the Canadian military, have done and continue to do for us, Canadian citizens? I am a firm believer in the idea of democracy and what it stands for. I am always ready and willing to defend this concept against anyone



standing out in the crisp November air each and every Remembrance Day to pay my respects to these great men and women.

I also believe in what the military stands for, at least in theory: freedom. This may sound odd coming out of my mouth, but there are very few things that I believe with a much conviction as the previous statement. One might be inclined to ask how it is that the military stands for freedom? My answer relates back to my views on democracy. Never mind the negative media surrounding the military; in principle (and I would argue also in practice) the basis of the military is uphold freedom. It may be that in other countries militaries serve some other function, and perhaps even in some cases pursue evil ends. However, let me remind you that we do not live in those other countries; we live here in Canada, which, despite

its faults, is in my opinion the best country to live in, at least from the standpoint of freedom. Our military, and their actions over the past 143 years, have had a large impact on who we are as people, and have gone along way to shape this great country we live in.

So I invite you on November 11 to take a few minutes out of your busy day, and make your way down to your nearest Remembrance Day ceremony. The biggest ceremony in Halifax will be taking place at the cenotaph, which is located in Parade Square, downtown between Barrington and Acricola. I know I will be there rain and shine to pay my respects to these great men and women, and I certainly hope that you will do the same. Most importantly, if you cannot make it, at least do your best to wear your poppy. ①

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have come to from a deep and sincere appreciation for what this day means and what those men and women who have served, are currently serving and those who have been lost in the line of duty. I know that generally my articles tend to be more satirical in nature, or at least I intend of them to be of this nature, this will not be one of those articles. This is intended to be a reflection on my views on Remembrance Day and what it means to me.

So what is Remembrance Day all about? Well for me it is all about doing a little something for those who do so much for us. I am well aware that this contention, those who do so much for us, can be highly controversial. If you are familiar with my writing than

who would like to challenge its merits. However, the point of this article is not to defend this notion, so I will not do this here (put again feel free to write in to the journal, we always appreciate your responses). I want to take for granted, for the time being, that democracy is something ideal, that we should strive to perfect. This being said, how can one overlook the importance of what, those who have served and continue to serve, have done and continue to do, towards upholding this ideal? Anytime that our country, and the notion of democracy in general have been challenged, it is these brave men and women who have responded to the challenge. I personally see this as a non-selfish, heralding act, and this is one of the reasons that I do not mind

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## Feature

### Remembrance Day 2010: What can we do to help?

Suzette Belliveau

Contributor

The year is 1917, you're twenty years old. It's dark, it's wet, and you're sitting in a trench somewhere in the middle of France, just waiting for that moment to fire your gun, to attack against your enemies. Your best friend is right there beside you, he's eager to see what's happening beyond the trench, you tell him not to raise his head, it's too dangerous to look. However, He doesn't listen, and as he lifts his head with anxious eyes to the unknown, you hear gunfire and see your best friend fall to the ground. He is gone.

To us, sitting in classroom, drinking a Tim's coffee, or studying in the Atrium, this scenario is beyond our recognition. We cannot possibly wrap our minds around what the young men and women who fought in these wars seen and experienced. Bloodshed and tragedy, for years before returning to their home country, was the normal life for these people. What would you have done?

Thankfully, because of these people we will never know or understand

the hardships that they hold within themselves. These brave men and women fought for our freedom, and it is on November 11th that we remember and take pride in the sacrifices that were made for our freedom. We must take charge of our actions, by showing the veterans that we care, and that we greatly appreciate what was done, so that we can live peacefully and freely in this beautiful country.

Therefore, what can we do to help? What can we do, as University students to show our support towards these special people who fought dearly for our country? If you regularly participate in Remembrance Day activities, that's great! If you do not, then I urge you to consider these options. First and foremost, wear a poppy; you will see veterans, cadets, and volunteers selling them at locations all around the city. Attend a Remembrance Day service on November 11th, search online for areas holding services, however most churches and most memorials will be holding services at 11am. If you

have a deceased family member who served in any of the wars, you can purchase a wreath at any of the Royal Canadian Legions. These wreaths are laid at the memorials on Remembrance Day. Finally, if you would truly like to help and show your gratitude for the veterans of our country, call your local Royal Canadian Legion and ask to volunteer. Legion memberships are decreasing; they are in need of more people to join. If you have a grandparent, or parent who fought in any of the wars, you are able to join. We cannot let the Legions fade away, nor can we let the memories of our veterans fade away. They are an important piece of our history, and of our freedom.

On this November 11th, and on every Remembrance Day think of those who risked their lives and those who are currently risking their lives, so that we do not have too. Show your support for our Canadian troops of the past, present and future. ①

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## News

### Brazil Elects First Female President

Keimeko Scotland

News Editor

56% of Brazilians who turned out to vote in run-off presidential elections on October 31 have chosen Dilma Vana Rousseff as their new and first female president.

Rousseff also becomes the fourth South American female president joining the ranks of such notable dignitaries as Isabel Peron of Argentina (who was the world's first woman president) who took office in 1974; Michelle Bachelet, president of Chile, who took office in 2006; and Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner of Argentina, who took office in 2007.

Although Rousseff was the "hand-picked" replacement choice of incumbent president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the failure to secure and outright majority in the primary round of the presidential elections had some onlookers doubting the strength of her candidacy.

Reflecting on her victory Rousseff noted its significance with the gender and equality debate that is ongoing in Brazil.

"My election is a milestone, not because I was elected, but because I represent a process in which Brazilian women are increasingly aware of their role".

"The most important message that we can transmit to women is the



affirmation that women can be presidents ... women have all the potential that men have. There are differences, but they are not unequal", said Rousseff.

Speaking at a victory rally in the Brazilian capital, Brasilia, Rousseff told jubilant supporters: "We cannot rest while Brazilians are going hungry, while families are living in the streets, while poor children are abandoned to their own fates and while crack and crack dens rule".

Rousseff has stated that the eradication of extreme poverty will be the top priority of her administration.

"The eradication of extreme poverty is a target that I assume and I humbly ask for the support of you all to help

the country overcome this abyss that still separates us from being a developed nation," she added. "This ambitious goal will not be achieved by the government alone. It is a call for the nation."

Rousseff was raised in an upper middle class household as the daughter of a Bulgarian immigrant and a schoolteacher.

Following the 1964 coup d'état in Rousseff joined left-wing urban guerrilla groups that fought against the military dictatorship. Her involvement with the guerilla groups eventually led to her being captured and jailed between 1970 and 1972 and reportedly tortured.

Rousseff has served as Minister of Mines & Energy (2003-2005) and Chief of Staff of Brazil (2005-2010) under President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Rousseff will officially take office on January 1, 2011. ①

### Rolls Royce Engines Fail on Airbus 380

Keimeko Scotland

News Editor

A day after a massive engine failure on the world's largest jetliner, engine manufacturer Rolls-Royce watched a billion dollars vanish from its market value, while another of its engines on a different plane caught fire in flight. The Australian airline Qantas blamed the British aerospace company for the violent mid-flight disintegration on November 4 of an engine on the Airbus A380.

One of the A380's four Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engines failed minutes into a flight to Sydney, shedding pieces of metal over Indonesia before it returned to make a safe emergency landing in Singapore.

Another Qantas plane equipped with Rolls-Royce engines suffered an engine problem shortly after takeoff the following day on November 5, producing a loud bang and shooting fire before it turned back to Singapore

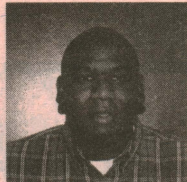
"We believe this is probably most likely a material failure or some type of design issue", Qantas CEO Alan Joyce told a news conference in Sydney. "We don't believe this is related to maintenance in any way". Joyce said the engines had been maintained by Rolls-Royce since they were installed.

Rolls-Royce Group PLC, a London-based aerospace, power systems and defense Company separate from the car manufacturer, made no public comment. Its stock price has since fallen more than 5 percent lower.

Modern passenger jets are designed to fly after one or more engine failures, and both Qantas planes landed safely. ①

*With files from the Associated Press*

# News



Keimeko Scotland News Editor

## Cross Burning in Canada?

Keimeko Scotland  
News Editor

It would appear that US style racism has finally made its way to Canada.

In a precedent setting case for Canada, 20 yr old Justin Chad Rehberg has been found guilty of "inciting hatred" in a cross-burning incident last year near Windsor, N.S.

Rehberg had pleaded guilty to criminal harassment but maintained that he was not guilty of inciting hatred. Rehberg's brother, Nathan, is also facing charges public incitement of hatred, mischief and uttering threats because of his role in the incident.

On November 5, Judge Claudine MacDonald convicted him on the charge of inciting hatred, saying that the burning of a cross is closely associated with the Ku Klux Klan in the United States.

This story began on February 21 when Michelle Lyon, who is white, and Shayne Howe, who is black, awoke to find a cross with a noose on it burning outside their home in the Poplar Grove community of Nova Scotia. Their five children, between the ages of two and 17, were home at the time.

Crown attorney Darrell Carmichael said this is the first time a

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cross-burning has been recognized as a hate crime in Canada.

“I think it is a really significant decision for our country”, Carmichael told reporters outside the courtroom. “There has never been an official court decision which states that cross-burning in this context is a hate crime”.

Carmichael said he would be seeking a prison term for Rehberg, who will return to court on December 14 for sentencing on both charges.

This precedent setting conviction highlights the latent concerns of many visible minorities who have maintained that racism is very real problem in Canada. This argument is supported by intellectuals such as David Tanovich, a law professor at the University of Windsor in Ontario who specializes in systemic racism

and criminal justice.

In an interview with the National Post, Tanovich said the conviction was positive, but that more can be done to shed light on other, lower-profile cases and that this case is especially troubling given Rehberg's relatively young age.

“That's a sad reality of racism and other forms of prejudice, is that they persist”, Tanovich said.

“The real danger isn't so much in the overt acts like this, but in the more subtle instances where people don't even realize they're acting in a discriminatory fashion and it has significant consequences to those that experience it”.

The most recent information from Statistics Canada reports that in 2007 and 2008, there were more than 1,800 hate crimes reported to police in Canada.

Of those 1800 incidents, approximately 1,050 reports were based on race or ethnicity, while religion accounted for more than 400 reports.

With files from National Post and Reuters

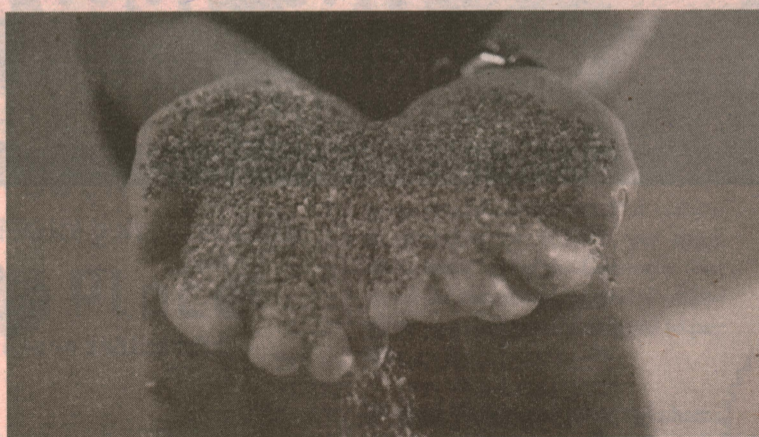
## Potash Stays in Canadian Hands....For Now

Keimeko Scotland  
News Editor

The November 3 announcement by federal industry minister Tony Clement that BHP Billiton's \$38.6 billion hostile takeover bid for PotashCorp had been blocked by Ottawa has been met with almost universal approval by Canadians all across the country.

In a statement to the press Minister Clement said, “The federal government understands the intrinsic value of the potash industry to the country and to the people of Canada... my job is to assess the potential bid with reference to the Investment Canada Act and the economic policies of the country.” Clement went on to emphasize that the temporary rejection of the bid does not mean that Canada is not interested in foreign investment, saying “some decisions can only be made once ... and there's no turning back, ever”.

The federal Investment Canada Act allows Ottawa to block any deal worth \$299 million or more if it finds the takeover doesn't provide “net benefits” to Canadians. Minister Clement's statement that “BHP Billiton has 30 days to make any additional representations and



submit any undertakings...at the end of that period a final decision will be made” leaves the door open for further negotiating and lends credence to the suspicions that BHP will make an enhanced offer.

This decision has ignited national debate on trade liberalization and the importance of “protecting” national industries in Canada.

Oddly enough it's usually in so called “developing countries” of the “global south” (Latin America, Africa and parts of Asia) where these issues have provoked the most national debate when foreign transnational

corporations attempt to takeover local businesses in strategically important industries.

Now that the debate is taking place in Canada using the same anti-globalization and anti-neoliberal protectionist arguments it begs the question of whether those developing countries were right all along to reject globalization and its neoliberal trade agenda.

It should however be noted that PotashCorp itself has never explicitly said that it rejects the BHP Billiton offer per se. What it has stated is that “the BHP Billiton \$130 per

share offer is wholly inadequate. The PotashCorp Board of Directors strongly believes that the offer fails to reflect both the value of PotashCorp's premier position in a strategically vital industry and the company's future growth prospects”. PotashCorp's corporate website goes on to say “The PotashCorp Board believes that the offer is not in the best interests of the company, its shareholders or other stakeholders”.

These statements do not expressly reject the idea of a takeover bid, but rather they appear to reject the amount being offered for control of PotashCorp.

So while the “nationalists” celebrate the temporary rejection of the takeover bid by Ottawa, they should keep in mind that both PotashCorp and Ottawa have effectively left the door open for and seem to be waiting on the new and improved bid by BHP Billiton which will surely come within the next three weeks.

If the improved bid is eventually

accepted as providing “net benefits” for Canadians, it will be interesting to see how Canadians who don't support the idea of ceding ownership of PotashCorp to foreign investors react. Most of these well meaning Canadians have absolutely no idea that the November 3 decision was less about nationalism and much more about the market driven principles of share value and profit maximization.

**FYI:**

*Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc. is the world's largest fertilizer enterprise by capacity producing the three primary plant nutrients and a leading supplier to three distinct market categories: agriculture, with the largest capacity in the world in potash, third largest in each of nitrogen and phosphate; animal nutrition, with the world's largest capacity in phosphate feed ingredients; and industrial chemicals, as the largest global producer of industrial nitrogen products and the world's largest capacity for production of purified industrial phosphoric acid. (Source: <http://www.potashcorp.com/news/1032/>)*



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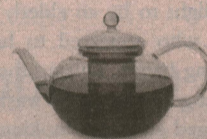
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## News

## Veterans Protest for Better Benefits

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As Canada remembers the contributions of those who have fallen in line of military service, there are those for whom Remembrance Day reminds them of the challenges faced by many veterans all across Canada.

Canadian military veterans, unhappy with the disability compensation and pension benefits they're offered, rallied on Parliament Hill and outside constituency offices across the country Saturday as part of the Veterans National Day of Protest.

Many veterans complain that the government's New Veterans Charter, which came into effect in 2006, gives less money to soldiers wounded in Afghanistan than older vets have been entitled to.

They want the government to do away with its "lump-sum" payment policy in favour of the previous lifetime pain-and-suffering pension plan.

"We have people serving in Afghanistan that are coming home with amputations, and these people, when they get hurt, they figure their fight's over, but when they get home they realize it's just starting", said Gary Best of the Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association in an interview with CBC News.

Canada's outgoing veteran's ombudsman, Pat Stogran, has said he is considering a class-action lawsuit against the government on behalf of injured military veterans

Here in Halifax about 75 people rallied at Halifax's Grand Parade on Saturday, joining the Veterans National Day of Protest to push for improvements in disability compensation and pension benefits in the military.

## Mission Impossible: Outsmart International Airport Security

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News Editor

You know the saying "art imitates life"; well a real life imitation of art has caused air transportation officials in Canada and Hong Kong a major headache. In a stunning imitation of Tom Cruise's "Ethan Hunt" character from the Mission Impossible movie series, a passenger was able to bypass airport security disguised as an elderly Caucasian man. The perpetrator would later emerge from the aircraft's washroom as a young Asian male.

Canadian authorities are investigating what they called an "unbelievable" incident which occurred October 29 on Air Canada flight AC018 to Vancouver originating in Hong Kong. An intelligence alert from the Canada Border Services Agency described the incident as an "unbelievable case of concealment".

"Information was received from Air Canada Corporate Security regarding a possible imposter on a flight originating from Hong Kong", the alert said. "The passenger in question was observed at the beginning of the flight to be an elderly Caucasian male who appeared to have young looking hands. During the flight the passenger went to the washroom and emerged an Asian looking male that appeared to be in his early 20s".

After landing in Canada, Border Services Officers escorted the man off the plane where he "proceeded



to make a claim for refugee protection", the alert said.

"We can confirm that officials from the CBSA met a passenger arriving off AC018 Hong Kong to Vancouver on October 29 and the matter is still under investigation", said Air Canada spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick, who noted that "there are multiple identity checks before departure at the Hong Kong international airport, including Chinese government-run Hong Kong passport control, which Hong Kong originating passengers must undergo".

Jennifer Bourque, regional communications officer for the CBSA, confirmed that "we intercepted an individual, on October 29, attempting to enter Canada under false pretenses

on-board an Air Canada flight".

"CBSA can confirm that the foreign national is currently in CBSA detention", she said. "The individual will present before an IRB hearing. The officials of the CBSA will not disclose further information on this file".

Because of Privacy Act regulations, Bourque declined to provide specific details about the case.

The agency would not discuss when or why the man put on the disguise or details about how he boarded the plane. But the alert indicated that the suspect boarded the plane with a boarding pass belonging to another passenger.

"It is believed that the subject and

the actual United States Citizen passenger (whose date of birth is 1955) performed a boarding pass swap, with the subject using an Aeroplan card as identification to board the flight", the alert said. Aeroplan is a credit card where card holders can earn frequent flyer miles.

As news of this incident began to circulate internationally, some serious questions and concerns over international airport security procedures have been reignited.

Remember this comes on the heels of a thwarted parcel bomb attack just two weeks ago. Last year, in an unrelated incident, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab managed to board an international flight from Amsterdam to Detroit with high explosives sewn into his underwear on Christmas day.

With all the financial, human and technological resources being invested into the war on terror, is it unreasonable to think that this latest security breach really should have been mission impossible? The mind reels at what could possibly happen if Al-Qaeda starts recruiting some "Ethan hunt" types capable of impersonating senior citizens and making their way, undetected, onto international flights. **J**

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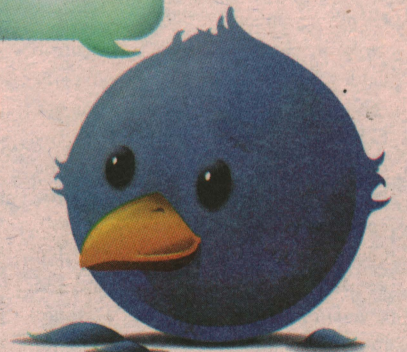
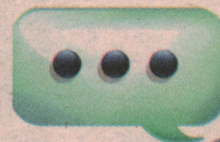
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# Technology

## New Drop-Off Computer Repair Service

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Technology Editor

If you've ever experienced trouble with your computer while on campus, you know how hard it normally is to get your computer to someone who can repair it. Starting on November 11, 2010, SMUSA will be partnering with a company called DigitalCare Computers (<http://digitalcarecomputers.com>) to provide a drop-off computer repair service specifically for Saint Mary's students. With this service, students will receive 20% off of the hourly fee for all repairs, and they will call with an estimate before doing the repairs so you don't get any unexpected charges.

How does it work? There will be forms at the SMUSA information desk for your information when you drop your computer off, asking for information such as your name, phone number, and what you think the problem is, and they will pick up

your computer in a secure bag and take it back to their office on Dresden Row for diagnosis and repair. Once complete, they will drop the computer back off at the info desk and contact you to let you know your work is complete. If it is something that they can't repair, there is no charge.

Who is behind this? DigitalCare Computers is the most certified computer tech shop in Nova Scotia, is an A+ gold authorized center, meaning that every technician working at the office is A+ certified at the minimum, and they are network and server+ certified as well. In addition to their computer repair service, they operate as a fully functional store, selling parts as well as pre-built computers. These parts are reasonably priced, as DigitalCare Computers is very focused on customer care and understands that the repair



service is a large part of the computer industry these days.

For more information about this service, please see the flyers and information that will be made available at the information desk, first floor of the O'Donnell Hennessey Student Centre. ①

## This Week's New Games

Angela Lindsey  
Technology Editor

Be on the lookout for these new games this week!

- 11/04/10 - DanceMasters (Xbox 360 - Konami)
- 11/04/10 - Fighters Uncaged (Xbox 360 - UbiSoft)
- 11/04/10 - Kinect Sports (Xbox 360 - Microsoft)
- 11/05/10 - Power Gig: Rise of the Six String (PS3 - Seven45 Studios)
- 11/09/10 - Call of Duty: Black Ops (PS3/Xbox 360/PC - Activision)
- 11/09/10 - Monster Jam Path of Destruction (Wii/PS3/Xbox 360/PSP/DS - Activision)
- 11/09/10 - Rune Factory 3: Fantasy Harvest Moon (Natsume, Inc.)
- 11/09/10 - Honda Fever (Wii - CokeM Interactive)
- 11/09/10 - Tom Clancy's HAWX 2 (Wii - UbiSoft)



## Week in Tech - October 29 - November 5

Angela Lindsey  
Technology Editor

Facebook has announced its own mobile platform, including such features as a single sign-on (an easier log-in for mobile apps on mobile devices), location APIs (allowing any app to access Facebook location services) and a Deals platform (which allows local business to offer deals to Facebook users that are nearby). These features will be added to both Android and iOS products.

Jammie Thomas has lost her case in court, started in 2006, over 24 songs illegally downloaded on Kazaa. According to her verdict, she now owes record companies \$1.5 million in damages, or \$62,500 per song. Meanwhile, a kid in Germany was fined for two songs he shared online a few years previously, ordered to pay €30.

Makoto Sekiguchi from Yokohama was arrested September 1st for uploading images of unrevealed Pokémon characters from the game Pocket Monsters: Black & White via his mobile phone. He states in a deposition that he "Thought I would show everyone the characters that haven't been made public yet."

The Kinect for Xbox 360 was released November 4th in North America. The Kinect sensor is a pivoting horizontal bar allowing for motion detection on the Xbox 360, similar to that of the Nintendo Wii. Many games were released at the same time as the Kinect allowing for integration with the new peripheral,

including MotionSports: Play for Real, Biggest Loser Ultimate Workout, and Fighters Uncaged.

Gmail users have won a class action settlement against Google for privacy issues associated with Google Buzz. You can read the details about this settlement at [buzzclassaction.com](http://buzzclassaction.com). The amount being paid by Google (\$8,500,000) will be deposited into an interest-bearing savings account, known as the "Common Fund", from which actual damages will be paid to internet privacy organizations.

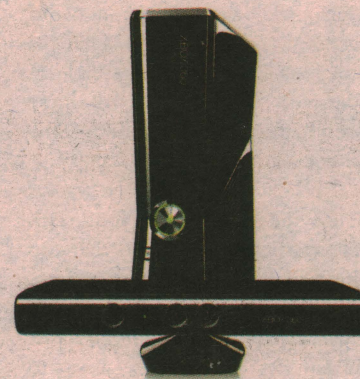
Apple has made a change to its extended warranty policies, known as AppleCare, allowing anyone with an existing AppleCare plan to transfer this policy to a new device. This means that a user with a warranty on an older MacBook can transfer this warranty to their new MacBook without losing the warranty period.

In March 2007, Turkey placed a ban on YouTube because of offending comments about the founding father of the Turkish Republic, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. In May 2008, the ban was finalized after a series of ban lifting and new bans, and this has been lifted once more due to the removal of the offending videos. "We want to be clear that a third party, not YouTube, [has] apparently removed some of the videos that have caused the blocking of YouTube in Turkey using our automated copyright complaint process. We are investigating whether this action is valid in

accordance with our copyright policy." YouTube said in a statement.

A 12-year old girl in Delaware this week used her iPod Touch to fake a phone call to police, after a man tried to get her to enter his van in front of her middle school. The police are currently on the lookout for a white male, 35-45 years of age, with a dark crew cut styled hair".

A Google Maps error caused Nicaraguan military leader Eden Pastora to invade Costa Rica with troops, ordering that Costa Rican flags be taken down in a disputed territory. Official maps for both countries, however, show that this land belongs to Costa Rica, meaning that this was an error on Pastora's part. ①



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# Business

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## MONCTON: brought in a Canadian Hero & two billionaires

Kerry J. O'Rourke  
Business Editor

It was October 28th, 2010 & I got up early to hit the road. Myself as well as a group of roughly 40 SMU students were on our way to Moncton, NB to attend the Atlantic Dream Festival Kickoff Event. The main draw of course was no one less than Sir Richard Branson.

As it was not a long bus ride (roughly 2 1/2 hours) I was only given a few brief hours to collect my final thoughts & focus on my expectations of being able to see such an accomplished individual, in person.

If you're not familiar Sir Richard Branson is a British entrepreneur. He founded Virgin. Today Virgin operates roughly 350 companies all of which Richard Branson runs. His net worth is in the neighborhood of (USD) \$2.5 billion. In a Canadian context Virgin Mobile is probably the most visible entity he has on our streets (well technically he already sold it to another Canadian company).

Anyway, Lets us fast-forward for the actual event itself!

The MC for the event was Steve Murphy (CTV news Anchor). While his role served merely as an MC, he was able to keep the crowd engaged while infusing a tidbit of humor here and there! Well done Mr. Murphy the MC!

So now the show is finally underway. Steve Murphy calls upon our first

guest David Alward (Current NB Premier). I personally enjoyed seeing the premiere but don't really remember exactly the words he expressed. A politician's message has a tendency to repeat from one political party, politician, etc to the next. Regardless, I have faith they're all in office for the public's good.

### ACT #2: CLARA HUGHES

Here's where things begin to get interesting. In walks our second guest. Her name is Clara Hughes & she's a true inspirational Canadian hero. You may remember seeing her at the Vancouver Olympics. She was the flag bearer for our great nation in Vancouver! What got her there was her unparalleled Olympic record. Mark Spitz (American Olympic swimmer) once said "records are meant to be broken". Until that happens Clara Hughes shall stand in a class all by herself. OH YA DID I MENTION SHE'S CANADIAN?!?!?!?

Let me explain. There are only five Olympic athletes in Olympic history to win a medal at both the summer & winter Olympics. Clara is a member of this class (she previously was a cyclist & is now an speed track ice skater). Where Clara begins to stand alone in this Olympic medal race is this. Canada's own Clara Hughes is the only athlete in Olympic history (whether male or female) to have accomplished winning multiple medals in both the summer & winter

Olympics. GO CANADA GO!

I think that provides a little background as to why the words she spoke were so genuine & authentic. The only true way to tell an audience how to accomplish something is to do it yourself & talk about it afterwards. Clara we're proud to call you a true Canadian hero!

### ACT #3: KEVIN O'LEARY

Our next guest was Kevin O'leary. His name may not jump out at you. However you've probably seen him on TV. Kevin, co-hosts with Amanda Lang on CBC the Lang & O'leary report ( a business commentary sideshow ). He's also the most aggressive on person on Dragon's Den & Shark tank (American version of our Canadian TV production!).

More importantly, the reason he does these things lies in this one simple fact. In 2008 Mr. O'leary sold his company called "The learning Company" for \$3.2 billion to Mattel Inc. If you weren't aware, his company made learning software for children.

O'leary can be a little difficult to listen to, so I'll skip the details of his aggression filled speech & go straight to the three tools he supposed one needs to be much richer than the next guy in this world.

1. Likeability & passion as a person
2. The ability to effectively

communicate your ideas & at a very fast pace.

3. A certain X-factor

He readily admitted the third can't be taught. As he said most don't have it, but there are a few out there that do!

### ACT #3: SIR RICHARD BRANSON

In classic calm relaxed & oh so cool form Branson sat in big plushy green chair v. standing & speaking as all the other speakers did. I was expecting him just as the other speakers to get up and try to put energy in our bones & fire in our bellies. However, my expectations were clearly wrong.

Branson did little to give us a road map to riches. Rather as I see it, he's an older English Gentleman and is now truly realizing he cannot take his money with him to the grave. Thus his talk was primarily about his humanitarian efforts. Branson benefits immensely from that fact that he's rich, obviously. Regardless, it appears that while he continues to make money he's also planning how to give it all away to charities.

In classic Richard Branson form he created Virgin: United. Essentially it is his own charitable company. Maybe he's trying to get the number of companies he owns above 350, maybe he's not, I don't honestly know. What's important though and that I fully respect is what another

difference maker once said. Ghandi once said "be the change in the world you want to see". I think Branson's actions speak for themselves.

What will I take away from the Atlantic Dream Festival? I was told to dream big, to not let anything stand in my way, etc. I hear those messages but I fail to believe them. Unfortunately the world just doesn't work like that.

Have you ever heard of Tony Robin's? He's a motivational speaker. His track record speaks for itself. He's never created a billionaire. These things cannot be taught.

As our MC said, making a change does not necessarily entail being a billionaire in this lifetime. For average folks it means getting up and being the best person you can. Being the best mother or father you can. Being the best human being you possibly can.

So with that wake up every morning feeling capable of doing anything you think is important & most importantly be happy! ☺

## The ANGRY student v. the CRANKY professor

Kerry J. O'Rourke  
Business Editor

As I read your last little dissertation of what's wrong with writing on campus I couldn't help but see a flaws in your writing too. A few flaws but not mistakes.

One of your flaws resides in this. I shall pick on your diction (word selection). I see words such as uproarious, insipid, etc. While I understand the meaning of these words I am inclined to believe some may not.

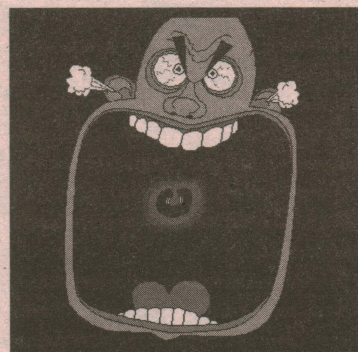
To use the opening of your sixth paragraph it says, "it's not hard to write well, especially when you are writing just to convey directions or information" (Mark Mercer). Now you also give three rules as a way to write well. The second one states, "write simply & directly" (Mark Mercer) Did you not just invalidate your own rules by using such sophisticated diction?

Honestly as I read on, I respectfully

I have difficulty getting through your piece. I hear more espoused (ideas you suppose to have adopted or support) but the enacted ( things you've put into practice ) evidently aren't present in your writing.

As you state in paragraph 8, " as readers, we want to understand what we read and we want not to be pained while reading it". So here is why I find your reading painful.

The ideas you present are certainly valid to some extent. However I fail to see how writing to student will strengthen the winds of change (oh so cliché I know!). You're a professor & thus are closer to having official SMU written transmissions such as the Academic calendar changed for the better (you're in the union!). I really don't see why you waste time writing to us when you could better use your time changing the things you don't like.



Well that's it. I'm looking forward to reading your next piece & hopefully also rebuttal to mine!

Respectfully yours,

The ANGRY student ☺

## Zimbabwe's Diamonds

Kerry J. O'Rourke  
Business Editor

Zimbabwe accounts for roughly 25% of the world's diamonds. Unfortunately as history has shown their violence-plagued diamond fields have produced many precious gems at a cost of human life.

Zimbabwe has now vowed to go ahead in exporting its precious gems without the approval of the 75-nation Kimberley process ( a governing body in the international trade of diamonds worldwide).

Of the 75-nation Kimberley Process Australia, Canada, Europe are still unwilling to allow Zimbabwe to trade their diamonds freely on the world market. Russia, China, India, and most African countries have expressed their wish to see these diamonds traded freely.

Regardless of what is to unfold this issue has the potential to compromise the Kimberley Process itself. Then in fact the trade of diamonds might go

completely unlooked upon which is sure to result in only a greater human toll.

As an example in Zimbabwe's case, it has been reported 97% of their diamond fields have rampant smuggling & violence.

It will be interesting to see precisely where the governance of the diamond trade is headed (i.e if the Kimberley process will still remain ).

What's most important to note is this. Regardless of where diamonds are mined in the world they should be mined, processed, & traded on the world market fairly, legally & ethically as much as possible. This will ensure that, yes the price of the diamonds themselves may be great but the cost to human life shall not be greater. ☺

Business

This (past) Week-In-Business:

Kerry J. O'Rourke  
Business Editor

Welcome back for the Fourth, installment of this (past) week in business. Brought to you by The Journal!

**The Economy:** As I previously wrote, both China & Brazil are feeling the unavoidable reality of inflation & the problems it can cause. As America is all too well aware, they themselves cannot avoid such an unavoidable problem such as inflation too.

Unfortunately America has a double-edged sword on their hands. Their economy is weak. In such times governments usually seek to stimulate the economy. At the same time these stimulus dollars can increase the rate of inflation. On this issue in an American context Ben Bernanke, the U.S Federal Reserve Chairman was recently quoted as saying

"I have rejected any notion that we are going to raise inflation to a super-normal level in order to have effects on the economy"

Only time will truly tell!

**AUTOMOTIVE:** The economy

has been bad and as a result people haven't been buying new cars. The reality is that auto sales have been sluggish for three years now. Regardless, people will eventually need new cars. If they can't afford new automobiles, they'll fix the ones they already have. As such America's two largest automotive part retailers AutoZone & O'Reilly Automotive have seen their stock prices soar as a result of their stronger sales. Lets hope the automotive industry picks up but for now it's in repair!

**TECHNOLOGY:** Nintendo was able to steal the spotlight with the introduction of their Nintendo Wii a few years back. Their success was built on an easy, innovative and new way of gaming; It was a simple product with a simple price. However, things are beginning to change. Their current sales decline has caused their stock to fall 21% since 2008. As a result in September the company forecasted a net income of 1.1 billion for next year. While that may be an impressive number when standing alone, it could represent the lowest net income in six years for the company. It's difficult to say what should be done & it's not

my role so I won't. However, evidently something needs to change.

**INNOVATION: NASA HAS LEFT THE BUILDING (KENNEDY SPACE CENTRE).** After a long storied past, the famed NASA shuttle program is about to be shut down. Along with it will go eight thousand engineers, technicians, and other employees. The towns around the facility are surely to be affected (i.e cape Canaveral, Cocoa Beach, Titusville). For roughly the last 30 years NASA has used the shuttle for space travel. As it stands now, they're not sure what direction to take. The White House has instructed the agency to "take a deep breath, marshal resources, and chart a new course." I don't know what that course will be & nor will I be in the "spaceship" when it takes off. I shall watch excitedly just like everyone else from a far!

Come back next week for all new content! 1

Whistler Olympics 2010, From the view of an Unconcerned Employee; The Final Chapter

Trevor Pike  
Staff Contributor

The meaning of my stories if you have been following is that. Being involved in the Olympics or something similar it's not the events that you saw or the records that were broken that you remember. It's about the other people that were involved and the electric atmosphere that surrounded the venues. When an estimated 12000 people are assembled for 23 days to reach a common goal with so much history and pride attached to it, it kind of gives you hope of what people can achieve when they work towards a common cause.

I saw athletes at the prime of the careers competing for the most coveted award in sports, an Olympic Gold Medal. I also met people from countless cultures in a setting where no one seemed to be a minority and gained another level of appreciation for different cultures. Yes I was paid for the work that I did there, but that was marginal compared to the benefits of what I really gained in my experience at the 2010 Whistler

Olympics. Being involved with something like the Olympics really changed my perspective and I am sure it would yours. Seize every opportunity you have, like any day could be your last! 1

Student Life

Prop 19 Fails

So it's not legal, but decriminalization is a start

Suvir Pursnani  
Student Life Editor

So in one of my previous articles, I wrote about the whole issue of California legalizing the use of Marijuana. Millions of Californians came out on November 2 to vote on, among other things, whether or not they think this was right. And it turns out that they don't.

The legalizing of marijuana was rejected. Californians deemed it not worthy. They believed that it would not have solved their state's debt and that the new law would cause more problems than solutions. This was a victory for the conservatives. But was this what the whole state thought as a whole? I was so completely sure that this would go through. With all the pre-polling done, all signs pointed to legalizing. There were so many activists that were so passionate about this. I was shocked when I heard the news later the next day.

So why? Why didn't it go through? Statistics show that a large number of people under 25, the primary supporters of the proposition, did not show up to vote. Not cool. I believe voting is the single most patriotic action one can do for their country. It's a shame that America's youth

wasn't capable of doing this much, which really is, the very least. I don't understand, why let something you were so passionate about slip away at the very last minute. It's like losing the race in the final stretch.

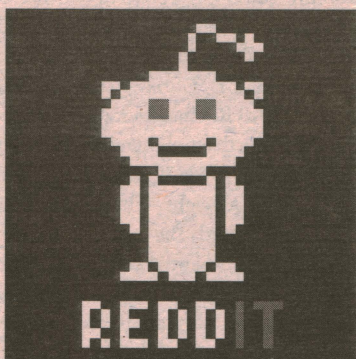
It's not all negative news for the people who believed in this. Marijuana has already been decriminalized in California, as well as most other states. You could walk around smoking a joint on the streets and end up with nothing heftier than a small fine. A small victory maybe, but not good enough for many activists. I'm sure this will be an issue on the next major vote that will happen somewhere around 2012. Even in defeat, Proposition 19 has moved marijuana legalization into the mainstream of American politics. 1

Reddit

The Online Sensation

Suvir Pursnani  
Student Life Editor

As if we didn't already have enough websites to keep us away from our work, I'm about to introduce you guys to another one: [www.reddit.com](http://www.reddit.com). No, this isn't another social networking site. No, this isn't another video-sharing website. And no, it's certainly not a mini-game hub. In a nutshell, reddit is a blog/forum designed for users to socially share information. Here, users can discuss hot topics in the world and have some laughs too. It can be whatever you want it to be.



My roommate Sebastien, was the one who introduced it to me. At first glance, I thought it was amazing. The idea seemed great, a social hub for users around the world to discuss... well anything really. I can jump

between issues regarding politics and the economy to watching humorous pictures that other users cared to share. The online community is a great place to be. It certainly has the addicting features that Facebook and other websites share. But the difference was that I actually learned something while wasting my time on the internet.

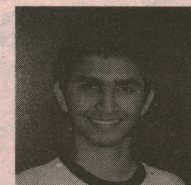
“The online community is a great place to be”

Crazy stories spawn from that website. There was one I read a couple days ago about a guy who found out, through the help of reddit, that he was being tracked by the FBI. He was able to identify the tracking device and get a full explanation through the resourcefulness of the website's community. Sebastien even uses the website to get help and input from users around the world for one of his projects this year. It's an invaluable resource.

Most evenings in my household were spent sharing reddit links between my two roommates. Kyle, the fun one (for lack of a better word), was more amused with the more entertaining side of things. There are funny things out there on the internet that reddit captures. Seb was more based around the intellectual and newsy sorts of things. He was a frequent redditor that used the website's resources to learn more about the world. They both enjoy a taste of both. And it's this balance between the two that makes reddit such a great website. The online community is great, and we even have a small community of redditors here at SMU. Hopefully in the near future I'll become an active redditor myself. 1

# Student Life

Suvir Pursnani Student Life Editor



## Possible Tuition Hike Incoming Will Nova Scotia Bleed Us Dry?

**Suvir Pursnani**  
Business Editor

The Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA) has a message for all of us that I thought would be appropriate to share. The current government agreement to freeze tuitions for Nova Scotia universities expires at the end of this school year and there are already talks of tuition hikes. We need to tell them "No!"

About three years ago, the Nova Scotia government pledged a three year tuition freeze throughout the province. Just as we are feeling the relief, the same government has been having talks to hike it up again. In a province where student debt is the highest and where most students are forced to leave the province in order to pay off this debt, I don't think this a very bright idea. We, the students, are the future of this province. Personally, my plans were to stay in Nova Scotia for a while. But if tuition prices get dollared up, I might have to reconsider my length of stay. It's the worst possible news to hand out especially since tax was just increased only a couple months ago. Can't you cut us some slack?

Here are some facts and numbers for you. When the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations surveyed over 1,500 of their members last year, they learned that upper year students with over \$26,000 in debt would be 20% more likely to leave Nova Scotia after graduation than their classmates without debt. The most recent statistics from the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation

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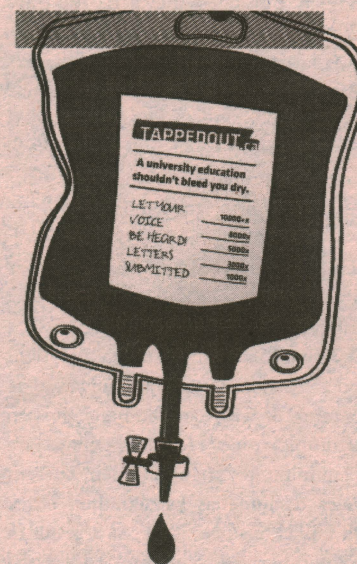
indicate that 69% of all students in Nova Scotia have an average of \$31,900 in debt upon graduation from an undergraduate degree. This is the most out of all the provinces. I repeat, FACT, Nova Scotia gives more debt to their students than any other province in the country. Fact again, for all but two years of the last two decades, students in Nova Scotia have paid the highest tuition in Canada.

Economist Tim O'Neill was the one who made the recommendations to jack up tuition. He proposed a high tuition, high aid model (along with several other changes, such as merging and transferring several universities together). This means that more student assistance/financial aid will accompany the higher tuition. It sounds pretty okay, but let us look underneath the surface. The only people that would be eligible to claim this aid would be the neediest Nova Scotians. O'Neill fails to include the middle class and Canadians from outside the province. Tuition is already hard enough for everyone, it would be a terrible blow to those of us who can only just afford education. Also, Nova Scotia needs to be able to compete with other provinces as well. This increase won't encourage

students from other provinces to come here. We certainly won't be the "College Capital" of Canada. A more appropriate name would be "Tuition Capital". Tossing the province's debt onto us students is not the right thing to do at all. We're the heavy taxpayers of the future. Earning more money than high school graduates, University grads will be the ones paying off the debt in the future.

Let's do some math. University students are good for the economy. Going to school, living in Nova Scotia, graduating, and getting a job within the province are all great things for the province. Higher tuition will, for sure, lower the already declining enrolment rates. Higher tuition = Less students. Less students = Bad for the province. It does not make dollars and sense Nova Scotia. The university system is one the strongest points in the province. It should be looked at as an intellectual and valuable investment. Not a money cow to be milked out and suffer. With proper care, a good education will pay off. We shouldn't screw this up.

On a personal note, I still might be able to afford University regardless of the increase. But that would mean I'd have to survive off Kraft Dinners



and Mr. Noodles for the whole school year. Some financial security would be much appreciated, and I'm sure I could speak on behalf of the whole student body when I say this. Tuition debt is high enough. Getting a post-secondary education shouldn't have to cost an arm and a leg. Give us a helping hand instead of knocking us back down. Take care of your own Nova Scotia. Do the right thing.

Ways you can express your disapproval of the situation you ask? Head on over to [www.tappedout.ca](http://www.tappedout.ca) and send your local MLA a letter. AMSSA is the one who set us up with this and is trying to get the word out. Great thanks! I've even seen some efforts by SMU NSPIRG to protest this too. Think about what this means guys. Our already high tuition, will be

raised even higher. There are some of us here who can barely manage to go to school as is. Education should not be jacked up in order to deal with our province's economic problem. Stand up and fight for your right to learn. Join the cause and don't let our government bleed us out dry.

The Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA) is a not-for-profit, non-partisan lobby group representing the interests of over 80% of Nova Scotian students. It represents over 35,000 students at Cape Breton, Dalhousie, Saint Mary's, Acadia and Saint Francis Xavier Universities. It is the largest student organization in the Maritimes of its kind. ANSSA's mandates focuses primarily on post-secondary education. ANSSA envisions a high quality higher education system that is affordable and accessible to every qualified student. Over the next year, ANSSA will be ensuring students voices are heard in the negotiations with the province and the universities around university funding and will be fighting for improved student assistance and a continued tuition freeze. ①

## Get Caught Recycling!

**Suvir Pursnani**  
w/ SMUES  
Student Life Editor

For a week, the SMUES Recycling Police will be patrolling the halls of SMU, scoping out recycling saints and sinners on a mission to reduce recycle bin contamination.

If they catch you putting the right items in the right bins, not only will you receive an instant thank-you prize, but your name will be put in our grand prize draw! However, if the recycle cops catch you putting the wrong items in the wrong bins there are no fines or court-dates involved; just a friendly reminder that recycle bin contamination is more than just an inconvenience, it's an unnecessary addition to our landfills. SMUES Recycling Police are also happy to answer your questions about proper sorting rules - they understand how confusing it can be. Instant prizes include cool stuff like organic and fair trade chocolate bars from Just

Us!, SMUES BetterSide Notebooks, and more!

This event will be going on for the whole of next week from Monday, November 15 to Thursday, November 18. If you're caught recycling anywhere around campus, from 10 AM in the morning to 4 PM in the evening, you could have a chance to score yourself some great swag. I've always been a fan of the Environmental Society, and I commend them for setting this up. This does give us the extra push to want to recycle, but keep in mind; we should be doing this anyways. Love the earth and protect the environment!

If you are interested in being a Recycling Police or volunteering for this event, contact [smues@smu.ca](mailto:smues@smu.ca). ①

## The Computer Science Huskies

Source from "This Week @ SMU" (SMU Website)

The Compute Science Huskies took the title at the Atlantic Canadian Programming Championship finishing first among 20 teams comprised of 58 of Atlantic Canada's finest programmers from 10 universities. The CS Huskies team consisted of Chris Adams, Evan Lowry, and Rucha Lingras. It was the team's fourth straight championship ('07,'08,'09,'10) and raises the team's total titles to eight. The CS Huskies were coached by team alumni, Stuart Crosby and Harry McCleave, and Computer Science Professor, Dr. Pawan Lingras. Chris Adams - who has grown into a computer science star, with three high school championships and four Atlantic Canadian Championships - was too much to handle as Saint Mary's dismantled the competition. Acadia finished second and Dalhousie was third.

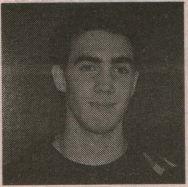
## Banner Service Downtime

Source from "This Week @ SMU" (SMU Website)

Banner Services and Activate will be unavailable for four days (starting at 5pm on Wednesday, November 10) in order to perform a system upgrade. This downtime is scheduled until 8am, Monday, November 15, but it's possible that systems may be up and running as soon as November 14. Details and status updates are available at [www.smu.ca/status](http://www.smu.ca/status). If you have any questions, please contact the ITSS Help Desk at 496-8111.



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Kyle L. Trimper Arts & Entertainment Editor

# Arts & Entertainment

## Not The Droid I Was Looking For...

Magen Hudak  
Contributor

[A&E editor's note: to avoid confusion, I would like to clarify that this article was originally a letter addressed to me in response to an article I wrote for last week's issue. I agreed to print the letter as a response article.]

I am responding with some frustration to your article "TWRP: These Aren't The Droids You're Looking For... Poised to Dominate (2010)," that was printed in the November 3, 2010 edition of The Journal. (Please note, I do not intend to offend you personally, but I am simply attacking your article in defense of the band.)

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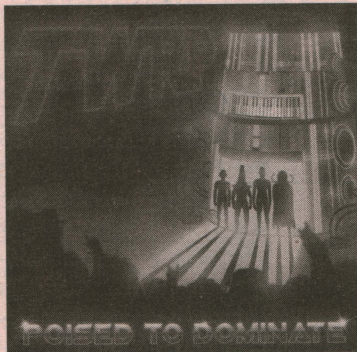
First of all, perhaps I should make clear that I am not concerned with whether or not you loved or hated the album. I recognize that you are, of course, entitled to your personal opinion and that is obviously okay. My main concern with your article, rather, lies in the fact that it demonstrates a ridiculous degree of ignorance.

It appears that you have somehow, despite your "research" of the band, overlooked the notion that the

Tupperware Remix Party guys form a sort of theatrical-novelty act just as much as they form an electro-techno band (if indeed they can be classified in any conventional way at all). The notion that TWRP are meant to generate comic effect, and mind-blowing entertainment as such, simply escapes your review. Instead you have criticized them by way of conventional standards - claiming that their song names and album art suffer from cheesiness.

Now, I am not saying that Tupperware Remix Party, with its intergalactic

theme and crazy costumes and art design, isn't cheesy in its own loveable way. But, the band certainly does not suffer from this outer-worldly (pun intended) creativity. In fact, this is part of its charm and overall entertainment value. What Jorin, Art, Andrew and Stu produce is all organic and genuine, meant to have an element of outrageousness because that's just part of the fun within this celestial transcendence of electro, techno and organic sexation



The object in question, TWRP's Poised to Dominate, which received an unfavourable review in last week's issue.

-oops, I mean creation. Instead, this article attaches to them a sense of pathos. I find this very sad and unnecessarily scrupulous.

Furthermore, it seems especially unfair for a band with a guy wearing a pylon on his head and with other members sporting gasmasks and skin-tight suits while they perform live, to be reviewed with the same mindset in which one might review, say, a classic rock album. But, seemingly failing to recognize the distinction between musical conventions, this article made not only the music and concept of TWRP seem absurd and pathetic to unknowing readers, but also accused the band members of being self-humiliating. That's where I really got put off. However, I can tell you for sure that, contrary to your calculations, the guys of TWRP - when in their fifties - will certainly not regret the release of this album. They are not musicians going through a childish phase, as your article suggests, but rather musicians who are devoted to music, their passion. It is

important that they are recognized and critiqued for what their music actually represents, rather than for some ignorant and, supposedly humorous, interpretation of it.

Of course, I understand that your attempts at humour (for example: "I just wish the guy who yells out the songs lyrics would shut up; he's ruining the music. Maybe it's the pylonhead guy in the band") in your article are meant to enhance the entertainment value and main point of your analysis. But consider this: in a similar fashion, the song names such as "Funkasaurus Rex" and "The Droids You're Looking For," are also meant to promote the entertainment value and storyline concept of TWRP. With this in mind, they should certainly not be approached with your "Seriously, come on" attitude, because they are anything but serious! (Their highly intentional humour has seemingly escaped you!)

In any case, I am not defending TWRP on grounds of personal bias. I am defending them for what they are worth - based on having listened to them a great deal, having considered each instrumental and artistic arrangement, as well as having attended live performances. I am defending them because I believe that they have not been reviewed objectively and, furthermore, because they have been portrayed in light of ignorant speculations. 1

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Kyle L. Trimper  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

### MUSIC

Gianna Lauren will be appearing at **The Company House** tomorrow night to celebrate the release of her album **Some Move Closer, Some Move On**. An opening set will be performed by **Daniel Ledwell**. The show begins at 8 PM. Admission is \$8.00, \$20.00 with a CD.

### ART GALLERIES

"**HABANA: An Intimate Portrait**", by **Anne Launcelott** will be on display at the **ViewPoint Gallery** from until November 28th. The photography exhibit displays "an intimate portrait of the people, the culture and the vibe of Havana under the Castro regime". The exhibit is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 12 noon to 5 PM. Launcelott will also give a free public talk on the art of street photography tomorrow night at 6:30 PM at the Viewpoint Gallery.

A mixed-media group exhibition called **Sacred Symbol**, featuring the work of **Renée Forrestall, Nick Webb, Marla Benton, Teresa Bergen, Mary Jane Lundy, and Brad Hall** will be on display from November 19 to February 11 at the **Atlantic School of Theology Art Gallery**. There will be an opening reception on November 18 from 5 to 7:30 PM, featuring the music of singer/songwriter/harpist **Jennifer Wyatt**. 1

## Bright Future for Due Date?

Kyle L. Trimper  
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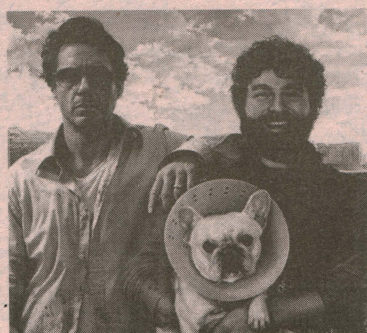
Todd Phillips' new film, *Due Date*, opens this week. *Due Date*, Phillips' newest film since *The Hangover* stars Robert Downey Jr. as a father-to-be Peter Highman, who finds himself unable to fly home for the birth of his son. Highman is forced to travel cross-country with struggling actor Ethan Tremblay (Zach Galifianakis), a trip with no shortage of mishaps and comedy.

The IMDB (Internet Movie Database) page for the film contains high predictions for the film. The film is already given a 7.3 out of 10 on the user voting scale, and userreviews are generally positive.

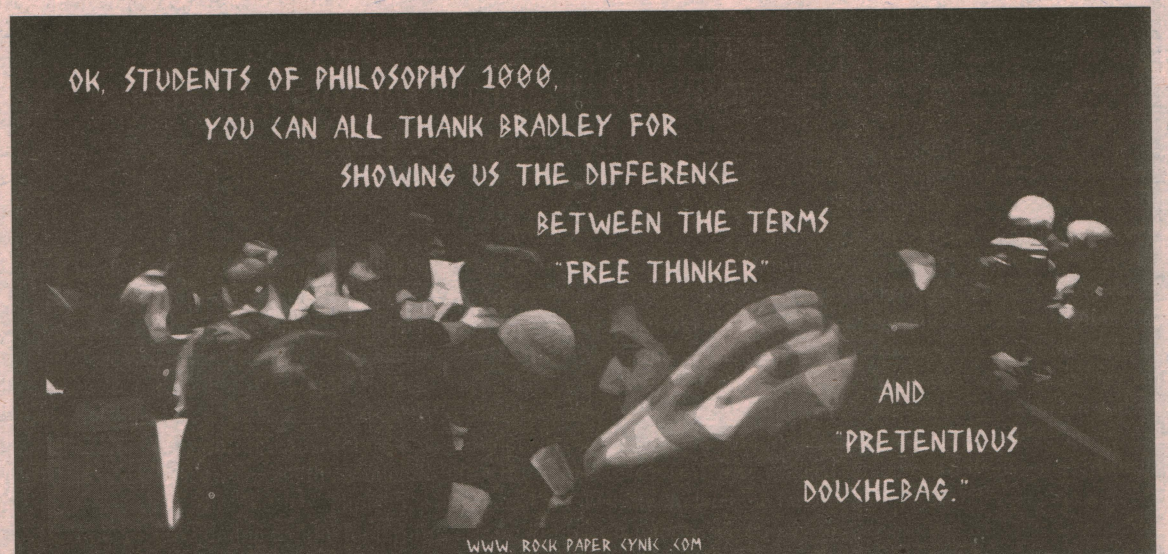
Some filmgoers, however, including legendary film critic Roger Ebert, feel that they have seen this film before in both Phillips' last film *The Hangover*, and the classic *Planes, Trains & Automobiles*, which shares a similar

plot idea. Ebert gives the film a 3½, or one thumb down. Of course, this doesn't mean that the film isn't still funny.

So go check this movie out! I mean, come on, it's gotta be better than *Megamind*... 1

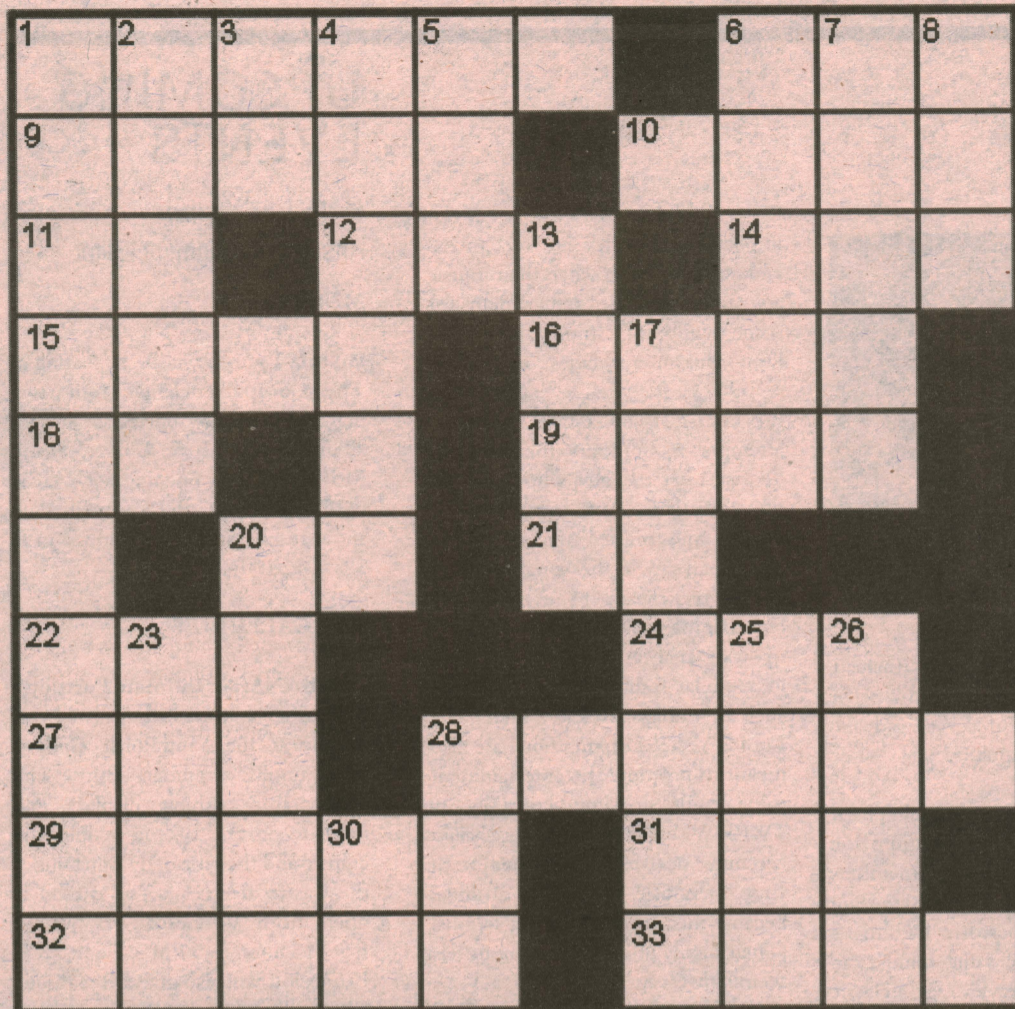


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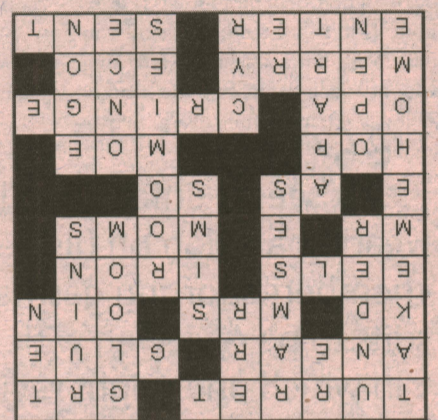
- 1. Popular student bar
- 6. Mass transit acronym
- 9. Van Gogh's missing piece
- 10. For sticking, not eating
- 11. The elusive fifth food group
- 12. Woman who is married
- 14. Tolkien dwarf, brother of Gloin
- 15. Snakes of the sea
- 16. What a strong will is made of
- 18. Man who is married
- 19. Mailers of confections
- 20. Word often used by similes
- 21. Fifth note in solfege scale
- 22. Dr. Seuss thought we should do this on pop
- 24. Smartest of the three stooges
- 27. German for Grandfather
- 28. To make oneself smaller, often in fear
- 29. Common Christmas adjective
- 31. Prefix for nature
- 32. "Abandon all hope ye who \_\_\_\_\_ here."
- 33. Directed to

Down:

- 1. Desired response to pickup line
- 2. Evanescent song: "Going \_\_\_\_\_"
- 3. Common E-Mail subject beginning
- 4. Egyptian pharaoh
- 5. Make a mistake
- 6. 32 down advocates doom and \_\_\_\_\_

- 7. Ancient cities, no longer useful
- 8. Pennies in a dime
- 13. Computer game of pretend people
- 17. Slang for partial payers of your rent
- 20. Separated
- 23. Ajar
- 25. A single time
- 26. More intelligent Ghostbuster
- 28. Father of the yellow school bus, Dr. Frank \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. Prefix for do again

Answers



Sports

Sport Results from October 31st to November 5th, 2010

Men's Soccer

(Currently Ranked 8th in CIS):

October 30th, 2010:  
St. F.X. @ Saint Mary's  
1 1

Women's Soccer:

October 30th, 2010:  
St. F.X. @ Saint Mary's  
1 0

Men's Hockey (Currently Ranked 4th in the CIS):

October 30th, 2010:  
Saint Mary's @ Acadia  
6 3

November 5th, 2010:  
Saint Mary's @ UNB  
2 5

Women's Hockey:

November 3rd, 2010:  
Saint Mary's @ Dalhousie  
2 3

Women's Volleyball:

October 30th, 2010:  
Saint Mary's @ Memorial  
3 0

October 31st, 2010:  
Saint Mary's @ Memorial  
0 3

Men's Basketball:

October 4th, 2010:  
Acadia @ Saint Mary's  
97 90

Women's Basketball:

October 4th, 2010:  
Acadia @ Saint Mary's  
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How to Stay in Shape and Still do Well: Pull-ups and Chin-ups

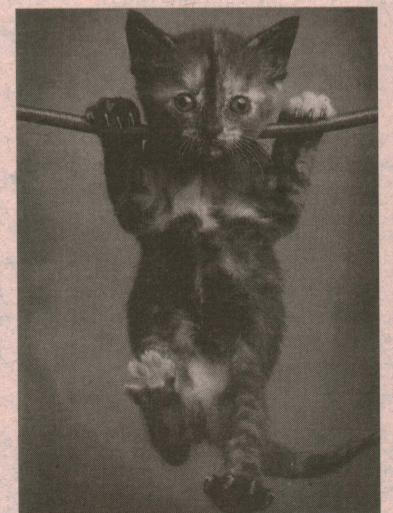
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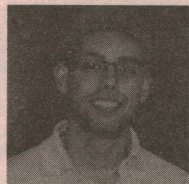
Chin-ups or pull-ups are the strong man's secret to great shoulders. Many people shy away from them in their everyday workout routine for a number of reasons. First, they are notoriously hard to do if you have not done them before. I mean think about it, it's the equivalent of lifting your entire body weight with just your shoulders and back. That's not something that the body was naturally meant to do. Secondly, to get results you have to stick to a pretty strenuous schedule, which does not work with most people's busy schedule. So I guess your next question is probably why the hell would I want to do pull-ups or chin-ups? Well, in turn I ask you the following question: Do you like ripped shoulders, back and biceps? It is no secret that pull-ups and chin-ups will produce great shoulders, a great looking back and ripped biceps. The other nice thing about pull-ups and chin-ups is they target muscle groups that most people do not target enough in their day-to-day exercise routines. With this being said, it becomes obvious that these two exercises can be a very nice compliment to the routine that you are already doing. As far as cost is concerned, remember that you have a membership to the tower

included in your tuition payments, so why not take this opportunity to take advantage of it? Don't like working out in that environment? No problem! Take a trip down to your local Wal-Mart and pick up a doorframe mountable pull-up bar for under 50 bucks. And this could truly end up being some of the best money you have ever spent. Pull-ups and chin-ups, all though difficult to do physically, are very simple to do. Do you think that you can figure out the dynamics of pulling yourself up and down on a bar? If the answer is yes, congratulations, you have mastered the technique. Of course you should consult your doctor before you begin this type of regiment, especially if you have any known shoulder and back ailments. You would probably better off if you did a little bit of research before beginning as well. What do you do once you have gotten bored? Like any other exercise, you mix it up. Try some variations on the classic exercise. Add weight to your body to make it more difficult on yourself.

Although pull-ups and chin-ups are not the most technologically advanced exercise, they are by far two of the most effective at doing what they promise: pull big shoulders, backs

and biceps. So if it's almost beach season (or better in preparation of next beach season) hit your pull-up bar, and you are sure to be looking good when it's time to show off that summer body. **J**





James Urquhart Sports Editor

# Sports

## The Return of a Familiar Friend

James Urquhart  
Sports Editor

If you are a basketball fan, and more specifically if you are a CIS basketball fan, have I got some great news for you! In a recent press release, it was confirmed that the men's final eight national basketball tournament will be returning to Halifax next year. What does this mean for you as a Saint Mary's student, basketball fan and Haligonian, you may ask? Well that exactly what I intend to explore in this article. So get those big foam fingers that you were forced to stash out of the closet; get your loudest noisemakers out of storage; get your stompin' shoes out and get ready, because the party return to the metro center next March!

So what does this mean for students at Saint Mary's? Well the most prominent thing that comes to mind is the fact that you will have the best basketball team in the country playing in your back yard. I have sorely missed not having the Final 8 in Halifax. I remember back to when I was a kid and my father would take me to see the games, and then to when I first came to Saint Mary's and how excited I was to be able to hop



on a bus to see these great players perform on the countries' biggest stage. I think that it will be wonderful for those young and old in this region to be able to experience what I have experience growing up. Also, this is good for our school's reputation. Any time a city is hosting a large sporting event like this one, the universities in that city get lots of exposure. This is great because Saint Mary's can always use free exposure. Remember, as the reputation of your school improves, so does your prospects for getting jobs and getting into better graduate schools after you have left Saint Mary's.

The advantages of having a tournament like this are obvious for the basketball fan. Like I have said above, this is a great opportunity to witness some of the best players that Canada has to offer at the college level. The basketball itself is also top

notch. Every school competing at the Final 8 tournament always plays their best basketball, and you will be able to come and watch them put on their best performance. It also gives basketball fans more basketball to watch. There is certainly some great basketball in this city, but more of it certainly will not hurt anyone. Finally, this type of event is great for getting those who have an uninformed interest in the game out of their houses, and gives them the opportunity to learn something about the game. It has been my own personal experience that people at the Final 8 tournament are very friendly and always willing to teach someone the basics. It is a great environment to learn the game in, or even to dust a few cobwebs of the basketball I.Q.

Finally, this is a great event for the city of Halifax itself. First, this event has been great in the past at developing youth interest in the game of basketball. I remember in my first year at Saint Mary's going to the tournament and being overwhelmed by the number of children in attendance. It provides children with

role models, and gets them interested and involved in sports, which is of great importance to many a child's lives. It is also great for the image of the city. The more top-notch events such as this we can secure, the more that will follow. And who doesn't like having great events like this in their own backyard? Finally, this event will do wonders to stimulate the local economy. With sporting events come people and money. For a city that relies so heavily on tourism, this may be just what the doctor ordered in the middle of vacation offseason.

All in all, this is great news for everyone in the city. I know I can hardly wait to see the games come next year, and I am hoping that the rest of you hoops fans are just as excited as I am. I am glad to see that things are starting to migrate back to this part of the country. This should be seen as a win, and one we desperately needed after losing the Uteck bowl for the next three times it is to be hosted. ①

## Season Review and Playoff Preview

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Well Football fans, it's that time of the year again. That's right, it's playoff time. This year, like any other year, we have a lot to look forward to as Husky Football fans. We also have a lot to look back on from the regular season that was. This article is meant to act as a look back at the season that was, the main stories and headlines, and to look forward towards the playoffs.

This season got off to a rocky start. If you can remember all the way back to the first game of the season, the Huskies looked calm, cool and collected, and were poised to trample through the competition like in years past. However, they suddenly got a reality check and were quickly slapped in the face by reality. The Huskies lost to Acadia in a rather impressive fashion, barely able to must any offense. The second week of the season did not proceed much better. The Huskies, still licking their wounds from the disappointing loss to Acadia, knew they faced a stern test in perennial powerhouses Laval. And things played out much like most expected; Laval absolutely annihilated a depleted and obviously outclassed Huskies team. To make matters worse, starting quarterback Jack Creighton announced that he was leaving the Huskies, and would not be returning. Just when it looked like things could not possibly get any

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worse, there was a ray of light; next week's game was against Mount Allison, the perennial cellar dwellers of the AUS. Surely the Huskies would go into Moncton, and make short work of this so-called football team. However, it was just not meant to be as the Mounties sneaked away with a 2-point victory, thus ending a 23-game losing streak against the Huskies. Just when things seemed hopeless that's when things took a turn for the positive. Week four was a huge success for the Huskies. They absolutely destroyed the Axemen at home 45-10 in front of a small, but ruckus crowd. The following week Saint Mary's but the wood to St. F.X., beating them by a score of 34-16. Week six was much of the same as the Huskies beat up on St. F.X. again, beating them this time 41-6. Week seven was another huge win for the Huskies as they downed Mount Allison 43-7, moving into a two-way tie with Acadia heading into the final week of the season, and low and behold, the Huskies were scheduled to face the Axeman in the final game of the season. The atmosphere was tense in Wolfville (and no I do not mean the barometric pressure).

The game itself however was never really close as the Huskies pitched a shutout, and in the process showing the conference who the real team to beat is.

The cause of this dramatic turn around: You got me. All I know is that the Huskies worked very hard to put a bad start to the season behind them, and accomplished what looked to be improbable not seven short weeks ago. Although it has really been a team effort this season, there are a few specific players I would like to give a shout out here. First, and perhaps foremost, I want to recognize the job that Micah Brown did for our team this year. Remember he was thrown in as the starter two games into the season, without much preparation time. I would say given the situational factors involved, he did one hell of a job. He was consistent all year throwing the ball, and showed us that he really knows how to use his legs. Craig Leger, Devon Jones and Jahmeek Taylor lead a solid running game all season long. They were master full on short gains, and each of them busted out some game changing runs several times this

season. And speaking of Jahmeek Taylor, this guy was amazing all season. At one point, he had returned three punts for touchdowns in a two game stretch. Jahmeek finished the season with 711 punts return yards, 63 shy of the all-time AUS record. That it mind boggling, this short of display is even rare at the professional level. I would also like to give a shout out to the entire defense, as they played amazingly all season long. In particular I would like to applaud the efforts of Dan Schutte, Ryan King and Jeff Hecht. These guys were defensive juggernauts all season long, and a large part of why the Huskies' opponents averaged only 15 points per game!

With another season in the books it is time to look forward to the post season. This season the AUS has proven to be a much tighter conference than in years past. So make sure that stay tuned. Anyone could legitimately win the conference championship, but I would suggest that if you are the sort of person who enjoys wagering, that you not bet against the Huskies, as they have proven that they are still the front-runners in the AUS. So lets all get out and show our support on the Huskies on the 13th as they win yet another AUS championship and move on to play the best of the west. ②

## Healthy Eating (brought to you by Sobeys Pharmacy)

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This week's healthy eating recipe is brought to you by the Sobeys Pharmacy and Noelle D'Eon (nutritionist for Sobeys in Halifax).  
Mango Beef Salad. Serves 8

### Ingredients:

- 1.3 lb (600 g) Leftover cooked beef, cut into strips
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Lemon pepper
- 1 medium Yellow pepper, quartered
- 1 medium Red onion, quartered
- 1 bag (142 g) Compliments spring mix
- 1 pint Cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 medium Mango, chopped

### Dressing:

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) Extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp (30 ml) Raspberry vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Thyme, fresh, chopped

### Directions:

1. Season cooked beef strips with lemon pepper.
2. Grill yellow pepper and red onion.
3. Whisk all dressing ingredients and toss with salad greens and grilled vegetables. Divide into 8 bowls.
4. Place beef strips, cherry tomatoes and mango on top of each salad.

### Nutrition Information per Serving

(2/3 c greens + 1/3 c veggies + 75 g beef):	
Calories	212
Fat	8 grams
Carbohydrate	9 grams
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Sodium	67 milligrams

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