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WAS 1935 A LEAP YEAR?

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The University Girls Calendar returns with a challenge...

BY PAUL PEDERSEN

The University Girls Calendar, which received national media attention last year, returns this fall with its second edition. This year we have expanded to feature the brightest and most beautiful women from every major university across Nova Scotia. The Calendar supports local university students, as a total of \$1000 dollars in scholarship money will be granted to this year's models. The project has been a lot of fun and served as a great learning experience for all the students involved.

In the Journal dated Sept 21, Jennifer Crawford of the women's centre openly criticized the calendar for its "narrow definition of sexy". I would suggest however, as the President of University Girls Calendar Ltd, that I do not decide what is sexy and what is not. The

creative direction of the calendar is geared towards what our customers, sponsors, sales outlets, and stakeholders want and expect from our product. I personally feel the University Girls Calendar is successful in showcasing some of the most beautiful women found on campuses

across the province. I will admit however that I am not always right, and would like to give Ms Crawford and the Women's Centre the opportunity to prove that my opinion of beauty is outdated.

I publicly challenge Ms Crawford and her friends at the Women's Centre to create a pin-up calendar of their own, this time defining in their own terms what is considered sexy and beautiful.

Since, according to Ms Crawford, creating and marketing a pin-up calendar takes little creativity, originality, or entrepreneurial ability, this should prove to be an easy task for the Women's Centre to accomplish. If their venture proves to be more profitable than the University Girls Calendar, I will personally donate 100% of profits from calendar sales to a charity of their choice!

The 2006 University Girls Calendar: The Best of Nova Scotia hits stores and campuses across the province this November!

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THE TREWS & THE JOEL PLASKETT EMERGENCY
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Making a Difference



A prime example of what a few extra hands can do was witnessed at this year's United Way Kick Off as the student athletes and our president were able to trounce the Kick Off participants in the annual tug of war. A special thank you to all of you came out to support the beginning of the campaign.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the ongoing activities that will help us to reach our goal of \$30,000 for the United Way to make Halifax a better place to live, work and play.

Make sure you return

your payroll deduction form to your canvasser to ensure your entry in the early bird draw on October 7th. Also be sure to log into our live online auction and bid on over 30 items donated by businesses throughout our community. All of the funds raised through the auction will go directly to the United Way. The online auction can be found at <http://www.smu.ca/events/united-way/welcome.html>.

Keep giving generously, and continue making a difference.

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CALENDAR



September 28th, 2005

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Interested in Joining a Society?

The society page on SMUSA.ca has now been updated with contacts for many of our various societies. For more information on getting involved contact your VP Internal, Jeff Lohnes at 496-8709

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FOOTBALL

STFX@SMU

Friday, October 14th

Saturday October 8th

- Football - SMU @ MtA- 2:00p.m.

Sunday October 9th

- SRC Meeting

Monday October 10th

- Thanksgiving Day. No Classes

Wednesday October 12th

- SMU Homecoming 2006 Begins

Thursday October 13th

- GorseBrook Grand Re-Opening
- SMU Homecoming 2006 Begins

Friday October 14th

- Football - Stfx @ SMU - 700p.m.

Saturday October 15th

- SMUMazing Race 12p.m. - 5p.m.
- SMU Homecoming Dance

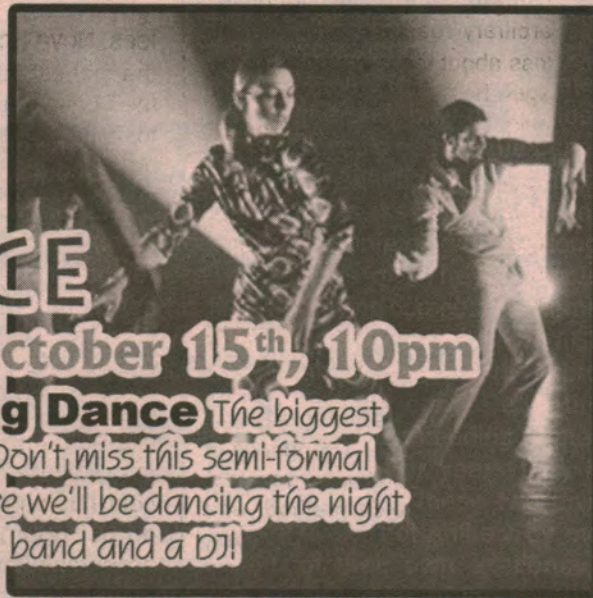
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DANCE

Saturday, October 15th, 10pm

Homecoming Dance The biggest dance of the year. Don't miss this semi-formal wet/dry event, where we'll be dancing the night away to music by a band and a DJ!



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Saturday, October 15th, 12 noon

SMUMazing Race An exciting new event! Race around Halifax in teams of 4 completing challenges and tasks for the chance to win the race and an awesome trip provided by Travel Cuts.



GORSEBROOK

Thursday, October 13th

Gorsebrook Grand Re-opening

You've seen the new pub, now celebrate it. An all day party celebrating the new Gorsebrook with live entertainment.

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State of the U: E Pluribus Unum

BY CHAD BENNETT

We've finally done it. We've arrived at the perfect balance of curricula content, lecture formats and research Profs to assure the proper dawning of the Multiversity.

Yes, finally gone are the wretched days of delving into a single area of study, which as any active member in the world of academia would tell you, can only lead to a bogging down in a pool of stagnant water, that's right, the mythical mental stagnation. My skin crawls at the thought. What a pinnacle, our education system has reached to evoke the solution to so heinous a mental crime as a focusing of ones energies, for shame. The solution, as brilliant in its simplicity as it is in function, is as it turns out constant motion. A brilliance that could only be matched by this most singular elocution, and as the writer, I should know.

Never to let your mind settle on any particular set of ideas is the foremost achievement in modern academic principles, or perhaps it's something else, it's best not to dwell. How charmed we all are, to be entering into the academic institutions upon the realization of such profound leadership and forethought. Such insight could only be the result of this surface-skipping education emerging from its infancy. Skipping, yes, that goes to the essence of the technique nicely, as a stone over the pond, never getting in too deeply so too avoid all of that icky discussion and possible expansion of the current thinking. Why, that could lead to a whole range of fruitless endeavours, grasping at what's merely possible, spending millions of dollars without any real gain, what could be more ludicrous then that? But don't waste your time in its consideration, there's so much more to wade through, for instance the genius of the lecture formats now being introduced in all the august institutes of higher learning.

The formats are such that, now here is the real crux of the system, even if our curiosity wasn't cured by the gentle and wise societal beatings and we wished to pursue

a subject matter less superficially, we couldn't. Now I realize that the notion of such a foul and unsavoury blight upon our society is inconceivable and would certainly not be found to reside within our advanced persons. But please, keep in mind that this is merely a hypothetical example to better illustrate the shining new age upon which our educational system is perched a-cusp. To even presume that this cancerous curiosity is actually there is of course laughable, but I digress, and follow the course of the anti-tangent back to the hypothetical [isn't math fun]. "Why couldn't one probe further into the ideas being presented in our courses?" the "hypothetical you" may be asking. The answer: Busy work and topic hopping. Taken directly from the annals of babes, the doodles and finger-painting have merely been replaced by labs and assignments, which perform the age-old task of keeping ones mind pleasantly occupied, while neither stimulating creative thought nor allowing waking hours for nasty independent learning. There you have it. Did I not tell you of the brilliance, the absolute perfection that we are all privileged to be subjects of and subject to.

If, on the infinitesimal chance of there being some reserved thought amongst the readership as to the effectiveness of these educational breakthroughs, then consider yourself assuaged by the calming realization that... no one is left behind. Even if some sick, twisted and deranged bloke or blokette managed, in perverted fashion, to hang on to their curious imaginings. Even if he or she got beyond the safety net of topic intros and money taking, the mind numbing, busy work of class justifiers, even if, they, these dregs of society would still be pulled back into line with the coup de gras, the research Prof. Yes, so well projected was the philosophy of the academic group mind that no dangling thread of hope, oops, I mean, of delinquency of course, well at any rate the "Mensa" mind never failed to burn each and

Conservative Government equals tough times for students.

BY KYLE BOUTT

Day after day, policy after policy, life is becoming increasingly difficult for students of this province. As we move from one disastrous decision to another it is time to question why we have a Conservative government sitting in Province House.

The current provincial government is not interested in making lives easier for students, workers, farmers, or families. We see this multidimensional attack on many fronts, all of them detrimental to students and the working class.

For starters the Conservatives are allowing the privatization of healthcare. More and more clinics are opening right here in Halifax. While they say they support public healthcare their actions suggest otherwise. Not only did they allow the first private MRI clinic to open years ago, there are now private hospitals opening as well. Coming in the spring they want to "regulate" the private

clinics. One problem here, regulation means you accept their existence.

Next we can look at Nova Scotia Power. After receiving a rate hike last year, this inefficient company wants another increase, a very, very large one. How many people know that NSP gave \$30 million to their shareholders last July? The Government could easily block this proposed rate hike and say no, but they will not. Also NSP is notorious for not having a long-term strategy to bring in environmentally-sound fuels, they insist on using coal and oil, which in turn drives up the price of electricity.

This brings us to another case of inaction, gas prices. Prices have increased from being around \$0.90 at the beginning of the summer, to hovering near \$1.20. Oil and gas companies are now gouging all of us, turning record profits and watching their stock prices skyrocket. Have we heard anything from this government? Yes, only to say they are reviewing the situation and hope to have a plan this fall. Pathetic.

Finally let us look at tuition fees, Nova Scotia's are among the highest in the country. Yet the Conservatives have no plan to fix this, no plan to retain students, and no plan to help them pay off the outrageous debts.

Also, let's not forget we are looking at a \$50 million surplus this year, at least.

All of these issues directly affect students. If we must pay for health care, students won't be able to pay living expenses. If electricity prices increase many students will be in the cold this winter. If gas price do not return to a somewhat acceptable level few students, let alone the general public, will be able to drive or heat their homes. If we don't freeze tuition fees and begin to bring them down, fewer and fewer students will be graduating from

Nova Scotian universities, more will be dropping out, and those who do graduate will have huge amounts of debt to pay off over 15-20 years.

All of these issues are student issues. But more importantly they are questions about society. Should people with money be the only ones able to receive health care? Should the rich be the only ones able to heat their home or drive a car? Should the wealthy be the only people able to send their children to university? Should more and more people be condemned to poverty?

That is the kind of society we are fast approaching. Something must be done to fix this. It is high time we had a government that is there for the people, putting people before profits. A party that is willing to work for and with students. Who is willing to be the party to do this? Not the Conservatives, that much is clear by their actions. What about the Liberals? Liberal Leader Francis Mackenzie asked students at a recent three party panel at the University of King's College to choose between having lower tuition rates and having a job when they get out of university. Clearly the Liberals don't want real reform either. That leaves us with the New Democratic Party

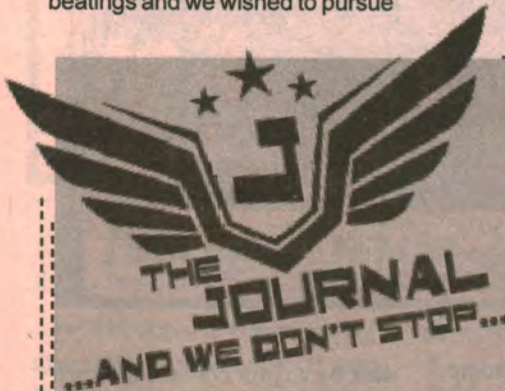
The NDP is the only party that fully opposes private health care. They are the only party trying to stop Nova Scotia Power from increasing rates. They are the only party trying to work for and with students. The NDP is the only party that is there for the people.

If you want to get involved and help to fight this injustice take a look at the website <http://www.nsynd.ca> or email smuynd@gmail.com.

By standing together on the issues we can make positive change in our province. We can make our voices heard.

every thread to which the outcasts could cling. The Prof, let's just call him Professor Helmitic for purely arbitrary reasons, couldn't care less about the classroom "distillage", he merely performs his required one man cirque to receive funding and research quotas. And by doing, so elegantly pulls away at the tattered and deplorable motivational influences that lead the veritas-seeking miscreants down so misguided a path.

There now, in sum, I outlined this wonder of the modern age, you looked askew, I eschewed its brilliance, you held reserve, then I threw even more... evidence of this great revolution at you in a quick hop-scotch method, and you saw with a warm fuzziness, that it is perfect. A brave new day is dawning, hurrah for the Multiversity! SMU, check that, SMM! Now, don't you feel better? ...What are doing? Stop thinking! Don't make me give you another paragraph.



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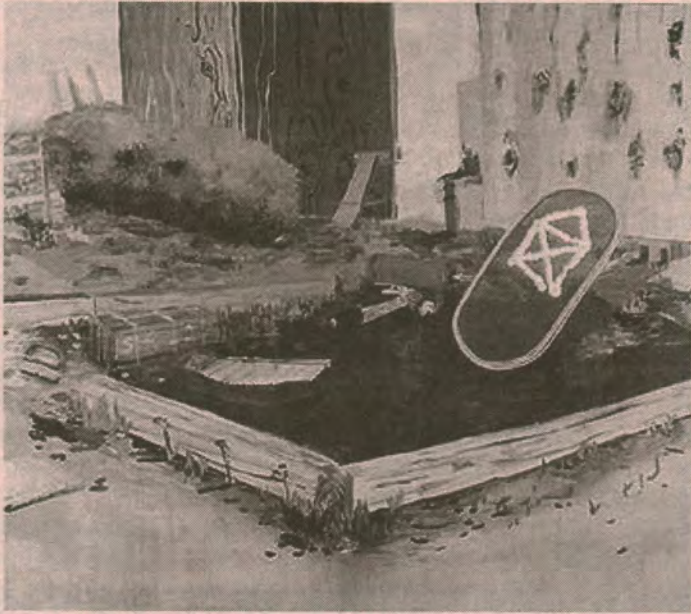
Paint by number...

TO THE TUNE OF \$25 000

RBC Financial Group, with the support of the Canadian Art Foundation, has named Vancouver artist Etienne Zack the national winner of the RBC Canadian Painting Competition. Etienne was awarded a \$25,000 cash prize for his original work entitled, escape from shapes.

Two honourable mentions were given to Mathew Reichertz of Halifax for his work entitled #16 from the series, "Tiny Town", and Kristine Moran of Toronto for her work

entitled Control and Choice. Mathew and Kristine were each awarded \$15,000 for their work. The national winner and honourable mentions were selected from 15 semi-finalists from across Canada and were judged by some of Canada's finest artists, curators and gallery directors. The RBC Canadian Painting Competition award is the largest award disbursement for painting in Canada. For visuals and descriptions of the winning works, please visit www.rbc.com/paintingcompetition.



This is the winner...

Share your neighbourhood pride

From one student to another: let's be positive role models in the neighbourhood. Let's change the stereotypes of rowdy rude kids and show people the great young adults we are. Sure we love to have fun and go a little crazy sometimes, but remember to respect everyone in the process. Neighbours and students can get along; it's as easy as saying "Hi" next time you pass by.

I am on a committee that has begun a campaign called "The Pride in our Shared Neighbourhood" that consists of staff, students, and neighbours. We are putting together a Random Acts of Kindness volunteer group. Anyone is welcome; it consists of raking leaves, shoveling driveways and anything we can do to help our neighbours. "The Pride in Our Shared Neighbourhood" campaign is about being a good neighbour, following the rules and giving back to our community. Students offer a lot on campus now it is our turn to offer our time off campus. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Random Acts of Kindness Squad they should contact SMUSA at 496-8700 or drop by the 5th floor of the Student Centre.

Let's give back to the community that gives us so much.

Your fellow student,
Elizabeth Gordon

THIS JUST IN FROM THE SMUSA MSG BOARD:

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THE SMUSA MESSAGE BOARD IS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION. CHECK IT OUT... www.smusa.ca

com/paintingcompetition.

"We are very proud to contribute to the Canadian art community by providing these talented artists with a forum to display their work," said David Agnew, national director, RBC Dominion Securities. "More than 1,200 entries were received this year from across the country, each one a reflection of the talent and passion of the artist behind it. RBC is honoured to play a role in this celebration of Canadian art."

Being talented is only one aspect of having a successful career in visual arts – an artist also needs money for supplies and a place to exhibit their work to the public," said Ann Webb, acting executive director, Canadian Art Foundation. "RBC understands those needs and provides these talented Canadian artists with the chance to have their work seen all over the country, in addition to money so they can continue to invest in their career and produce."

The exhibition is on tour for several weeks, stopping at a select few galleries around the country. Among them is Saint Mary's own Arts Gallery. The paintings will be available for everyone to view from October 7th to October 16th.

THE UNTOLD STORY

Filmmaker and journalist Kevin Pina will be hosting a screening of his recently completed documentary "Haiti: The Untold Story," on Tuesday, October 11, at 7pm in the Scotia-bank Auditorium at St. Mary's University. The film, produced by the Haiti Information Project and directed by Pina, focuses upon the aftermath of the February 2004 coup of the elected government of Jean-Bertrand Aristide. It was completed just last month. The screening is a pay-what-you can fundraiser for the Haiti Information Project, with a suggested donation of \$5.

Shot largely in some of the poorest neighborhoods of Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince, the documentary contains graphic footage of numerous human rights abuses committed by the Haitian Police (whose training is currently being lead by the RCMP), as well as footage of the recent raid committed by UN (MINUSTAH) forces in Cite Soleil. This raid is believed to have resulted in at least 23 civilian deaths, including women, children, and the elderly, and has been referred to as a "massacre" by several Haitian human rights organizations.

The documentary is currently being screened internationally. Director Kevin Pina will be in Halifax as part of a North American tour of "Haiti: The Untold Story." Pina, who has been reporting from Haiti since the US and Canadian-sponsored coup, made international headlines this fall when he and Haitian journalist Jean Ristil were arrested in

Port au Prince on September 9 as they were photographing a police raid on a Port-au-Prince cathedral. As a result of international pressure, Haitian authorities soon released the journalists. Nonetheless, hundreds of political prisoners remain incarcerated, while hundreds of others have been murdered or exiled as a result of the apparent campaign of terror which is being waged, with the supervision and aid of UN forces, against anyone remotely associated with the popular Lavalas party by the military junta of Gerard Latortue.

"The Canadian government has played an active role in this repression," said Stuart Neatby, member of Haiti Action Halifax and organizer of the screening. "Canadian forces and RCMP officers have been training and supporting the coup-installed regime of Latortue as it carries out this documented campaign of repression."

Kevin Pina's definitive works include a series of articles in the Black Commentator Magazine (www.blackcommentator.com) about the build-up to the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. His other film credits include "El Salvador: In the Name of Democracy" (1985), "Berkeley in the Sixties" (1990), "Amazonia: Voices from the Rainforest" (1990), and "Haiti: Harvest of Hope" (1997). Pina is also the Haiti Special Correspondent for the Flashpoints radio program on the Pacifica Network's flagship station KPFA in Berkeley, California.

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Did you know that the word sinister traces its roots back to the word for left-handed? In fact, a sinistral is literally a person who is left-handed. It came to have darker connotations because people used to believe that those who were left-handed were pos-



DONALD RUMSFELD IS BRIEFING THE PRESIDENT, "YESTERDAY, THREE BRAZILIAN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED. "OH NO!" CRIES THE PRESIDENT, "... HOW MANY IS A BRAZILLION?"

essed by the devil, or some such nonsense. On the same note, the word ambidextrous is quite biased—meaning someone who has two right hands. Much better than two left feet, if you ask me. Speaking of apendages, if you see a giant ear outside near the Loyola residence, be wary. It might be picking up your speech for "the sake of Art." Kind of creepy if you ask me. Apparently some guy wants to pick up casual conversation from the passers-by. But now that you know this, if you

walk by it, your conversation will become less casual, I'm sure. In other news, taking a page from a prof's book, it's always best to soften the blow of devastating news by offering your students cookies. Still, a new assignment leaves a taste that cookies just can't hide. On the topic of hiding, if there's anyone out there who got my Ruttopuisto reference last week, please come out of the shadows and send me an email, we might have a few things to talk about. Gold team rules.

Dear Sobey's Inc., Thank you.

Sobey's Inc., Empire Company Limited and The Sobey Foundation announced today a \$2 million gift to the Saint Mary's University Hearts and Minds Capital Campaign. The donation will fund both scholarships and capital construction.

The announcement was made by Paul D. Sobey, President and CEO of Empire Company Limited and Chair of the University's Hearts and Minds Capital Campaign; Bill McEwan, President and CEO of Sobey's Inc.; and Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University.

The gift will provide a number of scholarships in perpetuity each year, for undergraduate students enrolled in The Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's. It will also be directed to construction of a new Atrium to connect the Patrick Power Library with a renovated Science Building.

"It is our intention that this endowment provide more students with access to higher education and support the

goal of enhancing facilities to make Saint Mary's a compelling choice for both students and members of the academic community," Mr. Sobey said. "I am proud of my family's long history with this University, and proud that our companies and The Sobey Foundation can make this contribution."

"Our unique relationship goes well beyond the financial support that we have provided over the years," said Mr. McEwan. "We look to Saint Mary's as an important source of great minds, fresh perspectives and unbridled energy to help fuel our business success, not just in Atlantic Canada, but across the country."

Dr. Dodds stated: "This generous gift is outstanding news and builds on a strong and valued relationship between the University, the Sobey family and the leadership at Sobey's and Empire."

"The endowment to our Hearts and Minds Capital Campaign strengthens an already substan-

tial commitment to our world-class Sobey School of Business and adds in a substantial way to the funds required for building improvements that will enhance the learning environment for our students," he added.

The University has a decades-long association with the Sobey family. The late Frank H. Sobey was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws from the University, and in the early 1990s the University named its Commerce Faculty the Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce. David F. Sobey, Chairman Emeritus of Sobey's Inc., was appointed to the University's Board of Directors in the mid 1980s, and served as Chair of the Saint Mary's Building on Strength Capital Campaign which raised in excess of \$24-million in the 1990s for a number of student-focused initiatives, including the creation of the Sobey Building —home to the University's business school. David F. Sobey received an honorary Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa) from Saint Mary's in 1991.

The capital initiative supported by the gift announced today is the \$25.5-million Science Building Renewal Project, which began this past March.

POINT PLEASANT PLANS UNVEILED AT SMU

BY CHRIS CLEMENTS

Point Pleasant Park has been ravaged in recent years; first by the cutting of trees to stop the spread of the brown spruce longhorn beetle, and subsequently by the destructive force of Hurricane Juan. The hurricane knocked down an estimated 55,000 trees alone.

In an attempt to restore the park to its former glory, HRM held an international design competition in which groups were invited to submit their plans for the park's future. The goal of the competition was to find a plan that would regenerate the park and have a management plan for the future.

On Sunday, October 2nd,

2005, the winners of the design contest were announced in the Courtside Lounge here on the SMU campus. Two groups shared the honours. NIP paysage of Montreal will see their plan used for the overall vision of the park, while the plan submitted by Ekistics Planning & Design of Dartmouth will see its forest re-growth plan implemented. The two groups will share the \$50,000 grand prize.

There had been some concern in the community that a plan that called for more extensive development of the park would be declared the victor, but in the end there will only be one new building and some lights erected on the park grounds.

It includes modernization of 71,500 square feet of research space and an additional 22,500 square feet of premium teaching and research space at the north end of the Science Building — which will continue to house to the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Studies, and Geology. In addition, a new state-of-the-art Atrium will be home to a large student commons area with study rooms,

as well as the Department of Astronomy and Physics and the Division of Engineering. Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2008.

A presentation to announce the donation from Sobey's, Empire Company and The Sobey Foundation was made at Huskies Stadium prior to a CIS football game between the Saint Mary's Huskies and l'Universite Laval Rouge et Or.

WIN A \$1000 TRIP VOUCHER

SMUmazing Race REGISTRATION STARTS WEDNESDAY

BY ADAM LORDON

It's coming; and you better sign-up before it's too late. The SMUmazing Race, the ultimate adventure through Halifax, is only a week and a half away and registration starts now.

There will be a registration table outside the student centre on Wednesday and Thursday from 11am – 4pm this week. Sign-up will continue next week on Tuesday and Wednesday until the race fills up. THERE IS ONLY ROOM FOR 25 TEAMS, SO SIGN UP ASAP! Don't miss your chance.

The grand prize provided by Travel Cuts is a \$1000 trip voucher, which your team can use in any way you please. Make a down payment on a trip south for spring break, have a weekend getaway to Montreal, or use it to get home for Christmas. It's your choice!

All you need is a team of four people, two of which must be SMU students and a \$20 fee paid at the time of registration. Once you have this



you will be officially entered into the race and be given the first clue.

The race will take place on Saturday October 15th as part of Homecoming Weekend and will run from 12pm until 5pm. Teams will race around HRM completing tasks and challenges just like the television show. Throughout the day they will be eliminated until only five are left to compete

for the grand prize as well as a consolation prize provided by Coca-Cola. The winner will be presented with their prize that evening at the Homecoming Dance.

This is the event that everyone will be talking about. Don't miss out on your chance at glory, bragging rights, and an awesome trip. Sign up on Wednesday or Thursday and ensure your spot in the race.

Want to see your opinion in Maclean's magazine? Like free beer gear? and free shows ?

This is your chance to tell the world what's great about Saint Mary's! MacLean's is getting ready to put university profiles in their magazine and we need your help by telling us what you think Saint Mary's has to offer in the following categories: What's Hot, What's Not, Hot Hangouts (On/Off Campus), Significant Development on Campus (new programs/buildings/policies), Popular Profs, and anything else you think is just plain cool that should appear in the magazine. Want to know what's in it for you? Well, the top suggestions will receive some cool Keith's "stuff" (that's all you need to know for now, we'll fill you in later when you win). Speaking of Keith's, check out the back page of the Journal for more info about their 210th birthday.

B-DAY BASH Wednesday, Oct. 5th — The Trews & The Joel Plaskett Emergency @ the Waterfront Warehouse FREE ADMISSION & GOODTIMES 5-8pm Beer gardening starts at 4pm.)

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The Consulate General of Japan at Montreal, with the help of St-Mary University's Student Employment Centre, is pleased to hold an information session on **Tuesday October 18, 2005** Time and place to be announced

TO APPLY

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The Halifax Pop Explosion & the week leading up to it

BY KATE ROSS

Every year around this time, "Rocktober", a bunch of bands come to town. In the last two weeks we've had Buck 65 (always an awesome show - you do it to me every time), Nashville Pussy (trashy good times every single time they're in town, but um, the other night really loud) You say Party We say Die were supposed to be here but didn't make it (dumb van), and by the time you see this Bane and Strung Out will have played.

Tonight, assuming you pick this up on Wednesday the Joel Plaskett Emergency and the Trews are playing Alexander Keith's Birthday Bash - and it's free! At the Waterfront Warehouse. Ask at the info desk for more info - they'll have buses running back and forth between campus and The Warehouse.

Thursday head towards Club 5171 for the big hip hop Katrina The line up isn't finalized yet but so far it'll feature beatbox superstar Kaleb Simmonds, Triple Threat, Jesse Dangerously, Classified, J-Bru, Cix-Am and more. Word is fires up at 9pm and costs \$5.

We're coming up on Thanksgiving weekend, I'd advise you rest up, or ... go to the KMFD show at The Attic on Saturday, you can always rest up on Sunday. But ya, there's a (feels like) deadly cold moving through school so eat some turkey, and take 'er easy for a day. Halifax has a big week coming up.

It's Pop Explosion time.

Every year since 1993 Waye Mason has been bringing a bunch of bands to town to throw a week long party. Here's a little guide so you'll know where to be and when. If you are only able to make it one venue a night here are the ones you'll want to be at... (only going to one venue a night is no fun though so I may need to deviate from the plan)

- WEDNESDAY - Stage Nine

Don Vail (12:00)
Hunter Valentine (11:00)
The Museum Pieces (10:00)

- THURSDAY - Marquee

Ted Leo/Pharmacists (12:15)
North of America (11:00)
Chad Van Galaan (10:15)
The Hot Springs (9:30)

Okay, I know I said one venue per night but... After Ted Leo hit the Attic for **Priestess** at (12:45)

- FRIDAY -

Things get tricky on Friday, if you can only get to one venue make it Stage Nine, Japanther should be very cool. I love Iron Glant, and Hawksley but they're here more often, this might be your only chance to see Japanther.

Stage Nine

Japanther (12:45)
World Provider (11:45)
Gilbert Switzer (11:00)
Special Noise (10:15)

If you've never seen Iron

Giant before go see them, they're from Moncton and will be just down the street at the Seahorse. It's an easy commute. HPX is all about getting exercise running from bar to bar. Wear a watch.

- SATURDAY - Attic

Chixdiggitt (1:15)
The Madcowboys (12:30)
The Ditchpigs (11:45)
The Hemmingways (11:10)

If you're a hip hop fan ignore the above and just read this:

Marquee / Hell

K'naan (12:15)
Alpha Flight (11:30)
Universal Soul (11:00)
Recyclone (10:55)
Fax 4 (10:15)
EMC (9:40)
Jesse Dangerously (9:30)

That's just a taste - we're outta room so you'll have to visit halifaxpopexplosion.com to get

Jon Epworth - He might be an SOB, but he's your SOB

BY BRIAN SHAY.

JON
EPWORTH



the rest of the schedual and scoop. REMEMBER Wear earplugs & look both ways before you cross.

By the end of the night, most bands will thank you for coming out to see the show. Jon Epworth? Not so much. In fact, he's likely to leave you feeling just a little offended. Whether it was him making fun of you, the town you live in, dancing around in his underwear or punching you in the nuts, Epworth will find a way. He's dedicated like that.

Somehow, though, Jon "Clobbercaw" Epworth and his band, The Improvements, make up for it. When the first song is over, it's easy to see why. Jon's songs have a sound and quality to them that make you want to dance, sit down, stand up, watch and maybe buy the band a round of Jäger. Trying to write what they sound like, though, is a little tough. Epworth doesn't sound like Matt Mays, Joel Plaskett, Wintersleep, or any other Halifax favourite, for that matter, but his songs are every bit as good. And to boot, he can out-sing any Idol - Canadian or American.

One thing I can say about the Jon Epworth Band is that they rock out with the perfect mix of everything. The music isn't too fast and it's not too slow; it's not too heavy and it's not too mellow. To really get a sense of how good the band is, you have to go to the show. The music alone is worth the \$5 or so admission, but lucky us, Epworth will probably bust out some of his trademark charm and make you realize why he's the best jackass in town. Go see him before he's too cool for us.

ON THE TIP OF MY
TONGUE

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ously need two free hands to get it out of the store. They cut your slice from a whopping 36" pizza, so you've got near 18" of your favorite pizza pie. If you've got serious munchies, you can order one of these 36" pizzas to bring home all in one piece.

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I hope everyone got a chance to read last week's Journal. I was kind of embarrassed that they put my picture on the cover, but at least I looked smokin'! Yeah right! Props go out to the Journal staff for the big "Welcome back"! I was quite excited when I picked up my copy and saw that.

My weekend was pretty tame compared to the usual. I walked into the bar and immediately saw a Hotty McHotty "eye-fucking the shit out of me". I smiled back and continued on with my posse to get some drinks and stuff.

Fast forward to the dance floor, the music was jamming, me and my girls were all busting a move, things were going fantastic; When this guy kind of starts dancing up against me. I don't think this pick up line has ever been used before... He said, "Don't I know you?" I didn't recognize him, so I said, "I don't think so" and he said, "Yes I do, from earlier on tonight". This was the Eye-Guy from the first of the night. We started chatting, exchanging names and stuff. Then I asked him how old he was - not that age matters at all to me - I just like to know.

Maybe this isn't a new development, but it sure is new to me. Is there a new epidemic in Halifax where 30-year-old men hit on 21-year-old girls? This isn't the first time this has happened to me, and one of my friends is currently "talking"

to a 32-year-old. I think I have it figured out.

These 30-year-olds are the guys who don't want to grow up and settle down. They are at that stage where they can still go out, look good, and pick up without being called creepy and desperate. They hit on early 20-year-old girls because they know that these girls are still in their wild party stage. The 20-year-olds will not be hounding them for a ring any time soon, and of course, no offence to all you girls out there - I am one - they put out. I'm sure the cougars put out too, but why go for the leftovers, when you can have a fresh meal?

As far as the girls are concerned, it's pretty sweet, anything less than 10 years isn't too bad; and these guys have careers and, more importantly, money! If anyone has any insight to this or a personal experience, drop me an email!

Alright, on to the questions... I just want to put this out there that if you want to know information on sexual health, you need to email me; otherwise I probably won't touch on it, unless something happens to me.

Q: Hey Gemma, I have a question for you. Why do guys think "jackrabbit/hammer sex" feels good for girls?
-Bruised Thighs in Hali

A: I feel your pain (literally), Bruised. I think there must have been a girl out there who actually liked it and told a guy, who told a guy, who told a guy, etc... I asked one of my male friends about this and he explained that the reason could be traced back to the "locker room". After a drunken weekend, the guys would gather and tell sex stories. Most guys describe their encounters like, "Man, I was fucking this girl and I just gave it to her all night long, I pounded the shit out of her, I fucked her so hard, she loved it" etc... You catch my drift right? So the virgins in the room would automatically assume that's what girls liked: the "jackrabbit/hammer" action.

Bruised, I understand what you are going through. Guys don't like to be told they are doing something in the sack wrong, so gently talk them through it. Move them a little slower by grabbing their butt and slowing them down a little. What I find works best is to jump on top and take control yourself!

In closing, all you male readers out there, it's not quantity, it's quality... us girls like a little variety, so mix it up, be spontaneous, focus on her, and trust me, she'll repay you 10 fold if you give her what she wants. I hope to hear more questions next week. Until then, Ciao!

ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE

APPLEBEE'S:

Clayton Park Shopping Centre

BY CHRISTINA "THE CRITIC" COPP

This is a restaurant review of the new Applebee's, located in Clayton Park Shopping Centre on Lacewood Drive. My companion and I arrived Tuesday evening around 5pm, and they already had a wait of about ten minutes. Right after we were put on the wait list, it jumped to a twenty-five minute wait. We were seated in the bar within the ten minutes, and about five minutes later we were greeted by a server who asked us for drink orders. My companion ordered a pop, and I ordered a drink from the bar. My companion's drink was brought right away, while mine took about fifteen minutes! The drink menu was quite good, and when I finally got my "Mocha Mudslide" it was very good, though I wasn't pleased that the prices weren't listed on the drink menu.

I must say I was disappointed in the menu, not offering a lot which is listed on their website, (www.applebees.com). The menu offered a lot of sandwiches, but not a lot of much else, only two pasta choices for example. I ordered the "Three Cheese Penne with Chicken". The menu stated it was offered with garlic toast and my choice of seasoned or blackened chicken, though my server never gave me the option. My companion ordered a "Club House Grill" with fries. Twenty-five minutes later our orders came, and the first thing I noticed was the garlic toast was TINY (think the size

of a Bagel Bite!) and I only saw one cheese, Parmesan Cheese, and my companion's Club House was small with not much meat and small bite-sized bread. My pasta was quite dry, and when I told the server, she replied "what do you want me to do?" This annoyed me. Working in the restaurant business myself, I would give a guest as many options as possible to fix something they are not happy with.

When we were finished our server walked by twice without picking up our dishes, another server had to do it for her. The desert menu looked quite good, but most of the dishes had ice cream, so take-out wasn't really an option. When we were presented with our bills, we were not given any comment cards, which I would think a new restaurant would want the feedback. Other small things I noticed were a lot of servers standing around not doing much, and disorganization among the hosts deciding who to sit and where to put them. From others I have heard disorganization and long waits as the biggest complaints.

Out of 5 stars I would Applebee's a 1, there are a lot of improvements that need to be made before I would go back, but I would go back one more time to try something else.

Next week, I'll review the cafeterias in our own St. Mary's University

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makers and sellers will be on hand to show, sell, and trade their wares.

Admission to the Fair is free. No pre-registration is required for most workshops and panels, but space is limited and available on a first come first serve basis. Some courses offered in conjunction with the FAIR will require pre-registration.

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Book Launch!

"Waging War on the Poor Majority: Canada in Haiti"

Join Yves Engler for the Halifax launch of the newly published "Waging War on the Poor Majority: Canada in Haiti" (Red/Fernwood Publishing), co-authored by Yves Engler and Anthony Fenton. We will also present exclusive video footage from the upcoming documentary "Haiti: The Untold Story" by Haiti-based journalist Kevin Pina. Discounted copies of "Canada in Haiti" will be available for sale. Find out what Canada is doing in Haiti in our name.

"The story of Haiti is one of resistance, of a spirit that exists inside us all, to assert our essential humanity. Unfortunately the story is also one of how much the rich and powerful feel threatened by this spirit and how far they are prepared to go to crush it. While Canadians prefer to see their government as a force for good in the world, the reality is that it most often sides with the rich and powerful. "Canada in Haiti" is a powerful cry for justice and a warning about what can be done in our name when we aren't looking."

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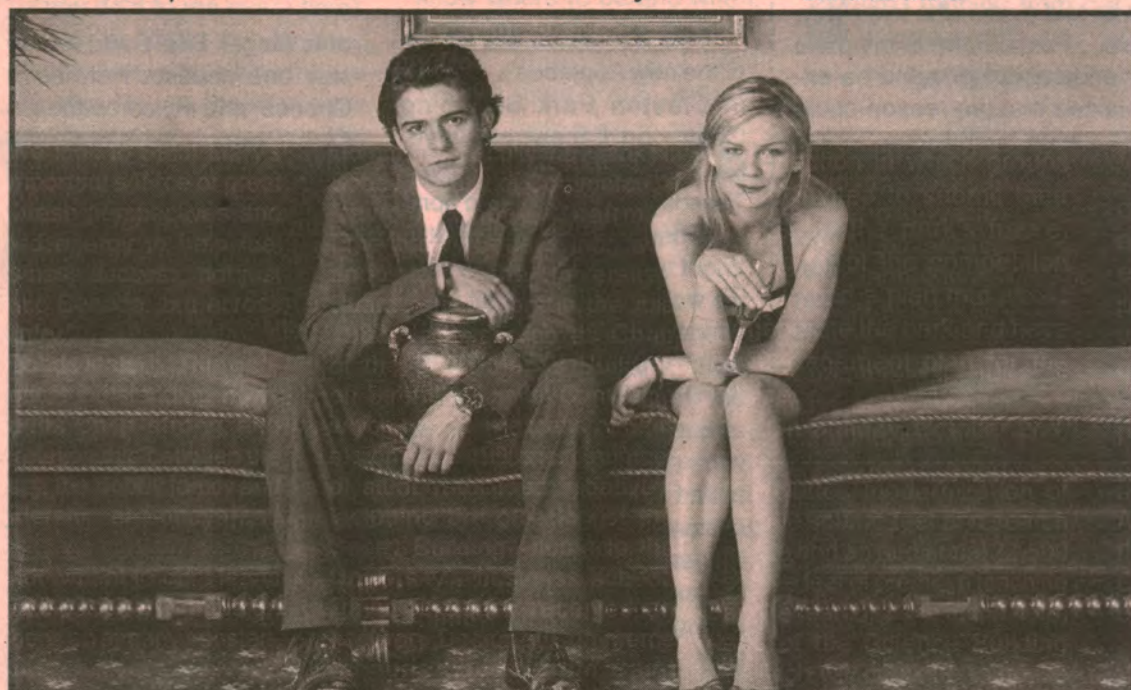
thony Fenton have done some of the most important work in exposing Canada's shameful role in Haiti." -- Naomi Klein, author No Logo.

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THE SOCIETY PAGE

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What does this mean for YOU here at SMU?

AIESEC Halifax, consisting of SMU and DAL members, has a very exciting year planned. Recruitment was strong in September, with over 25 new members joining our local here in Halifax. September 30 to Oct. 2 is our first conference of the year, being held in Toronto, which eleven AIESEC Halifax members will

be attending, half of which are new members. After this conference we'll jump right into planning the 2nd Annual World Café, which involves a round table discussion of current world issues and international food will be served as well. Plus there are numerous training activities, pub nights, AIESEC suppers, the list goes on and on!!!!

You will soon see that this organization is definitely something you should be involved with. Global internships, conferences across Canada, fundraising, marketing, leadership activities, web design...there is something for everyone! On the lighter side, we also plan fun and interesting parties and activities for our AIESEC members.

Why not take a look at our website, or drop by our office? We will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have!

www.aiesec.ca/halifax

Women, Write On!

TAKING BACK THE NIGHT AND OUR BODIES: A WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE WOMEN'S CENTRE

BY JENNIFER CRAWFORD WOMENSCENTRE@SMU.CA

Even sources we trust as reputable make the erroneous assumption that it is acceptable to commodify the female body. Every day, we are assaulted with images of what women are "supposed" to look like. These images often reinforce the idea that women should be scantily clad.

Even more confusing is when the media mixes messages.

Publications print images of nearly (or wholly) naked women. It is not new nor is it creative that sex sells. What's horrible is that these images are often coupled with messages (frequently from women) warning us not to look slutty or like "froshtittes". On one hand, media presents an image of what they know people like to see - a sexy and naked woman asking for sex. On the other hand, they tell us to wear track pants and a hoodie when on campus and in class, so as to not look promiscuous. People think this is ok because it's women who are conveying the message.

What's a woman to do with all of this confusion? At the Women's Centre, we have taken our bodies (and ourselves) back. We strive to assign worth and meaning to

our experience and our bodies. We refuse to have our corporeal experience belittled or dictated by anyone. Our bodies mean a lot to us; we are also the creators of what our bodies mean. This week was a busy one in that respect.

Last Friday, the Women's Centre took back the night and our bodies with male supporters by our side. For the first time in Halifax history, men marched in solidarity with the women. We protested violence against women, in our homes and on the streets. Each individual wore a yellow sign. On it, they wrote whom they were marching for; their abused granddaughters, for their wives, murdered family members, their friends and for themselves. We took a stand against those who have treated women's bodies with disrespect and abused them in the most horrible of ways. Perhaps the most resonating chant of the evening was also the shortest: "Whose bodies? Our bodies."

Women's bodies are often afflicted with illness; one in eight of us will have breast cancer. Last week was Breast Cancer Awareness Week at SMU. All week, dedicated individuals worked tirelessly to raise awareness and funds

for breast cancer research, creating a community of support and hope. It gave people opportunity to disclose their struggle with cancer, either as a survivor, a caregiver or a memory of a loved one. Think Pink Thursday generated over \$700 for the cause. The Hustlin' Huskies Run for the Cure team raised a staggering amount, over \$3000 in total.

Bodies are complicated things. Simplifying the body into sexy, kitschy media images or into binary terms (sexy vs. slutty) is ignorant and unfair. It undermines every other important thing about our bodies as well as empowering body messages (such as Take Back the Night and Breast Cancer Awareness). Bodies mean so much more: sports, illness, personal beliefs, hugs, sexuality and a home. There will always be images that try to commodify and simplify a woman's relationship with her body. Only you can accurately know what your bodily experience is and how to maintain its integrity.

You have the choice to take care of your body as others tell you to, or on your own terms. Any body would prefer the latter.

COMMERCE SOCIETY UPDATES SCAVENGER HUNT

We will be hosting a SCAVENGER HUNT. This will be taking place on Friday, October 14, 2005. The event will begin at noon at the commerce office and participants will be asked to return to the office at 4 with their findings. Winners will be announced at 5pm. The team will consist of 1-5 people, the members of the team do not need to be Commerce Society members but there will be a fee of \$2 for non-members. If you wish to participate but do not have a team just give us your name and we will add you to a team. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 11, 2005. There will be prizes for the winning team. The judging will be followed by pizza and drinks for the participating teams. If you are interested in taking part or for more information on this event please feel free to drop in to the office or email us at smu.commerce@smu.ca.

Send questions, comments, and "stuff" for the society page to :

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Deadline is noon Monday. It's a bit of a first come first serve kind of thing - so please, don't dilly dally!

SMU FILM SOCIETY TO HOST STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

The Saint Mary's University Film Society is busy organizing the first ever Halifax Student Film Festival, which will take place November 25th at the McNally Theatre. We are currently looking for submissions from students. If you are interested in submitting a film, you have until November 15th to do so. Entries are already pouring in from all of the post-secondary institutions in the HRM. For more information on how to enter, and for a copy of the rules and regulations, e-mail us at: film.society@smu.ca

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Economics & Spirituality

Excerpt from Brant21 Forum (2005) www.Brandt21Forum.info

"Economics has become shrouded in abstractions and few people today recognize the spiritual essence of economics, yet that is precisely where money began—in the basic exchange of goods and services among people which expressed the relevant sacred values of the culture. It's really that simple. Spirituality is the hidden historical and psychological basis of today's money, although modern society has forgotten its meaning and few

in our culture truly understand it. Human exchange between two people is an inherently spiritual act. We exchange money, goods and services to better ourselves, our families, and our communities in the image of all that is good and true.

But that same sense of spirituality was more clearly expressed when we were less sophisticated than today. Our ancestors honoured one

another by bartering more or less fairly for their resources, traded goods for the benefit of their families and communities, and created a system of symbolic monies which derived their value from precious resources deemed sacred to the Creator. Today, we still speak of providing services for the benefit of society, and money still symbolizes our highest aspirations, however material they may be, but we have lost our understanding

of the spirituality inherent in human exchange.

Today, when we think of spirituality, we may still think of saving our souls, faith in our Creator, trust in our fellow man, and the values we acquire from religion. But those deeply spiritual attributes have been displaced by a new ma-

terial creed. So now we speak of saving money, faith in the government that issues the money, trust in the banks that distribute that money, and the value we derive from our money. All of these attributes have a spiritual basis, but are now working through a medium that we are no longer able to recognize as spiritual."

Dr. Quilligan will be speaking at Saint Mary's University on October 6th at 7:00 pm in MM208. His talk is titled:

"International Development, Oil, and the U.S. Dollar"

Light refreshments will be provided; we hope to see you all there.

BUSINESS

MISS BIZ

aka Jackie 'jax' Howatt
aka Jacqueline.Howatt@smu.ca

What a crazy week. Okay... you want to know why this week was so crazy? I'll tell you. Okay, here's the situation. I opened up my e-mail sometime on Monday. After checking through the contents, I was just about to delete the masses of foreign names that are usually accompanied by codes for hacking, or herbal remedies. Instead of pressing, "Delete", I froze! I looked at the name and subject... Li Dong?! It couldn't be? A mass wave of panic swept over my body. Li Dong? Grade nine Li Dong? The Li Dong that I was notorious rivals with (even our teachers knew) in the ninth grade in Moncton, and then he moved away and I thought I'd never have to look at his face one more day in my life?

I quickly scrolled down the e-mail to see if I was just imagining it - I was hoping to see some crazy computer coding so I could delete it and forget this ever happened. It couldn't be Li Dong... I barely knew the guy, we were mortal enemies, and he moved away to somewhere in grade nine! Like 8 years ago! I'm crazy right? Wrong. The e-mail title was, "The past isn't done with you yet...". Now what would you think if you saw that title? I thought he was coming after me...! I thought he was stalking me! I was terrified to say the least! When I finally calmed down, I read through it. To my complete shock (and horror?) he goes to Dalhousie, and one day when he was out on the town, he picked up the Journal and saw my face looking right back at him! He claims to be in more shock than I was, actually. So he said he was "compelled" to write to me. Here's the funny part - my high school rival (I'm serious when I say that... we were known to hate each other) is now working at our "rival" paper.... The Gazette! Yeah. I know. Weird.

So anyway, I e-mailed him back and he's now on my MSN. It's kind of funny because neither of us can remember why we hated each other so badly. Anyway, that's my crazy story. I tell you, there's never a dull moment!

Anyway, have you been seeing pink lately? If you haven't, you've been living under a rock. This past week has been Breast Cancer Awareness Week, and you couldn't go anywhere without seeing pink something - balloons, posters, t-shirts, merchandise... and I even saw pink hair! However, after seeing a



full page article in the Chronicle Herald about companies that are selling tons of "Think Pink" merchandise, I couldn't help but wonder if supporting charities has actually become a trend?

So many companies now are affiliated with the Breast Cancer Foundation, which is a miracle in so many ways. The piles of Breast Cancer inspired garb and knick knacks is unprecedented - it's everywhere I turn. In keeping with the rubber wristband trend that has plagued North America, are corporations profiting off of charity? It's obvious they are. Companies are offering loads of "Pink" merchandise and usually only a small percentage goes towards charity. Is this a good thing or a bad thing?

Predominately, I've concluded that it is fairly positive that charities like the Breast Cancer Foundation have become very corporation driven for a few reasons. First, the fact that stores are somewhat profiting off of the "Pink" craze just means that there is more money filtering through to the foundation. Second, because they are pushing so hard to sell "Pink" merchandise, there is a mass awareness of this cause all over the place - which means that women are hopefully more in-tune with their breasts and checking them more often. And last, I've never seen such support like this for a foundation in all my life. I think it says something about the values of the majority of companies in today's world, and how company philanthropy is getting more hands on with each passing year. The only negative side is, is that like all fads - they fade away at some point. Hopefully this isn't the case, and we will see this passionate support for the Breast Cancer Foundation until new developments, and even a cure is found.

The thing about Breast Cancer is, is that if you know eight women; one of them will have breast cancer at some point in their lives. These statistics make it extremely hard to not want to help out in any way you can.

THE ROCKERFELLER

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- QUESTION ONE -

The Science Building is undergoing a \$25 million dollar make-over? I think that this is a little excessive when they could save a million of that to help out with tuition! What are the benefits of this new development? What do you think are the negative aspects??

Think of it this way, what tangible elements are you getting out of SMU once you graduate? You get a bunch of letters on a piece of paper, that all say that you made it through university. Some might also say, "Well, what about everything else I learned in class?" From the employers end, think of what they know when they see your resume in their inbox. That person will see that you graduated from SMU but the way they evaluate it is by the people they know that went to SMU. Now considering that fact, and that one million is only going to save you about \$111.11 - which would you prefer: The chance to get another Gates, Buffet or Einstein as they all want new and innovative facilities (not withstanding the fact we need extra space right now as a university) - or get your \$111.11... Personally I see the \$111.11 as well spent money in this situation. It is in our best interest to see SMU succeed even more after we graduate, as our most tangible element from SMU (our degree) carries a much more

significant intrinsic value if the caliber of students increases, which is done in part by getting better facilities. To think of it in terms of a return on investment, your looking at between 6-24% return if you only earn \$1,000 more within the next 10 to 35 years because of this increase perceived value.

*** Note from the Rockerfeller: the following contains a few words of profanity that have been left in as it helps interpret the intention of the question - you have been warned. ***
(apparently the rockerfeller hasn't seen this weeks g-spot yet!!)

- QUESTION TWO -

What's up with all these wristband campaigns? Shouldn't this fad be over by now? How much does it cost to produce one of these rubberbands? Get that business question guy in your fancy paper to write about this bullshit trend?

First of all in business it is not a "bullshit trend" but more an "ethical debate" or quite simply in business - a very profitable situation. Now if I told you Girl Guide cookies, or those chocolate bars for charity have similar insane margins (for the non "business people" reading this; that is the difference between selling price and the cost to make things) what would you say now? Considering the fact that most of these

wristband campaigns are for charity, I would not worry so much about them in terms of profiteering in a corporation's kind of way. On the other hand to answer your question on actual cost I did a bit of research on this. You're probably looking at somewhere in the 5 to 10 cents range for each rubber band - with the majority of the cost being shipping and handling. Now for a direct purpose on why this fad isn't over... I can't tell you why, I will leave it to someone much more knowledgeable of what is hip today than myself to figure that one out (but from a business perspective most fads die in 2-5 years, so expect at least another year or more). Straight-up though, the purpose all boils down to charity really and not much else. The question should be why someone would feel the need to wear an armful of these things though... It all boils down to that some people feel that by wearing a rubber band they feel closer to a cause then they would just giving cash straight out (think of it as a sense of belonging to a group, or getting more value for your money). Personally I can't attest to that theory but then again - remember that for some people the act of giving isn't the point as much as being with the "in crowd" and buying the bullshit that Hollywood (look at how many celebrities who are wearing these things now) sells to us by the truckload.

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SMU football being written off already

BY ADAM COSTELLO

SMU took on Acadia this past week in a rematch that was designated several varying clichés such as "This is a must win game for SMU" and "This is a crucial rematch with plenty of playoff implications" and it's true, the game was huge. Yes the Huskies did in fact lose the game and yes, they find themselves having to at least find a ladder to climb out of the hole they've dug for themselves, but I'm not one to write them off as quickly as everybody else is seemingly doing.

In a game that was televised nation wide, the Acadia Axemen came away with a 28-21 win after overtime was needed to decide a victor. 2,246 Axemen supporters at Raymond Field in Wolfville got to see a game first hand that AUF fans across the country were conveniently able to tune in upon, it being the Huskies only nationally televised game this year.

SMU was able to put up a quick 14 points to start off the game after two Acadia turnovers directly contributed to a pair of Billy Robinson (16-29-211) touchdown passes in the first quarter. He hit David Swasey from 21 yards and Ron Kelly from 26 yards and the offense was looking validly credible to say the least.

From then on out Acadia turned on the juice, allowing a climb back into the game after Acadia rookie receiver Matt Carter receipted his first touchdown of the day. With a 14-10 half-time deficit and a scoreless third quarter, Acadia kicker Gair MacInnis finally made a 17-yarder a couple of minutes into the final frame, cutting the SMU lead to just one-point.

The Saint Mary's defense still came out strong near games end strong and with the clock ticking down, the SMU offense executed a fabulous drive halfway through the quarter. Strong rushing from Eugene Walker got SMU to within scoring position, allowing them to take the 21-13 after Robinson threw a 12 yards pass to Les Mullings, who made the sprawling catch in the endzone.

Unfortunately for SMUtards nationwide, Acadia wasn't about to roll over for the pack, not allowing them to move the ball whatsoever the rest of the game. A rock solid Acadia defence forced SMU to punt from within the confines of their own endzone with 2 minutes left on the clock. The Axemen, starting from an opposing 23 yard line, then scored a seven-yard touchdown to make it 21-19 after a pass interference call against SMU extended their set. Acadia QB James

Michener then completed his pass for the two-point convert when James Price pulled the football down in the endzone with 1:48 left in the game, setting up a tie game and sending the high-stakes game into overtime.

Michener, Acadia's Third-string quarterback, hit Carter for a 35-yard touchdown pass on Acadia's third offensive chance of the series, giving the Axemen their winning points. The SMU offense couldn't muster anything during its next and final attempt to retort Acadia's potential game winning score, ending the game and sending a SMU team home with its first 3 game losing streak since 1998.

After watching this game its obvious SMU isn't the powerhouse we've seen in previous years, but the opinion I'm hearing from people along the line is that they think the pack's playoff chances are already done for the year.

This is the obvious conclusion most people seem to be coming to after seeing a team that for years systematically destroyed any opposing football squad it faced, lose 3 in a row. Although this conclusion seems to be concentrated on the poor play of the Huskies, it would be far more beneficial for Atlantic University Football if this assumption were to shift to something more along the lines of...They are actually playing competitive teams this year. Both Acadia and St. FX are fielding vastly improved football crews, equating to SMU just needing to prepare more. For years they have run over these two division rivals, not entirely by means of their own excellency, but by means of the competition just being flat out bad. SMU isn't being thrown around in there, but the precursor of every game they play is that they should win, making the post reaction of their play to be seemingly poor. Every team makes mistakes, and it's somewhat sorrowful to hear all this ragging on our football team just because a year has finally been graced with some competition. Personally I find it more enjoyable watching games in which SMU doesn't demolish every opposition with relative ease. Acadia and St. FX have got nothing but disassembled by SMU for almost a decade and honestly, it's kind of delectable to finally see their fans being presented with something to cheer about. I mean hey, this year it may just be someone else's turn for a dash of glory, something we here at SMU have seen more than our share of during recent erstwhile.

In St. Mary's Men's Soccer, the nationally ninth-ranked Huskies took on the UPEI Panthers in AUS soccer action on Sunday. With both teams going into the game undefeated, the game saw a heightened intensity that had been seemingly dormant until the two Soccer powerhouses were finally able to hook up for the first time. SMU goalkeeper Matt Hogg had a tremendous game, piloting the capture of a shutout for the pack. The shutout in itself however would not have mattered if Matt D'Angelo, who took home SMU athlete of the week honors, hadn't netted a huge goal in the second minute of the contest, propelling the equally undefeated Huskies (6-0-0) to a strung out 1-0 victory over the host Panthers.

UPEI, whose record falls to 6-1-1, remains in first place with SMU trailing by just one point in the standings. SMU has two games at hand, the next being at home to Acadia on Oct. 15th.

On the women's side the score was unbeneficially mirrored for the female soc-

MEN'S SOCCER TEAM STILL UNDEFEATED



cer starters of SMU, who also faced a strong UPEI squad in Charlottetown. The Panthers Rachel Murphy had the games only goal in the 53rd minute as Leslie Bradshaw shutout the

SMU women for the entirety of the game. The women are now looking at a 1-4-2 record and play their next game at home verses Acadia on Oct. 5th.

Acadia fans out of line & Out of control

"THERE WAS A GIANT PENIS..."

BY EMILY KENNEDY

I arrived at the Acadia football stadium with high hopes that it was going to be a good game. I sat down in the second row and quickly realized my hopes were about to be dashed.

Ten minutes after my arrival to the stadium a huge slew of obnoxiously loud Axemen fans arrived. There was a giant penis, two large gentlemen in hockey jerseys with megaphones, a guy in rubber overalls, and many more interesting characters to follow. They were loud, they were annoying and they were completely out of line.

As a football fan you get used to the "SMU Sucks" and "we're going to kill you" non-sense. This group took it to a whole other level. They taunted Coach Nill every time he met with the defense on the sidelines. They told Les Mullings he was washed up

and old. They announced that Billy Robinson was throwing a "hissy fit". Joe Arsenault was mocked while he got his arm taped. These guys were relentless and the megaphone didn't help.

I was shocked at how poorly they represented their school on national television. There was a fan that actually tried to pick a fight with an elderly gentleman just because he had a SMU hat on.

What really sent me over the edge was the wise ass who jumped out of the stands and decided to smack a SMU coach and a player in the ass with one of those blow up cheering sticks. It was only after screaming at the security guards that we got him thrown out.

The Acadia fans looked like fools. They were obscene and highly inappropriate with their comments. I felt awfully

bad for the father to my left who had to leave with his six-year-old son because of the mockery.

If the loss wasn't bad enough, Acadia fans had to make it worse by yelling insults like, "the offensive line should lose some weight so they can move a little faster." They had no decency and no respect for anyone else. I found the whole situation quite interesting considering the fact that, last year, SMU fans weren't allowed to sit in the stands because we caused too much trouble.

All I have to say is that we at SMU should be proud that we at least have respect for our school and conduct ourselves accordingly. If we meet Acadia again in the playoffs, bring it on. We're going to be loud, we're going to be annoying and we are not going to look like idiots.

Football picks return next week

AND BY "NEXT WEEK" WE MEAN IN 2 WEEKS. HAPPY THANKSGIVING



On somewhat of a personal note, I'd like to extend a special thanks to the Arizona Cardinals for wiping the floor with the San Francisco 49er's last Sunday

night. With Philadelphia, Oakland, Indi and the Red Sox all attaining victory's earlier that day, I won on a pro line ticket that was worth quite a sum of money. To make a long story short, after drinking about 6 liters of Brewski at Peel Pub in celebration, I apparently walked into Macdonald's with no shirt on, lit a smoke and tried to order a pizza.... needless to say, thank you Arizona. Also the Football

picks will return next week, as there was no room for them last week and no time for them this week (although I probably could've been doing them instead of getting belligerently drunk and taking out "THE BRAIN" in a fast food restaurant but hey, you know how it is.) Gunner will be back in full tilt for next weeks picks and just for the record, I currently hold about a 6 game lead on Shultze! Thank YAAOOOU.

SMUorts

In other SMU sports, a cross country meet that took place Sept 24th yielded finishes of 4th and 5th respectively for the Women and Men athletes taking part. Chris Etter and Joelle Marshall finished 8th and 9th in the heat, Etter finishing with a time of 20:27 and Marshall finishing just a second after. In the men's heat Brian Lewis finished 7th with a time of 26:03.

In women's Rugby, A 3rd loss of the season was handed to the Huskies as they suffered a 31-15 loss to PEI. Their next game takes place on Oct. 14th in Acadia. In Women's field hockey, the girls currently hold a record of 6-1-1 and are sitting 2nd among the AUS rankings.

In women's volleyball the pack came up huge during a tournament held at McGill last weekend, volleying all opposition from the court with victories against St. FX (3-2), UNB (3-0) and Acadia (3-1)

The SMU women's hockey team has started its exhibition schedule and played to a close fought 4-3 loss in overtime to Guelph last Sunday. Their season opens up at home on Oct, 22nd when they play host to UdeM.

The Men's and Women's Basketball teams are gearing up for the coming season and will each start exhibition play in coming weeks. The Women get started on Oct. 13th when they play host to McMaster at 7pm and the Men will kick it off at the same time, same place, same date...Check these guys out, they're going to bring the house this season.

Finally the Men's Hockey team has opened up exhibition play and skated to two disappointing losses on the weekend. They opened up against the Lakehead Thunderwolves with a 4-2 loss and then were given a second loss the very next day against the very same team by a score of 6-4. Dan Rudisuela and Jordan Chomack played well for the Huskies and returning veteran Goalie Cory Roberts could be seen standing tall in net. The men start their season at home to Acadia on October 12th. Look for the men to play their hearts out this year and going to watch these games are a must in the everyday life of a St. Mary's University attendee.

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Humorous Patriotism

A Senators fan was driving home from work and he passed by the local priest. He stops and offers him a lift. The priest thanks him kindly and together they proceed to the church to drop the priest off.

On the way they pass a man walking his dog on the other side of the road. On closer inspection the man was seen to be wearing a replica Maple Leafs sweater. Now, the Sens fan that was driving just hated the Leafs for their unmerciless raping of his favorite team every playoff year, and he suddenly felt an uncontrollable urge to run his car into him. He put his foot down on the accelerator and tried to hit him but at the last minute the Leafs fan jumped out of the way, the driver of the car heard a bang, but he was sure he'd missed him.

The two men proceeded to the church in silence. The Senators fan finally turned to the priest and sorrowfully said, "Look Father, I'm really sorry about that incident back there. I don't know what came over me. Can you ever forgive me Father?"

The Priest replied, "Of course I can forgive you, my son. Oh and don't worry - I got him with the car door..."

Why does Lucien Bouchard like the idea of Rita McNeil having a tattoo of Canada on her ass? - Everytime she sits down Quebec seperates.

A Canadian is walking down the street with a case of beer under his arm. His friend Doug stops him and asks, "Hey Bob! Whacha get the case of beer for?" "I got it for my wife, eh." answers Bob.

"Oh!" exclaims Doug, "Good trade."

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE WAR BETWEEN NEWFOUNDLAND AND NOVA SCOTIA? THE NEWFIES WERE LOBBING HAND GRENADES; THE NOVA SCOTIANS WERE PULLING THE PINS AND THROWING THEM BACK.

SPORTS QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The day you take complete responsibility for yourself, the day you stop making any excuses, thats the day you start to the top."

-O.J. Simpson

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Men's Soccer
Matthew D'Angelo
 #9 Striker, from Ottawa, ON

Leads the SMU team with 8 goals, 2nd in AUS Scoring...scored one goal vs MTA in SMU's 2-0 win and scored the winning goal vs UPEI yesterday in their 1-0 win.



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