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SMU student and Gap employee Leigh Ann White enjoys Sunday shopping. She says, "We work on Sundays anyway. It's enjoyable to have people in the store."

Psych students pay unjust fees

Payments for make-up tests not approved by board

by Jon Kincade

A controversial new fee is set to be imposed upon psychology students who need to schedule make-up tests, according to a recent policy decision made by the Department of Psychology.

The fee of \$25 is intended to help offset some of the expenses incurred by the department when make-up tests need to be scheduled. Students who provide a doctors note or a religious reason for their absence are not to be charged. While this has helped to cut down on the number of frivolous make-up tests the often over-burdened department has to administer, the fee was never approved by the University's Budget Committee or the Board of Governors. There has been no word on how the money is being accounted for, although it has been suggested that the money is being used to offset the cost of people traveling to conferences.

The fee has been sold to students under the guise of Academic Regulation 10 (which deals with Special Examinations). If read properly, one will notice that this regulation applies only to final exams scheduled in the formal exam period after classes finish. This has been

confirmed by senior administration as well as SMUSA's lawyer.

On Monday, November 10, SMUSA asked the psychology department to stop charging the fee in addition to refunding all money collected from students so far. As of print time, the only response received from the Department of Psychology has been that they will continue to charge the fee until the administration tells them not to.

If you or anyone you know has written a make-up test and were forced to pay a fee (except during final exams during the formal exam period), it is SMUSA's opinion that you are entitled to receive

this money back. Contact your professor, the Chairperson of the department, and Jon Kincade, SMUSA VP Academic in seeking assistance. SMUSA will make every effort to ensure that each student who has been inappropriately charged this or any other unapproved fees gets his or her money back.

While student representatives are included in all decision making processes at the Faculty level and above (including the Academic Senate, The Board of Governors and all their sub-committees), there is currently little or no student representation on most departmental bodies.

Halifax writer to launch new post-Holocaust book

by Jeffrey Warford

On November 20, Halifax author Heather Laskey is set to launch her new book, *Night Voices: Heard in the Shadow of Hitler and Stalin*.

Night Voices tells the little-known story of young Polish-Jewish idealists, survivors of the Holocaust, who chose to support Poland's post-war communist government in the belief that socialism offered the path to a more just society.

The launch is open to the public, and will take place from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the downstairs portion of the Dalhousie University Faculty Club.

National Housing Day

by Ashlee Starratt

Saturday, November 22nd is the National Housing Day of Action and the Community Action on Homelessness is planning on using this opportunity to discuss in depth the importance of implementing a viable National Housing Strategy in Canada.

The purpose of this event, which is organized by the National Housing and Homelessness Network, is to persuade the federal government to increase their commitment and funding in developing social housing across the country. Such widespread, effective change requires massive amounts of government and private funding in order to be realized, and with the holiday season rapidly approaching, the Community Action Group is once again looking for public support.

Activities will take place at the Grand Parade Square, beginning with a rally at 11:30. There will also be the annual House Judging Contest, where participants are

encouraged to design and enter a mini-model house in an effort to demonstrate to government that the vision of affordable housing can be made a reality with a little creativity and initiative.

Everyone is welcome to attend and their will be Community Action on Homelessness members on hand to assist anyone who is interested in becoming involved by volunteering their time and skills to the cause. Donations can also be made to the Community Action organization as well as various shelters and soup kitchens around Halifax.

The federal government began cutting back it's contributions to the development of social housing in 1993, but with enough public support, the growing tide of homelessness across Canada may be stemmed through a sustainable solution for accomodation and a cold park bench may give way to a warm bed for many in need this Christmas.

Fast-a-thon

Going hungry for those in need

by Ashlee Starratt

The Muslim Students Association and the Pakistani Students Association of Halifax are hosting a fast for the Muslim holiday of Ramadhan in an effort to raise money to feed the needy this Christmas season. The Fast-a-thon will be held by over 150 universities across North America whose Muslim students have collaborated to create this network of generosity.

The goal is to raise at least \$500 for the Coburg Road Phoenix Youth Program, an organization that provides safe shelter and food for troubled and homeless youth. The fast will take place on Friday, November 21st during daylight hours and for every student who participates, various local businesses will donate one dollar or more towards a needy shelter in

Metro as a means of exercising their own support for the cause.

Any students willing to take part may register at the Fast-a-thon booth located in the Dalhousie Student Union Building from 10-3pm right up until November 20th. Students may also register online by e-mailing: fastathon_halifax@yahoo.com.

Participants are invited to break their fast together in Room 303 of the Dal SUB at 4:30pm where there will be Muslim cuisine to sample provided by local families. This is a great opportunity for students to help others who are less fortunate find some comfort during the Holidays which are a particularly lonely time for those in need, so be sure to attend and show that you care as any and all support is welcome.

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NEWS

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Krishna Ahooja-Patel: one woman's world

Distinguished visiting professor and longtime UN staffer awarded honorary degree

by Meaghen Simms

In Hinduism the God Krishna was known for his love of romance, humour and his bravery in destroying evil powers. Krishna Ahooja-Patel has fought different demons in her life, but after nearly five decades of work on gender, peace and development, she has lived up to her name.

The visiting professor in International Development Studies and longtime United Nations staffer was recognized at last week's convocation with an Honorary Doctorate of Letters. She used the occasion to speak on the need for young people to become world citizens.

It is a need that she stresses frequently in her classes and as her students will attest, the 72-year-old teaches with both a sense of humour and a fiery sense of passion. That passion is most obvious when she talks of the United States as a disruptive force in both the world and the UN, but Ahooja-Patel makes it clear that all citizens of the so-called First World need to stop making generalizations about less developed countries and must look equally at the flaws of their own nations. "People are very biased in this part of the world," she says, leaning forward in her chair. She adds that a lack of historical knowledge has fueled this bias.

Few would question Ahooja-Patel's understanding of history. That knowledge, however, was born not from the pages of textbooks, but from experience. "My life is a

very classic example of all violations of human rights, when it comes to marriage, when it comes to racism," she says.

This is her story.

Krishna Ahooja-Patel was born in Amritsar in the Northern Indian state of Punjab in 1931, the oldest of five children. In 1942, her father moved the family to Bombay, and for the 11-year-old Krishna it was the start of a lifelong journey of conscientiousness. It was the time of Mahatma Gandhi's "Quit India" movement to free the country from British rule and the city was in chaos. "In the streets there was a lot of violence. I never saw an Englishman before, but I knew that they were killing Indian people," she recalls.

As the fight against colonialism and the patriotism it inspired gathered strength, Krishna was enrolled in a Nationalist school. It was there, while learning Indian history and literature, that she received her first lesson in social activism. "They day I suppose I got politicized was August 9, 1942 when Gandhi was arrested in my school compound where he came to speak. I don't think I understood anything he said except two words: one was 'freedom' and the other was 'get out'," Ahooja-Patel says. "That was enough to politicise anybody in those days."

Students took to the streets in protest, pelting St. Mary's, the neighbouring pro-British school, with stones. When the police arrived they arrested

the older children, but spared the 12-year-old Krishna. "When they said don't arrest her I was extremely disappointed," she laughs. "It was a sign of patriotism and anti-imperialism to go to jail." That day Krishna walked home, past burning buses and bleeding bodies, in tears.

A few years later while on vacation in Amritsar, a 15-year-old Krishna learned marriage offers were being received for her and she promptly sent her father a telegram saying she wanted instead to go to college. "I said why pay them dowry; just pay for my education. Up to this day I do not know how this very advanced idea hit my brain and how my father accepted it," she adds with a laugh.

But it is her mother who Ahooja-Patel credits with her success in life and education. "She had this tremendous ambition for us to be highly educated because herself she was deprived," Ahooja-Patel says. On her return from Amritsar, Ahooja-Patel enrolled in pre-university courses at a Jesuit College in Bombay and in 1947 followed in the footsteps of Gandhi and India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, to study law at the Inner Temple in London, England. "I'm following Gandhi everywhere I went and just now in the Gandhi University I'm teaching," she says, referring to Gujarat Vidyapith Institute of Learning, in Ahmedabad, India where she teaches in the winter months.

Gandhi was assassinated in 1948, not long after Ahooja-Patel had left for England. The journey into the heartland of the people that had abused India so badly, wasn't an easy

one, she says, but at the time it was considered very prestigious to study law abroad. "Gandhi studied law. Nehru studied law. And they used this law against the British," she explains.

Ahooja-Patel qualified as a barrister in 1954, by which time she had met and married her first husband, a producer at the British Broadcasting Corporation. But life in Britain was not easy for an Indian woman, she says. "The British at that time suffered from the master race complex. The questions were so hostile and ignorant," she adds.

In 1956, with her young son in tow, Ahooja-Patel left both England and her marriage behind. On her return to India, however, the newly liberated Ahooja-Patel discovered it was very difficult for a woman to practice law, so she took a job as a researcher for the Asian African Legal Committee, which helped newly Independent countries to integrate their laws with international conventions and the United Nations system. It was her first real contact with the UN. A year later she was in Geneva, the organization's European capital.

It was there that Ahooja-Patel's life and work took a global turn. She enrolled in the Institute of Higher International Studies, which is affiliated with the University of Geneva and, after receiving her M.A., was recruited to work as a legal consultant for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Meanwhile she had also met

her second husband Surendra Patel, who was a well known development economist working for the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. They each brought sons to the marriage; Krishna had one and Surendra two from a previous marriage and together they formed a nuclear family.

It was in Africa that Ahooja-Patel authored her first two books. She has since written several more volumes and has penned countless journal and newspapers articles.

Ahooja-Patel also once more took up the fight against the powers of imperialism and became a part of history as she sat alongside leaders like Gamal Nasser of Egypt, Tanzania's Julius Nyerere and Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana when the Organization of African Unity was formed in 1963. "I was in the midst of the ending of colonialism in Africa. This was the period of pan African dreams," she explains.

But for Ahooja-Patel it was also a period of racism and sexism. The UN didn't allow married couples to work for the organization at the same time and they were also reordering their staff so that it reflected a majority of Africans. The new changes, she says, meant "Europeans yes, Indians no," and her contract was not renewed.

After some time spent researching at Ethiopia's Haile Selassie University, Ahooja-Patel and family returned to

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The E-spot

by Employment Centre staff

Wow. The first edition of the E-spot has elicited an incredible response from Journal readers. I had a feeling there was a burning desire to ask anonymous employment related questions, and you have really come through. Due to the overwhelming response, you may not see your question answered in the very next edition, but I will try to get to it ASAP so keep reading and keep asking.

I should take this opportunity to reiterate that we are an *employment related* question and answer column. Our title has apparently evoked feelings of nostalgia and longing for the beloved G-spot, but please folks, keep your questions out of the gutter as I will only be able to respond to job search related questions. To SAB, no I can't take a look at that for you, but come into the Employment Centre and I'll look at your resume anytime.

Here are some questions I can answer:

Q. I heard there was a program for marketing grads. Something about an incentive to keep recent university graduates in Nova Scotia. What is this all about? - *Wondering if I heard right*

A. Great question WIIHR. The program you are referring to is from ACOA (Atlantic Canada's Opportunities Agency). They have recently launched a program where they offer wage subsidies to employers as incentive to hire new graduates. The jobs that result are located in Nova Scotia and consist of one year internships with a company. The companies are varied and focus on how to expand their businesses into other markets. It is an excellent opportunity to gain full-time experience in your field for one year, and I can tell you that SMU students have been very successful in obtaining these jobs. The jobs come into the Employment

Centre periodically with strict deadlines so you really have to watch for them. You can do this by visiting the Centre often or by monitoring our job posting page on WorkopolisCampus.com.

Q. I am a criminology student and I really want to get hired by the RCMP for the summer. I know they have a summer student employment program but that is all I know. Can you give me the details? - *Crim student needs work experience*

A. Yes. Applications for the RCMP summer program are available at the SMU Student Employment Centre in February of each year. The applications are limited and in high demand. To ensure that you get one, I suggest checking with us everyday starting in February. The deadline for submission is around mid March. The program runs for 17 weeks beginning around the first of May and finishing around the end of August with a one week orientation at the start. Locations vary across the province and they are determined based on need in a particular area. The RCMP prefer to place students in their home towns on the premise that they can live at home and work in their own community. To qualify, you must be a Canadian citizen, enrolled in full time studies and returning to full-time studies the next academic year (September). The selected applicants are not required to write the RPAT (RCMP Police Aptitude Test) or the PARE (Physical Abilities Requirement Evaluation). However, selected candidates are interviewed, a medical check is done, as is a background check. The positions are uniform with Peace Officer status. It is great experience if you can get it, unfortunately the application process is highly competitive,

but I encourage you to apply. It is a definite 'looks good on the resume.' You should also be aware, CSNWE, that the Halifax Regional Police recruit on campus for summer positions as well. You can check out their website, www.police.halifax.ns.ca

Q. I am desperate for cash. With Christmas coming, there must be opportunities for part-time work out there. Where should I look? - *Need money*

A. Besides coming into the Employment Centre to see what is posted in our job boards, you can be more active about your search. With Christmas around the corner, there are opportunities out there and they may not be advertised. Have you considered retail? Retail stores in malls (clothing, sports, shoes, etc.) often hire people who walk in the door and make an impression on the right person. A large chain clothing store like the Gap, for example, will have a manager on duty. Go in by yourself, resume in hand, no cover letter needed, and ask the first staff member you see if they are the manager (you have just flattered this person). If they are not, kindly ask to speak with him/her. You are about to be your cover letter in the flesh. And look at you - all dressed up, polished, smiling, polite, confident, poised, witty and charming. The manager loves you and so does the newly hired sales associate who you "thought" might be the manager - you're a trendy shoe in. Retail stores hire dynamic individuals who can sell; leave 'em interested and with your confidence soaring, hit the next store. You can also do this with food service establishments, grocery stores, drug stores, etc.; use your judgment.

So, NM, go pound that pavement before it is too late. Good luck!

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Ahooja-Patel

Geneva where she started covering UN affairs for two Indian weeklies and also wrote a column for the Geneva Diplomat which allowed her trademark sense of humour to flourish. By 1968, when the UN's International Labour Organization (ILO) invited her to write a report on the economic and social backgrounds of developing African countries, she was juggling working for the UN, working as a journalist and raising a family. She jokingly calls herself "superwoman" but advises others not to be and says at the time she knew nothing of the feminist question.

She also soon returned to the University of Geneva to finish her Ph.D. on the peace mechanisms of the League of Nations. There she studied with Kofi Annan, the current UN Secretary General. On her relationship with Annan, Ahooja-Patel jokes "we disagreed on so many things."

Over the next 21 years, Ahooja-Patel became a fixture at the United Nations. In the ILO, where she spent the bulk of her career, she started off working on development issues and labour legislation of developing countries. However, after International Women's Year in 1975, she soon focussed on women's questions. "At the time very little work was done on women's issues. You had to be interested in the cause otherwise you wouldn't work for it," she stresses. Despite warnings from colleagues, Ahooja-Patel made women's issues her focus and for the next ten years edited the ILO Journal Women at Work.

Ahooja-Patel's greatest contribution to the UN and the rights of women came in 1979 when she authored

landmark statistics on the global state of women's rights. They include the recognition that women do two-thirds of the world's work, but receive only five per cent of the world income and own less than one percent of the world property. These statistics have since been quoted throughout feminist literature and formed the opening words of the second UN Conference on Women in Copenhagen in 1980. Sadly, however, they have not been updated since. And Ahooja-Patel says she doubts the numbers have improved much in the 25 years since their release.

She retired from the UN in 1989 as deputy director of the Institute for the Advancement of Women in Santo Domingo and soon after arrived at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, where she was awarded one of five prestigious national chairs in women's studies. In 1991, she started teaching United Nations and Gender and Development at Saint Mary's.

Even at 72, Ahooja-Patel keeps up the pace of her younger years. In the winter months she lectures on gender and peacebuilding at an Indian university. She is also currently president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She has just finished a vision of the world for them, Ahooja-Patel laughs, which outlines the future of the organization in a post-Iraq world. She is also writing a book called *Development has a Woman's Face*.

Looking back on her life, Ahooja-Patel is poetic. "Seeds are being sown and you don't know at what point in time they come together into a flower. But now I can see how one seed was there, the other seed was there, all linking me together to something," she says.

What are you doing on November 28th?

Going to see National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation at the Oxford, of course.

Come out at midnight to support the SMU Student Peers student bursary. One lucky SMU student is going to be awarded all of the proceeds, plus you get to see a totally hilarious movie. It's a win-win situation.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Student Peer Office (4th floor Student Centre), the Student Centre Info Desk, or at the door. Also, watch for the Student Peers information tables to get your tickets and get into the Christmas spirit.

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EDITORIAL

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Parking at SMU

I try not to use my editorial space as a rant session, but I can no longer bite my tongue. Parking at Saint Mary's is horrible and it has been for several years. I have bought parking passes at Saint Mary's for the past four years. I spent the money on a pass because parking on the street is always tough and I often have long days on campus. It was inconvenient for me to park on the street and have to move my car every two hours. I must admit that a parking pass on campus is relatively cheap. It is not as cheap as Dalhousie, but cheap compared to other parking in the city.

With a parking pass, I think it is safe to assume that I will be parking ticket-free while on campus with my pass clearly displayed in my windshield. This is not the case. Last week I pulled my little car into a parking spot in the lot behind Alumni Arena. With my pass hanging from the rear view mirror I grabbed my purse and locked the door and headed to the Student Centre. When I returned a few hours later, there was a white parking ticket that we all know well, stuck underneath my wiper. Outraged is a mild term to describe my temperament. How could I have possibly gotten a ticket when I was doing everything that the parking policy asks? The only answer I can imagine is that the commissionaire made a mistake.

I gave the issuing commissionaire a break as I understand that no one is perfect and we all make mistakes, but after talking to a few people around campus, I learned that this was not the only instance so far this academic year. I have since heard six similar stories and feel the issue needs to be attended to. Is the

commissionaire honestly not seeing the parking passes in the windows? Or is he randomly giving tickets out to frustrate the drivers on campus? And what can the driver do once the ticket is issued? Sure they can fight it but then it is their word against the commissionaire. And unless you happen to have a camera with you can take a picture of the ticket and the pass, you have no proof to say that you actually had the pass displayed. I honestly do not know what to do in this situation. If anyone does know of a way to handle this problem, please email me.

Another problem I have with parking on campus is the lack of space, which forces people to park where there are no parking spots. You can call me foolish because I will not allow myself to park illegally, but the people who are making their own parking spots are just causing other people to be annoyed. The classic fake parking spot is those who park perpendicular to a single line of parking spaces. What is so confusing to me is that all the illegal parkers on campus do not get any tickets. They park in a way that it is sometimes impossible for people who have parked properly to get out of their spot.

It is obvious that parking is a problem on campus and something needs to be done. Not only is it extremely hard to find a parking spot in fair weather months, we will lose roughly ten percent of parking spaces when the snow comes and is simply pushed aside to eventually make massive snow piles.

With a growing student population, the university must begin to think about the parking problem and work towards a solution. Things will only get worse.

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Dear Journal,

I am writing to complain about something that I think you should seriously think about. I am a second year History major at Saint Mary's and I read the Journal every week. I have been having troubles with the Journal lately, in the sense that I don't believe it is doing its job as a student newspaper to really get the voice of the students out there. This weeks Journal was no different, but the biggest problem I have is with a cartoon in the Comics section titled Beaver and Penguin.

This cartoon, regardless of whether the intent of the cartoon was in good humour, is offensive, it's discriminatory and should be ashamed. The cartoon goes something like this:

Beaver: "I'm having some interior designers over, and I would appreciate it if you weren't here."

Penguin: "No problem, I don't want to hang out with a bunch of butt pirates

anyway."

Butt pirates. This is a very derogatory and totally inappropriate word. This cartoon is simple and stupid, but that's beside the point. As someone who is gay, I think that as a newspaper - partly funded by the student body, of which a portion are also gay - it is irresponsible for you to print such a comic. Why is Butt Pirates any different from Faggot? It is discriminatory towards gay people, and also is supporting and furthering the stereotyping of certain professions as "gay professions." Its just plain wrong.

Where do you get off publishing such a discriminatory cartoon? You would never publish a carton that would go something like this:

Beaver: "I'm going down to the hood, and I don't want you to come."

Penguin: "Good, cause I don't like black people." You wouldn't print

something like this because it's racist and just down-right offensive. So what makes the comic that you did print any different? Oh, that's right its making fun of gay people and that is apparently alright? This is a double standard that I think has no place in a university newspaper. By publishing this you are only supporting and furthering the discrimination towards gay people, and promoting the stereotypes and so on.

I usually don't get offended, I am a pretty light hearted person and take things pretty easily, but I just think that as a student newspaper you shouldn't marginalize a group of the student body by making fun of them in such a way. Its irresponsible and I think that you owe the entire gay population of Saint Mary's an apology for printing this cartoon.

Sincerely,
Nathaniel Smith

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The business of brewing beer

by Ian Burns

This is a true story; names have not been changed to protect the innocent.

It was a balmy November night when I pulled up to a modest house on Windsor Street, typical student housing. I had heard all the horror stories, but I still didn't know what to expect when I stepped inside. I was here to document the achievements of three young men in their quest to get drunk on a budget.

Everyone always talks about doing it, and everyone raves about the low low cost, but few people actually brew their own beer. Tonight I would not only have the honor of tasting the fruits of hard labor, but I would also hear the harrowing stories of how "V-No!" brand beer came to be. Before I tell you what I think of this home-brewed beer, I'll tell you a little about the triumphs and follies of these modern day beer barons.

Let me take you back, two weeks ago, where it all began. We were at the Thirsty Duck, shortly after the first batch of beer hit the market (so to speak), and I was eager to learn more about the seemingly simple process of brewing beer. I was soon warned that the "Product", as it is called, is mediocre at best and some would say barely palatable. However, this was credited to lack of experience and I was informed that a far superior beer was on the way.

The brewing process was explained to me several times at the Duck, but my comprehension skills were failing quickly. Nonetheless I promised the best article ever written about brewing beer. The next day I re-learned the brewing process and was ready to write the promised article.

The average home brewer uses a 20L glass fermenter to brew beer but we are not dealing with ordinary home brewers. It was quickly decided that 20L was simply not enough. So the 20L fermentors were substituted with two 120L Rubbermaid garbage cans with locking lids and wheels. At \$18 a piece this brings the one time cost of brewing beer up to \$36.

The next major step was picking out an appropriate beer mix. It was decided that the supermarket brand for \$7.99 would do just fine. Each batch of beer mix was only intended to make 20L, so after a little math 10 brew kits were purchased and the product was quickly becoming a reality. If you're keeping

track, that works out to roughly \$80 for 200L of high quality beer (maybe not high quality, but most people agree that it's beer).

The amount of sugar you add to your beer determines the alcohol content and a second shot of sugar determines the amount of carbonation. 10 kg of sugar was required for this project and at \$2.50 per kg the tally is now at \$105 per 200L of product.

To insure that the product meets the very highest of standards it was necessary to chemically "shock" the garbage cans before the brew process began. Shocking the garbage cans ensures that they meet operating-room-like standards of sterilization. The small container of pink powder cost \$5. An assortment of 2L bottles and some random funnels and tubes were



rounded up by friends and salvaged from storage rooms. I was later informed that the funnel and siphon were used for funneling gas for the last fifteen years. I was told that the funnel had been shocked and was assured that the beer was safe to consume. The final tally for 200L of beer is \$110.

This may sound simple enough, but when you undertake a project of such large proportions, you must be prepared for a few setbacks. In this situation there were more than a few setbacks.

After the first batch of beer was complete, it was taken for a test-drive the following

Saturday. Frankly the reactions were mixed. The finished product looked like beer, but that's where the similarities ended. The beer



had an inviting light amber color, but in reality it was too thick to even let light pass through. The real test for any beer is the alcohol content. Lacking the proper instruments to determine

cans had not been thoroughly cleaned out. Batch #001 was tainted.

But our unlikely heroes were not about to give up;

they were living the dream of university students everywhere. Work on batch #002 began immediately, this time with a few tweaks to the original recipe. Doubt lingered in the air, but our boys were confident that with experience would come a better beer.

It was decided that more sugar would be added to the second batch and more care would be taken to insure that this batch was not tainted. This is where things started to go terribly wrong. As I mentioned before, more sugar means more carbonation and more alcohol content. In the quest for more alcohol, the effects of higher carbonation were left out of the equation. Jeff, one of the "beer barons", was in charge of sugar levels. Jeff's quest for a more potent beer nearly crippled the entire

project.

Batch #002 proceeded without incident, that is, until shortly after the bottling process. During the brewing process the beer sits at room temperature in the garbage can for ten days and then sits for another ten days in bottles to allow the beer to carbonate and let the sediment fall to the bottom. Batch #001 built up a considerable amount of carbonation, but it never grew to a level that was considered dangerous. After a few days in the bottles, some observers noticed that the 2L bottles in batch #002 had taken on more of a "rounded" appearance. Upon closer inspection and a quick side-by-side comparison with a regular 2L bottle, it was apparent that the bottles had grown nearly 2 inches in height and were substantially wider.

Although there was some general concern, the brew process continued. It wasn't until the following weekend, during a small gathering, that disaster struck. One of the grossly distorted bottles had succumb to the building pressures within. The exploding bottle set off a small chain reaction and other bottles began to explode. The noise of the bursting bottles was described as, "louder than a shotgun blast." The small disaster brought on calls from neighbors and even a visit from the police because of noise complaints. Inspection of the kitchen revealed shards of broken pop bottles, broken dishes, and beer foam on the counter, walls, windows and even the ceiling. As a preventative measure the remaining beer was placed in a tub of water in an effort to prevent further explosion related damage.



The atmosphere at the party following the explosion was edgy to say the least. It was described by some as being like drinking in a live ammunition depot. You never know when there's going to be

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Inflation looking good

by Ian Burns

As of September Canada's inflation rate was at 2.2 percent, showing a small increase from the 2 percent rate in August. This was expected because of rising costs for auto insurance, gas and tuition. Based on the consumer price index, it is expected that the annual rate of inflation will drop to 1.7 percent by year-end.

According to Stats Can, tuition fees increased by more than 8 percent this year, the largest increase in tuition fees since 1997. Canadians are also paying more for clothing. Clothing costs are up 4.2 percent over this same time last year. On the up side, prices for gas, airfare and fresh produce fell.

The core rate of inflation, the most closely watched indicator of the country's inflation, excludes the eight most volatile factors including gas, tobacco and fruits and vegetables, is at 1.7 percent. This came as a shock to economists who had expected the core inflation rate to remain constant at 1.5 percent from August.

During February of this year, Canada's inflation was at 4.6 percent, the highest inflation rate Canada has seen

in over 12 years. Fortunately this rise in inflation was short lived and can be attributed to the sharp rise in energy costs.

It is expected that Canada's core inflation rate will stay below 2 percent at least until the middle of 2005. It has also been forecasted that Canada could experience an annual inflation rate of less than 1 percent as early as the first quarter of 2004 and a core inflation rate around 1.2 percent. The low inflation rates are being attributed to insurance premiums that are expected to be lower than previous periods, as well as the impact of the appreciating loonie and the excess supply in our country's economy.

It is expected that the annual inflation rate will fall significantly in the closing months of 2003. As companies release prices for October, it is expected that inflation will fall quickly and lower gas prices will have one of the strongest impacts on the annual inflation rate.

It is likely that the inflation rate will remain within the Bank's 2-3 percent margin, it is unlikely that the Bank of Canada will lower its interest rates. The Bank of Canada's next fixed announcement date is December 2, 2003.

Toys "R" Us stores "R" in trouble

by Ian K. Burns

Are you a Toys "R" Us kid? If you are, it might not last long. Toys "R" Us, parent company to such retail stores as Kids "R" Us and Imaginarium, has announced wide third-quarter losses because of growing overhead and falling sales. Toys "R" Us announced that it will be closing 182 Kids "R" Us and Imaginarium stores which means a loss of more than 3800 U.S. employees.

Toys "R" Us, the second largest toy retailer after Wal-Mart Inc, reported losses Monday that were much higher than expected. Stocks for Toys "R" Us fell by 12 percent and stock prices closed at \$11.18 on the New York Stock exchange.

The company will close 146 freestanding Kids "R" Us clothing stores by early 2004. 36 Imaginarium stores, which specialize in education toys for children, will also close their doors for good by January 31, 2004. This accounts for only 11 percent of the company's 1629 stores

located around the world.

The stores set to be closed down are said to have no future for the company and any efforts to reposition the stores over several years failed. The closure of the 182 stores is expected to generate earnings of \$8 million next year and more than \$20 million in earnings annually after that.

The NJ based toy retailer experienced third quarter losses of \$38 million, or 18 cents per share, compared to losses of \$27 million, or 13

market in the U.S. is being blamed for the company's poor performance. Toys "R" Us dominated toy sales until 1995 when Wal-Mart entered the toy market and the performance of Toys "R" Us became more inconsistent.

The closure of the stores is seen as a positive move for the ailing company. It will provide much needed money from the sale of real estate and help the company cut its losses.

Toys "R" Us has been surprised by how early Wal-Mart has discounted its toys, but the company claims that it is better prepared from a pricing point of view than they were at this time last



cents per share, that the company experienced this same time last year.

Revenue for the company was \$2.32 billion, which is actually up 2.2 percent from last year's revenue of \$2.27 billion. Profits are actually flat when boosts from currency exchanges are excluded.

The deteriorating toy

year. Toys "R" Us plans to have plenty of toys in store in the weeks leading up to Christmas, when the competition runs out of popular items and 20 percent of the toys the company carries are exclusive items.

Analysts say that this holiday season will be crucial

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Toys "R" Us

for the ailing company. This is the first holiday season since all of the company's restructuring has taken place, which includes store remodeling, tighter inventory management and better-trained staff.

Toys "R" Us has lost money for the first three quarters for the last three

years and then proceeded to make a large profit during the holiday season.

The outlook for Toys "R" Us is not as bad as it once was, but the future of this toy company is far from certain. With Wal-Mart once again reporting third quarter profits nearing 14 percent, it seems less and less likely that Toys "R" Us will be able to compete against the Arkansas-based

mega-company.

Toys "R" Us is counting on a strong holiday season and is better prepared to match discounts offered by its competitors. The president of Wal-Mart, Toys "R" Us' number one competitor, has said that he is personally looking forward to the holiday season and expects to see improvements over a weak year in 2002.

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Beer

an explosion.

More than eight 2L bottles were destroyed, and this is a considerable amount of shrinkage for a small business such as V-No! beer. The disaster is surely to affect the shareholder returns, which in this case is the potential savings received from the home brewing of beer.

The average home brewer would probably call it a day after such a violent display of exploding beer, but like I said before, these aren't your average home brewers. The remaining bottles of beer were salvaged and before the foam settled plans were already in the works for batch #003.

As it came time to begin brewing batch #003, our amateur Alexander Keiths decided not to push the limits of alcohol content. In batch three, the recipe was changed yet again, this time using more water and just a touch of brown sugar for a pleasant golden brown color.

So, this just about brings me up to date. I'm in the kitchen at Neil's house, the third and final beer baron. Batch #003 is on the shelf and I have a glass of Batch

#002 and #001 in front of me. The first batch tasted just a little bit better than gas, the second batch tasted a lot like beer and didn't give me the woozy, dizzy feeling of the first.

With all said and done, it's important to examine just how lucrative this experiment in beer brewing was. Allocating one-third of the cost of the garbage cans to each batch of beer, this brings the cost per batch to \$122. This works out to \$0.61 per liter, or about \$0.22 per beer.

Batch #002 however is an exception because of the considerable shrinkage experienced when the beer blew up. These are the risks that every entrepreneur accepts when undertaking a project of such magnitude. But at pennies per beer, this experiment in budget beer brewing is so far a success.

If you had asked me three weeks ago if brewing beer is a safe and fun hobby, I would have quickly said yes, but now I'm not so sure. But to discourage home brewing would be hypocritical of me, because if you were to look in my own fridge, you would see two swollen pop bottles with "V-No" scrawled on the label.



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“Did I stutter?”

Slow start to “The Breakfast Club” performance

by Jen Warford and Amanda Dillman

Who knew detention could be this much fun? The cast of “The Breakfast Club,” presented by the Saint Mary’s Drama Society, including Scott Mealey (Bender), Leah Bilodeau (Claire), Justin Dubreuil (Andrew), Stefan Keretschko (Brian), and Robyn Scott (Alison) knew how much fun it could be.

The one and a half-hour long play was a contemporary version with a local spin of the classic 80s hit starring Molly Ringwald. However, if you want the classic

go to your video store, because this isn’t it. It features five students spending their Saturday in detention. Their punishment is to write an essay about whom they think they are, and by the end of the day they have come to know themselves and each other a little better.

The cast does a great job of making the characters their own. The directors, Shannon Power and Randy Livingstone, made interesting use of the space in the Theatre Auditorium, employing the upper stage, and had the cast get intimate with the audience. Stage manager, Kariann Wellington did a

fantastic job with the props and the costume director, Tasha Hare, really evoked memories of the 80s with the wardrobe. Music from

Vernon in the movie) and Kelly Mazrolle as Carla the janitor (as opposed to Carl the janitor).

The rude and offensive



Madonna and the Kulture Klub spiced up the performance, with technical direction from Adam Wheeler and Lenny Lengton on lights and sound.

Although the characters were well cast, they fell short of our expectations for “The Breakfast Club.” However, we did see the dress rehearsal, so by opening night things should be smoother. They delivered great one-liners and some very upbeat dancing throughout their day in detention. The cast was well-supported by Erin Henderson playing Virginia Vernon (in place of Principal Richard

language as promised on their advertising poster was definitely delivered, although sometimes unnecessarily. Even though we were not personally offended, we would not recommend bringing the kids. Nonetheless, it’s worth checking it out to support the SMU Drama Society. The play runs at 7:30pm from Thursday, November 20th to Saturday, November 22nd. Admission is \$5.00 for students and \$8.00 for adults. There is also a special matinee on Sunday November 23rd at 2:00 pm, where you pay what you can.

Whoville invades the AGNS

by Gordon James

On Nov 15th the Nova Scotia Art Gallery opened Dr. Seuss’ *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*. The exhibition is a collection of 34 pieces, which are on loan from the University of California in San Diego. There are the 29 original pages drawn by Dr. Seuss using only pencil and a red color pencil and five preparatory inked pages. The whole gallery is decorated in traditional Seuss fashions with Who’s painted all over the walls and even in the elevator. Theodore Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) was born March 2nd 1904 in Springfield, MA. His father and grandfather were brew masters there. Geisel often credited his mother for his ability to create rhymes as she often soothed him to sleep by chanting rhymes from her youth. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1925 and attended Oxford University where he planned to obtain a doctorate in literature. But decided to return to America in 1927 and began working for a magazine called Judge.

He went on to write movies in Hollywood and won three Oscars. In May 1954 Life Magazine printed a report concerning the literacy of school children. Geisel’s publisher inspired by the article asked him to write a story using only 250 words. Nine months later using only 220 words Geisel under the

name Dr. Seuss published *The Cat in the Hat* which was an instant success. In 1957 he created the Christmas classic *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. And in 1960 on a bet for \$50 that he could not write a book using only 50 words he wrote *Green Eggs and Ham*. His books have gone on to be translated into more than 15 languages and over 200 million copies have managed to find their way into homes around the world. His works have provided source for 11 children’s television specials, a Broadway musical and two feature length films one of which *The Cat in the Hat*



opens this Friday in theaters around Metro. Theodore Seuss Geisel died September 24th 1991. At the time of his death Dr. Seuss had been honored by winning two Academy awards, two Emmy awards, a Peabody award and the Pulitzer Prize. Anyone interested in viewing the exhibit can do so daily 10am - 5pm and Thurs. 10am - 9pm.

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Rap goes mainstream

by Richard Woodbury

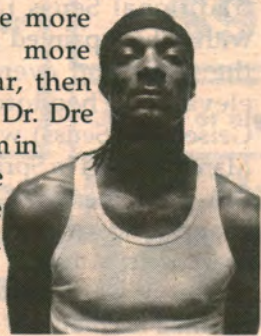
It's official: Snoop Dogg is coming to Halifax. It didn't seem like it was going to happen, it didn't seem like it *could* happen, but now it's going to happen. Snoop will be doing a seventeen date Canadian tour that will kick-off in Vancouver on December 4th. He'll be lighting up the Forum on December 18th before finishing the tour on December 21st in Sarnia, Ontario.

It seems that as of late, Halifax has become a hotspot for hip-hop shows. "Rollout" singer Ludacris stopped by Halifax on November 10th to do a show at the Forum. In the past, the odds of having one rap superstar coming to Halifax was as likely as Michael Jackson behaving normally. The likelihood of having two acclaimed, hip-hop stars play in Halifax within a month of each other was something that nobody would even consider to be a possibility. So just what has caused Halthown to become a destination for major hip-hop stars?

It probably has to do with the popularity of rap music.

Rap music is now a major force in the music industry. It is no longer on the fringes, but rather it is a part of mainstream culture. Consider that in 2002, long time music industry outcasts country music and rap music accounted for 60 percent of music sales. There was a time not so long ago where the only time you would hear hip-hop on MuchMusic was during Rap City. That certainly is no longer the case.

Due to its popularity rap artists tours are no longer restricted to big cities. Much like a rock band can do a tour by playing in small cities, because of its growing popularity, rap artists are now able to profitably tour in smaller markets. If hip-hop music continues to become more and more popular, then seeing Dr. Dre perform in the future in Halifax might not be that big a surprise.



Strippin' down for charity

by Erin Ramsay

The old veterans of the Vimy Legion don't often get the kind of feathers and thrills they got this past Friday and Saturday night. Girls frantically pulling up fishnets, other girls holding pasties on their chests waiting for eyelash adhesive to dry, guys wearing skirts and lipstick, and girls with huge red sequined penises is not a common spectacle on the second floor of the Legion. But the third Burlesque show to date was sold out, people were lined up out the door, and the room was at its full capacity by 9:30pm each night.

The glamorous performers strutted down the aisle as the host announced their acts, and a female (dressed as a male) gave the anxious audience the society's perspective of what the show was all about, declaring the HRM municipality to be redundant for the evening, as everyone was now under the whim of the Halifax Burlesque Society.

The various acts (15 or so) were by amateur, immature, and professional performers who encouraged as much fun on stage as in the audience with a policy of freedom of expression regardless of body

size, body hair, race, gender, sexual orientation, or perversion, to name a few. And the room continued to erupt with screams, claps, and whistles as the energy punctured the walls and the show went on. Edward Cuminbum sat calmly reading a steamy sex scene from an old romance novel in a monotone voice, Le Noir and her gender benders shook their large sequined cocks and round sequined breasts to the Peaches song 'Shake Yer Dix,' belly dancers, bum flaps, German techno-pop singers, and yoga balance ball humpers were just a few of the specialties delivered.

More flesh was revealed as both nights went on, and girls walked around in pasties after their clothing was shed, however the respect and fundamental appreciation of

the show-goers provided a comfortable environment within which to do so. Polaroid's with performers were being sold for \$5 a picture, with all proceeds going to charity, and one group (Cherry Bomb Squad) pulled in \$85 during the half hour intermission. Given the success of the Burlesque shows and all proceeds going to charity, there will likely be another in a few months. As well, anyone can join and put together an act, you don't need any special talents or experience, just a willingness to contribute creativity and have some fun.

Please note that in last week's preview of the Burlesque show stated incorrectly that proceeds were going to Youth House, the proceeds will be going to Veith House.

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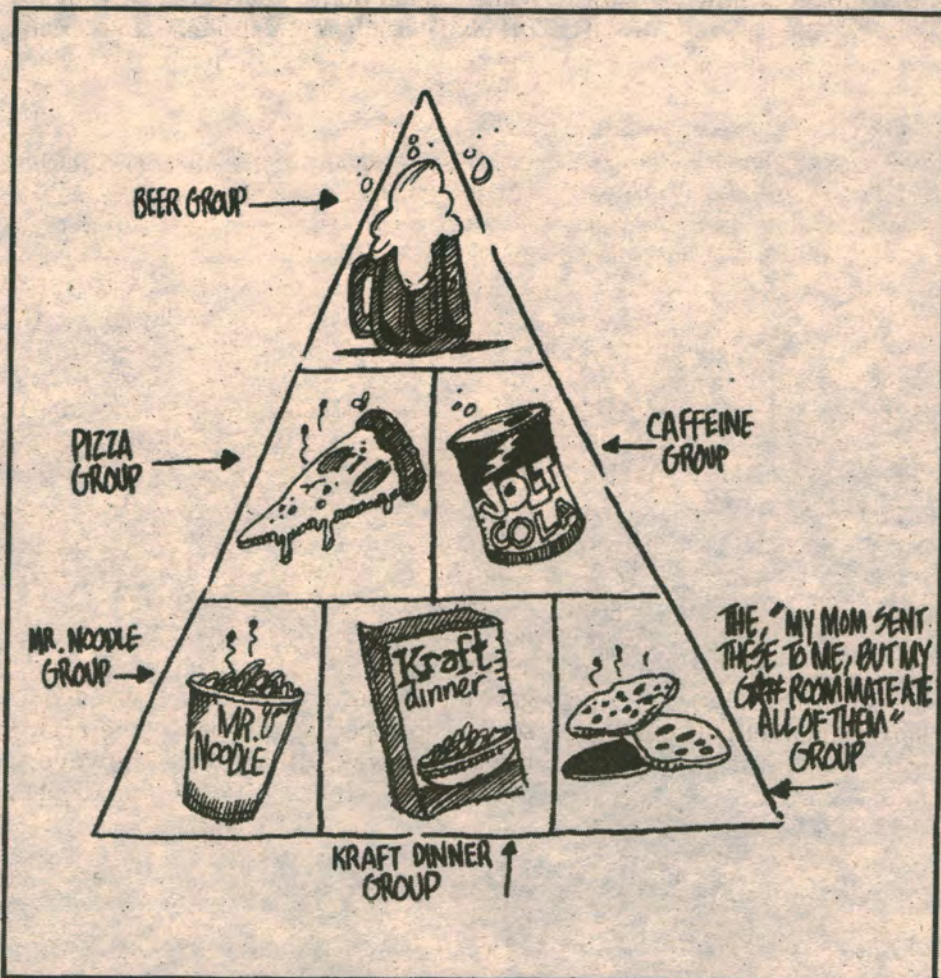
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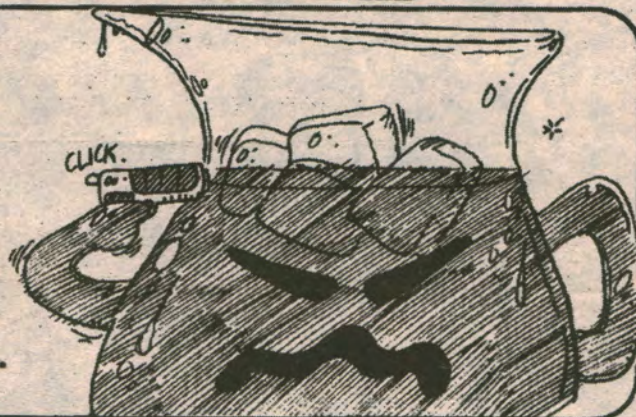


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- 16. I want to suck your blood- Dracula author
- 17. Wrote Kubla Khan after awakening from an opium-induced dream
- 20. Samuel Johnson wrote the first one of these.
- 23. Tom and Huck's creator
- 25. "Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities," said he.
- 27. He had Great Expectations
- 28. Metaphysics was his game, _____ was his name.
- 29. "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" author
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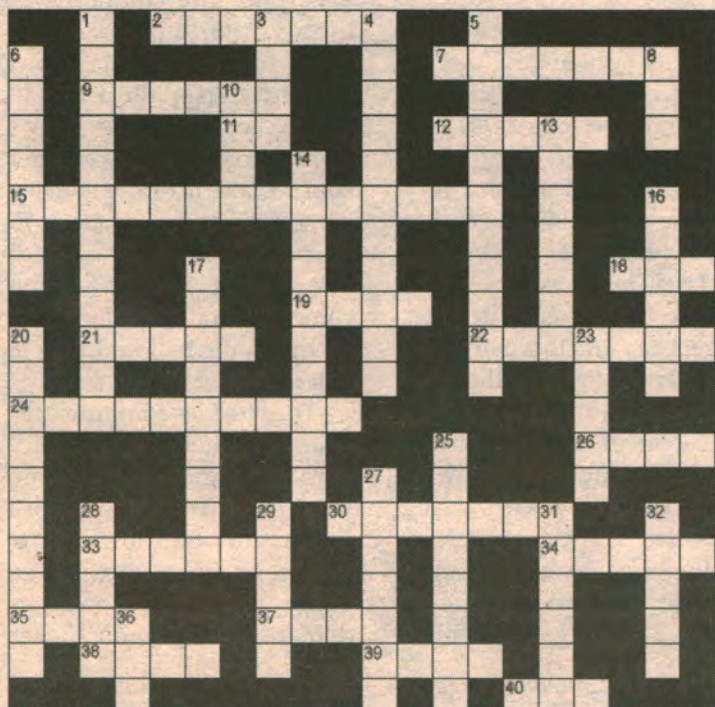
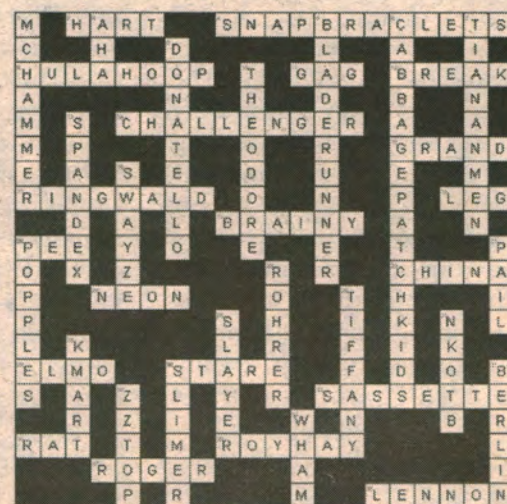
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 - 12. Predominant socialist realist author. Last name Gorkii
 - 15. How many leagues under the seas?
 - 18. Nevermore, nevermore said he
 - 19. Pygmalion author
 - 21. One of the Bronte sisters
 - 22. A South African post-colonial author
 - 24. Chaucer wrote the tale of a pilgrimage to _____
 - 26. _____ Dineson
 - 30. Mowgli's creator
 - 33. Lived on an Animal Farm?
 - 34. Keats' saint (title of his allegorical poem)
 - 35. Ayn _____
 - 37. The name of the river Virginia Woolfe drowned herself in.

- 38. Charlotte Bronte's Jane _____
- 39. Protagonist in A Doll's House
- 40. Salinger's whiskey?

- DOWN
- 1. Mary Shelley wrote this in 1817
 - 3. D.H. Lawrence's _____ and Lovers
 - 4. We don't know where he was from 1585-1592
 - 5. The Bezukhovs, the Bolkonskys, and the Rostovs were families in this historical novel
 - 6. Wrote about War and Peace
 - 8. To Kill A Mockingbird author
 - 10. _____ of Eden - Steinbeck book
 - 13. Written by Sir Walter Scott

Last week's answers



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Huskies seek revenge

Title game promises to be a classic

by Steve Clow

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Huskies walk over Clan

by Steve Clow

The Saint Mary's Huskies used the inaugural Uteck Bowl to send a message to the rest of the nation. They are the two-time defending champions and are focused on their ultimate goal of becoming the first football program to win three straight Vanier Cups. SMU put on a showcase this past Saturday as they scored points in every possible way en route to a 60-9 thumping of the Canada West champion, the Simon Fraser Clan.

The Clan traveled clear across the country only to be greeted by a fired up Husky squad that only had one thing on their mind: winning this one for Larry. SMU used their explosive running game to build an early lead on the Clan and let their defense do the smashing and bruising to shore up the victory. It only took the Huskies three minutes to put up the first touchdown in Uteck Bowl

history. Quarterback Steve Panella handed the ball off to AUFC MVP Les Mullings, who busted through the line of scrimmage and cruised thirty-eight yards untouched to the end zone. For the first time in two years the cannon boomed at Huskies Stadium during a bowl game. Mullings was back at it before the first quarter was over as he polished off a very impressive Husky drive by punching the ball home from the thirteen yard line to put his team up 14-0. The Huskies defense was ferocious in not allowing the Clan a first down all of the first quarter and continued to set the offense up with superb field position. With the running game firing on all cylinders, the Huskies coaches decided it was time to use Panella's arm to generate some offense. Last year's Vanier Cup offensive MVP, Panella was up to the challenge as he was zipping the ball to his sure handed

receivers. Wide receiver Olaf Tomiuk was the first to break the plane when he hauled in a six yard Panella pass for the first of his two touchdowns on the day. The major put the Huskies up 21-0 and it lit a competitive fire under this team that hadn't been seen since last year's Vanier Cup victory over Saskatchewan. The Huskies continued to move the ball down field at will in the second quarter as they marched within field goal range, where kicker Rodrigo Davalos booted his first of four field goals on the day from twenty-eight yards out to give the Huskies a commanding 24-0 lead. On the next SMU possession, Panella continued his precise passing as he threw a deep ball to Tomiuk, who shook one defender and ran the remaining twenty yards to the end zone for his second major of the game. A deflated Clan team made it out of the first half with a touch of pride left

after all-star receiver Brendan Mahoney caught a fourteen yard pass from quarterback JR Davies in the back of the end zone for the teams only score of the first half. To add insult to injury the Clan failed to make good on their two point convert attempt. The bleeding was only stopped momentarily however as Davalos booted his longest field goal of the day, this one from thirty-seven yards away as the clock expired on the first half. The Huskies took a very commanding 34-6 lead into the locker room.

The Clan needed a jump start to their offence in order to get back into this game, but an early field goal in the third quarter wasn't exactly what they had in mind. With the insurmountable lead now at twenty-five points, the Huskies went to work at nailing the Clan's coffin shut. Davalos started a string of twenty-six unanswered points

The Saint Mary's Huskies got exactly what they wanted after the national semi-final games were played last Saturday. Not only did they earn the right to play for their unprecedented third straight Vanier Cup, they also

drew the opponent they wanted. The Laval Rouge et Or narrowly got by the previously undefeated McMaster Marauders in Saturday's Mitchell Bowl to set up this most intriguing match up. Laval humbled the Huskies a month ago when they came into Huskies Stadium and routed the home field Huskies 49-8 in front of the homecoming crowd. The loss is the only one the Huskies suffered all season and served as an eye opener for both the players and the coaching staff.

The SMU versus Laval rivalry has grown into one of the best across the nation since their first meeting in the Vanier Cup in 1999. The two squads perennially meet each other since the adoption of the interlocking schedule between the Atlantic and Quebec Conferences. The Rouge et Or took the initial meeting between the two power programs 14-10, but since then it's been all Saint Mary's, with the exception of this years homecoming game. The Huskies absolutely destroyed the Rouge et Or in the 2001 Atlantic Bowl, manhandling the French school on their way to a 48-8 rout before winning their first Vanier Cup of the current string. The Huskies narrowly defeated Laval 26-24 in front of a packed house in Quebec during last years interlocking game. The players may be different but the hostility between the two clubs is just as intense. SMU's all-star quarterback Steve Panella welcomes the challenge of beating the Rouge et Or in order to re-write the record books " Personally I would like to see Laval there (Vanier Cup). It would give us another shot to take it to them. They have a great quarterback in Bertrand that will be a test to our defense. We just have to come out and be able to run and pass the ball and have a balanced offense."

The Huskies come into this year's edition of the Vanier Cup riding a three game winning streak, but more importantly they are coming off their most impressive game yet this season after defeating the Simon Fraser

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Huskies upend X-men Hoop Huskies

Climb AUHC standings

by Bill Hughes

The men's Huskies hockey team is continuing to go about their business quietly as they climb the AUS standings.

The Huskies are doing well despite losing one of their top players this week, after fourth year winger Brett Gibson left the team. Gibson informed Coach Trevor Stienburg on Monday that he would be leaving to join the East Coast Hockey League's Pensacola Ice Pilots in the professional ranks. Gibson's absence means the Huskies will have to fill the void of a player that averaged close to a point a game last season, and was third in team scoring through nine games this season with four goals and four assists.

Suffering the loss of one of their top guns only days earlier could have been a distraction to the SMU club, but the turn of events turned out to be a prelude to the Huskies most impressive performance of the season.

As he has done all year, SMU sniper Kurt MacSweyn led the attack along with Halifax Mooseheads graduate Billy Manley, each hitting the scoresheet with a goal and an assist, en route to Saint Mary's huge 4-2 win over the nationally fifth ranked St. FX X-Men.

Over 450 fans watched a Saint Mary's club that seems to be coming together as they moved into a second place tie with rival and Sunday's opponent, the Dalhousie Tigers.

Wednesday night's game on home ice at the Forum was tight checking until the game opened up after Manley's shot from the point beat a screened Mike Mole, the St. FX goalie, for the winner in the middle



frame. Manley's goal put SMU up two, and ahead for good as they hung on for the victory.

Although SMU did hang on for the win, X certainly did not go quietly. With SMU up a pair after Manley's second period marker, X rallied on a power-play goal from Omar Ennaffati with only 4:42 remaining. But from that point on, it was the "Nick Foley Show", as the Huskies netminder shut the door on

the opposition, as he has done several times down the stretch in SMU wins this season. When in doubt of his clutch



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play, just ask X's Troy Smith who experienced his heroics first hand, as he was robbed by a diving Foley at the side of the SMU net. Foley's performance continues to be very dependable, as he seems to be improving with each outing.

Rounding out the scoring for Saint Mary's was Clark Udle, fifteen minutes in, and MacSweyn into the empty net to ice the win. Patrick Grandmaitre replied for X who have stumbled as of late losing four of their last six games, and are having difficulty living up to the preseason expectations as the favorite in the AUS.

The Huskies on the other hand are peaking as they headed into the second place match up against Dalhousie having won four of their last five games.

Sunday evenings match up saw the Huskies facing off with the Dalhousie Tigers for the first of four meetings with the south end school this season.

On this night a combination of undisciplined SMU play and a lucky home ice bounce gave the Tigers first blood in the season series. The Tigers were led by an outstanding performance from Dominic Noel who scored two goals, and dished out three assists as the Tigers downed the Huskies 5-3. Noel and his teammates took advantage of

some undisciplined SMU penalties and made them pay by sniping three powerplay goals, including Noel's winner early in the third. The lucky bounce on that goal came when a Dal dump in took a funny bounce off the end boards and found a wide-open Noel, who made no mistake by firing a shot past Saint Mary's goalie Nick Foley, snapping a 3-3 tie. Dal secured the victory with Huskies' Brad Self in the box

for high-sticking, when Jonah Leroux collected his own rebound in close and found the top of net past Foley.

SMU seemed to lose their composure at times in the physical match-up that saw plenty of big hits and frequent jawing after the whistle. The intensity was raised from the opening face-off when Aaron VanLeusen hyped an already boiling rivalry, as he tripped Tigers backstop Jean Francois Parras outside the crease.

The other Tigers goals went to Andre Robichaud, and Martin Gascon, with SMU's markers going to Brad Morgan, VanLeusen and Kurt MacSweyn. The Tigers also got three assists from Captain and leading scorer Chris Stanley, and an impressive forty-five save performance in net from Parras.

The loss evens the Huskies record at .500 (5-5-1-0) as they move into next weekend's action against these same two clubs. They face off against St. FX on Saturday in Antigonish and renew tensions with Dal this Sunday afternoon at the Forum for a 2pm start time.

by Steve Clow

Both the men and women's basketball squads salvaged a split on their trip to Cape Breton by reversing the outcome of Saturday's games to beat the Capers on Sunday.

The women's team went into the weekend set looking strong after demolishing the UNB Varsity Reds 73-46 in their first league game a week prior. The Huskies ran into slightly stiffer competition in the UCCB Capers on Saturday when they put their early season undefeated record on the line. The Huskies' second game of this young season was the exact opposite their first as instead of winning by twenty-seven points, they were downed by that same margin, with the score this time 72-45. Sunday was a much better day for the women as they showed great heart and character in defeating those same Capers 74-64. The Huskies fought through adversity all game as starting guard Natalie Ryan and franchise player Julie Galipeau both left the game with injuries. The rest of the team did a great job in picking up the slack as PEI native, Laura MacPherson was a perfect 8 for 8 from the floor to amass a team high 18 points and slashing guard Jamie Walker added a sweet 16

points in the victory. The win moved the Huskies (2-1) into an early tie for first place in the Nelson Division with the Varsity Reds.

The men's team narrowly missed an opening game win after the Capers pulled out an exciting two point 70-68 victory on Saturday. SMU salvaged a split by taking it to the Capers on Sunday. Not wanting to head home empty handed, coach Quackenbush got big efforts from all-star forward Gabe Goree who registered his first double double of the season with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Improved post player Ibraheim Muhammed also impressed by scoring ten points and just missing a double double of his own by adding eight rebounds. SMU (1-1) joined the rest of the Nelson Division at .500 after the first weekend in the AUBC.

Both Huskies basketball teams will travel together again this coming weekend as they venture to the rock to take on the Memorial Seahawks. The Huskies home opener will be played next Wednesday when the Acadia Axemen and Axettes come to the Tower for a twin billing with the women tipping off at 6pm and the men at 8pm.

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Laval ousts McMaster

by Steve Clow

The bubble burst for the McMaster Marauders this past Saturday as they saw their perfect season and their dreams of a trip to the Vanier Cup go up in smoke. The Marauders couldn't hold on to a slim fourth quarter lead and Laval quarterback Mathieu Bertrand was the hero of the day as the Rouge et Or downed the Marauders 36-32 in the Mitchell Bowl.

From the onset of the game it looked like the Rouge et Or was the home team as they jumped out to an early 22-5 lead. The McMaster faithful that packed Ivor Wynne Stadium never stopped believing in their team and their loyalty spurred an amazing comeback that started late in the second quarter. The Hamilton school booted two field goals to narrow Laval's lead to just eleven at the half. The Marauders used the third quarter to show why they were the four time defending OUA champions by scoring eleven unanswered points to pull even with the Quebec champions. However, the

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Uteck Bowl

for the Huskies when he sent a fifteen yard kick straight down the pipe midway through the third frame to answer the Clan's score. The sure footed kicker picked up where he left off as he rung in the fourth quarter with his fourth and final field goal of the semi-final, this time from thirty-one yards out. After starting quarterback Panella took a hit in the back field, Coach Nill gave the reigns to Bill Robinson, who has been ready when called upon all year long. Robinson kept the SMU train rolling when he found senior receiver Mike MacPherson deep downfield for an amazing catch. MacPherson shook the defense and ran the remaining yards to the house for his final touchdown at Huskies Stadium. It was a forty-seven yard catch

and run play that put the Huskies up 49-9. Having kept the once thought to be explosive Clan offense at bay all game, the defense had a little fun of their own. AUFC special teams player of the year, Mullings made an amazing diving play to block an attempted Clan punt that bounced into the hands of last year's Vanier Cup Defensive MVP Joe Bonaventura, who took the ball thirteen yards for the major before being smothered by the rest of his

Rouge et Or were not about to hand the game to the Marauders as they marched into the red zone on their first possession after the game had been knotted at twenty-two. Rookie running back Pierre-Luc Yao capped off the Laval drive with a two-yard touchdown plunge that put his squad back up by seven. But as they did all game long, the Marauders answered the bell and came back with a major of their own when rookie quarterback Adam Archibald, filling in for the injured Jon Behie, found tight-end Sean Postma in the back of the end zone to again pull even with the Rouge et Or, this time at twenty-nine. The four time OUA champs took their first lead of the game five minutes into the final quarter when Mike Ray, who was five for five on the day, split the uprights from fifteen yards out. The next seven minutes were dominated by the both team's defenses, as this game looked destined to be decided in the final few minutes. Laval managed to put together a flirtatious drive as they converted on a couple of

teammates. The Clan mounted one last drive that brought them to the Huskies red zone before Christian Simmerling read Davies' eyes and made his second interception of the game count as he rumbled ninety-two yards for the game's final score. The final tally was 60-9 in favor of the hometown Huskies.

On a day when so many of the Huskies could have been named MVP, the reigning AUFC MVP Les Mullings was given the award for his two touchdown, 118 yard performance. Mullings also

second and longs to keep their Vanier Cup aspirations alive. With his team down three points and sitting on the Marauders thirty yard line with just under three minutes to play, Laval quarterback Bertrand took matters into his own hands. The fifth year senior sent all of his receiver's deep and wide and got great protection in the pocket from his gargantuan offensive line. With no one to throw to, Bertrand went straight through the A gap and free wheeled the remaining thirty yards to the end-zone to once again put the Rouge et Or in front, this time by four at 36-32. The score shifted the pressure to the Marauders who were now in danger of losing a fourth straight national semi-final contest unless they could manage a touchdown in the final two and a half minutes.

The Marauders valiantly drove into Laval territory on their final drive where they would set up camp on the thirty yard line with just a couple of plays remaining. The suspense made for some held breath among the

catches while Tomiuk pitched in with 56 yards on just two catches, both of which were touchdowns. Simmerling led the defense with two picks for a total of 93 yards and a touchdown and had this to say after the game "The knock on us all year was that nobody was playing with any heart so we came out with a lot of emotion in this one. Coach Nill got everyone fired up this week and we came out and played a great game. It just happens that this time of the season Saint Mary's goes to Toronto. Once were there it's going to be just like old times, we just have to win one more game."

The win was especially sweet for the fifth year guys who are travelling to the Vanier Cup for the third straight year. Senior full back Eriko Hakim said "This is big for the seniors, This is our turf and we wanted to show everyone that this team is for real."

The Huskies earned their shot at the record books and now will have a week to prepare for the much anticipated re-match with the Laval Rouge et Or. It's only appropriate that this game is played on the ultimate stage in Toronto as it has all the elements to be one of the most entertaining national championships in recent memory.

Marauder faithful as inside receiver Chris Rankin couldn't reel in Archibald's pass in the end zone on their first down play. A field goal would do no good, so the Marauders once again went to the air in an effort to steal the victory from the Rouge et Or. However, the game's defensive MVP, Pascal Masson had other ideas when he got just enough of the ensuing Archibald pass to prevent star receiver Vaughn Swart from hauling in the game winning touchdown. The defensive stand solidified the 36-32 win for the Laval

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Clan 60-9 in the inaugural Uteck Bowl. SMU made believers out of their critics by playing a very balanced game. The defending champions scored two touchdowns on the ground by way of AUFC MVP Les Mullings, as well as three touchdowns through the air, including two by breakout receiver Olaf Tomiuk. The Huskies also boast a formidable defense as they also made the scoresheet with two touchdowns of their own. A bigger testament to the defense was that they didn't let the Clan get a first down until late in the second quarter, allowing for the Husky offense to build an insurmountable lead. The Huskies defense held the Clan to just 259 total yards on offense and were key in the win as they came up with two big sacks along with numerous pass deflections. Christian Simmerling had an amazing game by snagging two interceptions one of which he turned into a 92 yard touchdown run. Add to this the sure foot of Huskies kicker Rodrigo Davalos, who was good on all, three of his field goals, the longest being a thirty-one yard score, and you have a recipe for success.

Standing in the way of the Huskies road to the record

Rouge et Or as they earned their first trip to the Vanier Cup in four years. It was heartbreak once again for the Marauders as for the fourth straight year; they failed to win a national semi-final game after parading through the OUA conference. The program is quickly becoming the Atlanta Braves of the CIS.

The Laval victory sets up another amazing chapter in what has become one of the CIS' best football rivalries since the Saint Mary's Huskies and the Rouge et Or first met in the 1999 Vanier Cup.

book is the one team who has gotten the better of the Huskies this year, the Laval Rouge et Or. The Quebec champion has paralleled SMU in that they have only lost one game along the way. That loss came at the hands of division rival Concordia, who the Rouge et Or beat handily in the Dunsmore Cup. Laval boasts the highest scoring offense and the stingiest defense in the nation, putting up an average of sixty points a game while limiting opposition to just ten a game. The Rouge et Or have arguably the best quarterback in the nation in Mathieu Bertrand at the helm of their explosive offense. The senior finished the year atop the nation in quarterback rating and threw for an impressive 2395 yards. With nation's tightest defense backing him up Laval has grown as good as their hype and will be a tough test for the Huskies.

Unlike homecoming weekend, the weather won't be a factor at the Skydome and the main event promises to be nothing short of classic if both teams play up to their ability. Having lost the prior meeting, and going for a chance at history, the Huskies could be the hungrier team. Make sure you get a good seat to watch this one. Game time is 4pm



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blocked a punt that led to a defensive touchdown for the Huskies in the final quarter. Jewett Trophy MVP, Al Giacalone had another superb game as he rushed for 189 yards on nineteen carries to lead all rushers. Quarterback Steve Panella may have had his most efficient game of the season as he completed ten of his fourteen pass attempts for a total of 149 yards with two touchdowns and no picks. Atnas Maeko led the SMU receivers with 67 yards on six

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SMU suffers first loss

Lose marathon match

by Bill Hughes

The Saint Mary's women's volleyball team seemed to be sailing along smoothly and living up to the preseason hype sporting a 3-0 record. That is, until the Dalhousie Tigers made the short trip over to the Tower. Despite a strong effort from the Huskies, the Tigers prevailed in a five-set marathon that could not have been much closer. The two evenly matched teams battled as SMU opened the match with a first set victory 25-21. After winning the opening set, SMU looked to be in control until the defending champs battled back to take the next two. Each and every set in this closely contested match up could have gone either way. Dal won the second and third sets 27-25 and 25-22 respectively, although the Huskies played well in pushing them to the limit on both occasions.

With their backs to the wall, the Huskies refused to back down and put together a strong effort in the fourth set, winning another close one 25-19 and pushing Dal to the limit, before running out of gas down the stretch and falling 15-7 in the fifth and deciding set.

The Wednesday night affair was a well-played match that represented the quality volleyball that is played in the AUS conference, when two of its top teams come together. Evidence of Dal's early season struggles were nowhere to be found on this night as they improved their record to 3-3, a surprising

series of results coming off a 17-1, 2002-2003 campaign. Dal's all-star and player of the game Jilliane Goulet led their attack with 12 kills and two blocks.

Perhaps a hangover from the heartbreaking loss to Dal was still in the Huskies system, as they traveled to Cape Breton to take on the UCCB Capers on Saturday afternoon.

The Huskies did not put up much of a fight as the Capers defeated Saint Mary's in a quick and painful three straight sets. The Sydney campus was not very

hospitable as the Capers won the three games 25-16, 25-17 and finished up the blowout 25-18 in the third. The win pushed the Capers into first place in the Conference while leaving the Huskies in a third place tie with both Dalhousie and UNB. The Huskies previously undefeated record fell to 3-2, as they entered Sunday's weekend finale in Antigonish against the St. FX X-Women, looking to salvage a victory and avoid a winless week.

Salvage a win they did, as the Huskies defeated the X-Woman in fine fashion, dropping them in three straight sets. St. FX came into the game with a lowly 1-3 record and the Huskies looked

to take advantage of the X-Women, and get a win they desperately needed to halt their two game mini losing streak.

Huskies rookie and power hitter Danielle Shortall led the onslaught, as she continued to dominate and led the Huskies to the win with 11 kills. Although the final result was never in doubt, the home team

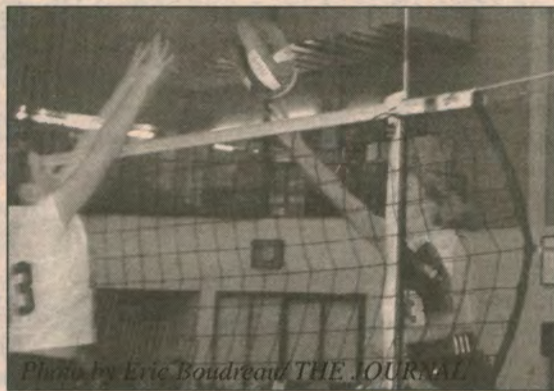


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did give the Huskies a scare in the opening set that St. Mary's won 25-21. But not wanting to lose momentum as they had against Dal, the Huskies took the next two sets by scores of 25-19 and 25-21 to solidify the win.

The win moves SMU into a second place tie with UCCB leading up to their two games this week. On Friday night the Huskies travel to Wolfville to take on the undefeated Acadia Axewomen and then return home to the Tower on Saturday afternoon to welcome the UPEI Panthers to town. These are the two remaining games on the Huskies schedule before the Christmas break.

Parity in AUHC?

by Bill Hughes

When the season opened for the women's hockey Huskies, coach Lisa Macdonald signaled that the Atlantic Conference would be much more competitive this season. Although she was right, I do not think that she realized that the Huskies would run into too many weekends like this. Their attempt at a second consecutive undefeated season came to a screaming halt this past weekend, as they came up short against their two closest rivals.

The opening loss of the season came against the Dalhousie Tigers on Friday night at Dal. In the battle of the twin sisters, namely Dal coach Lesley Jordan and SMU bench boss Macdonald, the first round went to Jordan as the Lady Tigers squeaked out a tight, defensive minded victory by downing the Huskies 1-0. SMU's first and only opportunity to even up the season series before the playoffs will come after Christmas on January 24th as the Huskies return the favor by welcoming the Tigers to Alumni Arena for a Sunday matinee 2pm start.

The second loss of the weekend came against arch rival, the St. FX X-Women. These two programs have dominated the AUS Conference from its inception in 1997, by capturing all six titles, with four going to the Antigonish school and the others two to St. Mary's. Much of the same was expected as the season opened, as these two schools were the favorites to capture the AUS crown. St. FX came into the season a much more experienced club, and this experience showed up on Saturday evening as they defeated the Huskies in convincing fashion 5-1. A statement was sent to the entire league showing that they are the team to beat in 2003-2004.

An early season performer for X coach David Synishin's team has been former Ontario junior player Rebecca Davies, who took it upon herself to single handedly crush the Huskies. If not for a sparse pro-Huskies crowd, Davies would have brought the hats from the stands as she scored three times to pace the X-Women. Adding singles for X were Tracey Sullivan and Jill Bowie. SMU's lone goal came from Chelsea Gilbert. St. Mary's now has a full week worth of practice to tweak a few things before returning to action on Saturday against U.P.E.I. Game time is 2pm at Alumni Arena.

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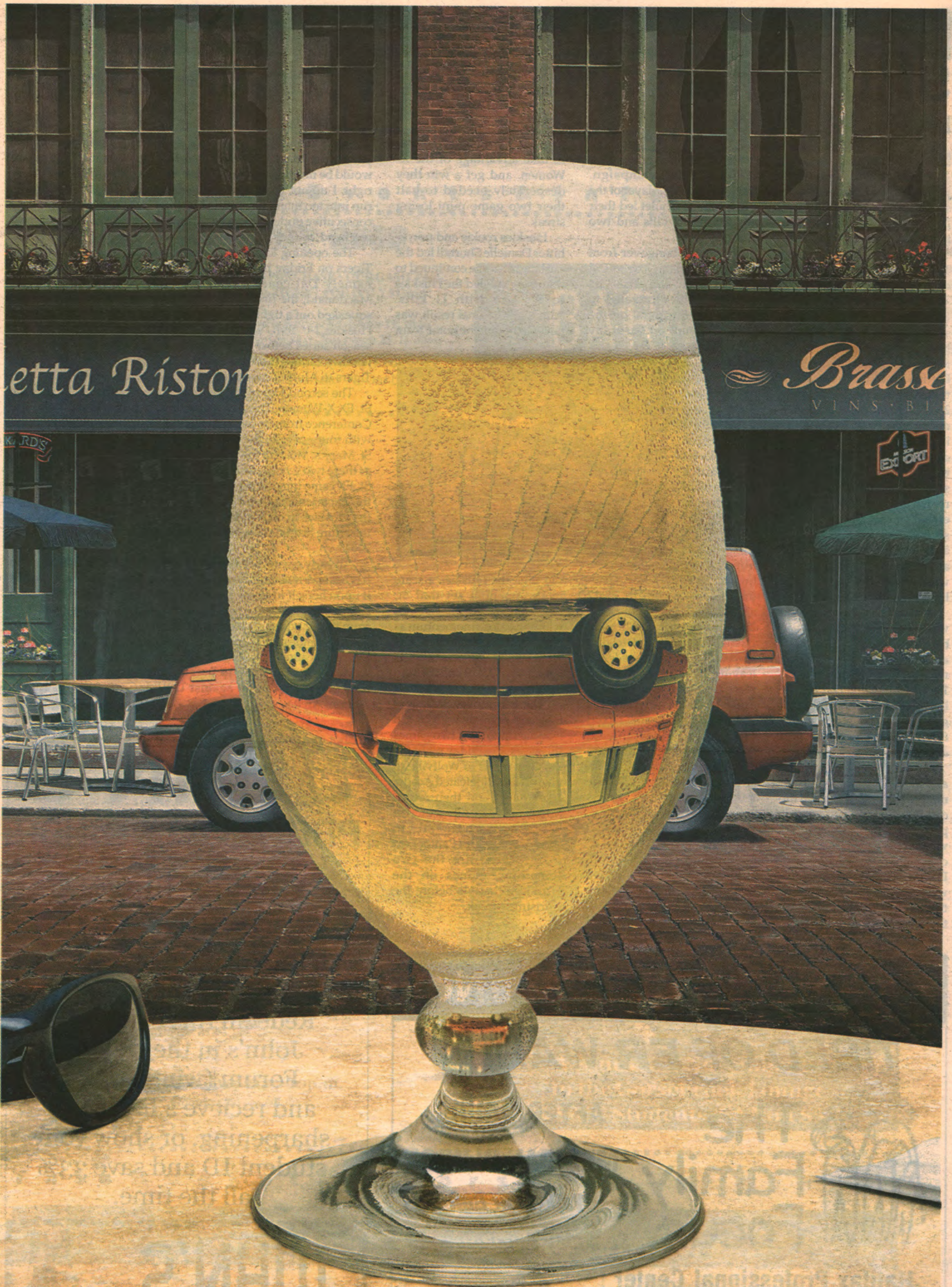
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