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It was a very good weekend for varsity sports. The men's basketball team rallied from a twelve point second half deficit, while women's hockey won their second straight AUHC Championship.

## Literacy week at SMU

by Ashlee Starratt

For some people living in Canada the issue of literacy is an ever-present cloud hanging over them, limiting their active involvement in society and thus limiting their citizenship. The majority of Canadians share the assumption that since Canada is an industrialized, First World nation, the problem of illiteracy does not affect it to the degree found in less developed countries.

In fact, this is anything but true as in recent years that gap has been rapidly closing. From March 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, Saint Mary's will be hosting its first annual Literacy Week on campus in an effort to raise awareness about the importance of literacy on a national and international level. Activities will centre upon the notion of what it

means to be literate and will adopt a multi-faceted approach by focusing on gender, ethnicity, and socio-economic interpretations of the concept as individual experiences. Discourse will lend a refreshing diversity to the debate.

Events will include student involvement in community literacy initiatives, panel discussions with literacy advocacy groups, and launching an outreach program to high schools around Metro in conjunction with the Saint Mary's Writing Centre. Faculty members are also encouraged to address issues of literacy in their classrooms and are invited to participate as speakers in the week's activities. Information on workshops will be posted around campus and anyone interested in becoming involved with volunteering in any aspect of the events may do so by contacting Jill Murphy, Graduate Assistant to the Director, Writing Centre ([jillml10@hotmail.com](mailto:jillml10@hotmail.com)), or Pat Saunders, Director, Writing Centre ([pat.saunders@smu.ca](mailto:pat.saunders@smu.ca)). Any and all help is welcome and appreciated.

Students are encouraged to participate in the workshops and attend the lectures in order to take an active initiative in elevating the issue of literacy to a higher level of the Canadian consciousness, as only through awareness, consistent discourse and understanding can this critical issue be erased. Everyone deserves the opportunity for personal advancement and for many, literacy is a mitigating factor for success.

## Whose amendment is it, anyway?

### SRC ratifies election results – barely

by Jeffrey Warford

The Student's Representative Council approved the results of the 2004-2005 SMUSA Executive elections in a six-hour marathon session on Sunday.

But when the motion to ratify was finally called to vote, the decision was far from unanimous. Only half of the 14 SRC members present believed the results were valid. Three others voted against the motion, while four abstained.

The vote reflected divisions among the council members that appeared during the earlier heated discussion period.

"By ratifying these results you are not saying that the elections were perfect. They can never be perfect," said Chris Richards, Vice President External Affairs.

The SMUSA elections this year were dogged by an inordinate number of allegations of voter intimidation and improper behavior by some candidates on election day, leading to the filing of an appeal by one of the unsuccessful

candidates.

"I'm prepared to chalk [the increased number of complaints] up to there being double the normal amount of candidates and a new set of rules to abide by," said Tyler MacLeod, SMUSA President, during the debate.

"We all saw things on election day that we want changed," said Richards. "But what we need to decide here is 'has there been a clear violation of SMUSA policy?' We can't change the rules after the game."

Even after the appeal by unsuccessful Vice-President of Internal Affairs candidate Adrienne Taylor and was denied earlier in the day, the very same issues came back to plague the council again when debating the validity of the election as a whole.

"Ratify means that everything was okay by the book," said Richards. "If the book needs to be re-written, that's a separate issue."

The complex problem divided the current SMUSA executive, as arguments in favor of ratifying the election results met with heavy resistance from Vice-President

Academic, Jon Kincade.

"I believe influence was exerted on a certain number of voters, and that may have affected the outcome of the race," said Kincade. "I cannot in good conscience ratify these results when I feel that some violations did take place."

Shortly after that, the discussion seemed to hit an impasse with several councilors demanding access to the as-yet unfinished Chief Receiving Officer's (CRO's) report before allowing a vote. To resolve the situation, CRO Ivan Nickerson was called in to testify before the council.

Complaints were received from several sources on election day, said Nickerson, ranging from the library polling station not opening on time, to current SRC members being "too opinionated" on the SMUSA web forums, to at least one allegation of a candidate who gave flowers to passing students to sway their sympathies.

But when asked by the council if there were any violations that he felt would invalidate the entire election, Nickerson answered with a pointed "No."

The ratification vote

precludes any further debate by the SRC on the election, and the decision is final.

SMU radio proposal needs more research

The SRC voted against funding a proposal to create a web-based radio station for Saint Mary's, but agreed to look at it again once desirability research has been conducted.

Excitement in the McNally boardroom for the new web-based radio proposal quickly gave way to bitter haggling over the details. The project, championed by Vice-President of External Affairs Chris Richards and student Danny Young, lacked research specific to SMU students.

"We did not think that it was necessary to do any statistical research within the school because it was our feeling that students would be interested in a radio station for two reasons," said Young on SMUSA's web forum. "Until 1998, the former CFSM Radio Saint Mary's was a great success, and secondly, of all the people I have spoken to about this project, they have given us nothing but support and said they could see themselves listening this

[station] at home."

One of the major sticking points was pending approval to broadcast into common areas, such the cafeteria in the Student Centre and the Dockside Lounge in Loyola.

"I feel the inability to broadcast into common areas is a deal-breaker," said SMUSA President, Tyler MacLeod.

The web-radio proposal has now been sent off to a committee for refinement and market research.

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BY TOM EAGAN

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## Public school sad state

Throughout the years I have always been a supporter of teachers in the public school system. Now that I have been out of the public system for a few years, I am starting to lose respect for what I used to believe in. Being a citizen of HRM, and paying attention to the local news and community events, it seems to me that the education system is thinking more about the teachers than the children. Perhaps I should say that the teacher's union is forcing the education system to think more about the teachers. I am not a big fan of unions, mainly because they are so strict with contracts. When people are as strict with contracts as unions often are, there is no give and take in the employee/employer relationship--and this can lead to negative feelings and unnecessary tension in the workplace.

This academic year has been tough for everyone in our community. With the city declaring a state of disaster twice in five months, employers have been forced to make serious decisions about the functioning of their companies.

The dispute that emerged last week over the Board of Education's decision to cancel Professional Development days for teachers, otherwise known as in-service days, showed how much the Nova Scotia Teacher's Union (NSTU) cares about the students of this province.

When the president of the NSTU said that it's typical of

the Halifax board's "high-handed attitude towards collective agreements," and, "The really offensive part of this is the idea that they've simply assumed the right to do what they think is best." I was baffled that the union was more concerned with a silly contract than the quality of education that the youth of our province is receiving.

I would like to see where the contract talks about the procedures due to natural disasters. It sounds like the NSTU is blaming the Board of Education for Hurricane Juan and the largest snowstorm in Nova Scotia's history. The Board of Education is clearly doing their job by making sure the students are the first priority.

From what I know about the teaching profession, I have to say that they are getting a little spoiled. Sure, they have to deal with brats all day, but they knew that would be the case when they entered the profession. Let's also think about how much vacation time teachers get in a year. They have roughly eight weeks in the summer, two weeks over Christmas, and a week in March. Plus all the snow days and non-religious holidays that happen to fall on a weekday. So that works out to eleven weeks plus. That is almost three months. What other profession will give you

## SMUSA proves yet again we'd be better off with chimps.



three months of vacation?

I live across the road from a middle school, and I can't help but notice what is going on over there. School starts shortly after 8am. The kids leave at 2pm and by 2:30pm there are very few cars left in the parking lot. Also, the adults who monitor the children at lunchtime are not teachers. They are parents who volunteer their time. Since when did teachers become so prestigious that they can't monitor the kids during lunch?

I also believe that teachers should report to school on all snow days if the roads are safe, and that they should have to work during March break. I constantly hear teachers that I know complaining about having so much work to do. Well, a full week in March should be more than enough time to catch up. Another thing that confuses me is why do these

Professional Development days have to occur throughout the school year? Why can't these days be scheduled before school starts in September or during Christmas break, or on March break. There is no need for students to have days off when teachers can do these in-services at other times.

Fortunately there are some fantastic teachers in the school system who work their butts off and do it for the students. These teachers need to be promoted and given some appreciation for their continuous hard work. Sadly, these great teachers are few and far between.

In my opinion, the public education system is pathetic and there needs to be some drastic changes soon. The children of our community are suffering because of stupid union politics and eventually, we will regret it.

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## Why are we protesting tuition?

*Note: The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author's and not necessarily those of the staff of The Journal.*

It seems that everyone wants to complain about how tuition fees are rising in Canada.

But what seems to be the general misconception is that the government can magically make tuition fees go away, I can't believe how many people don't get it.

Sure the government could reduce tuition fees, but what the students are failing to realize is that the government is not sitting on a big pile of money. If they spend money to reduce tuition fees then they have to take that money from somewhere else. Then other programs suffer and a new can of worms is opened. Existing funds have to be spent in areas the majority wants, like health care,

unfortunately for the student voice, which is four hundred and fifty thousand, if you believe the numbers by the Canadian Federation of Students.

The other option is to raise taxes, which you pay, so that you will end up paying for it either way. So what is the point? In the long run, this is only going to make you end up paying for your education (and the education of others) costing more money than before. We have a lot of commerce students at SMU, this should not be a hard concept.

The "Day of Action" to protest the rise in tuition rates served no purpose, no matter how you slice the cake, you are going to end up with the

bill, regardless of what the government does. Not to mention that the protest happened during school, and anyone who didn't go to class in order to march is sure sending a good message. You can't afford education, but you can afford to cut class? That doesn't fly.

The icing on the cake is that the legislature wasn't even in session, great planning there team. The only ones who heard the outcry of the 100 or so students of Saint Mary's were the janitorial staff, and last time I checked, the custodians had no say in whether or not more money is spent on post secondary education, they just maintain the building.

The only thing that the march accomplished was to show the world that the students want to pass the buck to their parents and taxpayers, and have a difficult time

organizing marches.

Students are going to have to face the reality that education doesn't come cheap, it costs money to teach, clean, and maintain a university, education is not a furniture warehouse where you buy now and pay in 2010. Obviously the \$60 per class to fund sports is a little much (this is outside of tuition), other than that students are going to have to face the fact that unless they want taxes raised so you can get a cheap education, you're going to have to fork over the dough.

In the long run, you're going to end up paying for it anyway through taxes, if you and the rest of the students of Canada are not going to boycott universities, or demand that staff take large pay cuts, then there isn't much you can do about it.

Jamie Kidd

# News

## Landmine ban gains ground

by Meaghan Simms IDS Grad Society

In the campaign to ban landmines it's hard to imagine Canada, a land untouched by the ravages of modern war, as a leader. But as Canadian Landmine Awareness Week kicks off, Canada's role in clearing the way for a world free of landmines is being celebrated nation-wide.

In December 1997, in an effort spearheaded by the Canadian government in conjunction with anti-landmine campaigners, representatives from 122 countries gathered in Ottawa to sign the Mine Ban Treaty. Known as the Ottawa Convention, the treaty became international law on March 1, 1999 and obliges signatories to discontinue use and production of landmines and destroy existing stockpiles. "It's seen as one of the most successful international treaties in history," says Rene Ross, the Youth Mine Ambassador for Atlantic Canada, adding the Ottawa Convention was put into effect faster than any other major international treaty. The International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) and its coordinator Jody Williams were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for their efforts in making the ban a reality.

Over 150 countries have now signed on to the treaty, with notable exceptions including China, Russia, the United States, India and Pakistan. In all 44 countries have yet to sign the Ottawa Convention and while the it is international law, the Treaty does not apply to non-signatory countries. But Ross is quick to point out that while the US has not signed on, contrary to popular belief they haven't used or produced landmines since 1997 and are the largest single contributor to demining.

However, in a move that has drawn fire from landmine ban campaigners, the Bush administration announced last week the US will not sign the Mine Ban Treaty and argued mines are a vital tool of modern warfare. The move will permit U.S. forces to use so-called "dumb" mines until 2010 when they will be replaced by "smart" mines designed to self-destruct. Critics charge "smart" mines still pose a real threat to civilians.

The ICBL Landmine Monitor reported in 2003 that 15 countries, including China, Russia, South and North Korea, Singapore, India and Pakistan continue to produce landmines, although some have adapted designs to include a self-destruct and

self-deactivation mechanism. With 110 million antipersonnel mines, China is estimated to have the world's largest stockpile. India and Pakistan, who according to Ross are currently a major focus of mine action pressure, were singled out by the Monitor as having stockpiles of 4-5 million and 6 million landmines and conducted "massive mine-clearing operations in December 2001 and early 2002" along the border that separates the rival nuclear powers.

The Youth Against War Treaty was started in 1998 by Cambodian landmine survivor and ICBL Youth Ambassador Song Kosal in an effort to pressure governments to sign on to the Ottawa Convention. The Treaty collects signatures from youth the world over and in 2001 Kosal presented more than 250,000 signatures to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell. On March 1 she will hand over additional signatures to representatives of India and Pakistan in Ottawa.

And according to Ross, while rebel groups were not included in the Ottawa Convention, the ICBL does monitor and work with militias to advise them of the dangers of using landmines. The Landmine Monitor reports an increasing number of rebel groups are taking steps consistent with the treaty, however in 2002 groups in Nepal, Myanmar, Burundi and a number of other countries had reportedly increased their use of mines. In 2002 in the Democratic Republic of Congo the seventh brigade of the Armée Nationale Congolaise/RCD-Goma turned over a stockpile of mines to an international non-governmental organization (NGO), but refused to provide maps of areas it had mined in the past, while claims by the Congolese Rally for Democracy (RCD)-Goma to support the ban have been met with allegations of continued use. According to the Landmine Monitor, rebel groups in many countries, including Nepal, India and Myanmar are producing and using homemade antipersonnel mines.

More disturbing are allegations against countries that have signed on to the treaty, but despite these rumours, Ross says it is believed no countries that signed the Mine Ban Treaty have produced or stockpiled landmines and that ongoing monitoring, accountability and transparency reports required by the Ottawa

Convention, as well as the negative pressure from the international community that would result from a breach of the Treaty, are effective disincentives for continued use, production or stockpiling.

The Treaty, she says is making progress. But with an estimated 160 million mines in the ground worldwide, demining is a long and expensive process, Ross adds, citing costs of up to \$1,000 to clear each mine. Clearing is often done by hand, with deminers probing the ground with a metal rod to determine the size and exact position of the mine. Injuries are common, but alternatives can be prohibitively expensive. The Canadian International Demining Centre in Sydney, Nova Scotia trains dogs to sniff out mines, and while successful, Ross reports that such training carries an \$18,000 price tag. Alternatively biotechnology may offer new solutions to the challenge of demining and a Danish company is currently testing a genetically modified flower that changes colour when its roots come in contact with nitrogen-dioxide, which is given off by buried explosives.

Despite the enormous challenge, Ross cites Croatia as a success story in demining. The country, which was heavily mined during the war with Serbia-Montenegro, has stepped up mine clearance efforts with the goal of being mine free by 2009. The

Landmine Monitor reported only 29 Croatian landmine casualties in 2002, contrasted with the period from 1990 to 1995 when 400 people were killed in the country and another 1,400 injured in mine incidents.

And according to the ICBL's most recent Landmine Monitor report, as of February 2004, 68 countries had destroyed stockpiles of 30.5 million antipersonnel mines. Another 8% of countries who signed on the Treaty where in the process of destroying stockpiles, while 35% declared not having stockpiled landmines. By law countries must complete stockpile destruction within four years of ratifying the Mine Ban Treaty.

The efforts of groups like the ICBL and Mines Action

Canada are slowly beginning to pay off. Ross and other landmine ban advocates hope that one day the shoe pile, which is a common symbol of landmine awareness and represents the limbs lost, will be a thing of the past.

Canadian Landmine Awareness Week runs from March 1 to 7. Events in Halifax include a benefit concert with Candali, Folds of Policy and Holly Andruchuck and the Linkos, March 4 at Ginger's Tavern, a reception for Kosal and a minefield simulation on March 6 in Victoria Park. For more details on the week's events email [halifax@dangermines.ca](mailto:halifax@dangermines.ca) or for information on efforts to ban landmines visit: [www.minesactioncanada.org](http://www.minesactioncanada.org), [www.dangermines.ca](http://www.dangermines.ca) or [www.icbl.org](http://www.icbl.org).

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by Cindy Cook - Employment Centre staff

Reaching the end of a job interview, the human resources person asked a young engineer fresh out of engineering school, "And what starting salary were you looking for?" The engineer said, "In the neighborhood of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer said, "Well, what would you say to a five week vacation in your first year, 14 paid holidays, cash bonuses for overtime, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The young engineer sat straight up and said, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replied, "Yeah, but you started it."

Assessing offers with potential employers can be tricky business and it is an important part of your research that you should not overlook. Many employers are asking for salary expectations during an interview and sometimes they even ask for it in your application. Why? In a nutshell, to find out if you know the market value of the position you are applying for. Your interpretation of the worth of the position indicates your understanding of the company, the industry, and of your own abilities. It is

undoubtedly a loaded question that may, in addition to simply knowing a safe range, require some negotiating with a potential employer.

**Q.** I am graduating with a degree in Computer Science and I have recently had an interview. It was smooth sailing until she asked me my salary expectations. I completely fumbled. What are the rules on this question?

-Stumped

**A.** Everyone hear this: you *must* be prepared for the salary expectations question during an interview. The rules are: research your particular market in terms of company, industry, and location. A company's salaries may be higher, lower, or average compared to typical industry standards. If they are lower, prepare your reasons for your interest regardless of the company's stature. Salary range in one location may be significantly different than another due to various reasons that you should also be aware of. Become familiar with the high and low ends (the range), in all of these areas. Make sure you know whether these figures represent just dollars or a compensation package that may include insurance, retirement programs, and/or other value-added benefits. Also, if you are a woman, make sure you know what

men are making for doing the same job. If you find a discrepancy, you may still request an equivalent salary. Have confidence in your own value and do not appear desperate. Your answer may sound something like, "I understand the job has a top salary of \$40,000 and I would need - (your own justifications here)."

In the Employment Centre we have a book called *Nova Scotia Career Options*. This book will give you current Labour Market information for Nova Scotia including salary range for a particular field. It is an excellent resource for interview preparation. Also, Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) has current labour market information for Canada on their website. You can search by location and industry. You can also call the organization and directly ask the questions you want to know. Of course, you can come into the Employment Centre and get advice in this particular (and tricky) area anytime.

**Q.** When I go for an interview, I plan to ask for top dollar. I know that I am worth it but how do I get that across without sounding too arrogant?

-Help!

**A.** If you are worth top dollar (and I trust you have researched this point extensively) remind the

employer of the *cost saving and other benefits* he will enjoy once you are employed. Refer to specific facts about your employment history or special skills that will result in saving the company money. As Ron Fry suggests in his book, *Great Answers to the Toughest Interview Questions*, after reiterating the facts about your skills, you can say

something like, "I think it is reasonable to expect that any additional salary we agree to would be offset by savings I could bring the company." If you are worried about sounding arrogant, may I suggest practicing the answer in front of someone, and ask for feedback. Good luck!

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I am not running as Arts Rep to sit idly on a committee. I am running because I believe there can be steps taken to better the communication between arts students and the administration. I realize that the constituency of Arts is very diverse with many different people who want many different things (i.e. history majors, psych majors, etc.), thus I believe that steps have to be taken to figure out what these various needs and wants are, such as surveys and working with the different societies. I take this position very seriously and will do my very best to ensure that the needs and wants of those I represent are conveyed clearly to SMUSA and the administration.

**Sarah Cunnian**

Hello Everyone!!

My name is Sarah Cunnian and I am running for Arts Representative. I am a fourth year Criminology and Psychology double major. My involvement at Saint Mary's includes being a member of the DRAFT team, the Saint Mary's field hockey team, being a Residence Assistant, being active in the Residence society and working at the Tower.

If elected as Arts Representative I would like to

increase the communication between the executive, the SRC and the arts faculty. I want to increase school spirit and involvement within the arts community.

If any arts students or students in general have any questions please feel free to contact me via email at [scunnian@hotmail.com](mailto:scunnian@hotmail.com).

Thanks and remember to vote **SARAH CUNNIAN** for **ARTS REP.**

**Majoh Giffard**

I'm a fourth year Commerce student, who has served as a Frosh leader and International Student Society president. As your Mature Student Representative, I intend to bring forth and try to solve the issues of senior students who are deemed mature to the SMUSA meetings.

**Goh Sook Yi**

Goh Sook Yi, or Jaymee, or Jha on the SMUSA forums, at your service. As your Arts rep, I will ensure myself to be at your disposal whenever you need me, one way or another, and I will attend to you with as many details and as much initiative as I can muster, no matter what your problem is. Whatever the issue is, I will pursue it with curiosity, asking questions on your behalf, and keep communication lines open between the SRC and the students. I intend on creating more contact between all Arts-related societies, and students should never feel nervous to contact me, even if it's just to say "Hi", through MSN, e-mail, or the forums at anytime aside from my office hours. Voting for me means never losing touch with the SRC, especially if I know your name!

**Robert Kennedy**

Hey guys, my name is Rob Kennedy, and I am extremely excited about the prospect of representing the Arts students over the coming year. As a student who loves this school, as Arts Rep, I would ensure that our concerns within Arts were addressed through collaborating efforts with other members of the SRC and acting as a liaison between students and the proper channels, so your issues will be addressed. Whether it is professor grievances, limited course options, or whatever concerns you may have, I will go to bat for you. Further, I am eager to begin work on some special events that I have in mind that will boost school spirit. With tuition prices increasing again next year, I will be dedicated to further advertising the numerous opportunities for financial aid that are available to students.

Don't hesitate to contact me! I am very interested to hear your concerns and comments.

Email: [r\\_kennedy@smu.ca](mailto:r_kennedy@smu.ca)

Commerce students reps

**John Brunet**

My name is John Brunet. I will be entering my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Commerce. This year I have been involved with Campus Crusade for Christ and the Intensive English Program Conversation Partners program with the TESL Centre. I am running for the Commerce SRC position and I want to get more funding for events related to commerce students. Such events will be career fairs, business dinners, leadership seminars, a business ball and guest speakers from businesses in a variety of sectors in the economy. I want to get more

funding for the advertising these events, in order to have more participation from commerce students and students from other faculties. Finally, I want to make sure that business societies receive the right amount of funding for the number of members it has.

**Krista Chase**

G'Day! I'm Krista and I'm a second year commerce student. I'm a member of the SMU Commerce Society and am team leader Human Resource Management for AIESEC Halifax. I am already dedicated to bringing new opportunities to SMU students whether you are a commerce student or not. My current efforts are focused on bringing AIESEC (International Association of Economic and Commerce Students \*abbreviation is in French) back to SMU. [www.ca.aiesec.org](http://www.ca.aiesec.org) for more info. I am a dedicated and motivated individual who believes there is room for improvement at SMU. I am a person who gets things done and would like the opportunity to listen to your wants and needs and take action upon them. Electing me would help fix the problem of women lacking representation in decision making positions at SMU especially within the commerce faculty.

**Hurst Gannon**

For the past few years, I've been an active member of the SMU Commerce Society; I've organized, or helped organize, every event held during that time and I'm headed into my second term as an elected member of the society's executive. I'm also a member of ACE (Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship), the SMU Accounting Society, and AIESEC - the world's largest student organization. AIESEC

has over 50 000 members, on more than 700 campuses, in 84 countries. With a network like that, it's disappointing that Saint Mary's University has only been invited to join within the last 6 weeks. As the SRC Commerce Rep, I will encourage participation in more international student organizations like AIESEC, as well as promote the growth of new societies here on campus. During my campaign for VP Academic, I promised that I would push the university for a practical investments course; as Commerce Rep, I will continue to lobby the university for that course, as well as push the VPA to fight on our behalf.

**Eric Robichaud**

Hello and thank you.

As Commerce Rep my main priority will be to act as the voice of commerce students in particular and SMU students in general. My main area of concern is the return of professor endorsed tutorials for commerce students. I will lobby to establish a Students-Helping-Students Community by linking students with tutors through a website and discussion board. If elected as the Commerce SRC Rep I will ensure SMUSA projects currently under way are completed with the highest standards in quality and execution. Communication mediums such as the SUB building's suggestion box, the website, the discussion boards and the town hall meetings must be improved. The Council must continue finding creative ways to inform the student body on current events and future plans. The best voter is an informed voter and it is my intention to keep students up-to-date with information.



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**Riley Sutherland**

As a member of the SRC my duty is to represent the best interests of you, the students. If elected commerce rep, I would generate and implement new ideas to enhance your experience at one of the most recognized business schools in Canada.

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As a third year commerce student, I now possess the knowledge, experience and time to be a strong voice for commerce students. I will make the commitment required and fulfill my responsibilities while working to accomplish my objectives.

Science Students Reps

**Nathan Deg**

Hey, I am Nathan Deg and I'm running for the SRC Science Rep. So, why? What do I have to offer?

Well, I'm a student here in the science department (obviously) and I've noticed that SMU has an amazing science department. We have good profs, classes, societies, and billions of other things (that number might be a little exaggeration but). But, like anything else, it could be improved. Little things like a better web page. Bigger things, like more publicity for the science department. I, for one, had barely heard about it before coming here. And even bigger things like more inter-society events or getting more conventions held here or better funding.

As I've said, the science department, and SMU in general, are great. I, like everybody else, just think that it could be a little better. So vote for that improvement and say yes to Deg.

Off-Campus Students Reps

**Craig MacDonald**

Hello my name is Craig MacDonald and I am a fourth year student in the faculty of Arts. I have been heavily involved in SMUSA for the past three years participating as a frosh leader from 2001 to 2003. I have also worked for Liquor Functions for SMUSA from 2002 to 2003 and dedicated time to volunteer work at school; last year throwing a semi formal in our pub with the help of SMUSA to raise money for the Parkinson's society of Canada. This year I am raising money to support Muscular Dystrophy Association Canada, recently holding a Superhero costume party in January in our pub with the help from Kathleen Lingley and SMUSA. I am currently working on a semi formal "Spring Fling" with Kathleen and SMUSA for March 4<sup>th</sup>. I feel that with my outgoing personality and well rounded school spirit that with your help I can make things happen.

International Students Reps

**Arthur Mortley**

My fellow Santamarians, I am a fourth year international student pursuing a double major in Finance and Accounting. My years at Saint Mary's have exposed me to the financial and other academic-related challenges we face as international students. As we strive to achieve our academic aspirations, we, as international students, need to have a say in decisions that affect us. As an international student I would like to help you make your university experience much better considering you spend an important part of your life here. All your concerns and issues are important to me and I will address them as such. I ask you to vote me as your International Students Representative and I assure you that I will be your voice on campus. I am here to serve you and to help you have a most enjoyable and wonderful life at Saint Mary's.

Part-time Students Reps

**Adam Maher**

No write-up submitted.

Students with Disabilities Reps

**Travis Coady**

No write-up submitted.

**Joel Miller**

Hi everyone, my name is Joel Miller. I am re-running to represent students with disabilities, and would like to explain why I'm qualified. Over the past year in office, I have worked on promoting the awareness of learning disabilities. In November I received a national award for my work in educating people about learning disabilities. I worked with instructional development to install a 3 part in-service on LD. Not only did I help plan it, but I gave a 1 hour session during which I held simulations on what it is like to have a LD. Next year I would like to organize an info session for students with the Atlantic Centre. This would hopefully involve disabilities as a whole, not just students with LD, which I did this year. For these reasons, I would like the student body to re-elect me as students with disabilities rep.

# Anemia

by Jane Collins

Anemia is the medical term that means you don't have enough red blood cells. Red blood cells contain hemoglobin, which carries oxygen from your lungs to your tissues and cells. Your body needs oxygen in order to survive and give you energy. When there are not enough red blood cells, there is less hemoglobin to carry oxygen to your body's organs and tissues. This affects the functioning of your lungs, heart, kidneys, and brain.

What causes anemia? Here are some examples. A poor diet. Poor absorption of the vitamin B12, iron or folic acid. Blood loss such as a bleeding ulcer or menstruation.

Common symptoms of anemia are extreme tiredness and weakness; shortness of breath especially with exertion; rapid heartbeat; headaches; chest pain; dizziness or fainting; and difficulty sleeping.

How do you know if you have anemia? The only way to know is to have a blood test to check your red blood cells. You must see the doctor and get a blood work requisition.

How is anemia treated? Treatment depends on its cause. If you have too little iron in your diet, you must change your diet to include

foods rich in iron such as red meat, legumes, green leafy vegetables (preferably organic) or take specific vitamin or iron pills. Sleep more at night. Drink plenty of water to help your body eliminate toxins.

Students may have all of the symptoms of anemia from time to time without having a problem. The only way to be sure is to have your blood checked yearly to make sure your hemoglobin is normal. Blood work is done Tuesday to Friday at Student Health Services. You must see the doctor first to get the requisition.

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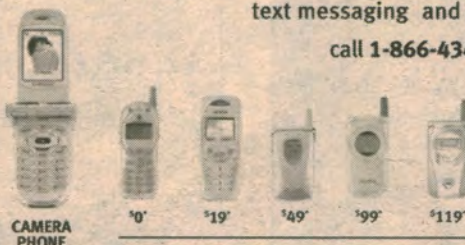
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# Arts & Entertainment

## An intimate great big show

by Bill Hughes

They rolled into town on the final night of their cross-Canada tour used to promote their brand new CD "Something Beautiful" and the over 700 fans that packed into Dalhousie's McInnes Room could not have been more pleased to see them.

Great Big Sea's absence had been lengthier than usual, as the band made their way touring across Europe and the U.S., but a room full of rum-fuelled admirers accepted singer Sean McCann's formal apology, and as the band continued to play. The fans showed their approval by singing along to every tune.

GBS has been through some recent turmoil as they contemplated if after twelve years it was time to hang it up. Two members did just that by returning to St. John's, where it all began, to pursue other careers and family interests. But the nucleus of Alan Doyle and McCann remained, and they welcomed a few new faces to the mix in the form of bassist Murray Foster and Drummer Kris MacFarlane, and they sound as good as ever. As Doyle noted it had been quite some time since they had played at the Lower Deck here in Halifax, the place they got started and warmly refer to as their "second home", but millions of record sales later and very little has changed. Evidence of this dedication to the Halifax

faithful was apparent — although they came to promote their new album, the majority of the nights festivities were filled with old favourites such as the opening *Donkey Riding*, followed by the classic folk tunes *Lukey's Boat*, and *The Night Pat Murphy Died*, and on down the line through

*When I'm Up*, *Consequence Free* and *The Old Black Rum* during the second encore. The new tracks they did mix in were well-received, although they did have a different feel when Doyle abandoned his acoustic guitar for an electric and belted out new songs such as *When I Am King*, *Let It Go*, and *Helmethead*.

It was a great show, a great time had by all and a great value at only thirty-five bucks. Great Big Sea saved its audience twenty-plus dollars off the rivalled Nickleback concert playing opposite to it by cutting the backing of pyrotechnics and replacing it instead with the priceless wit and charm that only Newfoundlanders could. They showed that promoters need not put them in a stadium environment, because they've been there and done that, and showed that they need not import from elsewhere in Canada, when great talent can be found right here where Great Big Sea feels most comfortable, and where they can connect with their crowd like nowhere else in the world, right here on the East Coast.

## As Transnational as Capital

by Stuart Neatby

*We Are Everywhere: The Irresistible Rise of Global Anti-Capitalism*. Ed. by Notes from Nowhere, Verso Books, 2003. [www.weareeverywhere.org](http://www.weareeverywhere.org)

One gets the sense from reading this compact volume that you're supposed to simply flip through it every time you pick it, digesting stories or details that catch your interest. Starting from the beginning and working to the end would be too linear, casting the emerging history described here as a straight, ordered line, rather than the chaotic carnival that it is.

*We are Everywhere* is a collection of articles, timelines, rants, and photos from a global network of activists involved in the "anti-capitalist" movement, also known as the "anti-globalization," or "global justice," movement. The authors are activists from around the world who are involved in a number of struggles: a member of

Brazil's landless rural workers movement (MST), an anti-privatization activist in South Africa, a G-8 protesters in Italy, a Zapatista in Chiapas, Mexico. The dominant theme of these disparate struggles and personal stories is a resistance of the logic of globalized turbo-capitalism, as well as the growth of economic and political alternatives to this order at the grassroots level.

On the positive side, this is really good stuff. Though most political sections of bookstores are overflowing with books about the "anti-globalization" movement, this is probably the most intentionally chaotic and far-reaching title I've seen. Definitely better than

*Global Uprising: Resisting the Tyrannies of the 21st Century* by Neva Welton and Linda Wolf, or Naomi Klein's *Fences and Windows* (Klein almost admits as much in the forward she's written for *We Are Everywhere*). While most "activist anthologies" tend to


give a mumbling mention of the Zapatista uprising in 1994 before going on to focus most of their narratives on the carnivalesque explosions of dissent in Seattle, Prague, et al, WAE actually gives some fleshed out focus on how this movement developed. The first section focuses on this emergence through the Reclaim the Streets actions in London, the Zapatista Global encuentros, the unemployed and refugee hunger strike movements in France in the mid-1990's, and the People's Global Action Forums from 1998 onwards. Unfortunately, this volume seems to focus a disproportionate amount of attention on activists of the North, despite the larger culture of dissent that exists in Latin America and Asia against the likes of the WTO, the IMF, and other institutions of evil wicked-ness.

On the whole, this is pretty inspiring stuff. If anyone wants to borrow this book from me, contact me at [flatulentelm@hotmail.com](mailto:flatulentelm@hotmail.com).

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# Jesusploitation

by Stuart Neatby

I walked into "The Passion of The Christ" avoiding most of the hype, knowing instinctively only that this was one of those "talked about" films. I walked out feeling pretty alienated. Oh yeah, and ripped off.

Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" presents an enormously sadistic portrayal of the last hours of Christ's life, which are broken up by brief flashbacks of the Last Supper and the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is beaten, flogged, whipped, mocked, pierced, and eventually crucified. All the dialogue is delivered in Aramaic, with subtitles in English. It cost \$25 million to make, and seems to have drawn quite a few accusations of anti-Semitism due to its sinister portrayal of Jewish leaders calling for Christ's crucifixion.

In a recent review, salon.com writer Stephanie Zacharek coined the term "Jesusploitation." I can't think of a better way of describing it. Although the passion play has been brought to the movie screen numerous times, the gimmick of this version seems to be Gibson's insistence upon squeezing as much gore and ripped flesh as possible from the story.

There's not really much

room for decent acting, as no depth nor context are given to any of the characters. Basically, if you don't know your bible stories by heart, this film isn't gonna make much sense to you. Jesus (played by Jim Caviezel) spends the film contorting his face into expressions of agony as he's being beaten by various instruments. All the lines he does have are delivered in a bland, monotone fashion. Similarly, Christ is followed throughout the film by his mother Mary (Maia Morgenstern), Mary Magdalene (Monica Belluci), and his disciple John (Hristo Jivkov). All of them spend the film doing little more than gaping at Jesus. No explanation is given, by the way, of who any of these people are. Pontius Pilate (Hristo Shopov) is probably the most complex character of the film, faced with the choice of having an innocent man (Jesus) killed and risking a revolt led by the High Priest Caiphas. The priests meanwhile, spend the film glowering in righteous anger at the flesh-ripping torture and crucifixion of Jesus, after which a few of them look a bit apologetic. Here's where the anti-Semitism accusations come into play. Whoops.

The big problem with this film is that it tries to inflict a sort of forced catharsis on the

audience. After having your face pressed up against the ripped flesh of Christ's body, you're supposed to recover with a sense of evangelical elation over having someone else loose gallons of blood for your sins. Unfortunately, it is so obvious that Gibson is trying to deliver a sermon to you that the spectacles of violence simply take on a synthetic Hollywood-like quality after a while. The Roman soldiers who spend the film beating Jesus are all cast as big, bald, ragged toothed, ber-brutes who giggle with every whip blow. Every so often, we catch a glimpse of an androgynous, smirking devil-thing dressed all in black standing at the periphery of the action. And the wicked high priests all smile their evil smiles every time something bad happens. Basically, all the villains appear more like cartoons than characters.

Maybe you don't agree, but I'm pretty sure that there are a lot of people, many of them devout Christians, who would feel pretty sick after paying eight bucks to see a Catholic propaganda film with more blood than a zombie movie. For those who might be reading this thinking I'm right, save your eight bucks and get your passion play fix by renting "Jesus Christ Superstar" or "Jesus of Montreal" instead.

of Canada's Food Guide, but delicious nonetheless.

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King Wah is located on 6430 Quinpool Road, and is definitely a good choice for Chinese food lovers. They are student friendly, offering a number of lunch specials averaging \$7.00 and dinner specials for two, three, or four people. If you want some Chinese food but do not want to bear the cold weather, King Wah will deliver after 4pm with free deliveries over \$25 (before taxes).

# Local concert to aid victims abroad

by Suzanne Van Maurik

Landmines are still a huge threat to many in a number of countries. Innocent lives are still disrupted by the enormous amount of landmines that have yet to be discovered and detonated.

With Canadian Landmine Awareness Week underway, saving lives has never been easier. There will be a Benefit Concert for Cambodian Landmine Victims on Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9pm, organized by the Youth Mine Action Program, which is hosted by Oxfam International. This is the second annual benefit for mine action, held this year at Ginger's Tavern. Entry fees are \$6 dollars for students and unwaged, and \$8 dollars for those who are waged. Tickets can be bought at the door. The evening will showcase a lot of local talent, with performances by Candali, Holly Andruchuck, the Linkos, Folds of Policy, and C.M Sullivan. There are also great prizes to be won, including 'No More Landmine T-Shirts' designed by Sir Paul McCartney himself, and autographed by local musicians.

The evening will benefit Aid for Cambodian Victims of Landmines in particular, an organization that needs all the help it can get. Run almost entirely by Chandarmy Eang, the creator of Aid for Victims, and volunteers, the organization's mandate is to create livelihood opportunities for landmine survivors and their families. The organization also helps to prevent the brutal disruption of innocent lives by raising awareness and educating local peoples, children in particular, on the dangers of landmines. Eang champions the needs of landmine survivors in his native Cambodia, which consist mostly of economic assistance, as many are unable to work due to their injuries, but also the lack of medical attention that is present in Cambodia. Eang intends to build clinic facilities close to affected areas, since many clinics are too far away to be of use. Also, the cost of

medical assistance will have to be dealt with. According to Eang medical treatment can be so expensive for those in need, that they are forced to sell their homes to get money for treatment. And we think we have money problems with rising tuition fees.

The Youth Mine Action Program, located at 2099 Gottingen Street could also use a hand. This organization is once more run mostly by volunteers, and works out of host organizations such as the Canadian Red Cross, UNICEF, Oxfam, Mines Action Canada, and many others. The Youth Mine Ambassador Program has been set up to train local volunteers and to develop educational outreach programs specific to the needs of local schools and community groups in their own regions. Students are more than welcome to volunteer, as local Youth Ambassador Rene Ross pointed out to me. Anyone who has an afternoon to spare can help organize benefits, raise funds and attract media attention. You can find out more about the organization and how to get involved on [www.dangermines.ca](http://www.dangermines.ca). There are many more benefits and events planned for the near future, and a full list of events can be found on the website. March 4<sup>th</sup> is going to be a great night.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

### King Wah

Since we have covered North American, and Greek dining, our latest stop on the tour of Halifax's restaurants is King Wah. Ordering Chinese food often means full stomachs and a lot of leftovers, and King Wah is no exception. Starting with the Crispy Egg Rolls, your mouth will water with every bite. Egg rolls are \$1.10 each and although they are good, you don't want to fill up before you try the dishes to come.


The Honey Garlic Spare Ribs for \$7.95 are tender and sweet. There is no fighting with the bone on these ribs.

Adding the ribs to your personalized meal makes a great side dish.

A favorite of many is the Sweet & Sour Chicken dish for \$7.20. Plump chicken balls covered in a thick sweet and sour sauce will sooth those hunger pains and leave you wanting more.

The Chicken Soo Guy for \$7.95 is a battered piece of chicken with crushed almonds served with gravy. Perhaps not the most favorite

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# Sports

## Back to back

### Huskies dump X-Women

by Bill Hughes

There were some bumps in the road, and some close calls along the way, but when the final buzzer sounded on Sunday afternoon at the Aitken Centre in Fredericton, the Saint Mary's Huskies women's hockey club had captured their second consecutive AUS banner. Coach Lisa Macdonald said at the season's outset that "we will go out there and if we get to the championship game then that's great, we'll do what we can to play as best we can. If the scoreboard says we won, then yes, we'll be at McGill." And her Huskies did not disappoint by making it to the championship game against a familiar foe and capping it all off with a victory that propelled them to exactly where they want to be, in the national championship at McGill University.

The championship weekend opened for Saint Mary's on Saturday afternoon as they faced off against their cross-town rivals the Dalhousie Tigers in semi-final action. The Huskies had a bye through the quarterfinal as a result of a top two finish in the regular season, while the Tigers advanced on the strength of a 9-1 trouncing of the University of Moncton. The Huskies and Tigers split the season series at one game apiece, so it was only fitting that they should break that deadlock in the most important game of the season to date.

The game was just as close as the previous two as SMU led 3-2 down the stretch only to see Melissa Vezina score with 2:55 remaining to seemingly send a jubilant Tigers bench into what looked like overtime. That is, until AUS scoring champion and MVP Lindsay Taylor decided that she and her mates would prefer the rest going into Sunday's final, as she netted the thrilling winner on a wrist shot from just inside the blue-

line with only 59 seconds remaining to give SMU a 4-3 victory.

Setting up Taylor's winner were goals by Christine Hann, Trula Seaward, and Clara Gaudet while Kati Tweedie, Leah Kutcher replied with the other goals for the losing side.

The SMU victory in combination with the St. FX X-Women's 13-1 blow-out win over the host UNB Varsity Reds set up what would be the fourth-straight year that the Huskies and X-Women would meet in the one game, winner

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take all AUS hockey championship game.

In SMU's previous game against the X-Women, they were able to put the first blemish on an otherwise perfect X record with a 5-5 tie. But this time they came looking for bigger and better things and got just that in the form of a stunning 4-3 upset victory on Sunday afternoon.

Not many gave them a chance, but the Huskies came up with clutch performances when they were needed, as SMU goaltender Cheryl Wright made 31 saves to backstop the title victory.

The seesaw game was tied at two in the third when Huskies forward Clara Gaudet scored at 7:21 to put the Huskies ahead for good, and Natalie Bromley scored into an empty net with only 46 seconds remaining to put SMU up 4-2.

In a last ditch effort to save their season; the X-Women's

Rebecca Davies scored her second of the game to narrow the deficit to 4-3 with only 13 seconds left. But it was too little, too late as SMU's bench emptied to celebrate their second straight Atlantic Championship.

Gaudet and Bromley each finished with a pair of goals for SMU and Pam MacInnis potted the other X marker.

The Huskies will now have ten days to rest and practice in preparation for the opening game of the national championships at McGill in Montreal, which runs from March 11th to 14th. The Huskies will have their work cut out for them as last year's undefeated club stumbled out of nationals a wounded bunch, after having gone winless in three games and were outscored 30-3 by the nations best. SMU looks to better their results against top flight national competition this year by building on the exhibition experience they have obtained.

Four of the six participants in the national final have been determined, while the playoffs in Quebec and Ontario conclude this weekend. Already qualified are

the University of Alberta Pandas, the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, the St. Mary's Huskies and the host McGill Redwomen.

Three members of the AUS champions were honored at the award ceremony in Fredericton this past weekend for their accomplishments this season. Those members were championship game hero, AUS scoring leader, and MVP Lindsay Taylor who along with defender Melinda Kaye were selected as first team all-stars. SMU forward Trula Seaward was a second team selection

## Ready for action

### Female Huskies gear up

by Steve Clow

The Saint Mary's Women's Basketball team will be carrying a high level of momentum with them into this weekend's AUS Championships in Antigonish after reeling off three straight victories to end their regular season at 10-10, good enough for third place in the Nelson Division. The girls finished the conference portion of their schedule this past Sunday when they defeated the St.FX X-Women 68-53 in their own building. Sure-fire all-star Julie Galipeau, playing in her final season, was a match up problem all game for the X-Women. The former CIS rookie of the year, once again paced the Huskies in points by pouring in 25. Part of the reason the Huskies have improved their play over the past few games is due to the increased contribution from the other four starters, most notably Jaime Walker, who is developing into one of the best slashing wings in the conference. Walker had another great game this past Sunday as she added 15 points to the Huskies cause. The dynamic duo had forty of the team's total of sixty-

eight points.

The ladies will now turn their attention to the AUS playoffs this weekend, being hosted by St.FX, where they will face the second place team from the Baldwin Division, the 11-9 Dalhousie Tigers. The two squads split their two regular season meetings, however, the Huskies defeated the Tigers in a non-conference game to win the SMU Holiday Invitational. The Huskies also took the last meeting of the three, a 65-60 home victory. You can also bet that the Huskies will come into the weekend fired up, as this will be Galipeau's last chance to pick up a Conference Championship, seemingly the only accolade that has eluded her over her five year career. Coach Jeffery consistently remarks on the togetherness of this team compared to others she has coached, so look for the ladies to put their best effort forth.

The other semi-final pits second place UNB 12-8 against the host X-Women 6-14. Both Memorial and UCCB receive byes into the semi-finals as a reward for finishing first in their respective divisions.

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# Die another day

## SMU wins on Senior Day

by Steve Clow

It was a rookie that provided the spark necessary for the Saint Mary's Huskies to win on a day when the seniors were honored. Mark Brien drilled three shots from beyond the arc, including back to backs during a key stretch midway through the second half, that gave the Huskies their first lead against the nationally number ten ranked and division leading UNB Varsity Reds. The Huskies basketball team were in a must win situation as a loss meant the end of their slim playoff hopes. Fifth year all-star forward Gabe Goree was playing in his final home game as a member of the Huskies and despite a cold hand from the field, led the Huskies with 19 points and hit all thirteen of his free throw attempts to keep the Varsity Reds at Bay. The Huskies trailed by eight

at half time but let their big man Ben McCarthy, who was also playing in his final home game, get them back in it as he was simply too much for the UNB defenders to handle



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however a pair of Mark Ross free throws finally sealed the Huskies victory with fifteen seconds remaining in the game. Ross was the only other Husky to finish in double digits as he had 12 points, while fellow freshman Brien had a huge nine points in limited court time.

This means that the Huskies are still alive, albeit just barely as they need some serious help if they are to keep their streak of nine straight post season appearances alive. The win moved the Huskies to 10-9 with one game remaining against the third ranked St.FX X-Men on Wednesday in Antigonish. Not only must they win that game, the Huskies need some help from the

in the paint. McCarthy sent big man after big man to the bench on his way to an 18-point, 11-rebound night. The Varsity Reds didn't go quietly,

Varsity Reds (12-6) or the Memorial Seahawks (5-13). Should either of those teams manage to sweep their opponents this weekend,

UPEI (11-7) and UCCB (11-7) respectively, SMU would get into the playoffs as they hold both of the tiebreakers. UCCB defeated MUN in their only meeting of the season thus far, it was an 81-70 non-conference victory, but the Seahawks are a much better team at home and offer a glimmer of hope for the Huskies. The Panthers and Varsity Reds split their

two meetings this season with both games being decided by less than six points, and the Reds will have to stop a UPEI team who is playing much better recently after stumbling out of the gate. Either way, it just needs to happen. The Huskies have the ball in their court as they face the X-Men on Wednesday with a victory at a premium.

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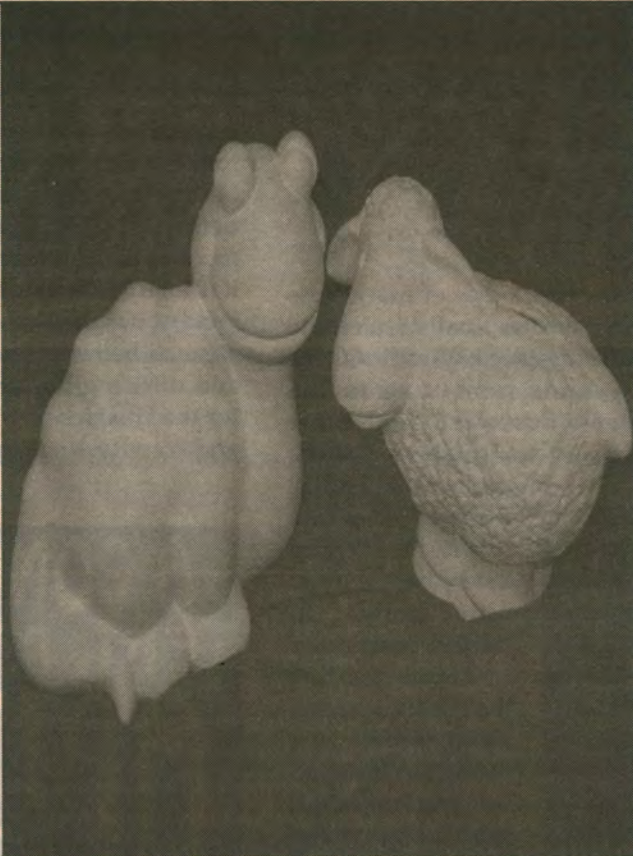
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