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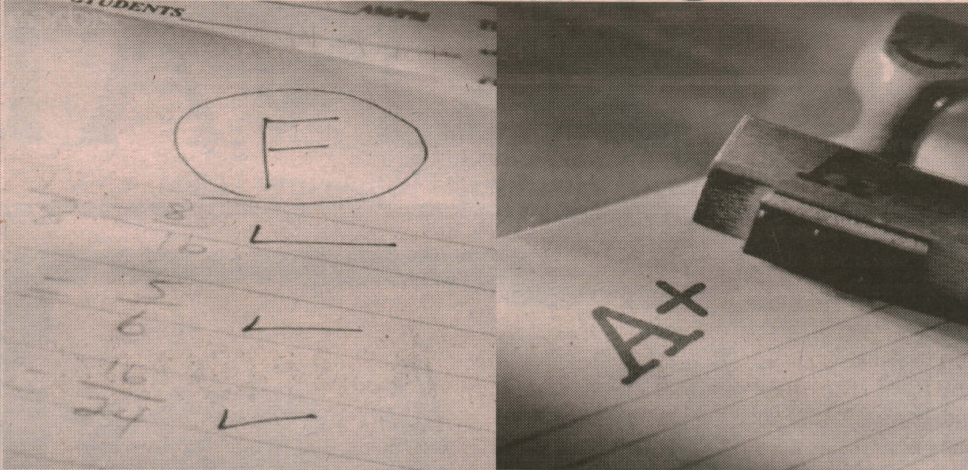
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

WHICH OF THESE THINGS DOESN'T BELONG?
WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE DIRTY DOME
IN HISTORY CLASS?

Kimberley Dares

Class presentations, the bane of student existence. I actually know quite a few people who drop classes upon finding out there will be a presentation component. If you've been brave enough to tough it out, chances are you have been given the chance to hear a classmates drunken downtown stories as part of their presentation on a completely unrelated topic.

Don't get me wrong, I can enjoy a good party, but that is not the lasting impression I want to leave my classmates and professor with. In two of my classes', presentations are a part of the course, so for the last month we have been watching presentations, and no matter how good a group does, as soon as they reference downtown or bars I can't help but cringe.

Understandably presentations based on musicians or cultural events can be tied in with drinking, but that can be said as a statement

of fact. "Alexander Keith is a famous figure in Nova Scotia, best known for the Beer that still bears his name...." rather than "I know my boyfriend and his friends really enjoy Alexander Keith's contribution to Nova Scotian history, and when they've had a few too many they sing Joel Plaskett songs as they walk home." Personal stories have no place in class presentations, unless they actually pertain to the subject. Does anyone care about your boyfriend's drunken habits?? NO!

Worse yet are the actual personal stories. I wish I could make this up, but this semester alone I have heard more about what happens at the Dome than really anyone wants to know. Including personal experiences with the song "I kissed a girl", I'm sure you can imagine what the stories were. I've tried really hard to understand why someone would tell a story about "having too much to drink and almost fulfilling

Katie Perry's prophecy" in front of the person who controls their GPA, and I still do not understand.

I often notice my Professors do similar things when trying to get the classes attention. Somehow it's always a good time to reference the bars and getting drunk. It is just overkill. Yes, university students have illustrated they like to party, but clearly if they are sitting in your 8:30am lecture, they probably have their priorities in order. So rather than a few cheap jokes about getting drunk, why don't Profs and students alike just try and maintain some integrity. If drinking had a place in the classroom there would be a disco ball hanging from the ceiling and a keg in the corner. Last time I checked there wasn't, so maybe it's time to leave the drinking for the Gorsebrook.

AN ART DEGREE: NOT JUST A USELESS DEGREE

Marlon Solis



A degree in fine arts has been given a lot of scrutiny in our generation partly because of the concern of its practicality. I mean how often do you see "Artist wanted" in the classifieds. I've been many visual art students share the same concern as many aspiring or current art students do. But there is merit with having a fine Art degree, and there's even ways current fine art students can do to improve it.

1) Internships: Never underestimate the power of how internships can do to build the one's resume because it provides the necessary hands-on experience that you can show potential employers.

2) Squeeze in a Business course. Taking at least one course in business can come a long way in become an Art Manager or Art Administrator.

3) Go into Medical School. For some this option may be out of the question but the truth of the matter is that Medical schools don't look for students who major in biology or chemistry. In fact they discourage it. They want applicants who stand out from the crowd and contribute something unique to their careers. Having a background in fine art actually aids in the helping potential doctors in visual analysis and observation. But mind you need to take about one year in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Calculus in order to pass the MCAT examinations.

4) Focus on developing your creativity and critical analysis. Thousands of employers out there love to see applicants who can provide a greater sense of creativity and critical analysis. This is because they want to see if you can develop

a sense of innovation within their firms.

5) Volunteer: This demonstrates to employers of your sense of dedication. Bonus points if you manage to get an executive position in a society at your university because it displays an excellent sense of leadership and charisma.

6) Get into graphics Designs: Like it or not, most Artists have a higher chance of earning a living is going into graphics designs. Firms and industries are keen to hiring artists for their advertising and marketing.

Bearing in mind though that no degree, be it a business degree or an Art degree. Does not guarantee a job instantly. But despite that many people who have earned these degrees ended taking on a field entirely different to what they studied. So it takes passion and perseverance for one to succeed in the job market. Good Luck!

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[Correction:]

The Journal would like to apologize for any confusion, some of our Ad's in the last issue encouraged people to join us at meetings Thursdays at 9am. This was an error on our part, our meetings are Thursdays at 6pm, and everyone is welcome to come to the office for free pizza and pop.

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NEWS

CATCH UP ON WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT SMU AND AROUND THE WORLD



SMU CRACKS THE MACLEAN'S TOP TEN – AND THE JOURNAL IS HOT!

Jeff Cusack

Last week The Journal told you that MacLean's had ranked us in the top 10 for primarily undergraduate universities, and SMU's public relations department issued a media release that was typically effusive about the whole thing. But it wasn't all good. Here we're going to investigate the issue a bit further.

What's Hot: Chalk this up to either lax research or misinformation, but The Den is not an internet cafe as the article says. It is a computer lab that allows food and has different chairs. Next: All night broomball tournaments, why haven't we heard about this before now? The Gorsebrook is hot too, but it definitely exists. Finally: The Journal. I always knew we were hot, I'm just glad that it has now been confirmed by a national magazine.

At Saint Mary's we're building a new Atrium, and the Homburg Wellness Centre, all the while continuing to ignore the things that are Not Hot: The Patrick Power Library closes too early, this has been a big issue for several years now, and the university has yet to take action. Of course, things are even worse now, as the entrance to the library is actually blocked off. Also: 40 million dollars are apparently needed in repairs for our buildings. Finally: Residence security is too strict in enforcing noise and alcohol regulations, and residence spirit is suffering.

This last one is interesting. In places where security is more lax, more money has to be spent on repairs. Last year less than \$1000 dollars needed to be spent on repairs for the residences, while it has reached over \$10,000 in other places. This affects the price of residences; at SMU the lowest price is \$6895 for residence, while at Dal, St.FX, and Acadia the minimum price is \$7940, \$7625, and \$7587 respectively. Is a difference of \$700 to over \$1000 worth it to you? Send your opinions to: thesmujournal@gmail.com. Would paying the extra tuition be worth it if we had more student financial aid? SMU ranks 10th overall in that category, with 4.7% of the operating budget going to student aid. With an operating budget of \$9302 per student, we don't have a lot of extra money (any?) coming from non-student fees.

The Dalhousie "Not Hot" list should be a lesson for SMU, as it is mainly due to an infrastructure deficit, and they have fixed all of their other problems. Their list includes: high tuition, not enough space, not enough parking, some

buildings in disrepair, and the Halifax weather. High tuition is a problem here, though less than there, but we definitely have less parking and space than they do. We also have building repair issues, and we share the same weather, so feel free to add all of Dalhousie's problems on to our own.

And now it's for the one thing which is always misleading: Statistics! According to educators, guidance counsellors, and CEO's, SMU ranks 33rd as Best Overall School (Waterloo is 1st.) The Highest Quality School is McGill, while SMU is 31st. Waterloo also ranks 1st for Innovation while Saint Mary's sits again at 31st. Things get dismal in the category of "leaders of tomorrow," Waterloo is again 1st in this category, while Saint Mary's ranks a dismal 40th out of 47 (Again, send opinions!) MSVU is the 47th university in this category by the way.

Are you satisfied with SMU? We were middle of the pack in terms of satisfaction; coming in at 40% Strongly Agree and 50% Agree they're satisfied with attending, for a total of 90%. For satisfaction with teaching quality, we gave a 22% Strongly Agree and 67% Agree, for a total of 89%. Nipissing came first in both these categories. Dal got 88% and 77% respectively, lower than SMU in both counts!

Student Quality! We're now tied at 6th for student quality with St.FX and Trent with 2.2% of the student population winning National Awards (which is used as the indicator) and Mount A remains in the lead with its crazy 4.8% rate of award winning. The quality of students entering also remains high at SMU, with an 80.8% average entering grade.

Our arts faculty may be underfunded, but it's also among the best in Canada. The full time faculty in the humanities and social science departments get more grants than any other department in Canada, with \$6,828 dollars going to every 16.38 in 100 arts faculty members. We come in 8th for Science funding, with 21,331 per 90.74 in 100 students. Trent came in first, somehow managing to get \$45,254 per 125 in 100 science faculty members.

As always we rank high for international students, coming in second behind McGill, with 1 in 5 SMU students coming from outside Canada. The number is similar for out of province students, where we rank eighth. Mount A tops those rankings with 52.7%

JEFF'S WEIRD NEWS ARTICLE OF THE DAY!

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By Anonymous.

Moooooo...

Q. What two things are black and white, and keep you up at night?

A. Your favourite Holstein (a cow), and your answers to a certain job questionnaire.

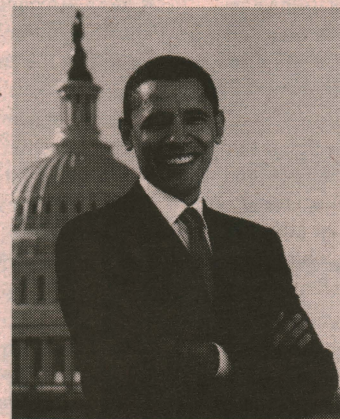
It appears that job applicants who seek employment with the Halifax municipal government (in Canada) must meet higher standards of ethics and morality than those seeking employment with the Obama administration. Hmph, it makes sense; publicly funded Canadian pretension dictates that Canadians are morally superior to those rude and funny dressing and speaking tourists, so it must be true.

If you want a job with the Halifax government, but you've done it with livestock (or your favourite pet, that is if you prefer more civilized company and like to keep lowly livestock down on your dinner plate instead of under you, literally), read question 97 on Halifax's employment questionnaire.

<<http://www.halifax.ca/police/AboutHRP/documents/applicantpre-employmentbooklet.pdf>>

If you want a job with Barack Obama's administration, don't worry. It appears that livestock is cool with his people, because there is not any indication on their questionnaire that they have anything against bestiality, but you better delete those photographs of you drunk which will appear on internet. <http://graphics8.nytimes.com/packages/pdf/national/13apply_questionnaire.pdf>

NEWSFEED



Barack Obama is interviewing everyone these days. Monday he met with John McCain to talk about working together, and last week he met with Hilary Clinton, allegedly to gauge her interest in becoming Secretary of State. In his first post-election interview on Sunday, Obama said he would definitely be putting former rivals into his Cabinet.

Even though no candidates have actually declared they're running for the leadership of the Liberal party, (just that they plan to), things have already begun to get nasty. A previously agreed upon closed-door discussion panel between the candidates ended with a boycott from Bob Rae after Michael Ignatieff refused to allow the panel to be opened to the media. The other candidate, Dominic LeBlanc, said that he agreed with Rae about opening the panel but disagreed with his choice to boycott.

On Saturday Mr. Harper went to Washington to discuss the world's plummeting economy with the other G20 leaders. According to many sources, the two poles of the conference were France, which wanted increased protectionism, and the team of Harper and Bush, who wanted to keep free trade as the world's Modus Operandi. After emerging from his Washington cocoon a beautiful butterfly, Harper said that he would no longer be adverse to going into deficit if it meant helping the economy; meaning he now has an excuse to renege on a key election promise he made only a month and a half ago.

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How obscure is the line between love and hate?

WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

Paul Mullen

The Journal has been hosting a number of debates in recent weeks. It's great to see consequential issues being discussed in a school newspaper. Here's my two cents on three articles from last week's paper.

John David MacNeil argues that Academia is more dedicated to the truth than Christianity.

John objects to the mention of our university's Christian foundations in school literature. He worries that his learning experience might be "twisted, distorted or otherwise programmed by a theology to which I do not subscribe". No doubt his learning experience has already been programmed by a glut of secular atheist professors, who have no qualms about proselytizing their students. John fills his article with poorly researched attacks on Christian doctrine, and cites the church's resistance to some scientific theories that were later proven to be correct. He seems oddly oblivious to the fact that academia itself is plagued with fraud, plagiarism, and contradictions, and is often hostile to new research and discoveries. He neglects to mention the massive contribution of Christian believers to science and philosophy, and the leading role the church has

taken in promoting a culture of learning. The fact is that a great number of the most influential and brilliant thinkers of all time were Christians. Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, Babbage, Mendel and Pasteur (to name a few) were all devout Christian scientists. More to the point, many of these men (as evidenced by their own writings) were driven to their discoveries by the same love of Truth that led them to religious faith. Likewise, the retention of St. Mary's Catholic heritage serves to anchor its academic quest for knowledge to an unquenchable thirst for truth. Students of all backgrounds and faiths benefit, whether they like the religious link or not.

Jeff Cusack is surprised by the banning of Same-Sex marriage in California.

In his article, Jeff dismisses concerns that "religious leaders could be jailed for speaking out against homosexuality". In Canada however, this fear has a clear basis in fact. Although there is no law banning criticism of homosexual sex, Canada's Human Rights commissions have taken it upon themselves to dole out arbitrary punishments anyway. Example 1: In Ontario,

a printer refused to print homosexual literature for some clients. He informed the clients that he could not in good conscience, promote something he believed to be wrong, but that there were other printers in the area. The clients launched a complaint, and the man lost his business. Example 2: In Alberta, a pastor wrote an article in which he clumsily criticized homosexuality activists. A complaint was initiated (by a straight atheist, not a homosexual), and the pastor was banned from preaching on the subject. Example 3: A branch of the Knights of Columbus refused to rent out their hall for a same-sex 'wedding' banquet, citing religious objections. A complaint was launched, and they were ordered to pay compensation... etc. Jeff, likewise dismisses concerns that homosexuality could end up being taught to kindergartners. In BC however, homosexual issues have become mandatory subject material in school curriculums, including kindergarten. Similar situations exist in other provinces. Finally, Jeff suggests that the passage of the ban was "surprising to most people". Clearly it was not a surprise to the majority of Californians that voted in favour of it. I would venture to say that if the issue had been put to a referendum in Canada,

the results would have been similar.

Mark Mercer's writes a borderline bi-polar article that first pitches the extension of voting rights to children, and then proceeds to attack the idea that those same children should be punished when they commit crimes.

Dr. Mercer claims that children as young as 13 (or younger?) should have the right to vote, because they "have no formal say regarding the laws and policies to which they are subject". No kidding. They also can't choose their own curfew, demand a higher allowance, and elect new parents when they don't get what they want (Calvin & Hobbes reference intentional). The reality is that what Mark sees as an affront to personal liberties is actually part of a vital system of stability and security. Children haven't had time to develop the life-experience and maturity necessary to make all of their own decisions, and they shouldn't have to give up being children to do it. That's why they have parents to guide, correct and support them.

Mercer goes on to complain that in Canada "sixteen year-olds can be required to shoulder adult responsi-

bilities and burdens". Specifically, he decries any move to hold young offenders responsible for their actions. He considers punishing a child for committing rape and murder to be barbaric and 'crazy'. What is truly crazy is that anyone would consider releasing a seriously dangerous offender back into society simply because they're underage. It isn't fair to that child's future victims, and it doesn't even help the child. The intentionally lax Young Offenders Act has encouraged the use of children by criminal gangs, and has failed to deter misguided youth from becoming criminals. When a child's environment and personal choices have combined to produce serious, violent criminal behaviour, they need to be kept in custody, and given a large dose of stability and security. Dr. Mercer is advocating increased power, and decreased responsibility for children, but he doesn't seem to realize that, as great men ranging from Jesus Christ to JFK, and Spiderman have noted: "with great power comes great responsibility". Lastly, it seems to me that the professor lacks a firm understanding of children in general. I suggest that he might want to educate himself on the subject, and even watch a few episodes of Super Nanny.

THANK YOU!

The Saint Mary's University Model United Nations Society (SMUMUNS) would like to thank all those who came out to the US Election Night Event at the Gorsebrook on November 4th. Your participation helped us raise funds so that we may participate in two Model United Nations Conferences in 2009. One Conference is being held in Ottawa and the other New York City.

The NYC National Model United Nations Conference is the world's largest university-level simulation of the United Nations. It brings more than 3,100 students, half of whom are from outside the United States, to NYC learn about the United Nations and other contemporary international issues.

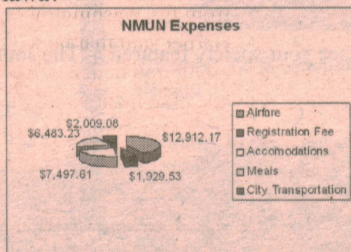
Participating in both of these conferences will allow us to further our education as we learn about international organizations and foreign policy in a real world setting that cannot be taught inside a classroom. This year SMUMUNS will be representing Chad for the second year. Over the course of next semester we will be researching the history, culture and policy of this specific country. Our goal is to gain intimate knowledge of Chad and how its relationship with the international community, and then put the information we have studied to practical use in a simulation of the United Nations. These experiences not only enrich our education and student experience, but help us develop strong leadership skills.

SMUMUNS would also like to give a special thanks to our following supporters: Dr. Leonard Preyra, MLA for Halifax Citadel-Sable-Island, who spoke at our Election Night Event and sponsored the event on behalf of Democracy250 and gave D250 shirts; Marcia Seitz-Ehler from The United States Consulate, who also spoke at our election night event and donated official Democratic and Republican party paraphernalia and educational materials; the Gorsebrook management and staff, for use of the venue and for donating

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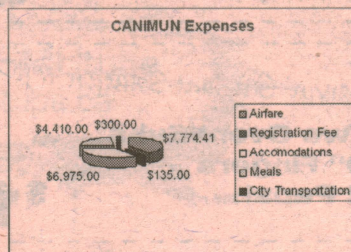
Your support means a lot to us, and we look forward to seeing you all again as we hold further events throughout the year. Check out our SMUMUNS facebook group for upcoming events!

Canadian International Model United Nations Conference (Ottawa)



March: 9-12
Travel Dates: March 8-13
Travel Costs (West Jet Airlines)
Convention Rate: \$370.21 X 21 persons = \$7 774.41
Registration
 \$85.00 Delegation fee
 \$50.00 Faculty advisor fee
Accommodations (Westin Ottawa)
 5 rooms, 4 persons per room X
 \$279.00 X 5 nights = \$6 975.00
Meals
 \$42.00/day X 21 people X 5 days = \$4 410.00
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Airport Shuttle: ~ \$150.00 X 2 trips = \$300.00
Total: \$19 594.41 CDN

National Model United Nations Conference (New York)



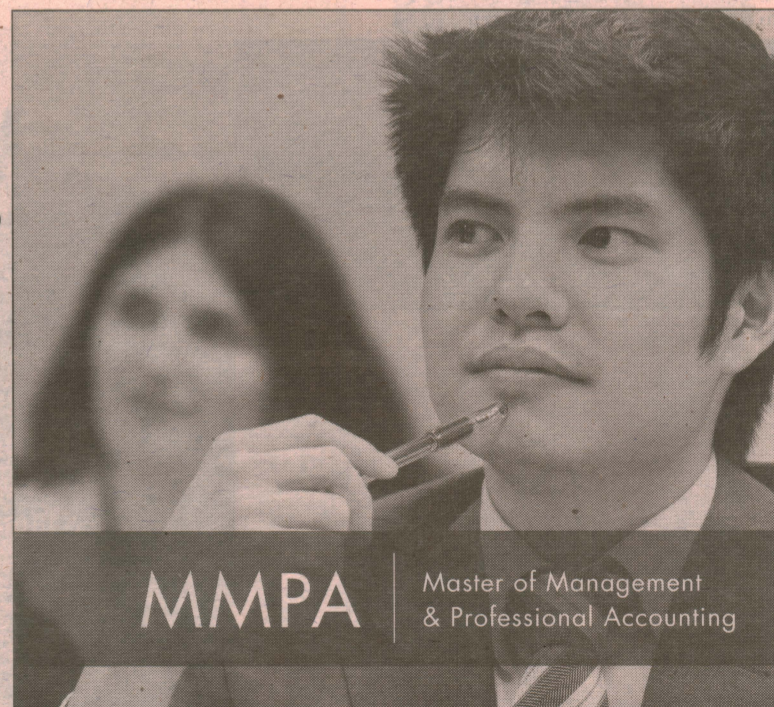
March: 22-26
Travel Dates: March: 21-27
Travel Costs (West Jet Airlines)

Convention Rate: \$501.89 X 21 persons = \$10 539.69 US (\$12 912.17 CDN)
Registration
 \$150.00 School Fee US (\$183.77 CDN)
 \$75.00 Per Delegate X 21 persons = \$1 575.00 US (\$1 929.53 CDN)
Accommodations (Hilton Hotel)
 5 rooms X 4 persons per room X
 \$201.00 X 6 nights = \$6 120.00 US (\$7 497.61 CDN)
Meals
 \$42.00 X 21 persons X 6 days = \$5 292.00 US (\$6 483.23 CDN)
Transportation
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 City Transportation: ~ \$40.00 per person X 21 persons = \$840.00 US (\$1 029.08 CDN)
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FEATURES

WHAT IS ACADEMIC INTEGRITY REALLY?

Kimberley Dares

So chances are if you have picked up a recent issue of The Journal and bothered to even skim the perspectives page, you would have seen something about academic honesty and integrity. Sure it seems like a fairly cut and dry subject, but is it really? Could it be more mysterious than you think? Probably not, but in case you were curious or need a little reminder, prepare to be educated in Academic Integrity 101.

First off, the big scary word: Plagiarism. Every semester Prof's start class with a lecture on not to do it (at least in Arts classes), or you to the page in the student handbook. Basically what it tells you is to cite everything, and trust your instincts. Don't copy word for word, there is enough technology available that you will get caught, paraphrasing and/or summarizing is the same as copying if you don't cite the original work. Other more obvious examples of plagiarism are, buying a term paper online, or from a classmate, or handing in the same assignment to all your Professors. If you are unsure how to properly write citations talk to your Prof, head to the library or Writing Centre (Burke Building) where there will be lots of resources available to help you out.

Next on the docket: Cheating. Just don't do it. If you are unsure what cheating is, maybe you should ask the person peering over your shoulder right now. Cheating is defined by the University as "attempting to secure a grade by unethical means", also if you help your best friend cheat you could go down in flames right along with them. If you pretend to be someone else during an exam, or send someone else to write your exam, you are a cheater. If you slide your exam to the corner of your desk to let someone else get a peek, you are a cheater. If you peek you are again, a cheater. Notice a pattern yet? One thing worth noting however, if you and your classmates do an individual assignment as a group (ie. Sharing answers to problems you were supposed to answer individually) the University could find grounds to call you a cheater. Sure group

work is encouraged in many classes, but if your Prof has specified that an assignment be done individually you should be wary of the consequences for sharing answers.

Another No-No: Falsification. If you lie about an illness, or make up sources for your research paper you could find yourself in hot water. Worse though, is the falsification of personal information on admission forms or any other university documentation, including hiding the fact you attended another university before applying to SMU. The old adage "Fake it until you make it" is also a bad idea on your resume, pretending to know French will catch up with you.

The last major offense against Academic Integrity is tampering with university resources. These include library books, computers and programs as well as any official records.

What happens if you are found guilty of academic dishonesty? It depends on the offense of course. If it is your first offense, if you can prove it was an accident or are genuinely apologetic the penalty will reflect that. The more serious the offense, the more serious the penalty. This could range from repeating an assignment, a failing grade, expulsion, loss of scholarships or removal from the Dean's list.

To ensure your academic integrity is upheld, just be honest. Don't lie, don't copy and don't cheat. If you can follow these guidelines, the university will have no reason to question you.

For a more serious look at Academic Integrity, consult your handbook, or contact SMUSA VP Academic Adam Harris.

THE JOURNAL'S INTERVIEWS

World University Service of Canada, or WUSC, is an organization that operates all over Canada and focuses on humanitarian issues. The Saint Mary's WUSC chapter has now been operating for 25 years, and during this time has sponsored 24 refugee students to study in Canada through the Student Refugee Program (SRP)! This is an amazing program that allows Canadian youth to sponsor students in refugee camps. The program brings exceptional students who have persevered despite unimaginable challenges to our campus, and to campuses across Canada. We not only help them to get a university education but we also provide them with a place to live that is free of violence. In turn they give back to their new and old communities, making strides for a better world.



The Sponsored Students come from refugee camps or urban centres in Kenya, Malawi or Thailand, and originate from a host of countries in Africa of which some include: Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Burundi. Some Sponsored Students also come from countries in Asia such as Burma and Afghanistan. Students are sponsored for one year, with the help of many departments on the SMU campus. The WUSC Local Committee, and its Staff and Faculty representatives, play a vital role in supporting the Sponsored Students as they adjust to their new life in Canada. You may remember us approaching you in September about your vote for the Student Refugee Program levy. Now we want to say thank you for supporting the levy and helping to change lives!! This has made an amazing difference in the longevity of the program, and will ensure that WUSC stays active on campus for many years to come.

We also host tonnes of fun and educational events on campus to raise awareness and funds for important issues that our members are incredibly passionate about. We are now planning a great winter term with lots of exciting events to look forward to. In the winter term you can sign up for our bike-a-thon marathon to help raise money for bicycle ambulances in Malawi, or come and rock out at the upcoming Rock for Refugee's concert which will be held during International Development week in February. Stay tuned for details!

We will also be selling tickets for our Winter Holiday Basket which will support the SRP. We've comprised some awesome stuff from the local business around town, including two tickets for scuba diving lessons, a hand woven basket, cooking supplies and much more. If you'd like to buy a ticket you can do so in the Loyola Colonnade, for the next couple of weeks, as well as in the WUSC office which is located in the SMUSA Building, room 516, Monday 10-11:15 or Thursday from 12-1:30. We welcome new members all year long, so come and join us at our meetings which are held every Tuesday night at 7pm in Loyola 177.

For more information or if you're interested in getting involved please contact smu_wusc@yahoo.ca

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SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

get caught recycling! Wall of Fame



For two weeks, the SMUES Recycle Police will be patrolling the halls of SMU, scoping out recycle saints and sinners on a mission to reduce recycle bin contamination.

If we catch you putting the right items in the right bins, you will receive an instant thank-you prize, and your name will be put in a draw for a gift certificate for the Wooden Monkey.. All prizes are environmentally friendly of course!

So be on the lookout! We'll be!



[Name] Findlay Monteith

[Status] high school student visiting during Open House at Saint Mary's

[Item Recycled] Pop can

[Recycled correctly?] Yes! Findlay put his pop can in the "recyclables" slot.

[Prize] Findlay chose a BetterSide Notebook. Paper that has been printed on one side in the SMU computer labs is collected and bound into this awesome writing pad!



[Name] Jen Schwartz

[Status] student

[Item Recycled] Pop can

[Recycled Correctly?] Yes! Jen put her can in the "recyclables" slot

[Prize] Jen chose a yummy fairtrade, organic chocolate bar from the Nova Scotian based company Just Us!



[Name] David Stout and Evan Cervelli

[Status] high school student visiting during Open House; student at SMU

[Item Recycled] pop cans, a paper plate and a paper napkin

[Recycled Correctly?] Yes! Both boys put their cans in the "recyclables" slot. David put his paper plate and napkin in the "organics" slot.

[Prize] David and Evan both choose copies of the Halifax Campus Green Guide. A guide to green living in Halifax that has tips on where to shop, eat, how to get around, etc.



[Name] Stacey French

[Status] Staff at SMU. B.A. Programs officer.

[Item Recycled] Pop can

[Recycled Correctly?] Yes! Stacey put her pop can in the "recyclables" slot

[Prize] Stacey chose a gift card for a fair-trade, organic coffee from the Just Us! coffee window in the McNally Main building



[Name] Tavia Connolly and Janica Arsenault

[Status] high school students visiting during Open House

[Item Recycled] pop cans

[Recycled Correctly?] Yes! Tavia and Janica put their pop cans in the "recyclables" slot

[Prize] Pencils made from recycled materials and non-toxic, lead free, perfume free tealights from P'lovers the Environmental Store.



[Name] Robert Harris

[Status] student

[Item Recycled] newspaper

[Recycled Correctly?] Yes! Robert threw his clean and dry newspaper in the "paper" bin

[Prize] Robert chose a fairtrade, organic chocolate bar from Just Us!

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SCARE QUOTES

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"The relationship between place and power and the idea of being 'out of place' is truly fascinating from a post-colonial point of view, focusing on colonial re-inventions and subsequent representations of land and place as a strategy in establishing notions of 'rightful' ownership. The gendered representation of 'place' and 'land' is often tied closely with this colonial project. I have examined this in relation to the 1930-50 governmentally sponsored 'Nation Building' projects in South Africa, and focused on the representations of the gendered landscape in Afrikaans literature and painting."

Not all academics write well. There—that cat's out of the bag. The short passage above contains more than a few of the flaws typical of academic writing, and it's a passage clearer and more readable than a lot of what academics commit to paper. But I want to talk specifically about scare quotes, about the

practice of distancing oneself from a word or phrase by putting it between quotation marks.

Each of "out of place," "rightful," "place," "land," and "Nation Building" finds itself within quotation marks. But the author isn't quoting any particular person who has used these words. He's quoting, we must assume, what people in general say. He's indicating that despite their popularity, these words are not his words. They are the words of unspecified other people.

In declaring that they are not his, but those of others, he tells us that there is something wrong with these words, something suspicious or distasteful about them. He doesn't like them. There's a hint that he is sneering at them, and at those who use them.

Now perhaps they are the wrong words. Perhaps they don't convey the author's own position on the topic. And yet the author doesn't use his own words. He doesn't tell us what, for instance, he would substitute for "out of place" that would present his meaning accurately. The author leaves us with "out of place," though he instructs us that being out

of place isn't really what he has in mind.

When one says that something is out of place, and does so in just those words, one is using the phrase "out of place." When one puts the phrase "out of place" within quotation marks, though, one is not using the phrase; rather, one is mentioning it. By putting scare quotes around the phrase "out of place" while letting it stand in for his own meaning, the author of the passage above is both using and mentioning that phrase at the same time.

Our author, then, is both saying that something is out of place and, yet, not saying that it is. That amounts to using the phrase while disavowing responsibility for using it.

Sometimes we can see through a piece of writing to a bit of rot within the writer.

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If You're Happy and You Know It

Dear Ginger:

Something unfortunate has happened. My boyfriend had himself tested and he has Chlamydia. We're in a committed relationship and we use another form of birth control so we don't always use condoms. How should I deal with this situation?

First and most importantly, get yourself checked. You want to find out whether or not you have it to figure out how you should proceed. This check-up should be something you do yearly or after every sexual partner. A pelvic exam or Pap test (or for men this would be that dreaded swab test) will not only help you ascertain whether or not you have contracted a Sexually Transmitted Infection but it will also test for other potential health issues in the area. The idea may make you uncomfortable but you have to consider what may be at risk if you don't get it done and that is your life.

Second, consider yourself damn lucky. And I mean this whether or not you have contracted "The Clap." Chlamydia is basically the common cold for your genitals. I don't mean that to devalue the risk involved with having it but of all the STIs you could have contracted it is one of the better and extremely common. The side effects of Chlamydia are minimal (though it has caused sterility in some cases so the effects

are far from non-existent) and often don't even present themselves. This is why it is so common to catch. Many cases show absolutely no signs of infection. This is why I shall refer you up to step one again (get checked).

Third, learn from this lesson. Everyone should. Condoms are there to protect both you and your partner. A good sexual partner will know this. Condoms aren't a 100% infallible but they will significantly decrease your chance of becoming infected or pregnant.

Fourth, follow your boyfriend's treatment and your own, if applicable. You want to make sure you are both up to optimal health again before you get back to doing the nasty. And doing it. And doing it. And doing it.

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ON THE STREET

MacLean's Magazine recently ranked SMU in the top 10, with The Journal being listed on their Hot list. What do you think is Hot (or Not) about Saint Mary's?

With The Journal Staff



Darcy Cameron
2nd Year Crim.

Hot: Caribbean Fashion Show
Not: No Hot Water in Res.



Karel-Maria Hodge
1st Year PSYCH

Hot: Diversity



Pathorn Chatutipsompol
1st Year Commerce

Hot: Girls
Not: Girls



Chris MacDougall
3rd Year Commerce

Isabella Choi
4th Year Exchange Student (Finance)

Rui Shang
UBP Student
Hot: Basketball Team
Not: Football Team



Emily Chong Fung Chi
Exchange Student

Hot: Small classes
Not: Fire Alarms



Stephanie Pronk
2nd Year Human Resources

Hot: Get Caught Recycling
Not: Using Plastic Bags

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

HOW TO WRITE A NOVEL: JAYMEE GOH'S JOURNEY OF 50,000 WORDS

Dawn Davis

2008 SMU

Alumni Jaymee Goh spent her university career as the Chair of the Drama Society, on the Executive Committee of the Literati, and graduated with a GPA of 3.7. Something else Jaymee has achieved while being a successful SMU student was NaNoWriMo - National Novel Writing Month. This English Major, Creative-Writing Minor Honours Student is participating in her sixth annual Novel Writing November, and is in her third year as acting Municipal Liaison of the HRM chapter. While ploughing out 50,000 words in thirty days, Jaymee is also responsible for organizing get-togethers for all of the frantic caffeine-addicted writers participating in the challenge. How does she do it? "Fuck if I know," Jaymee admits. "Stay in school!"

Jaymee was an international student from Malaysia who came to attend SMU in 2003 for its English and Creative Writing program. "I came to SMU specifically to improve my writing," she says. "The English Honours program would have me reading a wide range of literature. It was, in my mind, necessary for me to read and get acquainted with a wide variety of stories in order to inform my writing." After graduating with her Honours in English, Jaymee is working on getting administration jobs, pacing herself before breaking into the creative industry. "Preferably, I would write for a living, but that takes time."

As a Municipal Liaison, Jaymee is responsible for organizing get-togethers for NaNoWriMo

participants, and cheering them on. This October 31st, she had a kick-off party followed by an early-morning trip to the Paper Chase with a troupe of hung-over novelists-to-be. She also is in charge of the Thank-God-It's-Over party at the end of November. Jaymee says the hardest part is getting people to RSVP for events, and getting people to voice opinions on what they would like to do. The whole thing is worth it the end, however. "Once we had a reporter over. She asked us 'why do you do this?' One of my WriMos stood up and proclaimed, quite proudly, 'I do this so I can say 'I wrote fifty thousand words of a novel in a whole month, and that makes me BETTER THAN YOU!'"

NaNoWriMo was something Jaymee first discovered in High School, but didn't join in participating until moving to Halifax. "I could be up as late as I wanted and not get yelled at," she says. Her first NaNo novel was about a budding artist from her own home town and was written in 2003. "I got 50k, but never actually got into plot. It was vaguely based on my fights with my mother on wanting to pursue English as a degree, but I also wanted to write some commentary on how unsupportive Malaysia is to local artistic talents." Her favourite NaNo so far is a 16th century modern novel about Fae (fairies) stuck in the days of Shakespeare. "I finished in twelve days," she says, "my personal best."

Jaymee's current NaNoWriMo project is "a cheap serial of several stories reminiscent of 80's and 90's cartoons and Sweet



Valley Twin books. I was aiming for 50 stories, each 1000 words long. Each story is an episode in the life of a young princess out in the world, and introduces an entirely new setting each one. The idea is to explore a variety of ideologies, philosophies and stuff like that, and introduce these to children through what appears to be commercial pulp fic-

photo by William Power tion." And how is it going? "I have forty thousand words and only ten stories. So not so well." At least she is close to the finish line, unlike some other novel writers of Halifax.

How should a student survive writing NaNoWriMo while fending off looming term papers? "LET GO," she says, very firmly in capitals. "This is not an academic essay. You

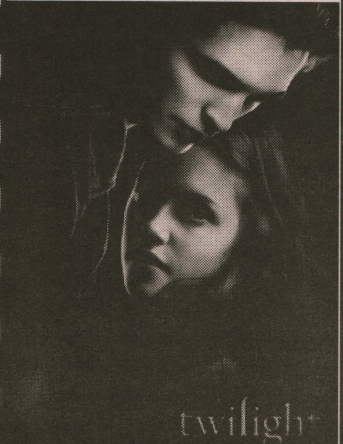
will not get penalized for a story that stinks. You will, however, be penalized for an essay that stinks." Telling a teacher that you are going to be participating might also be a good idea. Not because they'll give you special privileges, but just so they know why you're falling asleep in class.

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The Divos Are Once Again Printed on CD Covers!
Il Divo's new album is on store shelves now. Also with new CDs are Beyonce, Nickelback and Dido. Smashing Pumpkins are finally releasing a reunion DVD. It almost feels like they weren't sure why they separated, so they got back together.



Maybe After This, Teenagers Will Stop Looking Forward to Things.

Finally, the Twilight movie hits theatres on Friday. If you're like me and can't wait to go see it while smashed out of your mind, we might need to wait until the hype dies down. Naw, I really want to see it. Sometimes I hate it when I like stuff.



When You Fail All Your Term Papers and Life Sucks, Get Animal Crossing!

After its announcement last year, fans haven't had to wait long for the newest Animal Crossing game. It's the perfect choice after you have a mental breakdown and just want to sit on your couch and eat ice cream and cry. You won't marry me, Daisy Duck?! Why?!



Wall.E Comes to DVD!

This movie is probably going to be the best holiday gift for just about everyone. It's just too cute. If you don't know what to buy for someone, get Wall.E. Unless it's for your super masculine Dad.

THE DARK KNIGHT SCORE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE OSCARS

Jean Brunet, sizzlingpopcorn.com

According to Variety.com, the executive committee of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' music department has disqualified The Dark Knight's score from being nominated for an Academy Award. The reason behind the dismissal is because the score's cue sheet, the official document from the studio that lists the copyright owners and the duration of each piece of music, has five different names, which is not allowed by the Academy.

This is not the first time a score has been disqualified for having multiple names on the sheet. In 2005, The Dark Knight's prequel, Batman Begins, was disqualified for

the same reason.

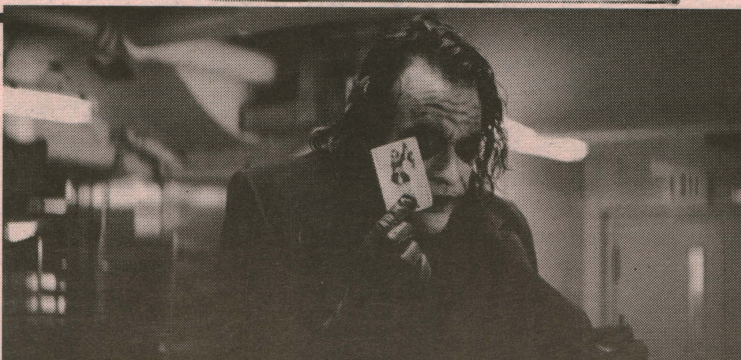
The Warner Bros. film's music cue sheet credits Hans Zimmer, James Newton Howard, Alex Gibson, Mel Wesson and Lorne Balfe for their work on the amazing score.

Zimmer said, in an interview with Variety prior to this week's Academy Awards, that listing multiple names on the cue sheet was a way of financially rewarding parts of the music team who helped make the overall work successful. (Performing-rights societies like ASCAP and BMI use the cue sheet to distribute royalties

to composers.) - Variety.com

With it becoming a trend in Hollywood, some members of the Academy are siding with Zimmer and Howard saying that the innovative score should still be considered for an award, even though there are

multiple names on the sheet. If the committee doesn't change their mind soon, hopefully they will change the rules for the next awards ceremony in 2010.



IT'S GOING TO BE A PRISMATIC WEEKEND



Dawn Davis

It has been a very trying year for artists with the cuts of funding by the Harper government, and yet art has persisted. This weekend from the 21st to the 23rd, OneLight Theatre will be holding Prismatic - a conference and performance event not just for artists, but the cultural diversity of art.

The events will include indulgences in performance, dance, and music as well as panels and discussions about what it means to be an artist from every perspective. Canada is a cultural mosaic, but art has never been easy. Join the panel for discussion about struggles and successes, or have your voice heard at an open mike/stage conference. You can even attend the performance and experience a wide variety of artistic expression from around the world and at the same time at home in Halifax.

For more information, ticket prices and reservations, visit onelighttheatre.com, or call them at (902) 425-6812.

IN TRANSIT

by adam myatt



They walk like they're already dead.

9-to-5ers.

100 Words

Dawn Davis

This is my favourite time of year. Five thousand words, two thousand words, one hundred words, fifty thousand words. Five two ten pages, three to five pages, ten to fifty pages - all due next week. Theories, labs, mitosis, critique, eat, sleep, study. C+, D+, B-, C-, please wake up the library is closing. You need to manage your time better. You need to raise your GPA. Large café mocha with a double shot espresso, thank you. Weren't you writing a novel? Get off my back! If you see in the news that a student has exploded, it was probably me.

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Web browsers are the way we interact with the wonderful world of the internet. With everything being on the internet right now, the right browser is what can help make that experience more magical.

In my search for the perfect web browser, I have only used four browsers.

Internet Explorer (the bane of every proper web developer out there – also known as internet explorer by the Microsoft lovers), Netscape, Firefox, and Safari.

Back in the days of yore, when we first got the internet at home, we knew only of IE so that's all we used. I was but a young and innocent youngling with no knowledge of the technical world around me, and still in awe at this fabulous internet that has found its way into my heart.

But one day my father came home and installed something else, Netscape. I hated it the moment I laid eyes on it, and tried my best to not use it. It was not what I was used to, so I shunned it. That pretty much covers my flint with Netscape. And I went back to IE.

Then university came, and a friend was preaching about this Firefox thing out there. So I gave it a try. It was still buggy, as it was not yet out of beta. It crashed quite a bit, but I noticed that I there were less pop-ups, which made me happy. So I decided I shall use Firefox when looking at porn.

Two, maybe two and a half years later, Firefox started becoming a force to be reckoned with. Its UI (user interface) was excellent, they managed to weed out a lot of the

bugs, and I slowly started working it into my every day web surfing and not just for porn. Mozilla has also allowed these great things called extensions to be added to make Firefox do different things, the best one I ever downloaded and I recommend it to everyone- is an ad blocker, my days of surfing became quiet again (who remembers these annoying flash ads that make all these loud noises?) The best thing about Firefox is that it is open source and cross platform (works in Mac, Linux, and Windows).

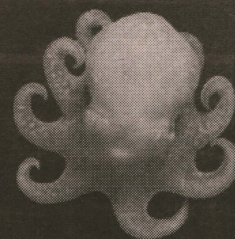
But then I got my Mac and started using Safari, which until recently was mostly used to download Firefox (same with internet explorer). However, Safari 3.0 changed that. They added a windows version, which works just as well as Firefox and I have been using both Firefox and Safari in windows and Mac.

Best thing about Safari? Well under the Safari menu there is a "Porn mode" option or if you have not hacked your Mac to say that, it would say "Private Browsing..." which means that nothing is saved from your sexcapades on the internet.

Oh and newcomer to the browser wars, Google Chrome, also has porn mode, but they called it "Incognito" same shit if you ask me...

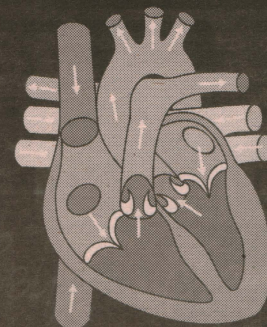
Now what makes me lean towards Firefox and Safari (and somewhat Google Chrome)? Well the fact is that they are great, easy to use, and conform to web standards, which means they run almost all websites out there, unless the website was designed to run with only internet explorer, and why anyone would do that is beyond me.

TECH AT A GLANCE



<http://www.cbc.ca/technology/>

Scientists discover hundreds of new marine species. In their attempt to catalogue a census of underwater life by 2010, scientists have discovered several hundred new species dwelling in our oceans from the Arctic to Antarctic. Ron O'Dor, a Halifax marine biology professor is senior scientist of the Census of Marine Life project.



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According to a new study, headphones for mp3 and ipod players can interfere with pacemakers and defibrillators. Watch out grandpa!

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN \$10,000 IS COMING TO AN END!!

Andrea Loudon; ACE Canada

ACE's 2009 National Student Entrepreneur Competition nomination deadline approaching quickly. A student entrepreneur's chance to win \$10,000!

Nominations for ACE's 2009 National Student Entrepreneur Competition will be accepted until 5pm EST on Friday December 12th, 2008. If you are a successful entrepreneur attending university or college, or you know someone who is, this is your last chance to submit a nomination.

This award celebrates the incredible commitment, determination and achievements of student entrepreneurs from across the country with a series of competitions taking place provincially, regionally and nationally. The award is open to full-time Canadian students attending universities or colleges who also operate their own business. Nomination forms are available at www.acecanada.ca. Eligible students are also encouraged to nominate themselves.

"We are impressed with the quality and number of nominations we have received so far this year," comments Amy Harder, President of ACE. "With that said, we also know there are many other student entrepreneurs

across Canada who have not yet applied or been nominated. These amazing student entrepreneurs deserve to be recognized for their hard work and dedication, so we strongly encourage everyone to nominate all qualified candidates!"

To be eligible for the award, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a full-time undergraduate and/or graduate student at a Canadian university or college for the 2008-2009 academic year

- Be a founder and have at least 50 per cent ownership of the company and be principally responsible for its operation

- Have been in business for at least the past six months (as of September 9, 2008)

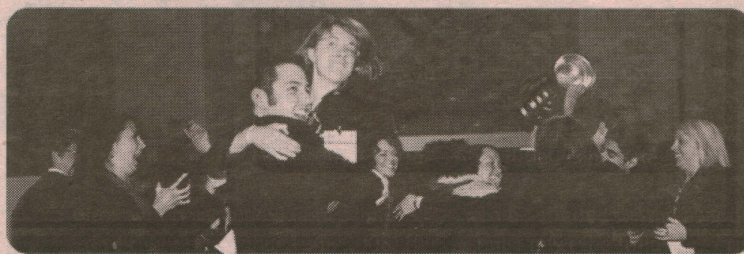
- Have not competed in the final round of the National Student Entrepreneur Competition in the past

Deadlines
Friday December 12, 2008: Nominations/self nominations close

Friday January 9, 2009: Applications due

TEAM CANADA WINS GOLD IN GLOBAL SIFE COMPETITION

Andrea Loudon featuring Laura MacIntosh



Team Canada, represented by the Memorial University ACE squad, was crowned SIFE World Champion at the global competition held in Singapore during October. There, the top SIFE teams in the world presented the results of their outreach projects to determine which teams had the greatest impact on their communities.

From 44 universities and colleges in Canada, Memorial University of Newfoundland was selected to represent Canada for the 3rd straight year at the SIFE World Cup 2008 where they competed against national champion teams from 40 other countries. The Canadian presentation team consisted of 8 business students from Newfoundland and Labrador, including Marybeth Handrigan, Lisa Smart, Haroon Iqbal, Will Penney, Liam Kelly, Ryan Hopkins, Mike Harris, Mike Wadden, and their Faculty Advisor, Lynn Morrissey. SIFE Memorial highlighted 16 of their current projects including "Think Green" and "Moulder of Dreams". "Think Green" provides elementary school children with the necessary skills to run a successful recycling business, and in 2007-08 the program raised \$71,836 that was reinvested into local schools. "Moulder of Dreams" is a pottery studio that was re-opened with SIFE Memorial's help in order to continue to provide individuals who suffer from Myotonic Dystrophy the therapeutic benefits of molding pottery. The team of students secured

a \$428,000 government grant, hired eight workers, including five with special needs, lobbied legislation and secured distribution deals in order to allow the studio to become a self-sustaining business.

Through their entire project portfolio driven by 93 students who committed over 23,000 hours of volunteer service, the SIFE team from Memorial University of Newfoundland has reinvested over \$1.4 million dollars into the communities of Newfoundland and Labrador this past year alone.

As an ACE SMU member who has seen Memorial in action numerous times; I can say from experience that this group of students is truly phenomenal. Every year, Memorial University comes up with creative, innovative projects to help not only their local community, but the global community as well. After three years winning the Canadian title, it is no wonder why Memorial has won on the world stage.

Canadian ACE teams are constantly reinventing the wheel, coming up with some of the most impressive projects run among all SIFE groups. This is not only a great accomplishment for the Memorial squad, but for all Canadian teams as well.

ACE SMU currently boasts regional champions in another national SIFE category. Congratulations teams; keep making the world a better place!

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Watch out Empire, here comes YouTube! YouTube is in talks with major production companies to start showing full length movies on the site. No interruptions, no feeling guilty about pirating, how good can it get?



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It's baaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaack! The brown spruce longhorn beetle which wreaked havoc on Halifax in 1999, has now been spotted in Pictou. A new wood quarantine zone has been set up on the provinces Northern region, a hot spot for mills and forestry. Bad news, bad beetles.

THE JOURNAL IS HIRING FOR JANUARY

Looking for employment in the New Year? The Journal is looking to hire a Business Editor and Distribution Manager for the Winter Semester! If you are interested in joining The Journal team drop your resume off at The Journal Office (Student Centre 522), slide it under the door if we aren't there. Or save a tree and email your resume to thesmujournal@gmail.com.

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SPORTS

BASKETBALL CROSS COUNTRY FIELD HOCKEY FOOTBALL HOCKEY RUGBY SOCCER TRACK & FIELD VOLLEYBALL



SMU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM BEAT ACADIA AXE-WOMEN 74-68

Jason MacDonald

SMU Women's Basketball Team Beat Acadia Axe-Women 74-68
Jason MacDonald The Huskies began a pair of weekend home games with a hard earned win against the Acadia Axe-Women Friday night at the Tower. Saint Mary's and Acadia traded possession back and forth throughout the first quarter, with the pack leading narrowly 19-18 at the end of the first. Both teams were driving hard to the net, with Acadia moving the ball quickly and setting

up a good cycle. The SMU women cleaned up the ball well on Acadia losses getting the ball out deep and hitting numerous 3 point shots with no pressure from the Axe-Women. Even though the Pack were bringing their top moves down low Acadia capitalized on Huskie mistakes scoring a total of 12 points in the 2nd quarter. The first half ended with the Huskies leading 34-30 and continuing to drive. Toward the end of the 2nd quarter the Huskies began

losing ground to the Axe-Women but luckily for the Huskies their momentum turned around and they managed to punch in 22 points to Acadia's 15. SMU maintained good pressure in the paint and forced Acadia to lose possession on numerous occasions. As the game drew to a close Acadia took late game fouls cementing SMU's 6 point lead. Player of the game was Number 4, Kelsey Daley from the Saint Mary's Huskies with 17 points.



HUSKIES FACE CHALLENGE WITH MOUNTIES

Jason MacDonald

The Saint Mary's Women's Hockey team lost the first game of a weekend double-header to the Mount Allison Mounties in a tough 5-2 upset at home. The Huskies were pushed hard in the first period, giving up two goals due to sloppy play in front of their own net. SMU managed to hold good possession and had good chances from the point, ripping slap shots just wide of the net. The Huskies drew a penalty late in the first period and began the second period with the man advantage. The Huskies turned around their bad luck almost scoring a Power Play goal on their remaining man advantage

from the first period. Shortly after Mount Allison was out of the penalty box they were back in again leading to Kori Cheverie's power play goal with the helper from Danielle MacDougall. Soon after Cheverie's power play goal Tucker shot a laser of a shot from the point that ringed off the post. SMU's McCusker scored a 4 on 4 goal with assists from Launcelott and Little to tie the game at 2 goals a piece. The Huskies managed to pin the Mounties in their own end but the Mounties broke out driving toward the SMU net. The Huskies and Mounties exchanged back and forth play until

the end of the period. The Huskies came back in the 3rd period with a renewed drive, pushing to the net with excellent puck control and good chances off Mountie turn overs, attacking hard trying to score their 3rd goal. SMU chased pucks well but just couldn't capitalize on their chances. The Mounties scored 3 more goals in the last half of the 3rd period, breaking down SMU defense and exploiting SMU errors. As good as the Huskies were the Mounties were better and kept the Huskies out of the win column this week.



Huskies at Home This Week

Men's Hockey

at The Forum

Fri, Nov 21
UdeM @ SMU
7 p.m

Sat, Nov 22
STU
@ SMU 7 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

at Dalplex Field House

Thu, Nov 20
SMU @ DAL
6 p.m.

You can find scores and more at smuhuskies.ca

Asshole of the Week!

Referees of Mitchell Bowl for allowing two of the most controversial Touch Downs in CIS football history and penalizing The Huskies 9 times for 105 yards.

Asshole of the week submissions can be sent to sports.smu@gmail.com and can do not have to be sports related. Assholes can be found anywhere.

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