

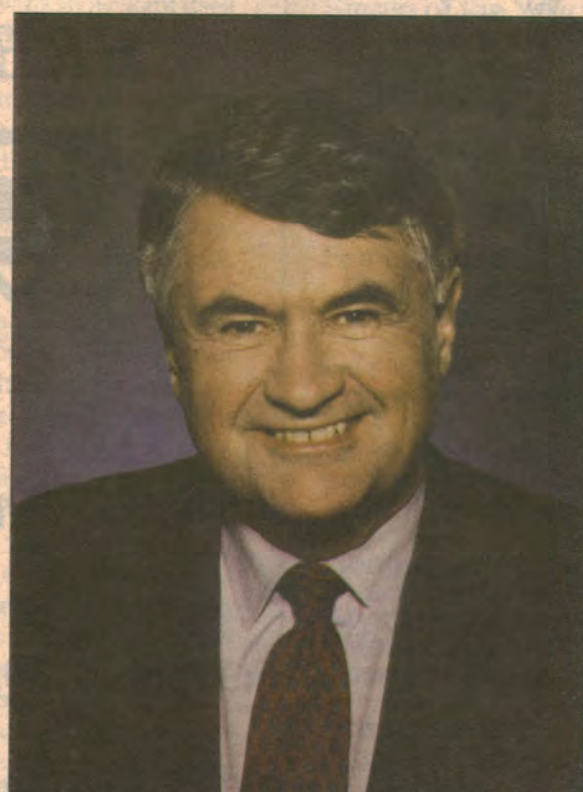


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Liberal /NDP split the vote



JOHN HAMM, LEADER OF PC PARTY

ROBERT CHISHOLM, LEADER OF THE NDP PARTY

RUSSELL MACLELLAN, LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

by Julie Clow

History was made in Nova Scotia last night as a precedent setting minority government was elected.

The Nova Scotia NDP tied the Liberals 19 seats to 19 seats, with the Tories trailing with the other 14 seats. Russell MacLellan will be holding on to his position as Nova Scotia Premier, at least temporarily.

It was close to an even percentage split of voters, with the Liberals capturing approximately 35% of votes, the NDP 35%, and the Tories trailing only slightly with 30%.

Liberals only took 4 out of the 16 seats in the Halifax area, with the NDP gaining the other 12 seats. Saint Mary's riding of Halifax-Citadel was the last vote in and was won by a narrow 125 votes for NDP candidate, Peter Delefus.

Russell MacLellan seemed discouraged as he spoke to his supporters. "Unfortunately, we did not win as many seats as we would have liked. We still did well. We are still in power."

The atmosphere was jubilant at NDP headquarters with their enormous rise in power from the previous 4 seats they have held in Nova Scotia. NDP Leader Robert Chisholm com-

mented, "Who said this election would be boring? I'd say something happened on the way to the Liberal coronation. It is called democracy."

Things were slightly more subdued at the PC headquarters, though the atmosphere was still positive. PC leader John Hamm said, "We might not have won, but we certainly didn't lose." Hamm all but ruled out the idea of a coalition government, which came as no surprise to election observers.

The Liberals were the party this time around that kept the quietest, but the heaviest of promises. The MacLellan Liberals promised Nova Scotia \$80 million annually for health care, as well as 36 new schools in Nova Scotia. Their biggest platform was their commitment to have a balanced budget. MacLellan made no commitments pertaining to post-secondary education.

Contrasting the Liberals, Robert Chisholm and his NDP party were generous with promises during this campaign. Of particular interest to university students is the idea of a university tuition freeze for all NS universities. Also, the NDP made a promise to rebate on BST for low/middle income families to receive \$20 million

in GST relief for the province.

The most prominent of the Tory promises was the plan to let university graduates with high debt loads to redirect a portion of their debt. Also, in what was believed to be a di-

rect shot at the Liberal party, Hamm promised that there would be a ban on all new toll roads.

Saint Mary's University President, Dr. Kenneth Ozmon spoke with broadcasters at

CBC and expressed his confidence that the Liberal minority government would be a positive entity for Saint Mary's. "This system (education) has been hurt and we need some return."

Part-time faculty strike canceled

Dal full-time professors still threatening to walk

by Anne Swiatoniowska

Following the example of Saint Mary's, negotiators at Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent have settled on a pay agreement with their part-time staff and teaching assistants, avoiding strike action.

"Everyone is maybe not ecstatic, but at least accepting, given the time it took," said Marvin Silver, Vice President of CUPE local 3912, in the *Mail Star*. "It's been a long, long, arduous fight. They fought us every step of the way."

Negotiators reached a tentative agreement on March 12, ending the two year long conflict, and the Dalhousie part-

time faculty and teaching assistants ratified it a week later with a 97% vote. CUPE members at MSVU voted to accept their first contract proposal the next day with 81% in favor, but only 20% of union members voted.

Part-timers at all three universities were getting paid about \$5,250 per full credit which, according to CUPE, made them the lowest paid in Canada. Originally CUPE wanted \$8,500 per credit, the national average, but later reduced the demand to \$7200, which would have put them on par with part-timers at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

The basic part-time pay rate at Dalhousie increased from \$5700 per full credit in 1997 to \$6400 per full credit in 1999. Those who have taught more than four full credits will see a jump from \$6100 per credit in 1997 to \$6700 in 1999. Pay rates for teaching assistants are based on hours worked; \$14/hour for 1998 and \$14.25 for 1999. Markers and demonstrators will see their pay increase to \$10/hour in 1999.

When asked if the membership is happy with the settlement, Michael Earle Treasurer/Secretary of CUPE local 3912

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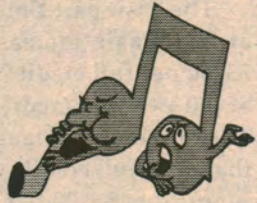
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Societies haven't seen funds

by Dennis MacPherson

Saint Mary's societies have started to question the amount, that being next to none, of money that they get from the Annual Alumni Fund.

Many societies and organizations at Saint Mary's rely on the independent donations made by the SMU Alumni to help cover their annual costs. This funding is achieved by yearly calls made to graduates

and to the parents of current students. When a donation is made, the funds are allocated to categories. These categories are scholarships/bursaries, area of greatest need, library acquisitions, support for disabled students, and other.

It's the "other" category that has some organizations confused. Making up 33% of all donations last year the "other" fund includes gifts that are faculty restricted. Annual Fund

Development Department Coordinator, Toni Croft explains this category. "When small donations are made to a certain area, like SMUSA or the Journal, they get placed in the other account because they don't have a category on their own."

This fund is then held until it builds up or enough money has been collected to make a difference to the intended recipient. Large donations are given directly to the organiza-

tion.

It was also pointed out by Croft that any society or association can request categories in their name to appear on the fund application but none have ever done so. Some organizers may be thinking that they must have some money tied up in this "other" category.

Societies and associations on campus get very little outside support from alumni. One example is the Students' Asso-

ciation who have racked up \$150 over the past 9 years. "Some people may have been misinformed about large amounts of money coming in, most of it goes to scholarships, the library and athletics," Croft said, "what those people can do is apply to receive some of the "greatest need" money which is reviewed by the Alumni and must be approved by Dr. Ozmon."

Provincial politics turn 'nasty'

by Suzanne Rent

Now that the provincial election is over, voters and candidates are looking back on a campaign that turned out to be rather interesting.

The final days of the campaign were called "nasty" compared to the first weeks following the election call. In the beginning, Russell MacLellan made few public appearances, while Robert Chisholm and John Hamm seemingly took every opportunity to greet Nova Scotian voters. After the leaders debate, the campaign took an interesting turn. Party leaders attacked the platforms of the other parties. The Conservatives and NDP told Nova Scotians of countless broken promises made by Russell

MacLellan.

On Sunday, in a rally for Liberal supporters and workers, Russell MacLellan called the Conservatives "incompetent leftovers" and the NDP "just scary". Many Liberal ads have pointed to the problems the NDP have created in other provinces, including British Columbia. Most of the attacks made by the Liberals focused on the lack of a price tag in the NDP platform.

In turn, the NDP focused its attacks on the Liberals. Ads declared that the Liberals "aren't on your side" and "enough is enough." Flyers given to voters in the last week of the campaign outlined promises that were broken by the Liberals. The same flyer also states that "the Tories started it all." The most

famous of the NDP's attack was a ribbon cutting ceremony held at Province House. The NDP stretched a red ribbon around the perimeter of Province House. Each loop represented a broken promise made by the Liberals.

Conservatives remained on the sidelines while the Liberals and NDP did most of the attacking. However, some Tory material did attack the other parties, particularly the NDP. John Hamm called the NDP platform titled "Priorities for People", "The Maybe Manifesto". A brochure sent out by a Halifax candidate contained a diagram called "The NDP Maze" which depicted the NDP plan eventually leading to a money pit.



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N. S. ELECTION NIGHT TOWN HALL WAS HELD LAST NIGHT AT THE SMU THEATRE AUDITORIUM. ABOVE, ALEX MCDONOUGH, FEDERAL LEADER OF NDP, WATCHED FOR POSSIBLE EARLY RESULTS.

Part-time faculty strike canceled

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said, "It is still very low and unfair pay, but it is a first step and a big step finally accomplished." The union has furthermore implemented a 'no discrimination' policy, and a labor-management committee, to improve working conditions at the universities. Earlier in the month, Saint Mary's University made a settlement with part-timers based on three separate schemes: the basic rate for new people; a precedence list for those having taught at least two courses; and one for those that have taught five years or more. Retroactive as of January 1, 1998, all three groups will receive \$6100 per full credit.

As of September 1998, the basic rate will be \$6250 for a full credit, \$6425 for those on precedence, and \$6600 for those part-timers that have taught for at least 5 years.

Starting on the September 1, 1999, basic pay rate will be \$6400, \$6575 for precedence part-timers, and \$6750 for those having taught five courses or more.

Contracts at all three universities end on August 31, 2000.

Dalhousie is also in conciliation negotiations with its full-time professors. The Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) voted with an overwhelming majority for strike action after a failed conciliation process in

the fall, when the full-time faculty members' contracts at Dal and SMU ended. SMU full-time faculty had reached an agreement in November without entertaining the possibility of a strike.

The DFA has welcomed a return to the bargaining table and contract talks between full-timers and Dal administration resumed on Monday March 23, with the help of a conciliator. If the negotiations are not successful the DFA has set a strike date for today, Wednesday, March 25, to back up its contract demands. The union has demanded a 13% salary increase and a guarantee that any new vacancies created by attrition will be filled. Dalhousie has lost 113 faculty positions in the past 10 years. The university has offered a 9.5% wage hike, and maintains that government funding cuts won't allow a guarantee of staff complements.

The association held picket signs at noon Monday outside the DALTECH building on Spring Garden Road and at noon Tuesday on the corner of Robie St. and University Avenue.

The university had invited Dal student union reps to make presentation to both sides before negotiations resume. The university has said classes will be canceled if there's a strike.

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Campus Briefs

News from around SMU

by Lea Lamoureux

SMUSA helps combat racism

Saturday, March 21st was the International Day for the Elimination of Racism. In efforts to show the short and long term effects of racism, SMUSA arranged for Mr. Phillip Riteman, a survivor of Nazi Death Camps, including Auschwitz and Dachau during World War II to speak to interested students and the public about his experiences and their effects on his life.

Provincial election night at SMU

On Tuesday, March 24th, the theater auditorium in McNally hosted a live two hour show, which was broadcast on the Cable Public Affairs Channel a.k.a. The House of Commons Channel. There was a distinguished panel of guests from the Progressive Conservatives, the Liberals and the New Democratic Party as well as SMU Political Science Professor Dr. Leonard Preyra.

Everyone was welcome, and as the show was broadcast, audience participation played a major role.

SMU hosts missionaries

On Monday, March 16th SMU and Industry Canada presented a talk about the economic climate regarding private sector investment opportunities in China and Vietnam. The presentation, entitled "Vietnam and China in '98: Old Friends - New Opportunities", featured Mr. Ted Lipman, Head Of Mission in Shanghai and Ms. Sarah Hradecky, Head of Mission in Vietnam, who spoke about education and training opportunities and economic development present in the growing markets.

A presentation on the development and success of the universities in China and Vietnam, was lead by Dr. Liette Vasseur, who is the Project Director.

University 101: high school students visit SMU

On Wednesday, March 18th high school students and their families were given the opportunity to explore Saint Mary's and ask questions regarding admission requirements, academic programs, student services, financial aid and life in residence.

The visit included a tour of the campus, and an opportunity to visit classes, labs and residences as well as the chance to meet professors, other potential students and University officials such as SMUSA and President Dr. Kenneth Ozmon.

An added perk to the day was the chance to win first year text books, SMU paraphernalia and computer software.

Husky Van still in disrepair

The Saint Mary's Husky Van that was in an accident two weeks ago remains out of service.

The van was involved in a collision on the 18th of this month while delivering copies of the *Journal* to downtown drop-off spots. No one was hurt in the accident.

The driver at the time of the accident, Jean-Guy Chaisson, is still relieved of his patrol duties. Exact costs of the damage have not yet been determined. Jeff Keizer, Director of Public Relations at SMUSA is "not too sure" when the Husky Van will be back in service.

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Wednesday Nite! Bring us a flower & we'll give you a kiss & a free can of Coke! (of course you get the free can of Coke anyways, we're just moochin' for flowers...) (Kisses only available from Stephen & David, you don't get kisses from the rest of our staff. Sorry...)

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SMU gets physic-al

by Stephen Goobie

Doors were locked. Curtains were closed. The citizens of Sackville, New Brunswick braced themselves as the rumble of more than 100 students and professors converged on Mount Allison several weekends past for the second annual Atlantic Undergraduate Physics and Astronomy Conference (AUPAC '98). Remarkable the always witty Anthony Landry: "We laughed, we cried, we learned about physics."

A successful weekend, the conference entailed almost 30 student presentations and 4 guest lectures. Participants appeared to be impressed by the audio-visual features and

movie theatre style of the recently-built Wu Center. Among the other activities included a wine and cheese social, a banquet; and a pub crawl spanning Sackville's few establishments.

Although SMU sent a large delegation of 13 students (4 of whom gave presentations of their past research and interests) no awards were handed out way.

"I was disappointed that no one from SMU won, but it was a definite learning experience," said Joseph MacMillan, a 3rd year Astrophysics major. He delivered an impressive talk reviewing his summer research on Cepheid variable stars. "Over all, the quality of the talks was quite good."

First prize went to Jane Shkolnik, a Dal student who conducted her research with Dr. David Guenther of Saint Mary's, for her talk on the seismology of stars.

Other presentations from SMU included Alyson Bailey's talk explaining the laser she designed and built at the NRC, and how it is being used to investigate the alignment of individual molecules. Tim Hatchard discussed his contribution to a possible solution to the puzzling and infamous solar neutrino problem that had been plaguing particle physicists for a number of years.

Next February, AUPAC '99 will be held at the UPEI.

Still no safe condoms

by Natasha Oakes

In January, the *Journal* ran an article on the campus condom machines. The problem was that the condoms available in the washrooms in the pub are novelty condoms, and therefore are not safe for protection against STDs and pregnancy. SMUSA president, John Francis, and head of Student Services, Keith Hotchkiss, answered queries on what would be done about the problem.

It's two months later and the answer seems to be: not much.

Well, not now anyway. According to both men, the problem with the machines has become a "summer project", meaning that nothing can or will be done until after exams are over. In May, the new SMUSA administration will take over and that's most likely when things will get underway.

According to Hotchkiss, this issue has "not been forgotten". Rob Finn, Operations Manager, has been seeking out a company to both supply and service the new machines, but one cannot be found in the Atlantic

Provinces. And until one is, the old machines will have to stay. "We don't want to tear them down without a solution," says Francis. Hopefully, the project will begin midsummer and the new machines will most likely be in by September.

But this is "not an issue of not having new machines," says Hotchkiss. Student Services is quite willing to update the condom machines in the pub. Right now, there seems to be no student concern to put machines anywhere else on campus.



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Just "purple" with jealousy

Purple Reign. That was just one sign held by Bishop's University fans this past weekend at the CIAU Basketball Championships at the Halifax Metro Centre. In fact, there were dozens of signs waving around the facility as Bishop's won their first ever National Basketball title, 74-71.

I have to say I was envious. Sure, I was a bit jealous of the championship banner held by the Gaiter's team captains, but it was something else that I was resentful of. I was jealous of the couple hundred fans from Lennoxville, Quebec clad in purple, whistling, singing, chanting, screaming, dancing, and cheering their team on to a Canadian championship. Indeed, I was jealous of these crazed basketball adorerers who travelled 15 hours to watch their beloved university team play in Halifax. And I was jealous to hear the rumor that of the 1800 students at the university, almost half of them came to Halifax to watch the CIAU's. Whether that rumor was true or not, the sight of so many wild fans dedicated to encouraging the pride of their university made me purely and utterly...jealous. I guess what I'm writing about here is the school spirit exemplified by this school of 1800 people.

Purple shirts were everywhere at the Metro Centre this past weekend. Clothing worn bore slogans like "Friends don't let friends go to McGill" and "It might just be the best place on earth." Tie die purple shirts, purple jump suits, purple shirts with the school's song on it - and this is a university of only 1800!

There is reasoning as to why small schools, like Bishop's, receive such major support from students, alumni, and their surrounding community. People say this happens because the "town revolves around the university and the university revolves around the town." I guess the same could be said for other small, local universities like Saint Francis Xavier in Antigonish, and Acadia in Wolfville. With these two Nova Scotian schools, the towns gain a couple thousand to their population every September, and receive attention to their community every time there is a success at their university.

So I'm jealous. I'm jealous of the atmosphere I saw at the Metro Centre last weekend. I want that same school spirit all the time not just when Saint Mary's plays cross-town rivals Dalhousie in the AUSA Basketball Championships. Spirit has to do with pride more than face paint and noise makers. To me, there really isn't any legitimate excuse as to why we can't have this same atmosphere at Saint Mary's. As I recall, we did have this years ago.

Things were never "dead" on campus years ago. Perhaps this has to do with one word. Change. New rules enforced on residence students have prevented against rowdy behaviour, last minute floor parties, and pub crawls. Students in the past have had these types of social events. Those activities brought students together - students rallying around university life.

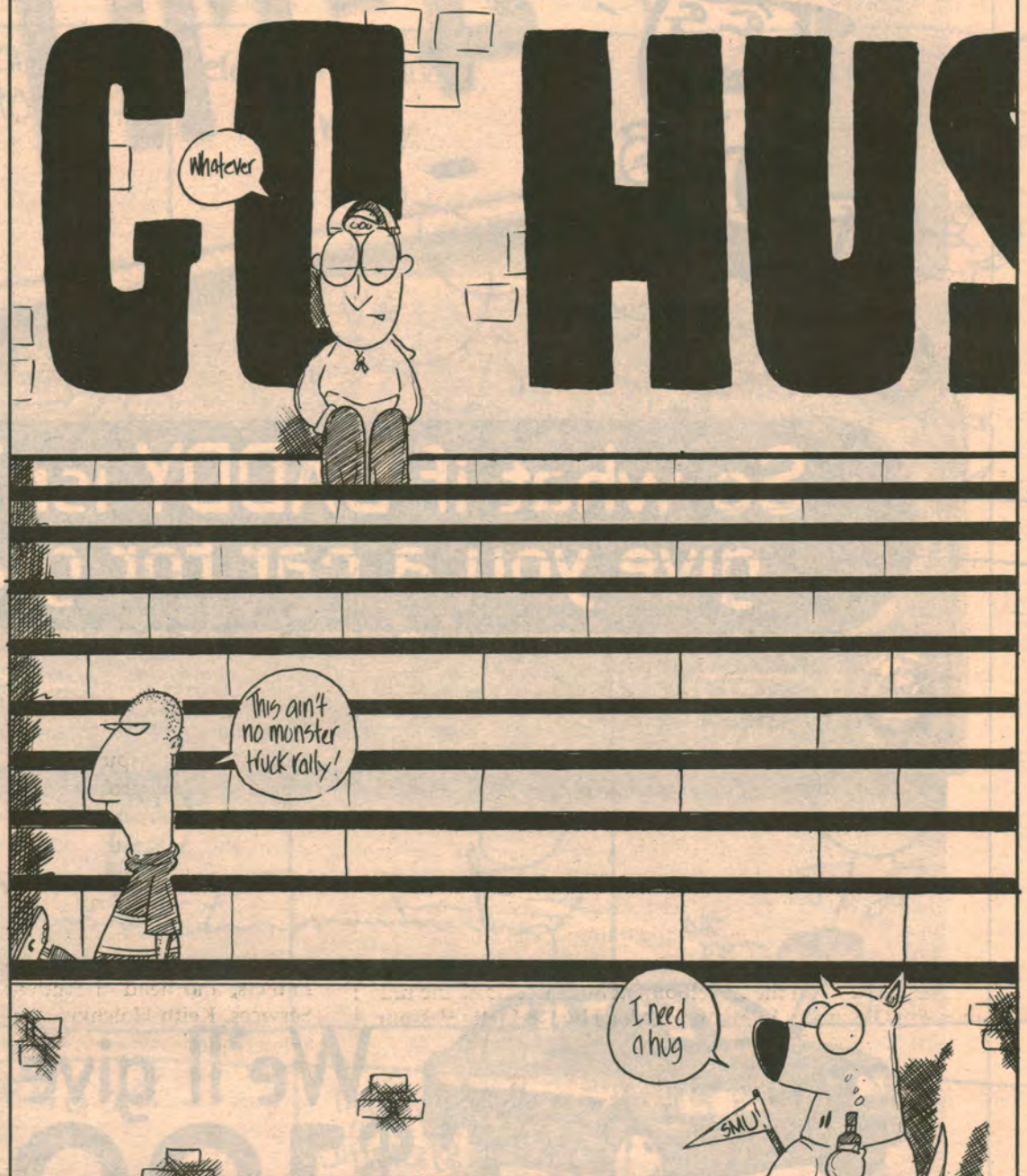
Now, due to these types of rules, there are not as many students attending university sponsored events or activities because there is not a sense of belonging or community within the student body. I should take part of that back. There is a certain sense of community on campus as some students live together or are roommates in residence. There is another phenomenon besides the changing of university rules. There are now more local students and other students living off-campus, and this means that more students are not getting involved with on-campus life. These students, some who travel into school each day, tend to keep their social life outside the university. That is, students keep their same friends and their same groups as they did before they came to university. The phenomenon is, if students aren't living on campus, then they aren't inclined to get involved with campus life. That's a shame. In a small town, like Lennoxville, Quebec, the school is their centre-piece. Students have no choice but to get involved. The reality there is that they enjoy doing it.

I guess I'll never know what it is like to feel that atmosphere that is felt at Bishop's or Saint Francis Xavier, or any small town university. Do not be mistaken. I do not regret my years here at Saint Mary's, nor do I criticize our school's spirit. Our university's portrayal of pride is unique in its own way. I just wonder what that small town energy and support feels like. I do know one feeling I had when that purple wave of Bishop's fans came rolling into Halifax last weekend - jealousy. Yes. I was just "purple" with jealousy.

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We popped over to a recent Saint Mary's game and interviewed SMU varsity sports fans to get a feel for how they think fan turn-out has been this year...



I'd also like to take a moment and wish Dal President Chris Adams all the best on his road to recovery. Monday morning at around 4:00am just wasn't a fun time for anyone eh Chris? Get better soon and I hope whatever it is, that it clears up.

LOVE
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Dear Editor,

As a person who opts for healthy food alternatives whenever and wherever possible, I am unhappy with the selection of healthy meals offered at the Gorsebrook, cafeteria and the sub cafe. If, for example, I would like a vegetarian meal, what are my choices? A deep fried "vegetarian" hot dog, or "burger", a variety-less salad or a sandwich. What about vegetarian sandwich toppings besides just veggies? What about a Greek salad for a change, or perhaps romaine, green-leaf or red-leaf lettuce (as opposed to iceberg lettuce), with red onion, feta cheese, arugula, spinach, red cabbage, etc., etc. What about tofu-based stir-frys? What about pan-fried (as opposed to deep-fried) fish with a steamed vegetable? And if I am in the mood for a meat-based meal, what about a piece of pan-fried (not breaded) chicken breast, asparagus, and tomato-based sauce, and not a deep-fried burger, a greasy shepherd's pie, or non-lean beef stir fry? What about brown rice or basmati or wild rice as opposed to white, bleached rice; whole-wheat pasta instead of white pasta (which is available at all local grocery stores), and whole wheat, or rye bagels as opposed to white-bread based cinnamon, onion and blueberry bagels?

These are but a few of my suggestions to healthier menu options that I wish Versa offered.

Sincerely,
Katherine Siegbahn

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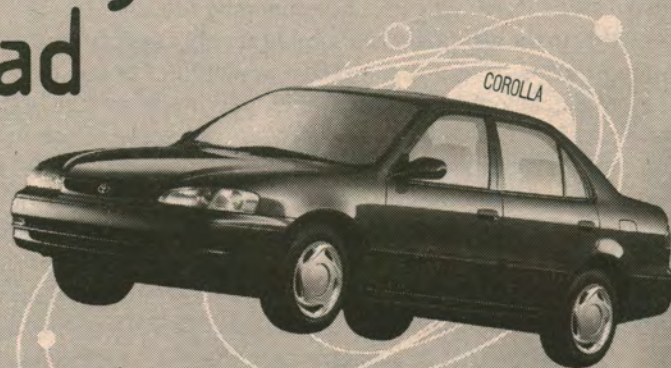
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Fear and loathing on the landlord trail

by Mike Petrou

You'd think by now I'd know better.

This is my fifth year of university and my fifth year of living away from home. I've had about half a dozen landlords, and I thought I had them all figured out.

But last week I woke up with the sun streaming through my windows and the temperature in my room a couple degrees above zero. Our heat wasn't working. Again. Blowing on my fingers so I could thaw them enough to dial a phone, I called my landlord.

He was on vacation. Someplace warm, I'm sure.

My troubles with landlords began four years ago when I went to school in Kingston, Ontario. At Queen's University, most students live within

a few blocks of each other in a ramshackle collection of decaying houses dubbed the ghetto.

It's not the most politically correct term. Students do choose to live there, after all, and nobody's pushing crack. But it's a pretty accurate description.

In the summertime students spend their evenings sitting out on their porches and balconies drinking beer. In the summertime the ghetto is fun. In the wintertime students come back from Christmas vacation to find out that they've been robbed and there's raw sewage running through their basements.

Presiding over this mess are the slumlords. Slumlords own dozens of houses each. The houses have all been converted to house twice as many tenants as they were designed for. Extra rooms jut out from the tops

of houses like tree-forts. Staircases begin in the kitchen, and bedrooms exist where once there were closets.

Living in the ghetto made me bitter. But I thought it made me wise. This time, I was sure, I wouldn't get fooled again.

And when I got to Halifax in July, everything seemed okay. Even my landlord came across as a good guy. He hadn't actually finished building the house I'd be renting, but when he started telling me about all the improvements he was going to make, I was hooked.

"You guys are going to have a real Cadillac system," he beamed as he bounded around the construction site that was to be our home. "This is where I'm going to put in the wood stove. And here's where I'll put the dishwasher, and here, here I'll put in another dishwasher."

Actually at this point I was more concerned with where he was going to put the toilets, which still didn't exist, but I figured if he wanted two dishwashers in his house I wasn't going to argue.

"You know," my landlord told me when I asked why the kitchen didn't have a floor, "my old tenants still send me Christmas cards."

I signed the lease.

Waiting for my landlord to build his Cadillac system meant that the six of us had to live in a two-person apartment for a month. And when we moved in it turned out that his Cadillac system didn't involve glass for my bedroom window or heat for the house, let alone wood stoves and dishwashers.

Around this time I let my landlord know I had called the tenancy board and promptly

got threatened with eviction. I began to miss my house in Kingston with its rats and sewage in the basement. At least it was warm.

Now I've pretty much resigned myself to my fate. I'm mildly curious to see if my landlord will finish installing the heating system before summer gets here, but mostly I don't care.

But I do have two pieces of advice for any students looking for a new place to live.

If your prospective landlord starts talking about the Cadillac system he's going to install, tell him you want to see what the house looks like from the front yard, and then run like hell.

And if you still can, live with your parents.

Mike Petrou will be looking for a new home in September.

The united alternative and its importance

by Clinton P. Desveaux

Do you want to begin paying down your massive \$585 billion dollar debt that you and your government owe? Do you want to begin lowering your much too high taxes that are preventing you from getting a well paid job? Do you want to reduce the government size that exists today?

Had small "c" conservatives united during the last federal

election in New Brunswick and Ontario, you could have prevented another liberal dictatorship from governing through the beginning of the next century.

The Reform Party of Canada is now established as Canada's Official and Loyal Opposition. And the Progressive Conservative Party is once again the fifth party in the House of Commons, relegated to the back of Question Period behind the

wilderness of the NDP.

Ralph Klein, Preston Manning, and Mike Harris are all advocating a single, united alternative of like minded, small "c" conservatives.

Mike Harris and Ralph Klein, both provincial PC Premiers in Alberta and Ontario respectively, are in the process of introducing referendums and plebiscites grass roots democracy - a page torn from the Reform Party of Canada's election platform. These two small "c" conservatives have also began to demand that the Senate of Canada be reformed by becoming democratically elected. Again, something else that

would make Preston Manning and the Reform Party proud.

With Jean Charest going to Quebec to lead the provincial Liberals in a united alternative to the separatist Parti Quebecois, the need for a united alternative to the federal Liberal dictatorship that exists today is justifiable. Now Red Tories in Nova Scotia would have nothing in common with small "c" conservatives of New Brunswick, Ontario, and the West, so they may as well join the NDP and or the Liberals.

PC Youth members seem to be deserting their former party in mass exodus to join the Reform Party of Canada. This

would seem to spell the death of Sir John A's Liberal Conservatives once and for all. There is also the matter of the federal Tory \$15 million dollar debt (why would a small "c" conservative believe in having a massive debt?). That issue is likewise dragging the old party deeper into hot water.

The only people opposed to a merger are those whose jobs are on the line - federal PC staff and bureaucracy, and a loud handful of Red Tory's in three Atlantic provinces who wish to speak for the majority of Canadians.

Now if you are a small "c" conservative who loves Sir Roger Douglas of New Zealand, the time has come for you to become active and demand to "unite the right."

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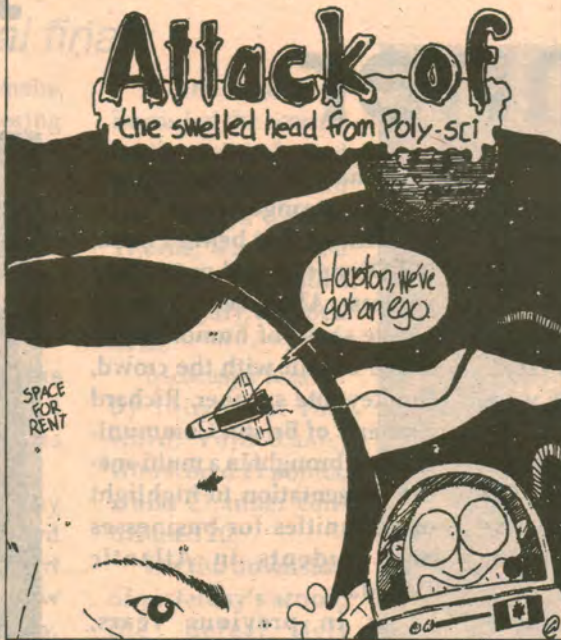
Editorial Comics: The Year In Review

With Your Host: Journal Graphics Editor - Andrew Bowers

Seems that DSU Prez Chris Adams feels we at SMU have teased, taunted and bullied those poor Dal frosh too much. We tried to reach Chris for comment but his secretary said he was teething..



Brian S. Leadbetter renames Political Science after himself... scientists predict an eclipse, RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!



Will the new Frank H. Sobey building increase class space or class size?



FROM GOO-GOO DOLL CLOCKWISE: 1) The beginning of the year saw SMU frosh being labeled as violent, immature, hate mongers by every-one's fave cry-baby, DSU Prez Chris "Huggies" Adams, and his lackey, side-kick Terence Tam. It should be noted that one week later Terence sent me a foot long sausage in the mail. I got a restraining order. Terence got probation. 2) What the Hell was Brian Leadbetter thinking? Renaming the Poly-sci Society after himself? Couldn't he come up with something snappier? How

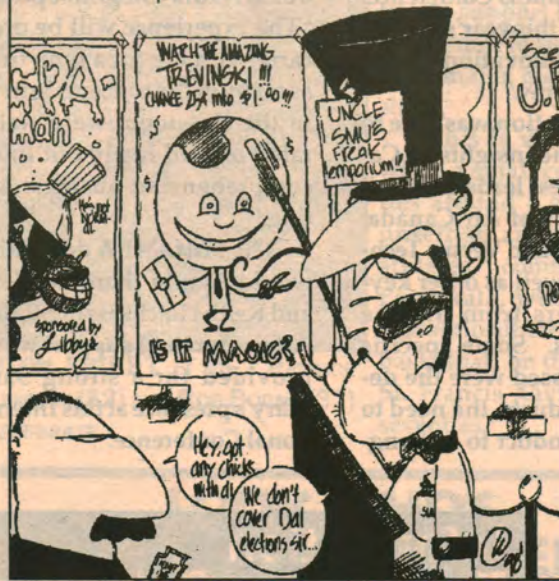
about "Look at my big ass ego Society?" Probably wouldn't fit on the cheques. The name got changed back I hear, but the dream still lives on for Brian. 3) Many speculated that even with the addition of the new Frank H. Sobey building, classes would still remain as a salute to the sardine collective. At least it provided good photo ops for politicians and alumni. That's what really mattered. Right? 4) Clay Fowler banned pizza delivery in residence because he feared the Greco guys couldn't be trusted. Clay, angered yet again, seeks revenge on yours truly by seeking out residence students who could draw yours truly and get even. Hee Hee. Clay, I wouldn't do it if you didn't make it so damn easy. To this date the donair ban has not been lifted. At least you can thank Clay for your low cholesterol and that fresh morning breath. God bless him. 5) If you can't rely on Dalhousie Frat brothers at Phi Kappa Pi up on Robie for at least one good Editorial cartoon a year, then who can you? Bouncing back from the Watts beating, the kids now found themselves victims of an undercover police sting. Nailed for under-age drinking violations and disturbing the peace, the Phi boys were easy pickings. Two days after this appeared, they sent three representatives up to our offices to "discuss" the editorial and cartoon. I guess they needed that many bodies to form a complete sentence. 6) Canada was proud when our Olympic snowboarder Ross won the gold while under the influence of the rolled. Pot has never had a better name since the Cheech and Chong movies. It just goes to show that you can train all your life and still get stoned. We accept you, for you. I was never so proud to be a Canadian. And Letterman had enough Canuck Pot-head jokes for 50 shows. I bet you Ben Johnson was kicking himself. 7) Bomb threat you say? SMU handled a recent bomb scare about as well as MacLellan did in that recent election debate. See no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil came into play as the cover-up was soon exposed. It should be noted that all the characters depicted took it in stride, however the commissioner in question let me know that he had my license plate number and had friends in the towing industry. In reality we had two

Director of Residence, Clay Fowler, bans pizza deliveries on all floors. He must figure we can't protect ourselves from those seedy types at Grecoville...



bomb scares that week. The Gorsebrook was playing Waterworld Sunday night. 8) Finally, did the best men win the elections? It just goes to show that candidates can run just as crooked a campaign as their bigger sleazier counterparts in real life. Was there favoritism? Was there back scratching? And to anyone who didn't vote for J.F because they thought he was a pot-head, my apologies. How could I have been that wrong? It's only for medicinal purposes. It's been a fun year, but my time is up. Take care of yourselves and remember that I loved each and every one of you. And the baby isn't mine.

Come one! Come all!! To the hideous freak show of student politics! See the worst-like presidential candidates who started campaigning early!!! Watch as the deformed G.P.A she-man jumps through loop holes using nothing but his looks. See as the insane e-mailer goes over budget!!! Welcome to the SMUSA elections '98' if you care... I mean dare!!



Mystery surrounds the recently ignored bomb threat on campus. Was it a Public Relations cover-up? Perhaps ill trained commissioners? Or was it security manager Bill Promaine asleep at the wheel... or was it the always popular, all of the above?



Just a quick Olympic re-cap for all you young, impressionable, aspiring athletes of tomorrow on the currently acceptable, gold medal worthy, Canadian training regimens...



News item: Dalhousie Frat house Phi Kappa Pi recently accused of serving drinks to minors, disturbing the peace and lowering its Robie street neighborhood market value. What more can we expect from these leaders of tomorrow?



Commerce Society pulls off annual dinner

by C. Pilkey

The 24th Annual Commerce Society Business Dinner was held on Wednesday, March 7th after some speculation as to whether or not it would even go ahead at all. Almost since its beginning, the dinner has been organized entirely by students of Saint Mary's University under the direction of the Saint Mary's Commerce Society. There have always been complications in organizing the dinner, but this year the Commerce Society had a change over of their executive in January. With only two months to

go and no volunteers to help organize the event, the dinner faced the possibility of not going on for the first time in 23 years.

Commerce Society executives, Jennifer Tippert, Heidi Degg and Kerry Reinke were determined to pull it off. They solicited the help of commerce student David Young and the four managed to put everything together just in time for the opening reception.

David Young was the Master of Ceremonies and put it best when he likened the Dinner to the Montreal ice storms, "It's not the most organized

trees that survive, its the ones with the strongest roots."

With all that behind them, the Dinner turned out to be a success. Along with Young's subtle sense of humor which was a big hit with the crowd, the keynote speaker, Richard Emberly of Bristol Communications, brought in a multi-media presentation to highlight opportunities for businesses and students in Atlantic Canada.

As in previous years, awards were presented to the full-time and part-time professors of the year. The Commerce Society Dinner is the only event



KEYNOTE SPEAKER, RICHARD EMBERLY, AND HIS WIFE ENJOYS THE POST DINNER RECEPTION AT THE WESTON HOTEL. ALSO IN PICTURE IS SOBEY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, SHAWN RILEY, JOURNAL EDITOR, SIGNA BUTLER, AND DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY ANVANCEMENT, DON KELEHER

Time capsule buried for fifty years

by C. Pilkey

On Thursday, March 19th 1998, a time capsule was buried in the corner of the computer lab in the Sobey building. The time capsule was actually sealed in November of 1997, and holds a number of items to commemorate Saint Mary's University and the community. It is scheduled to be opened in 50 years.

A small ceremony took place with speeches by Saint Mary's President Dr. Kenneth Ozmon and Dean of Commerce, Dr. Paul Dixon.

In attendance were a students and staff of Saint Mary's, two grand-children of Frank Sobey, Global Television and other members of the press.

SMUSA's Director of Public Relations, Jeff Keizer, took part in the ceremony, helping Dr. Dixon lower the capsule into its resting place.

The time capsule was organ-

ized by Dr. Dixon's Executive Assistant, Donna Filek, who also attended the ceremony.

This was the first time that anyone has organized such an event at Saint Mary's.



TOP: JEFF KEIZER AND PAUL DIXON PLACE THE CAP ON THE TIME CAPSULE'S TOMB. LEFT: TIME CAPSULE SITS IN ITS NEW HOME, NOT TO BE SEEN FOR ANOTHER FIFTY YEARS



SMU MBA goes global

by Dan Legere

From March 5-8, a delegation of Saint Mary's MBA students, Nadia Chegrinec, Michele Stoddart, Dan Leger, Jason Prole, and Boris Mirtchev, attended the 11th Annual York University International Graduate Business Conference. The theme of this year's conference was "Innovation in the Global Economy."

The delegation was able to learn from the insights of Canadian business leaders including the CEO's of Air Canada, Bell Mobility, and Versus Technologies, as well as other keynote speakers from diverse backgrounds. Some specific topics addressed were the delivery of products, the need to adopt the product to a chang-

ing environment, and the importance of emerging markets in the increasingly global marketplace.

The Saint Mary's team was impressed with what they gained from the conference. Not only was Saint Mary's promoted to a national audience, but as Nadia Chegrinec puts it, "The experience will be one I carry with me for a long time, as many of the concepts learned in the classroom were elaborated on and really put into a comprehensive business setting."

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Bishop's take home the hardware

Gaiters win in first trip to national final

by Tyler Waugh

Reminiscent of the Biblical battle between David and Goliath, Bishop's defeated the McMaster Marauders on Sunday afternoon to claim their first ever CIAU Men's Basketball championship.

As the smallest basketball school, at just under two thousand students, Bishop's finished off a dream season with a 74-71 victory to take home the W.P. McGee Trophy.

All did not start well for the Gaiters in the championship game.

McMaster stormed out of the gate, taking a 25-10 lead on the nervous looking Gaiters squad. After a timeout by Bishop's coach, Eddie Pomykala, the momentum of the game shifted in favor of the Gaiters.



HOW SWEET IT IS - PATRICE LEMIEUX (32) AND ROB BURNS (33) CELEBRATE.

They would control the remainder of the first half, outscoring the Marauders 26-6 for a 36-31 lead at the half.

Bishop's would increase their lead to as much as 13 points in the second frame before McMaster would mount their comeback.

Led by CIAU MVP, Titus Channer, McMaster would shave the lead to two points with 35 seconds left to play.

McMaster would trail by three after Bishop's forward Clark and Rob Burns led the scoring for the well-balanced Bishop's attack with 16 points each.

Thorne, who played the final game with a thigh injury, chipped in 15. McMaster was led by third year forward, Vojo Rusic, who scored 21 points, while Channer contributed 20.

On the downside of yesterday's action, the defeat left McMaster with their third defeat in the final in the last five years, and saw the last game of Channer's career.

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Consolation Final

Acadia 71
Brandon 70

After losing 77-67 in the first round to McMaster, the Acadia Axemen would defeat the Waterloo Warriors 76-69 to advance to the consolation final against the Brandon Bobcats.

The Bobcats advanced to the consolation final after their 97-75 drubbing of the Alberta Golden Bears.

Acadia would defeat the



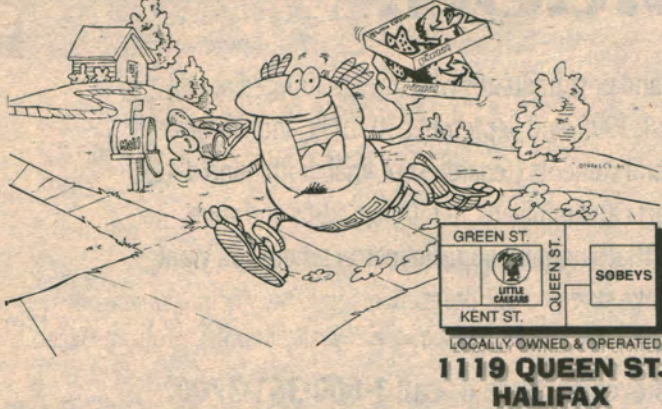
HARD TO THE HOLE - PATRICE LEMIEUX OF THE BISHOP'S GAITERS SQUEEZES BETWEEN McMASTER DEFENDERS STEVE MAGA (44) AND NICK RUPCICH (55). LEMIEUX WOULD SCORE 8 POINTS AND BRING DOWN 12 REBOUNDS IN BISHOP'S 74-

Bobcats by a score of 71-70 on a last second jump-shot by Jean-Pierre Fleurantin to win the consolation final.

Brandon failed to hold a one point lead with 35 seconds left, after guard, Mo Carter, drained a three-pointer.

In the Paint- All was not positive following Bishop's courtside celebration. McMaster guard, Mark Maga, was trampled and went to hospital with a suspected broken leg.

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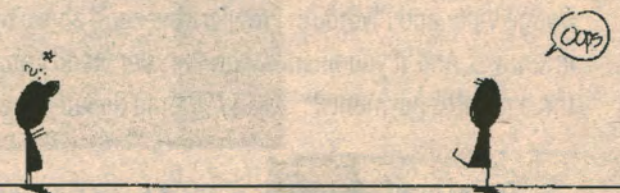
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Much ado about nothing

by Tyler Waugh

As you may have noticed, I have come down with an extreme case of March Madness in the last few issues. Usually I am immune to this ailment as I do not have a deeply rooted passion for basketball; however, this year it hit me hard. So in my state of delirium, here's some of the Saint Mary's sports news you may have missed.

***Our women's hockey team** traveled to Montreal for the CIAU championships a few weeks ago, and although the team did not fare well, it was an all-star weekend for two Huskies. Goaltender Lesley Jordan and forward Tasha Noble were both named to the CIAU all-star squad.

***The men's hockey team** held their year end awards banquet to announce many honors, including defenseman, Bob MacIsaac, as MVP, and forward, Justin Steinbach, as rookie of the year.

***After being awarded** AUSA women's basketball

MVP, graduating Huskie, Jadranka Crnogorac, was named as a CIAU 2nd team all-star.

***Saint Mary's men's basketballer,** Patrick Toulouse, was named to the AUSA 2nd all-star team after originally being left off the squad. Toulouse led the AUSA and ranked second nationally in rebounding, ending the season with 10.9 boards per game.

Fairleigh Impressive- I have a confession. Although I am a huge Michigan Wolverines fan, every NCAA basketball tournament I pick a sleeper. This year I was tormented in my choice between either Fairleigh Dickinson or Prairie View A&M. With such dynamic names both squads deserved my reverence. Fortunately for my tormented mind, both teams, like many of my sleeper picks, were out of the tournament in the first round before I was forced to choose.

Toronto turning new leaf- As a lifelong Maple Leaf fan, it brings a tear to my eye that for

the first time in the last four years management isn't trading away some struggling rookie for an over-rated, over-paid underachiever with the hope of making the playoffs. Now, thanks to Ken Dryden, I get to enjoy watching these struggling rookies develop into over-rated, over-paid underachievers.

Baking Brownies- Just like that bad rash from your first year in residence, the Cleveland Browns are back again. NFL president, Paul Tagliabue, announced that the city of Cleveland will be awarded an expansion franchise for the 1999 season. Maybe this time they can build a winner. Who knows, maybe they can get back Kosar as well. He really looked good in brown and orange.

Go Gaiters- With the CIAU final eight, I found a team I could cheer for in the Bishop's Gaiters. Small town, small school, no one big star on the roster, I was rooting for them to win. Call me sentimental, or maybe I just like purple.

Attracting flies- The Montreal Expos are experiencing a dismal spring training season. I know, a poor spring training is not indicative of the season to come, but doesn't it feel like Expos management is finally going to lose that game of Russian roulette they play every off-season? Could this be the year that the franchise doesn't produce some obscure no-name replacement for a star they couldn't afford to resign?

Try this on for a frightening scenario. If the Expos can only generate 10,000 fans when

they're producing some of the most exciting, successful ball teams in the majors, what happens when their team is not even competitive?

Dearly departed- How many people think that Latrell Sprewell and coach P.J. Carlesimo can work things out and produce a positive working atmosphere? I mean, if Bob at work had a stranglehold on you one day, do you think that some time down the road you could be friends again? Maybe, but you'd be watching your back at that watercooler.

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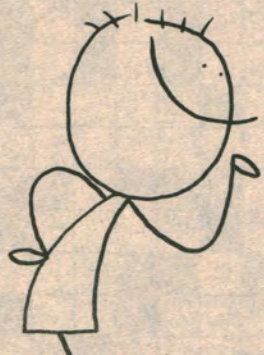
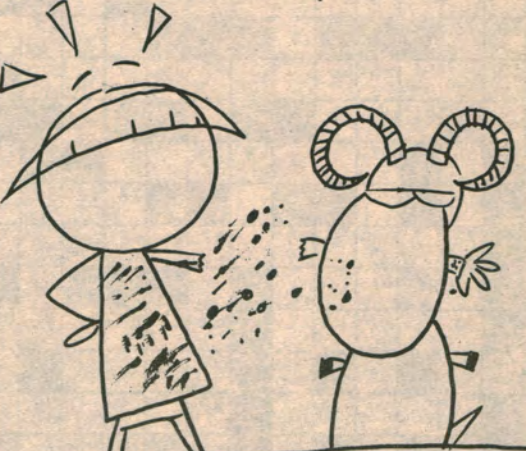


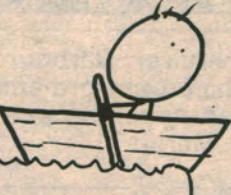




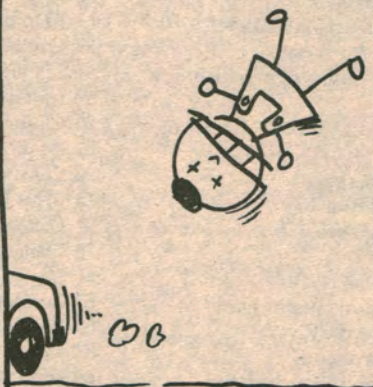
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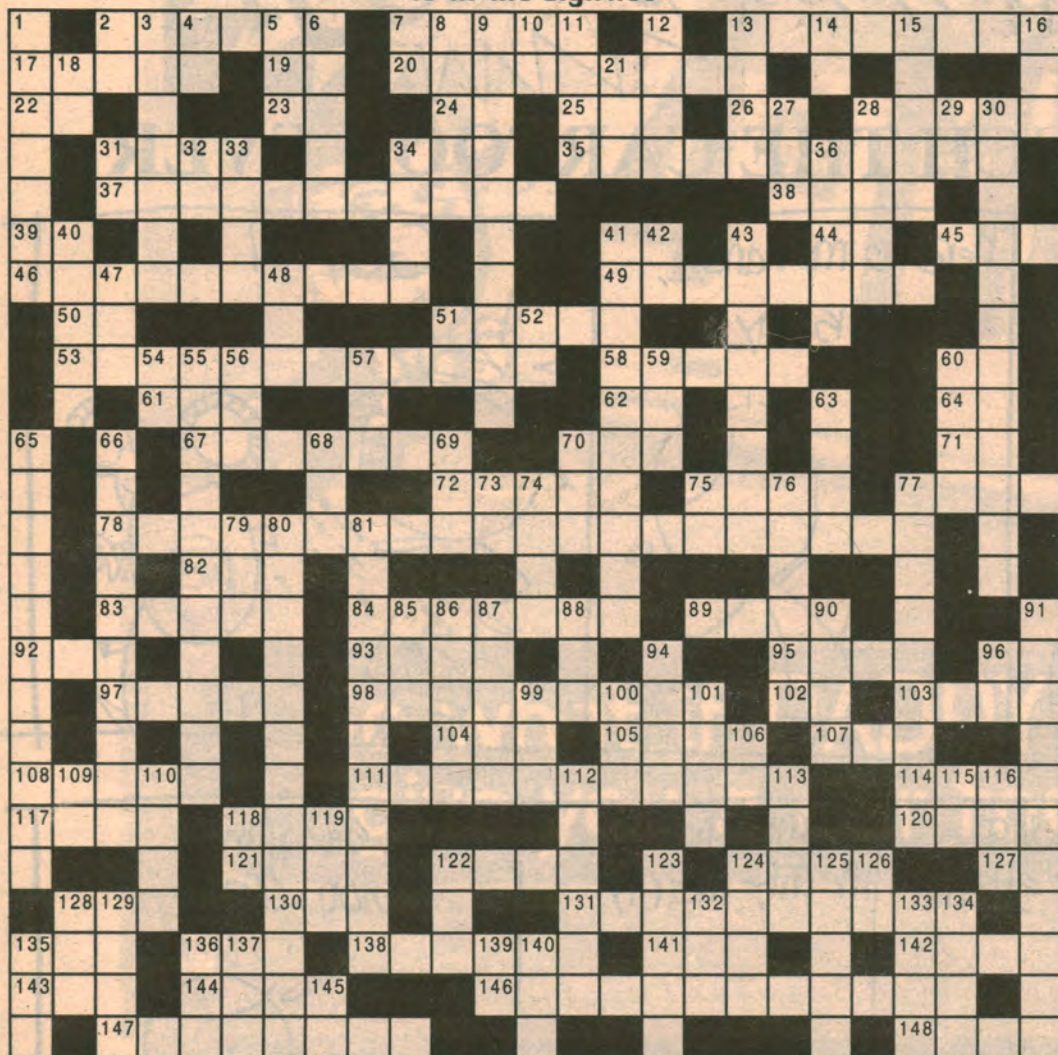
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Comments No celery? No lime? the Gorsebrook is reflecting back to their no talent, no celery rut. Time to take names, kick ass and pray!! How the mighty have fallen baby. so sad

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Rating 4.5/10

TU in the Eighties



- 4 Cool J
- 5 Alien show
- 6 Dinner utensil
- 7 Hotel booking, abbr.
- 8 Duck
- 9 The Keatons' show
- 10 Dorothy's aunt
- 11 Guitar chord grouping
- 12 Metallic element
- 13 Wallet bills
- 14 Former spouse
- 15 Conveyed indirectly without words
- 16 Married woman
- 18 Off-road auto
- 21 By way of
- 27 Garfield's owner
- 28 Mel's employee
- 29 In the event that
- 30 Canadian school drama
- 31 Metric weight
- 32 Actor Pacino
- 33 Rocker Billy
- 34 Flower type
- 36 Groovy, soulful
- 40 Lamp top
- 41 80's alien invasion
- 42 Dance emcee
- 43 To express negative feelings
- 47 70's rock group
- 48 Duke boys' car The General
- 51 Like Mr. for women
- 52 CN or CP
- 54 Extra period
- 55 Nell's last job
- 56 Actress Lupino
- 57 Electrical measure
- 59 A broad and basic rule or truth
- 60 Pet food brand
- 63 Person-powered vehicle
- 65 Show featuring K.I.T.T. and some curly-haired twit
- 66 Show featuring Judge Harry Stone
- 68 Frozen water
- 69 Grassy area
- 70 Each
- 73 Morning
- 74 Actress Garr
- 75 Dorm chief
- 76 Bar-based sitcom
- 77 Bill's popular sitcom
- 79 Enzyme suffix
- 80 A sitcom of misunderstandings
- 81 Hospital drama
- 85 John Major's toilet
- 86 Dome home
- 87 Piles of rope
- 88 Label
- 90 Nourishment
- 91 Pioneering computer-generated character
- 94 A group or clan
- 96 Belonging to me
- 99 Wrestling move
- 100 Spanish cheer
- 101 A tiny amount
- 106 Symbol for Einsteinium
- 109 And, Fr.
- 110 West's rival
- 112 Seeker or stalker, also 80's show
- 113 Glide on water
- 115 Undergraduate degree
- 116 In debt to
- 118 Laugh
- 119 Actress Carrere
- 122 Plead
- 123 Odd or strange
- 124 Campus housing
- 125 Mature person
- 126 You, Fr.
- 128 Space
- 129 Canned meat
- 132 Laser
- 133 Very, Fr.
- 134 New, North, or Fort
- 135 Lion
- 136 Auto company
- 137 Swine
- 139 Stomach muscle
- 140 Petrol
- 145 Needle place

Last week's winner of 25 CD's is John Andrew Barbour. This week's prize is 16 frothy refreshments. Complete the crossword and drop it off at The Journal, 5th floor Student Centre. One entry per person. Draw will take place on Tuesday, March 31.

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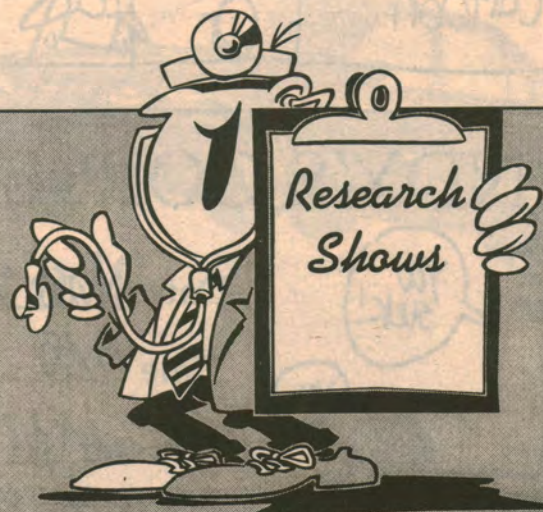
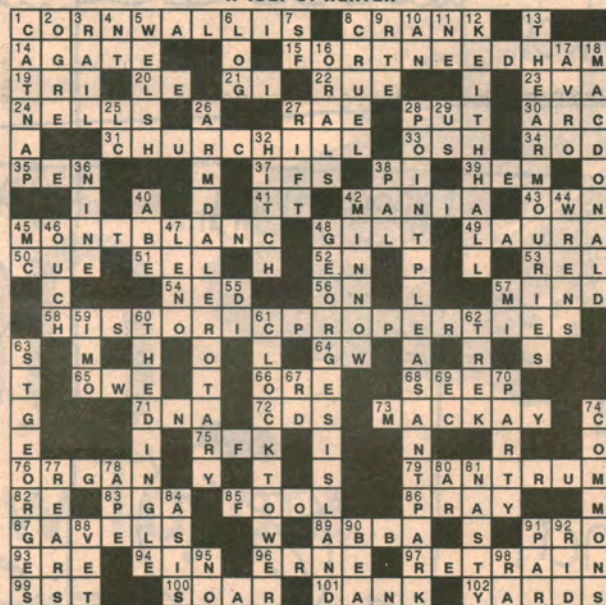
We have some passes to the premiere of *My Giant*. Come up to The Journal to pick one up. Supplies are limited, first come, first serve.

created by Kevin Smith

- Across
- 2 Texan soap
- 7 To call or direct attention to
- 13 B.A. Baracus' serial
- 17 To follow closely or persistently
- 19 Record
- 20 Crockett and Tubbs' popular program
- 22 Physics measure
- 23 Fee, Fi, _ Fum
- 24 German money, abbr.
- 25 Fish part
- 26 Home of the Devils
- 28 Sulphuric and hydrochloric
- 31 "Bridge on the River _"
- 34 Hawaiian offering
- 35 Blair, Jo, and Tootie's show
- 37 Bea, Rue, Betty, and Estelle's program
- 38 Night, Fr.
- 39 _ VP, invitation response
- 41 Promiscuity risk
- 44 Southern state? abbr.
- 45 Craft
- 46 Lee Majors' program
- 49 William Shatner police drama
- 50 NL rivals
- 51 Merriment
- 53 Young doctor
- 58 Wed secretly
- 60 Hyperbole phrase word
- 61 Kind of bit
- 62 Continent below N.A.
- 64 51 in Rome
- 67 Half-man, half-animal!
- 70 Church seat
- 71 Acidity measure
- 72 Consumer
- 75 "This Hour..." host Mercer
- 77 Create a saying or phrase
- 78 "Believe it or not, he's walking on air"
- 82 Residue
- 83 Potato or Yam
- 84 Calls forth
- 89 Food preparer
- 92 Nervous spasm
- 93 Trademark symbol
- 95 Blushing
- 96 Da's partner
- 97 Fat
- 98 80's dance show
- 102 Thus
- 103 "Mr. Roboto" group
- 104 Ancient
- 105 Fishing accessory
- 107 Homer's word
- 108 "Ten" Bo
- 111 Tony Danza series
- 114 Woodwind instrument
- 117 Singer James
- 118 Star Wars
- 120 Small repetitive Ontario town
- 121 French girlfriend
- 122 Fibre source
- 124 Mild expletive
- 127 Mr. Grimley
- 128 Western Canada's tax
- 130 Even
- 131 Viet Nam drama
- 135 Place for a computer?
- 136 College grades
- 138 To enter into conflict with
- 141 Head appendage
- 142 Type of cop?
- 143 Environmentally concerned group
- 144 Skirt type
- 146 Funny cop show
- 147 The ultimate handyman? 80's TV show
- 148 Milk type
- Down
- 1 Singer Rod
- 2 Ma's partner
- 3 Helicopter drama

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P.F. STATION ROCKED HARD AT THEIR RECORD RELEASE PARTY

by Stephen Richardson

All talented bands have the ability to empower their listeners, drawing from them a ris-

ing energy that they then return to the crowd, creating an endless circle of musical and emotional connection. And then some bands just make people

go plain nuts as their audiences find the emotions being stirred within themselves too much to bear. This last word being the precipice upon which a future pun will teeter.

As though under the effects of a fervent fever, a sensual blonde woman came to the Blues Corner stage and fully undressed to bare her soul and more as Drop Records' P.F. Station played for the jam packed weekend release of their new CD, *Ahh Yeah*. Many others of the female crowd decided that nudity also coincided with the emotions they were wishing to reveal and thus marked an album release unlike any other, although I have heard Raffi passes out sections of vanilla fudge, and Milli Vanilli serves phoney baloney, but these are just rumours; the improvisational and provocative rock of P.F. Station is very real.

Led by the guitar wisdoms of Craig Mercer, and backed by the mature basslines of Mike MacDougall, the band is completed in their sonic attack by drummer Kirk Hatcher, percussionist Brendan Girones and the fast fingers of keyboardist Josh Hanlon. The group embodies the talent and effort needed to pull off improvisational rock in the tradition of Phish and The Grateful Dead. Their sound however is completely their own and when the piercing vocals of Mercer enter the picture one is unable to deny that this is a band who will see much success with the new album's release.

This type of music is so utterly refreshing in a city where the music industry believes that those arresting Celtic fiddle tones are the next best thing to strip for a fiddle, baby (Ashley's under the kilt jiggings far from count)! So if you want to see some talent and originality instead of a local John John McMichael's chicken picking, check out the next time the train of P.F. Station comes around and be ready to rock, not reel.

RANTING and RAVING

by andrew bowers

I don't know what it is about the end of another school year that puts me in a reflective mood. Maybe it's the smell of Spring in the air. Maybe it's from those fumes emanating from the basement that my roommate has forbade me to investigate. Perhaps it's because the dancers on Electric Circus start to wear less. It might even be the fact that the cable company cut off my service because of unpaid bills and I'm outside a lot more. Then again, leering into neighbors windows in the hope I might catch another Fresh Prince re-run is pretty sick. It's not like I'm in love with Carlton or his enthusiastic dance of Tom Jones fancy. I'm an addict. Pure and simple.

I'm not one of those staunch supporters of fit children gallivanting around parks, playing hopscotch, dressing their dogs up in women's clothing and ignoring the perks of the boob tube. I'd rather have sloth like tykes roaming Point Pleasant at night, out of breath and having to carry fifty of those asthma puffers. This way at least the number of swarmings would be down in the near future. There's no chance of being pummeled by fifty pudgy fists of fury if they can't make it up a minute incline without sweating profusely and passing out. Better yet, if re-runs of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom has taught me anything, you'd just have to toss a TV Guide and a bag of Nibs into a ditch and that would throw them off your tail. I'm not saying television will solve all our societies crimes, but we should stop harping on it as the ultimate evil and the single entity to blame for our cultural downfall. Television just wants to be our friend. Can't we all just get along?

TV taught me plenty. In fact, I consider it my third parent. O.K., maybe an over talkative and lazy uncle who came over to visit one day and never went home. Living in the rec-room, taking up a little space, but entertaining you on cue, at all hours of the day. Sort of an electronic Busker with knobs. How many of you can say that about your real relatives? TV doesn't raid your fridge or read your diary. It certainly doesn't walk in on you while you're taking a shower and ask why you haven't been circumcised. Television doesn't leave wet towels on your bed or shave your cat. It doesn't try to sleep with your girlfriend and skip out on half the rent when it's due. But I digress.

Sesame Street taught me that two guys could live together and not be gay even though one obsesses with rubber fowl and the other belts out a tune called "Doin' the pigeon!" Cookie Monster taught me that too many sweets would render me an obsessive over-eater with violent tendencies. Thank God for Granola. The Count showed that counting is a necessity but shouldn't be practiced in excess.

Television, as an educator, didn't always give a full or competent answer. But I've had profs like that so it all equals out. However it should be noted that I was never counting the days until my next class like I would be the new Melrose Place. Professors seldom have the opportunity to exploit the "cliff-hanger". I can easily wait a week to find out why the British really invaded the Falklands. It's not like I'm going to lose sleep. TV doesn't come to teach wearing sandals and some 20 year old musty lopic sweater that looks like he's killed people in. The only text book you might need to purchase is the TV Guide and compared to the \$600 I dished out last semester that's looking pretty sweet. You can't tape a professor and watch him later when you feel like it. Besides, I'm pretty sure that's considered illegal. You also can't fast forward through an albeit too frequent ramble in a sweaty class-room. How many times have you fantasized about sitting in your underwear, eating Pringles off your chest while taking in a class? Television can make that dream a reality. Doing that in university can get you arrested. However you can't sleep with the television in order to achieve better marks or special treatment. TV treats everyone the same. It's an equal opportunist. Television never gave me detention. It never made me read *The Grapes of Wrath*. It may have made me watch *The Wrath of Khan*, but I never had to submit a written, typed, double-spaced report on William Shatner's hairpiece and the theory that it is alive.

I'm not saying that the big bad box is the answer. It won't give you a hug. It won't send you flowers on Valentine's day. It'll never say "I love you". TV will never walk your dog, bring you chicken soup when you're sick, nor will it ever return your romantic advances. But it's the only thing on earth that won't think less of you when you sit down in your edible thong with a Bulk Barn bag of Cheetos to catch *Baywatch*.

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Jai
Heaven
BMG

by Jeff Britton

If you've never heard of this guy before, don't worry, no one else has either. Jai is England's newest face on the popstar scene trying to make it big in North America. He says he wants to be a respected songwriter across the board, and especially wants to succeed in the United States. Jai is already extremely popular in the U.K. and the rest of Europe, so if that's any indication, it's very possible that he could find stardom here too.

Critics have said that Jai has the "voice of an angel", but I don't agree. He does have an all right voice, but after listening to only half the CD it drives a person insane! Jai is basically just George Michael: The Sequel. They sound so similar, you could easily mistake them for each other. Jai definitely has the potential, but I think he needs new writers desperately.

Knifey Moloko
The Half-Time Ride
Mo'loco Records

by Dwayne Wright

Knifey Moloko, Halifax's urban jazz ensemble, released their first independent CD, The

Half-Time Ride earlier this month. I like this disc very much. The blend of upbeat jazz, energy, and skilled writing makes this album a potential hit. From what I've heard, Knifey Moloko's live show is fantastic: very danceable



and entertaining.

The Half-Time Ride is a great collection of groovy jazz tunes. My favorite is "Swattin'" which has attitude from start to finish. I've noticed that a couple of the songs on this album have grooves very reminiscent of '70's cop show themes. "Paradise (Temporary)" has special guest vocalist Monetta James. It's good. The whole album is great.

Knifey Moloko started out in 1996 as a trio and has since extended it's numbers to eight. This spans instruments like violin, saxophone, trumpet, keyboards...etc.

So there you have it! Knifey Moloko's disc The Half-Time Ride is available at fine record stores across the city, so run out and pick up your copy. It will not be a disappointment, I promise.

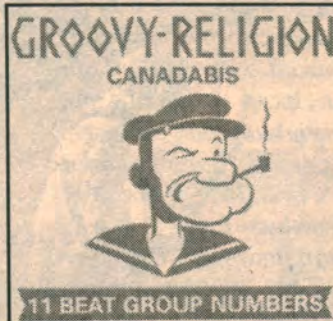
The Lox
Money, Power & Respect
Bad Boy

by Bruce Smith

Puff Daddy has done it again with his latest project,



The Lox. The Lox received their big break when Mary J. Blige introduced them to Sean "Puffy" Combs, C.E.O. of Bad Boy Entertainment. The Lox debut album entitled Money, Power & Respect is ironic as Puffy has a reputation for not being very forthcoming with the dough. Overall, it's a pretty good album with over 15 tracks and a few skits including the return of the Mad Rapper from B.I.G.'s last album Life After Death. The first track released off the album was "If you think I'm Jiggy" and has been receiving some airplay. Other key songs on the CD that may make it on the charts are "Money, Power & Respect" featuring DMX & Lil' Kim and on a slower tip, "Let's Start Rap Over," with Carl Thomas. You can also find "We'll Always Love Big Poppa" included as the last track on the CD. In the coming months expect to see more from Puff Daddy and his extensive family.



Groovy Religion
Canadabis
Handsome Boy

by Dwayne Wright

I'll make this short and sweet. From start to finish this album is a disappointment. It's just plain bad. I must admit, it does have some hooks, but they are far and few between. I'm not really sure what else to say about Groovy Religion. They is up in the ranks with Nerfherder, except that Nerfherder is even worse.

At times, I thought that I was listening to a country band. I apologize to all of the country fans out there, but I don't like the droning, repetitive moaning of country music. This is just my opinion.

Groovy Religion do a cover of a Lou Reed song, "Sad Song." It is also horrible. The other remake on the album is just plain bad. I just cannot express to you just how bad this disc is. I am trying, but I don't

think that words can relay the message. I warned you.



The Jonah Stone
Kicking at the Smoke
Peg Music

by Dwayne Wright

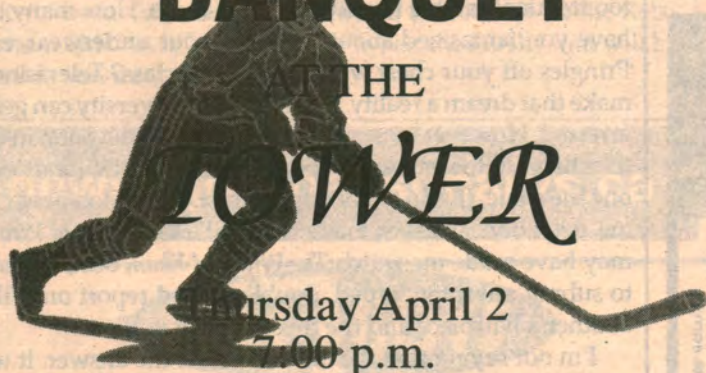
These guys are not half bad. They have a rock sound with good rhythm. This Canadian quartet have released their first album, *Kicking at the Smoke*, and it is pretty good. It was produced by Doug Olson, who has worked with acts like The Watchmen, Smashing Pumpkins and Weeping Tile.

The Jonah Stone consists of two brothers, a cousin, and a no-relation. Talk about keeping it in the family. They write their own music and the lyrics actually have some meaning. The Jonah Stone sound like something that you would hear on Q104. I happen to like the Q, but not as much as CFMS.

They will be releasing a

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video in the near future, for their first single, "In My Entirety." It is not a bad tune. "Bleeder" has a good pace, rhythm and catchy guitar. "Something's Happened Here" is a good one too.

I think that The Jonah Stone have a promising future in Canadian rock. All they need is the right exposure and, with that, I think that they will catch the ear of listeners across the country. I encourage anyone and everyone to check this album out.



Various Artists
Beat at Abbey Road 1962-1965
EMI

by Kevin Smith

This collection includes early hits by groups that went on to achieve later success as well as one-hit artists that helped define the music scene at that time. There are even some decent Lennon/McCartney penned tunes recorded by other groups that ooze early Beatles.

The *Beat at Abbey Road* captures the essence of an era and includes hard to find singles and a look at the genesis of artists such as Manfred Mann, Procol Harum, and Rod Stewart.

This import is best suited for 60's enthusiasts. The package is very complete and includes excellent liner notes.

Did Juno who won?

by Patricia Murphy

There was a big bash Sunday night at HMV on Spring Garden Road. The party was not only a fundraiser, but a celebration of the Juno Awards which were on CBC that evening.

The party was a fundraiser for Cops for Cancer, with the proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society. The bash was sponsored by Peller Estates and Garrison Breweries.

The night was full of drinking, music and everyone having a great time. The awards were shown on a big screen at the back of the store and on all of the television sets throughout the store.

I did however, miss the first forty minutes of the Juno awards because the band Shyne Factory played a set before everyone tuned into the awards. They did a nice cover of the Beatles' "Helter Skelter" to finish off their set.

There was a bit of beer and wine flowing at the party and people were really enjoying themselves. I am not sure how many of them were really watching the show but it was for charity and they were definitely having a good time. There was one party goer who really appeared to be having a

great time, he was short with four legs and long soft black hair. (he was a dog, people)

Now onto the awards show. The Junos were hosted this year by Jason Priestly, of 90210 fame. He did a pretty good job and even started the show off in bed with Jann Arden.

The award show kept itself afloat with some entertaining presenters. Ross Rebagliati had his gold medal with him and showed it off to the audience for a big cheer from the crowd.

My favorite presenter was Greg Thomey. He acted as a reporter at the Academy Awards and then proceeded to interview Matt Damon (Jason Priestly), on what he thought of being nominated for an Oscar. I won't get into details, but it was quite funny.

The only memorable moment from the awards occurred when the rap group Rascalz, who won for best Rap Recording for Cash Crop, refused to accept his award until urban music is given a higher profile at the Junos.

The show, as a whole, was entertaining and gets better every year. As the Canadian music industry becomes bigger and more involved, we see the Junos getting better. They may never be the Grammys, but there good enough for me.

Major Award Winners:

Blockbuster Rock Album of the Year (voted on by fans):
Clumsy, Our Lady Peace

Single of the Year:
"Building a Mystery", Sarah McLachlan

Album of the Year:
Surfacing, Sarah McLachlan

Female Vocalist of the Year: Sarah McLachlan

Male Vocalist of the Year: Paul Brant

Best New Group (sponsored by Factor): Leahy

Songwriter of the Year: "Building a Mystery", Sarah McLachlan and Pierre Marchand

Country Female Vocalist: Shania Twain

Best Alternative Album: *Glee*, Bran Van 3000

Best Rap Recording: *Cash Crop*, Rascalz

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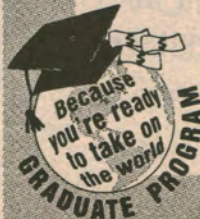


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