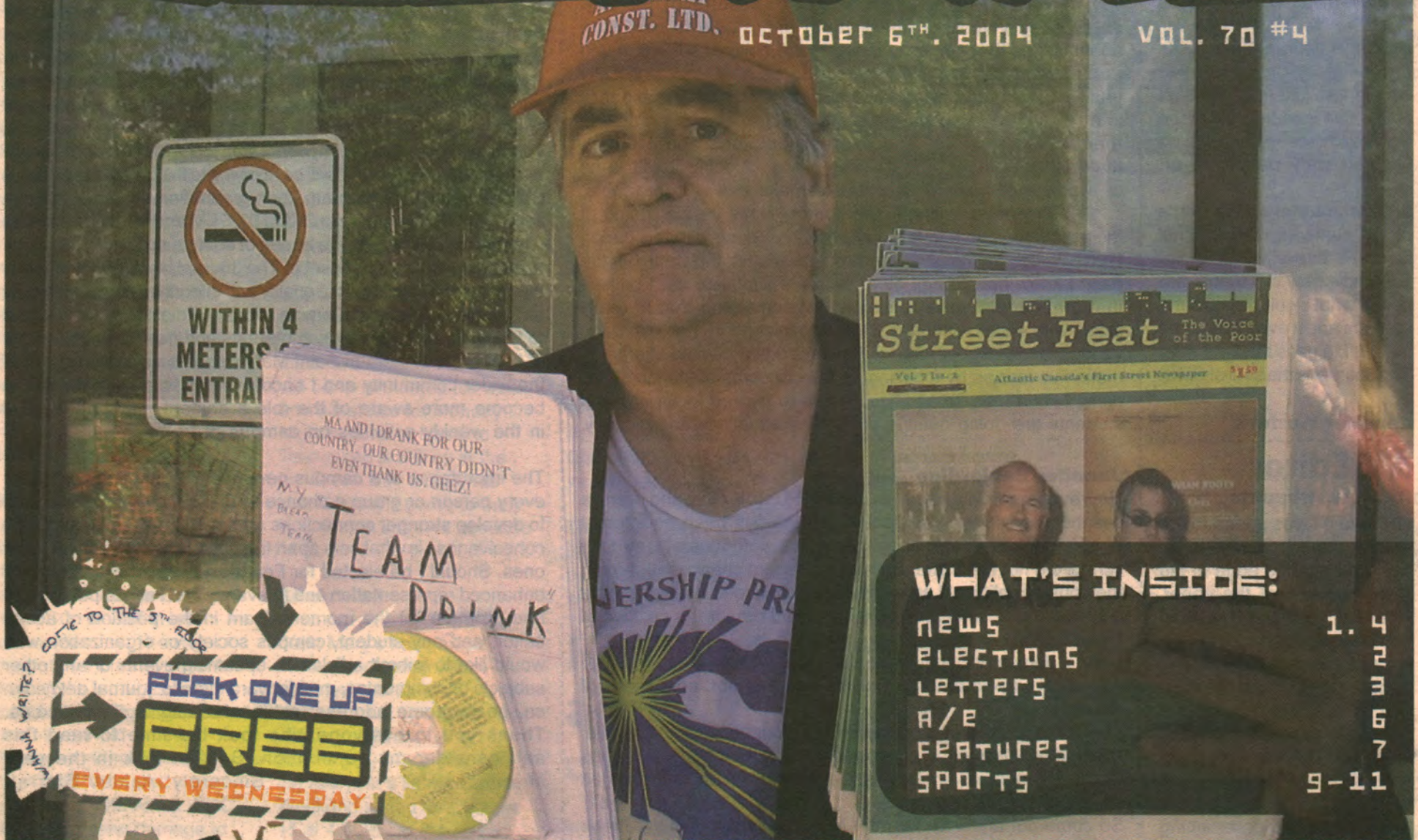


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Just don't touch his animal An Interview with Jack Macdonald

BY STUART NEATBY

You might have seen Jack outside of the Student Centre, or in front of the Dal SUB, or downtown on Spring Garden Road. He's a local fixture, and is often found selling issues of *Street Feat*, Halifax's printed "voice of the poor." Jack also sells his own short stories, which often defy description. He has also been the lead vocalist of the alt-ramble-rock group *Hotel Faces*, along with former Guthrie's member Nick Bev-John, Dave Chisolm, and Ed Merlin. *Hotel Faces* has been recording for close to five years, and appeared on last year's *Christmas at the Khyber* CD compilation, as well as a *Sam the Record Man* sampler CD of local artists.

Stuart Neatby: So how would you describe your music?
Jack Macdonald: Funny you say that, it's hard to pinpoint it, but we do some folk music, some...alternative, I guess you could call it. I don't think you can kind of put it all in one category. That's only my own opinion. You can't just sort of pigeon-hole it and say 'well they're just this type of music.'
SN: How did you start writing?

JM: Funny story. When I came out of St. FX when I was about 20, I knew I was interested in writing and I had things in the back of my mind that I knew I wanted to write about. But years went by and I kind of put it on the back burner. But then I went to Cape Breton University, I was majoring in psychology. After a five-year stint, I ended up two courses short of my degree. Anyway I was living over in Kentville, I started going over to Acadia for, well, something to do I guess. I wasn't getting much work down there. I started playing with the notion that I was going to start writing. And I started writing some poetry there. And I came after a while to Halifax/Dartmouth, I was writing down here. I started writing lyrics down here. I didn't know anybody, I was just real passive about it. I met Nick Bev-John over at Dalhousie, must be five years ago. I was selling my stories, and he come over and offered me a Looney to give a reading. I thought to myself, 'well what's with this guy?' So I went into a little spiel, made a little joke out of it. So he had a little chuckle, and went away. I never thought anything of this. And it must have been a few months went by and

I ran into him again and he said 'give us a reading.' I thought 'well what the heck, you know. I found this quite unusual. Well I gave him a little reading and we had a little chuckle. But this time he said 'why don't we do some recording.' I said 'sure, that'd be great.'
So I went over to Nick's house and, you know, for the last five years we've done an awful lot of recording. That was the start [of *Hotel Faces*], one thing lead to another...Nick is the type of guy who'll see something, he'll do things that are just so original...We've been getting good responses since day one. We can't get on the radio, though. We couldn't get on CBC.
SN: There any particular reason?
JM: I don't know. But a guy came down a couple of Christmases ago, and told us we were going to get on the *Stan Carew* show, [Atlantic *Airwaves*]. But we didn't get on the *Stan Carew* show. I don't know, but I don't have time to be going after these guys either...It's kind of frustrating.
SN: Getting back to your stories, how many do you have in total?

How can I make a difference?



United Way

You can change the future of Halifax by donating to the 2004 United Way Campaign. We will kick off the Saint Mary's University drive on October 13, join us for a free BBQ and tug-of-war, 12:00pm at the Tower, to celebrate how the United Way makes our city a better place to live, work and play. (Donations will be accepted)

In 2003 the Metro United Way provided funding to over 130 programs and services aimed at improving the quality of life in Halifax. In the aftermath of Hurricane Juan last year, the United Way created a fund - the Neighbourhood Rebuilding Fund to help you and I assist those who were hit hardest by the harsh winds and rain.

This year the Saint Mary's Business Development

Centre is heading up the Campaign, with your generosity and support we hope to raise even more than last year and exceed our goal of \$26,000. Look for the thermometers around campus to mark our progress.

Watch for 50/50 draws at three Huskies Basketball games (October 30 and 31, November 14), a penny drive during the week of November 1, and draws for gift baskets.

The United Way has been contributing to a successful future for Halifax for over 75 years, and needs your help to continue. Please give generously.

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Journal Elections

Editor-in-Chief

Jeremy Campbell

1. I have made a lot of promises over the last year that I will bring the Journal back to its former glory and I want to accomplish just that. As Chief I feel I can lead the rest of the editors to creating something we can truly be proud of.

2. The Journal is the voice of the students. The Journal is there every week to let you know how our teams are doing, what's going on around campus and it even has some fun stuff to pass the time with. The Journal is the soul of SMU.

Jennifer Warford

A/E Editor

Andrew Arbuckle

I believe if I was added to the journal team I could bring a new and exciting edge to the A & E section of the paper. I have a very creative mind and have a passion for music, movies, entertainment and things along those lines. If you've ever been to one of Casa Da Bookla's parties or events I have help run, you will see I have a great love for making sure people have a fun and entertaining time. I have some great ideas on how to keep the student body up to date on the social side of SMU life as well as give them tips and ideas on how to make their social life the best it possibly can be.

A student newspaper is very valuable in the simple fact it is for students and written by students. It allows the reader to be up to date on world and local events as well it gives them a chance to read the views of their fellow students. It gives us the ability to read about what is going on with the university and our fellow students. As long as there are students there is always value in a student newspaper.

Business Editor

Aaron Johnstone

1. Saint Mary's University is growing quickly as one of the most recognized and credited undergraduate business schools in Canada. To keep up with the demand The Journal needs a knowledgeable, ambitious and unbiased business editor capable of presenting students of all disciplines with up to date, relevant, real world business information. If elected Business Editor I promise to provide an analytical view of how business affects all of us, whether it is a forecast of stock market changes or local entrepreneurship, my goal is to cover business issues important to you, the students. As a third year commerce student at the Sobey School

News Editor

Stuart Neatby

A student newspaper exists as one of the few established voices in which youth and students can write about issues that matter to them. In the political sphere, if you are aged 17-25, you are assumed to be apathetic, politically passive, lazy, and altogether stupid. A student newspaper is a way of breaking up this stereotype, of allowing students themselves to write, and express opinions about things that matter to them. And it's also a way of doing it with a bit of a sense of humour, in order to make this stuff readable.

I've been writing in the Journal since the beginning of the school year, so I have experience in working with this paper. I have written for the UPEI student newspaper, the Cadre, in the past. I know how to edit other people's submissions. I believe that the student voice is simply not something that is really listened to either within the SMU administration, nor within the various levels of government. As news editor I would attempt to make this less so by focusing on the concerns of students, like rising tuition fees. In addition, I hope to try and focus on what students are doing outside of SMU, both locally and globally.

Jennifer Desjardins

Hey everyone! My name is Jennifer DesJardins and I am a second year science student. It has always been an interest of mine to write for a school paper, but unfortunately my high school did not have one. So with the recent changes regarding the Journal policies, I saw this as my chance to finally write for a school paper, and decided that I would run for the position of News Editor.

I am a dedicated, opinionated and open-minded person who has always loved to write, and believe it or not, edit pieces of writing.

The Journal is a student paper by the students for the students. It keeps us informed about current events (and upcoming ones too) that concern Saint Mary's. It entertains us and encourages us to express our opinions.

So come out and vote for me (Jenn DesJardins) as the News Editor because I would love to keep you up to date on what's happening at SMU!

Business Editor cont.

of Business, currently completing a double major of Finance and Global Business Management, my level of immersion at Saint Mary's is climaxing. As Business Editor my target objective will be to maximize quality information Saint Mary's University students can walk away with after reading The Journal and put to efficient use on the way to becoming conscious business minded students.

2. The Journal exists to inform Saint Mary's University students of all student, campus and university information free of institutional influence while focused primarily on student body representation.

Sports Editor

Bill Hughes

What's going on folks? My name is Bill Hughes and I am the current acting editor of the Journal Sports section. I am looking to enlighten you, the students, as to why you should vote for me in order to allow me to retain that position.

The reason that I am best suited for the Sports editorial position is simply due to experience. I have been writing for The Journal Sports section for over a year and have obtained the knowledge of how to best represent the student body's interests.

As a student in my fourth and final year at Saint Mary's and as a Huskies fan I understand what students enjoy reading in a university newspaper. I wish to incorporate sport in general, along with university sport and a touch of humour.

Now here's the part that starts to sound like a personal ad. Over the course of the past year, I have demonstrated my work, passion and vast knowledge of sports and writing as reflected in my efforts and dedication to The Journal. I would certainly love to continue to bring to you the readers the enjoyment of sport as an integral part of your university experience.

The opportunity to have a medium where the student body can contribute their opinions and become informed on issues important to them is what makes The Journal newspaper a wonderful forum. Plus, our varsity teams are really good, so the job's rather enjoyable. Enter typical election conclusion here: "Check the box next to Bill Hughes on October 13th."

Respectfully, I remain, Bill Hughes

Features

Ashlee Starratt

Hello, my name is Ashlee Starratt and I have put my nomination forward to run for Features editor here at the Journal. I am in my fourth year of an Advanced Major in Political Science with a minor in English here at Saint Mary's and have been a contributing news columnist of political and social issues and events to the paper for over a year now. This position would be an important step for me as I intend to pursue a career in journalism and will be applying to the University of King's College bachelor's program upon graduation. I have also been active with Dalhousie radio CKDU 97.5 FM and am in the process of broadcast training in the hopes of doing a spoken word show. I believe I would be an asset to The Journal because I believe in the promotion of journalistic quality and integrity, therefore my goal as Features editor is to promote a forum of dialogue that adheres to the wide range of student interests and needs. The diversity of backgrounds here at Saint Mary's serves as a microcosm of the wider community and I encourage all to participate in and become more aware of the role a student newspaper plays in the weekly activities on campus or in the world at large.

The importance of a campus newspaper is that it should allow every person or group a chance to make their voices heard or to develop stronger connections amongst the student body; this cohesiveness is what sets apart the good schools from the great ones. Should I be elected for Features it is this opportunity for enhanced representation and relevancy that I aim to put forward and promote. At the moment, I am in the position of acting editor, and any student, campus society or organization who would like to submit articles on upcoming events or any other subjects or commentary may forward them to: journal.ae@smu.ca, or my home address: ashleestarratt@ns.sympatico.ca. Thank you to everyone who took the time to read this and consider my nomination. Best of luck in the year ahead!

Sincerely: Ashlee Starratt

Laura MacIntosh

Hey there readers! My name is Laura MacIntosh, and I am running for editor of The Journal's Features section. So why should you vote for me? Well, I think I'm psychotic enough to put up with long hours and excessive ramblings in order to get a great paper out to you, the students! Since becoming a Husky, I have been involved with the Pit Crew, recreational sports such as broomball; and this year I'm proud to have been an orientation week leader. My experience includes writing for my high school paper, and being the right-hand-chick for my high school yearbook senior year.

Whether you enjoy sports, entertainment, or just want to know what's going on, there's something for you in The Journal. This is why I feel it is important, not only to vote, but to pick up The Journal and take a look. It is my want to get information out to you about what's new and happening at SMU, in Halifax, and more. And if you, the student body, elect me as Features editor for The Journal, I'll work to help you all find what you're looking for when you pick up your copy of our campus paper.

What asset would you be to The Journal?

What is the value of the student newspaper?

Sports Editor cont.

Noel Aucoin

Hey Everybody! I am Noel Aucoin and I'm running for sports editor of The Journal. I believe I am the best candidate because I am a very involved Saint Mary's student. I was the insane Husky football fan who couldn't wait to join the crazy Pit Crew in my first year, and also played recreational broomball. Other involvements include being a member of the Residence Society, volunteering at last year's Winter Snowball, and also volunteering as a leader for the new students this year at SMU's orientation week! I was an editor of my high school newspaper for 2 years so I know exactly what it is like to pull long hours and get the best sports information out to you, the readers!

The Journal gives the best to-the-students, for-the-students, information at SMU. There is something for everybody in The Journal. Some SMU teams are poised to make a run at National Championships this year and I want you to know all about it. I would like to give back to you, the students of Saint Mary's, by lending my skills and experience and giving the best sports coverage I possibly can.

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Letter to the editor

Bluntly speaking, my past has been a plethora of injurious psychotic episodes

My diagnosis is Bipolar Disorder, or as doctors used to term it, manic depression.

To speak candidly, (as such a subject requires a fair degree of frankness), my current issue is less to do with my actual illness, and more related to police officers in cities such as London, Toronto and Halifax. I assert with all sanity's reason and sensibility that those trained to be a team player on a given police force require sensitivity training when dealing with individuals who have lost their sense of reality due to a psychiatric breakdown. My latest psychiatric plot is the eighth manic episode of my life and unfolded in Nova Scotia. As my memories of the initial stage of relapse are vivid, I trust that credibility in terms of recall ability can be relied on. I thought I was 'being called' to go to Perk's in downtown Halifax after a blustering snowstorm which had kept me stranded in my South Shore cottage without electricity, running water, and loss of access to my firewood. What may have been even more crucial was the missing of my medication.

My Honda Civic was absolutely buried under a white hill and my only escape from a cold and messy cottage was to crawl out of the deep snow and then walk to my other vehicle that was being worked on at a mechanic's shop, fortunately not far up the main road.

However, I was given the keys to venture on the main road when my mind was threatening to lose itself, unbeknownst to myself at the time. The story in its brief form goes like this: I picked up my cat at home and drove safely into Halifax from Bridgewater, one hour away. The staff at the café simply turned me out as soon as I entered because I had a caged cat in my hand. Quietly I walked out the door...and into another establishment which was a bar neighbouring the café. The exact same thing occurred and I turned, shrugged, and walked quietly out of their doors. From there I marched straight into the Halifax Ferry Terminal where I sought out the Ladies Room: went in, sat on the floor, and released the cat

from the cage, thinking he could use a stretch of the legs.

The bathroom was far from a refuge for us. Minutes later a small cluster of burly-tall officers in black and navy entered the Ladies Room and arrested me for 'intoxication'. "Why don't you give me the breathalyzer?", I exclaimed in further exasperation. They only read me my rights and muttered that they didn't give breathalyzers to "people who ask for them".

Nonetheless, I was incarcerated in what I think they call the 'drunk tank'. My jailor's faces were stone cold and expressionless. The cell doors clanged shut behind me. My cat, Shadow, was forced to stay in his own cage, a 'Pet Taxi', and was kept in a separate room. My punishment was a six by four barred cell with a white sink, a white toilet, and a metal bench. My requests were made known clearly as soon as the door rang closed:

1. a blanket and a pillow
2. a psychiatrist and/or medication

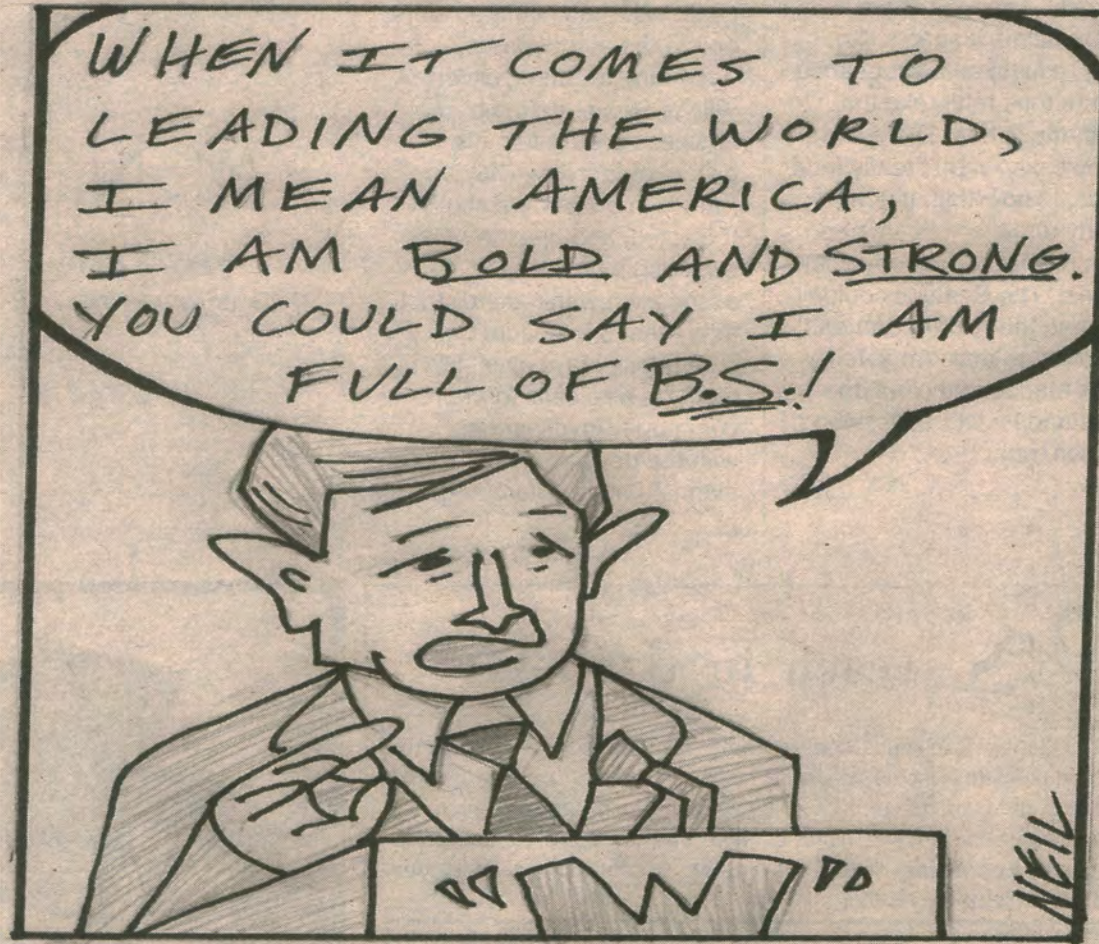
3. toilet tissue
 4. a glass of water
- A female guard checked on me periodically. Her voice spoke so rarely and so inaudibly that I felt alone and silently abused. My requests were left dishonoured as far as I'm concerned, as the tissue given me was barely a handful for the entire evening, and, they turned off the cold water tap and did admit doing so after the fact to my mother.

Four or five hours like this ensued and my whole essence of mind and body felt tortured to such a degree that I truly did 'lose it'. By the time the cell door opened, I was more than ever ready to see that doctor I had asked for on more than one occasion.

To the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences waiting area we were taken. Two male officers hung off me like a dirty, wet coat, as if I had broken the most serious of laws. I wasn't 'allowed' to hold my squawking, urine- doused cat for some unknown reason. The obnoxious officers insisted that if I did open the cage, that they would "put the

animal back ourselves". That thought sickened me so I forced myself to endure Shadow's desperate cries worrying that each one could be his last, pathetic meow. Camp Hill's Abbey J. Lane eventually and finally admitted me and the aid that had needed from Hour One was received. A month later I was back to myself and catching up on lost work, a master's thesis for Saint Mary's University. Constable Mosher of Complaints Against Officers is adamant that the staff on Friday, February 20th, 2004, were "doing their jobs". If they were, the entire police force should be most ashamed of themselves. I can honestly say that I am glad that I did get in the hospital, but by the same token I am also truly convinced that these officers could have eased up on someone they were assuming was "on drugs". Even if I had been intoxicated, no human being in any state deserves such cruelty and misuse of control. This is my story. I called a prominent lawyer while in the hospital. She was empathetic but could offer no advice...and the Halifax Police Department remains unchanged.

Lisa Corra



We want to hear from you!

Send us your opinions, on classes, the elections, SMUSA, SMU, anything at all.

We welcome letters to the Editor (journal.editor@smu.ca), story submissions to sectional editors (check out the Staff box on the left), or drop by (especially on Monday between noon and midnight) and speak with any of our staff.

NEWS

Continued from cover

Just Jack

JM: Funny you say that, I don't know. Nick was saying, we wanted to get a book together. I said 'yeah sure,' we've been talking about this for three years now, nothing's come about. But I'm not really sure, I have quite a stream of stories. SN: Some of them are typed, some are handwritten - JM: Yeah, well I don't have a typewriter, I don't have time to type. I'm a two-finger typer. So sometimes I'll say 'to heck with it' just try to print it and get it out there. Sometime down the road I'll get it typed. SN: Have you ever gotten any negative responses to your stories? JM: Not that much. Overall it's incredible how little negativity I've gotten. And the CD's as well, it's incredible how little negativity I've gotten. Like, I had the papers over at Dal one day, I had a boombox playing, and I was playing a song. This guy came up and he was just blatantly hostile about it. And when you get those people, it doesn't seem intimidating, it seems like they're just jealous, because if you don't really like the stuff, that's fine. There are people who aren't really fond of us, I know that. It'd be pretty unusual if I came up with music that nobody could dislike. The Beattles couldn't do that, the Rolling Stones couldn't do that, I'm sure Jack Macdonald can't do that! And Hotel Faces, who are we, right?

SMU student runs for City Council

BY STUART NEATBY

At 20 years of age, Nathaniel Smith has more political experience than most people have by the age of 65. A 3rd year history major at SMU, Smith has completed a certificate program in Municipal Government at Henson College, at Dalhousie. He recently was employed as the office manager for NDP candidate Bill Carr in Halifax West during the last federal election. And he is now running for city council in his own neighbourhood of Fairview-Clayton Park. "I decided to run for city council for two reasons," says Smith. "The first reason was that the person that I'm running against, the incumbent Russell Walker, has run unopposed since 1995. So he's had ten years of free reign on our district with no opposition." "The second reason is that the HRM is in its 25-year regional planning stage. So I figured it would make more sense for someone who's going to be around and active within the community to be involved than to have someone who's in their sixties, and could be dead within 25 years planning my future. Fairview is in a perfect position where it could either go into the slums or into the stratosphere." According to Smith, Dutch Village Road, the main business area within his district of Fairview-Clayton Park is in a sort of "limbo." If elected, he hopes to establish a business association within the district as a means to ensure the community stays alive. His platform also calls for more community involvement with the development planning of the site of the

former Halifax West School, more access to transit for members of his community, the implementation of HRM's long-discussed bike lane plan, and numerous public meetings aimed at establishing a community identity within Fairview-Clayton Park. "We have to create identities. We are a community of communities, and you just can't fall to the side." When asked about why students should vote in this election, Smith notes the overall low voter turn-out in Municipal elections. The point is made that a strong turn-out of voters from SMU could sway the whole election. But the importance of a student voice goes beyond simply the duty of democratic participation, according to Smith. "In South End Halifax, I think it's more important, because we're being harassed. Where we live is being called 'student ghettos.' We're being told that we're not citizens of the community even though we live and work here, school is work, you know? And we're being dismissed because we don't own a house and we don't

pay property taxes." But, specifically, which issues in this election relate to students? "Well if you look at the 25-year regional plan, the majority of students that go to Saint Mary's live in the city. So we're living in a city now, that is trying to plan the future of where the city wants to go in terms of regional planning, planning what kind of jobs are going to be in the city... and if we don't have a voice in that, there's no point, we're going to have to leave. It's just going to keep continuing that cycle of educating ourselves to the point where we have to leave. And then we'll leave. There's nothing in this city to keep us here. The only way of that we can actively dictate what kind of economy is here, what kind of businesses will be here, what kind of jobs will be here when we're in our forties, is right now by voting and taking part in the regional planning." It was this reason that prompted Smith to issue a challenge to each Mayoral candidates to establish a youth council, composed of high school and university

students, which would be consulted by the City Council. This sort of council has already been set up in cities like Toronto and Boston. "And plus," adds Smith, "if they're putting bylaws in place that are telling us that we can't be ourselves at our own school because we're too noisy, they've basically labelled the entire student population of South End Halifax, Saint Mary's and Dalhousie, as a nuisance. That's wrong. That's discriminating us just because of the fact that we go to University. Nobody is standing up and telling Sue Uteck, for example, that she needs to think about these people as her constituents just as much as the people who have \$300,000 houses on Young Avenue." Sue Uteck, the incumbent for the South End district, has in the past referred to Queen Street as a "student ghetto."

Check out Nathaniel Smith's campaign website at www.natsmith.ca

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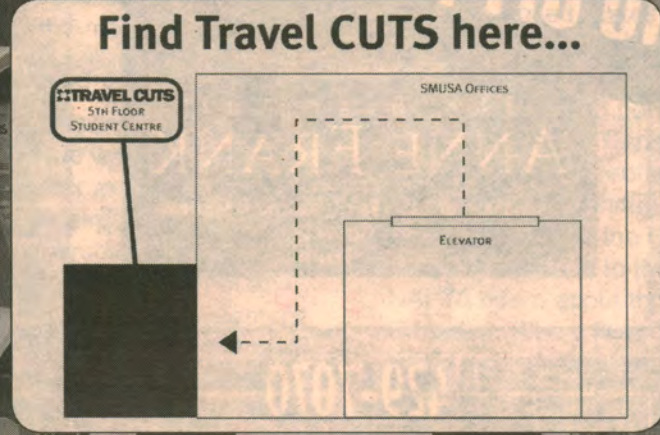
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BAN ...

BY BILL HUGHES

There is something in the American vernacular that you yourself may have participated in as a child, in elementary or grade school. And although this may be the case, for the majority of you did not dedicate one or more years of your life to the studying and memorization of words, and their origins. The spelling bee is a staple of many grade school classrooms and it uses competition as means to elicit or provoke interest in spelling. Creator and Director Jeffrey Blitz illustrates this American obsession in his Academy Award nominated feature documentary film "Spellbound." Blitz follows the lives of eight children between the ages of eleven and thirteen with keen interest as he documents their quest to reach the National Spelling Bee Championship in Washington, DC. The interesting approach to this film is how Blitz demonstrates the shocking undertaking and investment of time that children put into studying for this event and how the variety of cultures in which they were raised often dictates their motivation. Some of the children do it



for themselves and some do it for their parents. And if like most, you're questioning the popularity or validity of such a competition or film, consider the following. Over nine million children begin the competition, until the bell has toll for most, and the remaining 250 elite spellers make their way to the nation's capital to participate in what is annually the most watched program on ESPN television. The theme in Blitz's Spellbound is American's being portrayed as a "land of opportunity," and it explores that theme through the lives of children of many different ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds and how these factors influence their perspective on the merits of the competition.

It is for this reason, that the film is comprised of both humour and social commentary, rather than the surface story surrounding the actual spelling bee. The film also expresses the sentiment that although these children do come from different backgrounds, they are all very similar, and come together because of a common interest rather than remaining segregated for reasons out of their control. This film will captivate you as Blitz investigates the subculture of the American obsession with the National Spelling Bee and illustrates it as being a culture rather than just a competition. But after you have seen the film it's very difficult to decipher between the two.

Media Mumbo Jumbo

BY STUART NEATBY

Control Room, the new documentary from director Jehane Noujaim (Start-Up.Com) aired recently on CBC News World. The film follows the efforts of the controversial and hugely popular Arab-language television news station Al-Jazeera as it attempts to cover the devastation of the Iraq war. Unlike al-Jazeera, the director of Control Room attempts to avoid taking an outright position on its subject matter. Al-Jazeera has been accused by the Bush administration as being the "the mouth-piece of Osama Bin Laden," apparently due to their penchant for airing videos of bin Laden's speeches. Alternately, many commentators have praised

the openness of Al-Jazeera's content. The film places itself more within the latter position but gives ample attention to its critics. The crew of the film spent most of their time as a 'fly on the wall' within the United States' Central Command Centre (CENTCOM) in Doha, Qatar, from which the military issued daily releases of the latest "news" from the warfront, complete with their own political spin. Oftentimes, the Centcom press liaisons interviewed on camera chastise Al Jazeera for presenting an anti-American bias. However, it is clear that the journalists from the major news networks (CNN, NBC, ABC) frequently appear to hang off of every word of the press liaisons of the US military. The question

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FEATURES

Foreign Policy Conundrum

BY MICHAEL HUGHES

Prime Minister Paul Martin is being forced to address a political bombshell as parliament opens this week. Over the weekend, thousands of Canadians rallied against the US missile defence shield and demanded that Canada not participate. The problem with this issue is that it's a very complex one with serious ramifications for every decision. Paul Martin faces his political demise if he openly supports this initiative, especially if the strategic defence program places weapons in space. If Canada decides against participation, the US has subtly mentioned and is quite willing to punish Canada, primarily by means of trade disruptions, tariffs, and boycotts of various goods. As it stands, the Prime Minister has taken a very Canadian position on this issue; in other words, he has followed a policy fence sitting. Eventually, either through a vote called by the opposition in the House of Commons or demands by the US for a clear Canadian position, the Prime Minister will be forced to play his hand and make this very controversial and important decision.

As it stands, Paul Martin, along with Foreign Affairs Minister Pierre Pettigrew and Defence Minister Bill Graham have all stated that Canada needs to sit down with the United States in order to ensure Canada's concerns are addressed. This fence sitting position, however, is increasingly becoming politically damaging for the Martin government. The logic of the government has been that by negotiating with the United States, Canada will ensure that NORAD is not rendered irrelevant and that Canada will continue to play a role in the security of North American airspace. Regardless if Canada signs onto the missile plan or not, the US will be moving forward with it anyhow, so in order to ensure Canada can maintain control of its own airspace and have a say in whether or not the ground based interceptors pass through our airspace, Canada will have to take an active role in persuading the US policy. It is also important to note that with Paul Martin's continued statements against the weaponization of space, it is vital that Canada sit down at the table with



the US and hammer this point home in the goal of either stopping US plans to weaponize space, or at least delaying the process. The weapons in space argument gives Canada some useful leverage in the negotiations. Don't be surprised to see the possibility of Canada signing onto the shield in exchange for a US guarantee not to weaponize space.

By not signing onto the missile defence shield, Paul Martin's goal of creating better Canada-US relations will be almost impossible to achieve. With major US politicians, news anchors, and policy makers already highly critical of Canada's broken record of no's to US policy, Paul Martin will have to work very hard to ensure that relations remain at the status quo. Former Independent Presidential Contender Pat Buchanan went so far as to call Canada the "spoiled brats of the new world". While most Canadians care little about what the United States thinks of us, there are some important considerations to reflect on. The US border is still not open to Canadian beef, the tariffs on softwood lumber still exist, though at a lower level, and the US is taking a protest to the NAFTA board about the Canadian Wheat Board. While the review of the Canadian Wheat Board is certainly nothing new (its happened nine times before, Canada winning every case), issues such as border closure to Canadian beef and the possibility for the US to levy tariffs on other

Canadian products could cause serious economic ramifications for Canada. While such tariffs would be illegal, as can be seen with the softwood lumber case, it can take years to fight the measures at the dispute panels of both NAFTA and the WTO. In the meantime, such action could be the final push needed to stop the ever-resilient Canadian economy. With the price of oil hitting fifty dollars (\$US) a barrel, US trade penalties could send Canada into a recession.

Politically speaking, the Martin government is in trouble if it continues to muse about the possibility of signing on. Canadians currently continue to be very anti-Bush, an attitude that won't help Paul Martin politically as he tries to generate some warmth in Canada-US relations. The government has stated it will not take this issue to a vote in the House of Commons, despite what the opposition has demanded. This means that politically the Martin government is slightly less likely to be toppled by their decision in the short run, but when facing a volatile and still angry electorate in an election which will probably happen next year, it could spell an even more divided house and a much smaller liberal government. In essence, for Paul Martin, this issue is a lose-lose situation. He will either lose politically or Canada will lose in our relations without our largest, and currently quite angry, trading partner. It will be up to the Prime Minister

to decide which is more important.

There is one small glimmer of hope for the government, however, which could prevent them from having to make a decision on this issue. The government has been quite effective at stalling their position for a reason, Democratic candidate John Kerry has stated that he is opposed to a missile defence shield and will not allow one in the United States. Should John Kerry win, Paul Martin will be in the clear. But either way, Canada will one day have to face this issue again and will have to take a position. For whoever is in power when that day comes, it will mean a choice between political suicide and economic consequences. A lot is at stake over a defence shield that is highly controversial, very expensive, and not proven to be especially effective. Only time will tell what Canada's stance will be, but let's hope the Prime Minister makes the right choice and rejects missile defence.

Anyone who witnessed this incident or who has any information that could help the investigators is asked to call the Halifax Regional Police (490-5020) or Crime Stoppers (1-800-222-8477) and refer to case file 04-44238.



Beware

Security is something that we usually take for granted here at SMU. We get drunk and be relatively well-assured of getting back home. The streets are well-illuminated and peaceful. The people here are friendly (for the most part). Sometimes we forget that Halifax is a large city, with a population of nearly 360,000 (according to the 2001 census). Crime is a major problem in every metropolitan centre, and our little corner of the world is no exception. Public awareness of assaults, thefts and other security issues that violate SMU students is valuable for our collective safety and well-being.

Last Wednesday, at approximately 1:34 AM, a male was reportedly assaulted by two males, one carrying a knife, in a robbery attempt. This incident occurred as the victim was walking in the vicinity of the Memorial Arena Parking Lot at Dalhousie University, near South Street. The victim suffered a facial wound and was treated at the hospital for the injury. Fortunately, the wound was not serious. The assailants were reported as being white males. One was between 20 and 25, six feet tall, with shoulder-length hair, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans. The other was about five feet, ten inches tall, with long hair and a red hooded sweatshirt with a light design on the front. Both suspects fled on foot. Anyone who witnessed this incident or who has any information that could help the investigators is asked to call the Halifax Regional Police (490-5020) or Crime Stoppers (1-800-222-8477) and refer to case file 04-44238.

Students are advised to avoid walking alone if possible, especially at night. Keep to open, public, well-lit areas and stay out of alleys and smaller streets. For anyone interested in taking a self-defense course, the Tower has classes in Karate and Choi Kwang Do available. It's also a good idea to be aware of the rights you have as a SMU student. You can use the Husky Van for a safe drive home, but you can also arrange to have a security officer escort you to your vehicle, home or residence within a kilometre of the campus. This service is available from Sunday to Wednesday until 1 AM and Thursday to Saturday until 2 AM. You can call 420-5577 for more information.

DRAFT Team Wins National Award

BY ALANA GREEN

The Saint Mary's University DRAFT Team (Drink Responsibly and Feel Terrific), is a committee of students and staff interested in promoting student well being through responsible alcohol use. The objective of the DRAFT Team is to promote and encourage students to make responsible and educated choices around alcohol consumption. This is usually accomplished throughout the year with a variety of educational based workshops, such as:

- 7 Habits of Highly Effective Drinkers
- The Great Sexual Lubricant
- Last Call For Alcohol
- Booze and Books

The DRAFT Team also sponsors unique activities and humorous events on and off campus throughout the year, like:

- Orientation Comedy Night
- Alcohol Awareness Days
- Casino Night and Auction

The DRAFT Team is a member in good standing of the Canadian post-secondary network of BACCHUS Canada, which is a division of The Student Life Education Company Ltd. If you, or someone you know, would like to be involved with the Saint Mary's University DRAFT Team please contact the DRAFT Team office at 496-8226 or drop by our office, 5th floor of the Student Centre.

We were involved in 6 events during Orientation week, including the Hypnotist and Comedy night, which we sponsored and ran and had 800 students in attendance.

BACCHUS Canada (www.studentlifeeducation.com,) awarded the DRAFT Team Campus of the Year for 2004-2005. It was awarded to the DRAFT Team on Thursday, September 23rd, in front of many members of the Saint Mary's community, including Keith Hotchkiss, Paul Fitzgerald, Kati Kilfoil, Clay Fowler, The Vice President, Jessica Bitsack, Kathleen Lingley and others. The award was presented by Jen Wallace, Director BACCHUS Canada and Fran Wdowczyk, Executive Director, The Student Life Company (see website for more info) Keith Hotchkiss, Jen Wallace, Fran Wdowczyk, and Donnie Jeffrey, Coordinator of the DRAFT Team and Counsellor had many good things to say about the positive work the DRAFT Team and the accomplishments of the past few years.

The campus of the year award is awarded to the Canadian university or college that consistently provides a high quality level of alcohol education and awareness on a wide variety of issues. The DRAFT Team has won 5 awards in the past 6 years, including the Carmi Cimicata Foundation Award for leadership, commitment and vision in alcohol

Chinese Embassy Rejects Thousands of Canadian Messages

To refuse acceptance of almost 13,000 signed postcards from across Canada addressed to the President of China in care of the Embassy in Ottawa, the massive embassy doors were shut immediately upon approach of a representative from World Society for the Protection of Animals, accompanied by three directors from the Animal Defence League of Canada (ADLC), on Tuesday, September 21, 2004.

Communication was only via the RCMP who arrived and informed the message bearers as to where they were permitted to stand. The postcards ask China to stop caging thousands of wild and captive-bred bears, and have their bellies deliberately cut with tubes inserted to drain their bile for sale.

The ADLC spokesperson says: "Thousands of bears are being endangered and suffering needlessly, because China's herbal and synthetic medicine industries provide the same therapeutic benefits as bear bile, but bear bile originating from China is being illegally exported to other countries, including Canada".

For further information please call: (613) 233-6117.



World Breast Cancer Conference Comes To Halifax



The 4th World Conference on Breast Cancer will take place June 8-12, 2005 at the Halifax World Trade and Convention Centre. This is the first time the conference will be in Atlantic Canada so it will be a very special event.

The conference will focus on three key themes- community, culture and connection. These themes will be incorporated in the overall conference program by providing opportunities to communicate ideas and knowledge that will build, support and strengthen individual and international networks, and advance global and local action related to breast cancer.

"Whatever the reason for participating in this

conference-a survivor, family member, research scientist, clinician, or simply excited by the possibilities of an extraordinary experience- the 4th World Conference on Breast Cancer will enrich people's lives for years to come", says Valerie Hepburn, volunteer and president of the World Breast Cancer Organization.

The focus is on breast cancer, but this conference will also highlight some of the unique culture of Atlantic Canada, and celebrate Halifax's tradition of welcoming the World.

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SPORTS

Back in business

BY BILL HUGHES

The Saint Mary's Huskies Football team is not accustomed to having to recover from a blowout loss, but that was the task at hand this past Saturday afternoon. The cure to their ailment, and that of many AUS football clubs, is a trip to Sackville, New Brunswick to face the Mount Alison Mounties. The end result was mission accomplished, as the injury riddled Huskies were able to dismantle the Mounties to the tune of a 47-3 blowout final.

Coming off a 27-10 debacle at home to the Concordia Stingers, the Huskies plummeted from the nations number one ranking, down to number six, on a weekend that saw the nations top three clubs (SMU, MacMaster and Laval) all succumb to upset losses. The victory over the Huskies helped to push Concordia into the national rankings at number eight.

The win over Mount 'A' came rather easily even without the services of five regular players who were unavailable due to injury. Where the Huskies were lacking due to injury however, 2003 all-star running back Les Mullings picked up and put forth his best first half performance of the season. Mullings was in a word, dominant, as he totaled 179 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns (one through the air and another on the ground) to help put the game off to reach at halftime with SMU up 35-0. Steve Panella also played well in his return after having been removed in the loss to Concordia, and compiled first half number of 10 of 13 for 188 yards and then took the second half off due to the lopsided score.

The only offence that the Mounties were able to muster came early in the second half when Panella's replacement, backup QB Chris Anthony gift rapped 3 points for the home side. Anthony was picked

off by Matt Harding deep in SMU's half, which resulted in a 17-yard field off the foot of Pat Blaggrave to halt the shutout bid.

The Huskies also saw a great performance from their defensive unit, as they were able to shut down any attempt by the Mounties to get a running game established. The Huskies also corrected a glaring problem that has cost them in each and every previous game this season, in the penalty department. The Huskies showed improved discipline, as they were able to keep their totals under 100 yard in penalties for the first time this season. Although, they were flagged on 10 occasions for a total of 80 yards, the number of intentional calls for no yards and time count violations skewed this total.

By game's end, the Huskies had outgained the Mounties in embarrassing fashion. The totals showed as dominant a performance as did the scoreboard when they read 444-199 in the total yards column.

The win pushed the Huskies record to 3-1, as they moved on to next week's match up against another weak club in the St. FX X-Men. The Mounties will look for their first win this coming week against a talented Acadia Axemen side. The Huskies will look to equal their performance from the season's second game when they dismantled the X-Men in a 37-5 final. The Huskies will use the next two games against X and again against the Mounties in preparation and in healing their wounded for their next tough match up against the defending national champs, the Laval Rouge et Or. The Rouge et Or last defeated the Huskies to capture the Vanier cup in November of 2003. The interlocking Quebec Conference game is set for Saturday October 23 in Quebec at 7PM.

* If you would like to contribute to the sports section please contact speedy Bill Hughes aka 1:19pm at billyuqtr@yahoo.ca

Men's Soccer remains undefeated

BY NEIL JORDAN

As it was a bye week for the women, the men's side took center stage this weekend as they hosted visiting Memorial University on Saturday afternoon at Huskies Stadium. Memorial was looking to gain three vital points toward catching SMU in the race for first place in the AUS East Division. With five games remaining in the season, every point would prove to be important. The Seahawks arrived at Huskies Stadium with the daunting task of attempting to defeat a nationally number one ranked SMU side that has only surrendered one goal in going undefeated throughout the first six games of the AUS schedule.

In a game marred by persistent defensive play, neither team could manage to muster a goal in a hard fought 0-0 draw. The ball was stuck in midfield most of the time, and Memorial was clearly concentrating their efforts on limiting the opportunities of CIS athlete of the week and AUS scoring leader Ryan Devereaux and hard-working Richard Eastell, and were content to sit back and defend. SMU were also solid on defense, led once again by all-star Eduardo Farias.

The men go into their bye week as the only undefeated side in the AUS at 5-0-2, and play next on October 17, when West Division leaders Mount Allison make the trip to Huskies Stadium.

Lady Huskies take a breather

BY NEIL JORDAN

The Lady Huskies were able to take a week off to rest and recuperate for the stretch run as they look to hunt down the leading Dalhousie Tigers. The Huskies sit at a very respectable 4-2-1, good for second in the AUS East and three points behind the Tigers. Their next game will be October 13th at 6 p.m., playing host to last-place Acadia Axewomen.

Three's company

BY BILL HUGHES

Superstar Saint Mary's Soccer striker Ryan Devereaux was honoured on three occasions this past week for his excellent performances. Devereaux was named the CIS, AUS and SMU Athlete of the Week. Devereaux received these accolades after having scored four goals in only two games. His offensive pace included a hat-trick in a win versus the University of Moncton, and SMU's only goal in a 1-1 draw in a first place match up with the U.P.E.I. Panthers. Devereaux continues to lead the conference and the nation with a total of 8 goals, leading his team to the nation's number one ranking

Women's AUS Standings:

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
DALHOUSIE	7	5	0	2	10	3	7	17
SAINT MARY'S	7	4	2	1	13	8	5	13
STFX	8	3	1	4	6	5	1	13
MEMORIAL	9	2	4	3	12	15	-3	9
ACADIA	9	1	4	4	8	11	-3	7
UPEI	9	6	1	2	21	7	14	20
UCCB	8	4	3	1	15	7	8	13
MOUNT ALLISON	8	3	4	1	12	15	-3	10
UNB	8	3	5	0	8	16	-8	9
MONCTON	9	1	8	0	7	25	-18	3

Men's AUS Standings:

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
SAINT MARY'S	7	5	0	2	14	1	13	17
MEMORIAL	8	4	3	1	17	9	8	13
DALHOUSIE	6	3	3	0	11	5	6	9
STFX	6	2	4	0	6	9	-3	6
MOUNT ALLISON	8	6	1	1	19	8	11	19
UPEI	8	4	2	2	23	10	13	14
UNB	7	2	2	3	10	8	2	9
UCCB	6	0	3	3	6	15	-9	3
MONCTON	8	0	8	0	4	45	-41	0

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Predictability

BY BILL HUGHES

Got roughed up on a few occasions in picking against the lowly Chargers and Cardinals. All that being said, I still finished a respectable 8-5 (excluding MNF), for two-week grand total of 18-9. In my attempt to enlist help from two people who know absolutely nothing about Football, they're picks proved to be exactly as informed as my own. Both people's picks that accompanied mine last week (known affectionately as E and C) equalled my results at 8-5. Very embarrassing. This week, below we have guest picks and commentary from the man known only as "Black" Neil. Let's see how he does...

Detroit (2-1) at Atlanta (4-0)
Ok, so Atlanta is definitely for real. I picked against them last week at a good Carolina team and lost. Michael Vick is raw, but his contribution in combination with a vastly improved defence has seen Atlanta charge out of the gate at 4-0. Detroit is coming off a bye, but you can't prepare with video for Vick's scrambling abilities. Hotlanta will remain unbeaten...
Atlanta 34 Detroit 13

N.Y. Giants (3-1) at Dallas (2-1)
Ok, so the Giants are for real. Kurt Warner is proving to be among good company in Terrell Owens and Cory Dillon as the NFL's best off-season acquisitions. The Giants walked into Lambeau and took down the Packers. Dallas is coming off a bye and Parcells will have them well prepared. Take Warner and the Giants D, over whoever plays pivot for the Cowboys...
NY 21 Dallas 17

Minnesota (2-1) at Houston (2-2)
Ok, it's odd, but the Texans seem as though they are for real. But, for real with respect to the Texans only gets you to 2-2. Minnesota is coming off a bye and should beat Houston. I'll pick Minnesota by a narrow margin, but if the Texans pull this one out, I'm taking them next week at Tennessee.
Minnesota 24 Houston 23

Oakland (2-2) at Indianapolis (3-1)
If Manning hadn't lost on opening night to the Pats then he should be given the MVP award at midseason. But, until he defeats Brady or McNabb he cannot be referred to as the "Best in the game". Oakland is old, and Indy's speed will be deadly in the dome. This game is no contest, as Manning continues to pad his stats at will...
Indianapolis 37 Oakland 17

Miami (0-4) at New England (3-0)
Brady beat Manning. He'll beat Fiedler. Record 19th win in a row. That simple...
New England 27 Miami 6

Tampa Bay (0-4) at New Orleans (2-2)
New Orleans rocked me and everyone else when they fell to the lowly Arizona Cardinals last Sunday. In their defence, they are extremely injury riddled. Tampa Bay is completely predictable this season in that they are always mediocre. Predictations are what we do here. So, let's say...
New Orleans 24 Tampa Bay 10

Cleveland (2-2) at Pittsburgh (3-1)
Pittsburgh is getting along very nicely with rookie QB Ben Roethlisberger at the helm. Jerome Bettis has totalled 5 TDs this season, with his longest coming on a run of 4 yards. Cleveland's roster proves that they are lucky to be 2-2. Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher continues to do more with less. Plus, his first name is quality too...
Pittsburgh 24 Cleveland 17

Buffalo (0-4) at N.Y. Jets (4-0)
If I have to watch another Drew Bledsoe press conference, hungover over on Sunday afternoon, hearing him suggest that they have to play better "next week" then I think I'll start drinking on Sunday mornings too. The N.Y. Jets are among the elite five clubs that remain undefeated. The J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jets look for real and they have one of the finest young QB's in Chad Pennington, and one of the best veteran RB's in Curtis Martin. Blowout potential at the Meadowlands...
N.Y. 30 Buffalo 20

Jacksonville (3-1) at San Diego (2-2)
Jacksonville played admirably in a loss at home against a potent Indianapolis club. San Diego is in the running with Arizona for the upset of the week against Tennessee. This should be a great RB match up between LaDainian Tomlinson and Fred Taylor. Tomlinson should win the match up, but Jacksonville will rebound and move into a first place tie with the Colts atop the AFC south at 4-1...
Jacksonville 23 San Diego 16

Carolina (1-2) at Denver (3-1)
Carolina got embarrassed at home against a strong Falcons club last Sunday. Denver defeated Tampa Bay on the strength of an astounding 3 second half points and are lucky to be 3-

1. This may very well be the game of the week, pitting two underachieving clubs head to head. Take Carolina in an upset over the struggling Broncos...
Carolina 16 Denver 13

Arizona (1-3) at San Francisco (0-4)
These two clubs are quite possibly the worst pair in the league. Arizona pulled off the shocking upset of New Orleans; meanwhile San Francisco got blownout on ESPN's Sunday Night game against St. Louis. Who knows? This should be ugly...
Arizona 3 San Francisco 0

St. Louis (2-2) at Seattle (3-0)
St. Louis rebounded after an OT loss to pick apart San Fran. Seattle was idle with the bye. Seattle will continue to forge its place among the NFL's elite, as it remains undefeated. The Seahawks will win if they can avoid looking past the Rams to Week 6 where it plays in the game of the week at New England. Take the Seahawks at home, if for no other reason than Rams coach Mike Martz is an arrogant asshole...
Seattle 34 St. Louis 23

Baltimore (2-1)* at Washington (1-3)
Baltimore got upset in Week 1. Since then they have looked like the team that everyone has expected, with an outstanding defence and an All-Pro running back in Jamal Lewis. However, Lewis may be slightly distracted after having made a plea to serve jail time in the off-season. Washington head coach Joe Gibbs is constantly distracted in trying to figure out why he came out of retirement. He figures Sunday fishing is much less stressful than having to watch a bunch of overpaid men run around purposeless. Baltimore is my playoff sleeper pick...
Baltimore 20 Washington 13

Tennessee (1-3) at Green Bay (1-3)
Monday, Monday, Monday. Something to circle on the MNF sked in the preseason. But, as of right now, we aren't sure whether or not either Steve McNair or Brett Favre will play due to injury. Could be a great match up of two of the toughest warriors to ever stand in the pocket or it could be Doug Pederson versus Bobby Volek. We'll leave this one alone. Much too "off" to risk damaging the record...
*Monday night results unavailable before print
Open dates: Chicago, Cincinnati, Kansas and Philadelphia

Predictability of a sidekick... by "Black" Neil Jordan

Detroit at Atlanta
Is Detroit's D good enough to contain Michael Vick like Carolina last week?
Atlanta 28-24

Miami at New England
I don't like him, but only Dan Marino could save the Fins this year.
New England 17-3

Tampa Bay at New Orleans
The Saints bounce back after being embarrassed by the Cards.
New Orleans 20-10

Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Home field to the Steelers.
Pittsburgh 21-14

Minnesota at Houston
The Vikings come out of the bye week hungry.
Minnesota 31-21

N.Y. Giants at Dallas
Parcells has the 'boys ready.
Dallas 17-10

Oakland at Indianapolis
Peyton Manning, all day, every week.
Indianapolis 35-14

Jacksonville at San Diego
I like Drew Brees for the Chargers' future.
San Diego 24-21

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets
Another classic divisional rival game.
New York 21-17

Arizona at San Francisco
Arizona wins two in a row?
Arizona 20-14

St. Louis at Seattle
Who can stop who first?
Seattle 31-28

Carolina at Denver
The Panthers suffocate at Mile High.
Denver 24-17

Baltimore at Washington
Sooner or later, the Ravens defence will start playing like they used to.

Arsehole(s) of the week:

BY BILL HUGHES

Gary Bettman & Bobby Goodenow

Reason: They do not play well with others.



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News and notes

BY BILL HUGHES

I hate Washington

Major League baseball, the Montreal Expos and the Washington Senators baseball club all made official announcements that the Expos will in fact be leaving Montreal to resume play in Washington for the commencement of the 2005-06 season. An average attendance of less than 9,000 fans a game, in combination with no major TV contact forced the sale of the team to the MLB two season ago. Now the MLB will sell the team to Washington where it will get baseball back after a 52 year absence.

1.2 million dollar limit

South African Ernie Els carded a final round 3-under par 69 to total 15-under for the tournament as he captured the American Express World Cup of Golf in Ireland on Sunday. The victory pushed Els into second place in the world rankings ahead of rival Tiger Woods. The 34-year-old is now chasing world number one Vijay Singh who was forced to pull out of the Amex WGC due to hurricane damage to his Florida residence. Singh is expected to resume play next week in Europe, as he and Els will play twice down the stretch in the hunt for the number one ranking. Els captured 1.2 million dollars in his victory in Europe and can catch Singh with top results in his final two events of the season.

Lucky number 18?

The New England Patriots continued their feverish run as they won their 18th consecutive NFL game on Sunday by defeating the Buffalo Bills 31-17. The win enters the Pats into a tie with several other clubs for the NFL's longest winning streak. The win streak includes both regular season and playoffs victories dating back 53 consecutive weeks. The Patriots will attempt to sit alone atop the record when they look for their 19th straight win at home against the winless Miami Dolphins this coming Sunday.

As good as gone...

Perennial American League all-star Carlos Delgado may have very well played his final game as a Toronto Blue Jay on Sunday. Delgado has been the heart and soul of the Jays organisation for the past 10 seasons but will test the free agent market this coming offseason. The Jays are expected to offer Delgado a deal in the market

of \$7 million per season, but it is expected that he will attract in the neighbourhood of double that figure. The Jays are hopeful that Delgado will chose to take a drastic pay cut in order to stay in his new hometown in Canada.

Warrior bested...

Brett Favre went down on Sunday after having taken a shot to the head resulting in a concussion. Favre did walk off the field on his own power but did not return to the game due to lack of medical clearance. Favre will be re-evaluated his week and his status for Monday Night's game at home to Tennessee is still up in the air. Green Bay went on to lose Sunday's game to the N.Y. Giants in Favre absence 14-7.

Enshrined

Saint Mary's has named those people who will be inducted into SMU's Sport Hall of Fame. The honourees will be inducted on the 10th anniversary of the Hall during this year's Home Coming Weekend slated for October 15 at 4:30PM at the Tower. The newest members will be Les Goodwin (former Men's Basketball Coach), Bill Robinson (former Quarterback), Sue Dunbrack Beazley (Basketball and Field Hockey), and Ross Webb (Soccer).

Intellectualism on the hardwood

The Saint Mary's Huskies Basketball team will welcome Harvard University to the Tower for some exhibition action on Saturday evening. Game time is 8PM.

Home field advantage?

If the Saint Mary's Huskies do in fact qualify for the CIS Women's Rugby Nationals, they will not have to travel far to partake. The three-day Championships are slated to take place here in Halifax from November 4-6, 2004. The weekend Championship will take place on the Halifax Wanderers Grounds and another field to be created on the Halifax Commons. The Championships were given to Halifax based on Rugby Nova Scotia's ability to stage such an event and the success of the Uteck Bowl at Huskies Stadium was also a factor. The event's schedule is as follows:

Day 1 - Preliminary Round

Group A (Commons)
10:00am - team A vs. team C
12:30pm - team B vs. team C

3:00pm - team A vs. team B

Group B (Wanderer's)
10:00am - team D vs. team F
12:30pm - team E vs. team F
3:00pm - team D vs. team E

Day 2 - Championship Round (Wanderer's)

Semi #1: 10:00am (#1 Pool A vs. #2 Pool B)
Semi #2: 12:30pm (#2 Pool A vs #1 Pool B)
5th Place: 3:00pm (#3 Pool A vs #3 Pool B)

Day 3 - Championship Finals (Wanderer's)

Bronze: 12:00pm (Loser SF #1 vs. Loser SF #2)
Gold: 2:00pm (Winner SF #1 vs. Winner SF #2)

The schedule for the Maritime Championships will be released in the coming weeks.

Huskies fall again

BY BILL HUGHES

The Lady Huskies Rugby team did not help their cause in reaching the event as they dropped their fourth straight game this season, as they remain winless. The 54-15 loss to the U.P.E.I Panthers did have a positive result as the Huskies did manage to score their first points of the season. The Huskies have been outscored 215-15 this

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MLB Divisional Playoff Schedule:

Minnesota Twins vs. New York Yankees

Game 1
MIN @ NYY
Tuesday, Oct. 5
8:00 p.m.

Game 2
MIN @ NYY
Wednesday, Oct. 6
7:00 p.m.
ESPN

Game 3
NYY @ MIN
Friday, Oct. 8
8:00 p.m.

Game 4*
NYY @ MIN
Saturday, Oct. 9
TBD

Game 5*
MIN @ NYY
Sunday, Oct. 10
TBD

Houston Astros vs. Atlanta Braves

Game 1
HOU @ ATL
Wednesday, Oct. 6
4:00 p.m.

Game 2
HOU @ ATL
Thursday, Oct. 7
4:00 p.m.

Game 3
ATL @ HOU
Saturday, Oct. 9
TBD

Game 4*
ATL @ HOU
Sunday, Oct. 10
TBD

Game 5*
HOU @ ATL
Monday, Oct. 11
TBD

Boston Red Sox vs. Anaheim Angels

Game 1
BOS @ ANA
Tuesday, Oct. 5
4:00 p.m.

Game 2
BOS @ ANA
Wednesday, Oct. 6
10:00 p.m.

Game 3
ANA @ BOS
Friday, Oct. 8
4:00 p.m.

Game 4*
ANA @ BOS
Saturday, Oct. 9
TBD

Game 5*
BOS @ ANA
Sunday, Oct. 10
TBD

Los Angeles Dodgers vs. St. Louis Cardinals

Game 1
LA @ STL
Tuesday, Oct. 5
1:00 p.m.

Game 2
LA @ STL
Thursday, Oct. 7
8:00 p.m.

Game 3
STL @ LA
Saturday, Oct. 9
TBD

Game 4*
STL @ LA
Sunday, Oct. 10
TBD

Game 5*
LA @ STL
Monday, Oct. 11
TBD

Quote of the week:

by Bill Hughes

"I'm ready. I was born ready. I came out the womb ready. That's why you had me, hey mama!"

-Outspoken Minnesota Vikings Wideout
Randy Moss

Control Room
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of journalistic integrity is hit squarely on the head in one particular scene, where the American director of Al-Jazeera's website is asked if their journalists are capable of being objective. She answers the question by asking "are any journalists really objective?" pointing out at the same time that the notion of media objectivity is somewhat of a myth. The film becomes somewhat disturbing as we follow the US Central Command's blatant success in manipulating the media using Jessica Lynch's "rescue" as a distraction to reportage of military movements and civilian casualties. Towards the end of the film, an Al-Jazeera journalist is actually killed during an air strike on the station's office in Baghdad. Although the US military later claims that the strike was in response to small arms fire coming from the vicinity of the office, most of the journalists assume that this attack was intended to gag critical reportage. As a whole, this is an incredible documentary, which will leave you a little more cynical of the credibility of mainstream media reportage. At the same time, the complexity of the conflict is front and centre, so much so that it would give the most ardent anti-imperialist pause.

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