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SMU Searches The Stars

by David Ryan

Approximately 10 million years before the Dinosaurs became extinct, a distant star in the northern sky exploded. On February 14, a group of amateur astronomers at Saint Mary's Burke-Gaffney Ob-

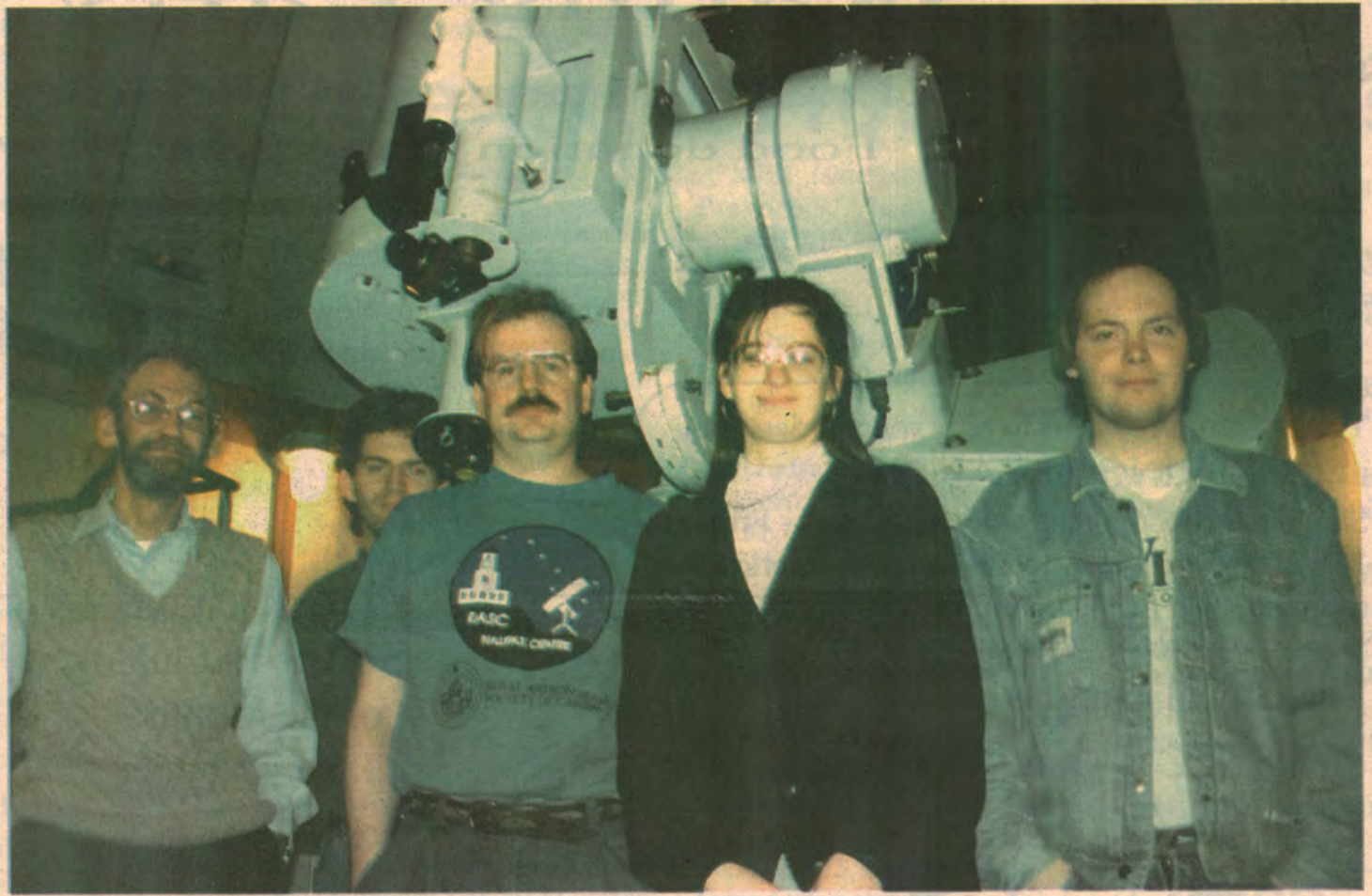
servatory discovered it. However, though Grey and Lane may be the nucleus of the program, they were assisted greatly by a group of fellow novice astronomers. Included in that group are Saint Mary's graduate astronomy students Bev Werstiuk, and Gary Gidney. Also involved were

from Welsh to use the telescope when it wasn't being used by students.

The supernova, officially entitled Supernova 1995-F, was first spotted approximately seven months after the program began, and while this might seem like a long wait, the

sive study. Saint Mary's student Bev Werstiuk says that "there was a period of about 5 or 6 weeks in January and February where the skies were too cloudy to observe." In addition, they had to wait until the telescope was free from use by students.

The find is so rare, that both



BOLDLY GOING WHERE NO CANADIAN HAS GONE BEFORE - PICTURED ARE SAINT MARY'S OWN STAR VOYAGERS - FROM LEFT: GARY GIDNEY, STEFAN ELIEFF, DAVID LANE, BEVERLY WERSTIUK, AND MELVIN BLAKE. MISSING IS PAUL GREY.

servatory discovered it. The remarkable find was the result of a supernova search program that began in August of 1994, and is the first ever supernova discovery to be made by a Canadian, from a Canadian observatory. The plan was masterminded by 22 year old Paul Grey, a technical college student who has never before taken a course in astronomy. "It's an incredible feeling. Finding a supernova is every astronomer's dream." Says Grey, who emphasizes that a lot of the credit belongs to the people that assisted him in the discovery. Most closely affiliated with the find is Saint Mary's Technician David Lane. His knowledge of the computers and equipment needed to carry out the search program were essential. While Grey came up with the plan, Lane executed it. Both Grey and Lane are members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC), a club for amateur astronomers. David Lane is the president of the Halifax chapter, and Paul Grey is the Observing Chairman.

RASC members Shawn Mitchell, Tom Harp, and Darren Talbot. Gary Welsh, Director of the SMU observatory, says that the key to the discovery lay in both Paul Grey's search plan, and in the dedication of all the people involved. "Paul's strategy was superb. He chose to search areas in the sky that are far to the north. These areas are much harder to monitor for the larger observatories in the U.S., as they are located much farther south. Paul knew that by searching these areas, they would have a much greater chance of discovering a supernova." In regards to the dedication of the astronomers, Welsh said, "they're keen, and they're willing to spend nights upstairs getting cold. They have what it takes." Welsh also noted that the project was done on a voluntary basis. "There was no funding for the project. The facility at Saint Mary's was built to provide a first class, small observatory, so that students can learn astronomy." The astronomers who made the discovery, obtained permission

astronomers involved say that the find came remarkably early. First of all, supernovas are rare. There is a lot of area that has to be covered in the search. Secondly, the weather in Halifax is hardly ideal for such an exten-

Grey and Werstiuk admit that they were very skeptical when they first saw what appeared to be a large, bright image in the sky. "There are many false

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SMU Student Injured In Fall

by Paul Fitzgerald

The youngest student ever to attend Saint Mary's is suffering serious injuries after falling from a bridge on Tower Road.

Last Thursday, at approximately 2:30pm, witnesses say 12-year-old Philip Mak, climbed up on the railing of the bridge, overlooking the railroad track, and fell 20 meters.

Minutes later a CN worker found Philip lying

on the tracks and began talking with the him.

At the age of nine Philip began attending classes at Saint Mary's, and a year later he began working towards his degree - computers.

His IQ, measured by the Mensa Society of Canada, is above 150, higher than 99% of the population. His exact IQ level has not been determined.

Philip's condition has been upgraded from critical to fair.

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was Angela Kerr

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Sexual Assault Workshop

by Renee Sylvestre-Williams

Members of Saint Mary's University are continuing their campaign to get the Board of Governors (BOG) to pass the proposed Sexual Assault Policy.

The committee gave the university community the opportunity to understand what the policy consists of, and to receive feedback on Friday, March 3. The workshop, held in the Theatre Auditorium, included speakers Ann Keith, Director of Avalon Centre, Maureen Reid from the McInnes Cooper and Robertson Law Firm. From Saint Mary's, Sexual Harassment Advisor Jo Stern, Director of Student Services Keith Hotchkiss, and Faculty Union President Jack Ginsburg also spoke.

Hotchkiss opened the workshop with an introduction that explained the process of getting the policy passed. He did acknowledge that it has been difficult to get such a policy passed, citing the delay of voting by the BOG. "Unfortunately nothing always works smoothly, and in the end the process was concluded, for some of us, not completely satisfactory." Hotchkiss said the policy would "clearly outline what we would do, how we would do it, who would be responsible for dealing with future incidents of this nature."

The workshop continued with a brief talk by Stern, who reviewed the objectives of the policy, such as survivor assistance, residential life and the dealing with complaints of a sexual nature.

However, the main talk was by Keith, who stated the obvious: "There is a need for a policy." She started with a brief history of the Avalon Centre

and moved on to say that the number of reports of a sexual nature has increased among the general population over the last five years. She did mention that the victims of sexual assault referred to the justice system as the 'legal system' because they don't feel that they receive justice, as many feel they have been violated again. "Many women often regret bringing criminal charges because of the way they are treated in the legal system," she said.

Stern added that "our prime concern is to make sure that [the survivors] get the support they need to put their lives back together."

Beth Poulos from Counseling Services and former Chief of Security Carter MacDonald then took the audience through the layout of the policy. MacDonald expressed concern about residence life and the possibility of assault taking place. "Many people living in residence are living away from home for the first time, exploring new freedoms, dealing with issues that are part of a lifestyle they hadn't known before. For people to be in that kind of situation, women in particular, it would be very vulnerable and terrifying time."

Ginsburg spoke on the fair treatment of the alleged perpetrators. His main concern was how the alleged perpetrator would be treated in a manner that is fair and leads to as little disruption as possible to the student. A suggestion made by the committee was that the alleged perpetrator, if removed from their residence room, be placed in an unoccupied room on campus so the student could attend classes in an orderly manner.

The talk ended with Reid



ELLEN FROOD, ANN KEITH, JO STERN, AND KEITH HOTCHKISS GIVE AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON THE SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY.

giving a synopsis on the legalities of sexual harassment, sexual assault, civil and criminal prosecution and the various

methods.

The committee is hoping that positive feedback will convince the BOG to pass the

policy.

The Sexual Assault Policy will be proposed to the Board of Governors this March 28.

Women Ask For Change

by Renee Sylvestre-Williams

Carolyn Egan feels that women should have more in life.

Egan is a member of the International Socialist Party (ISP), and today, like many other women across North America, she will be participating in activities that are noticeable - International Women's Day.

In order to prepare for International Women's day, Egan was at Saint Mary's to tell students and other members from

the community about the issues facing women, and how the proposed Liberal cuts would affect them.

She said that the movement was to "highlight the key demands of the Women's movement."

She began with a brief history of how this day evolved. According to Egan, Women's Day officially began in 1910 in honour of the women who marched two years previously to protest poor working conditions and low wages. Egan

went on to say that the women formed into unions to voice their concerns. The end result was a success as most women received their demands, and March 8 was declared International Women's Day.

The main focus for this year will be the proposed cuts to social welfare. "All cuts will dramatically affect women. Women need economic help to get through university to get the quality of life they want."

She continued by saying that there was an idea circulating that "[women] were given these services by a benevolent government." She continued, "No. We struggled for it."

Egan strongly believes that there is a sense of hypocrisy in the country. "We are told that this is the mean, lean decade, [yet the Royal Bank of Canada made one billion dollars in profit last year." Since the government is currently making changes to the social safety net, Egan said "that's ridiculous, and we won't stand for it."

"It is so important that the momentum be maintained." She also said that today there will be a march from Convocation Hall in Toronto to the corner of Young and Bloor streets. Once there the marchers will plaster the banks with stickers saying 'Tax the Rich, Save the Poor.'

Egan feels that with the momentum, the cuts could be stopped. She hopes that the event will attract thousands of spectators.

According to Egan, if the cuts go through, there will be "reduction of universality and the right to social services."

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Funding Drops \$63-Million

by Paul Fitzgerald

Following last week's budget cuts from Finance Minister Paul Martin, funding for Nova Scotia universities will be drastically affected.

According to Chair of the Nova Scotia on Higher Education (NSCHE) Janet Halliwell,

\$63-million will be cut over the next three years. Halliwell, who has been working over the past five years in order to find ways the government can save money for universities, has not yet announced any final decisions of the council's reform process.

Collectively all universities

in the province receive \$208-million. However, Halliwell anticipates the funding will drop to \$145-million by 1997-98, making it difficult for universities to operate. Another result in the funding cuts could mean the elimination of The Canadian Scholarships Program (CSP). The CSP funds undergraduate science and engineering students. Also, funding for federal departments may reduce work for university research.

Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) President Boris Mirtchev says Halliwell's announcement "will hurt Saint Mary's."

According to Mirtchev, SMU is under funded by 45%

in comparison to the other universities in the province. Mirtchev says that this would mean that the reduction in funding means even less for Saint Mary's. While Mirtchev agrees with the need to change the funding formula, he disagrees with the fact that the funding formula takes into consideration the number of tenured faculty in a university.

He says, "the money granted by the province is conducted on the amount of full-time and tenured faculty a university has. Since Saint Mary's has a small number, the expected outcome of the funding reduction will drastically affect Saint Mary's."

He added, "the rich get

richer and the poor get poorer."

Widely recognized expert on higher education, Aims McGuinness, says that the current situation facing Nova Scotia universities means change. "Resources are going down and expectations are going up for a institution like Saint Mary's," he says. McGuinness adds that departments should concentrate on how to handle the increase of student enrollment while having less funding. "While government funding is going down the problem to focus in on is how to work better with the remaining services, there is a growing demand for students and that should be the first priority."

Discovery

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alarms in astronomy," says Werstiuk. She adds, "you learn not to get your hopes up too soon."

Grey says that when they first spotted the unusual sight, they weren't sure if they had anything or not. They looked again on the 20th, and the image was still there. "We needed a picture of the galaxy we were looking at to see if there were any new, bright stars, and we couldn't find one. So we got on the internet to see if anyone could help us. It turned out that some people from Harvard sent us a picture, and we saw that the image we had was new." The discovery of the supernova was confirmed on the 23rd of February by an observatory in California, and the International Astronomical Union. "We were just stunned," says Werstiuk. "None of us expected to find a supernova this soon."

Supernova 1995-F is approximately 76 million light years away. Because it takes the light image so long to reach the earth from such a distance, scientists know that the images we see now, occurred a long time ago. In this case, the Dinosaurs were still a long, long way from extinction when the star went supernova. Supernovas occur when stars that are very heavy (at least 3 to 5 times heavier than the sun), use up their internal fuel. In essence then, a supernova is the death of a star. "A massive star has a lot of gravity which tries to squeeze down upon itself." Says Dr. Welsh. "The star resists this gravity only by generating inside energy- heat. The heat expands the gases of which the star is made, and the gas pressure supports the weight of the star. As stars age, they will eventually run out of fuel. When this happens, the center of the star collapses in on itself. The outside of the star follows the center in, but when the center reaches its maximum density, it bounces back. The center of the star then collides with the outside of the star at the speed of light, generating the explosion, and throwing a nebula of hot gas into space. It is the gas that we see when we spot a supernova." On average, 20 to 30 supernovas are discovered each year. Werstiuk says however that it is only in the

last 5 years that many have been found. "We study them and keep looking for them because we still don't know much about them. Currently, scientists use them to help determine the distances between galaxies. We will keep looking at this one to observe changes over time. This can help us to learn more about them."

When asked if the discovery would have an impact on the astronomy program at Saint Mary's, Werstiuk says that it might get more graduate students involved in the study, and that it could also create a much greater interest in supernovas among all Saint Mary's students, especially in the sciences. In any event, the discovery of the supernova will certainly give the university a lot of attention, in light of the extensive national media coverage the event has received. In addition to the Canadian significance of the find, Grey may be the youngest astronomer to ever discover a supernova. Welsh summed up the amazing breakthrough. "Because there are other renowned observatories in the world, that have long histories of successful supernova hunts, we hardly dared to believe, being newcomers, that we would actually beat them to a discovery so soon. But nevertheless, we did."

SRC / Board Elections

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Hail SMU's Discovery

Finding a supernova is not only something to brag about, but also something in which to take great pride. When I received the call that SMU had just made the supernova discovery - titled Supernova 1995-F - I like many others who heard the news, was astonished. We have an excellent university, and the Astronomy Department has just made us look even better.

The finding of a star that exploded 10-million years before the extinction of the dinosaurs has put Saint Mary's in the world limelight. Can you believe that our university has found something this fascinating? (Can you believe that we were on CBC Newsworld and CNN?) National and local media reported on the discovery for over a week, and the students, staff, faculty and administrators have all been talking about it. Why? Because not only did Saint Mary's discover it, but this was the first Canadian supernova... and at the Saint Mary's Burke-Gaffney Observatory. The person who found the supernova was Paul Grey, assisted by Saint Mary's Technician David Lane and many other students.

But this discovery would not have been possible without students at SMU who care. These students, like others from different departments and societies on campus, are not your typical students. They don't just go to school, play cards, live in the pub and sleep in the library. These are the students that belong to outside activities that makes SMU what it is - a top notch university. Students who change the world in an environment that promotes involvement.

As Editors, Society Presidents, Dinner Organizers, Radicals, Conformists, Athletes, Scholars or Star Gazers there is a segment of this university who often defy the odds - and occasionally the administration - to shine in all arenas.

The program, Supernova Search, that Graduate Astronomy students have been working on for almost a year, is a prime example of how dedication can make a difference. Making a breakthrough such as this draws more people to attend our university. It also makes our international reputation grow, and that's what a university needs the most. It recognizes how highly diversified are the programs that Saint Mary's provides.

In this case, students, with the assistance of professors and those affiliated with working in the observatory have made a true scientific finding. They have found a star exploding 76 million light years away.

But then again, the amount of success stories coming out of Saint Mary's (too long a list to mention) over the last little while, should make enough people realize why SMU is an institution described by Macleans Magazine as "the leaders of tomorrow."

It should be also noted that all students involved in the finding were volunteers. That's right, they did not get any money, and they pursued their interests outside of academic studies. These are the people that will have the world in the palm of their hands. If they can handle the extra work and attend school, then they can do almost anything.

The students involved in this search deserve great recognition, and I'm sure they've been receiving it, along with countless numbers of media hounds interviewing them. I guess when a star explodes, so does the knowledge it brings.

P.F.

The Issue of Sexual Assault

Dear Editor,

May I try to clarify some of the discussion about adopting a Sexual Assault Policy at SMU? The Committee itself requested the delay in presenting the Policy to the Board of Governors a second time. We hoped some members of the Board of Governors would come to the workshop on March 3, and, indeed, at least 3 members were there and a number of senior administrators. It was very useful for the Committee to understand first hand the kinds of dif-

iculties members of the Board see in the draft policy. It gives us a chance to address these difficulties and make sure that they are remedied. Their requests of us were highly reasonable. It's OK if it takes some time if it means we end up with a better, more workable document.

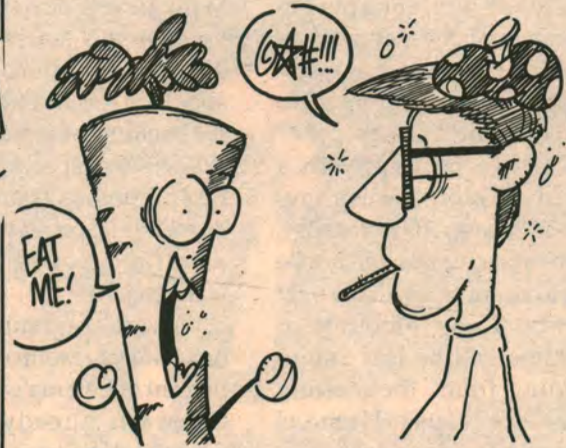
It's never easy to confront difficult issues like sexual assault and violence in interpersonal relationships, which are all too common on university campuses. It takes a great deal of good will to want to engage

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in discussion about such disturbing events, and to translate that willingness into action. But unless we commit ourselves to action these problems are not going to diminish.

Saint Mary's is by no means unique in trying to address sexual assault. Other campuses across Canada are taking steps to do the very same thing. As Sexual Harassment Advisor, I see sexual assault as the extreme, most horrific, end of a continuum of sexual harassment. But if we can talk about it openly, we can oppose it. We can relieve women (mainly, but also men) of the isolating burden of shame and guilt. We can talk about sexual intimacy that is non-coercive. We can signify our willingness to listen and learn.

Sincerely,
Jo Stern
Sexual Harassment
Advisor

Mad About Ads

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to last week's March 1 issue. I've always enjoyed *The Journal* and even get a kick at your little "digs" toward SMUSA. How-

ever, when I turned to the back page and saw your full page spread of "March Is Kickin At Dal," I was embarrassed. Yes, I realize that you have every right to fill your advertising space any way you want, but come on. I'm sure you could have found some other advertiser willing to take a page. How can you promote a university which you constantly cut up. As far as I and many others are concerned you are a SELL OUT, and I can't believe you call yourself Saint Mary's University student newspaper. Voice of the people, my ass.

Sincerely,
Jason Duguay

A Letter of Praise

This is a letter to inform your newspaper, that I, as a regular reader, enjoy *The Journal* over any newspaper in this city. Now don't get me wrong, but I don't enjoy reading university newspapers with news, sports and arts stories from some wire service (does Dal's or the Mount's paper ring any bells). I understand that these newspapers, not like yours, need to fill space with stories from across Canada. But sometimes I wonder if these news-

papers just want to fill space. With another point in mind, I find that other newspapers in town (the two I mentioned) just seem to constantly write about sensational issues in order to make some controversial statement. If they want to be controversial, then why don't other university newspapers start writing about issues affecting their campus? I find your newspaper is worth reading and all your sections give up to date information. And I feel a letter such as this is important to only give a pat on the back. Keep up the great work. Remember the Mount and Dal suck. The both are too radical and to extreme. Stay both political and conservative.

Sincerely,
Martha Mancinno

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Help Clean Up Our World

by Don Whiting

Until this Friday, the ECOSS society will be hosting the Environmental Awareness Week at SMU and there are many thoughts to keep in mind to keep our world clean.

Can we be happy in a world of global warming, where many, if not most, plants and animals will not be able to adapt and will die out? Or where vast amounts of coastline will be lost due to flooding from the melting polar ice caps? Humans started recording temperatures over 140 years ago, and the hottest 8 years of that 140 have all been since 1980 according to Dr. Jeremy Leggett, a petroleum geophysicist/ge-

ologist. Many scientists are predicting a rise of every five degrees within the next century. Many people have the perception that this means more golf days and unfortunately forget about the expansion of deserts, the melting of ice caps or the extinction of species caused by rapid climate change. No, I don't think I could be happy in a world ravaged by global warming.

We are also running out of our natural resources. Seventy percent of Canada's old growth forest has already been cut down and the trees that are replanted are not suitable for sustaining wildlife. These replanted trees are of very poor quality as compared to the natural trees in the area. Other

resources such as bauxite (aluminum) are becoming expensive and ecologically unfriendly to mine for. There will be no jobs left in a world with no resources.

Ozone depletion from CFC's and other chemicals is causing radiation to penetrate our atmosphere and is absorbed into our skins causing high levels of skin cancer. The effects of increased radiation is also detrimental to the lives of plants and animals. Is happiness possible in a world where is being destroyed by harmful ultraviolet rays and people cannot go outdoors without hats and sunglasses (as is necessary in parts of Australia already)?

Toxic chemicals, pesticides, nuclear waste, leachate from

trash dumps and sewage all threaten our water and food supply. How can I feel secure when I don't know what harmful contaminants I am digesting?

Waste of resource is piling up landfill sites all around the world. There is no more place to put the garbage. The highest point in North America east of the Adirondacks is the landfill in Staten Island in New York. Incineration only turns our natural resources into a greenhouse gas. Waste must be reduced or we will be overrun by trash throughout our communities. Some places in North America are now shipping their garbage to less populated places, increasing costs and therefore the municipalities are charging for waste disposal. This is causing citizens to dump their garbage in the woods or in the lakes or in the streams so

they don't have to pay for collection.

Numbers surrounding species extinction varies with whatever source you read. Depending on what source you read, the number of species that go extinct during the run of a day range from two or three, up to a hundred. No matter what number is correct, this is absolutely unacceptable. Over 99% of these extinction's are directly related to the acts of mankind. When I hear of unique species of life being wiped off this planet - forever - it upsets me.

Our happiness does not just depend on whether we get a job after university and therefore I put my time into more than just school. I have taken time to try to take care of our planet so that the needs of myself and the rest of nature can be met. We cannot live on money alone. Without nature we cannot live at all.

No Longer A Hero

by Kathy Morrison

O.J. Simpson first became renowned for his ability to play football when he enrolled at the University of South Carolina in 1967. When he was beaten up on the field, he could still play in top form. The star player in a number of games, he received a number of awards, including being named the Rose Bowl's most outstanding player in 1968.

He was a poised, articulate, and clowning person, with a warm personality. When he retired from football, he had wished to return to San Francisco, and put his fame and degree in sociology to work in helping children from the ghetto neighborhood.

O.J. was a man who always seemed to have it all. But today, in 1995, he is no longer such a hero.

It is far too early to specu-

late on the outcome of this murder trial. But the verdict, whatever it may be, could have a profound affect on North American society. The entire judicial process has been sensationalized, trivialized and dramatized; yet I feel this will not diminish the final impact. If O.J. is sentenced to life imprisonment or capital punishment, this may be one of the most powerful deterring signals that have been sent to men

who abuse their partners. On the other hand, if he is found not guilty (this, while unlikely, is entirely possible), every abusive man in the continent could see this as a clear sign that he is now legally entitled to treat a woman however he wants. For it should not be forgotten, in light of these tragic murders, that O.J. is known to have physically abused Nicole Brown Simpson for years before her death.

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Opening the Magic Box

The Gorsebrook Lounge unleashed the gems hidden in Pandora's Box, as they rocked the SMU campus last Thursday. Playing to the capacity crowd, they bellowed with their danceable sound, making waves that echoed the very depths of the soul.

The jubilant crowd was up and dancing to the many great tunes, beverage in hand, swaying to the often riveting beats.

Weather was nice, the sound was great—can't wait for these guys to come 'round this way again. These guys looked like they were having a good time, just the right thing for the end of the years blues!



CANADIAN





Your local video store can provide hours of unexpected entertainment via some nifty little quirks. I'm not suggesting you try these on your average video clerk, since you'll probably be met with violence or even an anally inserted turbo-rewinder. However in your deepest seeded fantasies or evil minded dares, the following pranks, may be used to brighten an otherwise stale day. First, if your most hated video store offer free popcorn, hide the scoop after you've indulged in that cholesterol laden goop. There's nothing funnier than watching the person after you, sticking their hands through all that popcorn, looking for the proverbial needle in a haystack. Chances are this person will be either A) a sanitary technician just getting off work or B) someone with open sores on their hands. Hee hee. Next, pretend your Hansel or Gretel and leave a trail of corn behind you, to be swept up later by a poor unfortunate clerk. Chances are half of what you spill will be eaten by toddlers who waddle through the store eating anything they can pick up. Always have ample amounts of popcorn in your mouth when you approach an employee, try to spit at least three to four kernels on them while asking for assistance. Don't make it look obvious. The stench from your breath alone will be enough to make them want to vomit. Consistently ask for movies that are still playing in the theatres or haven't even been released to the theatre yet. Insist that you're sure you've seen a rival video store with the aforementioned vid. Stand at a till that has a CLOSED sign up. Stand there for as long as it takes before a clerk asks you to come over to their counter. Then, make it look like it's their fault because 'You're the customer and you're always right.' That's always a hoot. Yes, there's a lot of fun to be had at your old video shack. And if you ever come near me... I'll \$#@# kill you! Here's what's out and about on racks near you.

Lion King (Family): "Can you feel the loot tonight?" should be the re-titled song for this mega sized sell through monster for those already stinking rich weasels at Disney. The animation is superb. The songs are catchy. Whoopi Goldberg, Jeremy Irons, James Earl Jones and Matthew Broderick all lend their vocal talent to a film that is every bit one of the finest animated films ever committed to celluloid. The story is simple, in a very staple Disney format. Young cub Simba loses father, family and home, meets sidekicks Pumbaa and Timon (Thumper and Flower), learns valuable lesson from aged Baboon spiritual advisor (Jiminy Cricket) falls in love with destined soul mate and returns to avenge the wrongs of his wicked stepmother, oops I mean uncle. above average entertainment for any age.

Milk Money (Comedy): Here's one the whole family can enjoy! A trio of either very stupid or very horny kids travel into the seedy city and use up all their hard earned allowance to rent a hooker. Melanie Griffith, far from her critically acclaimed days of Working Girl, plays another kind of working girl who's trying to escape her violent pimp. So guess who shacks up in whitebread land, hiding in one of her diminutive John's: tree house. No sooner than you can say "romantic comedy" does she meet the single dad of her dreams! Ed Harris, far far away from his Abyss hey day, saunters through this piece of moronic fluff that would make Pretty Woman look like Gandhi.

Jason's Lyric (Drama): It had begun to look like any aspiring director around had given up on the staple "Growing up in the Hood" scenario for their movie (Boyz N the Hood, Straight out of Brooklyn etc.) Along pops up this unexpected gem that breathes new life into the genre. Jason's trying to rise above his surroundings, his friends and his expectations. Everything seems to be going his way. A job prospect out of town, a new life, hope. Then two events prove to be the catalyst which may be his undoing. He meet's Lyric, a woman who embodies all that he has ever searched for and his good for nothing, alcoholic brother is released from prison. Each participant plays their character off on Jason's trusting nature and inevitably his life. Gritty street drama which still maintains a moving and satisfying love story.

Killer B of the Week:

Memorial Valley Massacre (Horror): A slew of campers enjoying a lovely long weekend bite off more than they can chew when they awaken the misguided wrath of a caveman. Loppy? Yes. Demented? Yes! Of course, it's hard to feel bad for the cavewalker, since he offs a majority of really obnoxious fat, all terrain riding, hot dog stuffin' twits! A movie for those who like to cheer for the bad guy.

Deserving Applause

by Elizabeth McCarthy

The Irondale Ensemble Project, a multi-talented Halifax-based performance company, presents The Irondale AIDS Show. The piece is a theatrical workshop and consists of a fifty-minute dramatic presentation followed by a discussion period with the audience.

The AIDS Show, created in 1990 by the Ensemble in conjunction with AIDS Nova Scotia, began touring at high schools across Nova Scotia. From the start, the show was written with the intention to meet the specific needs of younger adult generations about AIDS awareness and prevention, through a medium us-

ing both entertainment and honest, non-patronizing communication.

"Because of the unique way the information is presented, the students can't help but learn more about the disease, and the decisions that they have to make," says Rosanne LeBlanc, Coordinator of Education Services for AIDS Nova Scotia.

The show serves its purpose equally well before the university audience. This is a bit of a "refresher course" in HIV/AIDS awareness and protective measures and given the point in life at which university students are, it can only be a good idea.

Overall, a very large per-

centage of this population is sexually active. Within this group are also people of widely varying sexual histories, as well as possibly more than one sexual orientation. Add in the joy and freedom of residence and way-from-home living, and the possibilities become more complex. These are some of the issues that the Irondale show bring to light, in a very real, humorous manner.

So, what better an occasion to acquaint yourself with the new facts of life and assess your lifestyle choices, than at an evening with fellow students and a group of dedicated performers with an educational cause. The show takes place on March 8, in the Theatre Auditorium, 8:00-10:00p.m. Hope to see you there.

Come Jam With Jimmy

by Sean Francois

Jimmy Flynn is back in town and he'll be making the crowds roar from March 8th to the 11th at the Roxbury Cabaret. This Maritime comedian is no stranger to the Metro area. He has performed at various clubs and has even been to our own Gorsebrook on seven separate occasions. Flynn is slated to return to Saint Mary's territory on the 16th of March.

If you haven't seen or heard Flynn in action before, he has five best selling cassettes, a joke book and a video titled "Street Comedy" which was released in October. To add to his repertoire, he's been amusing people for the past 23 years, featured on over 400 radio shows world wide and he's performed at the C.N.E and Massey Hall. If you plan to see the Marystown, Newfoundland

native live but it's your first time, be prepared for some basic run of the mill humour, his jokes relate to Canada, especially the Maritimes, and his props (that he uses for an initial laugh) will get you going. This approach is good as the unsuspecting audience can relate to him with ease. I haven't had a chance to experience Flynn for myself but people that I've talked to said that if you looking for a few laughs you shouldn't be disappointed!

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Their Music Is A Wonder Drug

by Asna Adhami

Connoisseurs of soft and soulful sounds can rest easy as the **Rose Vaughan Trio** will be performing at the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery on Sunday, March 12, 1995.

Rose Vaughan (lead vocals), Cathy Porter (piano, keyboards, flute, percussion, harmonies) and Pam Mason (double bass, mandolin, harmonies) make up the Trio, who have been together since 1990. Their music, with much support from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, has been recognized from coast to coast for its intrinsic beauty. The simple storytelling, often set to the piano, takes the listener on a journey through the lives of simple people; the waitress Ella May; the innocent child Celina; the lover lost hopelessly in the dream of espousing a man who is destined to break her heart.

Their music softly breathes

life into the soul of the listener, their narcotic effects are tranquil. There are few ways to impart the true beauty of a sound that is so peaceful, one which transports the listener to a world free of worry. The lyrics are powerful; Vaughan majestically delivers these tales with a soul rending serenity. Porter supports the melodies as a maestro of the ivories, guiding the songs through their emotional landscapes. The bass lines, courtesy the talented Mason, set the pace and add the zest and spice, 'jazzing up' the tunes.

With two albums already under their belt, (*Sweet Taragon* in 1992 and *Fire in the Snow* in 1993), they have tentative plans for a new recording, possibly in action over the summer months. If this pans out, then fans can look forward to a major tour strolling through the Maritimes sometime in November or December. Currently,

the Trio is on the local scene to take part in many activities marking International Women's Week. They will remain in town until May, when they head to southern Ontario on tour.

The Rose Vaughan Trio are genuine artistes, with the ability to convey a world of hidden treasures to those fortunate enough to share with them in the adventure. To listen to their music is as if to be shown a secret world of magical wonders, to bear witness to something awe-inspiring and wonderful. The sweet irony remains that these 'treasures' are not hidden at all; they are songs



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are a definite *MUST SEE*. Tickets are \$10 adults; \$8 students and seniors. For more information call the Saint Mary's Art Gallery at 420-5445, or drop by their office.

Rock Opera Dorian Goes Wilde

by Angela Giles

Dorian is what they call a rock opera. When I first heard this, I wasn't all that down with it, not really knowing what to expect; I thought it would be a sort of mixture of high-pitched a cappella singing/screaming with a funky rock beat.

But I was wrong. It is a *Les Miserables*-esque type of soul-rock, the kind where you can almost envision the expressions on the musicians' faces as they sing every heartfelt note. I was actually quite enthralled with what they were saying, although I definitely hadn't expected to be.

"Selections from *DORIAN*" is written by Ron Wheatley and

Graham Hooper. The story is inspired by Oscar Wilde's "The Picture of Dorian Gray". This recording reflects one side of a show which combines the worlds of the thespian and the singer, as the characters live their lives through song and melody.

Coming To A Point is a very passionate song, relayed as a conversation between Anna (Kathryn Clark)

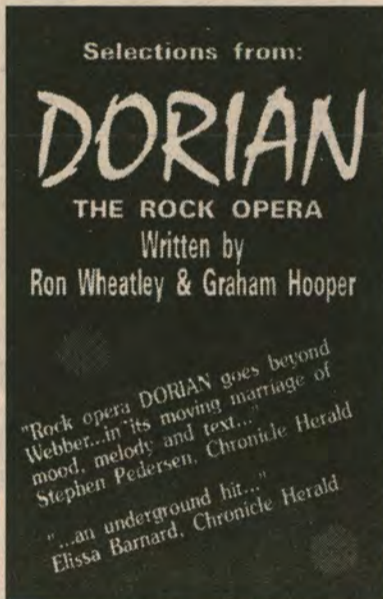
and Fredrick (Alan Porter) who are trying to resolve an argument. Anna: "What has he done, what's become of us? When I look at you now, I can feel mistrust." Fredrick: "Sorry, have I hurt you? It's not as if I mean to..." As a listener, you can re-

ally feel the love that they share in this resolution.

Another very meaningful song is a solo sung by Kathryn Clark called *Anna's Song*, about Anna's perception of how society feels about her and her aging. "It's a shame that I need makeup to be seen; ...I'm getting old; My smile shows my age, but I have to strive to be a pretty young thing, So your kind won't turn away; For you're more concerned with my lip-shade than what I have to say..." You can hear the agony in her words; she is depressed about getting on in years; she feels that people no longer listen to her or what she has to say.

This piece is both interesting

and moving, and I am somewhat excited for them to come to the Roxbury so I can watch their performance and really get involved in the storyline. The first complete staging of *DORIAN* since it "electrified" the 1993 Atlantic Fringe Festival, takes place from March 20-22. Although the cassette had some beautiful melodies, I am almost certain that the show will add that much more *umph* to my overall perception.



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Huskies Duck Out In Semi's

by Imran Adhami

A 7-4 loss marked the end of a great season for the women's hockey club at SMU. In a best of three semi-final matchup against the Halifax squad, SMU was overwhelmed in the third game at Alumni Arena this past week.

Saint Mary's dug itself into a hole early as they were down 3-1 at the end of the first period. The second period was marred by penalties while SMU remained short-handed most of the time. The Huskies came out strong in the 3rd with a few goals but it was not enough as they lost by a three goal margin.

"We grew well as a team all

year and aren't disappointed with our record at all" commented Ann Henderson who sniped one of the four goals in from her defensive position.

"We were very successful this year with an overall 9-6 record...the women were spectacular and working with them was fun." commented first year coach John Turnbull.

Lost to graduation will be Lori French, Corrina Cummings, and Carla Ward, however, the team will play again in a tournament in New Brunswick this weekend, "We're playing teams from all over the Maritimes and are looking to have some fun" added Turnbull. Halifax meets Acadia in the final.



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AUAA Hoopla Begins Without SMU

by Imran Adhami

The B-ball Huskies were just not meant to be in the nine-five post-season as a disappointing season came to an end this past weekend. Coach Ross Quackenbush's boys mustered just four wins out of a twenty game schedule to finish last in the eight team AUAA conference.

With a relatively inexperienced squad, SMU's weaknesses stuck out like a sore thumb to other more experienced AUAA teams. The team did show flashes of brilliance and in time, will be successful.

This past week saw a meaningless game (standing-wise) against Dalhousie turn into a dunk-fest and bragging rights as Dal edged out SMU 83 to 75.

The highlight of this game was (and most fans would agree) a monster jam by Jason Medford over top of a confused Ted Donglemans of Dal. In all fairness, Reggie Oblitey and Christian Currie also entertained the fans with dunks of their own.

In Antigonish the Huskies lost their final game to St.F.X. who overcame a 16-point deficit to secure third place in the AUAA standings. SMU's top scorers were Jason Medford and Brian Luinstra who scored 17 and 16 points respectively.

The AUAA playoff's will start Friday at the Halifax forum where the 11-9 X-men will take on the 9-11 UPEI Panthers while the UCCB Capers(11-9) will battle with the Memorial Seahawks(10-10). The winners will advance to face Acadia and

Dalhousie on Saturday, both of whom have first round byes.

All Stars Named

In women's action this past week, the best women collegiate basketball players in the atlantic provinces were named. Out of the top five, two just happened to come out of a university known as Saint Mary's. SMU guard Jadranka Crnogorac and Post Norma MacIntyre were named to the First Team all-star squad.

Crnogorac ended the season with probably the best all-around numbers in the conference. She was third in scoring

this year averaging 18.8 pts. per game, she shot 33% from 3-pt range and 51% from the field. She is also 2nd in the league in free throw shooting making good on 83% of her tries while leading the league in assists as well with 84, 34 more than her nearest competitor.

Norma in her first year with the Huskies but final in the AUAA made a tremendous impact on the league again. She finished sixth in scoring averaging 16.4 pts. per game and third in rebounding with 7.8 rebounds a game typifying all-star stats for a post player. A brain teaser for the future,

MacIntyre also lead the league in Personal Fouls with 70.

Not to be overlooked for SMU is Lori Messer who places in the top seven in the four major statistics in the league (scoring, rebounds, free throw, & field goal %). Janice Moseychuck of UCCB grabbed rookie of the year honours, while Memorial's Doug Partridge and Michelle Healey grabbed coach of the year and MVP honours respectively. Memorial also grabbed the AUAA championship banner this past weekend after defeating Dal and UPEI in semi-final and final action.

Stewart & Provo To CIAU's

by Imran Adhami

Dwayne Provo won the 60M sprint while Jeremy Stewart topped the 300M hurdles at the AUAA championships at University of Moncton this past weekend to advance to the CIAU's in Winnipeg. Provo was just three-hundredth's of a second off of Anthony Sparkes' record setting (6.94s) run at the championships last year for SMU.

Also topping their events were Shane Murphy and Ann Henderson in their respective male and female shot-putting divisions. SMU's 4X200 relay team of Provo, O.J."not Simpson" Croix, James Harper, and Stewart also placed first. In the four university showdown, SMU placed 2nd in men's final standings and 3rd in overall women's.

"It's the best squad I've worked with yet...Track & Field is growing and getting stronger at SMU, everyone did superb this weekend" commented SMU coach Debbie Brown. Athletes reaching a standard high time, height or distance in their event (a measurement set by the CIAU) advance to the national championships. For SMU, only Provo and Stewart reached standard scores.


Here are the results of Saint Mary's performance over the weekend:

MEN 60m: 1st-Dwayne Provo 6.97; 2nd-Jeremy Stewart 7.10.	1000m: 5th-Joanne Doucet 3:34.27
300m: 1st-Jeremy Stewart 37.83.	1500m: 5th-Doucet 5:45.48
600m: 4th-Bill Wells 1:31.71; 5th-Angus Lindsay 1:32.06.	3000m: 5th-Doucet 12:36.08
1000m: 6th-Wells 2:48.69; 7th Lindsay 2:52.26.	Long jump: 5th-Carys Messinger 4.12; 6th Hackett 3.59.
1500m: 4th-Brian York 4:17.97; 6th Rob Thibodeau 4:21.69.	Triple jump: 4th-Messinger 9.41; 5th Pottie 8.32.
3000m: 2nd-York 9:10.88; 6th-Thibodeau 9:52.32	Shotput: 1st-Ann Henderson 10.83; 5th-Messinger 7.75.
60m Hurdles: 2nd-Jason Boone 10.70; 4th-Todd Murphy 12:15.	4X200 relay: 3rd-SMU 2:05.09
High jump: 4th-Peter MacLean 1.60.	4X400 relay: 3rd-SMU 6:02.58
Long jump: 2nd-MacLean 5.99; 3rd-O.J. Croix 5.90.	4X800 relay: 3rd-SMU 14:28.25.
Triple jump: 2nd-Croix 12.56; 3rd-MacLean 12.26.	
Shotput: 1st-Shane Murphy 12.49; 2nd Rob Nassrallah 11.96.	
4X200 relay: 3rd-SMU 2:05.09.	
4X400 relay: 3rd-SMU 6:02.58.	
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