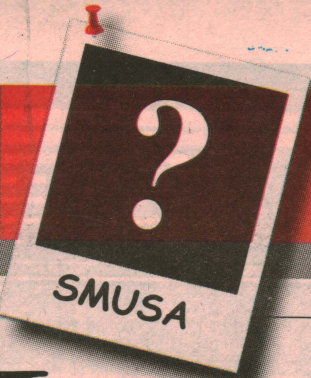




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Student Finds \$10,000 in the Student Centre

BY KRISTIAN BERTIN

Jaime Hawkins, a finance major in his 3rd year of commerce at Saint Mary's University says that he's glad he gave back \$10,000 dollars that he found in the Student Union Building.

January 9th, Hawkins was withdrawing cash from the RBC bank machine at the SUB with his friend when he spotted what looked to him like a \$20 dollar bill standing upright in the Journal news-rack next to the ATM. At first, he thought it was a bundle

of coupons, but when he picked it up, he realized it was a stack of money – the size of a loaf of bread. Hawkins says he was awestruck; it was more money than he had ever seen before. Despite the sheer amount of cash, the first thing Hawkins thought to do was to return the money. He gave the money to the front desk instead of keeping it.

This week Hawkins has been inundated by the media since word of his good deed has gotten out. The Daily News, Chronicle Herald, CTV News and several others have

made the Santamarian the subject of their reports. "My phone's ringing off the hook, everyone's trying to get a hold of me," Hawkins said, with a grin.

Why did he return the money? "A little voice inside of me told me," he said, "this isn't your money." It didn't matter who it was from, he explained, I knew it wasn't mine. Whether it was corporate money or personal money didn't concern him either. "If it was my money that was lost, I'd hope for it to be returned, so I did the same." Though his friends

and many other students at Saint Mary's have admitted that they certainly would have taken the money, most have told him that he did the right thing.

Hawkins also said that given the amount of cash, it occurred to him that he might be looking at ill-gotten money. "I thought I might be foiling a drug deal or something."

Jaime received no word of a reward until the press finally got a hold of the story. For a couple weeks, he wondered if anything would come of it, until the compa-

ny that misplaced the money, Securicor, informed him that he would be receiving a \$500 dollar reward shortly, which he hasn't received yet. The reward couldn't come any sooner. Not long after finding the money, Hawkins learned that his student loan, originally set at \$6800 was reduced to \$1022 after some miscommunications.

Even still, Hawkins is glad that he didn't steal the money. "It was the right thing to do," he said. On Monday, Colin Dodds met with Hawkins to personally congratulate him for his good deed.



SMU President Colin Dodds met with Jamie Hawkins to personally congratulate him for his good deed.

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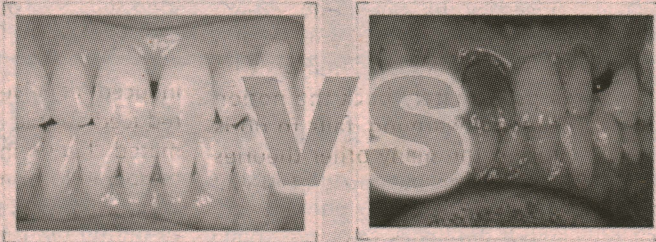
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EDITORIAL

Investing in Varsity Not Money Down the Drain

BY OLIVIER JARDA

This edition of the Journal is filled with stories of Santamarians who have done great things on and off the court. It is important to highlight some of the good deeds done by our varsity athletes, because their reputation on campus always seems to be under attack.

Questions like, "Why did the football team get a new Astro turf while the Burke building is falling apart?" or, "The men's soccer team is going to China? I'm from China and I don't even go to China," are bound to arise from campus chatter.

Many students don't think too highly of SMU athletes, not only because of the benefits they receive. They despise being associated with the football team or having people label SMU as a jock school. After all, the second sentence in Wikipedia's SMU entry is: "The school is best known today for having one of the best football programs in Canada," not that we should put too much trust in Wikipedia.

There are many who think the costs of strong varsity programs outweigh the benefits. As you can read in this issue, athletes do not

always act as strong ambassadors of the university, and act in ways that cost Saint Mary's dollars and reputation. Some athletes have been called for technical fouls. Yet as a whole, the athletic community at Saint Mary's is a strong one that should be envied and emulated, and that brings countless benefits to the university.

Last week, I attended the Huskies Super Auction at the World Trade and Convention Centre. This event, the biggest fundraiser for our varsity teams, began nine years ago and is a huge cash cow. Athletes representing every team showed up to help, more than were even needed to staff the silent auction tables.

Our athletes share a sense of pride that has been shown over and over in their service to Saint Mary's, on and off the court.

Some athletes have taken it to another level. Varsity soccer player Ally Read organized this week's Athlete Auction at the Gorsebrook to raise money for cystic fibrosis. This is the event's second year, and is part of a campaign Ally spearheaded called Sixty-Five Roses for Cystic Fibrosis. The campaign also includes a fundraiser in the



Next week: Why investing in the Journal isn't money down the drain.

Photo by Nicole Ashley Aube (Last week's Photo of the Week in its entirety)

spring, which culminates in a 6.5KM run that starts and finishes on campus.

On page 17 of this issue, there is a story on how the women's varsity hockey team raised money for a fellow player on the Saint Thomas hockey team who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

On page 14, Saint Mary's professor Bill Fletcher professes his love of teaching and coaching; Fletcher, who teaches finance, is heading off to the Yukon this month with his curling rink to the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

The money we put into varsity

sport, we get back, whether or not we're athletes.

We get it back through the thrill of a packed football game at Huskies Stadium, state-of-the-art fitness equipment at the Tower and the ability to scream rival schools back to their buses with their tales between their legs on a regular basis, sportsmanlike.

Funding varsity sport is not necessarily money down the drain; it's a worthwhile investment that can improve the quality of life of a university by providing opportunities for students with athletic prowess and by enhancing school spirit.

Even for those who aren't athletic or spirited, varsity can still pay back. Many members of the community add to university revenue by buying memberships at the Tower and renting out the turf.

The men's soccer team will not just go to China to compete. They will concurrently sell the university brand and will no doubt put Saint Mary's on more maps. They will convince prospective students to engrave the university name above the lines of many more cheques, injecting even more money into the university's budget. It pays to play.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOW THE NEWS FAILS ON GLOBAL WARMING

You hear it everyday in the news. Global warming. Every report is always the same; global warming is the fault of the human race, caused by the emission of greenhouse gases. What the news, and the environmental extremists who so passionately back the notion of global warming, fails to do is present the many other theories out there on the cause of global warming.

Measuring the average temperature of the Earth is no easy task. Numerous groups have attempted and come in with values close to each other. One of the more commonly accepted values is $\sim 14^\circ \pm 0.7^\circ$. The increase in average surface temperature has been quantified as 0.6° since 1850. Thus, the margin of error in surface

temperature is greater than the estimate in temperature increase.

Various scientific studies have concluded that the Sun is more active now than for the past millennium. The solar luminosity from this activity has increased by approximately 0.4 W/m^2 , along with a 1.3 W/m^2 increase in solar-induced radiative forcing due to a reduced cosmic ray flux. The estimated change in average surface temperature from this increase in solar activity has been approximated to be 0.47° . The estimated rise in temperature due to an increase in CO_2 content is 0.16° .

A large number of studies show that past climate changes were largely due to changes in solar activity, and the same is true for today. The change in surface temperature due to increased CO_2 emissions is negligible, playing no

more than a minor role.

John Doe

LATIN ROOTS

In last week's Tech Talk, Aleks Stark wrote that "\subpoena" was a "weird word".

Dude, "\subpoena" is a latin legal expression, meaning "\under penalty."

To be "\subpoena"ed is to be called to court, under the threat of a penalty of some sort. Its part of a longer term that translates to something like "\bring with you [evidence/documents/testimony etc] under penalty of being punished..."

It's Latin, man, and it looks ridiculous only cuz its two thousand years older than you.

Cheers,
Steeleworthy

PRESS RELEASE

SMU Students Encouraged to Vote 'Yes'

(Halifax, NS) In what has been described as a major turning point for the level of service provision offered at Saint Mary's University. The dental plan will provide dental coverage to students which several students indicated was an important component to overall health coverage.

"We encourage students to vote 'yes' on this referendum question. As Saint Mary's University grows the needs of the students will also grow. By voting 'yes' to this question we will ensure that the academic and service based needs of students are met," said Jeff

Lohnes, Vice President Internal Affairs at the Saint Mary's University Students' Association.

The proposed dental plan seeks to provide students with dental coverage as indicated in a dental plan survey that students responded to this year. In this survey students not only indicated the need for a service such as this one but also indicated the specific areas in which they believed coverage would be important, it is from that survey that the proposed dental plan has been brought forward to the students to vote on.

"Participating and making

your vote count is always important, we encourage all students to vote with an informed opinion on all matters brought to an election. This year I urge all students to do this once again while keeping this important dental care coverage in mind. We want all of our students to be of the utmost health while here at Saint Mary's University and this is one more step we can take to ensure this", Lohnes said.

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SMU DEBATES

DOES GOD EXIST?



Dr. Kirk Durston (centre-left) and Dr. Peter March (centre-right) debated the existence of God in a rematch organized by Campus Crusade for Christ.

Photo by Ebony Fray

BY JAMES O'BRIEN

This week saw the return of Does God Exist? a theological debate held by the Campus Crusade for Christ which took place at the Sobey's building. The two debaters were Dr. Peter March, and Dr. Kirk Durston. Colin Dodds was spotted at the beginning of the debate, but left fairly early. March mentioned that he regretted Dodds didn't thank him for the opportunity to debate.

Dr. March might be remembered from last year's controversy concerning his posting of controversial Muslim cartoons, as well as his lecture circuit denouncing radical Muslims and Muslim theocracies.

Dr. Kirk Durston, who faced March last year in the Evolution vs. ID debate, Durston was arguing for God, his opening arguments concerned issues of causality within a universe that God did not create.

Namely, that God makes sense because he would transcend what he created, he would transcend space time. Space time is where everything happens, yet it would be impossible for space time to happen in space time. "You can't use natural processes to explain natural processes," he explained.

March opened his argument explaining how he does feel there is karmic justice. He conceded that without the existence of "good" there can be no basis for morality, even though the existence of a non-physical "good" would be a concession to the existence of a god's will, despite a "feeling" in his "bones" of a karmic justice.

However, March was quick to point out that, "this is not a just world", pointing to all the senseless pain and suffering that people suffer; holocausts, natural disasters, diseases of which the victim's couldn't possibly have deserved. He laughed saying that

"emotionally" he does believe in a God but since he cannot justify it rationally, it would be unethical for him to pronounce it.

With regard to Durston's thesis that the Universe's existence or 'cause' cannot be explained without the existence of a Creator, March claimed that "we don't believe in causes but chance and probability. The science that we use is based on relationships," between such things as space time and special reality. Time itself is immaterial and so are relationships, asserted March.

"The idea that time is a physical entity which 'bends' is a convenient metaphor that Einstein used" to explain Special Relativity. "Causes are debunked," he said, saying "we don't think in terms of what something's cause is and haven't since the 1920's".

The debate then digressed into a repeat of the Artificial Intelligence argument whereby Durston asserts

that science cannot explain the Universe's Cause, while March asserts that science is working toward an understanding of the Universe and that it is presumptuous of anyone to assume science's limitations. The debate ended with the question: Is science limited?

During the question period, a couple people noted that their debate centered on the science aspect of the debate rather than "the Rational" eg. logic and theory, rather than probability and physics. One particular person shared her regrets at the "failure" of both candidates to "support spirituality", or "provide an alternative to an unjust world".

I spoke to March afterwards, and he said that the debate was guarded in that either party was hesitant to directly attack the other's position because that could potentially turn the audience against them. March said that there is a general concern amongst the deba-

tors that if the audience's position is "attacked", they will become entrenched in their beliefs and that they will not keep an open mind to the debate, regardless what either party says.

In observing the audience, a significant segment of those who were for Durston's opinion made this blatant by talking amongst themselves and others while March made his speeches and answered questions. These people made it very difficult to hear him and made it clear that they had become "entrenched" as both debaters worried.

That is not to say that this reflects the mood of the audience or the debate, aside from this ignorant minority, the crowd was well behaved and quite receptive. The Q&A was largely well-balanced between atheist and religious stance and questioning. Both March and Durston were quite cordial.

Saint Mary's Men's Soccer Team To Compete in China

BY FRANK CHAMBERLAND

This Saint Mary's Men's Soccer team is set to compete at the 2007 International University Football Championship, held by the Federation of China University Sports, China University Football Association. There, six university teams from around the world will compete, with SMU representing all of Canada. The group of 20 travellers will be led by soccer coaches Stuart Galloway and Fernando Lucas.

The players are extremely excited about the news. Jamie McGinnis, 4th yr History major and member of the men's soccer team said, "the news is huge. We couldn't believe it, no one believed it at first. We all thought it was a rumor until we all met with Colin Dodds and he made the announcement. It's all a little surreal."

The team will be arriving in Beijing, on May 6th, and will

then travel to Wuhan, in central China to compete in the tournament, which starts on the 10th of May and continues until the 15th. The competition will be hosted at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (ZUEL). ZUEL and SMU have engaged in several cooperations programs in the past, where dozens of their professors have spent semesters on our campus for professional upgrading. Saint Mary's has been engaging with Chinese Universities since the early 80s in order to build international relations and explore mutual research.

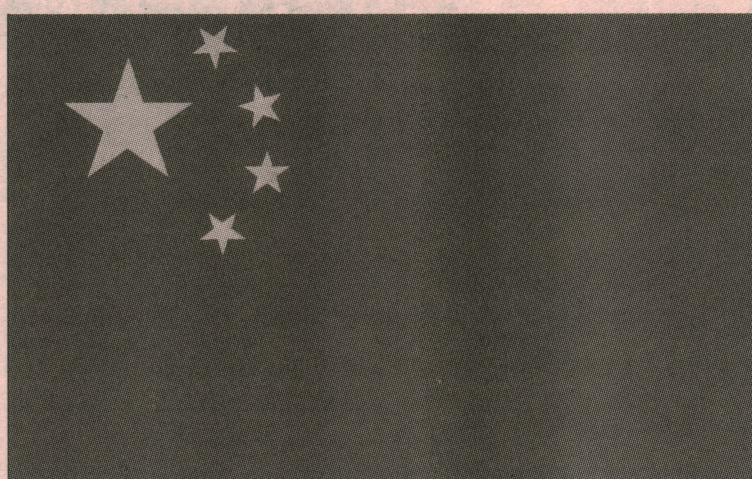
Coach Stuart Galloway, who leads the Men's Soccer team, said that the trip is a tremendous opportunity for not only the team but for SMU as well. He said that they were looking forward to the trip, but admitted that it was unfortunate that not everyone got to go. Four members of the team are

going to have to stay behind. It's mostly veteran players that are going, McGinnis explained. It is also notable that it is only the men's soccer team that is going.

Ally Read, member of the SMU Women's Soccer Team said that she is really excited for the players, but understands why the women aren't going. "Women's soccer isn't as big as men's, it makes sense. But it's such a wonderful opportunity for them, I'm happy for them."

Galloway stated that, "there is a lot to get done in the next couple of months." McGinnis agrees. "We're taking our off-season training schedule more seriously, the whole team is hitting the gym, trying to get into top shape, you know," says McGinnis, "we're gonna be playing in front of huge crowds."

Though McGinnis is unsure of their chances in the tournament, since he doesn't know any of the teams, he is confident in his own



team. "At the very least we'll be able to compete," he admits, "our team's been really good over the last few years, definitely the top five in Canada."

The university will be providing food and accommodations along with local transportation

while in Wuhan. The team is going to be sponsored by Saint Mary's University, several community groups and Chinese sponsor, Max Leaf Paper Co. Ltd. (represented by Saint Mary's alumni Bill Bu).

SMU Basketball Star Suspended After Alleged Break and Enter

BY THE JOURNAL STAFF

Aaron Duncan, captain of the Saint Mary's Basketball team, was arraigned in court this past Thursday on charges of break and entering and theft.

Police responded to a 911 call from an Inglis Street residence on Thursday at about 4:30AM, where the residents heard a man inside their home. The police proceeded to chase the man, and eventually found him hiding under a verandah.

One of the residents of the address, who will go unnamed, said she was in her bedroom when she heard an intruder: "I stayed in my room and I used my cellphone to call my roommate who was in her room. She called 911." The resident believes that the intruder was in the house for about 8-10 minutes. She said that the intruder used her roommates' schoolbag to steal a Playstation, laptop, and digital camera.

While the resident claimed that the police pressed charges, she

was upset with how the Daily News covered the story. The resident felt that the article glorified the accused, instead of focusing on the victims of the crime.

In response, she said that she and the eleven other residents of the place

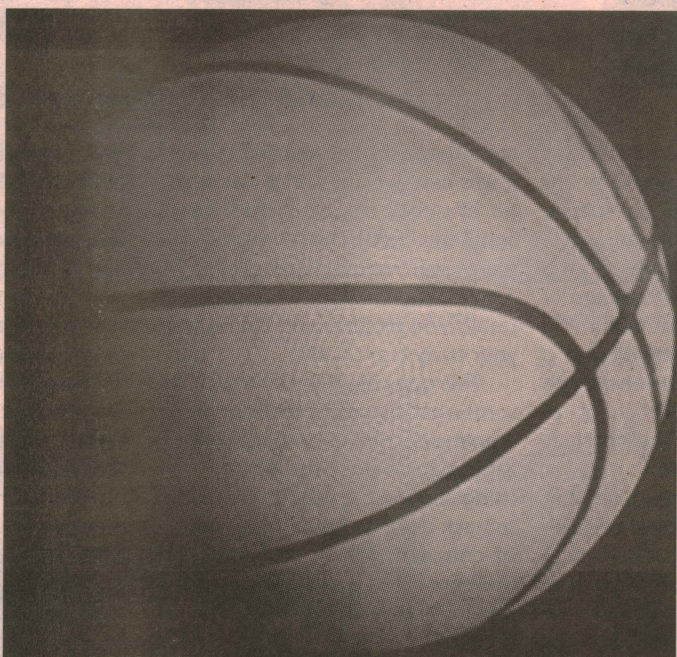
claims that the experience has left her "petrified."

Duncan was released on a \$1,000 recognizance, which was paid by an assistant coach of the basketball team. He is scheduled to return to court on April 2nd to plead the charge.

Duncan averages 17 points, 5.8 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.2 steals and is one of the best players in the Atlantic conference.

When asked to comment on the situation, Coach Ross Quakenbush said, "Nothing about Aaron would suggest that he would do something like this. I am in complete shock."

Duncan has been suspended indefinitely by the team. Quakenbush mentioned that a final decision would not be made until he was able to further discuss the matter with Dr. Murphy, who is out of the country and won't return to work until February 9th. "It's an unfortunate event. We need to figure out how we can make things better for everyone."

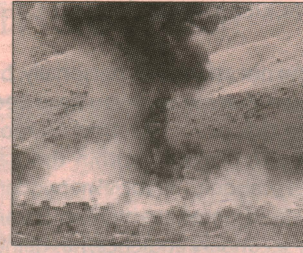


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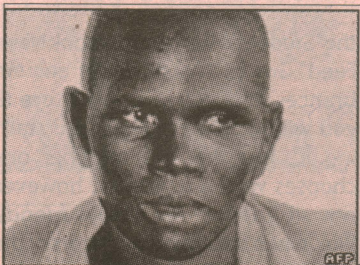
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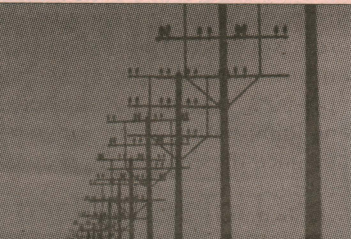
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BUSINESS

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HEY! ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

BY JACKIE HOWATT

No, I'm not asking you personally, but I'm sure that many of you have been asked this exact question on more than one occasion within the past year. Facebook, the social networking website targeted at a high-school and post-secondary audience, has gained major momentum in popularity over the course of just one year. Membership skyrocketed from just thousands in 2006 to an estimated 3.85 million in 2007 – meaning over 85% of college students now utilize Facebook in some way or another (www.techcrunch.com). Just recently, however, much speculation has been raised regarding Facebook's Privacy Policy, and the implications it has over its users. Campuses from all over North America are abuzz due to several controversial issues that have ensued regarding the safety and privacy that one may relinquish while signing up for a Facebook account. With the ubiquity of social networks like MySpace, Xanga, Hi5, and Facebook, people have become comfortable (and even apathetic) with the information they give out over the Internet. Sometimes one has to sit back and wonder – is it worth the risk?

"Risk to what?" You may ask. Well, this past September, Facebook introduced an automatic feature to their program called, "News Feed". The News Feed allows everyone on your "Friends" list to see the changes, updates, and pretty much every little move you make, on Facebook. Since September, Facebook membership has not slowed down, however, over 700,000 members have united under

the "Students Against Facebook News Feed" Group. Among other encumbrances, this voyeuristic feature (if you will) is said to encourage stalking. It's true that as a member, one chooses who is a "Friend", however, not all "friends" are always friends. Plus, when becoming members of the same network, it allows anyone in that network to view your profile. Privacy then becomes an issue, because there are ways around accessing certain profiles.

Stalking is not a new issue when it comes to social networking websites. MySpace is notorious for attracting stalkers. A large majority of MySpace users are underage high school students, and concerns with pedophilia stalking is still an ongoing issue. With Facebook's News Feed feature, similar concerns have been raised. The good news is that Facebook is implementing an "opt-out" feature to the News Feed feature, which may (temporarily at least) unruffled some feathers.

A major point of scrutiny right now is the violation of privacy that

one University of Miami student experienced due to copyright infringement. The campus newspaper, the Miami Hurricane, ran an article using photos and captions from a student's Facebook photo album of some students who went swimming in a nearby lake – an activity that is forbidden by the school. Even though Facebook demanded that the publication pull the story, their privacy policy tells a different story:

"no personal information that you submit to Facebook will be available to any user of the website who does not belong to at least one of the groups specified by you in your privacy settings." According to the Facebook website, "Content may not be modified, copied, distributed, framed, reproduced, republished, downloaded, displayed, posted, transmitted, or sold in any form or by any means, in whole or in part, without website's prior written permission" (<http://snews.southernct.edu>).

The newspaper claims that the "the story's importance outweighed

any other risks because we thought it was newsworthy and it was a matter of public safety" (<http://snews.southernct.edu>). This is disturbing on many, many levels. What excuse will a publication have when it comes to publishing pictures and stories from your crazy night out?

This goes hand-in-hand with the somewhat disturbing realization that employers, criminal authority organizations, and even the government, are using networking sites like Facebook to track down prospects and people of concern. [Albumoftheday.com](http://www.albumoftheday.com) presents a video clip demonstrating the ties that Facebook has to the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) and the United States government. The video reveals the network of authority figures, which tie directly to the US government. Peter Field, former CEO of Paypal, helped fund the start-up of Facebook with \$500,000. A subsequent round of financing for Facebook came from ACCEL Venture Capital for \$12,700,000. Filtering downward, ACCEL Venture Capital

was established in part by the CIA. Within the network of Venture Capital financing for Facebook, ties to the Department of Defense and Information Awareness Office (IAO) exist as well. Shockingly, the IAO's mission is to in part, "gather information about everyone in one centralized location [for easy perusal] by the United States Government" (www.albumoftheday.com). I suggest to visit the given website to view the entire video.

This is surely just the beginning of the downfall (or de-popularization, at least) of social networking websites. It's a creepy feeling knowing that anyone can find out who you are, at any time. It's an inherent fact that networking sites are centered around the accumulation of listed "friends", which ultimately serves as a major ego-stroke. Is exposing yourself and your life online worth it? Are you unknowingly playing as a pawn in a huge marketing ploy, or government scheme? We'll soon find out. In the meantime, monitor the addiction.



Yes, I too am guilty of having a Facebook. -www.facebook.com

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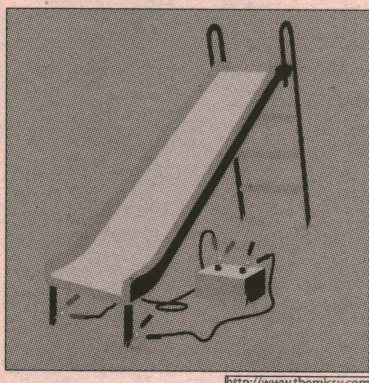
BY: ALEKS STARK

Should we outlaw bad dancing? The litigious nature of society became ever more apparent as now people who are doing the infamous 'Electric Slide' dance routine are being sued under the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The DSMA was enacted to stop digital music piracy, but has since found other uses. Richard Silver was awarded the copyright to the choreography of the Electric Slide in 1994, but only recently was given the legal power to stop other people thanks to the DCMA. Silver has demanded that all videos of people doing the electric slide on the internet must be removed. YouTube in particular was told to remove several thousand videos. Legal charges are also being brought up against movie studios, and the Ellen DeGeneres showing the 'illegal dancing.' Hey well we're at it, can we outlaw the Macarena too? Just as a personal favour to me.

Remember dial up internet? How quaint it was to wait entire minutes for an Internet page to load. And if it was an image-intensive page you had time to go make a snack before it would load. After high-speed internet became the norm the internet opened up a bit and more and fancier internet pages followed. Well if a Canadian internet service provider has his way then we may see another such evolution by the end of the year. Montreal based Videotron has been beta testing a new system that would allow consistent internet speeds of 100 megabits per second (Mbps). Currently Shaw offers the fastest high-speed internet at around 25 Mbps. A normal internet connection is approximately 5-6 Mbps. It's expected the new higher speeds would create a major explosion in the amount and quality of online video.

If you've ever wanted to keep an eye a sneaky friend, the US government's got your back. GPS technology was originally created in 1978 by the United States Department of Defense for military purposes. A series of 24 satellites maintain a perfect constellation around earth, making triangulation possible from any point on Earth. As technology filters its way down from military, to government, to business corporations and finally to the public, new uses are constantly being found. The same satellites that allow the precise targeting of cruise missiles half a world away can now also be used to spy on people you know. Several companies now sell GPS trackers that can be fitted on a car or person that will record their exact location. Options range in price based on size and accuracy of the device, but GPS receivers the size of a \$1 coin and designed to plug into a laptop computer sell for as little as \$50. No, I won't tell you where.

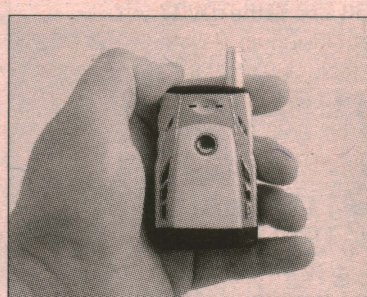
If you've ever taken an Addictions class (which is quite a good course by the way), you'll learn that one of the symptoms of addiction is the continued use of a substance at the expense of your physical, mental, and social well-being. And that's exactly what Australian researchers are seeing in a growing number of cases they call 'Mobile Addiction.' Mobile addiction basically refers to the inability to stop using your cellular telephone or other wireless device. During a recent major study people reported their finances, relationships and emotional state were suffering and they had less time to socialize, work, sleep, study and exercise because of the time taken up on their phones. These people couldn't put down the phone for fear of missing something important or being 'out of the loop.' Some were even recording putting themselves in physical danger trying to get reception while hanging out windows of buildings or cars. The average Australian spends one hour a day either talking or texting on their phones. Some 'heavy users' were racking up phone bills of over \$5000 a month.



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ACE SMU: The Cornucopia of Entrepreneurship

BY: LAURA MACINTOSH

Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship is a nation-wide student society with 50 teams and over 2,000 involved students. ACE is an organization determined to help build skill sets of students across the country to allow them to create better futures for themselves and their communities.

With programs in financial literacy, free enterprise, and student entrepreneurship, ACE allows the pathways needed for student leaders and entrepreneurs to reach their full potential. The program gives students hands on, academic and more importantly real world learning experiences that are not scarce to find in the typical university setting. The program is a true skills and confidence building experience that gives students a unique way to improve upon themselves. ACE alumni are in high demand as qualified, successful entrepreneurs and business people.

Have you ever noticed the Job Postings magazines in the commerce lounge? It was created by Mark and Nathan Laurie, 1997 ACE alumni. Foxy Originals high quality jewelry is in demand from the likes of Paris Hilton; keeping former ACE students Jen Kluger and Suzie Orol busy. These are only a few of many ACE students that have gone on to greatness and wealth, and only a few reasons why the program is great to get involved with.

ACE SMU is a relatively new team to be added to the mix, but is quickly becoming recognized on the national stage. Since 2004, ACE SMU has received two prestigious international grants to run projects both on and off campus, received the ACE Award of Innovation, and has produced an award for outstanding student leadership. This year, we are honored to be a part of ACE Canada's '20th year 20 stories' anniversary celebration, representing the east coast with our current project, "Trumped." 10 projects from across the country are being featured this year on behalf of the 20th anniversary, and we are proud to be recognized for our hard work and dedication.

The students of ACE SMU are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of ourselves and our fellow students. We offer plenty of options for students looking to hone specific skills or advance a wide array of skill sets. Between projects run by students and partnerships with community businesses, we are able to offer support, advice and enhancement for student entrepreneurs and those just interested in becoming student leaders. Our sponsors along with community and national connections provide an amazing network for students looking to make a few friends in the business world and for those looking for careers with companies - big or small. A few of ACE SMU's current sponsors and partners include CEED, SMUBDC, CBDC, Sport Direct, Scotia Bank and the John Dobson Foundation.

The society currently holds meetings every Wednesday at 5:30pm in Loyola 178. If you would like to learn more about ACE, our projects, or our program, please drop by our office 511 in the student centre (SUB building) or email acesmu@gmail.com. For information about ACE Canada, visit www.ace20.ca.

BY: ALEKS STARK

Let's review the list of words I learned last week: Meatwad, Frylock, Ignignokt, Err, Plutonians and Mooninite. Have I gone off the deep end? Well... yes. Due to the recent events in Boston, I found myself diving headfirst into Cartoon Network's Adult Swim.

The Adult Swim is a late-night; adult oriented programming block on the Cartoon Network. The block has brought such animation creations as: Assy McGee, Frisky Dingo, and (my personal favorite) Mobile Suit Gundam. All the programming is aimed towards an 18+ audience and parental advisory warnings occur frequently. When Adult Swim premiered in September 2001 it was on only one night week. It has grown in popularity and now shows on channels all over the world on almost every night of the week.

As part of the Swim's growing popularity, they prepared to release their first feature length film. The film is from one of the Swim's original shows, Aqua Teen Hunger Force. It is appropriately named Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film For Theaters.

Adult Swim released this as the official plot to the movie:

"The Aqua Teen Hunger Force Movie Film For Theaters is an action-adventure epic that tackles the mysterious circumstances that brought Meatwad, Frylock and Master Shake together. An immortal piece of exercise equipment threatens the balance of galactic peace, and it is up to the Aqua Teen Hunger Force to run away from it. Complicating matters, the Plutonians team up with the Cybernetic Ghost of Christmas Past from the Future for ultimate control of the deadly device."

Clearly this isn't expected to break any box-office records. The show and the subsequent movie are marketed towards a very unique set of viewers to begin with. So to advertise, the Cartoon Network went with a very unique set of promoters.

Enter marketing firm Interference Inc. Interference is a New York based advertisement agency that special-

izes in guerilla marketing. Similar to guerilla warfare, this technique defined as "an unconventional way of performing promotional activities on a very low budget. Such promotions are sometimes designed so that the target audience is left unaware they have been marketed to."

So instead of buying billboard space or ad-space on television, the marketing firm decided the best way to stir up some talk was to place small, lit signs up around major cities. The sign is a square approximately 2 feet across with a series of LEDs shaped to look like a Mooninite (a character from the show) giving the middle finger. The sign is powered by a series of bat-

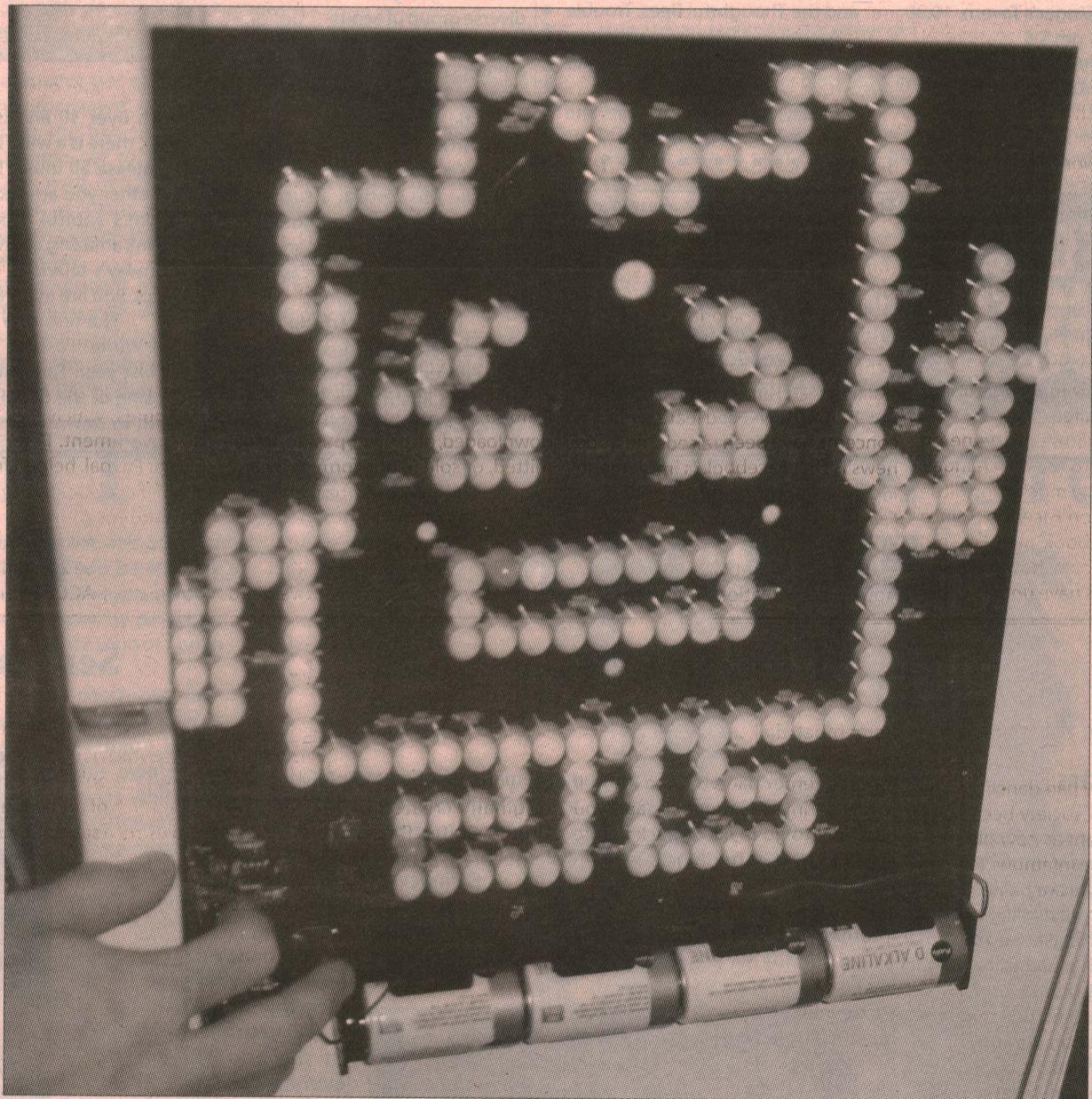
over the Charles River so the Coast Guard shut down the entire river to shipping traffic. Local police and FBI units shut down several streets and parts of the public transport system. This was at about the same time that similar devices (the other signs in town) were being reported and found by police. Around 12 Noon the authorities were telling the media that as many as 4 other devices had been found at 'strategic locations' around Boston. Some newscasters were even speculating (on air!) as to if some bridges were targets. Ah, the sweet smell of fear-mongering in the morning. Many citizens were understandably shaken by the event.

to panic the public (Chapter 266: Section 102A½ of The General Laws of Massachusetts if you're interested). It's estimated that the total cost of the non-event is around \$500,000.

Being America, some entrepreneurs have already started cashing in on the scare by selling t-shirts with "I survived the Mooninite invasion of '07" printed on them. Even the signs themselves are bringing in money. On eBay, one of the Mooninite Lite-Brite signs just sold for \$5000. And there are plenty more where that came from. In Seattle, Philadelphia, and New York, the local police departments have been finding and removing the signs for many weeks. In those

cities combined the police have confiscated over 150 of the signs. It should be noted that Boston is the only city in the country that thought the signs could possibly be explosive devices.

So now that I think about it, maybe \$500,000 isn't that bad of a deal for the amount of advertising that eventually came in from the entire event. Before the bomb scare, the signs would have been seen by a few fans and that's it. Now it's national news. Three different news networks covered this event



Featured here, a Mooninite flipping the bird.

www.wikipedia.org

teries and bears a close resemblance to a Lite-Brite. The signs were put up in 10 major cities across the country almost 3 weeks ago. The idea was that people who knew the show would get the inside joke and others would want to know what it was.

But it seems someone should have let the authorities into the 'In-Crowd.' In Boston, on January 31st, an employee of the Transportation Authority saw one of the devices on a beam that holds up an elevated section of a major highway. At 9 a.m. the police receive a call about the sign. At 9:30 a.m. the national news broadcasters picked up the story and began their 12 consecutive hours of coverage of the 'Boston Bomb Threat.' By 10 a.m. the bomb squad had been rolled out to destroy the sign with a high pressure water canon. The bridge was

It was at 1 p.m. when the newscasters began reporting that the event was a "Bomb Scare Hoax" and that the devices were not explosives but... and this is my favorite, "part of a massive hoax threat meant to send a message to the general public." I guess they were almost correct. It was meant to send a message. And I guess a cartoon flipping the bird could be taken as threatening.

Almost an hour after that, 5 hours after the original call, it was reported that the 'devices' were in fact just signs. When the general public found out the entire event was a misunderstanding, their latent fear became tangible anger. The district attorney seemed of the same mind, and had the two responsible for the campaign arrested and charged with using a hoax device with the intent

for almost 12 hours each. You can't buy that kind of exposure.

Now, the words Aqua Teen Hunger Force are in every newspaper and on every television across America. Now, regular people actually know what a Mooninite is.

Heck. Now I might actually see this movie.

Links to the movie trailer, company websites, and videos of the advertising installing the signs are available on the online edition at <http://starktalk.googlepages.com>.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

This Week In Halifax...

WEDNESDAY

The Stretch at Gus' Pub, 10 pm
The Sorrys and HOTSHOTROBOT at the Frigate, 10 pm

THURSDAY

Ian Foster, Steve Gates, and Folds of Policy at Ginger's Tavern, 9:30 pm \$ 5
Great Plains and Murder She Wrote at Gus' Pub, 10 pm

FRIDAY

16th Avenue, Birmingham, Twin Infinity, and It Must Be Fate at the Pavilion, 7 pm \$ 7 All Ages
Silvergun, The Blank Stares, and Speedy Recovery at Gus' Pub, 10 pm \$ 5
Dean Malenkos, Talk Sick, The Hold, and Gunt at the Speakeasy, \$ 5
Laura Merrimen and the Lonely Travelers at Ginger's Tavern, 10:30 pm \$ 5
Ian Foster and Christina Marin at the North End Pub, 9 pm \$ 5

SATURDAY

Carol Brady's Amazing War Proposal, Ask The Ivory Tusks, Jenn Militia and others at The Pavilion, 7 pm \$ 7 All Ages
Ermine, On Vinyl, and HOTSHOTROBOT at the Attic, 11 pm \$ 6
Stolen Minks, and Catronia Station at Gus' Pub, 10 pm
Deerfield and Ryan Cooke and the Sunny Acres at Ginger's Tavern, \$ 5

SUNDAY

The Sunday Night Comedy Spectacular at Gingers Tavern, 8 pm \$ 4
Blind Force at Gus' Pub, 10 pm

WEDNESDAY

Hissyfit 2007 featuring The Whiskey Kisses, Great Plains, Benefit Party, Steven Cooke and the Respected Halifax Journalist Wolf, Ruby Jean and the Thoughtful Bees, Trouble Rocket and Telecommando at Reflections, 10 pm \$ 3 or \$ 1 if you dress in drag
Dog Day, Husband and Knife, and Be Bad at the Khyber

In The Dead Of the Winter Festival Offers Halifax a Musical Treat

BY CAROLINE HILLIER

If you know what's good for you, you should be planning your upcoming weekend with as many shows featured during this year's In The Dead Of The Winter Festival as possible. However, if you are not, I encourage you to go out and pick up some tickets for a jam-packed weekend. Amelia Curran, Joe Belly, Jill Barber and Bob Wiseman are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the performers. The intention of the festival is to bring together a diverse group of acoustic musicians, and with a line-up like this, the creators have nailed it.

Acoustic masterminds come from the Atlantic Region, the rest of Canada and the United States to make this festival a success. The festival is like no other, and is proudly bringing not yet discovered artists into the scene, and showcasing rising stars with familiar names.

The festival starts on Thursday, February 8th, and runs through Sunday, February 11th. Venues hosting the event include the Bus Stop, One World Café, and St. George's Church.



Dead of Winter Fest - Al Greer

With over 30 artists attending this year, there is a wide enough diversity to please all music lovers out there. Whether you are excited about Jenn Grant's soulful folk sound, Sherry Ryan's amazing country music, or Neil Conway's hilarious eyebrow raising lyrics, you are in for a treat.

The first ever In The Dead Of the Winter Festival was in February of last year. The festival marked the closing of the deeply missed Khyber Club in downtown Halifax, and will

now happen annually in spirit of the club. Last year's performers included such extraordinary musical talents as Matt Mays, Joel Plaskett, Amelia Curran and Jenn Grant.

This is your chance to support rising artists that you will grow to love, if you don't already. Go out there, buy your tickets (passes are also available) and enjoy what will truly be an acoustic extravaganza right here in Halifax.

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TV GEEK

Ice-T's rap school

BY RESSA PETERS

Reality television is a double-edged sword. For every show that documents real people overcoming adversity and growing closer together, there are five shows that reward backstabbing, attention whoring or just plain whoring. The best parts of reality TV are assembled in Ice-T's rap school; a fish out of water premise with challenges and weekly rewards and even a little bit of personal growth and lessons learned. Now in case that sounded too mushy, to quote the man himself "rap school's in session, shut up!"

If you've ever heard any of his trail-blazing hip-hop or seen Law &

Order: Special Victims Unit you know how bad-ass Ice-T is. I don't think any of the 8th Graders from New York's prestigious York Prep School had, however. Ice waltzes into York Prep and proceeds to try and do the impossible; teach these kids rap, rhyme, fashion, and maybe even self confidence, hard work, leadership, and not to judge a book by its cover.

The transition from privileged, well-mannered prep school to rappers isn't easy. They are a mixed group of eighth graders with different personalities. There's Dodge, so old-school he likes pinstripes and Buddy Holly, whiney Leir, cocky Sam, stuttering Phil, shy Mary, in the midst of her

friends like Common, MC Lyte, DJ Premiere and in the final episode, Public Enemy, to help the kids find their own skills, talents and strengths.

Each week Ice-T gives a few new challenges to the crew, first comes finding the beat (harder than you'd think), spinning records, dancing and writing your own rhymes as well as free style. At the end of every week of challenges, the kid who tried or worked the hardest or made the most improvements receives the "golden mike" to wear around their neck. Ice can be as tough a teacher as you'd expect him to be, like the time Leir complains about not enjoying the group and Ice-T tells him to either commit hole-heartedly or just leave, but he also knows when to give a kid a few encouraging words or a hug.

Check out Rap School on Much Music at various times through the week or just go to www.muchmusic.com/tv/rapschool/ and skip all the commercials.



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parent's divorce; bossy Sophia and quiet Arielle and Erin. During the first episode, Ice lets the kids dress up in rapper's clothes and takes them to the south Bronx, Sophia freaks that she'll be shot in the south Bronx, but once they get there and take some lessons from Grandmaster Melle Mel a.k.a. Flash (of "The Message" fame), she realizes what it's really like where the other half lives. Ice brings in Rapper

CD Review

Serena Ryder-If Your Memory Serves You Well



BY CAROLINE HILLIER

Think folk. Think blues. Think classic Canadian talent.

Serena Ryder is blessed with a three octave vocal voice, and is able to sing anything and everything. So, for her second album, If Your Memory Serves You Well that is exactly what she did. The amazing album features notable Canadian songs over the past one hundred years (1867-1967), and closes with three of Ryder's original songs. The 24 year old's folk-rock style has already been compared to the legendary Janis Joplin, Patsy Cline, Aretha Franklin, and KD Lang. This fiery Ontario native can only get better.

Ryder grabbed a hold of these twelve Canadian covers and put her own spin on them. She transformed Leonard Cohen's "Sister's of Mercy" into more of a downbeat ballad, Paul Anka's "It Doesn't Matter Anymore" has a gospel feel with piano and organ, and Sylvia Tyson's "You Were on My Mind" becomes a reggae inspired track. The single, "Good Morning Starshine" is a little folk-pop and is already doing wonderful things to her career. The last three original tracks prove that she does an awesome job with her own songs too.

The second I was introduced to this album, I could not put it down, and you won't be able to either.

DVD Review

The Vice Guide to Travel



BY JON DEMPSEY

The premise of this DVD is the gang from Vice chronicling their travels to the most hostile, violent, turbulent, seedy, disgusting, and dangerous places this great World has to offer. Yes, Vice Magazine is a hipster favorite, with questionable journalistic merit and a penchant for low-brow satirical articles, but they really knock this one out of the park kids.

The first chapter follows the current tensions in the Middle East. We are shown footage of PLO boy scouts in Beirut and a snapshot of their daily lives, and it is utterly alarming. The kids chant anti-Semitic slogans and then we see a Palestinian woman who says she wants to drink an American's blood, in which art film director Spike Jonze comments, "gnarly!"

Continuing east, we are taken to the gun bazaars of Pakistan, a place so sketchy, all World Journalists, including BBC reporters, are banned due to the level of danger. We are shown locals of all ages making AK-47s out of scrap metal with their bare hands. As this is a testament to their ingenuity, it also shows their political will, where correspondent Suroosh Alvi professes, "...the war in Afghanistan can never be won by the Americans."

On the more bizarre side, Vice co-founder Shane Smith and a European correspondent decide to get drunk and hunt radioactive wild boars with high-powered rifles in Chernobyl, Ukraine. They literally go to the most radioactive place on Earth as if it was a day trip to your uncle's summer cottage.

Other highlights include a journey through the favelas or ghettos of Rio de Janeiro; where they actually

get shot at by drug dealers, searching for exiled Nazis in the jungles of Paraguay, buying nuclear war-heads on the black market in Bulgaria, and a jaunt through the Congo. I should mention as well that the soundtrack for the DVD is great, featuring many bands from Vice and DFA records.

One of my strongest criticisms of The Vice Guide to Travel is the unnecessary inclusion of celebrities like Spike Jonze and Johnny Knoxville. They end up either looking really dumb, or add a bit of blatant ostentation. I love Spike Jonze and Knoxville, but I really think they should stick to artsy films and MTV pranks.

This DVD is definitely an eye-opener; as I sat there watching this quasi-documentary, my mouth hung open in absolute shock. Being a fellow traveler, I looked at these guys with some admiration for their sense of adventure and recklessness. My own travels have taken me to some places that many people would not seek-out, such as Serbia (where I sat on a train for three hours with a shady Bosnian guy smuggling boxes of Heroin under his seat), but I was never shot at or exposed to radioactive stuff.

I bet you've heard proclamations like 'lets go to Cuba and get hammered all Spring Break' or 'lets go backpacking around Spain and Italy' many times from roommates, friends or co-workers. But not very often do you see people wanting to stick their noses into the more 'unsavoury' or 'sketchy' places that exist. Well, you don't have to go outside your comfort zone to get a taste, heck, you could even watch this DVD in your hotel room to quell your Spring break hangover.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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Frigate Pub located at 1582 Granville St. just below Pogue Fadó will be holding a new comedy night with original group the Picnicface Comedy Troupe. You can get your laugh on every Tuesday Night from 8:00pm till 10:00pm for just \$4. After forming only 7 months ago, Picnicface Comedy Troupe was named Top Comedian in Halifax by the Coast Readers' Poll last year impressively beating out major comedians Shawn Majumder and Cathy Jones! Tuesday shows will be "like stand-up comedy only with

an alternative bent, improv and more character monologues and weirder stuff" says Mark Little, head member of Picnicface.

The 8 members of Picnicface are; Mark Little, Kyle Dooley, Cheryl Hann, Andy Bush, Brian MacQuarrie, Peter White, Bill Wood and Evany Rosen.

You may recognize Andy Bush from hosting Street Cents. Every Tuesday night at Frigate Pub Mark Little will host the show featuring a different member each week which is sure to shake things up for returning

audiences. Comedians Dave Millet and Albert Howell will also be making occasional guest appearances. Dave Millet recently won the Halifax part of the Great Canadian Laugh-Off and Albert Howell performed improv on Heaven and Hell and "will improv your pants off", says Mark Little.

Mark Little explains that audiences can expect "conventional comedy, weird comedy, video sketch, and honestly just a lot of stuff they've probably never seen before. But all of it will be funny!"

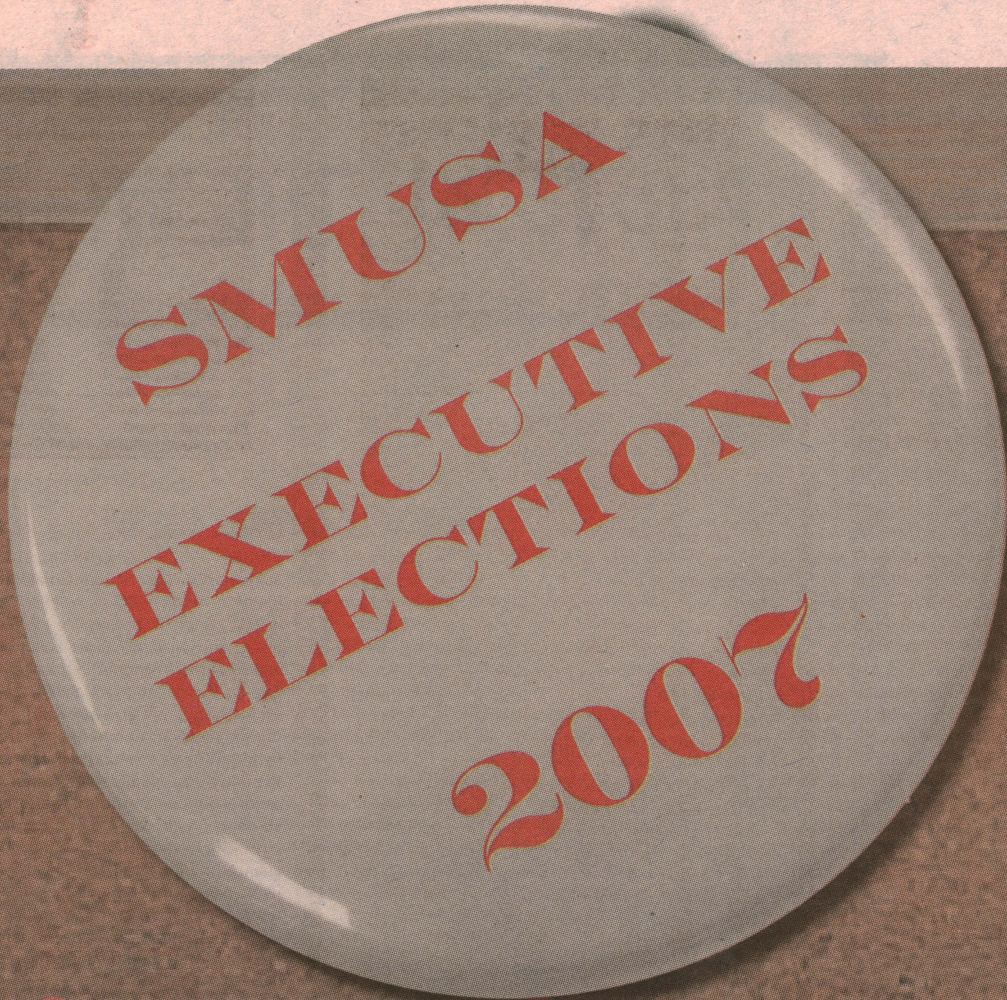
Mark Little further describes the comedy style by saying that "it's definitely not mainstream stuff. It's a little weirder, drawing on sketch comedy sources like Monty Python, Kids in the Hall, Mr. Show, and the Lonely Island (a new but wonderful source), and stand-up sources like Eddie Izzard, David Cross and Mitch Hedberg."

Mark Little also predicts that audience members "Should expect to see laughing audience members—ALL AROUND THEM. Some of these

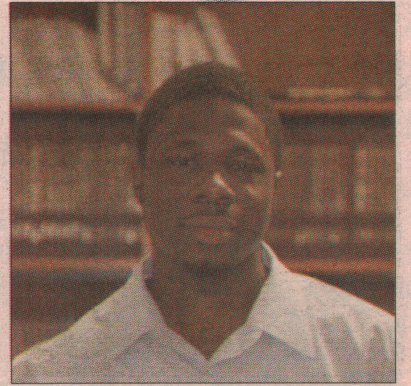
audience members will be soaked in tears. That's okay—they're positive tears."

Frigate Pub is a newly renovated Maritime nautical themed pub soon to be filled with roars of laughter on Tuesday nights!

You can visit Picnicface at www.myspace.com/picnicface though you would have to see a live performance to really experience the full humor effect of alternative comedy style that the troupe has very creatively put together



VP Internal



Mani Itiveh

My name is Mani Itiveh and I am honored to be running for VP of Internal Affairs in the upcoming elections. SMUSA is actively involved in various activities and events that benefit every SMU student. As an elected VP of Internal Affairs, some of the goals I would strive to accomplish include: •Increase financial aid to students •Promote awareness and participation in student societies, committees and events. •Improve student health plan and increase the number of bus routes/frequency. •Engage students and implement their ideas and suggestions on an ongoing basis. •Provide a more effective student representation and improve communication between SMUSA and the student body. •Increase student employment opportunities and revenue. It's time to stand up and make your voices heard. Be a proud SMU student and vote MANI for VP Internal. Together we can make your SMU experience worthwhile... One University, One World, YOURS!

VP Internal



Chris MacDougall

To the students of Saint Mary's, My Name is Chris MacDougall, I'm running for the position of V.P. Internal. I feel that I'm capable of doing an incredible job in this position. I'm ambitious, hardworking, and have experience with SMUSA. I am currently the Communications and Marketing manager and have been able to build an understanding of what's feasible. In the next year, I see the VP Internal position building larger events on campus and bringing back the legendary pub nights and open mics, focusing on lower prices around campus that actually fit a student budget, working with Societies to develop stronger initiatives for their members, and continue SMUSA's dedication to the \$800,000 Bus Pass, \$1,000,000 Health Plan, the \$300,000 Opportunity Bursary, and the potential Dental Plan. If you want the best possible candidate working for you, on February 14th and 15th... Vote Chris MacDougall

VP Internal



Scott MacPhail

School spirit is a main focus for me, I'd like to raise the bar at Saint Mary's to create a more enthused student body about our sports, events and all around school. Ways I see possible to help raise our school spirit include starting the year off with an unreal Homecoming. It would be an all age's event all afternoon and into the night with a pub and all ages event in the SUB building. I feel a success there in the beginning of the year would help get people excited about the upcoming year. From there we would continue to host event keeping people excited to be students at Saint Mary's. Off campus communication will be of top priority for me because that is something which would make all of our events better for the student body.

VP Internal



Jen Schwartz

Hi, I'm Jennifer Schwartz and I am running for VP Internal. Why should you vote for me? Not only do I have experience with SMUSA, serving as the current Disabilities Representative on Students Representative Council, I am also dedicated and heavily involved in and passionate about life at SMU. The well being of my fellow students is the top priority. Vote for me, not based on the fact that I am a student with a disability, but instead because I have the determination and the drive to get the job done and represent YOU. I will fairly represent all students and work towards initiatives that will benefit the Saint Mary's University community, and take steps to improve initiatives that are already in place.

VP Internal



Julie Thompson

Hello Fellow SMU Students, I am running for VP Internal in this year's SMUSA elections. I am looking forward to representing everyone and taking care of your queries and concerns. I believe I can serve the student body of SMU with the skills I have gained over the course of my academic career. I spent the last year as a teacher in the public school system. This experience taught me organizational, networking, presentation and conflict management skills. I believe these skills will assist me in serving you. In my time at SMU I have come to the conclusion that a vibrant, progressive school. Nothing would please me more than to assist moving Saint Mary's further into the future. I'm ready to listen and ready to serve, Julie Thompson

VP External



Robert Hingley

My name is Robert Hingley and I am running for Vice President of External affairs. I am the current president of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, I sit on the telethon operations committee for the IWK. If elected I would use my connections in government to help lower tuition, lower student debt, and setup more bursaries and grant for students. I will also work hard to maintain and increase Saint Mary's Student association reputation in our neighborhood and throughout Halifax by doing lots of charity work with as many organizations as possible and helping our neighbors. My efforts will be focused on the betterment of SMUSA and the surrounding organizations.

VP External

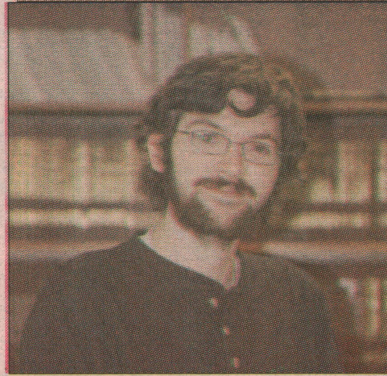


Maureen Kimani

My objective has been to promote and represent the interests of International students. I have held the International representative position where I have had the privilege of forwarding concerns, like high cost of books, wages etc, that not only affect International students but local students too. For some of these issues to be effectively addressed and for students to see results, as a VP External, I will be affiliated with provincial and federal organizations which will give me a higher ground to advocate for students and give students the assurance of being heard. Given my experience, knowledge of the student bodies and understanding of student issues, I am confident that I can be of service to the students.

VOTE MAUREEN KIMANI FOR VP EXTERNAL. LET ME FINISH THAT WHICH I HAVE STARTED.

VP External



William Matheson

I'm running for VP External because I would relish the opportunity to promote Saint Mary's and liaise with government groups on the great issues we face. I want to leverage my experience and make it work for you! Tuition is soaring, and it's more of a challenge than ever to pay your way. Worse, working limits the time for studies and extra-curricular activities, which maximize your experience. I intend to remind our governments that we can no longer afford to neglect post-secondary education. We've made progress, but there's more to be done. As many of you experience every day, living any great distance off-campus is a burden and I'd like to see if we can discover more creative ways to assist off-campus students. I know I have a lot to gain from each and every one of you - I know you're filled with fresh, innovative ideas! I eagerly await them!

VP External



Chris Mercer

My name is Christopher Mercer and I am a fourth year commerce student. Since arriving in Halifax I have enjoyed every minute of the Saint Mary's University experience. The reason Saint Mary's is the top university in my mind is the students. I am running for Vice President of External Affairs because I know that I am best suited to represent our university on various fronts to accomplish our goals as students. I do not plan on being a leader who makes the decisions, I plan on being a representative who relays the ambitions of the students as a whole. I have held several influential and representative roles in the past at schools, in sports and in employment. I would not be a running for the position if I didn't think I was the best candidate for the job. Help me help you, vote Chris Mercer for Vice President of External Affairs.

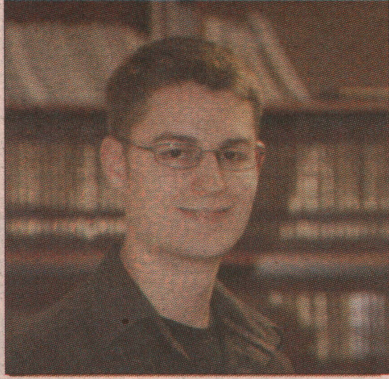
VP External



Matt Risser

The VP External's job is all about government lobbying and students have an amazing opportunity right now to achieve our political goals. Nationally the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is working hard to achieve a dedicated transfer payment for education which would mean a lot more money for students. Provincially the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA) is working to establish a Needs Based Grants System for low-income students, because despite having the highest tuition NS has no program to ensure accessibility. Municipally SMUSA has been working to coordinate with other universities in the HRM to improve our local lobbying capacity. I want your vote because I am passionate about finding solutions to these problems. I am a third year Poli Sci/IDS Student with SMUSA experience as SRC Chairperson, a CASA Ambassador, and believe I possess the political knowledge and ability to be your choice for VP External.

VP External

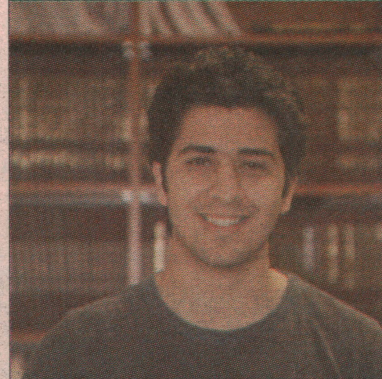


Andrew Seymour

Hi, my name is Andrew Seymour. I am a 3rd year Political Science major, and I'm running for VP External. Some of my experience includes being an RA and Campus Tour Coordinator for Saint Mary's. I am ambitious and goal oriented, approachable and an excellent communicator. As VP External I want to implement the SMU Web Radio, a long time initiative in the External office. I also want to help make education more affordable by lobbying the federal government for dedicated transfers for students. I already have a great deal of experience with SMUSA, including hosting the 2006 SMUazing Race. I look forward to having the opportunity to represent the students of Saint Mary's in the upcoming year. No matter who you support in the election, make sure you vote February 14th and 15th!!

Seymour Results.

VP External



Ali Sing

Recent government cutbacks in funding for post-secondary education have resulted in escalating tuition fees and extreme student debt. I, as VP External, will ensure that no eligible student be denied the opportunity to attend university due to financial circumstances. In order to do this, I would like to: Extend the Canada Access Grant for low-income students to cover the cost of tuition and living for a full four-year period; lobby the government to make education a priority by increasing federal investment in universities; and, to expand scholarship and bursary funds, making them available to a wider range of students. For international students, I propose to cap the differential fee and introduce a financial system which would cause fees to decrease annually. In addition, I will bridge the gap between SMU societies and external affairs, acting as a liaison to keep communication open while giving them a stronger voice.

VP External



Holly Underhill

My name is Holly Underhill and I am running for the position of VP External Affairs. This is my 4th year at Saint Mary's as BSc. student, majoring in Psychology & Biology. During my time at SMU, I have been involved in many aspects. Some of my involvement includes: Residence Assistant in Rice & Loyola, coordinator for the 2006 Residence Banquet, Residence Security Officer, and Science Representative of the Students' Representative Council (SRC). I've also been sitting on the Steering & Communications Committees for the Science Building Renewal Project, the Journal Board of Directors Committee, and the Academic Affairs Committee, among many other volunteer positions. If elected, I will represent students on all external issues such as raising tuition costs, employment opportunities, and international exchange programs. I want to increase alumni awareness, networking, and community involvement. I also think it's important to continue to promote new programs such as the web-radio. Please check out my platform on the SMUSA forums for more information!

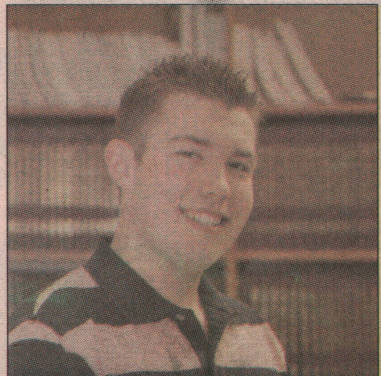
VP Academic



Mike Broadfield

Hello, I'm Michael Broadfield, a 4th year Honours Philosophy student. As an active participant in the SMU Frosh Week for the last 3 years I've become very familiar with SMU operations throughout campus. I am also the current Vice President of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. I want to be VP Finance to help students at SMU have a better University experience and become more aware of what academic programs Saint Mary's has and offers for each person. I also want to ensure that students are aware of what the VP Academic can do for them, and make certain that your academic rights are enforced. To sum up; I want the chance to make your academic university experience the best it can be.

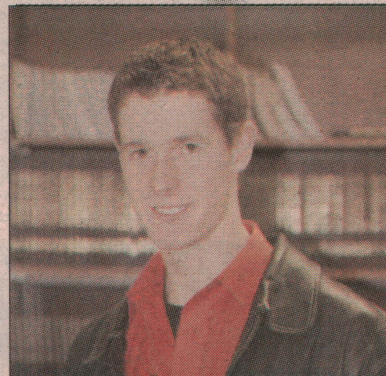
VP Academic



Rhys MacDonald

Hi everyone! My name is Rhys MacDonald, and I am running for Vice-President Academic of SMUSA. Over the past two years, I have been involved in promoting academic issues for students on the Academic Senate. I have sat on numerous Senate and SMUSA committees to improve academic conditions so that we have an environment that is more conducive for research and study. This would include representing students on the curriculum and academic appeals committees. I have also been involved in other initiatives, including Frosh Week, the RAK Squad, and being a Teaching Assistant. Through my experience as a TA, I have seen first hand some of the academic issues that students are currently facing. My initiatives include providing a more comfortable study environment for students, allowing first year students to declare their major and to participate in the co-op program, and to advocate for additional support for student grade appeals.

VP Academic



Joe Power

Fellow Students, I would like to take this time to introduce myself, my name is JoePower; I am a 2nd year commerce student and am running for VP Academic. I would like to carry on and try to improve in the direction which has been set forth by the current VP academic. A major issue which I would like to acknowledge is the lack of on campus accommodations for studying. I have experience sitting on SRC as a Student Representative as well as a chair member. I was President of HNRH in 2005 which involved many councils and leadership training courses. Also I'm member of Heritage Fair Alumni. I am friendly, approachable, and always on campus so being available to discuss academic problems or concerns would never be a problem. I like to thank you for your support and goodluck to my fellow candidates.
Joe

VP Academic



Courtney Schaller

My name is Courtney Schaller and I'm running for the position of SMUSA Vice-President Academic for the 2007-2008 school year. I am in my fourth year at Saint Mary's studying chemistry, biology and forensic sciences. I am an executive member of the Chemistry Society, student assistant in the chemistry labs, and a tutor. I am also an active member of the volunteer committee and have been a Frosh Leader and Facilitator for the past three years. I hope to be able to improve the educational experience for all students and I have a number of ideas on how to do so:

- Reassess policies regarding testing in the last week of classes.
- Implement an updated Degree Navigator.
- Continue to develop the online professor review
- Improve the online book exchange and tutor database.
- Keep students informed regarding all academic deadlines and events.

President



Jean Brunet

My name is Jean Brunet and I am running for President. I am in my 3rd year of Commerce, majoring in Finance. I am presently the Commerce SRC Representative, the V.P. of SMU Campus for Christ and a member of the Commerce Society. Over the past few years I have been greatly involved with the Association and the student body and will continue to be. Over the next year, I will continue to improve the quality of student life on campus through: lobbying the federal and provincial government for more funding for post-secondary education, especially students with disabilities, students from low-income families, international students and first-generation students; increasing the amount of money allocated for bursaries; lobbying the university for a Fresh Air policy; increasing communication between SMUSA and the students through more strategically placed televisions; and supporting the dental plan. Let YOUR VOICE be heard! Vote Jean Brunet as President!

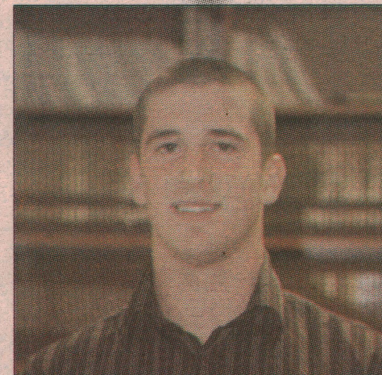
President



Joe Doherty

I feel as a student-athlete and regular "Joe", I can identify with the needs of the student body at large. I understand the stress, both academically and financially that students struggle against. I promise to focus my mission on making the road to a degree an easier one for every student no matter what their needs. If chosen I would like to continue down the successful path of current President Zach Churchill. I want to ensure we continue to create bursaries for students in need, and hopefully we can surpass this year's incredible mark of \$300 000, SMUSA has already generated. I want to boost student involvement; I hope to make everyone in the student body proud to be a SMU Husky. By staying in constant contact with the students; together we can make Saint Mary's the best place to be for each and every student. I will be the voice that speaks for You.

President



Bradley Farquhar

Ever since I was a kid I always was driven to be the best at every challenge that was thrown at me, from achieving the highest marks, to working the hardest on the soccer team. With this drive I became captain of the wrestling team, and a member on the SMU Lacrosse team. I came to SMU in 2003 and was met with a world of new challenges. How to afford school, how to meet new people, and how to manage my time between school, friends, and sports? With these challenges and more, I have grown, experienced and excelled to the point where I believe I am ready for the next challenge: President of SMUSA. I look forward to new life lessons, challenges, and responsibilities by taking on such a role. My name is BRADLEY FARQUHAR and I want to be President.

President



Mitch Gillingwater

Fellow Santamarians, The position of SMUSA President is an important one. It is a position that requires leadership, dedication, and a strong work ethic. It is a position that requires good knowledge of post secondary education issues, the policies of our lobby groups and an insight into provincial and federal politics. I believe I embody these characteristics and given the opportunity would serve as an excellent President. I will campaign on a variety of issues including: creating a Student Advocacy Centre (a new service that will represent students in academic need), I will have more on campus awareness/lobbying campaigns about barriers facing students entering or in university, and will address students' ideas and concerns from Café Santa Maria. Serving as VP Academic for one year has given me the necessary experience and insight to be a strong and qualified President, one that will ensure SMUSA's continued success, so on Feb. 14 & 15 Vote Mitch Gillingwater for President.
Enthusiastically,
Mitch Gillingwater

FEATURES

International Night: A Performer's Perspective

BY KATERINA ZAKREVSKEYA

What cold weather these days. Alas, I could not avoid catching a cold, just a few days before the international night. That was the most awful thing that could happen. Why? I was set to perform – to sing and play guitar. Usually, I prefer not to take any medicine for at least the first three days. But this time was different. I had to recover quickly as international night would take place in two days.

After having heeded the advice of my friends, and buying two kilos of garlic at the Atlantic Superstore, and drinking warm beer, tea, honey and lemon, my sore throat and cough seemed to remain in the same awful condition.

I gave up on folk remedies and went to the drugstore. I was advised to buy Echinacea Throat Drops. Carrying the guitar in my left hand and these magic drops in my right hand, I was hurrying to Saint Mary's University.

Super! Marvelous! Amazing! Colorful! Exciting! International! That's how I can describe the evening of Saturday January 27th. This was a wonderful night! The first dance, the Flamenco fascinated me with its passion and the guys from India cheered me up with their charming and funny dancing manner. Greek dancing, Lebanese dancing, Mexican dancing, Japanese girls singing – everything was so spectacular. Both those on the stage and those in the audience seemed to be excited and happy. Thanks to those involved for organizing such a wonderful event.

However, not everybody could enjoy the performance. "Why don't you watch the show?" I asked the security guard who was standing outside the door. She answered she could not enjoy the performance during the work hours. She was on duty. Is this not an example of the dedicated hard work of Saint Mary's Security? Thanks to security.

I was lucky to get insight into the life behind the stage. The girls were practicing Flamenco in the corridor while Indian girls were changing their dresses in the washroom. Most of the dancers starved while the rest of students could enjoy the international dinner. As a matter of fact, the dancing groups could not eat before the show as



Hundreds gathered to attend this year's International Night, a sold out event. (photos by Joel Miller)



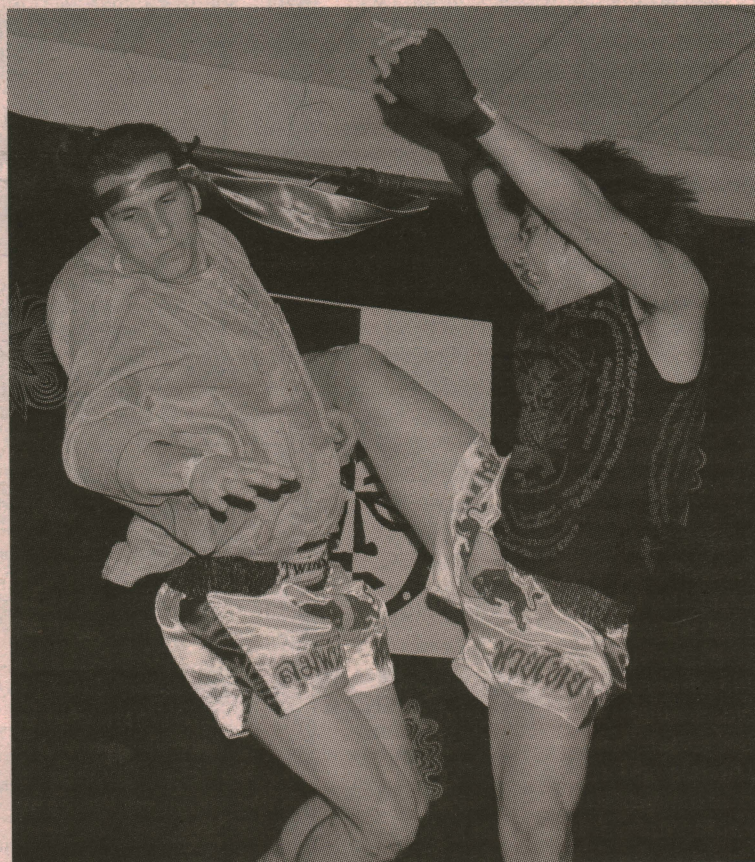
the heavy food could negatively impact their performance. The dinner, however, lasted longer than was planned. Unexpectedly high demand for a chocolate cake created large lines of students in front of the tables with dessert. Because those lines were blocking the access toward the stage, the show started one hour behind.

International night's crazy dancing party started in Saint

Mary's University about 10:00PM and continued until 2:00AM.

I am really thankful to all the people who supported me that evening. Despite my constant complaints about my "inability to sing due to my sore throat" they insisted that I perform.

Not medicine, but people's warm words of support helped me to recover and encouraged me to participate.



Bulletin Board

WRITE ON!

The SMU Women's Centre presents WRITE ON! an essay contest. In 500-750 words tell us: Why Does Feminism Matter? The winner will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate to Venus Envy, 2 tickets to The Vagina Monologues, the option to read their essay at the opening performance of The Vagina Monologues at SMU. The Deadline is February 26. Submit entries (including name, email, and academic program) to the Women's Centre (Student Centre room 526). Entries will be judged on creativity, insight, and feminist understanding. This contest is open to all SMU students.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING OFFICE PRESENTS LIVING OFF-CAMPUS WORKSHOP
Pre-registration is required – simply email offcampus.housing@smu.ca

smu.ca or call Kelly Jacques @ 491.8606 to RSVP for this free workshop!

Date: Friday, February 9th
Time: 2:30PM to 4:00PM
Place: Sobey Building, Room 265

ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY MEET AND GREET
The Saint Mary's University Environmental Society (SMUES) would like to announce a green meet and greet. We will be meeting in the Gorsebrooke on Thursday, February 8th at 5:30 and all who are interested in learning more about the society should come wearing green.

Date: Thursday, February 8th
Time: 5:30PM
Place: Gorsebrook Lounge

HALIFAX ALUMNI CHAPTER AT THE MOVIES!

Join fellow grads and friends for a fun night at the movies, Empire Theatres, Bayer's Lake.

Great giveaways and door prizes!

Feature Presentation:
Music & Lyrics - a comedy with Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 7PM
Admission: \$8.00 (includes a small refreshment pack)

Call the SMU Alumni event line 1.902.420.5068 to purchase tickets. Additional information e-mail bj.frenette@smu.ca or www.smu.ca/alumni

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Not Your Average Role Model

BY ANDREW SEYMOUR

Where were you in grade six? For many Nova Scotian children, the median grades in the public education system were a time of innocent crushes, band class, and four-square at lunch time. But imagine what it would be like to grow up in Mulgrave Park, one of the most impoverished regions in Halifax. Imagine what it would be like if your entire neighborhood was composed of public housing projects and families who were displaced by the now infamous destruction of Africville.

For those who are unfamiliar with Africville, it is now the site of the A. Murray McKay Bridge on the Halifax side. In the 1960s, it was a closely knit community of African-Canadians, many of whom did not even own the land they lived on. In order to allow construction to finish, residents were forced out of their homes and relocated to public housing in Spryfield, Mulgrave Park and Uniacke Square.

Your family is a little coarse around the edges. Your father isn't around anymore and you would describe your sister's boyfriend as a gangster and a drug dealer, at best. Seriously. He has been arrested by the police in your house. Your mother has just been diagnosed with cancer and doesn't want to deal with raising a family anymore. Believe it, because this was a reality for Madonna, a first year Saint Mary's student.

Madonna was fortunate enough

to get involved with LoVE (Leave out Violence), a place where youth who experience violence or abuse in any form (physical, mental or sexual) are given support and encouraged to stay in school. She was given multi-media training, and sat through workshops to see how she could participate positively in the community.

Now, Madonna is living proof that troubled teenagers can get another chance. She is confident, well-articulated and easy to talk to. Her smile and charisma are testimony to how she overcame the challenges and diversity she faced growing up. She is certainly determined to not let history repeat itself in her family. Her 21 year-old sister already has four children, but when asked if she had any herself she grinned and exclaimed "None! Are you crazy?"

In fact, Madonna now lives in Spryfield with two other girls, (she admits the neighborhood still leaves something to be desired) and going to Saint Mary's University has become a serious commitment for her this year. She works two jobs to finance her education as well as her apartment. Madonna admitted that she had to drop a course this semester to manage her education with her two jobs, but keeps high aspirations for the future- to be an English major and high school teacher.

When she graduated, Madonna was told that she could stay with LoVE to be a group lecturer and educator for junior high students at the office on Barrington St. She



Photo courtesy of Madonna Parris

creates lessons and lectures on anything from music to violence and sex. Her personal success has been documented in radio and television interviews as well as many scholarly newspaper articles.

Those leadership roles and public speaking skills have found their way into the classroom, too. Madonna also admitted to being outspoken in many of her classes when controversial issues like welfare are brought up. "I hate it when someone says welfare is just for lazy people. It's never that simple" she said. "One time I actually

stood up and high-fived another girl during a debate in class."

Having to recite her biography on a regular basis isn't Madonna's only printed achievement though. She is also a published poet. She cites her mom, brother and unique adolescence as primary inspirations, but says she's written about LoVE too.

The existence and success of LoVE is due in part to continued funding by the United Way campaign, one of SMU's most supported causes. In 2006, over 5.5 million dollars was raised in Halifax to be invested in

rebuilding communities in the area. It currently funds 130 programs in 51 agencies (like LoVE) in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Overall, it is safe to say that Madonna has adjusted pretty well to university life despite living far from campus, holding two jobs and being hounded for interviews; "I still have time to go downtown" she said. "There's always time to go downtown".

Late Night TV Pirate Woos Tom Green

BY SHANE BEEHAN

Is there a clear line where creative genius ends and just plain stupidity begins? Korey Schaefer may argue that they are one in the same. Schaefer, who attends Algonquin College in Ottawa, is a student with big dreams.

His aspirations are to one day (or more appropriately, one night) host his own late night cable show. A student with a goal. If you are reading this, chances are you are a student, most likely with a particular goal in mind. So what makes Korey Schaefer such a big deal? Why does he get his own article while you don't? Well it's because of the way Schaefer is going about reaching his goal, and the social paradoxes which arise from his actions which he may or may not even be aware of.

Schaefer has everything planned out. He has the house band, the custom set, the live audience, the bad suits, the bad jokes...he has it all. He has it all, except for his first guest. However, he has sent out a rather interesting invitation to the man he hopes to be sharing the stage with on his first night. Mr. Tom Green. And that invitation is a seven week long ordeal in which Schaefer will re-create seven different stunts performed originally by Green himself in hopes of attracting his attention and his interest.

Growing up in Ottawa, Schaefer was a witness to the rise of the Tom Green Show from cable access to the cultural phenomena known as MTV. As far as ambition, originality, and drive go Schaefer holds him as an idol, and it may just be a coincidence but Green is an alumni of the same program that Schaefer is currently enrolled in. The comparisons

are shockingly similar, and Schaefer hopes the results will be too. The Tom Green Show, mind you, was not a model for his show, he prefers to think his style is more Leno or Conan but with a pirate theme.

Schaefer has produced music videos for big name bands (The Fully Down, Million Dollar Marxists), he has his own series of Jackass-type movies which are available to rent in [Ottawa] Rogers Video Stores, he's co-creator of a skateboarding company, as well as creator of his own production company (Arrows in Animals). Schaefer is no stranger to success and he hopes his latest endeavour will be no different.

As far as his goals are concerned, you can't deny Schaefer's ambition, but there are a few questions that do arise. Green did gain quite a bit of national and international success, but at what cost? Some critics believe Green was hiding a lack of creative genius by performing rather juvenile stunts, but Schaefer believes these stunts to be creative genius. Hate him or love him, Green evoked reactions.

With a budget smaller than Avril Lavigne's current fan base, he created an hour of "quality" television week after week, and did so with critics constantly in his face. Schaefer believes it is short-sightedness and misconceptions that lead people to distaste Mr. Green so immensely. "It is a misunderstanding of the business we're in. It's difficult creating strong content on a zero budget, let alone on a weekly basis like Tom had to do," Said Schaefer.

When I asked Schaefer if he saw genius in Green he did not hesitate to tell me that he did, that his brand



Schaefer says yes to pirates.

Photo courtesy of Korey Schaefer

of comedy and shooting style was the first of its kind and that it opened doors for all the "Jackasses" and reality-television junkies of today. Schaefer is living proof of his own argument.

These acts of stupidity can be seen as acts of genius. By lighting things on fire and taping yourself to street poles for endless hours you generate press coverage. Schaefer has already been the subject of local news coverage through television and also through the internet, including Tom Green's website and one that he has created himself (www.gettomgreen.com). With a petition circulating Ottawa and emails being

sent to Green's website, Schaefer's fans and supporters are able to play a part in attracting Green.

Schaefer is accomplishing just what he hopes to. His acts only serve as symbols for a much larger meaning. As a society, we look for meaning in almost everything, even when we necessarily don't understand what meaning we are looking for. People will look at Schaefer's stunts and think they are unoriginal and juvenile, and they will search for meaning in them. Why would anyone want to light their shoes on fire?

Yet these acts of stupidity can accomplish set goals. Although the stunts themselves are far from acts of

genius, the reactions they've generated have been impressive. The wild stunts have acted as a gateway to the future that might not be possible unless one staples his own scrotum to his leg. Crazy stunts can take someone from a small town to the world's stage, and Tom Green is living proof. So maybe Tom Green and Schaefer possess IQs that can rival members of Mensa. Maybe not. Schaefer is reaching his goals, and Mensa doesn't even have its own TV show.

For more information check out www.myspace.com/gettomgreen

SMU Professor Makes Nova Scotia Proud, Off and On the Ice

BY DANNY CAREW

Bill Fletcher loves to coach. He not only coaches students in the classroom, but he also coaches on the rink- the curling rink. Bill, a finance professor at Saint Mary's, is heading out to Whitehorse, Yukon for the 2007 Canada Winter Games which run from February 23 to March 10. There he hopes that he and his crew can capture the gold for team Nova Scotia. Bill's crew consists of members from Halifax, Bedford, and Fall River. They are Mate Danielle Parsons; Skip Katie Lanes; Second Courtney Huestis; and Lead Emily Macrae. Bill has coached the girls since they were twelve and thirteen years old, but his involvement with curling dates back even farther.

Bill started curling when he was eighteen years old. He's always been passionate about the sport. When his children became of age, he had them out on the ice participating in "little rock" curling, which uses a lighter stone (21 pounds) opposed to the normal stone (42 pounds). When asked why he got involved in coaching the sport, Bill responds, "I wanted to give back to the sport I love. I've been involved with the Mayflower Curling Club since '95."

Bill's team plays one game a week, with two practices, and he's quick to point out that the girls show up to the rink on their own time. All of that practice will pay dividends for the upcoming games.

Bill says that Ontario is traditionally a "powerhouse" when it comes to curling, with Quebec and Alberta also sporting solid squads. Nova Scotia has always had a strong curling history, and his team will have a chance to take on the best that Canada has to offer.

All of the thirteen provinces have a team. The teams will be split into two divisions- one with seven teams and the other with six. In order to advance to the semi-finals, a team has to finish within the top

two of their respective division.

Bill believes that coaching and teaching go hand-in-hand: "Like teaching, coaching involves repetition." His success on the rink doesn't branch far from the classroom, as evidenced by the fact that Bill was voted in Maclean's Magazine as one of SMU's "Most Popular Professors" for the last five years. When asked why he is so popular, he humbly responds, "Finance is a dreaded course, and I've had a good success rate." He has always had an "open door policy" when dealing with students, in fact he's so helpful that he even "helps students who aren't my students."

Bill will continue to coach curling after the Canada Games. The four girls he coaches are all under seventeen years of age, which means that they have three more years' eligibility before they move to the next level. At that time, he realizes that they may not decide to continue on, but if they do he'll be there to coach them. Bill is also the coordinator for the selection process for the curling teams for the 2011 Canada Winter Games, which will be hosted by Nova Scotia.

Whether in the classroom or on the ice, Bill's slogan for success is that "it all comes down to commitment." Bill is committed to those who are committed to him.

If you are interested in curling, check out www.nscurl.com and www.canadagames2007.com. APTN and TSN will be broadcasting the games. Good luck, Bill.



From left to right: Mate Danielle Parsons; Skip Katie Lines; Second Courtney Huestis; and Lead Emily MacRae

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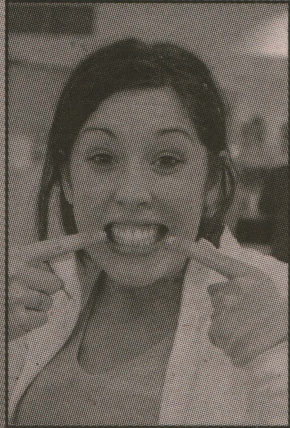
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OJ ON THE STREET

Q&A WITH OLIVIER & JOEL

Q: IN THE UPCOMING SMUSA ELECTION, SMUSA WILL PLACE A REFERENDUM QUESTION ON THE BALLOT ASKING STUDENTS TO SUPPORT A STUDENT DENTAL PLAN. THOUGHTS?



LAUREN MACLEOD
2ND YEAR
COMMERCE

"I think teeth are very important, so there should be a dental plan for students."



ASHLEY WITHROW
4TH YEAR
SCIENCE

"I've always wanted a dental plan because I come from a family where I don't have one, so it would have been beneficial. Now that I'm graduating I won't benefit from it but I'm sure other students will. Teeth are a very important part of an image, especially when going for a career."



COLLEEN DICKIE
4TH YEAR
ARTS

"It would definitely be an advantage to some students. I'm already covered under my parent's dental plan, but if you could opt out of it I would vote yes."



JOE POWER
2ND YEAR
COMMERCE

"People fall in love with your smile, so I guess it's a good thing to have...if you want people to fall in love with you."



**EMMA OTUKI
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"We all have a dental plan already."

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HOT OR NOT

HOT

NOT

- Shots
- Jennifer Hudson
- Exec Election Campaign Week
- Pub crawl shirt writing
- Discovering climate change "most likely" caused by humans
- Anticipation for last Harry Potter book
- Candidate Classroom Talks
- Being given free swag
- Vacation
- Apathy

- Mixing Drinks
- Beyonce
- People suddenly getting involved
- Trying to read it the next day
- Stating the obvious
- Seeing 17 year old Harry Potter naked in Equus
- Candidate Facebook Groups
- Begging for free swag
- WestJet
- Voting

THE G SPOT

Q: Hey, I have a question. My boyfriend and I like to engage in oral sex, but I have a problem. When I go down on him, he always wants me to swallow, but it's just so gross! Are there any changes he can make, like in his diet that can maybe make the taste of it less bitter?"

A: To swallow, or not to swallow, that is the question. Perhaps one of the hottest things you can do for your boyfriend is to swallow when you go down on him. Guys get off on this sort of thing, literally. The biggest problem, however, is that in most cases the partner does not want to swallow or doesn't like the taste of semen.

When it comes to deciding whether or not to swallow, remember this: you are swallowing someone else's bodily fluids, which is where the risk of contracting an STD comes from. What may seem like innocent fun can lead to a face full of Herpes. If you have no problem with semen and you just don't want to swallow it, suggest to your boyfriend to blow his load on your face or somewhere similar. This may prove to be as euphoric for him as you swallowing it and it's an easy clean up too.

As for the taste, there are a few things that you can do to help out in that department. There's the ever-popular rumor that vegetarians have better tasting semen and there is even science behind it to prove that it is true. The fact of the matter is that semen, like other bodily fluids gets its taste from what you put into your body. So if you consume sweeter and healthier foods more often and on a regular basis you will, over time, ameliorate your smell and flavour. If you are looking for some specific foods then I would suggest that you try eating pineapple and pineapple juice. Also, any citrus fruit juice will help you out. Avoiding junk food and alcohol as these toxins will only make it taste worse and the more alcohol you drink the bitter it will taste.

If after these tips you still can't get his spunk smelling super then you may be out of luck. Just talk to your boyfriend and tell him that you really don't have a problem with what he wants you to do, you just can't get past the taste and texture. If he has a problem with this then clearly he's not the man for you.

SS Randy Blue

Hi Graduates of 2007!

In case you didn't know yet, the potential grad list for May is now posted in the McNally Main hallway. Check it out and make sure your name is on there!!

If you want to have your grad ring in time for Convocation it MUST be ordered by February 27th at the absolute latest. There are 2 days of extended hours coming up for ring orders on February 7th and 8th. The hours for these are 10am-3pm. Otherwise, rings can be ordered on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 pm. You only have to pay a deposit at this time which is only \$50 +tax!! The remainder can be paid when you pick up your ring in May. Rings should be ordered ASAP as the February 27th date is not 100% guaranteed to be in on time for Convocation. There usu-

ally hasn't been a problem in the past but to be safe order earlier!!

Grad Photos can be booked by calling AboutImage at 429-1977. They will be on campus in the Private Dining Room on February 12th and 13th but photos can also be done at their studio. If you plan on using a different photo company you must physically hand in the photo to Pam at the SMUSA office yourself by April at the latest. If you use AboutImage they will send the proof and necessary information to Pam. Also, if you use AboutImage, once they give you your proofs, you have 2 weeks to choose one and notify them which one to use. Otherwise they will pick one and send it along for the yearbook.

Maroon and White Ball is

quickly approaching us! The date is March 31st and it will be at the Marriott Hotel. This event is for grads and their dates. Tickets are \$40 each (per person) and you (the grad) will have to purchase the ticket for your date if they are not a grad. They are currently on sale at the Info Desk. Unfortunately, there are only a limited number of tickets for this event so we strongly suggest you buy them ASAP as we

are only selling them until February 28th and they are likely to sell out before then. After February 28th you will be notified regarding times to pick up your tickets. Also, tables seat ten so if you want to sit with your friends you will have to book it in groups of ten, this can be done in March once ticket sales are completed. And don't worry if you don't have a group of ten, we will be assigning the rest of the seats.

If you have not added yourself to the grad class mailing list please contact us at SMU.GRAD.CLASS@GMAIL.COM

That's it for this week!

Grad Class Executive 2007,
Ally, Shannon, Meg, Erin, and Mike

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SPORTS

AUS Helping Fight Against Breast Cancer

BY ADAM COSTELLO

Last weekend, the St. Mary's Women's Hockey Team decided to help make a difference in the fight against breast cancer. On Friday night, during a Men's Hockey game against the St. Thomas Tommies at Alumni Arena, the women's team circulated the arena dressed in pink T-shirts, collecting money and handing out pink ribbons. Their goal on this night had nothing to do with putting the puck in the net, instead, it was to raise money for second year STU Tommies Forward, Stacy Beer, who was just diagnosed with breast cancer for the second time in just this past year. The next night the Huskies welcomed the St. Thomas Tommies Women's Hockey Team to Alumni Arena for a game. Before the puck was dropped, St. Mary's Husky players presented the Tommies with the money they had raised.

Twenty-year-old Stacy Beer completed an injury plagued rookie year with St. Thomas last season and returned to her hometown of Manitoba at the end of the school year. It was during this time that she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She returned to the team this season after treatment only to discover it had resurfaced, forcing her to leave the team and to return home before even playing a game. The Tommies have now collectively made it their goal to fly her back to Fredericton for the AUS Women's Hockey Championship Tournament to be hosted by STU at seasons end (March 1-3). They hope to have raised enough money to make a difference, and that Beer will be there to donate a cheque to a representative of the Canadian Breast Cancer Society



Alan Hogg, proud father of Stacy's St. Thomas teammate and friend, Kelly Hogg, believes this type of camaraderie shown between competing teams is "just fantastic" and explains how much Stacy is missed by her teammates. "Kelly sends her text messages to keep her informed on how the team's doing daily, the whole team is just pulling for her to be okay, she just wants to get back and have some fun again"

It was last May when the first lump was discovered and a biopsy detected cancer cells. She completed chemotherapy treatment and got clearance from her doctor to return to campus and play hockey.

Beer is currently recovering in Manitoba and anyone interested in donating to the cause may do so by contacting the St. Thomas Athletic Department. Cheques should be made out to the St. Thomas Women's Hockey Team and anyone concerned may contact coach Murphy for further information at pmurphy@stu.ca. Any contribution goes a long way toward making this goal a reality.

As for SMU's contribution to the cause, STU assistant coach, John Waite, recognizes that St. Mary's believes the Tommies cause to be their cause too.

"We're very proud that the AUS contains quality teams like St. Mary's. We're all competitors but when it comes to real life, this type of thing shows we can all get on the same page for the same cause - a cause that I think all women and men alike believe in. We're proud to compete against them but we're also proud to have them on our side during this unfortunate time."

While St. Mary's is the only AUS team that has thus far shown such hands-on support, their initiation of such an approach will no doubt set an example for other University teams to hopefully follow suit.

"At this time I'm sure every team feels for Beer in a respectful way, but SMU in particular has shown a great deal of sportsmanship in their efforts to make a contribution to what we're trying to do here. It shows university sport is about more than just a game, it's about a community and a family and when you play a university sport, I think this type of respect will always be there."

just before dropping the puck for the ceremonial face-off.

Upon finding out about the unfortunate circumstances a fellow AUS player was being faced with, St. Mary's Huskies present Captain, Courtney Schriver, along with her team, decided they would do what they could to help.

"When we went up there (to play in Fredericton) and saw them with a number 9 on their jerseys and found out why" Schriver explains, "It was decided as a team that this would be the best thing to do. They're hoping to fly her in from Manitoba for the AUS Championships, so we thought we'd try to raise some money to help the cause, and even if she can't be there, the money will be donated to the Breast Cancer Society."

The Husky women did everything they could during the Friday night men's game, setting up a table in the entry way and dispersing in great numbers throughout the crowd with empty water containers so that spectators were aware of the cause and could contribute

freely, if they were able to. After the game was over, it was apparent that their efforts had struck a chord with the audience, with more people than not leaving with the pink breast cancer awareness ribbons handed out in thanks; they were fastened all over collars, hats, and coats.



Huskies Clinch Playoff Spot With Win Over STU



BY ADAM COSTELLO

The St. Mary's Huskies Men's Hockey team played a pair of games at home this past weekend, clinching a playoff spot after coming back from a 2-0 deficit to beat the St. Thomas Tommies in a thriller last Friday night. The next night they lost a close one to UPEI, 3-1, but with a playoff spot clinched, the men now have 4 games left in the regular season to prepare for a hopefully strong drive in the playoffs.

The game against STU saw the Tommies break out with 2 goals by Matthew Seymour and Justin McCutcheon in the first 6 minutes, one during a mad scramble in front of the net which goalie Brandon Verge had no chance on and the other on a short-

handed breakaway. From then on, however, the Tommies wouldn't score again. Mid-way through the first, with the Tommies in penalty trouble, Dan Rudisuela scored on the powerplay after a nifty pass from Kyle Doucet, cutting the Tommies lead to just one. Then with 5 minutes remaining in the first, Mark Szott fired a cross-ice pass up to Mark Carberry, who streaked down the right side of the rink before cutting toward the net and beating both the defencemen and the goalie with a deke that led to a beautiful backhanded goal.

Mid-way through the second, after both teams had numerous chances on the powerplay, Scott Hotham scored with the teams at even strength to make the game 3-2.

The Tommies (11-12-0), who have now lost 10 of their last 11 games, thought they had tied the

game in the third period as the referee initially signaled a goal, but after consulting with the linesmen, determined the puck had not crossed the line. The Huskies then just held on for the win, killing off numerous penalties and an extra attacker to close out the game with two points.

The next night against UPEI, Ryan Rorabeck scored an unassisted goal in the second that would prove to be the Huskies only tally on the evening, as UPEI goalie Dayne Davis made 30 saves and earned player of the game honors. Rudisuela was held without a point for the first time this season.

Next weekend the Huskies play re-matches against UPEI and STU, with both games getting played on the road. Their season and home finale goes the weekend after against Dalhousie at the Forum.

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x-UNB24	14	7	3	91	81	31	
x-StFX24	14	7	3	79	78	31	
x-SMU	24	14	8	2	83	77	30
St. Thomas	24	12	12	0	88	77	24
Acadia	24	9	13	2	82	90	20
UPEI	24	8	14	2	62	94	18
Dalhousie	24	6	13	5	83	120	17

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SPORTS ROLLBACK

FAVRE COMING BACK

Green Bay Packers franchise quarterback, Brett Favre, has decided to come back one more year for what will be his 17th season in the NFL. Last season Favre completed 56 percent of his passes for 3,885 yards with 18 touchdowns and 18 interceptions while guiding the Packers to an 8-8 record including a season finishing ending slaughter of the eventual NFC champion Chicago Bears. He started all 16 games for the 14th straight season, stretching his consecutive starts streak to an NFL record 237 (257 including playoffs). The 37-year old QB passed Dan Marino last season for the most completions in NFL history and sits on the doorstep of a number of other records, including wins by a quarterback and touchdown passes. He is one victory shy of John Elway (148), six TD passes from tying Marino (420) and is 3,862 yards short of passing Marino for the most passing yards in history.

BELICHICK ABUSIVE?

Former New England Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson says coach New England Patriots coach, Bill Belichick, subjected him to hard hits in practice while he was recovering from a concussion — against the advice of the team's top trainer. Johnson, who helped the Patriots win three Super Bowl titles before retiring two years ago, told The New York Times that a collision with another player during a 2002

practice led to another concussion that he claims now causes him to forget people's names, miss appointments and suffer from depression and an addiction to amphetamines. He also claims that he suffered that concussion because Belichick prodded him to participate in a full-contact practice, even though he was supposed to be avoiding hits. Belichick says he got no cue from Johnson in practice that day that he was hesitant about participating in the full-contact drill. The Patriots did not allow Jim Whalen, still their head trainer, to comment for this story, according to the Globe.

PITTSBURGH LIKELY STAYING

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell said city and state officials have revised their offer to the Pittsburgh Penguins for financing a new arena that will keep the team in the Steel City.

Last week, a state senator who sits on the board said an announcement of a new deal was imminent, pending the resolution of details. The Penguins were expected to tell officials in Kansas City by Feb. 4th whether they would move into the new Sprint Center starting next season, but as of Feb. 5th still had not done so. The Sprint Center has offered the Penguins free rent and revenue-sharing if they move to Kansas City, which briefly was home to an NHL expansion fran-

chise in the mid-1970s.

BLUE JAYS GET SIGNED

J.P. Ricciardi's excellent record with salary arbitration remains intact. The Toronto Blue Jays GM kept the team from arbitration for the 11th straight off-season, agreeing to one-year contracts with left-fielder Reed Johnson, right-fielder Alex Rios and pitcher Scott Downs last week. The Blue Jays haven't been to salary arbitration since 1997. Johnson gets US\$3,075,000, Rios \$2,535,000 and Downs \$1,025,000.

KILREA COACHES 2000TH JUNIOR GAME

Last week, Brian Kilrea became the first coach in Canadian junior history to coach in 2000 games. Kilrea, who coaches and serves as the Ottawa 67's general manager, first took charge of the team on May 8th, 1974. Kilrea, in his 30th season of coaching, stepped aside to join the NHL's New York Islanders for the 1984-85 and 1985-86 season and moved upstairs to the 67's front office for the 1994-95 campaign when he was in poor health. Only two other coaches have even coached a thousand (John Brophy and Scottie Bowman) games. In March 2003, he was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame that same year.

Around the Rim

BY DANNY CAREW

CARTER WHO??

Chris Bosh is making Raptors fans forget about Vince Carter. Bosh has become the face of the franchise, establishing himself as the best young power forward in the NBA. Chris has rejuvenated

the Raptor faithful, who have seen their share of highs and lows throughout the 11 year history of the franchise. There are so many reasons as to why Raptors fans should be optimistic about this season, and reason #1: player #4.

After suffering through a nagging knee injury that kept him out of the lineup for 12 games, Bosh has returned with a vengeance. Since he's been back in the lineup, the Raptors have gone 10-5, evening their record to 23-23 on the year, good for top spot in the Atlantic Division. Over the last five games Bosh has averaged 29.4 points. The Raptors latest win was over the top team in the Eastern Conference, the Washington Wizards, by a score of 119-109. In the win over the Wizards, Bosh made one of the best plays of the year. With seconds remaining in the third quarter, Bosh intercepted a pass and heaved a 56-foot shot, and in emphatic fashion, the ball was all mesh and no rim. Chris is the real deal and come playoff time, the Raptors could even be primed to make a trip to the conference finals.

UNDER 19 RULE IS GOOD FOR NBA/COLLEGE HOOPS

There have been many high school players to make the jump straight to the pros, without ever taking a stint in college: Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant, and Dwight Howard, all who have enjoyed instant success in the pros. There are also the players, who feel they are good enough to play in the pros right out of high school, but end up sitting the bench and eventually bottom out of the NBA: Jonathan Bender, Leon Smith, and Ndudi Ebi. The brain trust of the NBA, David Stern, who is arguably the

best commissioner in professional sports, instituted a new rule that states that you have to be at least 19 years old to play in the NBA.

While some may argue that this rule violates the American Constitution, in terms being discriminated because of age, nobody can question that rule not only gives players the opportunity to come into the NBA as more mature, but also makes the college game that much better in the process. There are two examples of players who would have been in the NBA this year, but because of the rule, they are dominating college basketball: Greg Oden and Kevin Durant. Oden is a 7 foot tall center for Ohio State, who would have been playing for the Toronto Raptors if it wasn't for the rule (Raptors had the #1 pick in 06 and chose Andrei Bargnani).

Players like Oden don't come around often. He is as big as prospect as Tim Duncan and Shaquille O'Neal were when they came out of college. Oden is a supreme shot-blocker and at this point he is a man among boys in the college game. It's going to be scary when he reaches his full potential. Durant is a 6'10 small forward at Texas, who easily draws comparisons to Tracy McGrady. Durant is having one of the most successful freshman seasons in college basketball history: He averages 25.0 points per game, 11.6 rebounds per game, with an impressive field-goal percentage of .488%. Both of these men are a treat to watch and by the time March Madness roll around, hoopsters will be in for one of the more exciting tourneys in college basketball history. Kudos to Stern for making basketball on both levels that much better.

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The All NHL Football Team

ESPN.com insider David Thorpe wrote an article last week on which NBA basketball players he believed would be well suited for an imaginary all-NBA player football team. He provided players and explanations for each position they would fill on a football roster — which got me pondering. Being Canadian, I started imagining which NHL players would be well-suited for

each football position. Well after getting carried away a couple of hours later, this list became the product of my imaginary well-considered fusion between the NHL and football.

Quarterback: Joe Thornton (C - San Jose Sharks)

Has the size, has the strength and has the awareness to make crucial passes for the score.

Tailback: Jerome Iginla (RW - Calgary Flames).

Big and rugged. Stares defenders in the face no matter what the play, isn't afraid to stick it out with anyone and would carry the ball into the direst of situations.

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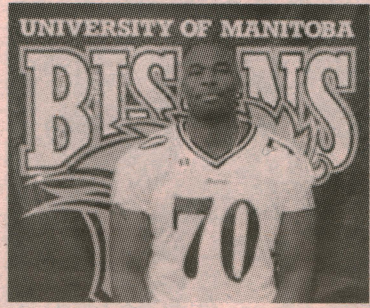


THE JOURNAL'S Top 10 2006-07 NFL Story Lines

BY ADAM COSTELLO

10. CANADA FINDS NEW NFL STARTER TO CHEER FOR

The top Canadian story in the NFL this season took the form of



the passing of a torch so to speak. Firstly, the all-time most accurate kicker and former unquestionable top Canadian player in the NFL fell on rather hard times this year. After missing a barrage of clutch kicks for his new team, the Dallas Cowboys, coach Bill Parcells had enough of Mike Vanderjact and his multi-million dollar salary - cutting him just after mid-season in favour of a kicker who once injured himself on a celebration. Although Canada will miss bragging about producing perhaps the best kicker in football, 26 year-old Israel Idonije from Brandon, Manitoba, defensive tackle for the Chicago Bears, made a starting trip to the Super Bowl, something Vanderjact never came close to accomplishing. The six-foot-six, 270-pound Idonije spent his university career with the Manitoba Bisons, winning the J.P. Metras Trophy in 2002 as the top lineman in the CIS. He joined the Bears as a free agent in 2004 and has since played in 39 regular-season games with the team. Canada now has a new face to call their own in the NFL.

9. NEW COMMISH OPENS DOORS

New NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has made out pretty well for himself taking over the most powerful job in sports from modern NFL architect Paul Tagliabue, in what has now at an end been called the most successful NFL season of all-time. He had some big shoes to fill but has filled out them quite nicely, perhaps even needing a bigger size as he has left the door open for a possible expansion to Canada in the probably distant but at least existent future.

8. NINETY-SEVEN PERCENT OF GAMES SELL OUT

One of the biggest stories in the NFL this year is the fact so many people are eating up and enjoying all the stories the league has to offer in the first place. Almost every single NFL team sold out every home game this season, with figures working out to about a 97 percent sell out rate. That number simply isn't comparable to any of the other major North American sport and if not for 4 blackouts in Buffalo, would have been just 3 games shy of 100 percent. This broke the previous record by a landslide and is proof the juggernaut that is the NFL is showing no signs of slowing down.

7. STEROID POLICY LEAVES MANY WONDERING

San Diego Chargers Outside linebacker, Shawne Merriman, tested positive for steroids this season, raising concern from players and officials alike about the NFL's drug policy. After the positive test, Merriman was suspended for just 4 games. In light of baseball's recent steroid scandal and Big Mac, who was never even suspended for steroid use, being denied a trip to the hall of fame solely because of allegations, it is somewhat disconcerting that nobody seems to care very much about Merriman juicing himself up - except Dick Pound of course. This is an issue that could create problems for the NFL but since then commissioner Goodell has announced the NFL would be investing money to develop tests that are more accurate in discovering the use of HGH (human growth hormone) and says they will both look into pursuing such a test and perhaps employ stronger penalties until the technology is developed to more accurately test for it.

6. TO AND HIS ANTICS GROW OLDER - BECOME AS MORONIC AS EVER

Like every year, Terrell Owens turned his life into a would-be nation watched reality television show with his ridiculous antics this season. After signing with the Cowboys, TO dropped passes and gave his coaching staff a headache all season long. The man spit in someone's face, fell asleep in practice, bitched and whined about how the team was utilizing his

ability, pretended to be in the Tour De France in an attempt to mock coaches, wrote a children's novel titled "Lil' T learns to share" and created a media circus after overdosing on pain medication and allegedly trying to kill himself due to depression, something he later denied. No wonder Parcells quit! I can just picture him pondering retirement and then realizing just before coming to his final decision: "Why am I even questioning this decision, I can't put up with that moron for another season."

5. OFF-FIELD PLAYER STRUGGLE'S BECOME SERIOUS PROBLEM

Another big story in the NFL this season occurred off the field. Although the quality of play and attention directed toward the NFL is at an all-time high, attention paid to off-field occurrences of violence and shenanigans is also at an all-time high. With players being shot, killed and arrested left and right, the NFL is being scrutinized on its ability to maintain rules and justice among its players. It seems to be concentrated on specific markets as 9 different Cincinnati Bengal's players were arrested just this season alone. San Diego is another place where violence surrounding players is prevailing while over the last few years there have been such incidents around the league of players utilizing organized group prostitution (Minnesota), Organizing cocaine deals (Jamal Lewis), recreational drug use (Ricky Williams and Mike Vick), while Vick's brother Markus has been arrested several times for trying to run over a group of kids with his truck in the middle of a field, waving a gun in someone's face and possession of narcotics. These personal struggle's being experienced by players has to be addressed by the league if they wish to maintain the standard that is currently suffering because of these incidents.

4. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS RISE LIKE WATER TO THE TOP

New Orleans started on track at becoming one of the greatest stories in the NFL this season as soon as the Texans mysteriously announced they would be passing on star college tailback Reggie Bush. They then hired a new coach

and signed a new quarterback and next thing you knew everyone was talking about the Saints. They won their emotional home-opener at the newly renovated Louisiana Superdome, 23-3 over division rival Atlanta and went on to start the season 5-1. They went into Dallas and whooped the Cowboys 42-17 just when you thought the Cowboys were coming into their own. They showed they picked the steal of the draft in receiver Marques Colston and signed the cream of the crop as far as free agent QB's were concerned, with Drew Brees throwing for 4418 yards and 26 touchdowns coming off a devastating injury to lead them to the playoffs, and eventually the NFC championship game for the first time in franchise history. Pretty decent season compared to the previous one full of devastation, re-location, a 3-16 record and nothing left to lose.

3. BEST ROOKIE CLASS OF ALL-TIME?

The 2006 rookie class of the NFL this year was perhaps the greatest of all time. It wasn't "the year of the quarterback" or the "year of the receiver," it was the year of every rookie imaginable, even the coaches. Reggie Bush and Marques Colston obviously made good with their team, but when you actually look at the rest of the first year players and coaches that made their mark on the NFL this season you almost feel bad for the veterans. Maurice Jones-Drew in Jacksonville, Joseph Addai in Indianapolis, Laurence Maroney in New England, Vince Young in Tennessee, Matt Lienart in Arizona, Devin Hester in Chicago, Greg Jennings in Green Bay and Jay Cutler in Denver all made their mark on the NFL this season with huge offensive performances. And on the defensive side of the ball lest not we forget guys like DeMeco Ryans in Houston, Mark Anderson in Chicago and A. J. Hawk in Green Bay. And one can't forget about Sean Payton and Eric Mangini's rookie head coaching experiences for their respective teams. A page has certainly been turned in the NFL this season.

2. TOMLINSON REACHES GOD-LIKE STATUS

Ladainian Tomlinson made a case this season that upon being solved,

revealed him as being perhaps the greatest NFL running back of all-time. While arguments could be made for others throughout the NFL's storied history, nobody can argue Tomlinson doesn't at least deserve top consideration, after setting the record for most touchdowns in a season ever at his position with 28. While his 1815 yards and 5.2 average yards a carry were impressive and the best in the league, he also threw for two touchdowns as a quarterback and caught three as a receiver, making him without a doubt - the most complete and entertaining tailback of all-time.

1. MANNING AND COLTS WIN THEIR SUPER BOWL

They finally did it. Not only did Peyton Manning beat the Patriots in the AFC championship to finally make it to the big game, but they strolled into Miami and won it in pretty easy fashion. During a game that featured turnovers in every which way, botched snaps and a missed field goal by a guy who never misses, the Colts came out on top while Manning came out as Super Bowl MVP. Not even Dan Marino conducting the opening coin toss could jinx Manning's one way trip to hoisting the Lombardi trophy. Tony Dungy got his ring despite the media ragging on him all week for being too "easy" on his team, and became the first ever African-American coach win the big game. Quite the season.



THE ALL NHL NFL TEAM (Continued From Previous Page)

FULLBACK: RYAN SMYTH (LW - EDMONTON OILERS)

Nobody can knock this guy out of the way, he goes to the place he's supposed to go and stays there until the job is done. Re-directs shots to a more favorable location

TIGHT END: SHELDON SOURAY (D - MONTREAL CANADIENS)

An offensive player who's job includes blocking.

RECEIVER: ALEXANDER OVECHKIN (LW - WASHINGTON CAPITALS)

Currently leads the league in scoring, who better to catch passes and score points? Quick, and has good hands - Prototypical receiver.

RECEIVER: MIKE RIBEIRO (C - DALLAS STARS)

All that diving would make for some highlight reel catches in the NFL.

RECEIVER: JEREMY ROENICK (C - PHOENIX COYOTES)

Has the arrogant, half-ass, moronically selfish attitude that cor-

responds with many receivers in football.

LEFT TACKLE: DONALD BRASHEAR (LW - WASHINGTON CAPITALS)

A 6-2, 235 pound monster that would let nobody near Thornton.

LEFT GUARD: DEREK BOOGAARD (LW - MINNESOTA WILD)

A 6-7, 270 goon who's name says it all.

CENTER: SAKU KOIVU (C - MONTREAL CANADIENS)

Powerful center that means much more to the success and leadership of his team than many people realize.

RIGHT TACKLE: CHRIS PRONGER (D - ANAHEIM DUCKS)

With 34 assists, a +21 +/- rating and just 7 goals, Pronger and his massive 6-6 frame have but two intentions - help the offence make plays and prevent turnovers.

RIGHT GUARD: BEN EAGER (LW - PHILADELPHIA

FLYERS)

Massive player that leads the league in penalties. Perhaps all those false starts are contributing to his team's horrible play.

STRONG SAFETY: GEORGES LARAQUE (RW - PHOENIX COYOTES)

Don't get caught with your head down around this guy.

FREE SAFETY: DION PHANEUF (D - CALGARY FLAMES)

The safety this guy provides on defence is basically free, with a salary coming in around 600,000. He has taken over 150 shots for his defence and contributed 34 points on turn-overs.

CORNERBACK: SCOTT NIEDERMAYER (D - ANAHEIM DUCKS)

The 2004 fastest skater would have the ability to grab the ball out from under the offences nose and use his speed to put up points when it counts the most.

CORNERBACK: NIKLAS

LIDSTROM (D - DETROIT RED WINGS)

Leads the league in +/- with a +31 rating, team defence would have to feel safe with him defending the pass.

MIDDLE LINEBACKER: ZDENO CHARA (D - BOSTON BRUINS)

The Brian Urlacher of hockey, this 6-9, 260 pound menace would prove valuable at stopping the run much like he stops the skate - with a bone crunching hit.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER: MARTIN BRODUER (G - NEW JERSEY DEVILS)

Has a natural ability to prevent points and play well in big games.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER: SHANE O'BRIEN (D - ANAHEIM DUCKS)

Have you ever seen this guy play? He would make a perfect linebacker.

WDEFENSIVE END: DERIAN HATCHER (D - PHILADELPHIA FLYERS)

Big and loves sacks.

DEFENSIVE END: CHRIS SIMON (LW - NEW YORK ISLANDERS)

Back in the 90's he was one of the most badass, hard-hitting players in the NHL. 6-3, 240 and knows how to lay people out. Quick too.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE: BRYAN MACGRATTON (RW - OTTAWA SENATORS)

At 6-5, 240, this guys only job is to be huge and stop the play.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE: NIKOLAI KHABIBULIN (G - CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS)

What stops the run better than a wall?

KICKER: SERGEI SAMSONOV (LW - MONTREAL CANADIENS)

Not really good for anything but on the team anyway.

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