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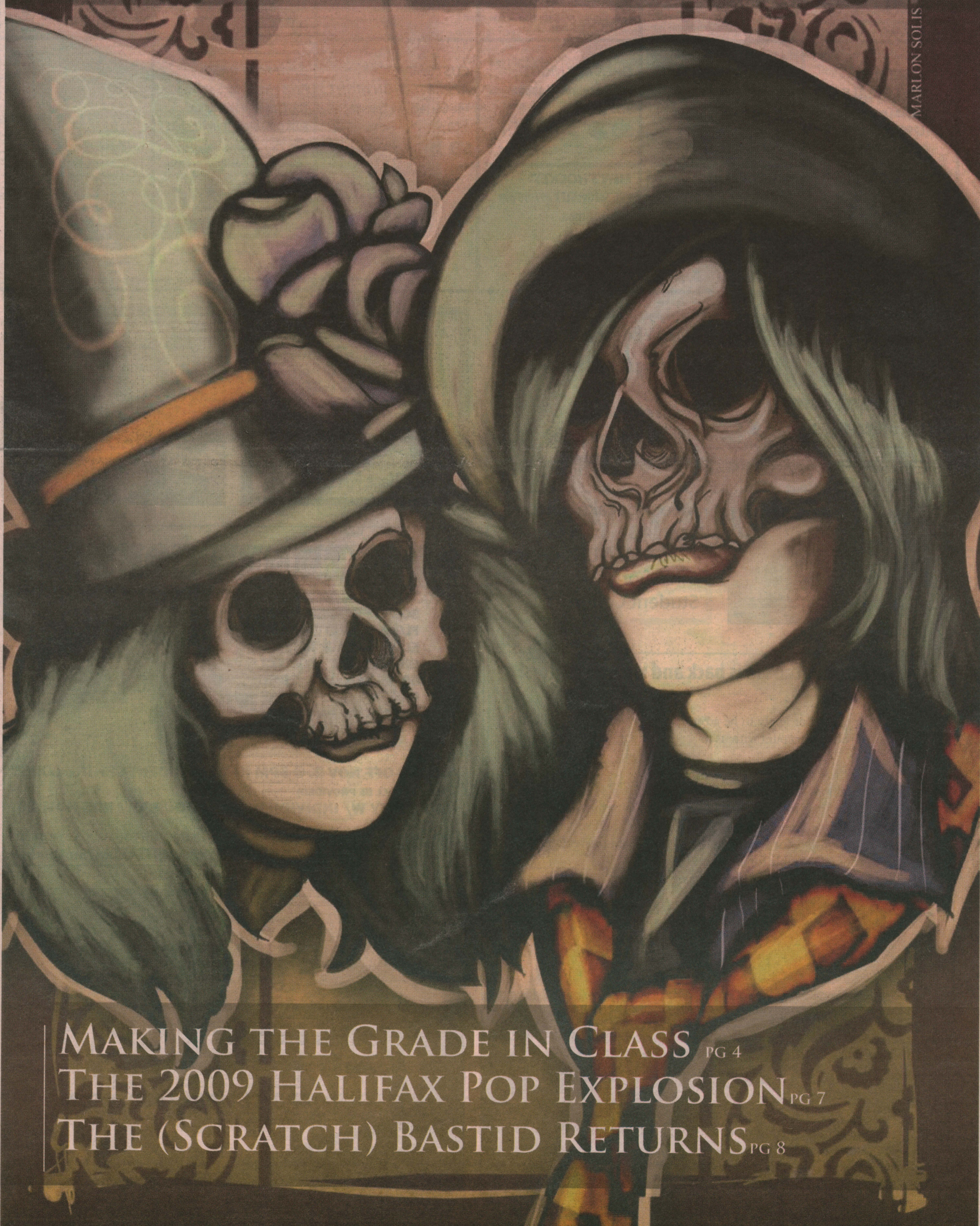
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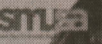
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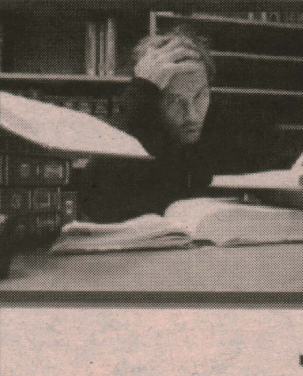

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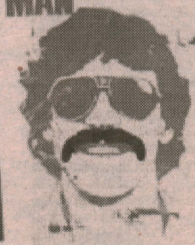

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

University Rankings and You

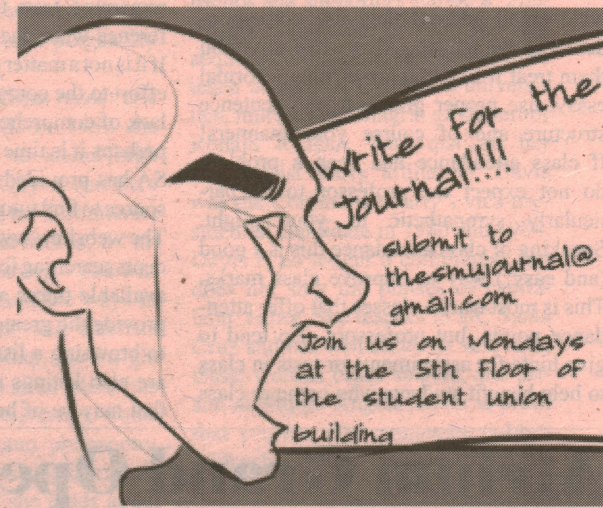
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These days, there are a lot of organizations which produce rankings based on university quality. Rankings have become so popular that there is even a blog called University Ranking Watch which is dedicated to them. These rankings are important; when someone is trying to assess what school to go to, they're probably not going to choose last place in the Maclean's rankings (sorry CBU) if they can get over to Mount A (ranked 1st) without breaking the bank financially. At the same time, these rankings often tend to give wildly varying results in where they place universities, with the exception that general rankings all tend to place Harvard at number one in the world. Ask any university president what they think of university rankings and they'll probably start off with a sigh. Saint Mary's, for example, will never enter the Times QS top 200 rankings. Research grants and journal citations are a major part of those rankings, and because we're not a science school, we don't have much of either. That's why the nine Canadian schools which are ranked in the top 200 all have medical schools, except for Waterloo, which instead has

a gigantic physics institute. It's for this reason that Maclean's separates medical schools from primarily undergraduate institutions. This doesn't mean that Saint Mary's shouldn't try to be highly ranked however, just because we can't rank highly in some measures doesn't mean we shouldn't strive to rank highly where we can. Getting a high rank is a lot of work for a university. Most comprehensive rankings are done partially through surveys which cost both time and money for the university to fill out. Still, this is money and time well spent. Filling out this type of survey is a matter of branding, and important to recruiting top talent. Saint Mary's should put everything it has into selling itself; many university ranking systems don't bother to consult some universities, and our school should have the pride to make sure that we aren't left out. MBA rankings are a particular area where we should strive to be competitive. Business is one of the main focuses of this school, but our MBA program shows up in no international rankings and SMU's MBA program does poorly in Canadian rankings. Our university is better than that; we need to sell ourselves better. If Saint Mary's were to try and get a place at the table with the top ranked MBA programs, we probably wouldn't succeed, but that doesn't

mean we shouldn't try. Failure isn't a waste. Even if there are huge odds stacked against you for success, the potential rewards could be worth it, and no one ever became successful by not trying. There is certainly some risk involved, but investment is risky, that's why we call our financial market a stock market, not a "guaranteed money for all market". In this case we should invest in selling the university to those who would rank it. Dalhousie may not have invested properly in keeping their rankings up, and now they're out of the top 200 schools in the world because of it. We don't have anything to lose like they did, but we have a lot to gain. Rankings are bunk. I realize I just went on about how important they are, and I stand by that, but ultimately our university experience is what we decide to make it; the university itself is only a contributing factor. Queen's University gets first place for MBAs outside the U.S. in Business Week but doesn't even make the list in the Financial Times, there's little consistency in ranking systems, and results vary sig-

nificantly from year to year. We may not be in the top 200, but by participating heavily in our university we'll get more out of our time here than any Ivy League grad who coasted through his academic career, and only got accepted to a prestigious school because "mummy" and "daddy" went there. Question of the week: Many programs at Saint Mary's and Dalhousie are in competition with each other. For example, each school has an MBA program. Would it be better to combine these programs and have them run by one school? Would it be better to simply merge both universities into one bigger university? Or should we keep everything absolutely separate? Send me your thoughts to thesmujournal@gmail.com. We'd like your name, but anonymous stuff is also acceptable.



Over 170 Million Stand Up and Take Action to End Poverty Now!

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SMU WUSC Member

Between October 16th & 18th 2009 an overwhelming 173, 045,325 people around the world took part in "Stand Up, Take Action, End Poverty Now!" events to raise their voices in support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to demand their governments to keep their promise to achieve these goals in an effort to eradicate extreme poverty. The MDGs are eight goals that all United Nations (UN) Member countries at the UN Millennium Summit in 2000 agreed to achieve by 2015. These governments from the global

North and South signed the Millennium Declaration and promised to work towards: the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger; achieving universal primary education; promoting gender equality and empowering women; reducing child mortality; improving maternal health; combating HIV/AIDS and other diseases; ensuring environmental sustainability; and developing a global partnership. In the years since this declaration was signed governments around the world have begun to work towards achieving some of the goals, but not enough has been done, reducing the likelihood that they will be reached in time.

So what should Canada be doing to keep its promise? Goal number

eight states that countries will work to develop a global partnership, this requires wealthier countries to increase and provide more effective aid to developing countries, implement debt relief, and fairer trade rules in advance of 2015. By wealthier countries keeping this promise, poorer countries can better work to achieve the first seven goals by 2015. In order for Canada to do its part and provide effective foreign aid, the government must reach the UN target of giving 0.7% of the national income (GNI) to foreign aid, and enact Bill C-293 to make ending poverty the exclusive goal of Canadian foreign aid. Paying foreign debt to wealthier countries and international organizations such as the World Bank and International

Monetary Fund is a massive burden that developing countries carry. Canada must promote the cancellation of this multilateral debt, thus enabling developing countries to work towards ending poverty and providing much needed public services to their citizens.

So as a citizen of this country or a country that signed the Millennium Declaration, what can you do? Firstly, educate yourself, please visit <http://www.endpoverty2015.org/>. Secondly take action. Contact your local MP and let them know that you want them to enact Bill C-293, and join a local group that works toward the promotion of the MDGs.

THE JOURNAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

IN THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING ON
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 PM

All students are welcome to attend. Students will have the opportunity to speak their mind on the paper's progress.

NEWS

KIMBERLEY DARES
News Editor

Making the Grade in Class

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News Editor

Now that the semester has passed the half way point if there is one class that just is not going as well as planned it isn't too late to salvage a decent grade. There are several ways to improve class marks at this point in the semester. See the professor or teacher's assistant and ask for clarification on things that are not quite making sense. Professors have office hours for a reason, do not hesitate to stop by and ask if there is something that you do not understand. If emailing the professor is easier, be sure they list email as an appropriate way to contact them on the syllabus, and double check what email address they ask correspondence to be sent to. Also when emailing them treat it like you are writing a formal essay, use proper grammar and sentence structure and of course your manners! If class attendance has been a problem do not expect the professor to be particularly sympathetic to your plight. Speaking of class attendance this is a good (and easy!) way to improve class marks. This is most true in classes that offer attendance points, but professors also tend to give hints for assignments or tests in class to help benefit students who come to class

regularly. Showing up the class before an exam rarely offers all of the hints that have been dropped throughout the semester. If there are any opportunities for bonus points take advantage of them. In most psychology classes students can partake in a few psychological studies at Saint Mary's in exchange for up to three bonus marks on the term. The studies are often relatively short and a bonus point or two could make a difference in the final letter grade received. In other classes professors sometimes allow students to re-write assignments if the class average is too low or drop the lowest mark of the semester. Students should make use of these opportunities. Re-write the assignment while putting in the effort required to improve the original mark, or study harder for the remaining tests to ensure it makes a difference when the lowest mark is dropped. If it is not a matter of applying more time and effort to the course, and more a matter of a lack of comprehension of course materials perhaps it is time to look for a tutor. SMUSA has provided students with a great resource to find tutors via, the Tutor Database. The website www.smusa.ca/tdb allows students searching for a tutor to browse through available tutors and find those that would provide the greatest assistance. In addition to browsing a list of fellow students there are also listings of external tutor services that may be of help. Hearing subject mat-

ter explained by someone who is not your professor may be all it takes to make it easy to understand. A different perspective or example might trigger your understanding in a way that the professor is unable to. If becoming a tutor for fellow SMU students sounds like something that would interest you SMUSA has provided some guidelines. In the subject you are interested in tutoring students in you must have at least an A-. Also no more than \$15 an hour can be charged for tutoring services and a twenty minute consultation with interested students must be provided for free. These are just a few ideas to help improve grades, if you have any friends in class (or even if you don't) try and set up a study group if there is a big test coming up or at least exchange email addresses so you can help each other with last minute questions about assignments or tests. When entering these sorts of partnerships it is important to be as helpful as you expect the others to be, provide answers as often as you ask questions. Keep perspective when it comes to homework and assignments or on midterms. Devote less time to work that is worth less of the final grade. Plan ahead and avoid procrastinating whenever possible. The more time a student has between when an assignment is started and when it is due the more time there is to seek extra help if it is required.

Atrium Grand Opening Ceremony

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News Editor

If you were in or around the Atrium last Tuesday you may have noticed a lot of hoopla with CTV cameras present, speeches from university officials and of course the free cookies and beverages! This event was held to celebrate the official grand opening of the Atrium and Global Learning Commons. Although students have been able to sit on those lovely new chairs for a few weeks the ceremony was important in recognizing the significance of the Atrium to campus. The 17.5 million dollar building is providing students and faculty with research and classroom space. The 43,000 square foot building will greatly decrease over-

crowding on campus. The relocation of the Astronomy and Physics department will free up space in McNally that will then be used by other departments to provide more students with research facilities and places for group work. In addition, the new space will provide more options for students looking for a place to sit and read or chat, something campus was in desperate need of. The Atrium is also home to a new 100 seat theatre auditorium in which classes are set to begin in January. It is an aesthetically pleasing building with the largest living wall this side of Toronto. The three story wall contains over 100 species of tropical plants that will serve to keep the air clean and fresh. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University, opened the event and spoke to students, press and community mem-

bers present about the significance of the building's completion and how it is a product of student involvement. Students requested improved communication and technology and that is what the Atrium represents for Saint Mary's. The Honourable Peter MacKay, who is Canada's Minister of National Defence as well as Minister for the Atlantic Gateway also spoke at the event praising the Living Wall and Green Roof design. He also spoke about the ability of the building to benefit Saint Mary's students and the environment and the success of the Canadian Government's investment in the project. The Atrium and Global Learning Commons were funded through donations to the Saint Mary's Hearts and Minds fundraising campaign which raised \$40 --million dollars for development and improvement on campus.

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Co-op staff and academic advisors work with employers and students to ensure all participants gain maximum benefit from the program.

Our website lists additional details including the degree programs which offer co-op and the academic requirements to join the co-op program.

<http://www.smu.ca/coop>

**Deadline to apply to Co-op Education Program is
October 30th Room SC417**

Newsfeed

Obama Declares Swine Flu a National Emergency



H1N1 has claimed over 1,000 lives in the United States and is continuing to spread. As a result President Obama announced on October 24th that the outbreak had become a national emergency. The US Government had hoped to have 120 million vaccines available by now, but so far only 11 million have been made available. The declaration gives the health chief the ability to move hospital ER's to offsite locations to help control the outbreaks and prevent spreading and speed up treatment.

H1N1 Vaccine Arrives in Nova Scotia



Nova Scotia Health Officials are set to start administering the H1N1 vaccine this week. There are 1.4 million doses of the vaccine in the province and they will be given first to those over 65, children under 5, those with chronic conditions and health care professionals. After which they will be available to all Nova Scotians and it is highly encouraged that everyone gets the vaccination. Whether clinics will be held, or if family doctors will be administering the vaccine has not been made public at the time of publication.

Death Toll High In Iraq Bombings



Two car bombs detonated Sunday morning near Iraq Government buildings, including the Justice Ministry, in Baghdad. The death toll climbed to 150 and over 500 people were reported injured in the deadliest suicide bombing in over two years. The attack comes just three months before citizens are supposed to vote in a national election. Violence is expected to increase as the election date nears. The explosions were not far from the 'Green Zone' which is home to the Prime Minister's office as well as the US embassy. x

N.S. Bishop Alleged to have 100's of Pornographic Images of Children



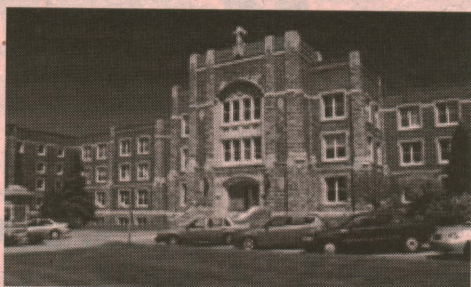
Raymond Lahey, 69, the former Bishop of Antigonish who left the position last month is alleged to have stored hundreds of pornographic images of children on his personal computer. Over 900 files were found by police in a computer folder titled "downloads", it has not been specified how many of the images depict children in sexually compromising situations. In addition to his personal laptop several other computers Lahey had access to have been seized and checked by police. He is due in court again on November 4th.

The Globe and Mail Releases Results of Canadian University Survey

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The Globe and Mail recently surveyed over 38,000 undergraduate students at over 53 institutions in Canada, the results of which were published last week. It describes Halifax as the "Ultimate College Town." It earns this title for being "a large city with a small city feel as well as home to top class universities and fine drinking establishments." The rankings separate universities by number of students, and a letter grade is applied to each. This article will focus on the rankings of the five major Nova Scotian universities. Saint Mary's, Dalhousie, Mount Saint Vincent and St. Francis Xavier all were ranked as small universities with between 4,000 and 12,000 students. In overall satisfaction Saint Mary's and Dalhousie earned B+'s, while St.FX students gave their school an A and MSVU students gave theirs an A-. When asked about the overall quality of education, St.FX again placed highest with an A+; DAL, MSVU and SMU all received A-. Acadia ranks in a separate category as it has fewer than 4,000 students. Also, results used in Acadia's calculations were from 2008 as not enough information was provided from students this year. In overall satisfaction Acadia got an A- and in overall

quality of education it received an A. In student faculty interaction, MSVU, St.FX and Acadia received A's while SMU received a B+ and DAL got the lowest ranking with a B. The Mount came out on top in NS for teaching with an A; St.FX and Acadia received A-. DAL and SMU received B+'s. In recreation and athletics SMU bested the other Nova Scotian schools



with a B+, St.FX a B, DAL and Acadia had B-'s, and the Mount a C+. Saint Mary's and Acadia both received B+'s in buildings and facilities. St.FX was given a B, DAL and MSVU a B-. Acadia ranked highest in the Nova Scotian school category in student satisfaction with residence life with an A-, DAL came in second with a B, St.FX had a B- and MSVU and Saint Mary's were given C's. The Mount, SMU and DAL all tied for satisfaction with library services earning B+'s, St.FX received a B and Acadia an A-. When ranking academic reputation, SMU and the Mount came in below the others with B's. DAL, St.FX and

Acadia earned A-'s. In environmental commitment SMU's B- was bested only by Acadia with an A-. Dalhousie, St.FX and MSVU received C's. In food services it appears students across Canada are dissatisfied with on-campus food. In the 53 ranked schools only two received A's in the category, the University of Guelph and the King's University College of Edmonton. St.FX and SMU received C-'s while DAL, MSVU and Acadia got D's. In the ease of course registration category, Acadia, MSVU and St.FX students reported the most satisfaction with B+'s, while DAL and SMU received B's. DAL, Acadia and St.FX were most satisfied with course selection and availability giving their schools B's, Saint Mary's and the Mount received B-'s.

How did the schools fare overall? Acadia came out as the best Nova Scotian school with eleven A's, and 1 D. St. Francis Xavier had 8 A's and 2 C's; Mount Saint Vincent had 5 A's matched by 4 C's and a D. SMU beat Dalhousie with 3 A's to their 2 and only one C whereas DAL had a C and a D. The rankings of the forty-eight Canadian schools not mentioned here can be found online at <http://www.globecampus.ca/in-the-news/article/your-guide-to-canadian-universities/#>. If you want the chance to have your voice heard be sure to fill out the Globe's questionnaire when it lands in your email inbox this year.

Be Fire Safe

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News Editor

In elementary school everyone learns the "stop, drop and roll" routine in case of a fire, schools hold many fire drills and teachers encourage their students to make and practice a fire escape plan at home. Fire safety and prevention doesn't get less important with age. Living in an apartment away from home offers a lot of freedom, but also a lot of responsibility. If one hasn't been provided in your apartment take the time to come up with a fire escape route. Sit down with your roommates over coffee or pizza and come up with an evacuation plan in case of a fire; have at least two ways out of the building. Also take a trip to Wal-Mart or Canadian Tire and buy a fire extinguisher to keep in a central and accessible location. They are inexpensive and available in a variety of sizes.

Testing the batteries in all smoke detectors frequently is also an important part of fire safety. Officials recommend testing them at least once a month and replacing the batteries when changing the clocks for daylight savings time. Keep detectors free of cobwebs and dust and don't cover them with anything that may hinder effectiveness.

Lighting candles may seem like a nice touch to a romantic evening, or a great way to de-stress after a brutal mid-term but it is important to use them safely. Place lit candles on solid surfaces where there is little risk of them being knocked to the floor and away from curtains and blankets. Extinguish them when leaving a room or going out for the night. Battery operated or rechargeable candles are a good alternative, they provide the same atmosphere without the danger, and are economically friendly as they can be used more than once. The designs are improving and the

electric candles now come in a variety of colours and styles and are made to be realistic, some are wax coated or have flickering lights.

To prevent an electrical fire unplug unnecessary appliances (toasters, kettles, hair dryers, curling irons, etc.) when not in use. Also avoid overloading outlets, and check appliance cords for cracking or disintegration. Checking for damage to the cord is particularly important for cords taped against walls or fed under rugs or carpet.

When doing laundry always clean the lint trap out before and after use to prevent creating a fire trap.

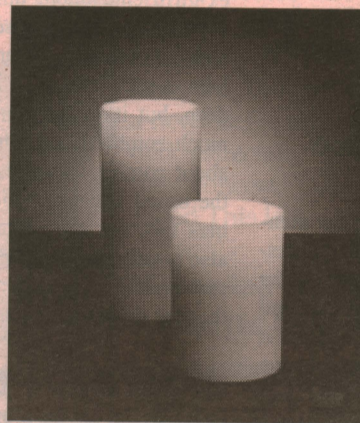
When cooking be sure to keep pot handles turned in, don't have textbooks open near hot burners, and never put tinfoil inside the microwave. When you are done cooking be sure to shut the oven or burners off. If the oven or microwave catches on fire, turn it off and leave the door closed. If the fire goes out, call a qualified person to inspect it before further usage. If it does not go out once it is shut off, evacuate and call fire authorities.

Keep cooking areas free of debris as it may seem harmless but should a kitchen fire occur debris such as spilt cooking oil on the counter could help it spread faster. Also avoid allowing garbage or cardboard boxes to collect on the kitchen floor.

The cold weather of winter is approaching, to prevent a heater related fire avoid placing paper,

plastic, blankets or other bedding close to space heaters. If using an electric blanket ensure it is plugged into a grounded outlet and that the power control unit is functioning properly and gives an accurate reading of the temperature. Also check the heating coils in electric blankets for damage before usage.

Fire safety is something to be conscious of all the time. Use common sense when cooking or using candles. When at the mall, the movies or a friend's place make a mental note of where all the exits are. It may seem excessive but these precautions take seconds to do and could potentially protect your property or save your



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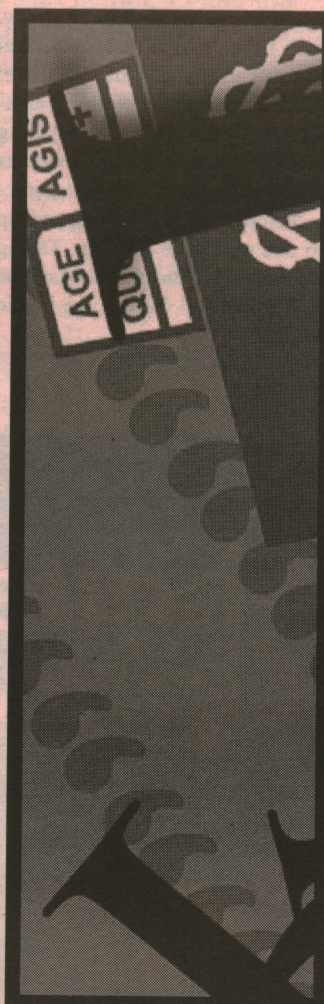
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5 Zombie Movies to Put You in the Halloween Mood

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The zombie apocalypse genre has gained immense popularity in the last decade or so. Movies, video games, books, pop culture, and even classical literature (2009's *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, by Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith) have shown an increased zombie presence. With good reason: it's mindless killing. People love mindless killing. Who doesn't love mindless killing from time to time? Yes, yes, one can examine the consumeristic overtones and social commentary until one is blue in the face, but for the most part people just want to see something get torn apart or decapitated. Here's a few of the best in the zombie apocalypse genre.

1. Dawn of the Dead

It would be pure lunacy to not mention George A. Romero's quintessential zombie trilogy, *Night of the Living Dead*, *Dawn of the Dead*, and *Day of the Dead*, so let's address it first. It's hotly debated which one is better, but not many claim that any of them are bad. 1978's *Dawn* seems to be most people's favourites, though, so that's what we're going to talk about. George A. Romero's films are remarkable in that it depicts what would happen if we lost the war against zombies. Most zombie films before and since have shown what would happen if there were a zombie outbreak and how we would defeat hordes of them before declaring victory. In these films, humanity ultimately fails, more or less. Humanity is utterly isolated from each other. Communications have completely disintegrated. The last few small bands of people fight for their lives in secluded areas. And damn is it entertaining.

2. Zombieland

Hopefully you've seen this by now. If you haven't, skip class and head down to Park Lane right now (note: do NOT skip class). Nothing amazing about the plot, but everything else is pure gold. The zombie effects the kills, the characters, the character chemistry, all of it wrapped up into one neat little package. Taking cues from Max Brooks' books (*The Zombie Survival Guide*), the movie

introduces a number of rules to live by if you want to survive the zombie apocalypse, but in a humorous and entertaining way. The movie also includes an amazing cameo which I refuse to spoil for you here. Oh, and be sure to stay after the credits.

3. Shaun of the Dead

In the realm of zombie comedies, *Shaun of the Dead* may be the grand-daddy of them all. A comedy (romantic comedy, at that!) first and zombie movie second, 2004's *Shaun of the Dead* was, as far as I can tell, the first movie to use a cricket bat as an effective means of zombie massacre. Simon Pegg plays a man trying to patch things up with his ex-girlfriend, among other issues. In the midst of that, he also has to deal with an outbreak of zombies. Mayhem ensues. Okay, so it's not very deep, but it's very funny, and very much zombie-filled. The best thing about zombie comedies is not only the brutal ways in which the zombies take out the protagonists, but also creative ways in which the characters kill their undead foes, and this one definitely has a few classics.

4. 28 Days Later

Releasing at the cusp of the modern "zombie apocalypse" media movement, 2002's *28 Days Later* was among the first to popularize the notion of a virus causing people to reanimate. It seems that people these days can no longer just accept things at face value; they have to know why. Which I don't have a problem with. We're all university students here, so we're all intimately familiar with the topic. *28 Days Later* is also remarkable for being more character-driven, rather than action-oriented.

5. Fido

Unfortunately, a lot of people missed this one. Canadian-made, 2006's *Fido* is set in a world where radiation from space (*Night of the Living Dead* reference) has turned the dead into zombies. A corporation called Zomcon has developed a special collar that curbs their cannibalistic appetite and turns them into mindless slaves. Housewife Helen Robinson (played by Carrie-Anne Moss) buys a zombie for their family, whom her son affectionately names Fido. That's all you get. Go watch it. It's good.

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The 2009 Halifax Pop Explosion

JORSH GARDY
Writer

The 2009 Halifax Pop Explosion (HPX) eased into things this year starting with just two shows at the Paragon and Gus's Pub. Unfortunately I was unable to make it to the first few nights on account of school ruining everything that has to do with fun. Luckily by Friday I was free to enjoy the rest of the festival. I hopped on my bicycle; rode downtown to my private garage hidden underneath the King of Donair, put on the lock and strolled into the Coconut Grove. The night began with the catchy moody anthems from Smothered in Hugs. Following that was another band from Charlottetown, PEI, called The Danks. For those who miss The Strokes, this is the band to fill the void. After the NY style rock from The Danks, Mardeen took the stage; a Halifax band consisting of three guitar-playing cousins from Cape Breton and a gentleman named Jason Burns, who does a fine job holding down the fort. Just after 1, Two Hours Traffic began the set with some polished oo's

and ah's. The bands last two albums have been produced by Joel Plaskett (who was at the show and chatted to me about the best place to get a burger in town). All in all it was a successful night filled with catchy hooks, poppy melodies, and pretty little ditties. The tricky thing about the HPX is it forces you to make decisions. With over 138 bands, it's tough to make it to every show. Saturday night I did my best to hop around to as many spots as I could with my line-skipping pass. I decided to start the night at St. Matthew's Church to see a band called Timber Timbre open for a gal named Jenn Grant. I stepped into a dimly red-lit church with three dark figures holding a violin, a Gibson, and some unknown haunting effects machine. Taylor Kirk's harrowing eerie voice had the crowd in a state of cabin fever – the best type of cabin fever. After the creepy isolation stir of Timber Timbre, Jenn Grant and her band took the stage to brighten up the mood. After handing out candy to the entire crowd, the band began with the echo of "Blue Mountains" a tune she wrote out west during a Canadian tour. After hearing goofy stories about

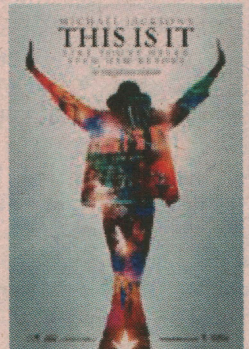
"mouses in the house" and songs about Chocolate Lake, I made my way back to the Coconut Grove to check out Olenka and the Autumn Lovers and a bit of the Great Bloomers. The eastern European style folks of O&AL made you feel like you were dancing in Minsk and bordered some almost Modest Mouse sporadic. After the set, I had a chance to talk to Blair, the guitarist, who told me all about his newly acquired leather vest (with full eagle flying mountain scene back) and his passion for cowboy boots. I ended the night at the Seahorse to catch Attack in Black play a quick set. A modern Neil Young and Ramones hybrid, the band had the crowd head bobbing from the beginning to the last note of raunchy guitar solos. The 17th anniversary of the HPX seems to have been another success and continues to make a name for itself as the biggest music festivals of its kind in Canada. Thanks to those at The Journal for hooking me up with a week pass so I could see these musicians play. Also, I don't really have a hidden private garage for my bike; I hid it in a bush by the Memorial Public Library. Also, be sure to check out the bands on MySpace!



BITE SIZE ENTERTAINMENT

This Is It

A documentary about the late Michael Jackson's planned concert series, called This Is It, releases this Wednesday for a two-week limited run. The film includes footage from rehearsals and obligatory behind-the-scenes footage (though rehearsals could be considered "behind-the-scenes" as well). This isn't a posthumous cash-in; this film was planned from the get-go. Obviously there was originally supposed to be actual concert footage as well, but I guess his doctor incidentally saw to it that that wouldn't happen. Also releasing this week is a posthumous album of the same name. Largely a compilation album, the 2-disc set will include a disc of original album masters along with a second disc of previously-unreleased masters from the film, with a new single recorded especially for the concert, also called This Is It.



Veronica MacIsaac Headlining Atlantic Fashion Week show



Local fashion designer Veronica MacIsaac will be headlining her own show at this year's Atlantic Fashion Week. Veronica will be showing off her latest designs: a fusion of Nova Scotia culture, Celtic heritage and modern fashion. Sewing by the age of four, Veronica started making kilts 20 years ago; her parents run the critically-acclaimed MacIsaac Kiltmakers. Her Spring/Summer collection will be modeled at the Olympic Center this Thursday, the 29th. Atlantic Fashion week is an annual event where local fashion designers can model their work. This year is runs from October 26th to 30th. For more information visit <http://www.atlanticfashionweek.com/>.

Two More Hero Games

Activision, in their usual tendency to run a good franchise into the ground with far too many releases and expensive peripherals, is releasing two more music rhythm Hero titles this week. DJ Hero, releasing this week for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, Wii, and PlayStation 2 is played with a special turntable controller that features a rotatable turntable with three buttons, a crossfader, effects dial and Euphoria button (to activate this game's version of Star Power, from the Guitar Hero games). The game features mixes and likenesses of Daft Punk, among others. Next week sees the release of Band Hero, basically a more family-oriented pop music version of Guitar Hero. It's being released for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, Wii, PlayStation 2, as well as a portable version for the DS, packaged with a special "drum skin" for the system.

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FEATURES

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The Bastid Returns

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Halloween is a long-awaited night here in Halifax. It is a night of secret identities mixed with the thrill of spontaneity; a night when people dress up and party carefree. If you're not sure of what you're doing this Halloween, you don't have to look far because Underdog Productions is bringing you "Halloween 09", the largest costume party since 1990, this Saturday at the Cunard Theatre. Not only is it poised to be one of the largest Halloween parties in Halifax but the promotion company has scheduled an incredible line up of some of Halifax's top DJs that will be headlined by well-known DJ Jazzy Jeff. However, even though many fans will go out to party, have fun and socialize, all eyes will be on hometown favorite Skratch Bastid. He has become one of Canada's most in-demand DJs and is a respected producer who has toured the United States and Europe. Fortunately the Journal was able to take a few minutes out of his busy schedule to squeeze in a solid interview.

When I spoke to the Bastid, I was impressed to find out how easy-going he was. His positive personality could be felt through the phone and it was obvious that he had high expectations for the upcoming holiday. If you're not familiar with DJ Skratch Bastid you may be glad to hear that the one thing that he is proud of is that he is a native Haligonian. The Bastid grew up in Bedford, and is thrilled to come back to his home town to see friends, family, and play alongside one of his biggest inspirations growing up. Along with other disk jockeys such as DJ Cash Money, Skratch Bastid grew up listening to pioneers like Jazzy Jeff which basically explains his musical influence and style. He started out at the young age of 15, honing his skills for a year and eventually got into local DJ battles by 16. Being exposed to this atmosphere helped him to appreciate music even more so he

kept pursuing new goals and eventually moved to Montreal to broaden his horizons. He has then shared the stage with legends such as Ludacris, Nas, and Ice-T all the while playing an estimated 200 shows a year. Talk about busy! Not only is he a hard worker but his technical skills are guaranteed to leave a lasting impression. Skratch Bastid said that his main goal was to keep experiencing new things and never to be comfortable in one atmosphere. He not only practices a lot but also travels and embraces his slight Caribbean background by performing reggae and dancehall mixes in places like Toronto and even

Bermuda. In his words the task of a real DJ is to be able to relate to any audience by changing with the different atmospheres of people that he meets. This diversity helps him to mature and also grow as an entertainer. In today's world, people know so much about music that because of the media and the internet it is easier for him to experiment and mix his music. For example, not only does he have to play new music heard on the radio every day, but he can sample more classical tracks and mix them with Today's Top 40 to create his own style. It is this style, he said, that sets him apart from other DJs. From our conversation, we spoke about many

things including his collection of vinyl records to the release of the brand new game DJ Hero. It was obvious that he is a man who really appreciates his music and has a genuine love for the job. Skratch Bastid told me he is well prepared for this weekend having a few new tricks and surprises for the audience. He has performed with DJ Jazzy Jeff before so there they are both comfortable with each other's style and both are very excited to be coming to Halifax. If you are interested in seeing more of what Skratch Bastid has to offer you can view his website at www.skratchbastid.com or you can add him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/skratchbastid.



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Evaluating Sally

Sally, the Saint Mary's professor we met last week, faced four major evaluations during her career, in addition to the evaluation she underwent before she was hired. Four times she compiled a dossier and made that dossier available to her department, to her Dean, to a committee, to the Vice-President Academic, and to the President of Saint Mary's.

The criteria by which departments, committees, and officers of the university evaluate professors who apply for tenure or promotion are quality of research, quality of teaching, and quality of service. Sally sought in each dossier she submitted to make the case that she meets at least minimal standards in all three areas and that she really shines in at least one of the first two.

So what, then, makes for good research, good teaching, and good service? How do evaluations in these three areas contribute to the determination that the professor merits or doesn't

merit tenure or promotion?

Good research is investigation or thought that expands our understanding of the world or some aspect of it. Has the intellectual work of the candidate advanced our understanding? Has the candidate proposed interesting ideas and theses, and shown them to be plausible? To answer these questions, evaluators examine the papers or books the candidate has written to discover the depth, breadth, and rigour of the professor's contribution to the search for truth.

The quality of the research is what matters most, but both quantity and availability are also relevant, at least a little bit. Quantity matters only because the university wants its professors to continue to do good research, to continue to contribute to understanding. It's not enough that the candidate once did interesting work. Availability has to do with whether the world is hearing about the candidate's research, whether that research is being published or, at least, whether the candidate is presenting it to his or her peers at conferences or in other ways. Good work should be out for all to see, not sequestered in an office computer.

Quality is what most matters, but quantity and availability are easier to track. A practical problem all universities face is making sure the evaluation of a professor's research does not deteriorate into counting her publications or gauging the prestige of the journals in which they appeared. As with many problems intrinsic to an endeavour, rules cannot succeed in keeping

evaluators on track when good will and commitment to quality for its own sake are lacking.

Good university teaching is teaching that enables students to become good researchers themselves. It is teaching that brings students into the community of intellectuals by developing in them the skills and attitudes characteristic of intellectuals. Good teaching comes in all shapes, colours, and flavours. Now certainly often enough we can tell good bananas from bad bananas and good apples from bad apples. But we ought to have room for both apples and bananas—for good ones of both, that is. I would like Saint Mary's to be a fruit basket of teaching, not an apple cart, but the tendency here, and elsewhere, is toward standard methods and outcomes.

To evaluate a professor's teaching properly, one needs to discover whether that teacher's students are indeed becoming good researchers themselves. Evidence of this can be hard to find or interpret. Moreover, some professors will do a great job with a mere few students, those attuned to her style and concerns, and a bad job with all the rest, while other professors will do a fair job with most students. (It's a rare teacher who does well with all her charges.) We should be pleased to rate good a teacher who leads just a few students to insight, and not to prefer another simply on the ground that he appeals to students widely.

There's little reason to think that the course and teaching evaluation forms students complete at the end of their courses tell us much we can use to evaluate teaching as teaching. Happily, the Collective Agreement here at Saint Mary's instructs evaluators to use student evaluations

as only one piece of evidence. (Some forms, our own ICE form, for instance, are especially pernicious in that they press toward standardization in teaching.)

Service includes service to the university, to the discipline, to intellectual life generally, and to the community. A professor serves the university when she sits on a Senate committee, say, or acts as the graduate coordinator in her department. A professor serves the discipline when she helps to organize a conference or referees a paper. She serves intellectual life generally when she assists a parliamentary committee examining tuition fees or explains research in her field to a general audience. She serves the community when she advises an interest group or sits on the board of a museum.

Sally, the recently hired Saint Mary's professor who will go on to have a successful, fulfilling career, did well on her four major evaluations mainly on the strength of her research. Sally was a good teacher, though sometimes one or another evaluator would wrongly take the so-so averages on her teaching evaluations to indicate otherwise. Sally dutifully took her turn as chair of her department, though no one would praise her as an effective administrator, and she was notorious for begging off on committee work. It was, overall, her research that gained her her success.

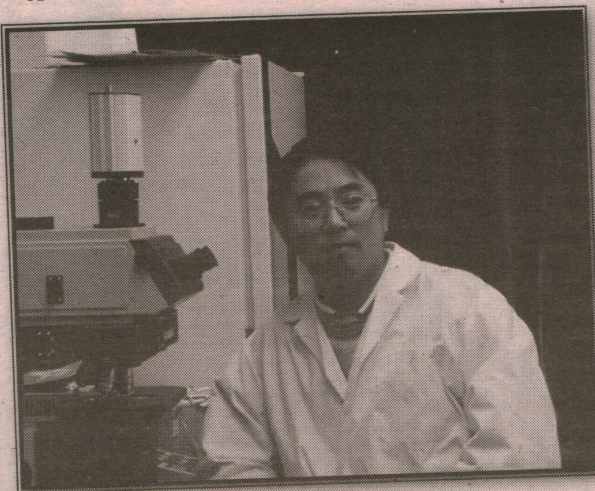
That is as it should be, I think. Research, teaching, and service is each important, but important in that order—though, I hasten to add, the nature of university teaching makes it hard to imagine either a good teacher who neglects research or a good researcher who is a bad teacher.

Know your Prof: Zhongmin Dong

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Everyone knows that Saint Mary's University is an organization that excels in the Business department. However many people are unaware that SMU also has an outstanding Science department. This week the Journal has decided to take a look at a non business faculty member who happens to be very influential to most science students. The greater percentage of students here major in business programs while also having business courses as electives as while because they feel its beneficial to them in the long run. In fact there is a large amount who have never even entered the science building, myself included, and I was very surprised on the condition because the science building has seen some very nice renovations recently. Well this week Features sat down with Dr. Zhongmin Dong, to discuss courses offered by the science department and future research within the science field. Dr. Dong is an associate professor here at Saint Mary's University and teaches quite a few different courses but mainly focuses in cell biology and everything related to plant studies. He also teaches first year biology for non-science and science students with an estimated 200 students in each class. When I asked him what a first year science student should register for he suggests that they take biology, chemistry, and physics because each course supports the other. A person specializing in biology studies would also need to know how to apply chemistry background. Science helps us to understand ourselves and our environment. Dr. Dong is from mainland China, and has devoted plenty of studies to achieve his expertise. He received his PhD from Carlton University

in Ottawa along with finishing his post doc. at Queen's University. In his view science is the degree of thinking to figure out changing problems in the world today. Science is not simply memorizing facts but learning different processes and using those facts. It is an ever changing process and can be seen in the many papers that are published each day. He even noted that what he has learnt and taught in the past has changed so dramatically over time that it would have a huge difference compared to the present and



not to mention the future. Dr. Dong said that his job is not to teach science but to teach students to be scientists. At the beginning of each lecture he takes five minutes to discuss papers that are published that he finds to be of interest and are linked to what he teaches. 'Learning is a lifelong learning process; at the university we are taught how to learn, study, and how to apply those skills further in life.' His lectures aren't based on taking notes and reading from a text book. Instead, after the first year, Dr. Dong switches roles with students making them undertake major research and produce to the class what they have learnt. This allows growth internally in the students and addresses many topics open to discussion. How to think and be critical is the bases of being a scientist and thus should be able to ask questions then determine a logical answer.

His examinations also reflect this teaching because his multiple choice questions demand application of knowledge based on what you learnt not on memorization of details. One of the most impressive aspects of the science department is that they are allowed to go on field courses back to China and other countries during the summer for a few weeks. Dr. Dong along with 15-20 students travels every other year to study biology, ecology and even the study of whales. He says the idea is for students to not only be familiar with Canada but also open their eyes to the world. Along with educational trips during the summer, Dr. Dong sets up research funding for undergrads and pays them a salary close to ten dollars an hour. Students are then fortunate enough to be able to study and learn while at the same time supporting themselves. This not only motivates the students but forces them to apply knowledge, not just in theory but actuality. He realizes that Saint Mary's University is a business dominated school but his recommendation for students is even if you are in business, is to consider taking a science course such as chemistry, physics, or biology. This allows you to be a well rounded individual, because it trains you to think. Technology presently is changing so quickly and we have to make a lot of knowledgeable judgments that we as humans must think about. For example cloning, animal to human transplants or even same sex reproduction. These are questions that are asked each day and we as 'scientists' have to determine the ethical response but most often the valuable aspect of our actions. If you are interested in Dr Zhongmin Dong's views and his teachings he can be reached through the Saint Mary's University website under the faculty department, in the science building room 108, or you can email him at Zhongmin.dong@smu.ca.

Feministory: Angela Davis, Righteous Lady

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The past few weeks I've been telling you about important women who were unfamiliar to me; and perhaps to you as well. This week, in the last instalment of Feministory, I'm being totally self-indulgent and telling you about one of my favourite feminists, Angela Davis.

Davis was born in 1944 in Birmingham, Alabama. She grew up in a part of town that was formerly all white, but more and more Black families had moved in during the late forties. The area was frequently bombed, so much so that the Black section became known as Dynamite Hill. Racism infected every aspect of Davis' life. Segregation didn't just mean separate washrooms; it also meant that Black children couldn't go to amusement parks, which is something Davis writes about poignantly in her autobiography.

Davis was a voracious reader and academically inclined. In 1959 she had the opportunity to attend high school in New York City. It was here that she first read The Communist Manifesto, and, in her words, it "hit her like a bolt of lightning." She was beginning to understand the ways in which racism, sexism, and classism impacted on each other, an insight she would draw upon as an adult. She attended Brandeis University where she studied French and philosophy. She spent time in Europe, and in 1963 while in Paris, she reads about the church bombing in Birmingham that killed four girls. This event had a profound effect on Davis, because


she knew the victims. She understood that the act was not a result of personal pathology, but rather a normal product of the culture.

When she was in the classroom, she studied with Herbert Marcuse and Theodor Adorno. Outside of school, she was active in the Black Panther Party and the Communist Party. She was also a prisoner's rights activist. In 1970, she became affiliated with George Jackson, a prisoner and Black Panther who had been accused of murdering a prison guard. In 1971, Jackson was killed in prison because he was carrying a gun, and officials argued he was trying to escape. Davis was accused of smuggling the gun into prison. She was added to the FBI's Most Wanted List, arrested, and sent to jail to await trial, which gave her a first-hand view of the deplorable state of American prisons. Her trial was a media spectacle, and friends and supporters started a 'Free Angela' campaign. In 1972 she was acquitted of all charges. She began to teach at various California universities, much to the chagrin of Governor Ronald Reagan, who disliked her Communist Party affiliation. Davis was the Communist Party's vice-presidential candidate in 1980 and 1984. Davis is no longer a communist, but does not sing the praises of capitalism, either. She teaches at UC Santa Cruz and has written about sex, race, class, women blues singers, and prison abolition. Angela Davis is proof that you can mix passionate politics with scholarship.

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WHO IS THE STRONGEST OF THEM ALL?

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Rogers Wireless is. The technology giant has launched a new technology: TV Call Display, which allows customers to control their phone using the TV remote. Eighteen months into development, customers as well as employees have tested the new product. Did anyone here in Haliwood test this product? This is the first I've heard of this. I guess I didn't receive the golden ticket in the mail to be one of the test bunnies. The huge feature of this product will probably be the downfall of society: technology invented because we do not want to move out of the reclining chair. Yes, customers who are watching TV are so relaxed that they do not want to get up off the couch and answer the phone.

My question is how do you answer the phone with the remote? There is a catch to this convenient way of not wanting to move: you have to be a Rogers customer and subscribe to both Rogers digital TV and Rogers

Home Phone service. How does this work? When you're watching that football game or reality TV show a banner will pop up on the TV screen to indicate a call waiting. If it's a call you want to ignore, i.e. your well-wishing mother-in-law, you can send the call straight to voicemail using a button on the TV remote. If you despise pop up banners like I do, you can disable it by selecting snooze, which will allow the phone to ring and you can pretend that you're not at home.

Channel 975 is the home channel for managing calls, viewing a log of recent calls, and customizing features, i.e. adjusting snooze/alarm times, changing how long the pop-up banner appears or turning on the "new voicemail" notification pop-up. Ian Pattinson, the vice-president of Product Development at Rogers, is a big fan of Channel 975, and so should you! With this cutting-edge technology, we're closer than ever to saying good-bye to the answering machine as the television remote is doing the job for you.

THE CHOO CHOO TRAIN OF METRO TRANSIT

MONIQUE JOHNSON
Business & Science Editor

The Halifax Council is exploring new ways to improve local Metro transportation. Currently Metro Transit has 20 million trips per year. This is expected to increase to 23 million by 2014. It is noted that some of the changes will be controversial. In order to improve transit, some sections of Barrington and Spring Garden Road will be closed to local passengers and will only be used exclusively by Metro Transit buses. Just to inform everyone, I suggested this to a few of my close pals last year because during rush hour it takes at least 10 minutes to get from Dairy Queen on



Spring Garden Road to the BellAliant building on the corner of Barrington Street. When you add personal vehicles to the flavor of delivery trucks, with a splash of pedestrians and mix in the tonic of Metro Transit buses, you get a very strong drink of road rage and angry commuters.

-For new routes and upgrades, money needs to be raised. And who will be picking up the tab? You guessed it... you the taxpayers. The popular transit folks are requesting that parking fees increase, a required registration fee be imposed on local area residents and a portion of the bridge toll be diverted. Maybe we can send them a nice carved pumpkin for their troubles that can be placed in the headquarters.

MEET YOUR 2010 GRAD CLASS EXECUTIVE

CHERYL MACDONALD
Grad Class President

The graduation applications are in, midterms are underway, and the semester is moving at full speed. If you're able to take a breath, now is a good time to get to know your grad class executive and see what we have on the schedule for your final year at SMU. Although we're all busy, we've begun to get the ball rolling on grad events and have some important information for potential grads. Before telling you more about that, here's a look at who is at the helm of the 2010 Grad Class Society.

President:

Cheryl MacDonald
(Honours Sociology)
Hometown: Moncton, NB
Likes: Happy Meals, hockey, shopping, anything zebra print
Dislikes: Taking out the organic garbage, arrogance, poor spelling

Vice President:

Sally Smith
(English)
Hometown: Ammon, NB
Likes: Using over-exuberant words & hand gestures, Chai Lattes, 80's music and sappy movies
Dislikes: Words used out of context, multiple choice tests and seafood

Treasurer:

Lesley Taylor
(Biology)
Hometown: Halifax, NS
Likes: Sailing, snow, surfing

Dislikes: spiders, horror movies

Secretary:

Cassandra Hawco
(Honours Chemistry & Psychology)
Hometown: Corner Brook, NL
Likes: Hockey, football, cupcakes and flowers
Dislikes: Being late, lying and doing dishes

If you're graduating this school year, we're the people you need to know. Our job is to organize grad events and give you any information you might need about Graduation Week. We hosted an Anything But Clothes Party at the Gorsebrook Lounge last week and are in the midst of planning a November event as well. Other events in the works include the Maroon & White Ball, more Gorsebrook Theme Nights, Graduation itself, and a Grad Trip at the end of the year. Graduation is set for May 21st, 2010, so mark your calendars! If you have any questions regarding your grad year, track us down on campus, join the Facebook Group "Saint Mary's University Class of 2010" (this will be information central), or e-mail us at smugradclass2010@hotmail.com. We also welcome your involvement in hosting events and fundraising for the Maroon & White Ball. We look forward to meeting you and incorporating your thoughts and ideas into this grad year.

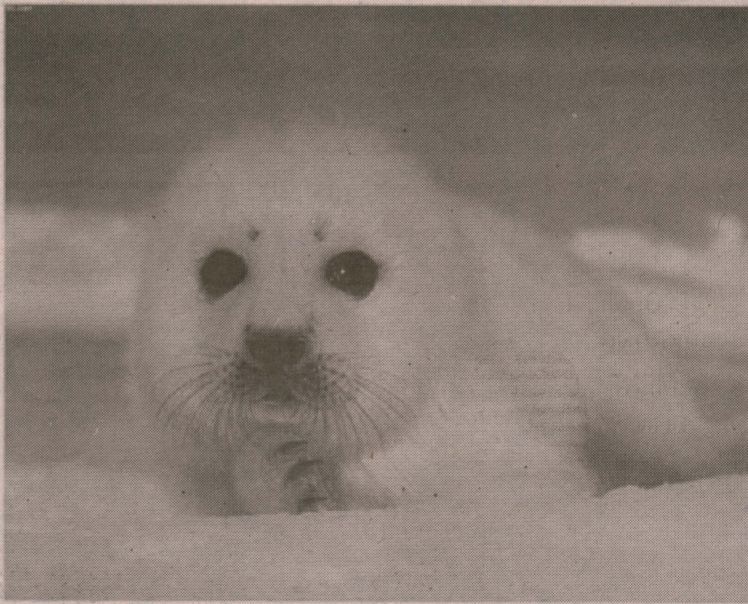
PLAYMATE VOUCHES FOR THE SEALS, BUT DENOUNCES CANADA

MONIQUE JOHNSON
Business & Science Editor

Pamela Anderson is not happy to be a Canadian because of its annual seal hunt. She is embarrassed at the practice of seal clobbering. Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, does not share Anderson's opinions and suggests that Anderson spend some time with the Maritimers to understand the practice and its importance. Anderson graced Toronto with her presence to promote her animal-free clothing line, which is part of fashion week. Other celebrities who stand against this practice are Perez Hilton (gossip diva) and Kelly Osbourne (one-hit-wonder). Both are devoted followers of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) campaign. PETA is planning

to run many advertisements around the world to pressure the government to halt the annual seal hunt.

This tradition has a huge impact on the economy here on the East Coast. The list of nay-sayers has reached as far as the President of the United States, Barack Obama. Paul McCartney (musician), Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and the Dalai Lama are all against the hunt. Some Canadian politicians say the hunt provides a huge economic boost, so it is an asset. PETA begs to differ in regard to the traditional aboriginal hunt versus the East Coast commercial hunt. Governor General Michaëlle Jean helped to carve a seal and ate a portion of its heart in her efforts to support the traditional aboriginal hunt. Both oppositions offer a convincing argument, but how do we get to the bottom of who is right or wrong?



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**NEWS SAAVY
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**NOVA SCOTIA HAS
SECOND HIGHEST
TUITION**

Tuition has dropped 3.1 percent for undergraduates enrolled in full-time studies. This converts to a decrease of \$236 for the 2009-10 academic year. This is great news because Nova Scotia has been at the top of the list for a few years. Universities in Ontario hold the tuition torch now. Their fees increase by five percent this year. Quebec undergrads have the lowest fees in Canada to date with an average of \$2,272 per year. We can thank our three-year tuition freeze announced in March of 2008.

**EASTLINK VS.
GARLIC FARMER**

An organ garlic farmer in Victoria Harbour is concerned that the Eastlink Tower will irradiate his crop. The Kings County municipal council voted against the Internet tower, but Eastlink ap-

pealed the decision to Industry Canada and won the battle. The bright side is that the local residents will have high-speed Internet instead of dial-up. The toss up between highly seasoned food and faster Internet is definitely up for discussion in Victoria Harbour.

JUST KEEP SWIMMING, JUST KEEP SWIMMING

Close to 40,000 Atlantic salmon have escaped British Columbia fish farm at Port Elizabeth. Divers found a hole in one of the nets in two of the pens at the farm. The fish farm is working on securing the fish and patching up the holes. Apparently salmon grown in a farm can spread diseases and sea lice to wild salmon due to the farmed salmon living in close proximity of each other. Fisheries Canada is not certain as to how this will affect the fishery ecosystem off the coast of British Columbia.

MONOPOLIZING ON THE TWEETS!

MONIQUE JOHNSON
Business & Science Editor

Twitter is jumping into bed with Microsoft and Google. This will heighten society's growing concern with knowing details of what's on everyone's mind as well as keeping up to date with breaking news Twitter style. Microsoft's new Bing and Google are huge rivals in the search engine business. Microsoft is definitely doing its best to make sure that its search engine does not become the step-child of search engines. By the way, is the Lycos search engine still up and running? What about Fido? Jeeves? These are a few of the search engines that have graced us with a short life span like a one-hit-wonder. Does "Who Let the Dogs Out" ring a bell?

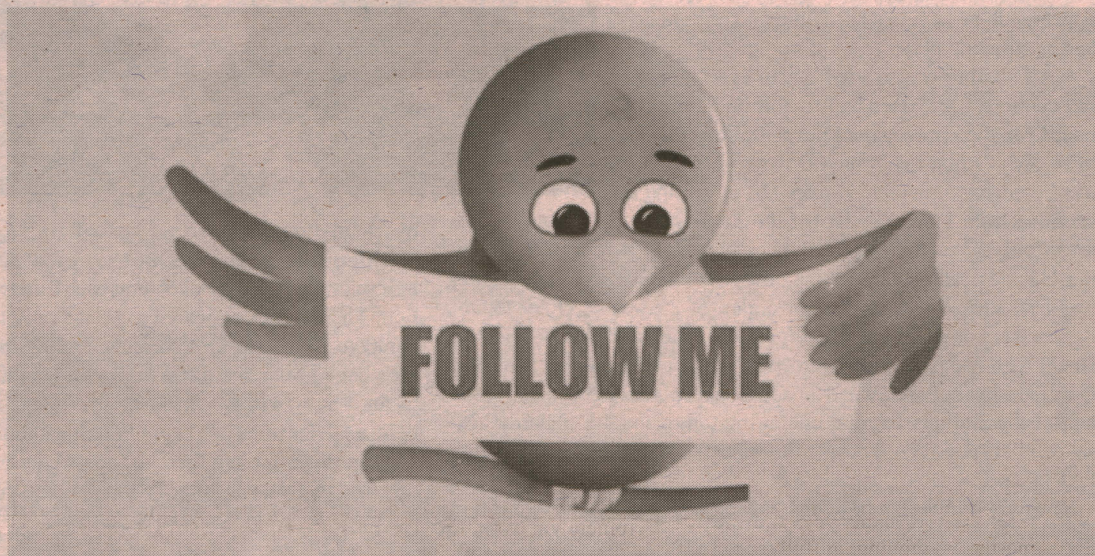
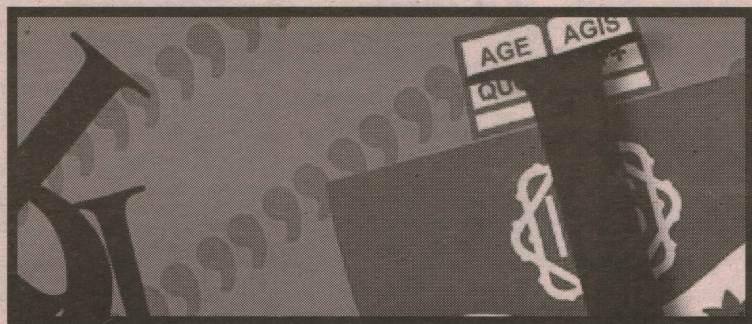
Both technology giants announced within a three hour span that Twitter is the new hot blonde in town and they both have her hand in marriage... awkward, but true. If you were to type a word or phrase into

the Google or Bing search engine your tweet will show up among the millions of results. When you type your 140 characters about whether you should choose the little black dress or rant about your partner's bedside manner, your tweet will be sold for the world to Google or Bing.

Both Internet guns of steel will not disclose how much cash they're coughing up for this relationship, but I'm sure Twitter is milking it for all its worth... who wouldn't. This is no doubt the biggest business deal for Twitter, as both Google and Microsoft are popular in terms of spending what needs to be spent in order to remain at the top of the technology trophy stand. Twitter's Chief Executive, Evan Williams, is not sure what the impact will be, but he has high hopes for the deal. Bing already has the Tweets in its search engine and Google is not far behind. Microsoft is also trying to penetrate Facebook updates, but Facebook has a higher security level in terms of privacy than Twitter does. Facebook

users are able to allow this feature if they want to. They are given the option as to whether they want to share their updates with the world.

Facebook and Microsoft already have a business relationship, which provides elaborate search results. Two years ago Microsoft spent \$240 million to acquire 1.6 percent of Facebook's stake. Imagine what it's worth today! With the rivalries getting stronger everyday, I'm sure the prices have increased. In the past, Twitter has not been as concerned with revenue as Facebook. However, 100 million has been invested in the company by shareholders, so the pressure is on to make money, especially when Facebook is netting more than 500 million from advertising and other sales. As per internal documents leaked on the Internet, Twitter thinks that the new deals will bring in the \$140 million needed to supply the returns investors are looking for. Another chapter reopens in the technology sector.



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SPORTS

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Football Huskies Offence strong, Walk through X-Men

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Sports Editor

The SMU Huskies knew that Friday night's game against St FX would be big; they knew it would be a make or break game; they knew it would mean redemption for an early season loss. The Huskies took all these things to heart and stuffed them in the face of the X-Men and ran in a 41-7 victory, the team's largest point margin this season.

The night was a frigid one but the stands were packed to capacity with die-hard SMU fans and a small but devoted contingent of X fans. Though the night was cold, the fans were warmed up and looking forward to a game for the record books.

Both teams came out with a strong defence which resulted in a lot of back and forth play between the two teams. The cold weather seemed to play a role in the game as well, as the players appeared to be having a hard time making catches and completing plays.

All scoring was carried out in even numbered quarters. SMU decisively controlled the score board for the entire game, never trailing the X-men. SMU's first two Touch Downs were scored by Defensive Lineman Devon Hicks on interceptions from Steve Snyder (of the 37 passes he threw only 23 were completed; he was picked on four of them and the Huskies scored three touchdowns from interceptions. Snyder was also sacked three times for a gain of 25 yards). Other touchdowns were scored by Craig Leger, two nine yard carries, and Jeff Hecht who had a 52 yard interception return that had the crowd on their feet. Justin Palardy had an additional two field goals, one at the end of the 2nd quarter, and one at the top of the 4th. Palardy also set another AUS record during the game: record for most completed PAT kicks.

The only points scored by the X-Men were the touchdown run in



by Metulynsky on a two yard pass from Snyder.

Historically the Huskies are a team that do not fare well in the first half of any game they play, however Friday was an extreme exception. The Huskies appeared to be the only team who were ready to compete. If the Huskies continue to play the same kind of game as they have in the last three weeks they will no doubt be contenders in the Loney and Uteck bowls in the upcoming weeks. However, before the Huskies can begin thinking about their post-season plans they must get through their last home game, which is against Acadia this Friday, October 30th, 7:00 pm at Huskies Stadium.

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AUS Championships
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Men's Race 12:45 pm
Men's Basketball
1 November, 3pm
St FX @ SMU

Soccer
1 November
Women's Game 1pm
Men's Game 3:15pm



Men's Hockey face UNB, PEI at Home

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Sports Editor

The Men's Hockey Team hosted the UNB Varsity Reds and UPEI Panthers this weekend, splitting the two games and gaining one point for the weekend.

The #5 Huskies took on #1 UNB before a crowd of almost 900 fans at the Forum. The first period was scoreless for both teams but did showcase the prowess of both Brandon Verge and Travis Fullerton. The net-minders faced 7 and 12 shots respectively in the 1st period, and a game total of 30 and 35 respectively.

The scoring came hard and fast in the 2nd period. UNB opened it up 1:51 into the period, followed by Tyler Cuthbert's tying goal 50 seconds later. The longest span with no scoring was the 6:28 between UNB's 3rd and 4th goals.

The Varsity Reds rocked Verge late in the 2nd and scored three goals in 44 seconds, shaking the team's confidence. What had started out as a promising game for the Huskies quickly dissolved and they were left trying to dig them-

selves out of a hole with 20 minutes of hockey left to play.

The Huskies came back hard in the 3rd period but it was too little too late for the men; they just could not muster the points to push the Reds back. Cody Thornton scored a power-play goal midway through the 3rd but UNB countered with an Empty Net goal late in the 3rd. Final score was 7-4 for the Reds.

Sunday afternoon the Huskies hosted the Panthers for the first time this season. SMU Back-up goaltender Neil Conway got the start in this game, and a win on top of that.

The Game was riddled with ten minute misconduct penalties and game misconducts (all of which were handed to UPEI). The Penalties were extremely one-sided with 76 minutes given to UPEI and 18 minutes to SMU. Final score was 6-5 for SMU. Marc Rancourt scored the game winner 6:46 in over-time on a penalty shot resulting from a delay of game penalty when Thomas Waugh knocked the UPEI empty net off its moorings before Rancourt could score.

SPORTS in a minute

Basketball: SMU teams are still on a long road trip of exhibition games and they are enjoying successes at all turns. The women had a great tournament at Laval winning two of their three games there and continuing to build team cohesion and improve their play. The men's results from their exhibition tournament in Ontario had not been posted when this piece was written but the men look forward to continued success and to keep building on last year's achievements.

Women's Hockey: The women split a pair of games Saturday and Sunday. Saturday saw the women drop their first regular season game in an 8-1 loss to StFX who have topped the AUS rankings consistently since the 2004-2005 season. The women also won their Home Opener against rivals the Dalhousie Tigers in a 4-3 overtime win. Disappointingly though there were only 75 spectators to witness the women's win. Goals were scored by Sarah Maynard, Kaitlyn Abbass, and Kyla Thurston, who also scored the game winner with 1:17 remaining in the 1st overtime period. A committed team deserves a more committed fan-base than the women currently have.

Rugby: The Women's Rugby Team hosted the AUS rugby semi-finals against the Acadia Axe-ettes Saturday afternoon. Despite truly crappy weather conditions the women managed to play through the rain and improve their record to 5-2 by defeating the Axe-ettes 17-10. The women have advanced to the AUS championships at St. FX on October 31st. The X-Women currently lead the AUS rugby standings and have been the Huskies' main challenge this season; they are the only team that have beaten the Huskies this season, allowing only five points to be scored in both games and putting up 87 points of their own.

Soccer: Both the men's and women's soccer teams have been kept out of the AUS play-offs this season. Both teams have one regular season game remaining and the men are nine points out of the playoffs, a win does not affect their standing or improve their play-off hopes. The women are seven points out of the play-offs and also would not be affected by a win in their last game. Come out and cheer on the SMU soccer Huskies in their last game of the season, 1:00 and 3:15 pm November 1st, at Huskies Stadium.

Volleyball: The Women's Volleyball Team continued exhibition success with a win in their first regular season game. Though it was an away game at CBU the women won their first match-up 3 sets to 1. The Home opener is to be played Friday 30th October, at 4:00 pm. Why not come out and cheer on the Women's Volleyball Team before grabbing a seat and watching the Football team walk through Acadia? SMU students get in for free with Student ID and it is a great opportunity to see a showcase of athleticism, rivalled by none.

ASSHOLE(S) OF THE WEEK

This one is for all you slack-ass parents who take your wild animals of children to sporting events and let them run around like savages. I completely understand that you want to come out and enjoy Huskies sporting events like everyone else but for the love of all that is good and holy in this crazy world SUPERVISE YOUR DAMN CHILDREN! This is not a hard concept, watch your children, make sure they aren't acting like some kind of feral animal and ruining the experience of every other spectator.