

The Journal

FREE | January 26 - February 1, 2011

The Student Newspaper of Saint Mary's University . Halifax . NS

**Student Financial Support Threatened:
Protest Planned, Page 13**

**Building a Business
Foundation, Page 12**

**No Joke: Gasoline Dealers Seeking
Increase in Profits, Page 11**



Saint Mary's University Students' Association

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
CAMPUS CALENDAR LEGEND Presented by SMUSA Sporting Event / SMU Athletics Academic Event or Presented by SMU Alcohol Available No Entry Fee for SMU Students No Minors (19 years+ only) Gorsebrook Special To get your event added to the Campus Calendar, send an email to marketing.manager@smusa.ca		Jan 26 Video Game Day Xbox Kinect 12pm - 2pm @ the Gorsebrook BASKETBALL (M & W) STFX @ SMU 6:00pm & 8:00pm www.smuhuskies.ca	27 80s Party Hosted by the GradClass Bacardi Sampling at the Door 8pm @ the Gorsebrook	28 SMU Skates the Oval For all SMU Students, Staff and Alumni! 1pm - 3pm Wear your SMU Gear! *WEATHER PERMITTING* SMUSA Elections Deadline for Nominations	29 30 Jan 29 International Night 6pm - 1am Loyola Residence Conference Hall L290 \$25 SMU Students \$30 Regular Admission
	31 Tribal Fusion Belly Dancing with the Women's Centre 3pm - 4pm @ the Tower 10% Student Discount at Sobey's (Queen St.) Pub Trivia Night @ The Gorsebrook Lounge 7:00pm	1 Open Mic Night @ The Gorsebrook Lounge 9:30pm	2 Political Science Society event happening at the Gorsebrook More details to come.	3	4

smusa.ca PRESENTS:

WINTER CARNIVAL
Jan 24th - 28th, 2011

- Free Cotton Candy, Hot Chocolate and Apples
In the Student Centre | 11am to 2pm | Jan 24 & Jan 25
- Trivia & Picniface - Free Admission
At the Gorsebrook | 7pm | Jan 25 | 19+
- Video Game Day - Win Prizes!!!
At the Gorsebrook | 12pm to 2pm | Jan 26
- 80's Party - Hosted by Grad Class Society
At the Gorsebrook | 8pm | Jan 27 | Sponsored by Bacardi | 19+
- SMU Skates the Oval
1pm to 3pm | Jan 28 | For All SMU Students, Staff and Alumni

DIGITALCARE COMPUTERS

Free pickup and delivery of computers to the Student Centre.

20% discount from our regular in-house rate of \$50.00 per hour to all SMU students.

Special pricing on any bulk equipment purchases to both SMU and all

Enjoy the 10% Student Discount every Tuesday at

Sobeys

SMUSA Husky Patrol now provides pickup and drop off from SMU (Rice Residence) to Sobey's (1120 Queen St)

Every Tuesday
10am to 4pm

*Valid student ID Card Required

smusa
Saint Mary's University Students' Association

smusa Tutor Database
Saint Mary's University Students' Association

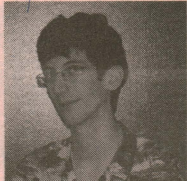
SEARCH FOR TUTORS

APPLY TO BE A TUTOR

smusa
Saint Mary's University Students' Association

BOOK EXCHANGE

Buy & Sell TEXTBOOKS Online!
www.smusa.ca/bex



Adam Faber Editor-in-chief

Perspective

The Journal

Suite 517, Student Centre
Saint Mary's University
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H 3C3
902.496.8201
thesmujournal@gmail.com

Credits

Adam Faber
Editor In Chief
thesmujournal@gmail.com

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

Suvir Pursnani
Student Life Editor

Kyle Trimper
Arts & Business Editor

Kerry J. O'Rourke
Business Editor

James Urquhart
Feature & Sports Editor

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Published by

**Denote Communications*

Advertising Inquiries
smujournal@denote.ca

Letter From The Editor I'll do it! What do I do, again?

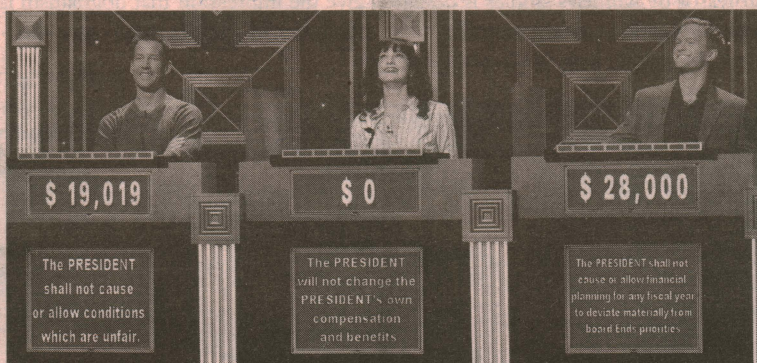
Adam Faber
Editor in Chief

I get the impression that not everyone who runs for student politics knows exactly what they're getting into. Not that they don't do good work, but the job description doesn't seem to be obvious until you've gotten elected. You don't know until it's too late, so to speak. There are two major pieces to the puzzle: the President and the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is the group that makes the rules. Therefore they don't get much of a say in the running of day to day affairs of student life. They set policies, decide what shouldn't be done, and are in charge of that big ol' word: accountability. The President is the decision maker: he decides if a society should be ratified, he picks what money should be spent, and pretty much makes 'the call' on things. If the Board of Directors (BoD) asks 'Why didn't husky patrol run today?' that's actually none of their business. BoD members have expressed to me their dismay at the lack of 'hands on' direction they have available to them. These people should have run for President. You'll notice that some people in the Board do: I encourage and applaud that, you know for a fact that they have exposure to the relevant rules and regulations governing the lofty position. They know exactly what shouldn't be done.

which experienced board members can take hold of the long term vision of a company, people who clearly know what the role of a Board of Directors is. I say that is not our board, because they are only available for the length of their studies, two years at a time. It's a revolving door of faces, and every time someone new comes in there is a steep learning curve ("no, I'm sorry, that's not your job, you should join the XYZ committee").

The best use of the board that I can think of is reaching out to the student body, something that I think can be put to better use. Why doesn't someone in student government have a publicized youtube channel? Perhaps a website? If I Google SMU elections I'm treated to a wealth of information from the Southern Methodist University! Perhaps the BoD, who

“Some BoD members have expressed to me their dismay to me at the lack of 'hands on' direction they have available to them. These people should have run for President.”



Notice I said 'what shouldn't be done' when referring to the President and CEO. That is an important point. When you define the role of the President of SMUSA, the documents are phrased in what cannot be done. Therefore, the powers of SMUSA's top dog are limited by the predictive abilities of BoDs past and present. It's like Jeopardy, where you have word your answer in the form of a question. In this case you have to define what the Prez can do by saying what it is he cannot do. It's the way in

is in charge of holding the President accountable (a job description extremely close to my own,) could get in touch with me? Kerry (Business Editor and BoD member) offered to the entire board a chance to write directly to the student body via The Journal, and I got two submissions: Kerry's and Alwyn's. Two down, many more to go. I would love to help the Board of Directors reach as many students as possible. There are enough weeks left for everyone to get a say.

Heard around campus

(University student to visiting high school student)

"The trick is to figure out what your prof likes, and make him think you like it, too."

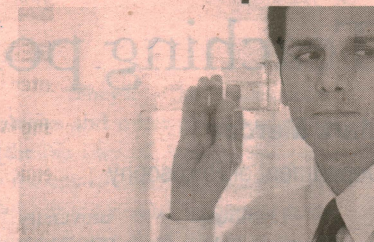
(Visiting high school student to university student)

"Yeah, we try to be 'teacher-cool' too."

"That's way too much work! If bums had that much ambition they would go out and get a job!"

"Can you analyze a text so deeply that you come up shallow on the other side?"

"One good thing about having too much to drink is that you can always



go to your girlfriend's house and say that you are too drunk to get home. You know what I mean...?"

"Why do the lights turn themselves off? We're university students, we're the future of the country, and we can't handle the responsibility of turning off the bathroom light?"

Novanet Libraries Food Drive



Reduce or clear your library fines — with food!

Novanet libraries will reduce your fine by \$2 for every non-perishable item donated (maximum of \$20). Donations will be given to the Saint Mary's Campus Food Bank.

January 17th-28th, 2011

Bring your donations to any Novanet library during regular hours.
Good for the Food Bank and Good for You!

Green Tip of the Week

When putting your clothes in the washer, make sure you have a full load so that no water or energy is wasted.

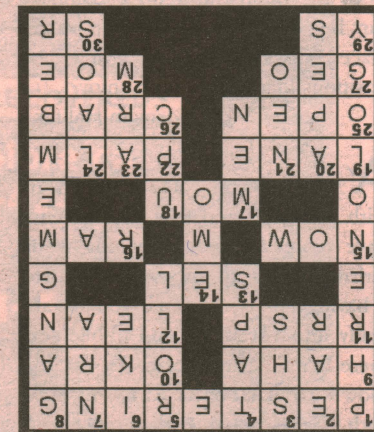


SMUES

To find out more about the SMU Environmental Society, go to www.smues.ca. Lots of volunteer opportunities are available!

Crossword Answers

Crossword found
on page 10



STRANGE ADVENTURES
COMIX & CURIOSITIES
5262 Sackville Street
downtown Halifax
Tel. 425-2140
strangeadventures.com

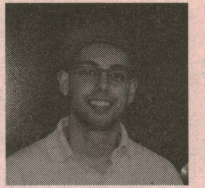
Toys, games, manga & more!



Let's go
HUSKIES
Let's go!

Features & Opinions

James Urquhart Features Editor



The Cranky Professor Teaching political activism at a university

Mark Mercer

Department of Philosophy

Dalhousie university recently approved a course, IDS 3102, in which students are taught how to protest ("These marchers deserve credit," Chronicle Herald, Sunday 12 December). The course, according to its syllabus, is for students who want to know how to change the behaviour of contemporary institutions. It was created in response to a demand from students seeking ways "to communicate their disapproval to people in power."

Courses such as IDS 3102 raise the vexed question of the relation between academic study and political activism.

Academic study is about understanding the world. Political activism is about changing it. The worry is that when activism comes first, and gets right into the point of the course, understanding will come second, if it manages to make an appearance at all.

IDS 3102 is hardly unique in advertising itself as about how to change the world. Take a look through any university catalogue and you will find a sizable minority of courses and programs that state that their mission is to promote social justice, to foster respect for diversity, to protect the environment, or otherwise to instil in students the right attitudes and to equip them with the skills and knowledge they need to right the world's wrongs.

“when activism comes first, and gets right into the point of the course, understanding will come second”

The case against courses that take a side or promote activism is that taking a side and promoting activism are inconsistent with the university's mission to educate its students.

A student taking a course at a university should acquire knowledge of facts and theories in the subject matter of the course. She should also gain some of the skills needed to gather new facts and to construct her own theories. In short, each course in a discipline should help her to become a competent participant in that discipline.

When a course takes a side with regard to some live issue, it cheats students out of the experience of investigating the matter dispassionately, open-mindedly, with a concern to appreciate various perspectives on the matter. Or at least so goes the objection to courses about changing the world.

So, while a university course might well take as its subject matter the condition of women in Canadian society, or public policy with regard to worries about climate change, or, in the case at hand, the phenomenon of public protest in democratic nations—its sources, its tactics, its successes, its failures—it is no business of that course even to get students to care about gender equity or government action on climate change, let alone to prepare them to protest effectively in support of what they care about.

The objection to this view of university education is not that courses need to be relevant to real-world concerns if they are to be attractive to students. There's nothing more exciting than dispassionate inquiry, as all serious students will discover. And the objection isn't that creating people passionate about justice or the environment, and who have the correct views on these matters, is more important than stuffy old academic rigour. There's nothing more likely to help us identify the messes we're in and then to help us to get out of them than academic rigour.

No, the real objection is that university education is also about judgement, about drawing conclusions. Being a competent participant in a discipline of study involves being able to form evaluative opinions. A professor of women's studies is doing what he should be doing when he

pronounces that the plight of women in poverty will (or will not) be alleviated by some particular policy. A professor in an environmental studies program is doing what she should be doing when she endorses (or criticizes) nuclear power as a response to global warming.

Students need, one might argue, to learn from the example of dispassionate researchers who, on the basis of their studies, come to practical conclusions about how things are and what should be done. Seeing their professors draw conclusions will show students how to weigh evidence and evaluate theories so that they might come to a reasoned conclusion, while nonetheless remaining open to the possibility of contrary evidence and criticism.

The point is well taken. An educated person is not afraid to come to a conclusion and to propose a course of action whenever her research leads her to a conclusion and suggests a course of action.

And yet, the worry about the infusion of politics into university courses persists. It persists because a student's being educated consists in her coming to conclusions intelligently, not dogmatically. That is, she should come to them as a result of inquiry, not as a result of her prior commitments or, worse, of pressure from the professor. Many courses and programs, though, give the impression that dogmatism is the order of the day. Many give the

impression that conclusions that students might freely draw from their investigations are, instead, basic presumptions that students in the course must accept if they're to do well.

IDS 3102, the course on how to protest, certainly gives that impression. The instructor says he is trying to change perceptions and bust stereotypes. But which perceptions need changing and which generalizations are debilitating stereotypes is part of what a course on protest should investigate. It seems that the course begins with conclusions rather than reaches them.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with a professor being a committed activist, or even with a committed or activist professor who takes pride in the commitments or activism of her students. But education must come first and nothing should be allowed to get in its way.

Open-mindedness, circumspection, the ability to weigh evidence and reasons, the ability to notice when one's conclusion is sound and when it is speculative, the ability to admit that one's conclusion is merely speculative, and, above all, the ability to seek out and appreciate criticism of one's views—these are qualities a university professor must be concerned to instil in her charges. She cannot allow anything else she might want, including saving the world, to get in her way.



Fun in the Sunfire

SS Randy Blue

Q Dear Randy,
Both my boyfriend I drive compact cars but we like getting it on in public places. Can you suggest a few hot positions that we can both enjoy?

Horny in Halifax

A Whether you come home from with your date and find your parents have come home early, or your girlfriend is frisky and your roommate is having a party, or even if you just are really into voyeurism and public sex, there IS a time and a place for car sex. Now we'd all like to have a roomy SUV with a backseat bigger than most

“The first thing you have to do is find a suitable location. Refrain from starting the fun while driving as the accident report will be tricky to explain.”

residence beds but we're not all so lucky. Most students can only afford something a little more practical...or compact if you will. This can, however, cause a problem when that urge arises and you have to quench it between the airport and your house.

The first thing you have to

do is find a suitable location. Refrain from starting the fun while driving as the accident report will be tricky to explain. The best places are parking lots of nature parks. The best of those, being parking lots in industrial parks where everyone will be gone home for the night leaving you two lovebirds all alone. Now that you're all alone and have stopped at the drug store for your supplies, it's time to learn some maneuvers.

Being in a compact car it can be hard to find a comfortable position but I've got two that should do you good. The first I've dubbed the "tummy tickler". Get your boyfriend into the driver's seat and recline it all the way back. Get him to prop one of

his legs between the steering wheel and the door and shift sideways just a little bit so that his chest faces out the passengers half of the windshield. Now, using the centre console as your point of leverage, proceed to give him some hot oral sex. In this position your boyfriend will have something other than you hair to grab onto when he's almost ready to finish, he'll have the cushy seat material to grasp onto as he climaxes.

The second position is one I like to call "The Barrington". It's a bit more contorted than the first, stretch a little before attempting. Pull the drivers seat most of the way up under the wheel and get you and your boyfriend into the backseat. Get him

to lay on his back with his right leg wrapped up through the centre console and resting on the driver's seat. Now it's your turn for fun. You can ride him as long as you want, just don't raise your head up too high or the dome light might greet you suddenly. This position will be best for you as this position will stimulate not only you clitoris but also the elusive G-Spot, with every thrust.

Hope this helps, and keep on truckin...
err...carrin.

.....



Program Profile: Environmental Studies

James Urquhart
Features Editor

Dr. Tony Charles is a professor at Saint Mary's, and Coordinator of the Environmental Studies Program. His research focuses on interdisciplinary studies of fisheries, oceans and coasts. Dr. Charles works with First Nations, conservation and fishery groups, and leads the Coastal CURA project based at Saint Mary's, studying coastal issues in the Canadian Maritimes.

Journal: Why should any given student take a class or classes in environmental studies?

Dr. Charles: Any student with an interest in understanding and dealing with environmental problems, or managing human uses of natural resources such as fisheries and forests, may want to check out the Environmental Studies Program at Saint Mary's. This totally interdisciplinary program combines core sciences with management, social

sciences and humanities. It comes with a variety of options, all giving students a solid capability for studying and problem-solving on issues relating to the environment and natural resources, and also preparing them for a variety of job opportunities in environmental fields.

Students in Science can take a major or honours leading to a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies (which can be combined with other fields through a double major, double honours, or dual degree, or done as a cooperative education option). Students working toward a Bachelor of Arts or Commerce can combine a minor in Environmental Studies with their major, whatever it is. And starting next year, there will be a brand new degree program at SMU... the Bachelor of Environmental Studies (or BES) will be of particular interest to students in Arts who want to major in the area of environment and natural resources.

Journal: What is one class you would recommend that all interested



students have to take and why?

Dr. Charles: There is a wide variety of courses students at SMU can take on environmental subjects. In fact, there is a special place on the university website with a full list of these courses. See www.smu.ca/sustainability/programs.html for details. If you have a strong interest in the topic, a great degree program can be built from the choices at SMU. If you don't want a whole degree in environmental topics, you may well want at least a bit of 'exposure' to SMU's courses on the environment and resources. So if you just want to try out a single course, you could look into "Environmental

Challenges" (ENVS 1200) or "Biology and the Human Environment" (ENVS 1203, for non-science students), or depending on your background, you can pick from many other options, ranging from "Green Chemistry" to "Ecology and Religion". There is no single 'best' course – it depends on each person's interests, and we really have a good choice here at SMU. In fact, any of the courses will help to give an understanding of how environmental problems are analysed and what knowledge is needed to make the right decisions. And since current issues so often relate to the environment – whether climate change, the state of the ocean, forest biodiversity or the tar sands – taking environment courses (or degrees) at SMU will put you in a better position to talk to others about those issues.

Journal: What Career opportunities are available in your field and how do classes in your discipline benefit those intending to pursue careers in other fields (especially those opportunities that are interesting and obscure, that

most people wouldn't think of)?

Dr. Charles: Studies of graduates with a BSc in Environmental Studies from SMU show they have done very well in moving ahead in their field – whether that's to graduate studies or to employment directly after graduation. That's partly because there is such a range of different employers out there needing employees with a strong level of environmental knowledge – in government, industry, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), consulting companies and elsewhere. It also helps that Environmental Studies is a truly interdisciplinary field of study, so graduates end up with the flexibility and broad understanding needed to handle a variety of work in the future. And added to that is the fact that the generally small class sizes in Environmental Studies, close connections with the profs, and opportunities for field work and research all make our graduates ready for the 'outside world'.

News

Irish PM Brian Cowen steps down as Fianna Fail leader

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

Irish PM Brian Cowen has said he is stepping down as leader of the ruling Fianna Fail party but will continue to run the government until the general election to be held March 11.

In a week of political crises, Cowen first survived a party leadership vote but was forced to call the election after a bungled cabinet reshuffle. Cowen faced immediate criticism for his plan to stay on as PM with Labour leader Eamon Gilmore saying it was "simply not tenable" for Cowen to remain in the post.

Fine Gael leader Enda Kenny said that he would back a motion of no confidence in Cowen as PM unless there was dissolution of parliament.

However, Fine Gael's Michael Noonan also said it would stave off the vote, and help pass a crucial finance bill, if Cowen was prepared to dissolve parliament and move the election forward.

It is the first time since 1994 that a politician has been prime minister, or Taoiseach, while not leading the main party of government in Ireland.

Cowen has seen his ratings plummet amid Ireland's economic crisis that forced the country to seek a bail-out package by the European Union and International Monetary Fund last year.

After a tumultuous week, Cowen said: "Taking everything into

account, after discussing the matter with my family, I have taken, on my own counsel, the decision to step down."

He added: "I have been in touch with no senior party figures in relation to this decision."

Cowen said he had "deep affection" for the men and women who worked for Fianna Fail and wanted it to be in the best possible position to fight the election campaign.

"The focus should be on what policies the political parties are offering, rather than on the narrow focus of personality politics."

"I am concerned that renewed internal criticism of my leadership of Fianna Fail is deflecting attention from these important debates," Mr Cowen said.

The PM said: "My intention now is to concentrate fully on government business and on continuing to implement the recovery plan."

"The government will continue to govern the country."

He also vowed that the government would win the no-confidence vote on January 25. The coalition has a two-seat majority in parliament.

Fianna Fail has confirmed it will choose its new leader on January 26. Brian Lenihan, Micheal Martin and Mary Hanafin are among the leading contenders.

Cowen pledged his "full support" for whoever was selected.

However, opposition parties insist Cowen must quit as PM and



bring the election forward.

Kennysaid Cowen's "attempt to remain as head of government despite losing the confidence of his own party is another sad example of Fianna Fail putting their own survival ahead of the country's survival".

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams said: "The government and Fianna Fail are in chaos. Their focus is not on the problems facing the country."

One of Cowen's own Fianna Fail MPs, Charlie O'Connor, also opposed his move.

"I say this with the greatest of respect for Brian Cowen, but what he's just done is pointless and counter-productive."

Criticism of Cowen has intensified this month following revelations he played golf with the former chairman of Anglo Irish Bank, Sean FitzPatrick, months before the bank was nationalised to prevent it from collapse. Cowen has denied any wrongdoing.



LIVE THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE



Odyssey is a full-time work experience
that gives you the opportunity
to **travel** Canada,
make a difference in the lives of others,
and **share your culture**.

LANGUAGE-ASSISTANT PROGRAM

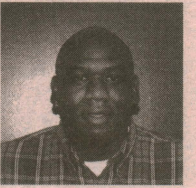
TRAVEL • WORK • LEARN

www.myodyssey.ca
1-877-866-4242






News



Keimeko Scotland News Editor

Duvalier in Haiti: 'Baby Doc' calls for reconciliation

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

Former Haitian leader Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier has called for national reconciliation in his most extensive speech since he returned to the country on January 16 after 25 years in exile.

Duvalier said his surprise return had been prompted by last year's earthquake and his desire to help rebuild the country.

Duvalier has expressed "deep sorrow for all those who say they were victims of my government".

A lawsuit suing Duvalier for torture and other crimes against humanity was filed on January 19 by a former United Nations spokeswoman, Michele Montas, and three Haitians who were jailed during Duvalier's rule from 1971 to 1986.

Montas said she had lodged lawsuits against Duvalier for arbitrary detention, exile, destruction of private property, torture and moral violation of civil and political rights.

Haitian state prosecutors have also charged Duvalier with theft and misappropriation of funds during his time as "president-for-life".

One of Duvalier's lawyers said he was planning to stay in Haiti despite the charges, and might also get involved in politics.

Speaking in French and Creole at a news conference in a rented guest house, Duvalier said he hoped



for a rapid resolution to the political crisis in Haiti.

Duvalier arrived on the day Haiti was supposed to hold a second round of elections to choose a successor to outgoing President Rene Preval.

That vote has been postponed because of a dispute over which candidates should be on the ballot paper.

Provisional results from the first round on 28 November provoked violent demonstrations when they were announced, and most observers said there was widespread fraud and intimidation.

With files from CNN News



South African flood deaths rise to 70

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor



South Africa now joins the growing list of countries battling flooding from unusually large amounts of rainfall which include the Philippines, Germany, Brazil, and Australia.

The death toll from floods in South Africa's has continued to rise with a reported 70 deaths and more than 8,000 families forced to leave their homes following weeks of heavy rains that began in December 2010. South Africa has declared eight of its nine provinces disaster areas.

Co-operative Government Minister Siculo Shiceka said the flood damage was estimated at \$ 51 Million. Five other countries in the region, from Mozambique to Namibia, are also on alert for further flooding.

Some of the biggest rivers in the region, the Zambezi and the Okavango, are at about twice their normal levels.

At least 10 people have also died in floods in neighbouring Mozambique and more than 10,000

people have been evacuated from their homes.

Relief workers fear a repeat of the kind of disaster that struck Mozambique in 2000, when massive floods killed 800 people.

Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe have also been affected by heavy rains, according to Elizabeth Byrs, of the UN's Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The UN is warning that there is an increased risk of cholera, which is endemic in some countries. Meteorologists say southern Africa's floods are caused by a natural cycle called the El Nino Southern

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

Our 14th annual International Night is soon approaching. This dazzling night of exquisite international cuisine, international entertainment, and a DJ dance is going to be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 @ 7:00pm (doors open @ 6:00pm) in the Loyola Conference Hall (L290).

The International Night is a showcase of the various cultures which make Saint Mary's University a truly international community. Students from Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, Central, North and South America will be bringing you a taste of their cultures through music, dance, fashion and cuisine.

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

This year tickets are \$25 SMU students, \$30 Non-SMU students and \$30 @ the door. Tickets ARE NOW ON SALE at the INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

Great door prizes will be drawn throughout the night

For more information, including the program, go to

<http://INTERNATIONALCENTRE.SMU.CA/INT-NIGHT.HTML>

Oscillation (ENSO), which has also been linked to recent flooding in Australia and the Philippines.

With files from AP and CNN News

South Korea battles Foot-and-Mouth disease Outbreak

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

About 134,000 South military personnel are involved in efforts to contain South Korea's worst ever foot-and-mouth outbreak according to Ministry of Agriculture officials.

Authorities have killed more than 2 million animals, and fear the epidemic could cost the country \$1.4 billion, the ministry said.

The country has lost millions of dollars in exports already from the 129 confirmed cases, according to the ministry for food, agriculture, forestry and fisheries. The \$1.4 billion cost takes into account vaccinations, culling and compensation for farmers.

Up to 22% of the swine population is being culled and almost 4% of cattle. Vaccinations are continuing across the country as the government tries to limit the number of animals that need to be destroyed.

The government introduced travel restrictions for livestock and ordered cattle markets to be shut shortly after the latest outbreak in the southern city of Andong.

As a result, pork and beef imports are up and retail prices of both have risen almost 9% in just one month.

The spread of bird flu is also putting pressure on South Korean farmers, with almost 4 million birds being culled so far.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture describes foot-and-mouth disease as "a severe, highly contagious viral disease of cattle and swine." There are vaccines, but they must be matched to the specific type and subtype of virus causing the outbreak.

Southern Sudan referendum: 'Massive vote to split'

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

With most votes counted in Southern Sudan's referendum, 99% of people are reported to have opted for independence from the north, officials say.

Official results are due next month but correspondents say the outcome of the week-long poll is not in doubt.

However, the former rebels now running oil-rich Southern Sudan have urged people not to celebrate yet.

President Omar al-Bashir has said he will accept the result of the vote, which was held after years of war.

The BBC's Peter Martell in Juba says this is the news many in the south have been waiting to hear - that the number of votes cast in favour of independence has passed the required 50%.

The results were published on a website published by the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission, and officials have confirmed they are genuine.

It says that 83% of votes in

the south have been counted, along with 100% of those in the north and the eight foreign countries where polling was held.

Just 1.4% of people have voted for continued unity with the north.

More than 3 million ballots have been counted so far with several hundred thousands more still to come.

Southern Sudan Referendum Bureau spokesman Aleu Garang Aleu said counting should be finished on January 31 and final results announced on February 14, after any appeals had been dealt with.

If the result is confirmed, the new country is set to formally declare its independence on July 9.

The mainly Arabic-speaking, Muslim north has fought the south, where most are Christian or follow traditional religions, for most of Sudan's post-independence history.

In order for the referendum to be valid, more than 50% of voters must back secession and at least 60% of registered voters must take part. Election officials have previously said that the 60% threshold had been passed.

Cuba not accepting mail destined for the United States

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

On January 21 Cuba suspended delivery of mail destined for the United States, saying the letters were being turned back because of anti-terrorist measures in the United States.

The U.S. Postal Service confirmed that there are "some issues" connected with the Transportation Security Administration that it said has caused mail to "accumulate."

The Postal Service is still accepting mail from Cuba, spokesman Dave Lewin said in a written statement. But as airlines that carry the Cuban mail "were attempting to meet the TSA requirements the mail piled up. Air carriers ran out of space and began returning mail to Cuba," he said.

There is no direct mail service between the two countries, so Cuba sends mail through Canada and Mexico.

The Cuban postal service released a statement saying: "Until further notice, our postal offices cannot accept any kind of shipment to the United States."

It added that it was forced

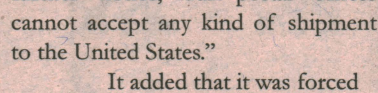
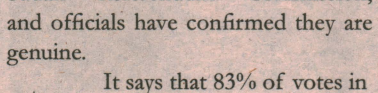
to suspend service because the airlines that it uses to ship mail through third countries "have returned all of the correspondence" as a result of the new security measures in the United States.

"There have been some issues regarding some TSA initiatives implemented in November," Lewin's statement said, describing those initiatives as "post cargo bomb threat" requirements.

In late October 2010, bombs were discovered packed in printer toner cartridges mailed from Yemen to the United States. The packages were discovered on airplanes before getting to the United States.

Many Cubans use the traditional postal system to send messages to relatives in the United States, in part because phone calls are prohibitively expensive and the internet is not readily accessible.

With files from AP News

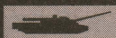




WANTED: PHARMACISTS

"My experience with the Forces has been remarkable. After paying for my education, they put me to work around the world. Now I never know where my next challenge will take me."

Captain **BRYAN WILLOX**



RECHERCHONS : PHARMACIENS

« Mon expérience dans les Forces a été remarquable. Après avoir payé mes études, elles m'ont permis de travailler dans plusieurs pays. Et je ne sais jamais où mon prochain défi m'emmènera. »

Capitaine **BRYAN WILLOX**

FORCES.CA

FIGHT WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES



1-800-856-8488

COMBATTEZ AVEC LES FORCES CANADIENNES

Canada

Technology

Angela Lindsey Technology Editor



Launch Date Named for 3DS

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

The newest product in Nintendo's line of consoles, the Nintendo 3DS, has been announced for a release in the United States on March 27, 2011, for around \$250 USD. This price includes the 3DS, a charging dock, and a 2GB SD memory card, and the system will be available in two colors: Cosmos Black and Aqua Blue.

The 3DS will continue to use the touch screen technology made popular by previous releases of the console, but will feature a unique glasses-free 3D screen above the touch screen. The top screen is 10% larger than on previous systems, and the traditional directional pad will include an analog joystick-style button.

Some anticipated features will not be available immediately after launch, such as the downloadable games store, 3D movie viewing functionality, or an internet browser, and word has not been given for when these will be available via firmware updates. However, many features exclusive to the new system will be available directly after launch, including a notification light indicating whether data is being transferred to or from the unit.

According to President



and COO of Nintendo of America Reggie Fils-Aime, there will be "30+ titles" available at launch for the new system. These titles will include *Zelda, Ocarina of Time 3D, Kid Icarus Uprising, Dead or Alive Dimensions, Pro Evolution Soccer 2011 3D, Super Street Fighter IV 3D*, as well as a new 3D Madden game. The 3DS will be backwards-compatible with previous DS games, but will simply not have the 3D functionality available for those games.

Additional features for the 3DS include two outward facing cameras and one inward facing camera (to capture images of the gamer in action), a personalized Mii (similar to those found on the Nintendo Wii, only created to match your own picture), a pedometer app to track and encourage movement, and the ability to play back 3D videos.

iPod Touch Used in Surgery

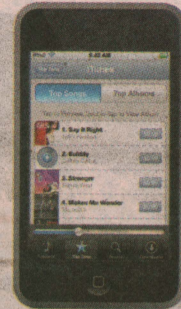
Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

German doctors have developed a system to allow an iPod Touch to assist with surgery, providing accuracy and precision that could only previously be provided by an entire surgical computer. According to a report on German website Welt Online, the iPod Touch could replace conventional computer-based imaging systems that are used in operating rooms.

The systems that are currently being used are bulky and cumbersome, as well as being inconvenient for the surgeon, who has to constantly look between the monitor and the patient to monitor the status. The iPod Touch is portable and compact, allowing the surgeon to have it directly next to the patient during surgery, and can be carried from operating room to operating room.

There is also a question of cost. Traditional operating room imaging systems normally cost upwards of 200,000 Euros (around \$268,000 CAD), while the iPod Touch system only costs the hospital about 50,000 Euros (approximately \$67,000 USD).

This system has been in use in a few hospitals by surgeons,



“We have achieved excellent results.”

including orthopaedist Holger Bâthisin. Bâthisin stated that “The joint anatomy is recorded, digitized, the data will go to the camera system - the calculations are in milliseconds to me via iPod. It works wirelessly with wireless, so no more tripping over here in the operating room. We have achieved excellent results.”

This system isn't only being tested in Europe, however. An unnamed hospital in Nashville, Tennessee is currently using the iPod Touch in a pilot program in their surgical department. In addition to orthopaedics, this system could also be used in ENT (ear, nose, and throat) and facial surgeries, and even neurosurgery.

This Week's New Games

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor



Make sure to check out these new games this week!

01/25/11 - Dead Space 2 (PS3 / Xbox 360 / PC)

01/25/11 - Two Worlds II (PS3 / Xbox 360 / PC)

01/25/11 - Paws & Claws Marine Rescue (DS)

01/25/11 - Lord of Arcana (PSP)



Judge Delays PS3 Hack Ruling

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Twenty-one year old George Hotz was sued by Sony for posting code to crack the PlayStation 3, claiming that this information breaks the Digital Millennium Copyright Act's anti-circumvention provisions. United States District Judge Susan Illston, however, is unsure of the jurisdiction of such a crime, and without discussing the merits of the claim (amongst other allegations), is wondering whether this crime should be tried in Hotz's home state of New Jersey.

In addition to unspecified monetary damages, Sony is demanding that Hotz remove any code uploaded to the internet in the past week. The code being shared online is a way of accessing the "metldr keys" on the console, essentially tricking the PS3 into running software not approved by Sony. This allows the console to play pirated and "homebrew" software, and is already popular amongst many of the over 41 million PlayStation 3 owners.

James Gilliland, Sony's attorney, argued that the case could fall under San Francisco jurisdiction because the hack was shared on Twitter and YouTube, both based out of California, as well as the fact that Hotz received donations via PayPal, also based out of California, though

“I am a firm believer in digital rights.”



Hotz's attorney denied this allegation. Judge Illston argued this statement, saying that if using Twitter or Facebook is enough to bring a case to San Francisco, "the entire universe would be subject to my jurisdiction." However, according to Sony's terms of use agreement, all legal disputes must be settled in federal court near Sony Computer Entertainment America's headquarters. Because of this discussion, Judge Illston said she will rule at an undisclosed time, stating that "Serious questions have been raised here."

Hotz says that this case has no bias, claiming that "I am a firm believer in digital rights. I would expect a company that prides itself on intellectual property to be well-versed in the provisions of the law, so I am disappointed in Sony's current action. I have spoken with legal counsel and I feel comfortable that Sony's action against me doesn't have any basis."

Video Game Sales for 2010 Total Over \$15 Billion

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

According to a recent press release and preliminary estimate from market research company the NPD Group, gamers are willing to spend money on their hobby - to the tune of over \$15 billion for 2010 in the United States alone. The final estimate for total consumer spending will be released in March of 2011. Surprisingly, this figure is smaller than the amount spent by consumers in 2009, by 5 percent.

Anita Frazier, industry analyst for the NPD Group, believes that with changes in the way software is being purchased, there was clearly going to be a change in spending on games. "The dynamics of games content purchasing changed dramatically in 2010 with options ranging from the physical product to digital downloads on connected devices as well as in-store digital kiosks. The increasing number of ways to acquire the content has allowed the industry to maintain total consumer spend on content as compared to 2009, and we should expect 2011 to be a growth year in the games industry as the consumer demand for gaming continues to evolve."

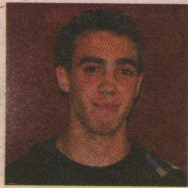
New physical retail software (those titles purchased instores,



instead of being downloaded) accounted for the largest portion of these figures, which is higher by 3 percent than in 2009. However, the total estimate for consumer spending on video games comes from more than just the new retail copies of the software; it includes used games, game rentals, subscriptions (such as those for MMORPGs), digital full-game downloads and downloadable content, mobile gaming apps, and social networking gaming - such as those games found on Facebook.

Despite the decrease in sales compared to 2009, December of 2010 showed promising numbers for the video game industry. "December 2010 represented one of the strongest

monthly performances the industry has ever had at retail. It was a robust finish to a year marked by innovation and engaging millions of consumers through a multitude of delivery models," said Michael D. Gallagher, president and CEO of the Entertainment Software Association, the trade group that represents U.S. computer and video game publishers. "Computer and video games led all other entertainment options as we responded to consumers' demands for creative content on every platform from consoles to smart phones to handheld game devices. I look forward to a strong 2011 with a great pipeline of titles, many of which will be unveiled at the global center of video games—the E3 Expo."



Kyle L. Trimper Arts & Entertainment Editor

Arts & Entertainment

Ryan MacGrath and Ashley Condon Lift Our Spirits!

Amandah Turner
Independent Publicist



The night of the 16th was a particularly icy and cold one in Halifax. Needless to say by the time I walked from my apartment over to the Company House on Gottingen Street, I was in a pretty cranky mood. Thankfully, the show I was going to see at the venue was literally called "No Sad Songs!" featuring Ryan MacGrath and Ashley Condon. The second I walked in the door, the atmosphere was incredibly inviting and the stage was decorated with scarves, flowers, and an Eeyore doll holding a maraca and donning a multi-coloured hat. It definitely was a perfect set-up for a night of happiness and fun!

The show began with an original song from each singer/songwriter. Both were very well executed and had a great happy feeling. The duo also performed many cover songs like "Walking on Sunshine" and "Don't Worry, Be Happy" were among those legendary tunes. The atmosphere was so playful and relaxed, with Ryan and Ashley joking around and making us all laugh in between songs. With stories about twirling around in a yellow prom dress and chosen outfits such as purple spandex pants, I can honestly say that I have never laughed so hard or so much during a music performance in my life! The goal of a happy-go-lucky show was definitely reached that night, and I left the Company House feeling refreshed and unable to take the smile off of my face.

The show really got me thinking as to how Ryan and Ashley

had come up with such a great idea, so I was able to talk to Ryan after the show about it. "Ashley and I decided to do the 'No Sad Songs' show because we wanted an excuse to have fun and be silly," Ryan said. "She and I played a show together last year for the first time, and we realized that we were presenting ourselves and our songs in similar ways - with a nice balance of utterly depressing darkness and silly, cabaret humour. At the CoHo (Company House) show, we wanted to just focus on the happy side of our performances, and really play it up. Also, giving that it's midwinter, we thought it might be a nice break for people to hear some fun songs and to see a fun show." I think everyone can agree with that last statement, as there wasn't a frowning face in the whole crowd. In fact, even Ryan and Ashley were feeling the vibe up on stage. Ryan continued on to say, "I absolutely enjoyed performing this show. Ashley and I didn't hold back...

It was a blast. Sometimes it's nice as professional musicians just to let loose on stage." It was wonderful to know that the two musicians that brought such joy to our evening had just as much fun playing for us.

Both Ryan MacGrath, from Halifax, and Ashley Condon, from PEI, have also accomplished more this week by being nominated for the 2011 East Coast Music Awards. Ashley has been nominated for Country Recording of the Year, and Ryan has been nominated for Alternative Recording of the Year, Male Solo Recording of the Year, and Rising Star Recording of the Year. Clearly, both of these artists have big things ahead of them, so make sure to keep yourselves updated on their progress!

Ashley Condon: www.ashleycondon.com
Ryan MacGrath: www.ryanmacgrath.com

"Giving that it's midwinter, we thought it might be a nice break for people to hear some fun songs and to see a fun show."

UPCOMING SHOWS

Friday, Jan. 28th:
- Julie Doiron w/ It Kills and Dance Movie @ The Seahorse Tavern, \$10 adv, 10pm
- The Mellotones w/ Dave Styles and The Retrospect @ The Paragon Theatre, TBD, 9pm
- Live 105's Spotlight Showcase w/ Gloryhound and Alice Stops Time @ Montes Showbar, \$5, 10pm

Saturday, Jan. 29th:
- Motown Night @ The Paragon Theatre, \$4 before 12/\$7 after 12, 9pm
- LongLongLong w/ Duzheknew and Mike O'Neill @ The Seahorse Tavern, \$7, 10pm



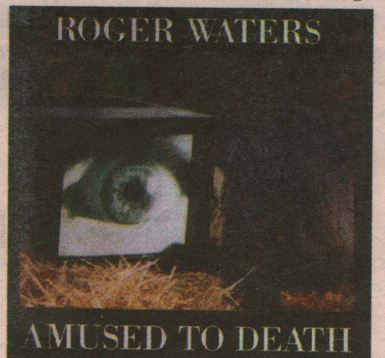
Kill Me Now: Roger Waters Amused to Death

(A Classic Album Review)

Kyle L. Trimper
A&E Editor

Amused to Death...bored to death is more like it. Pink Floyd's ex-bassist and dictator, flushed with victory from his live performance of The Wall over the ruins of the Berlin Wall and embittered by his inability to prevent Pink Floyd from existing without him, decided to take on God, George Bush, and the Gulf War in his third solo album, entitled *Amused to Death*.

The album was originally meant to be a concept album centered around an ape randomly switching channels on a television set, hence the cover, which may be the best thing about the album; however, upon listening to the album, one soon finds that this theme is quickly abandoned. Also, the first single from the album, "What God Wants, Pt. 1", which was essentially an attack on God and religion, was refused airplay by British radio for obvious reasons, infuriating



Waters.

It's obvious that this album didn't go exactly as planned, but really that's no excuse. The album is a series of bitter, self-righteous, barely intelligible vignettes on Waters' disgust with right-wing politics. The music suffers from the lethargy that was evident in Pink Floyd and Waters' previous albums, but suffers also from Waters' inability to sing properly. His vocal performances in *The Wall* and *The Final Cut* were eccentric but acceptable, *Pros and Cons* and *Radio KAOS* were tolerable, but this time, Waters finds himself propped up like a dead man by female background singers. The problem with this is that the singers are the ones pushing the album along, while Waters stumbles behind. In one instance, namely "Watching TV", Waters attempts a duet with Eagles lead singer Don Henley, who happens to be a very good singer; however, Waters' arrogant sabotages this by pushing Henley into the background, making him just another background singer propping up his mortal remains.

While one song on the album, "The Bravery of Being Out of Range", shows some merit, *Amused to Death* is a boring, self-indulgent, arrogant piece of drivel, and is not worth wasting the hour and a half that it demands to listen to it.

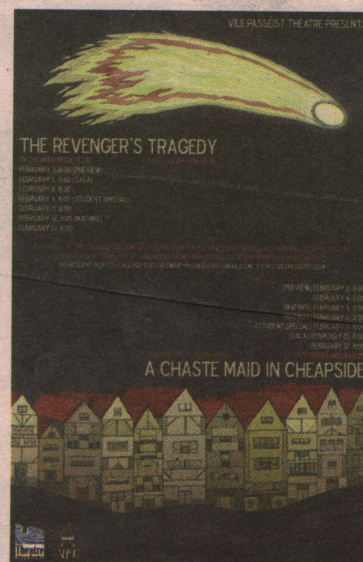
Upcoming Events

Kyle L. Trimper
A&E Editor

The ViewPoint Gallery will be showcasing the work of New York artist Cornelia Hediger in an exhibit entitled *Exit* from February 2-27, with an opening reception on February 3 from 6-9PM. The exhibit is described as "a series of self-portraits in narrative situations dealing with dreams, desires, lust, fear, escape and death".

Vile Passéist Theatre presents *A Chaste Maid in Cheapside* and *The Revenger's Tragedy* at The Bus Stop Theatre from February 2 to 13. Tickets for one show are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students, seniors and artists. Tickets for both shows are just \$25 for adults, \$20 for students, seniors and artists.

Charlottetown indie rock band The North Lakes, whose debut album was reviewed two weeks previously in The Journal, will be performing at The Seahorse on Saturday, February 5. If you like indie



folk rock, this is for you!

Also, *Nocturne: Art at Night* is looking for independent art projects for 2011. The deadline to submit is March 14. Go to <http://www.nocturnehalifax.ca/> for more info.

**Authentic
K's
Taste**

5970 Spring Garden Road
Just Off Robie Street
visit us at: www.authentic-k.com
429-7777

Debit at the door

**Hours: Sunday - Wednesday 11am - 2am
Thursday - 11am - 3am
Friday - Saturday - 11am - 4am**

**Delivery from 11 - close - 7 days a week
Delivery on food orders over \$8.00
Pop and taxes not included.**

Book your own private house concert

Adam Faber
Editor in Chief

Not all parties are created equal. The types of parties are varied on campus, despite the cliché of a raging kegger on every corner. Enter the private house concert. The whole idea is that you would charge party-goers a cover charge to pay for the musician to play, and your revelers would enjoy an intimate concert. I spoke with Singer/Songwriter Irish Mythen at SMU Graduate David Topple's house concert, and she explained to me how it works for her: "It's just like a concert promoter just on a smaller scale. If I'm playing at a local pub, and have a day or two off between gigs, this is a good way to make the trip more worth it." The event certainly was close quarters, nobody of the party of thirty was more than three rows back. The television room had been rearranged, with all the seats in the house turned into a small theater. Everybody had chipped in twenty dollars, and were rewarded with a highly engaging show. "You don't want me to learn your name," says Irish "I need somebody to pick on, so if you're the one who gets up to go to the washroom, you're in my sights. Right, Kelly*?" Kelly was



the good-humored victim of Mythen's jabs, and she even got a song written for her on the spot. It was a very rousing rendition of 'Don't invite Kelly if you want her to be on time'. As a host you are given a list of artists, you can check out their websites to hear what they sounds like, and you can also see what dates they are available to play. Hosts are encouraged to give themselves a month to drum up party attendees and to collect ticket fees from them. Being in a home, the official rules for things such a SOCAN and other licensing are not applicable. Artists frequently

bring their merchandise to make a little extra coin, and Irish was not an exception. The concert I was attending was a more family and friends affair, but as long as a group agrees to chip in, anything is on the table, including a student get-together. "I've played house parties, keggers, really anything you can think of." Irish told me.

Paula Fredericks has headed the website aucousticroof.com for four years now, a service that provides connections and contacts for house parties. She places emphasis on local musicians. The service lists musicians,

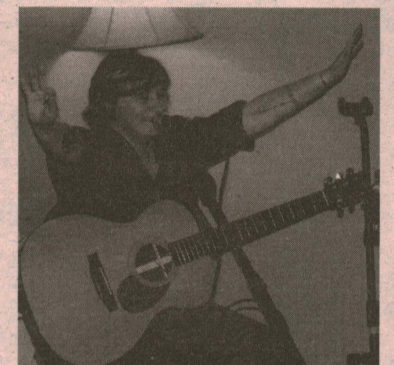
“If you have a group of fifteen or more people, a great idea for an event would be a house concert.”

as well as homes that host open concerts. "If you have a group of fifteen or more people, a great idea for an event would be a house concert." Fredericks emphasized communication between the organizer and the musician, "you'll want to make sure you know what kind of event you want, be it a sit-down show or someone playing in the background. We have a lot of great artists available, and I challenge you to want to talk over them!" Acoustic Roof is not a money making endeavor, more of a communication tool. "Money would be nice," says Paula, "but that's not the way the site works right now, no fees involved." She encourages interested people to go to her site and go to an

existing house concert to see what's what: "The type of people who go to these shows tend to be very generous with their time and space, I wouldn't be surprised if students could get a lift to a concert that was outside of the bus route."

With the internet making readily available music from across the globe, this is a very effective way to support local music while getting a good show. In addition to that, it's one of many great ways to make a party at your place stand out in the mind of those who attend.

*Names have been changed to protect the embarrassed



Crossword

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9					10			
11					12			
			13	14				
15						16		
			17		18			
19	20	21			22	23	24	
25					26			
27						28		
29								30

Answers on page 3

Across

- Annoying
- Nelson Munt's taunt
- African plant known as 'Lady's Fingers' or 'Gumbo'
- Common retirement savings account
- Slim
- French for salt
- Immediately
- Collide with
- Official document describing an agreement
- Division of a road
- Magician's term for disappearing something
- Ajar
- Sideways-walking crustacean
- SUV marketed by General Motors
- The 'smartest' stooge
- These are sometimes vowels
- Jr's dad

Down

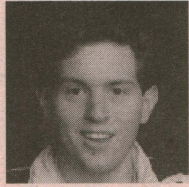
- Study of the skull in relation to brain power
- Sound-detecting organ
- Local school, home of the Kingfishers
- Remembrance day trumpet tune
- Travel by revolution
- Liked U.S. political pundit
- U.S. pro-gun group
- Single participant of a criminal group
- Depressed teen, perhaps? "Nobody understands me."
- The half of the population 'from Mars'
- Official name for a barcode
- These maniacs blew up the planet of the people
- Chosen one of 'The Matrix'
- Equip with a weapon
- Country between Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia

ROCK, PAPER, CYNIC BY PETER CHYKOWSKI

BOP IT TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING I KNOW

(ABOUT FOREPLAYS).

WWW.ROCKPAPER.CYNIC.COM



Kerry J. O'Rourke Business Editor

Business

This (Past) week in Business

Kerry J. O'Rourke
Business Editor

Google: As always, search engine giant Google has decided to make yet another change to their business. This past week Google announced their current long-time CEO Eric Schmidt will step down in order to allow one of the companies founders, Larry Page to assume the role. As such, Eric Schmidt will now assume the role of as executive chairman of the board. Google has said via their website that Mr. Schmidt new role will allow the company to "streamline decision making and create clearer lines of responsibility at the top of the company" according to their website.

It is believed that under Schmidt's new role he will focus on deals, partnerships and customers. The incoming CEO, Larry Page is expected to handle day-to-day operations as of April 4th, 2011.

Chinese Currency: Chinese President Hu Jintao's recently visited Washington on an official state visit. One of the main discussions on Washington's agenda was to address China's undervalued currency. As it

stands now, given last years global economic activity China's currency (the Yuan) only appreciated 3.5%. By comparison the Japanese Yen saw gains of about 10%. Many American's see this figuring as troubling as they feel a depreciated Yuan causes job losses to the American economy. By keeping China's Yuan under appreciated it put America at an unfair disadvantage in trying to compete with China's already significantly lower wage rates.

Kawada: You may not have heard of the firm Kawada Industries but you may want to take notice. The Japanese - based firm and Japan's National Institute of Advanced Industrial Sciences and Technology has created a robot dubbed the HRP - 4. The fact Japan has invented should not be cause for concern. However, what should be cause for concern is what the robot has been created to do. Essentially, Kawada Industries has developed a robot that is designed to replace some office workers. The robot has been designed, developed and programmed to deliver mail, pour coffee, and recognize its co-workers. Kawada plans to begin sales of the robot Jan 28th at a cost of USD \$350,000.

U.S. Debt: Apple recently surpassed their 10 billionth download in their app store. 10 billion. Wow. Lets suppose that for each app downloaded Apple were to receive \$1. In reality that does not occur as many apps are free of course. So with simple arithmetic, speaking hypothetically, for 10 billion downloads at a dollar each, that works out to USD \$10 billion in revenue. This number is certainly impressive. However, it wouldn't be equal to the bench mark the U.S. Federal Government just passed with their staggering amount of debt. As it stands now, the U.S. debt clock last week reached an eye-popping figure of USD \$14 trillion. If one is to investigate the numbers even a little closer one can see that under the Obama administration the debt has also risen a trillion dollars in the last sixth months alone, according to a report by CBS news. If you scale the figures back even further at the end of 2009 the debt clock had a figure of roughly USD \$10 trillion. Thus, in only a years time the Obama administration has successfully been able to raise the federal debt by 40% to a new height of USD \$14 trillion.

Nothing New: N.S Gas prices to Rise, again?

Kerry J. O'Rourke
Business Editor

As if N.S gas prices weren't high enough, they may be headed further North. This idea stems from the fact that The Retail Gasoline Dealers Association of Nova Scotia has applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board in order to be granted approval to increase their retail markups.

The Retail Gasoline Dealers Association of Nova Scotia is seeking approval to raise their markups as a result of having not seen any increases to their markups since July 2006. In this case, gasoline retailers claim the increased markups are needed due to several changes to their cost structure that have occurred over the last approximate three and a half years. According to The Retail Gasoline Dealers Association of Nova Scotia they have experienced increased costs of doing business, such as increases to minimum wage, credit card surcharges, insurance, security improvements, etc.

According to the proposal recently submitted retail gas

“The Retail Gasoline Dealers Association of Nova Scotia is seeking approval to raise their markups...”

markups are not going to rise significantly. Instead the Retail Gasoline Detailers Association of Nova Scotia is seeking a small increase of only one percent. This one percent change they say will increase their minimum margins from four cents per litre to five cents per litre. Likewise the maximum margins will increase from 5.5 cents per litre to 6.5 cents per litre.

The proposal was submitted Jan 11, 2011 but a hearing date has not been set.



P.E.I Graduates Earn Less

Kerry J. O'Rourke
Business Editor

If you are one of the lucky individuals in Canadian society today with a bachelor's degree, unfortunately you should expect to earn less, should you choose to seek employment in Prince Edward Island. These findings have been arrived at by results a recent survey, that was conducted using graduates from the class of 2007, of the Atlantic region. The studies findings have uncovered that persons residing in the Atlantic region have experienced reduced pay rates in P.E.I v. other Atlantic provinces such as New Brunswick & Nova Scotia. One might consider it unequal pay for equal work.

The survey was conducted by the Maritimes Higher Education Commission and used metrics such as where graduates work, how much they were paid, and their debt load in order to base their results.

The results were based upon 1700 people that took part in the survey. Of these 1700 graduates, 96 studied at the University of Prince Edward Island.

Some respondents identified that indisputably, rates of pay are less in the province of Prince Edward Island but they also feel in order to receive higher wages the pursuit of a graduate degree may be a necessity, more so in Prince Edward Island than in other provinces.

Ultimately what it boils down to is the rates of pay in which 2007 graduates received. The study

“Some respondents identified that indisputably, rates of pay are less in the province of Prince Edward Island”

found that for people able to find a job in Prince Edward Island salaries for 2007 graduates were approximately \$37,000 v. \$42,000 for people that found work in New Brunswick & \$43,000 for those that found a position in Nova Scotia.

The study noted other factors that may be influencing these results. These results may be discouraging but they also shed light on the fact that wages in Prince Edward Island for post secondary graduates declined nine percent for 2007 graduates v. 2003 graduates. This may be one plausible explanation why wages for 2007 graduates have been so disappointing.

Furthermore, some find these statistics even more troubling as the average student graduating in the province of Prince Edward Island have been seen to graduate with a debt load on average of \$27,000 in 2007. However, surprisingly this figure has dropped significantly to \$19,000 for 2009 graduates.

Going forward the survey is scheduled to be conducted again in 2011.

Condom Perspectives

Kerry J. O'Rourke
Business Editor

Condoms. For many university students they are a necessity of life. Your mom, dad, grandparents, siblings, etc may send money once a month for "living expenses". Although what often goes unsaid is what a university student actually includes as their monthly necessities. All too often condoms are part of those costs. However, have you ever thought about the economics of condoms? Lets take a quick look at a few things.

If you've lived in residence here at SMU you may have been offered free condoms by your RA. If you've attended another university you may have seen condoms available in vending machines. Both of these methods are a common method to distribute condoms on campus across the country. However, who really pays the costs for these free & desirable goods? An American example may serve as a good lesson.

At Duke University condoms are available at vending machines on campus. However, what has been discovered is that while these condoms are able to generate a dollar or two each time they are purchased, they actually cost the university more money in total. Duke university estimates the opportunity cost to be roughly \$6 every condoms sold. That is to say, every time a condom is sold at a vending machine they actually lose \$6 they could have generated via selling more widely consumed snacks foods and/or beverages in their

vending machines.

As another example, Brown University has instituted an honor system where by they offer condoms to students and expect students to leave an amount they feel is fair for taking a condom. What has been shown is that students don't seem to feel condoms are worth what they cost. The numbers don't lie. Brown has discovered from a random single purchase of \$1500 worth of condoms students only left \$150 in return for taking these condoms. That's only 10%. Surely, one shouldn't have to pay full price but 90% off isn't correct either.

Off campus, the recent economic downturn also provides some interesting condom perspectives and sales numbers. It goes without saying, that in a bad economy people tend to stay home more and this have to find ways to entertain themselves. As such, many people choose to have sex. Call it cheap and fun entertainment! Not surprisingly condom sales saw an uptake during the current economic downturn. According to Nielson Co. U.S condom sales spiked 5% in the fourth quarter of 2008 and also saw a 6% increase the following January v. sales of the previous year.



Have your say by writing for **The Journal**



THESMUJOURNAL @GMAIL.COM

Business

Local Entrepreneur: Seek Advice, it's Worth the Price

Suzette Belliveau

Contributor

B.C. Forbes once said, "A business is like an automobile, has to be driven, in order to get results," and for Mila Milojevic, a newly minted business owner in HRM, pure strive and determination is what got Milovation Media to open its doors on October 1st, 2010. Milovation Media helps small businesses, as stated by owner Milojevic, to "manage their online presence", employing website design and employee training, along with social media strategies.

Milojevic contemplated the idea of entrepreneurship for several years, never fully knowing exactly what she wanted to do. However, it was in February 2010 that Milojevic experienced her "light bulb" moment, and from then on she began researching the industry, discovering exactly what it would take to start a successful business.

For students, the thought of starting business is quite appealing, however, some research must be done first. By having the right connections and by knowing the right people, one can become very educated and knowledgeable in the world of entrepreneurs. If you're planning on staying in Halifax, or Nova Scotia, one of the primary questions that a future entrepreneur may ask is, "How easy is it to start a successful business in Nova Scotia?"

The CFIB, Canadian Federation of Independent Business released a report indicating how easy it is (or isn't) to open a business in Canada due to 'red tape'. Nova Scotia tied for second "easiest" place. Milojevic agreed that it was not very difficult, as long as you know what is required of you. She explains, "I was very lucky to have such an intelligent business advisor, while also working with a network of resources, such as mentors and peers." She adds, "While I was researching to open my own business, I feared that I would forget something, however with the help of my advisor, and mentors, I knew that I was on the right track. Also, the registration process, particularly for



Business owner Milojevic encourages getting advice from the professionals before starting your own enterprise

sole proprietorship was quite simple." If you are looking to join the entrepreneurs of the world, you may want to know what the government expects from you, and how easy the information is to access. Milojevic advises, "I was first overwhelmed by the expectations of the government; I found that many of their start-up guides had too many "ifs" written in them. 'If you're going to make this much, or if you're going to have so many employees, or if you're going to be offering clients water, etc...'" She continues, "there is not one place online where all this material can be viewed, and the information is scattered everywhere." Milojevic chose to speak with professionals, in order to fully comprehend what was required. Her business advisor helped her immensely; however she also attended workshops held by CEED, Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development. These workshops spoke of the CRA tax regulations, obligations, HST, insurance, and etc. Mila encourages everyone who wants to get involved with entrepreneurship to attend these workshops because they are incredibly helpful and they let you ask questions about your specific case.

Milojevic is a prime example of how one should enter the field of entrepreneurship. She spoke to the right people, and attended the right workshops. She did not attempt to do everything on her own; because she knew that it would have been too

stressful, and too time consuming. Therefore, it is strongly suggested that when you want to become involved in creating your own business, to speak with business advisors, mentors and peers, so that they can help you become a successful business owner. Milojevic is grateful for all her help, and because of where she is today, Milovation

“How easy is it to start a successful business in Nova Scotia?”

Media has had the opportunity to launch a new website for City Models, Atlantic Canada's premiere modelling agency. Milojevic's business provided City Models with a new logo/visual brand, and with designing/coding a new website for their agency. She gushes, "it was such a great experience, and the company was wonderful to work for, as all my clients have been!" However, with City Models, Milojevic experienced an even more exciting moment when CBC showcased a story on the agency and spent about half a minute of their dialogue with the website showing in the background. "I had a proud moment, knowing that it was my work being shown on television!" Milojevic has also had a wonderful experience with doing training, and presentations at NewCap Radio, owners of Kool FM and Q104.

Milojevic cannot believe the success she has had with Milovation Media since it has opened its doors a short four months ago. She ensures that everyone with determination, and a great team of advisors can accomplish this, and with the rating from CFIB, Nova Scotia is a great place for starting a business. Entrepreneurship is a great career, and as Milojevic explains it, "I feels as though I'm still waiting to be woken up from the dream."

Steve Jobs to Take a Leave of Absence

Kerry J. O'Rourke

Business Editor

One of the technology sectors most iconic figures announced he is taking a leave of medical absence. This figure is none other than Apple Inc. Steve Jobs. Apple's charismatic chief announced January 17th, 2011 that he is taking time off due to medical reasons. In doing so, Job's will relinquish his duties over day-to-day operations to now co-CEO, Timothy D. Cook. It has been said that Jobs will still be involved with key strategic decisions, whilst on leave.

The company nor Jobs himself have stated when the Apple's leader will be back in office nor what the exactly is the precise explanation for his absence.

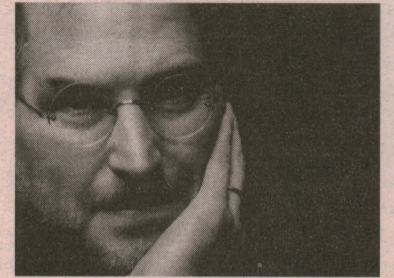
Jobs announced his leave on Martin Luther King Day, a day in which the NYSE was closed by stating, "I love Apple so much and hope to be back as soon as I can". The move is believed to have taken place over the holiday in order to allow investors to digest the information.

This is not the first time Steve Jobs has taken a leave of absence due to medical issues. In 2004 Jobs took a temporary leave due to pancreatic cancer. Five years later, in 2009 Jobs took a second leave of absence in order to receive a liver transplant. Thus, this leave of absence marks the third installment of Jobs' health issues and subsequent leave of absence.

Some analysts are more cynical of the company's outlook without Jobs at the helm than others. This may be rooted in the fact that so much of Apple's comeback over the last 10 years has been tied to Jobs the products Jobs is seen as creating for Apple Inc. such as the iPod, iPhone, and iPad.

With this in mind the market quickly took notice of this substantial piece of news, though not as greatly as had been anticipated. Once the markets opened the next day January 18th, 2011 following Apple's announcement, the market only bumped down Apple Inc. (AAPL) stock marginally. This may be rooted in the notion that many feel

“This leave of absence marks the third installment of Jobs' health issues and subsequent leave of absence.”



the company has risen to a point above and beyond Steve Jobs' vision and should now be able to sustain their efforts in creating revolutionary products whether their very own version of a revolutionist in Steve Jobs, is seated at the top or not.

A quick look at Apple Inc. most recent results might also further support this idea. Based upon what has emerged as an insatiable demand for Apple's products such as the Mac, iPod, iPhone, and iPad in the last quarter alone the company generated a unprecedented USD \$26.74 billion in revenue earning the company a profit of USD \$6 billion or USD \$6.43 a share. These impressive 2010 fourth quarter results beat analysts expectations of revenue estimates of USD \$24.53 billion and with an expected profit of USD \$5.35 a share.

In the last quarter alone Apple Inc. sold 16.24 million iPhones, 7.33 million iPads, 19.45 million iPod and 4.33 million Macintosh computers.

It should be noted that when Steve Jobs last left in order to deal with health issues, he returned to launch the tremendously successful Apple iPad. Will this leave of absence result in such a stroke of brilliance too?

Whether or not that happens remains to be seen. For now, Steve Jobs was quoted as saying "I have great confidence that Tim and the rest of the executive management will do a terrific job executing the exciting plans we have in place for 2011".

Hoax: Facebook to close March 15th, 2011

Kerry J. O'Rourke

Business Editor

Recently, rumours have been spreading around the internet that Facebook is shutting down effective March 15th, 2011. While the event itself is hoax it has caused some Facebook users to stop and think. For those bothered by the rumour, it has called to question, what would happen to their photos, friend lists, contact information and other content were the social networking giant to close shop?

This rumour is ill timed though, as Facebook has recently received a large investment by the prestigious investment bank,

Goldman Sach's. Their infusion of cash was an approximate USD \$500 million investment into the social networking site. Given the price Goldman Sach's paid for a portion of Facebook one can establish Facebook's value to be roughly USD \$50 billion. From a logical business standpoint then, it would serve to reason that shutting down Facebook is absolutely reckless & financially irresponsible.

In order to get a sense of the value of such a substantial valuation one might look to other internet leaders that are publicly traded. By comparison Facebook's current valuation of USD \$50 billion tops eBay.com current market value of approximately USD 36.88 billion.

As another quick comparison it is also larger than Yahoo.com with a valuation of approximately USD \$21.66 billion. What's even more impressive or shocking, is that as it stands now Facebook earned roughly USD \$500 million in net profit in 2010. Thus with simple arithmetic, one can see an investor is paying roughly 100 times earnings (profit USD \$500 million, market value USD \$50 billion, 50B/500M = 100 times earnings). Again, by comparison investors in eBay.com pay approximately 14.5 times earnings & for yahoo.com investors pay 21.5 times earnings. Using earnings or the P/E ratio often serves as a tangible and easy way to establish whether a company has been

properly valued relative to comparable companies in their industry or market segment.

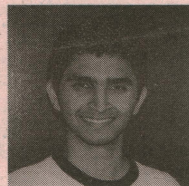
The primary reason the statement that Facebook is shutting down March 15th, 2011 should be considered a hoax is rooted in who the idea originated from. The story seems to have originated from the supermarket tabloid Weekly World News. According to their questionable news coverage they recently quoted Facebook's founder Mark Zuckerberg as saying, "Facebook has gotten out of control and the stress of managing this company has ruined my life". The Weekly World Press in the past has reported on stories such as alien abductions and the infamous "Bat

Boy".

Unfortunately, it appears many people have fallen prey to the rumour mill. Another social networking giant Twitter saw increased volumes of its users posting links to articles on the discussion as well as posting thousands of their own unique "Tweets" on the issue.

All things considered it would make absolutely no sense to shut down Facebook. Facebook has become such an integral part of modern socialization and communications methods that it would be absolutely absurd to shut it down. It should also be noted Facebook has not yet released an official statement.

.....



Suvir Pursnani Student Life Editor

Student Life

Protest Tuition Hikes! – February 2 Students Take Action

Suvir Pursnani
Student Life Editor

In the UK at the beginning of November, talks had already begun and the gears were in motion for tuition to increase threefold. The Brits pressed on with their protesting for two months. We then saw it in Italy. One massive day of rioting where hundreds of students took to the streets. Students opposed the higher education budget cuts that its country's government proposed. We even saw a lot of it within the country. This happened in Quebec when 60,000 university and college students went on strike over tuition hikes; despite the first major snowfall of the winter season and the beginning of final exams. Nova Scotian students are now getting the chance to make their voices heard.

The following is part of a text the SMU Journal received from the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group:



A similar protest in Halifax in 2007

This past September, the provincial government released the Report on the University System in Nova Scotia, written by former Bank of Montreal Executive Vice-President Tim O'Neill which recommends that the government allow tuition fees to increase indefinitely, and that the government raise the amount of debt students can take on. This September, tuition fees could increase by hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

“On February 2, join students from across the province and take to the streets for the Reduce Fees - Drop Debt Student Day of Action”

Tuition fees in Nova Scotia have been frozen since 2007, but this policy expires on March 31, 2011. Over the next few months our provincial government will be making some decisions that will impact the affordability and quality of Nova Scotia's university system for the next several years. It is imperative that students and our allies make our voices heard. On February 2, join students from across the province and take to the streets for the Reduce Fees - Drop Debt Student Day of Action organized by the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia.

It's also good to know that 83 percent of Nova Scotians support reducing tuition fees, not increasing them, according to a recent poll conducted by Opinion Search Research, for the Nova Scotia Post-Secondary Education Coalition. The poll questioned Nova Scotians about various issues regarding post secondary education. Some of the major issues were university funding, tuition fees, and government priorities towards higher education. The poll's findings show that 83% of Nova Scotians support reducing tuition fees and 88% believe that post-secondary education should be a high priority for the provincial government. One other interesting finding was that, when asked, 60% of Nova Scotians have agreed to pay higher taxes if that resulted in improved affordability at universities within Nova Scotia.

The SMU – NSPIRG team will have a meeting on Thursday January 24th at 4 in their office on the fifth floor of the SUB (room 504)

They'll be discussing strategies and other plans leading up to the big Day of Action. The plans for the day of action for Saint Mary's will be for everyone to gather at the student centre quad. From there we will march together to Victoria Park to merge with the other universities and colleges in the surrounding area for a Halifax-wide rally. The participating schools include Acadia, Sainte-Anne, Dalhousie, NSCAD, MSVU, and King's. We will then march to the Province House for 2 PM.

The Canadian Federation of Students unites more than half a million students from 80 student unions across Canada. The federation was formed in 1981 to provide students with an effective and united voice, provincially and nationally. It strives to provide students with a platform to make their voices heard and represents the collected interests of students nationwide.

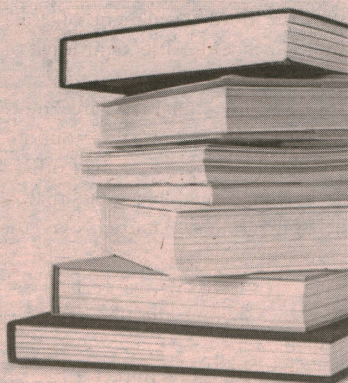
The Decline of the Printed Word: Folly of the Book Industry or Child of Technology?

Kyle L. Trimper
A&E Editor

In recent issues of *The Globe and Mail*, I have noticed several articles bemoaning the decline in popularity of books and the printed word. As a person who reads books and prefers them greatly to online sources, I find this highly disturbing although I am not surprised, considering the popularity of the Kindle and ebooks. However, recent experiences with Saint Mary's University and retail bookstores have caused me to consider and speculate as to whether perhaps the decreasing popularity of books is due to a flaw in the book industry itself.

The book industry appears to be its own worst enemy. In the middle of a worldwide economic slump, in which individuals are tightening their purse strings on luxuries, book publishers are pumping out extravagant, overpriced volumes in an effort to compete with the new technologies of the 21st century. Books are printed on heavy paper, with flashy, decadent covers. These gimmicks are expensive and wasteful: after all, you can't judge a book by its cover. Most of the books printed are crap that litters the self-help and entertainment shelves, trivial matters that have long been replaced by the internet or other mediums. These books are extremely wasted: the book will not likely generate enough revenue to reimburse the mediocre authors who push these faceless products. These books are not worth the paper they are printed on.

All books today are ridiculously overpriced, especially



here in Canada, where books cost almost twice as much as they do in the United States. In an effort to curb these ridiculous costs, many buyers turn to alternative sources: second-hand bookstores and online sources. Due to the popularity of these resources, especially online sources, the printed word may be declining and the book industry is certainly suffering.

Universities are possibly the biggest abusers of the printed word. An example: as a student in the English department in Saint Mary's University, books play an extremely important role in my education. In an English class, the textbook is the course, and usually more than one book is required for each course. A semester with three to five English classes requiring approximately four books per course equals... a lot of books.

The prices at the Saint Mary's University bookstore are absolutely ludicrous, as most of you are aware. Due to these outrageous prices and the fact that most books covered in the English are established classics, I have resorted to scouring

second-hand bookstores for alternative copies of the required books. I am not the only person to do this, I am sure. For the price of one book at the SMU bookstore, one can purchase the entire readings for a given course second-hand in other editions.

Of course, not every book I require is locatable at local bookstores. Therefore, I am then forced to use the resources of the internet. Various online resources such as Enotes and Project Gutenberg provide classic texts for little to no cost at all. This provides a prime example of an individual who is driven to abandon the printed text. It never fails to make me angry to see my classmates with their expensive textbooks, mindlessly throwing their money away. By forcing students to spend needlessly and wastefully on overpriced, useless books, universities, are not creating an appreciation for the written word as many administrators probably would believe, but rather a disdain for the book industry. Universities also provide revenue and customers for online sources and second-hand bookstores, rivals to the book industry, through students who seek alternatives to university bookstores.

I remind you that what I have said must be taken with a grain of salt. I do not offer this as a definitive explanation for the decline of books, but rather a speculation based on common sense for as to why people may be turning from books to online resources. Nevertheless, the fact remains that the book industry is suffering, and there is some correlation between this and the price of books.



LIVE THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE

FIVE-WEEK FRENCH-LANGUAGE BURSARY PROGRAM



Discover another region of Canada while learning French.
Enjoy five weeks of learning and adventure, friendship and discovery.

• MOST EXPENSES ARE COVERED •

www.myexplore.ca
1-877-866-4242



cmec
Council of Ministers of Education, Canada / Conseil des ministres de l'éducation (Canada)



Canadian Heritage
Patrimoine canadien

Student Life

Are we Learning Anything in Here?

Is the system failing?

Suvir Pursnani
Student Life Editor

This question comes at a time when a lot of relevant things are going. One study on American students shows that students learn next to nothing in their four years at university. The report blames professors and students' lack of studying. Also, the ability to buy your lecture notes right off the internet isn't a good step forward...or is it? Some have also questioned the effectiveness on how students are assessed. Many argue that tests, the most common form of assessment, are a terrible way to make students learn the material of a course. A study published in the journal *Science* proves otherwise.

In a study, conducted by New York University sociologist Richard Arum and Josipa Roska from the University of Virginia, more than 3,000 students from 29 universities were surveyed in regards to their skills in writing and critical thinking. The studies showed that after four years in university, 36 percent of students had barely improved their skills. Another

interesting finding was that students these days only spent half the time studying than students a decade ago. Study time continued to decrease to what it is now, but the average GPA of students is a 3.2. One of the reasons for the results is that professors are spending more energy on research and less time on teaching. Is the system failing?

Several websites have launched in the recent months within Canada allowing students to buy and sell their lecture notes online. Two websites, studymonky.ca and notewagon.ca, now allow students to make a business of their notebook scraps. They also make skipping class easy. The websites cover most of the big schools in Canada; Saint Mary's hasn't made an appearance on them yet. Will this help students more or will their laziness be the end of them? Is going to class even necessary at all if all the material can be found online? Some also argue that the lecture notes are the intellectual property of the lecturer and should not be up for sale.

I have always been a sceptic on the effectiveness of tests as a

“Is going to class even necessary at all if all the material can be found online?”

method to make students learn the material of a particular course. A recent study published in the journal *Science* has proved me wrong. The study shows that students who are given content to study and are then tested right after retain about 50% more of the information than students who used other methods. The report showed that students were better off quizzing themselves right after they studied than students who studied intensively or who used detailed diagrams documenting what they were learning. So those professors who repeatedly quiz you on course material might be a pain in the butt at first, but are ultimately doing the best thing for you. Still though, a lot more factors other than the ones I mentioned make me ask the question “are we learning anything here?”

Gorsebrook Overhaul: Coming to Pub Near You

Matt Anderson
President & CEO SMUSA

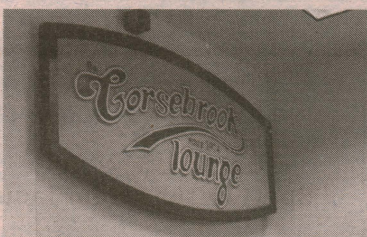
SMUSA will be renovating the old games room of The Gorsebrook Lounge and turning it into your new “campus living room” and we are looking for ideas from the students on how to best utilize this space.

The key reason why SMUSA is embarking on this project is because the students want it. Last November, during Café Santa Maria, students identified that they wanted a space where they can come together as students, interact with each other, and have a space flexible enough that they could enjoy a variety of activities. As a result, SMUSA has come up with the current theme of creating a “campus living room”.

SMUSA's current ideas include providing more comfortable furniture, a new television, and a new paint job to spruce things up. We are also looking to incorporate other ideas from Café Santa Maria for this space such as providing electrical plugs for laptop users.

We choose to change the games room into your living room because it is underutilized in its current state. For numerous years, the games room (located inside The Gorsebrook) has been occupied by pool tables that are warped and break down frequently. Even during lunch hours and our famous Open Mic Nights, the games room has proven that students have little purpose to use this space. Despite this space being student owned and student run, this space has not been optimized to serve what students want.

However, if the goal is to



“Even during lunch hours and our famous Open Mic Nights, the games room has proven that students have little purpose to use this space.”

provide a comfortable space for students, then common sense should dictate that students should be consulted by their Student Association to determine how they want to use this space. Therefore, I invite my peers to engage in a dialogue with SMUSA and tell us what you want. If you have any thoughts on what you believe a “campus living room” should look like please visit my office located on the fifth floor of the Student Centre or shoot me a quick e-mail (president@smusa.ca).

I truly hope that creating a new “campus living room” will provide all students a better university experience. I hope that students will enjoy this new space and I hope that students give SMUSA their input so we can achieve a meaningful impact on campus life.

With Husky pride,
Matt Anderson
President & CEO
SMUSA

Climbing Mountains of Foody Goodness

Sarah Faber
Contributor

In keeping with my new year's resolution to not give a damn about the caloric value of the food I prepare and ingest, I give you Parmesan breaded pork chops, herb-mashed potatoes and Toblerone cupcakes! (Or for those of you on a budget, honey almond nougat-infused chocolate triangle log cupcakes!) Enjoy.

Breaded Pork Chops

This recipe may seem intimidating, but it's really just home-made Shake-n'-Bake. Adding breading is an easy way to dress-up simple cuts of meat. This recipe will work with chicken, pork and thick cuts of fish, just adjust your cooking time accordingly. Why not just go out and buy some Shake-n'-Bake? So you can point to your roommate's rapidly disappearing dinner and go, “I MADE THAT!”

4 centre-cut pork chops
2 eggs
1 cup bread crumbs (if you don't want to buy them, chop two slices of bread into cubes and bake them at 300 10-15 minutes stirring occasionally. Let cool and chop into fine crumbs.)
Pepper, thyme, oregano
½ c Parmesan cheese
2 Tbsp olive oil
Preheat the oven to 350.
Mix the crumbs, cheese and as much spice as desired in a freezer bag.
In a shallow dish, stir the eggs with a fork.
Dip the pork chops in the egg.
Drop the pork chops into the crumbs, shaking to coat.



Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan and fry pork chops 1-2 minutes per side.

Transfer to a baking sheet and bake at 350 20-30 minutes, or until done.

Herb Mashed Potatoes

6 potatoes
4 Tbsp herb and garlic cream cheese
1 Tbsp butter
2 Tbsp milk

Peel and cook the potatoes. If you need instructions on how to do this, put the paper down and step away from the stove.

Drain well and mash in the cream cheese, butter and milk with a masher, whisk or electric mixer.

Toblerone Cupcakes

This recipe addressed a very important concern in my house. What in the hell do you do with all the leftover Christmas Toblerone?! The answer: these. This recipe uses two regular sized bars or 1 regular sized bar and 1/3 of a giant sized bar. The cupcake batter is thick, like a muffin, which helps balance out the sickeningly delicious sweetness of the chocolate. Makes 12.

Cupcakes:
½ c butter or margarine
¾ c sugar
2 eggs
1 ½ c flour

1 ½ tsp baking powder
½ c milk
1 tsp vanilla
1 c Toblerone pieces, coarsely chopped

Preheat the oven to 350 and line 12 muffin cups with paper liners.

Beat butter and sugar 3 minutes, or until light and fluffy.

Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Combine the milk and vanilla.

Add the flour and baking powder, alternating with the milk mixture, to the butter mixture.

Stir in the Toblerone pieces.

Fill the lined muffin cups halfway and bake at 350 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the middle of a cupcake comes out clean.

Cool completely and frost with Toblerone frosting...that's right... Toblerone frosting.

Toblerone Frosting...that's right... Toblerone Frosting:

3 regular sized Toblerone triangles, or 1 of the big ones
¼ c milk
¼ c butter, softened
1 ½ c icing sugar

Combine the milk and Toblerone over low heat, stirring frequently to prevent the nougat from sticking to the bottom of your pot.

Beat the butter for 30 seconds.

Add 1 c of the the icing sugar.

Gradually beat in the chocolate-milk mixture and beat until you have a spreadable icing, adding more icing sugar if necessary.

Halifax's campus & community radio station



top 10 new releases for the week ending Jan 17th, 2011

- 1 Jenn Grant / Honeymoon Punch / *Six Shooter*
- 2 Laura Peek / Key / *Just Friends*
- 3 Dance Movie / Bask / *Self-Released*
- 4 Carmen Townsend / Waitin' and Seein' / *Company House*
- 5 British Sea Power / Valhalla Dancehall / *Rough Trade*
- 6 Klarka Weinwurm / Klarka Weinwurm / *Self*
- 7 The Rizzales / How The Marriage Ended! / *Self*
- 8 Jon McKiel / Confidence Lodge / *Youth Club*
- 9 Domestic Crisis Group / Two Tired Hearts / *Self*
- 10 Olenka & The Autumn Lovers / And Now We Sing / *Open House Arts Collective*

tune in to these great shows:

Bourbon Jungle: Eclectic, ecstatic & erratic. Try it out!
listen live: Thursdays at 9pm

Youth Now!: Open panel talk show for youth at risk
listen live: Mondays at 5:30pm

Radio Egypt: Local Egyptian & Arabic music & talk.
listen live: Sundays at 2pm

88.1FM or on demand at ckdu.ca





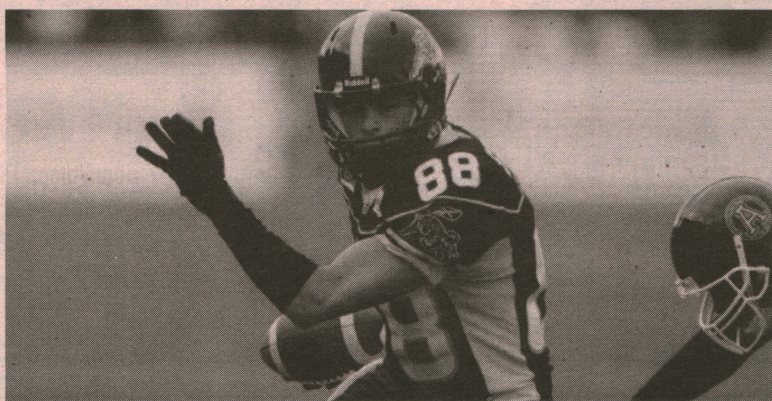
James Urquhart Sports Editor

Sports

The kind of guys that make their mamas proud

James Urquhart
Sports Editor

Over the years at Saint Mary's University, there has been one sports program that has gathered a considerable amount of prestige and respect throughout our nation. The football program here at SMU became a household name, and opposing offensive coordinators have come to fear the mighty Huskies' defense for their hardnosed and ruthless style of play. Although offence has not always been the Huskies' strong point, on many occasions the Huskies' offence has been able to put up big numbers and get the job done on many others. Throughout the years, we have had the pleasure of seeing some fine athletes take to the gridiron and delight the fans at Huskies stadium. This is an article that is a sort of tribute to all of the greats that have played here at Saint Mary's University throughout the years; it is intended to honor those who have brought us so much delight, and have made us very proud to be Saint Mary's Huskies. Of course there are far too many great players that have come and gone throughout the years, so I will only talk about the two that



I remember best; two that have gone on to great heights in the sport of football.

Steven Morley was a very talented offensive linebacker that played for the Saint Mary's Huskies from 1999-2002. Before playing at SMU, Morley played at Queen Elizabeth High School, where he won a provincial championship in 1999. Morley was a member of both the 2001 and 2002 national champion teams, and in 2002 was named AUS J.P. Metras Award winner for being the conference's top lineman. The Calgary Stampeders drafted Steve in 2003 first overall. He currently plays for the Winnipeg Bluebombers. He has also

played for the Green Bay Packers, Seattle Seahawks, New York Jets and the Toronto Argonauts. One of the things that was most impressive about the way that Steve played the game is that he was so committed, I mean it was almost scary how committed this man was, and still is, to the game of football. He always put a hundred and ten percent into everything he did on the field; he was, and remains, the definition of a professional.

Dave Stala was born in October 25, 1979. He played his high school football at Cathedral High School in Hamilton. He played for Saint Mary's University from 1999-2002, which of course means

that he was a part of the 2001 and 2002 championship teams, and a very large part at that. The Montreal Alouettes as a place kicker drafted him in 2003, after a very successful collegiate career. He has played for the Montreal Alouettes and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. One of the most impressive things about Dave Stala's game has always been his ability to create space between himself and his defender. There have been times that I have been watching Dave play when he has made the subtlest, but nevertheless perfectly timed hand check, which has led to a huge play that most receivers would not have the natural ability to do. Another definitive feature of Stala's game is hands. He is the kind of slot back that makes the kinds of plays that make you rub your eyes and ask yourself if you did indeed just see that.

These are just a couple of guys who have made the Saint Mary's University community so proud. They have both played at a very high level for a long time, and I think that this speaks volumes about the quality of the football program that we are lucky enough to have here at Saint Mary's.

Score big!
Write for
The Journal



THESMUJOURNAL
@GMAIL.COM

NFL Divisional Playoffs: Old Franchises, New Ways to Win

Geoff Lowe
Contributor

Four of the NFL's oldest and most storied franchises head into championship weekend looking to battle it out for a chance to play in Superbowl XLV. Pittsburgh, Green Bay, Chicago, and the New York Jets all advanced from the Divisional Playoff round thanks to solid defense and great games from each of the winning quarterbacks.

The Pittsburgh Steelers were able to fight back from a 21-7 first half deficit to overcome the Baltimore Ravens 31-24. The Steelers' defense was able to force three Ravens' turnovers (two fumbles and an interception) which gave Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers' offense the chance to score 17 unanswered points. The game was tied with just over two minutes left when Roethlisberger completed a nearly impossible 58 yard pass to Antonio Brown to put the Steelers in position for the go ahead touchdown.

In Atlanta, the Green Bay Packers were able to deliver the knockout punch long before the game even ended. Packers' rookie defensive back Tramon Williams intercepted Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan twice in the last 2:30 of the second quarter, one of which he returned 70 yards for a touchdown to give the Pack a 21-14 lead going into the third quarter. The Packers' D shut down Atlanta's vaunted running game and quarterback Aaron

Rodgers completed all but five of his 36 pass attempts and threw three touchdowns to lead his team past the top seeded Falcons by a final score of 48-21.

The Chicago Bears scored their first touchdown on the third offensive play of the game 1:17 into the first quarter on a 58 yard pass from QB Jay Cutler to TE Greg Olsen, and they never looked back. The Bears defense didn't allow their opponent, the "Cinderella" Seattle Seahawks, to score any points until the end of the third quarter and didn't allow a touchdown until the fourth quarter, in which the Seahawks scored three. Bears' quarterback Jay Cutler threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more to account for 28 of the Bears' 35 points. The game ended with a score of 35-24, a total which makes the game look a lot closer than it actually was.

Finally, in a game in which many believed New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady would be the player to make the biggest difference, second year New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez lead his team to a win over the heavily favoured Patriots. Although Sanchez did not have a great game, he played mistake free football and managed the game well enough to allow his defense to completely shut down Brady and the Patriots' feared offense. Brady looked uncomfortable most of the game. He was sacked five times and threw his first interception

since the sixth week of the season. However, the Pats were still in the game going into the fourth quarter, coming to within three points. Sanchez answered back 2:13 later completing a touchdown pass to Santonio Holmes, essentially ending any hope of a Patriots comeback. Both teams scored one more touchdown each for a final score of 28-21 Jets.

The final four teams left in the NFL's playoff tournament are some of the league's most historic. The Packers and QB Bart Starr won the first Superbowl ever. The Jets won Superbowl III, in which they were large underdogs, behind the unlikely guarantee by Broadway Joe Namath. The Pittsburgh Steelers won four Superbowls in the 1970s and have two since the turn of the millennium. The Chicago Bears are the one of two remaining founding teams of the NFL, established in 1919, and have won 9 NFL championships since that time, the most recent coming in 1985.

The Packers' go to Chicago to play the Bears for the NFC title Sunday at 4 PM and the Jets head to Pittsburgh to play the Steelers in the AFC Championship game Sunday at 8:30 PM.



Let's go **HUSKIES** Let's go!

Sport Results from January 1st until January 21st

Men's Hockey 13-5-1 (Currently Ranked 5th in CIS Standings):

- December 30th, 2010: Toronto 3 @ Saint Mary's 2 (OT/SO) (Exhibition)
- January 2nd, 2011: Saint Mary's 6 @ Acadia 2 (Exhibition)
- January 7th, 2011: Moncton 1 @ Saint Mary's 5
- January 8th, 2011: St. Thomas 3 @ Saint Mary's 6
- January 14th, 2011: Saint Mary's 5 @ Dalhousie 0
- January 15th, 2011: Saint Mary's 2 @ Acadia 4

Women's Hockey 6-7-2:

- January 4th, 2011: Saint Mary's 2 @ Dalhousie 3
- January 7th, 2011: Saint Mary's 2 @ St. Thomas 0
- January 8th, 2011: Saint Mary's 6 @ Moncton 5
- January 14th, 2011: Saint Thomas 2 @ Saint Mary's 1
- January 15th, 2011: UPEI 1 @ Saint Mary's 2 (OT/SO)

Women's Volleyball 9-4 (Currently Ranked 9th in CIS Standings):

- January 2nd, 2011: RMC 0 @ Saint Mary's 3 (Exhibition)
- January 8th, 2011: Saint Mary's 3 @ Moncton 1
- January 9th, 2011: Saint Mary's 3 @ UNB 2
- January 15th, 2011: Cape Breton 1 @ Saint Mary's 3

Men's Basketball 3(4W)-2(2W)-7 (5-7):

- December 31st, 2010: Concordia 90 @ Saint Mary's 84 (Exhibition)
- January 1st, 2011: Laurentian 87 @ Saint Mary's 93 (Exhibition)
- January 2nd, 2011: Laval 65 @ Saint Mary's 93 (Exhibition)
- January 8th, 2011: Saint Mary's 81 @ Acadia 91
- January 9th, 2011: UPEI 85 @ Saint Mary's 97 (OT)
- January 14th, 2011: Saint Mary's 65 @ UNB 63
- January 15th, 2011: Saint Mary's 84 @ UPEI 88
- January 18th, 2011: Dalhousie 80 @ Saint Mary's 84

Women's Basketball 2(2W)-4(4W)-6 (6-6):

- January 8th, 2011: Saint Mary's 50 @ Acadia 71
- January 9th, 2011: UPEI 53 @ Saint Mary's 79
- January 14th, 2011: Saint Mary's 59 @ UNB 84
- January 15th, 2011: Saint Mary's 76 @ UPEI 70
- January 18th, 2011: Dalhousie 71 @ Saint Mary's 81



Show off your colors
by writing for

The Journal

THESMUJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM

Halifax Night Out!

All the best clubs
on your smartphone
*Who's playing where.
Specials. Promotions.*

Your phone leads you
right to the action!

Just one feature of the app Go Explore Canada.
Download it FREE for Apple or Android phones.



The Word Around Campus

Question: How would a 21 percent increase in tuition affect your lifestyle?



Alistair Scott

"I will probably have to sleep in a bus terminal."

Melina Krinis

"It would affect me very negatively; I would be forced to work much longer hours to pay tuition."



Laura Arsenault

"I would have to take less courses per year to manage, which would mean that it would take me substantially longer to complete my degree."



Jordan Smith

"I might be forced to take student loans, which I do not at present. It might also mean more money from my parents, which would affect them negatively."



Colin Barnes

"It would drastically affect my parents' lifestyle."



Jean's Restaurant www.jeansrestaurant.ca 5972 Spring Garden Road Tel 444-7776

4 YEARS IN A ROW !!!

ACCEPTED
DEBIT
Dal Cards
Credit Cards



on
ALL DAY FREE DELIVERY
Eat-in, Take out

6th annual
BEST OF FOOD
BEST OF THE BEST
READER'S SURVEY

1st runner up:

"Best of Chinese restaurant 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010" the Coast

2nd runner up: Best Server

**"good food,
cheap, and
lots of it!"**



Quote:

Bill Spurr, Chronicle Herald