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## NSSAC targets parents

by Tyler MacLeod VP External Affairs

Students from colleges and universities around the province met in Antigonish on Sunday to finalize the details of a public relations campaign to be launched later this month. The Nova Scotia Student Advocacy Coalition (NSSAC) has developed a campaign that is aimed at raising awareness of the issues surrounding post-secondary education in the province and ensuring that education is a hot topic when Nova Scotians go to the polls later this year.

The campaign is a departure from previous NSSAC campaigns that focused on very specific issues and were targeted primarily at students. This year's campaign will be aimed at a more diverse population segment; one which NSSAC hopes will back students in demanding change from the government.

"We have aimed our message at parents with school age children. We hope that we can give parents a wake up call and make them realize that chances are that their child will not go through university on a scholarship, student loans won't cover it, and summer earnings will be a drop in the bucket," says Chris Mazeroll, chair of the organization. "Parents have to realize that unless the government makes significant changes soon, only the very wealthiest families will be able to send their children to university."

Once launched, the campaign will continue through until April. Over the course of the coming months, the Coalition will be releasing a report on the state of post-secondary education in the province, along with recommendations to

improve the situation. Media stunts, public forums, a print ad campaign, along with a PSE debate and small demonstration are part of the plans for the winter months. Throughout the campaign, the Coalition will work to develop relationships with other groups including parent-teacher associations and advisory councils across the province. The Coalition hopes that building this network will help lend strength to the organization's demands on the province.

"The campaign is a comprehensive, long-term, and sustainable course of action," says Johanne Galarneau, president of the Dalhousie Student Union. "It brings together students with other stakeholders such as parents and teachers to affect some real change."

The campaign's timing is impeccable given the upcoming election in Nova Scotia. In addition, Nova Scotian students have a new minister of education to bargain with following the holiday season cabinet shuffle that saw Jane Purves' education portfolio go to Angus MacIsaac. Minister MacIsaac was on Saint Mary's University campus on January 10<sup>th</sup> and was introduced to student leaders. "With a new education minister, it is more important than ever to voice our concerns to ensure that the new minister realizes the crises situation in Nova Scotia colleges and universities," remarked Paul Deveau, president of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association. "We appreciate that the Minister took the time to visit the campus and briefly hear about the challenges facing

## An end or beginning for U-Pass

by David Miller

For those who have been ignoring the Journal and the talk around school, the U-Pass will be a news item. For everyone else, it is old news, boring and discussed much too often.

As the days to the executive elections and referendums draw near, the U-Pass is becoming a much more important topic. The decision to support the U-Pass will mean a yearly fee of 110 dollars for every full time student, with no opt-out policy.

The U-Pass, properly known as the Universal Bus Pass, will be a sticker affixed to your student ID that will allow each student to ride on Metro Transit buses or ferries as often as they like at no cost. Saint Mary's is the only Halifax university still working on this issue to this degree. The other four Halifax institutions have declined participation in this project until some future date, and until Saint Mary's goes through and everyone is able to judge the value of the project.

The Ecology Action Centre is one of the main proponents of the project

and sees the U-Pass as a concern because it increases the use of public transportation and can thus reduce emissions from cars. TRAX (Transportation Halifax) is the project name for the U-Pass. The TRAX project hired two part-time publicists to encourage the universities to have discussion and ensure that students are fully informed on all the issues. Luis Perez and Dan Walsh are the two workers. Both are available to answer questions by email through [u\\_passhrm@hotmail.com](mailto:u_passhrm@hotmail.com).

Dan Walsh, a freelance journalist, has been able to answer many questions and is very willing to provide information on the U-Pass and its perceived benefits. Walsh noted that a large number of universities in Canada and the United States have implemented this project and have had to build less parking spaces despite increasing the number of students significantly. All the fees at these schools are very similar to the 110 dollar fee to be charged at Saint Mary's.

Because negotiations have been ongoing between Metro Transit, SMUSA, and the HRM, the project, if it passes the referendum, could be in place by September of 2003. There will of course be some issues to iron out of the final product. The current negotiations do not have any system in place for part-time students to opt-in to the program and the pass will only be valid from September to April. This means summer session students will have to buy their own passes.

The U-Pass will be a money neutral project for Metro Transit in that they only expect to cover the costs of the new users of the system. In order for students to use the bus often enough to cover the cost of the 110 dollar fee, they will have to take the bus about eight or more times per month. This only translates to one round trip per week, but for those on residence, this may be a lot more than they currently use the bus. However, the savings for people who must buy a bus pass is

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# Working and living in Patagonia, Chile

by Matt Fuller

In the spring of 2002 I applied for numerous internships through DFAIT (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade) for postings all over the world. However, the one that I truly wanted was the position that dealt with small and medium size businesses in the South American country of Chile. Being an outdoor enthusiast the idea of working in Patagonia, with its mountains and numerous rivers, was a dream come true. Therefore when I was offered the position through Saint Mary's University I gladly accepted it.

I am currently living and working in Ancud on the island of Chiloe, which is situated in southern Chile in the Patagonian region. Ancud has a population of 35,000 people and its main economy is centered around aquaculture, agriculture and forestry. Tourism is also becoming a strong industry for the city and the island as well but it only sees tourists for two

months out of the year. The climate on the island of Chiloe is characterised most of the year by cold rain and wind, however since Chile is located in the southern hemisphere the seasons are reversed and it is currently summer here, with a warm and dry climate.

I left Canada in late September and four connections and 24 hours later, I still had to jump on a bus for a two-hour ride to reach the island. When I first arrived in Ancud I couldn't believe that I was going to be living and working in this small city in southern Chile for the next six months. Ancud is not exactly one of the liveliest cities in the world. I was met at the bus station by the president of the local small business association I would soon be working for. He definitely didn't look like the 'typical' Chilean at six foot four and 240 pounds, he was quite intimidating when he said in broken English 'you come with me'.

After finding a place to live, it was time to celebrate

my arrival, and I was invited to a local gathering where we spent the evening sampling the local drink, Pisco Sour. This drink is commonly served throughout South America but is most popular in Chile and Peru. It is a combination of Pisco (similar to rum), lemon, a lot of sugar and egg whites. After the weekend festivities it was time to start working.

My first month with Asociacion Gremial was basically used as an orientation to the small businesses I would be working with. I spent a full day with each business and tried to determine in what areas they needed my help. My first month was also used to freshen up on my Spanish. After the first month, the work really started piling up, and I was conducting seminars each week on different business topics, such as, business plans, marketing and strategic planning. Along with the seminars I was

also working at establishing contacts to facilitate trade in Europe and North America. In December I had the opportunity to visit the capital, Santiago, for meetings at the Canadian Embassy as well as with local exporters. It also gave me a chance to experience this unique South American capital. It is a large impressive city with the Andes mountains in the background and with 6 million people, containing one third of the country's population. It was a great change from Ancud.

After Santiago, I returned to my city in time to experience a traditional Chilote Christmas. I was invited to the grandmother's house (who was 104 years old) of one of my fellow co-workers. Family in Chile is something that is taken very seriously and is put above everything else, so it was interesting to see how they celebrated a holiday like Christmas. We enjoyed the local Christmas feast, an Asado, which consisted of a lamb roasted over an open fire, along with shellfish and other local delicacies. It was a great day with lots of good food and Chilean wine.

Besides work I've had the opportunity to travel and experience some of the great places Chile has to offer. I've sandboarded on the dunes in the northern

desert, climbed volcanoes in the central region, kayaked numerous rivers and hiked in many of the Chilean National Parks. Along with this I've also had the opportunity to meet some great and interesting people. Some have been fellow 'Gringos' while others have been local Chileans.

Although living and working abroad has been a great experience, it has not been without its hardships. Business in Chile is different than business in Canada, especially in the remote southern parts where I live. Certain things take longer to get accomplished and there is often a problem with lack of resources. This has led to many days of frustration, however I've learned to adapt to the type and style of business conducted here. I believe these obstacles have also strengthened my international business skills and have prepared me for future positions abroad.

All in all my first three months in Chile have been characterised by a mix of emotions and great experiences, and I'm sure the next three months will be just as exciting. Although I'll be looking forward to returning to Canada and seeing my family and friends again, I'll never forget the experiences I've gained, the people I've met and the places I've seen.

*This article has been written to help explain what development is as International Development Week approaches.*



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## Elections approaching

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There are also two positions on the Board of Governors, three on the Academic Senate, and there will be by-elections in Mature, Part-time, and Commerce Representatives. For more information, visit the SMUSA offices

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## NSSAC

students. He seemed receptive to our concerns and I look forward to more formal opportunities to continue our discussions with the Minister."

One area that may be promising for Saint Mary's students was an offhand comment by Minister MacIsaac that it may be time to revisit the funding formula that determines government funding to universities. Saint Mary's currently receives approximately \$16.7m from the province, smaller amounts than Dalhousie, Acadia, and St. FX. despite being the second largest institution in the province.

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## U-Pass

considerable. Some students can expect to save almost 300 dollars with the new system.

As with any issue, there are two sides. The U-Pass will allow students to have more affordable transportation, but for those in residence, this transportation is not going to be utilized. The cost is the equivalent of a 2% tuition increase and there is a possibility that is going to increase. There has been some suggestions that students who drive will

continue to drive, and the increase in ridership will be from walking students taking short bus rides. This will mean that there will only be an increase in emissions, not a decrease.

All these, and other issues must be discussed before the referendum question is answered on February 12 and 13. The question asked then will be "Are you in favour of a mandated universal bus pass for full time SMU students at a cost not to exceed \$110 per student for the months of September to April inclusive, beginning in September 2003?"



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# Tuition trauma: The two sides of *your* coin

## SRC debates freezing fees

by Tyler MacLeod

I extend my congratulations to the SRC for the debate about the February 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Action. It was by far the most intense, well-articulated, and emotional discussion of the year. The debate surrounded the decision to have SMUSA formally endorse the Day of Action to freeze tuition fees. While the concept of lower fees may seem to be inarguable, there is a considerable amount of debate about the benefit of a tuition freeze. I have spent a great deal of time since my election looking at these issues and formulating my stance on a tuition freeze. When the vote was called for, I was not in support of a formal endorsement of the Day of Action, and I will explain why.

Anybody that is active in striving for a better post-secondary education system has repeatedly stated that education is quickly becoming a privilege of the wealthy. I agree, and in today's economy, education is a necessity, not a privilege. Therefore it is my belief that alternatives other than a tuition freeze would best address the concern that only the wealthy can attend university. For example, the tuition freeze that is proposed for Nova Scotia is a fully-funded one, meaning that the government would be required to subsidize the increase as universities incur higher costs each year. A fully-funded freeze last year would have cost the government approximately \$12 million. This year's expense would be even higher as a result of the proposed higher tuition increases at Dalhousie and Acadia. How you spend that money now becomes a question of priorities. Is it best to give the money to the approximate one-third of students who are experiencing the greatest financial hardship, or to freeze tuition across the board? Based on current estimates, every Saint Mary's student would keep approximately \$200 dollars in his or her pocket next year if tuition was frozen. If the money required to freeze tuition was targeted into the hands of those who need it the most, each student most in need of funding could receive over \$1000. In casting my vote against the motion to endorse the tuition freeze, I think I have made it clear how I think a responsible government should spend its money.

That said, it must be understood that a vote not to endorse the Day of Action is not a vote of condemnation. A tuition freeze, while not the best course of action, in my mind, is at least some movement from a government that has ignored students for too long. So while I will not stand with masses in demanding a tuition freeze, I do recognize the need for students to show, collectively, that we want change in post-secondary education in this province. I do not necessarily agree with asking for the freeze, but I am certain that I speak for myself and all those who voted with me, that we all have the same goals in mind.

## Student petition overcomes resistance from SMUSA

Last Thursday and Friday, a loose coalition of Saint Mary's students challenged themselves to alter the (then) inevitable position of the Saint Mary's Student's Association NOT to provide their support to the campaign to freeze and reduce tuition fees. In ten hours (divided over two days) more than 10% of the SMU population was engaged in discussion concerning the consequences of perpetually rising tuition and signed their name to the growing list of students demanding that SMUSA accurately represent their most immediate needs. These more than 900 students significantly altered the final outcome of Sunday's SRC meeting, with Paul Deveau casting the deciding vote in favor of the campaign. Despite the eventual success of securing our student association's support, it is somewhat unfortunate that students are forced to resort to petitioning when confronting such an evident and imperative issue. One would like to assume that the Council is already aware that tuition is the greatest barrier to education currently facing Saint Mary's Students. With about 97% of students polled in favor of the campaign to freeze tuition, one might further assume that the council should have made themselves aware prior to this Sunday's meeting of their constituency's desire to see more direct and effective action taken to reduce the mounting costs of post-secondary education. Certain members of the executive (VP Academic, Jon Kincaide) attempted to dismiss the integrity of the document, assuming that since he was "half cut in the pub" by 5:30 that the over 900 other SMU students who signed on must have been as well. He went on to say that it was unfortunate that "trees died for this." Jon further worried aloud that he would be smeared in the Journal for his comments. Don't worry Jon, nobody needs to smear you. We will just write down what you say and let your arrogance speak for itself. The petition was additionally criticized for the lack of student

understanding concerning tuition and the campaign to freeze tuition. We would hope that these councilors are not always so quick to assume that Saint Mary's students do not have enough common sense and intelligence to read and fully comprehend what they are signing. In the end blatant dismissal of student's demands did not hold up. Congratulations to President Paul Deveau who was able to put aside his personal opinions and political affiliations, and recognize that the students had spoken. Saint Mary's Students Association belongs to the provincial lobby group NSSAC, the Nova Scotia Student Advocacy Coalition. This lobby group has decided not to support a campaign towards a tuition freeze and prefers to ask politicians nicely to "Invest in Education." Invest in Education is, of course, simply a public relations euphemism. It means nothing. Every politician in the country is willing to "invest in education" because there is no commitment involved and nothing tangible is asked for. Well if you ask for nothing that is exactly what you will receive. What precisely is an investment in education? Everybody knows what a tuition freeze is, thus if you get a political party to commit to a freeze they cannot waffle out later or simply pay lip service to the issue without paying the political costs. NSSAC has decided that students don't vote so the focus of their efforts will not include them and instead ask students to get their parents to fight for them. How weak. How insulting to students who work hard on these issues and those who do vote. What message does it send to students who wish to get involved? When we asked our "representative" Tyler MacLeod how SMU voted at the NSSAC meeting we were told that SMU (against the obvious wishes of Saint Mary's students) voted against joining a tuition freeze campaign.

Over 1400.00 dollars of our student fees have gone to NSSAC this year. And for what? NSSAC admits that it has a hard time even getting media coverage let

alone having the ideas and the skills required to bring about effective change. The strategy of this group is so bankrupt that they do not support a campaign to freeze tuition but intend to try and steal media coverage from the February 5th freeze tuition campaign to get their own feeble and meaningless message out. This is a soulless and spiritless campaign and shows how disconnected those who are our external and financial representatives (Tyler MacLeod and Tyler Bent respectively) are from student sentiment. Perhaps if you boys came down from the fifth floor on occasion and talked to students you would have a better idea of how we feel. SMUSA is elected by students, not by ineffectual lobby groups like CASA and NSSAC. You are supposed to be fighting for us, not serving as a de facto puppet government for an administration that only cares about money. Our costly provincial and ineffective lobby group has decided that instead of supporting the campaign to freeze and reduce tuition (in line with student's demands), they will focus their finances (\$11,000) and energy on targeting our parents as politically aware and active voters. SMU students can fully comprehend (contrary to NSSAC's accusations) the connection between our failing post-secondary education system and funding cuts made by the provincial and federal budgetary priorities. In line with discouraging student's active and visible mobilization on February 5th, NSSAC has made it an official and lengthy campaign to isolate students as educated citizens. Perhaps our parents have a greater ability to make financial donations to NSSAC? We must retain the ability to speak for ourselves. We are a crucial electoral target, and it is the critical student movement (not the lobbying middle-men) that harnesses the potential to permanently alter the political landscape and remove the barriers (financial and otherwise) most impeding our

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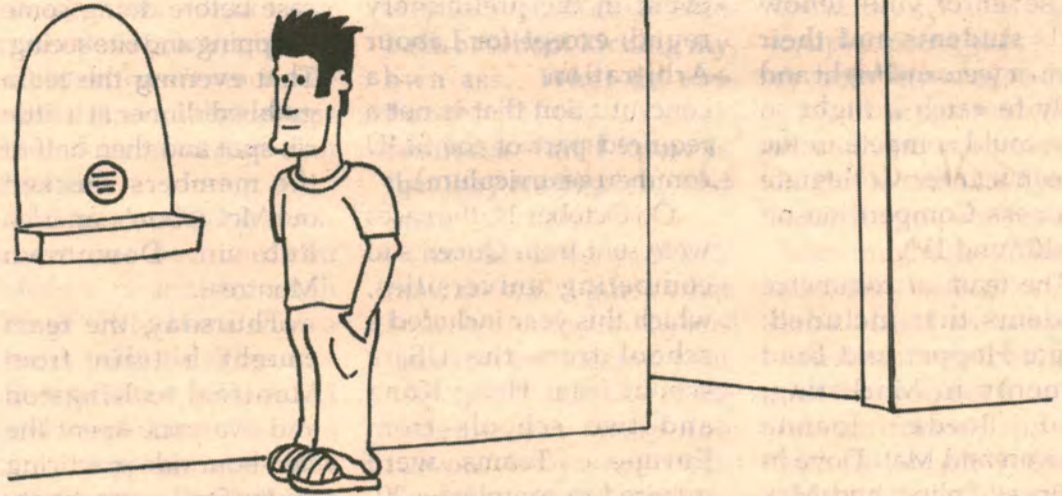
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## The price of knowledge

One of the most important life lessons I have learned, and am in fact still learning, is peoples' attitudes towards money. Those who have some, want more, and those who owe some, will do almost anything to not have to part with it. Money is the ultimate catalyst for greed, and despite greed's esteemed position on the list of deadly sins, when paired with money, greed is not only accepted, but encouraged. Where money and profit is concerned, nothing is sacred. Although this has become a given when it comes to products and services, you would think that at least some things that everyone has an undeniable right to could escape the ever-extending and tightening grasp of greed's hands, such as education. Alas, this is obviously not the case, as any student can readily attest to. Even universities have become profit-driven entities whose highest goal is not to provide the most comprehensive education, but a profit margin exceeding the previous fiscal year's. Just because we're in the so-called prime of our lives, doesn't mean it's open season on students' wallets and bank accounts, that we can be taken advantage of in every conceivable way, even in our attempts to educate and better ourselves. What kind of a society keeps down people who want nothing more than to make a better life for themselves, or who simply have a healthy thirst for knowledge? Well, one answer would be a capitalist one.

So why the rant on the evils of money in the education system? Though not many of you are aware of this, it is around this time every year that you get a slap in the face. Oh, you didn't know? That might be because the slap isn't literal, but it still hurts. Although we already have one of the highest tuition rates in Canada, and despite the fact that we should have a significant increase in enrollment next year due to Ontario's removal of the O.A.C. program, Saint Mary's University will likely raise tuition another five per cent. I don't care what reasons are given for not freezing tuition; it's just not that complicated. **JUST STOP RAISING TUITION!** Some people might argue that without a tuition increase, the university wouldn't be able to provide all the necessary services, or the proper level of education, or some other junk. Part of the responsibility of people who run universities is to budget accordingly, without alienating the very individuals the service is being provided for. Instead, they're treated solely as bringers of money for the school, and therefore reduced to nothing but numbers and statistical possibilities like "How much can we raise tuition and still bring in enough students?" Personally, I feel I get screwed over enough these days, without having to take it from my supposed 'institution for higher learning'. The only thing I'm 'learning' so far is how much more important money is than anything else; education, honour and most definitely people. As for the 'higher' part, all those lessons were learned outside the classroom, and for much, much less than the cost of a year's

### Student Accounts



"where do i go to pay my student fees?"

"just drop your pants and head down the hall."

study (well, maybe not that much less, but it was definitely a lot more fun). This is one of the most valuable lessons my school has taught me, and it pains me to have to say it. However, my run here is coming to an end, so I will not be around to experience the pain of yet another tuition hike next year, and yet, it doesn't piss me off any less. Don't stand for this bullshit; without you, the students, they've got nothing. We are the reason these institutions exist, but somewhere along the way, everyone seems to have forgotten that one extremely essential fact. Realistically, I don't think I'll ever see students refusing to go to school due to tuition hikes, but what a beautiful and gratifying mental image. We do have some other options, and as a collective, we are

probably more likely to effect real change than most other causes out there. We are young, strong, intelligent and we represent the future, and if that sounds cliched, it's only because it's true. Next time a petition comes around supporting a tuition freeze, sign it, and not just because you don't want to be charged even more for an already over-priced education, but because you're sick and tired of just being another student to make money off of. Better yet, participate in the student Day of Action this upcoming February 5<sup>th</sup>,

and get all the stuff off your chest that feels like it's been building up with every outlandishly priced textbook you've had to buy for the past few years. The want to learn, the quest for knowledge, these should only ever be encouraged, and definitely not priced like some frou-frou Faberge egg that everyone is dying to pay thousands of dollars for. Unfortunately, education does come with a very large price tag, and as the sole customers, the least we can do is fight for a long overdue sale.

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### Student Petition

educational success. Our Vice President of External Affairs, Tyler Macleod (self-proclaimed expert on the intricacies of tuition) suggested that as opposed to a universal tuition freeze, excess funds be allocated to the students most in need. While, this is a very noble proposition, is that not the failed logic of the Millennium Scholarship Fund? I'm afraid Nova Scotian students in need are all too aware of the implications of trusting the government to decide how to distribute funds

(according to the Globe and Mail 75% of Canadian corporations do not pay taxes. The government MUST have determined that they were demonstrating a considerable financial need). Affordable and accessible tuition is a right. It is a right of students everywhere to be able to pursue higher education without being ghettoized as 'the needy' by middle and upper class tax-payers whining about their burdens. So to those in SMUSA who "know the numbers" (Mr. Bent and Mr. Macleod) perhaps you

can enlighten us. If you are so confident in your positions you should have no problem defending them in a public debate. The International society will be happy to act as independent moderators and all students can see who understands this issue and who doesn't. To respond you can contact robp88@hotmail.com or chickenbut007@yahoo.ca. but we suspect you shall choose to remain in your ivory tower safely away from student criticisms and continue to justify your logic to each other.

Rob Parker, Erika Shea

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## ICBC final round weekend

by Ian McNeill

On Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, seven of your fellow SMU students and their advisor were up bright and early to catch a flight so they could compete in the Queen's Inter-Collegiate Business Competition on Jan 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

The team of commerce students that included: Angie Hopper and Brad Pomeroy in Marketing; Brad Boeda, Joanna Nguyen and Matt Dove in Business Policy; and Max Reede and Ian McNeill in MIS, have been practicing for the event since May of last year.

It all began last April when students were invited to an information session regarding the competition. Most students had no idea what they were getting themselves into at the time, but team advisor, Dr. Barry Gorman, was quick to let those interested know that although being a member of the team would require a lot of work it would also carry many rewards.

Students were urged to take MGT489, a Strategic Management course, with Dr. Gorman over the summer to help them prepare for the competition. The course concentrated on case analysis and presentation skills teamed with the regular management theory found in MGT489. Dr. Gorman was able to use the course as a means to help his decision of who should be on the final team, who should be teamed together, and what events they should compete in.

Once the course was finished, those who remained interested completed another practice case in August, before the final team was chosen. ICBC, which is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, allows universities to compete in various concentrations including: Accounting, Labour Arbitration, MIS, Finance, Business Policy, Marketing and Ethics. There is also a debating event for the universities that finish top six overall in the preliminary round. This

year Saint Mary's had a team competing in every event in the preliminary round, except for Labour Arbitration (a concentration that is not a required part of the SMU commerce curriculum).

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the cases were sent from Queen's to competing universities, which this year included a school from the US, a school from Hong Kong and two schools from Europe. Teams were required to complete a 20-page case before the end of the month, which wasn't

members spent the afternoon doing a practice case before doing some shopping and site seeing. That evening the team grabbed dinner at a little rib spot and then half of the members checked out McGibbon's, an Irish Pub in Downtown Montreal.

Thursday, the team caught a train from Montreal to Kingston and everyone spent the two-hour ride practicing for the final competition. At the Kingston train station the team was met

by one of the volunteer drivers who drove them to the Howard Johnson Hotel. After getting all dressed up there was a wine and cheese social event at the Donald Gordon Centre on the Queen's campus, which was followed by dinner and opening addresses from the organizing executive of ICBC 2003. The group was then broken down by individual events,

where competitors were given the chance to meet the event's organizer and also the competition. The first social event followed at the Tir Nan Og Pub, which gave competitors a chance to mingle with each other and show their school

name of their school painted on their stomachs.

required to present the case exactly five and a half



The SMU ICBC team enjoying dinner at Stoney's in Kingston.



Marketing team members, Brad Pomeroy and Angie Hopper finished third in their final

the easiest task considering it was right in the middle of midterms. Professors at Queen's had the task of marking over twenty submissions in each event, before choosing the top six. The results were posted on the website at the end of November.

SMU did very well in the preliminary round with our Marketing, Business Policy and MIS teams qualifying for the final weekend of competition. This result was second only to one year, where three Saint Mary's teams plus a debating team made the trip to Kingston. All three teams managed to hold some practice sessions over Christmas break to help them prepare for the challenge that lay ahead.

The group departed from Halifax International Jan. 9 at 9am en route to Montreal. Once settled in the hotel in Downtown Montreal, team

spirit. The University of Lethbridge took the cake on this night with loud cheers and also by having the

Not to be outdone, the SMU team showed some spirit of their own, with a "sociable".

The actual competition began on Friday with a line-up that included: Accounting, Finance, Labour Arbitration and Ethics. Since the SMU team had nobody competing, they took the opportunity to observe some of the other events to get a feel for how the competition was run. After the first day of competition was complete, teams attended a casual dinner at Stoney's followed by a social event at AJ's Hanger. Saint Mary's decided it was in their best interest to skip the social event and get some sleep in preparation for the long day that was ahead of them.

By luck of the draw Saint Mary's would present fourth in Marketing, fifth in

hours later to spectators and a panel of roughly six judges from various businesses in that particular concentration. Each team received a laptop equipped with Microsoft Office software and two backup disks so they could create a PowerPoint slide show to accompany their presentation. Our marketing team started their case at 9:30 am, MIS started at 10 and Policy at 10:30. Competitors were not allowed to leave the room they were working in, unless they were accompanied by one of the many student volunteers, this rule was in place to guarantee that no outside discussion of the case could take place.

After working all-out for the five and a half hours the Marketing team presented at 3:00 pm, MIS at 3:30 and Policy at 4:00. Marketing and MIS were required to keep the length of their presentation under fifteen minutes followed by a five-minute question period and Policy was allowed twenty minutes followed by a five-minute question period. After surviving the nervousness that came along with presenting the cases, each team returned for a debriefing from the judges. At this time the judges discussed the case, how they scored it and the main points they were looking for.

The last event of the day



A few members of the team enjoying a "beverage" at the Tir Nan Og Pub in Kingston.

MIS and sixth in Business Policy. The first team in each event received the case at 8am and were

and the highlight of the competition was Debating, which pinned defending champs Memorial against a rookie team from the University of Calgary. Calgary proved to be no match for the boys from the Rock, who dismantled Calgary's argument and managed to have the audience roaring in laughter at the same time.

The last evening in Kingston began with cocktails at the hotel, followed by the final

everyone at the final banquet chanting "curfew" at the Calgary team (Basically Calgary takes the competition extremely seriously and they practice over two hundred hours in preparation for ICBC. They also have a 9 o'clock curfew and are not allowed to touch any alcoholic beverages until after they have finished competing.), an enthusiastic executive and group of student volunteers, who put together a great



From left to right, team members: Brad Boeda, Brad Pomeroy, Max Reede, Angie Hopper, Ian McNeill, Matt Dove, and Joanna Nguyen.

banquet, which included speeches, the results and a slide show of the events of the last few days. Not surprisingly, as per usual, Calgary, Memorial and Queen's finished strong, but the surprise came when Lethbridge, who is fairly new to the competition, posted a strong showing. Saint Mary's tied its best finish ever with Angie Hopper and Brad Pomeroy coming third in Marketing and they are only the second team from Saint Mary's to ever place in the final round of the competition. Lethbridge also won the spirit award, as they were by far the loudest most energetic group at the competition. The night concluded with a dance and some late night partying in the hotel. Sunday morning after breakfast, the competitors packed and prepared to head back to their respective universities, knowing they had accomplished something great and that they had gained an invaluable piece of experience.

Once again, ICBC was a huge success and left its competitors with new friendships and also some great memories, which include: Memorial bringing \$400 worth of Screech to share with its competitors,

competition, and on a more personal level, an excellent performance by our Marketing Team.

Congratulations are in order for Angie and Brad and also the other members of the team for making it to the prestigious final round. A special thank-you also goes to Dr. Gorman for all his time and effort spent on preparing the team and also for putting up with us in Kingston!

Finally, Dr. Gorman already has big plans for next year, so I challenge you, the Commerce Students of Saint Mary's to get involved with ICBC. The fact that you participated in ICBC is an excellent thing to list on your resume and ICBC competitors typically have good luck finding employment once they finish their degrees. It is also an amazing experience and it will probably be one of the most rewarding things you ever do, trust me!

If you are interested in becoming a member of next year's ICBC team, you can contact Dr. Gorman at [barry.gorman@stmarys.ca](mailto:barry.gorman@stmarys.ca) or if you would like to get more information on the competition you can check out [commerce.queensu.ca/icbc](http://commerce.queensu.ca/icbc).

# History of ICBC

by Ian McNeill

In 1979, a student at Queen's was reading a magazine when he noticed an advertisement for a Business Competition at Cornell University in the States. He decided that Canada should have something similar so he assembled an executive and ICBC was born. In its first year, the competition was a one-day, three event competition, where ten universities competed in a business game, a business policy case, and a debate.

With the help of some media exposure, the idea caught on quickly and many universities across the country began to compete. As time went on, the ICBC executive added Accounting, Labour Arbitration, Marketing and MIS cases. In 1988 the format was changed to include the top six teams in the final round instead of five. In the last fifteen years

Finance and more recently Ethics (2001) were added to the competition. In 1998 the spirit of ICBC was tested by the ice storm; however, volunteers, competitors and judges braved the harsh weather and the competition went on as planned.

In 1999, the Executive decided it would only be fair for the Queen's team to compete in the preliminary round, instead of getting a bye like in past years. In 2002 some American universities tried their hand at the competition and this year there were entries from as far as Hong Kong, Germany and Sweden. This year ICBC had the largest number of universities competing in the preliminary round to date, with 29 and there were 15 different universities competing in the final round. For the first year the competition was held in Goodes Hall, the

brand new state of the art business building at Queen's.

The amazing thing about ICBC is that it is completely student-run. Every year Queen's students vote for the ICBC Executive for the next year and students must actually apply and go through an interview process to become volunteers for ICBC, which includes positions as shuttle drivers and liaisons to competing universities (to name a few). This year's executive had 13 members and they had over 50 volunteers.

ICBC has grown into Canada's largest and longest-running undergraduate case competition and even though ICBC is evolving and changing over time, it remains true to its goal of "uniting, challenging, and enriching undergraduate business students."

(source: ICBC website)

## Final Round Winners for ICBC 2003

| Event              | First Place      | Second Place | Third Place              |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Accounting         | McGill           | Memorial     | Brock                    |
| Finance            | Alberta          | Queen's      | Lakehead                 |
| Labour Arbitration | British Columbia | Calgary      | Queen's                  |
| Ethics             | Lethbridge       | Calgary      | Memorial & Queen's (tie) |
| Business Policy    | Calgary          | Lethbridge   | Concordia                |
| Debating           | Memorial         | Calgary      | Queen's                  |
| Marketing          | Calgary          | Memorial     | Saint Mary's             |
| MIS                | Lethbridge       | Calgary      | British Columbia         |



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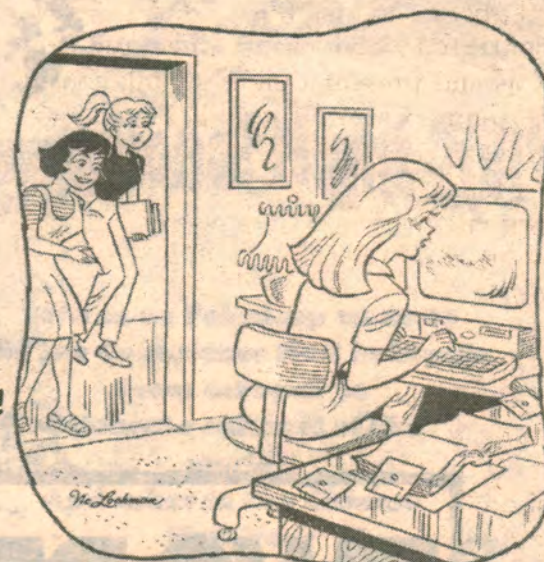
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## I waited *Hours* for this?

by Jeremy Strong

There is nothing worse than anticipation building to a crescendo and then getting crushed into pulp by the fist of boredom and the foot of disappointment.

Well, Sunday night came around and after a busy weekend, I was looking forward to settling down to watch the Golden Globe Awards. I normally enjoy the Golden Globes, as they are less glitzy and artificial than the Academy Awards. I love movies and there are not many things I enjoy more than to see my favourites get the recognition they deserve.



In a last minute panic to expand my film resume, I tried to get out and see *The Hours*, a film I had heard great things about and which had only opened Friday. With time ticking out and no other option, I decided to tape the Golden Globes and sped out to a late showing of *The Hours*.

After seeing this film, I had now seen all the films nominated for Best Dramatic Picture with the exception of *The Pianist*. This film, which looks very good, unfortunately does not open in our area until January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Feeling familiar with the material that had been nominated for the Globes, I returned home after my viewing of *The Hours* (I will detail my thoughts on this film shortly), made a late night snack and sank into the big green sofa in my living room. This sofa can seem a great green cloud when you are tired and the temptation to float into sleep almost immediately overtakes you.

The Golden Globes got

off to a great start though and I was able to stay awake. By the end however, I was begging sleep to overtake me – don't worry; we will get to that.

In the beginning, some very deserving individuals were honoured with Globes, such as Jennifer Aniston for her often touching and strong performance as Rachel on the hit show *Friends*, which will be going on into yet another season. Aniston also had a good year breaking into the film scene with her quiet but stirring performance in *The Good Girl*; a film that I was shocked did not receive any nominations. Her speech to the room of sardined celebrities was actually quite touching. Aniston tearfully thanked her five essential co-actors with a sincerity that brought tears to their eyes. In that moment, it was very easy to see that the success of the show is definitely rooted in a very real friendship between those six people.

Michael Chiklis won best actor in a television drama for his very gritty performance in the cop drama *The Shield*. *The Shield* also picked up the award for best television drama.

Edie Falco nabbed the best actress in a drama award for *The Sopranos*, gave a cute speech and



humbly bowed off the stage.

The innovative new comedy series *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, produced by HBO and helmed by *Seinfeld* co-creator Larry David won for best comedy or musical series. Larry

David, the man that was the basis for the neurotic character George Costanza on *Seinfeld*, easily gave the funniest speech of the night, saying dryly, "This is a sad night for the Golden Globes but a great night for Larry David. You know, this is the only night of the year I get to have sex. I have to win a Golden Globe award just to get sex. Well, thank you very much for what I hope will be a great night!" With that, he strolled off the stage leaving the crowd laughing and proving that his comic genius is the fire behind the new award winning show.

The best mini series or TV movie award went to *The Gathering Storm*, a strikingly accurate and well-acted piece about Winston Churchill's role in the Second World War. Albert Finney took home the acting award in this category for his portrayal of Churchill in the series just mentioned. His ability to mimic Churchill is incredible and he undoubtedly deserved to win out over the other nominees.

Tony Shalhoub was honoured for his role in the comedy series *Monk*, while Kim Cattrall picked up a nod for *Sex in the City* and Uma Thurman for *Hysterical Blindness*.

The veteran actor Donald Sutherland received recognition as best supporting actor in a mini series for *Path to War*. One of the most notable shafts for the TV and miniseries awards actually turned out to be Donald's son Keifer, who I think may have deserved to win for best actor in a drama over Michael Chiklis. Overall, the TV awards were well deserved and I have no complaints or quarrels.

Indeed, I was even shocked to find that the film awards were going my way at first. I was feeling confident when Meryl Streep won Best Supporting Actress for *Adaptation*, and grew even happier when Chris Cooper won Best Supporting Actor for the same film. These two roles were surely deserving of such honours.

I was happy with Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor being awarded Best Screenplay for *About Schmidt*. They certainly



wrote something special that stood out above the others.

Original Score went to Elliot Goldenthal for the film *Frida* and original song to U2 for their song from *Gangs of New York*, "The Hands That Built

America".

I could live with all of the awards doled out to this point. I think good choices were made in these categories.

One of the things I like most about the Golden Globes is that they have two separate categories for major awards, one for Musicals and Comedies and one for Drama. This way, I feel the attention is divided, reminding us that these are (mostly) all good films and all deserve to be recognised in some way. *Chicago* cleaned out the Musical/Comedy awards, winning Best Picture over *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, *Adaptation*, *About a Boy*, and *Nicolas Nickleby*. I have not seen *Chicago* yet, and so cannot pass judgement about deserving or not. Until I do see it though, I think *Adaptation* deserves the award.

Richard Gere beat out the other nominees for Best Actor in a Musical/Comedy for his role in *Chicago*, which did not surprise me in the slightest.

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**Waited hours**

Being nominated alongside Adam Sandler and Hugh Grant, he was not really up against any tough competition.

Renee Zellweger won Best Actress in a Musical/Comedy for *Chicago*, beating her only competition and co-star of *Chicago*, Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Things really went downhill quickly from here, with only one deserving award presented in the three main Dramatic categories.

Jack Nicholson was crowned the winner of the Best Actor award, my second choice to Daniel Day-Lewis, but still a deserving performance. I was disappointed to see Day-Lewis's stellar performance go unrecognized. I still have hope that he will win the Academy Award, although Nicholson has a much better chance.

I was willing to live with the results so far, and sat eagerly waiting through a presentation for best foreign film that went to a Spanish film called *Talk to Her*, which I have not seen but plan to. I then had to

endure the suspense a bit longer as the Cecil B. DeMille award was presented to a great actor, Gene Hackman. Robin Williams and Michael Caine, both fans of Hackman, introduced him. They showed a montage of clips from some of Hackman's 91 films. It was quite interesting, but I was eagerly waiting to see if Peter Jackson was going to get the recognition he deserved for directing *The Two Towers*.

Unfortunately, *Gangs of New York*'s Martin Scorsese took home the prize for a movie that in my opinion would have flopped without Daniel Day-Lewis. The film was far too flawed and confusing to win this award. The Globe should have gone to Peter Jackson but I would have been happy enough if it went to Alexander Payne for *About Schmidt*.

Now expecting *Gangs of New York* to undeservedly take the Best Picture award, I was chewing my fingernails.

I was hoping Diane Lane would win Best Actress for

her role in *Unfaithful*, but was not shocked when Nicole Kidman won for *The Hours*. Although Nicole Kidman was my absolute last pick, I know that she for some reason is beloved by her celebrity elite peers and didn't expect the honour to be fairly bestowed on either Julianne Moore, Meryl



Streep or Diane Lane. Although I think Meryl Streep winning the Best Supporting award virtually eliminated her chances of also winning Best Actress.

So after a couple of let downs, I thought I was

ready for anything. I sat expecting *Gangs of New York* to win Best Picture and not either of my two picks, *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* and *About Schmidt*. The only film I was unable to see, *The Pianist*, would have been acceptable to me until I was able to view it and judge for myself if it was better than *Rings* or *Schmidt*.

My disappointment led to shock as it was casually mentioned by last year's Academy Award winning Halle Berry that *The Hours* had won Best Picture.

I could not believe my ears. Now I get to tell you what I thought of *The Hours*. Having seen it only hours before watching the awards, my loathing for this film was fresh in my mind and I was filled with disbelief. *The Hours* is perhaps one of the worst films I have seen in a long time.

I had eliminated the possibility that this film might actually win Best Picture. In fact, now that I have seen it, I wonder how it ever came to be nominated in the first place. Despite decent performances, this film makes absolutely no sense, goes nowhere and leaves a sour taste in your wallet. The movie deals mainly with suicide as an issue and after seeing it, the fact that you paid \$10.50 to do so might make you think of taking your own life.

*The Hours* is stupid and boring and I simply cannot believe it received enough votes to come out on top. I

know there are some stupid people out there, but are there really enough of them to cause such a disaster? The original filmstrip of *The Hours* should be used as a doormat for directors like Peter Jackson, Alexander Payne and to some degree Martin Scorsese.

I in all honesty believe that *The Hours* winning Best Picture is the worst crock in the history of the Golden Globes. Despite my disappointment, I have definitely learned a lesson from watching this year's Golden Globe awards.

That lesson is that the only taste you can trust is your own. There really is no way to say what is right and wrong when awarding artists and their accomplishments. Most times, all the people nominated deserve to win. The reality of the situation is that if everybody won an award, the awards would not be special anymore. Therefore, I will try not to take these things so seriously from now on.

I know that *The Lord of the Rings* was the best movie I saw in 2002 and that is good enough for me. I get irate though when a movie as bad as *The Hours* gets such a prestigious award. If you want some good advice, skip seeing *The Hours* and try never to let yourself get as drawn into these awards as I inevitably always do.

Until the Oscar nominations are announced, I think it would be safe to say we are done with the topic of awards ceremonies.

## Super Bowl of entertainment

by Richard Woodbury

This Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, one of the world's greatest sporting events will take place - Super Bowl XXXVII. Even for those not fond of football, there is something to enjoy. Past years have included musical performances by U2, KISS, Aerosmith and James Brown, amongst others. This year's Super Bowl will feature an all-star assortment of music performances by some of today's biggest artists.

For the pregame show, guitarist Carlos Santana will perform with Michelle Branch and Beyonce Knowles. Before the game, Canadian Celine Dion will sing "God Bless America". Country music sensations The Dixie Chicks will sing the national anthem. For the halftime show, Canadian Shania Twain will be joined by ska/pop band No Doubt.

Rumor has it that Guns

N' Roses will be making a surprise appearance, although this is highly unlikely. One of the executive producers of the halftime show is Jimmy Lovine, who is chairman of Interscope Geffen A&M



Records. GNR belong to this record label.

In related Guns N' Roses news, former guitarist Slash has been nominated for a Grammy award. He is nominated in the category of Best Rock Instrumental Performance for his "Love Theme From

The Godfather". It is on the soundtrack of *The Kid Stays in the Picture*, but can't be heard on the actual motion picture. The Grammys will take place February 23<sup>rd</sup> in New York City.

Lisa Marie Presley, best known as the daughter of Elvis Presley, and as the former wife of Michael Jackson will release her debut album in April. Presley has worked with a variety of people on the album including former *Smashing Pumpkins* front man Billy Corgan. The album will be titled *To Whom It May Concern*.

Mullett Rock, a double CD devoted to the often-mocked hairstyle will be released on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The album will feature songs by Lynyrd Skynyrd, Meat Loaf, ELO, the Doobie Brothers, Judas Priest and many others.

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# The G-Spot:

T'was the season to get your jollies

by Kara Gammell

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Judging from the email I received over Christmas break, it seemed that many of you had some rather scintillating holidays and wound up getting a little hot and heavy. I must admit I'm envious considering the highlight of my break was going to a Christmas party as my best friends date, with a bunch of 40 year old social workers. Yes, it's true, and sadly after dinner and (way too many) drinks, I found myself not only loosing a hula hoop competition, but doing the Macarena. You know the saying, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. And join 'em I did. Wow.

Either way, it is good to be back (albeit two editions too late), so here were some of the questions you asked and the answers you said you needed to know.

**Q: When I went to visit my parents over the break, I met this girl who was totally hot and funny. We hit it off and went out a few times and always ended up fooling around. Things were great until she mentioned sex - she wanted to have it, and I didn't. You probably don't believe me, but I just**

**didn't want to rush into anything because for once I really like this girl. She got pissed and said she didn't want to see me again. So, why would she flip out when all I was doing was trying to be a gentleman. Looks like either way, I ended up screwed.**

**A:** Wow, am I glad to finally get a question like this one. I have been waiting and waiting for an opportunity to promote

*sex within a loving relationship* and the finally the day has come. Just what every sex column needs - a little moral backbone.

I want to pat you on the back first though, for not only having the desire to be a gentleman, but actually pulling it off. There have been many a guy have tried to paint a visual (and very graphic) picture of why I should date them (despite the common sense assumption that this doesn't work with girls- sex columnist or not) and I have often snapped back in response that if they would just act like a gentlemen and have some manners, then I just might have a damn thing to write about after all. This goes to show

us, that nice guys aren't always the dime a dozen we think they are - Kudos to you.

Her flipping the hell out could go to show you a number of things: a) she has a bit of a temper (which is never a good sign, considering the endless possibilities that are available to you to piss her off), b) she hasn't much self-control and c) that she is most likely more than a bit insecure.

My guess is that she was upset not because you "didn't want to rush things" (which is always a bonus with girls) because she may have felt rejected (and we all know that that can make one rear their ugly head). The fact that you didn't surrender to her sexually (although I imagine that you are thinking that that may not have been such a bad idea) shows even more that you must really like this girl and not just want to get in her pants.

As typical as this may sound, I would just tell her the truth. I will warn you though, that when she hears that from you she may not be as prickly as she was before, but possibly even hornier. So, be strong and stick your guns, don't go giving it up yet, you'll be glad you waited (and so will she).

**Q: This Christmas, I got**

**together with my best friends girlfriend. When things got to the point of getting a condom she wouldn't use a regular one claiming her boyfriend knew how many were left. So, she dug out one of those female condoms. I refused, because I was weirded out, and now I am back at school kicking my own ass. What do you know about these condoms - all I know is that they are big, long and loud.**

**A:** Kicking yourself now, are we? I guess what I am pondering, is why it is that you are kicking your own ass? Could it be because you were too nervous to try a new birth control method? Could it be that because of this you didn't end up getting laid? Or could it be that you were naked with your best friend's girlfriend?

Having said that, far be it from me to make any judgments - although I think you know that stupid little saying - Boys before toys? Sounds lame I know, but does have a valid point.

However, as much as I will bust your chops over this one, at least you knew enough to not engage in condomless sex either way - I got to give you points for that.

The female condom is made of a material known as polyurethane and is an excellent option for those who are allergic to or have a sensitivity to latex. It is inserted into the vagina and secured along the cervix with a ring. The ringed opening of the condom (in which the penis

will enter) hangs outside the vagina providing extra protection that an ordinary condom does not. You can buy them at many drug stores or sex shops here in Halifax; however, they are more expensive than the condoms you are more familiar with. It must be mentioned that some couples prefer this as their form of birth control and protection against sexually transmitted infections.

But as much as I hate to admit it, yes, you are right. Some might say that these condoms are big, long and loud - but I am assuming when your best friend finds out that you got it on with his girlfriend, the shit-kicking you get will be just that.

**Q: I made out with a guy over the holidays and one of his balls was saggier than the other. Does this mean that he is a freak or that he is just more sensitive on one?**

**A:** I will cut to the chase here and not beat around the bush, this is totally normal and if you do a bit of hands on research, you will find that the aspect of increased sensitivity is really dependable on whom the testicle is attached to.

The tubes inside the left testicle are usually longer than those of the right, and because of that the left testicle can and does occasionally hang a bit lower. I wouldn't go selling him off to a freak show just yet, it may seem random to you, but frankly it is more common than you think. So, just cool your jets and calm the hell down.

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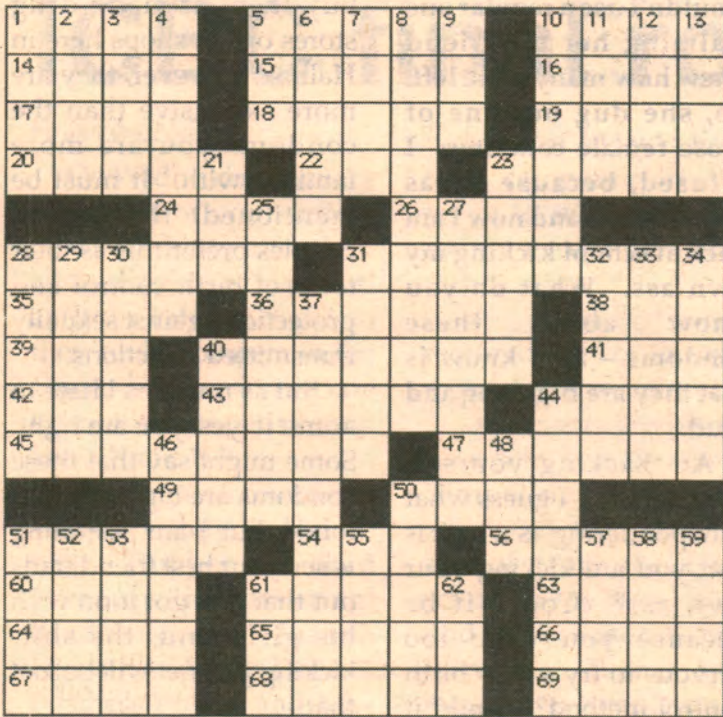
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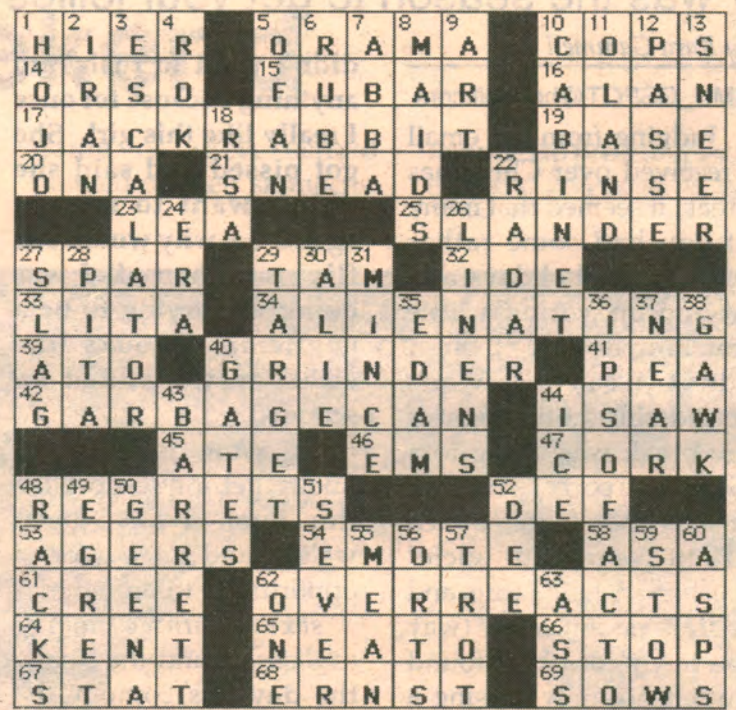
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## Men's basketball continues to roll with perfect week

by Stephen Clow

Any time you have three road games scheduled in one week, as was the case for both basketball teams this past week, you hope to win at least one and two wins would be considered a success. But for the Men's basketball team, it was a chance to solidify their lead atop the Baldwin division and up their win streak to a possible seven games. On paper it appeared to be a given with 1-7 Dalhousie and 1-7 Memorial, the two basement teams in the AUS, on the slate for Wednesday and weekend games respectively. The recent win streak has vaulted SMU to



the #6 ranking nationally, and this week would be a perfect chance to improve on that standing.

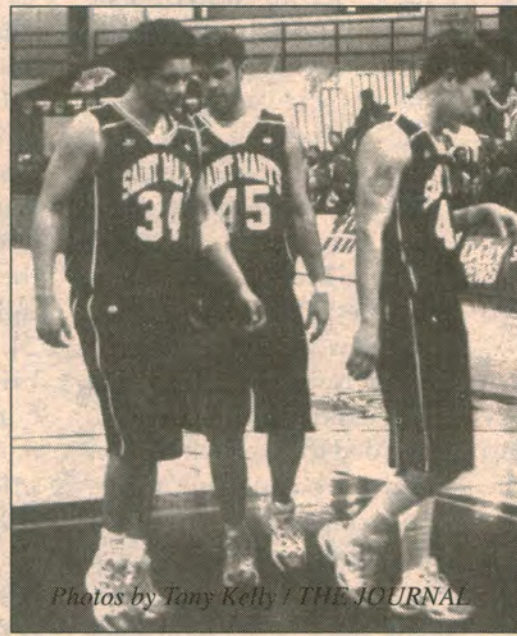
At Dalplex Wednesday evening the SMU train rolled in and behind Gabe Goree's double double outing (25 points, 11 rebounds) would roll out with their 5<sup>th</sup> straight

proved that they can win the close ones as they needed everything they could get to edge their cross-town rivals by a score of 76-73, in front of a nice sized crowd at Dalplex. SMU continued to rely on the three point rain, and got four of them from sharp shooting American Derek VanWeerdhuizen.

SMU's defence, which was their staple earlier on in the season, couldn't keep Dal from scoring and thus the outcome was ever in doubt. The win would kick off a winning week for the Huskies, as they then turned their attention to the other cellar dweller in their division, the Memorial Sea Hawks.

This past weekend, the Huskies would add to their

and have bought plenty of respect on the national level with wins over top five team Laval. While Goree has had a monster stretch since coming back from Christmas, the big reason SMU continues to win is their balanced scoring attack and depth off the bench. With Cordell Wright, Jonathon Thibault, Shawn Smith, and others coming off the pine, SMU may very well boast the best bench and most complete team in the league. Their 9-1 conference record is



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impressive streak by sweeping both games against the Sea Hawks in St. John's. SMU would take the Saturday game by a score of 72-65. In the Sunday game, SMU would get another fine performance from their star Goree, who added to his league MVP case with a 19-point outing. SMU used the long bomb to space themselves from the Sea Hawks as they would hit seven of their 26 attempts from the land beyond. This shooting spree would lead to a 74-63 Husky victory, making it their seventh in a row overall and third straight conference victory.

With their recent streak, the Huskies have vaulted into the #6 spot nationally

the second best mark in the country to the #1 Carleton Ravens 11-1 record, and with ranked teams losing this past weekend the Huskies should crack the top five and quite possibly the top three nationally.

This week the Huskies will face a tough test when they travel to Wolfville on Wednesday to battle the Nelson Division-leading Acadia Axemen, a team that many feel will have something to say before the AUS Championships are over. The Huskies will finally return to the Tower this Saturday to play Dalhousie, game times are 6pm and 8pm for the women and men respectively.

## Huskies fail to fly with Sea Hawks

by Stephen Clow

This past weekend, the women's basketball team took on a very tough Memorial squad who had risen to the #3 ranking nationally. SMU came into the weekend fresh off a last-second victory over Dal to put their record at 5-3, good enough for second place in the Baldwin Division. However, the team they are chasing is the Sea Hawks who have been in first place since the beginning only losing once for a 9-1 conference record.

As it would turn out, Saturday's action would prove to be as tough as was expected. The lady Huskies were overmatched on Saturday, trailing for most of the contest before eventually losing by an 86-60 count.

The Huskies would make it a little closer on Sunday, but couldn't put out the fire that was MUN's star guard Jenine Brown who would torch the Huskies for a whopping 38 points. Coupled with the balanced attack the Sea Hawks receive from their

bench on a regular basis, and you have another Husky loss by a score of 83-61. Saint Mary's inside tandem of Julie Galipeau (16 points) and Laura MacPherson (14 points) would account for almost half the team's points in a losing effort.

As mentioned previously, it wasn't all bad news for the female Huskies this past week as they began the week with a very exciting win over



Dalhousie at Dalplex Wednesday night by a score of 61-60. After having several chances to win in the final minute, SMU needed a last second shot from Galipeau to give them just enough for the victory. Galipeau had 28 points in the victory, and to attest to how much this team relies

on her scoring, nobody else on the Huskies squad scored in double digits.

As the season wears on, it appears to be another rollercoaster ride for the women's basketball squad, but they should take pride in the fact that the lows have balanced with the highs so far this year. At 5-5, they currently sit alone in second place in the Baldwin Division four games behind division leading MUN, and maybe more importantly, one and a half games on up on the third place Tigers. While first place may be a bit ambitious, staying in second certainly shouldn't be.

The women play at Acadia (1-9) this Wednesday night and will look to add some more highs to the season when Dal comes to the Tower this Saturday for a rematch. This week should be a big one for the ladies, and no one on the team will be taking either the Axewomen or the Tigers for granted. Game time for the women is 6pm on Saturday at the Tower.

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# Volleyball Huskies enjoy busy weekend

## SMU puts forth a good effort in the Dalhousie Classic Tournament

by Laurie Burns

This weekend was the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Dalhousie Volleyball Classic taking place from January 17<sup>th</sup> until the 19<sup>th</sup>. Saint Mary's took part in the women's division along with host Dalhousie, the University of Windsor Lancers and the McMaster Marauders. The tournament also featured a men's division with five teams taking part, including hometown Dalhousie.

SMU ladies got off to a good start on Friday afternoon winning an exciting match over the McMaster Marauders by a score of 3-2. The action

went right down to the last set, with Saint Mary's taking edging McMaster 28-26, 26-24, 19-25, 22-25 and 15-9 in the final set. Later on that evening the ladies fell to the Windsor Lancers by a 3-1 count.

On Saturday afternoon the women were set to play the Dalhousie Tigers at 2pm. In the last regular season match-up between the two Halifax squads, Saint Mary's upset a talented Dal squad, so this game was seen as one all about revenge for the black and gold. Numerous fans decided to take in the action and were expecting to see an excellent match between two of the top rated teams

in the AUS. The fans would not be let down, the match went all the way to five sets and the players fought a vicious battle all the way. SMU fell in the first set to Dal by a tight 27-25 margin. The rallies were excellent, with many show-stopping hits and first-rate digs. Janis Chapman played an exceptional set for the Huskies with many hits and excellent passing. In the second set SMU won a tight affair by a score of 26-24. Alison Riley played a brilliant game with very consistent serving. Both Saint Mary's and Dal were killing well and Alison Riley and Pam Rodgers were blocking well for the

maroon and white who capitalized on Dal's errors and managed to keep the game even. The 3<sup>rd</sup> set was more Dal oriented and SMU seemed to be slacking. Saint Mary's couldn't get through the blocking at the end and Dal wins the Set 25-7. In the 4<sup>th</sup> set SMU managed to come back with a vengeance and win the set 25-23. The victory for the Huskies forced a deciding fifth set. SMU played a superb set and ended up winning the match 15-11 and ending the game with a win.

Later on that evening the tired Huskies once again managed to let the Windsor Lancers get by them, this time by a score of 3-0. This finish would lead them into the bronze medal game the following day. The game took place at 10:30 and once again the ladies met up with the McMaster Marauders. The Huskies

tried their hardest and gave a full effort, but still came up short. Nicole Gillis had tremendous digs throughout the game. Allison Riley once again had a good game, pulling out excellent hits and blocks from both left and right. The girls had very consistent serving and were blocking well but the Marauders still managed to hit through them. Janis Chapman had an admirable game and proved herself throughout the tournament. Despite their best efforts, SMU lost three straight sets 25-22, 25-17, 25-17.

The lady Huskies played a superior tournament and showed everyone who managed to get out to the games some good volleyball. Dal ended up winning both divisions, the women over Windsor and the men over Memorial University of Newfoundland.

## SMU splits ice action

### Hockey Huskies in middle of tight conference race

by Daniel Bonner

It has been a rough start to 2003 for the Saint Mary's hockey Huskies. After a first half of the season that saw the maroon and white pace themselves to a third place standing in the conference, and ninth in the country, early 2003 has been much less friendly. The Huskies started the year with a two game home-stand against St. Thomas and UPEI that saw SMU drop both contests and fall to fifth in the conference, and for the first time this season found themselves in danger of missing the playoffs. This weekend saw games three and four of the New Year, and a chance for revenge for the Huskies, as they took on UPEI and St Thomas once more.

The Huskies started their action with a match-up against the St. Thomas Tommies on Friday night. Just a week earlier, the Tommies rode a flurry of late goals to a 5-2 come-from-behind victory. On this day the teams would prove to be evenly matched, as sixty minutes would not be enough to solve this contest with the game deadlocked at 2-2. Halfway through overtime, however, the Tommies would score

the winner, elevating them to a 3-2 overtime victory. Under the revised point system put in place by the AUHC last season, the Huskies are still awarded a single point for losing in overtime.

Saturday night saw the dogs square off against the cats, as SMU tackled the Panthers of UPEI. In the last meeting between the



two just seven days ago, UPEI rode a good special teams showing to a 3-2 victory. The contest would be a different story on this night, however, as the Huskies would have an outstanding offensive showcase, lighting the lamp five times on the way to a 5-2 victory. Scoring for the Huskies were Aaron Van Leusen, Keith Delaney, Billy Manley, Brian Barker and Brett Gibson. Veteran Manley also notched three assists, giving him a four point performance, and in doing so elevated the Huskies to a key victory.

With the results of this past weekend, the Huskies remain in their tie for fifth place in the conference. The AUHC is filled with

parody this season, illustrated in the unique position that SMU is currently in. While the Huskies are only three points ahead of Moncton in the race for the sixth and final playoff spot, and in fact only four points ahead of Acadia who is currently in last, SMU is also just a scant four points off of conference leading Dalhousie's total of 24 points. This week is a busy one for the Huskies, who are fast approaching the homestretch of the hockey season. SMU begins their action with a midweek showdown against last place Acadia with the puck dropping at 7pm at the Halifax Forum. The upcoming weekend brings with it a tour of New Brunswick for the Huskies, beginning 7:30pm Friday night with a battle against the Moncton Blue Eagles. The next night SMU travels to UNB to battle the Varsity Reds, who will be hosting this year's national championship tournament, with game time being at 7pm. SMU wraps up their stretch of four games in seven days on Wednesday night, when they host cross-town rivals Dalhousie, with game time once again being at 7pm.



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# What it takes to be an All-Star

## Is the voice of the masses better left unheard?

by Daniel Bonner

Sports are constantly evolving. From rules and regulations, to teams and alignment, the sporting world is one that is in constant flux. Nowhere is this more prevalent than in the midseason classic, the All-Star game. Each of the four major sports leagues in North America have enjoyed tinkering with their All-Star games, from skills competitions to how the players are even selected. One thing that has become quite popular is the practice of determining All-Star rosters by fan voting.

With the notable exception of the NFL, each of the other major leagues, the NHL, NBA and MLB, all determine their starting lineups by fan balloting alone. An idea that began in the early 1990s was further developed with the widespread use of the internet, allowing fans to vote for their favorite player from the comfort of their own home. The problem that quickly arises is that fans are supposed to be voting for the best players of the given season, not simply their favorite player, or a player that has done great things in the past. Like too many campus elections, the fan balloting system turns the All-Star game into one big popularity contest.

A case in point, the upcoming NHL All-Star game, taking place this year in South Florida. Voted by the fans as the starting goaltenders were Patrick Roy for the Western Conference and Nikolai Khabibulin for the East. Right off the bat, the fans got it all wrong. Khabibulin had an excellent start to the season, and yet despite falling off in the last 20 games, he posted decent numbers, most likely worthy of an All-Star appearance. Khabibulin is far from the best goalie in the conference this season, however, and should not be the starter. Martin Brodeur leads the league in wins and is among the leaders in goals against average, averaging nearly one goal fewer per game than the "Bulin Wall". Other notable goaltenders in the conference this season are Patrick Lalime and Ed Belfour, all of whom have posted numbers noticeably better than those of the fan voted starter. And then you have the Western Conference. Patrick Roy's selection as the West's starter exemplifies what is wrong with fan voted All-Star teams. Roy has been selected to his tenth All-Star team simply because of his renown, not because of his performance this season.

2002 is somewhat forgettable for Roy, who started the season in horrible form, leading his Avalanche to a last place record through 15 games. While "St. Patrick" has shown improved form as of late, there are numerous 'no-brainer' choices to start in goal for the West. Marty Turco is enjoying a phenomenal season in Dallas, leading the league in goals against average, while being near the top in wins and save percentage. Turco has accomplished all of this while dealing with an incredibly large workload, starting all but seven of the team's first 46 games, causing everyone in Dallas to ask, Eddy who? Other notables out West are Dan Cloutier, who is enjoying a breakout season in Vancouver, and Jocelyn Thibault, who is guiding the Blackhawks back to respectability. All three of the alternatives in both conferences deserve to go to South Florida, and yet due to the fan voting of Roy and Khabibulin, only two have been invited - in this case forcing Dan Cloutier and Patrick Lalime to have their great seasons go unrecognized.

The injustice that is this year's NHL All-Star game is exemplified, but not limited to, the goaltending situation. On defense, the

fans elected Rob Blake, despite a horribly slow start to the season that has left him out of the top twenty in defensive scoring as the All-Star game approaches. Brian Leetch was another player who was elected thanks to his name, as the veteran defenseman missed half of the season thus far while recovering from an injury. As a result, Leetch will enter South Florida outside of the top fifty in defensive scoring, certainly not a very all-star worthy performance.

Up front, Mario Lemieux is certainly a sound choice by the fans, but his former teammate Jaromir Jagr was not. At the time of selection, Jagr was having a miserable season by his standards, failing to crack the top 30 in league scoring. Ten points in four games has elevated Jagr into the top ten, and in doing so made the fans look rather prophetic. Finally, Teemu Selanne was selected to yet another All-Star team, once again the fans seemed indifferent to his abysmal start to the season that has seen him wallow outside the league's top 50 in scoring.

In the case of this year's NHL All-Star game, the act of fan voting the starters has handicapped the coaches, effectively putting them in a hole for their selections. No one ever said that selecting who should be recognized for their season and who should not was easy, but when you have fans unduly electing half of their selections, it immediately means that there will be deserving players not going to the biggest exhibition game of the season. Players like Tom

Poti, Sergei Zubov, Joe Sakic and Pavol Demitra who all deserve to be rewarded for their great seasons thus far, will not be in attendance when the puck drops on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. And yet the NHL is not the worst case in this bizarre setup. In the NBA, teams are trying to mobilize entire countries to vote their favorite sons into the All-Star game. Both Houston and Dallas have sent word to China and Canada respectively to elect Yao Ming and Steve Nash to the Western Conference All-Star team. Both players certainly deserve to go, and yet both teams know the system well enough not to trust it. Be they Texan, Canadian or Chinese, it seems to be working, as Ming is the fourth highest vote getter, and Nash is the third highest guard in the West. Vince Carter is second in voting for the NBA's midseason showcase, this despite the fact that 'Air Canada' has spent more time in the hanger than on the court. Carter will be at the game for sure, and there is even an outside chance that he could be the leading vote getter, which would clearly put an exclamation point on the abomination of fan balloted All-Star rosters.

It's time for professional sports leagues to wake up and realize that the All-Star game is as much for the players as it is for the fans. In an ideal world the rosters would be decided entirely by play as opposed to massive letter writing campaigns, and at least in the world of sports, an ideal world is within our grasp. Truly, in the case of All-Star rosters, not everyone should have a voice.

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