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Eight hour run

Journal News

Scott Covey, a fourth year student at Saint Mary's University is set to run for eight hours straight on a treadmill set up in the Student Centre at Saint Mary's University. Scott is using this event as a fundraiser for the Arthritis Society. He is hoping that students, faculty and staff at the University will support him throughout the day.

Scott is raising the money in support of the Arthritis Society "Joints in Motion" marathon program that will be taking place in Dublin, Ireland in October 2002. As a participant, Scott needs to raise \$5000. Scott participated in this program last year, when his team travelled to Walt Disney World. He placed 78th place in a race of 7,950 total participants, and he placed fifth place in his class of 155 runners. When asked about the program, Scott said "It's great to get people involved, and it is for a good cause, and it has been a great experience for me".

In June of 2000, the first Joints in Motion team was

formed in Nova Scotia with training teams in Halifax, and Sydney. After 5 months of training, the first Joints in Motion team comprised of 55 Nova Scotians participated in the Walt Disney World Marathon and Half Marathon, raising a gross total of over \$220,000

The Joints in Motion (JIM) began in 1997 in the United States as a fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation. In 2000, they had more than 3,000 people take part in the marathon program. This program has an adjusted income of six million dollars annually.

If you would like to make a donation to the Arthritis Society "Joints in Motion" marathon program you may send a cheque or money order to Joints in Motion marathon program c/o Saint Mary's University Students' Association, 923 Robie Street, Halifax, NS, B3H 3C3. You will be mailed a tax receipt for donations of five dollars or more. Please ensure to include your address.

SMU presents:

Days Against Discrimination: Race, Class and Education

19-22 March, 2002

Tuesday, March 19th, Art Gallery 12:00pm - 1:00pm

"Dialogue on Access to Education: Who will get to attend the University of the Future?"

Discussion will focus on tuition increase, tuition differentials, investing in university infrastructure abroad and recruitment of International students to come to Canada, where should scarce resources be spent?

Moderator: Jim Sharpe, Director of Continuing Education, SMU

Panelists: Cherise Adjodha, YMCA, SMU graduate
Zahra Airall,

International Student Representative

Larry Corrigan, VP Finance, SMU

Paul Deveau, VP Academic, SMUSA

Anita King, Financial Aid, SMU

Melissa Lezama, Past-President, Caribbean Society

Shelley Tulloch, Department of Anthropology

Danika van Proodjis, Department of Geography

John Young, Professor Emeritus, Chair of N.S.-Gambia Association

Wednesday, March 20th, Art Gallery 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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Team captain Jim Midgley receives the AUHC championship trophy after the Huskies defeated the Tigers in the best of five series 3-2. The Huskies won game five 2-1 in double OT.

SMU residence

waste: Contents of dumpster 70% recyclable

by Josh McLean

70% of residence garbage can be recycled. That's what was found after digging through over 775 kg of residence garbage in October 2001 and February 2002. We all know that some things thrown in the garbage can be recycled, but there hasn't been an in depth study in the past at SMU before. Therefore, this study was conducted to determine how much of the garbage produced by residence students can be recycled (as part of an honours thesis). To do this, a weeks worth of garbage from ten residence floors was ripped open and sorted into different categories, and, although it was a damn nasty and incredibly stinky job, some interesting stuff was found:

Just under 30% of all of the stuff thrown in the garbage by residence students is actually garbage - the rest can be recycled or composted.

This is very encouraging as it gives SMU the potential to greatly reduce its environmental impact. Over the past two years (on average), the SMU residences have sent over 9,000 kg of garbage to the landfill each month. Just imagine if 70% of

this could be recycled and composted. So, what is this 70% made up of? Well the garbage was sorted into nine different categories:

- FO - leftover food
- CB - cardboard and soiled papers (including paper towel, cereal boxes, etc.)
- CCB - corrugated cardboard (the boxes with the ripples in it)
- PA - paper (including white paper, newspaper, magazines, etc.)
- GL - recyclable glass
- PL - recyclable plastics
- AL - recyclable aluminum and tin containers
- JU - juice and milk containers

In January 2002, SMU facilities management began a new recycling and composting pilot project in the SMU residences. One floor in both Loyola and Rice, and one house in Vanier now have recycling and composting for: food, cardboard, paper, corrugated cardboard, and refundable containers (not including other recyclable containers such as glass jars, plastic shampoo bottles, and milk cartons - only the ones that are refundable). It is hoped that this program will

be available throughout the SMU residences next year.

Now, even though environmental benefits are the most important to some people, there are also other great benefits that should be mentioned. First, recycling and composting waste actually costs less than sending it to the landfill. The fees for a disposal company to take away our garbage is \$115/tonne, whereas its only \$70/tonne to take away compostable materials (stuff that goes in the green bins). Paper is even cheaper to take away as our school produces so much we don't have to pay much for a company to pick it up and take it away. This is not to mention the money that can actually be made from returning the refundable glass and plastic beverage containers, aluminum cans, and juice containers. So, financial savings are another benefit from recycling.

Furthermore, recycling and composting helps our economy by creating more jobs. In fact, five times more jobs are created through recycling and composting than just throwing your stuff

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TONIGHT

Comedian

Rick Bronson

at the Gorsebrook

9pm



**Open Mic Night
immediately After**

**Get Lucky
at the Pub!**

*St. Patty's Day
at the
Gorsebrook*

*Sunday, March 17th
Noon - Midnight*

Arthritis Society Fund Raiser

Come and support Scott Covey on Thursday March 21, when he runs 8 straight hours in hopes of raising money for the "Joints in Motion" marathon program. A treadmill will be set up in the Saint Mary's Student Centre and with your support he hopes to run 40 miles or more.

**Annual Psychology
Conference
March 22, 2002**

Luncheon, poster session, student presentations, guest speaker and banquet. Please register with the Psychology Dept. Secretary by March 15th. For more info call 420-5139 or visit MM302A

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Photos taken by other photographers must be dropped off to the 5th floor Student Centre by April 15.

For more info call Fiona Gordon at 496-8705

General union of Palestine Students notification

Journal News

When the Palestinian problem was created, Palestinian students were the first sector to realize the dilemma that faced their country, Palestine. The General Union of Palestine Students was officially launched in 1959 with the first branch opening in Cairo, Egypt. Since then, many worldwide branches were launched with tens of thousands of members.

By opening a branch in Halifax, we as members of the GUPS, have a mission and we have high hopes of accomplishing that mission. We are part of this

Canadian society and it is part of us. All are welcome to join us, regardless if they are Palestinians or not. Our members currently come from many different cultural and religious backgrounds. Palestine is deeply engraved in our hearts, and we want to interact within our society in many aspects. Our aim is to educate people about Palestinian history, culture and struggle. There are many misconceptions and lack of information regarding our history even amongst Palestinians who have been displaced for decades.

We are planning

educational lectures that will be presented by capable people to teach us and the public about Palestine. Furthermore, we are organizing other public speakers to address different issues that are associated with Palestine. We will also be involved in art exhibits and are planning to participate in the multicultural festival this year as well. As Canadian-Palestinians we want to represent our people in Canada and be constructive members of the society.

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Discrimination

"Visible Minorities / Invisible Hurdles. How to Make the University Experience More user-friendly"

Candy Palmeter, a native lawyer and educator, speaks to the experience of the Aboriginal community members in gaining access to higher education and employment in Canada. Candy's penetrating insights, her lively and compelling re-telling of her own journey to a position in a Halifax law firm and beyond, are a must for anyone wanting to understand the Mi'kmaq experience in Nova Scotia. Through the perspective of her extensive community work, Candy's message is a wake-up call to all of us.

Thursday, March 21, Art Gallery 12:00noon - 1:00pm

"From Refugee to Student: Overwhelming Odds"

New Canadian Immigration Laws may make it even harder to get into Canada. Hear the perspective of immigration lawyer, Scott Sterns and from students themselves what the barriers are under the new legislation.

Moderator: Ysaac Rodriguez, Program Officer, International Centre

Speakers: Laku Emmanuel Modi, 1st year TESL Centre, Sudan

Leonidas Kanyaru, 3rd year Commerce student, Burundi

Friday, March 22, Art

Gallery 12:00pm - 1:00pm

"Closing the Post-Secondary Door on Welfare Recipients: Is Nova Scotia Marching Backwards?"

The Department of Community Services has effectively eliminated access to higher education for Social Assistance recipients at the same time the Province declares its interest in an educated society to meet the needs of a "Knowledge Economy". Why is this happening now?

Moderator: Bruce Wark, Professor of Journalism at King's College, formerly with CBC, contributing editor to The Coast

Panelists: Patricia Doyle-Bedwell, Director of TYP Program, Henson College and IBM Program, Dalhousie Law School

Jeanne Fay, Dalhousie Legal Aid, Maritime School of Social Work

Anita King, Financial Aid, SMU

Steven Lane, VP Finance, SMUSA

Ken Rutten, Director of Income Assistance, Department of Community Services, N.S.

Sandy Spencer, Manager of Employment Support Services, Department of Community Services, N.S.

Thursday, March 21st, Conference Theatre, Sobey Building, 7:00pm (doors

open at 6:30pm)

open at 6:30pm)

Special film screening with director Anthony Sherwood, National Chairman for the March 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for the Federal Government.

"Honour Before Glory" The Number Two Construction Battalion was Canada's one and only all-black military battalion (World War I). Prior to this, blacks were refused enlistment into the Canadian military because of the colour of their skin. When finally allowed to join, these young soldiers were subjected to cruel racism and refused the right to bear arms.

This film was written, produced and directed by Canadian actor Anthony Sherwood (Street Legal) who will be present to discuss the making of the film. Sherwood is the great nephew of Reverend William White, Chaplain for the battalion whose diary forms the basis of the film. "Honour Before Glory" is his directorial film debut. This little-known episode is a revelation for those who think they know Canadian History. The major proponents are from right here in Nova Scotia. Just last month this film, the only Canadian entry, received second prize for documentary film at the Black Film Festival in Los Angeles.

This film is suitable for all ages. Free admission.

\$4,400 waste?

SMU residence students throw away more than \$4,400 in the garbage each year

by SMU envirodudes

We've all seen it being done, refundable beverage containers (glass and plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and juice containers) being thrown in the garbage. These are the things we have to pay a deposit for each time we buy them. But the good thing is, we also get money back when we return these containers. Prior to 2002, the only recycling program available for residence students was for these refundable containers. On average, collecting these containers from the residences makes \$75 per week. This money goes to the "Labatt 24 hour Abilities Foundation" as a charity donation from SMU.

However, even though this is a great cause, many residence students are still throwing their refundable containers away in the garbage. In fact, after digging through over 775 kg of residence waste, it was found that, on average, each SMU resident student throws away 3.6 containers per week. Now although this may not sound like much, if you multiply this by the 1,013 residence students in 2001/2002, and the 24 weeks of classes (not including exam times, summer, Christmas or spring break) then over 88,000 refundable beverage containers are thrown by residence students.

Not only is this insane amount of waste causing

environmental impacts by filling our landfills and creating the need for more raw materials, it's basically throwing money in the garbage. Each container is worth five cents; beer and liquor bottles over 500 ml are worth ten cents each. Being conservative and using the five cent value, residence students are literally throwing away more than \$4,400 in the garbage during the eight month school year. This would be a great contribution to the charity donation from SMU.

So what can you do? Well first off, stop throwing away those refundable containers in the garbage. If you live in residence there should be some kind of collection system already in place, but if you don't know about it, ask your RA, and if they don't know about it then e-mail us (see address below). If you don't live in residence, then you can try and save your containers until you find a recycling bin on campus - there are some out there. If you don't think there are enough containers on campus, then let your voice be heard. This is how changes are made. Go express your concern with the residence office or at facilities management and say that you would like to see more containers on campus. If you have any other questions contact us at: smuenvirodudes@hotmail.com Happy recycling, dudes.

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I was sick; missed your class, trust me

by Samantha Anderson,
SMUSA President

There is a trend this year on the part of professors who require their students to provide a sick note for classes/assignments/exams missed due to illness. This has become such an issue that our health services nurse, Jane Collins, has been spending up to two hours per day writing sick notes for students. Ms. Collins has worked with the Saint Mary's Health Services for eight years and she says this year has been the worst year for sick notes.

Professors are asking students to provide sick notes because illness is one of the few acceptable excuses for missing class time or assignments, and a note from Health Services is the verification. Concern arises however, when Ms. Collins is required to write a note trusting the word of the student that they were in fact ill. It puzzles me to think that a professor will accept Ms. Collins note verifying illness and not the word of the student.

At Dalhousie University the situation is much different. If a student misses a class or assignment due to illness they are required to provide proof of illness with documentation of a full physical exam by a doctor and pay five dollars to the Dalhousie Health Service clinic. This creates all sorts of problems, given that a full physical examination takes much longer than writing a note. If sick notes are required for illness at Saint Mary's, it is possible to implement a fee for service at Health Services; however, the following question arises: Who should pay the fee, the student or the

professor? Is it possible that because it is the professors who require the note, it is they who should pay the fee? Alternatively, if the student is required to pay the fee, it may act as a deterrent to those who are really not ill. I believe we can alleviate this situation without adding a cost for service.

The practice of requiring sick notes creates yet another concern. Although not all (and I hope not most), students have come to realize that they can plea that they were ill on any given day and simply get a sick note later to prove it. I would like to assume that most students who have missed a class or assignment were in fact legitimately ill, and furthermore I would like to be comforted that their word is accepted as the truth by their professors. Students have made the choice to come to university to learn and do well. If they have missed a class because they were ill it is most likely because they were in fact ill, otherwise they would have made the effort.

So, how can you help alleviate the situation for Ms. Collins at Health Services? Professors: Trust students when they say they've been ill and be compassionate. Together you and the student can work out an appropriate extension of deadline for assignments, etc. Students: Make the effort to come to class when you feel ill and let them know that you may miss class or need an extension on an assignment. Also, cooperate with your professor if there is an extension of a deadline, etc.

because without the demand for such a service it's difficult to know whether or not people actually want it. The same goes if you want to see more recycling available on campus - go voice your opinion. Otherwise, if you have any questions please e-mail:

smuenvirodudes@hotmail.com - they will also try and help you out.

P.S. Many thanks to the facilities management and custodial staff that helped out with this study; it couldn't have been done without your participation and great cooperation, Thanks.

Snow removal

by P. Conen

I received this letter from concerned citizen Dr. Pat Conen, who sent copies to a large number of individuals including Mayor Peter Kelly. Dr. Conen is concerned about the city's snow removal program. If you also experienced difficulties with city towing regulations this winter, Dr. Conen's letter will certainly interest you. - J. Strong, News Editor.

Wednesday, 20th February 2002: A black day for me and for many HRM car owners.

EVENT

A. M. - I got ready and went outside to the car, which I had left parked outside my house in the street.

No car; I walked down the street considerable distance because I was uncertain exactly where I had left it.

I went back into the house and phoned the police to report my stolen vehicle. It was below quarter on the gas tank and I assumed some juvenile delinquent had taken it for a joy ride.

I told the police my car license number and the street address, and I was very surprised hear them say that it was one of several cars seized and towed away by the

Ace Towing at the city police department's request, so that snow plowing of that street could proceed. It was not snowing at the time, which I believed was the new regulation. I would have to do many things in order to get my car back.

I made several phone calls to cancel my appointments for this morning; later in the day I cancelled the afternoon ones as well.

P.M. - I spent two or three hours phoning the various branches of the municipal government about the new snow plow regulations and the old, and my present problem.

I asked the police department why they did not phone me or knock on the door for me to move my car but that apparently is not one of their duties.

On the contrary, it seems to be their duty when I have called them on several occasions to ticket or to tow out a car illegally parked in my parking lot. On those occasions the police, with the computer they have in their car, typed in the license plate number and obtained the phone number of the owner of the vehicle. They then phoned

the vehicle owner and asked him to move his car.

Why do the police not give that same consideration to the vehicle owners whose cars are on the street with no snowstorm in progress?

To recover my car I have to go to the police station at Gottingen Street, presumably by taxi, and show the police my driver's license, ownership certificate, proof of insurance, etc. They will then give me a release that I can take down by taxi to Ace Towing and get my car back.

I phoned the insurance company and got them to fax a copy of my insurance since I'm uncertain whether my original is in the car or is missing in the house. My ownership certificate, I believe, is also in the car.

I tried to contact my counselor, Sue Utech, and after some delay she phoned me back and told me she was present at the meeting where this snowplowing question was raised and many of the councilors were against the new proposal. Apparently the new proposals were brought on behalf of the snowplow companies, who wished to have the street clear rather

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Recycle

in the garbage. So, you're also helping to create more jobs in the province.

So, what can you do? Well, if you're a residence student on one of the floors with recycling then you can recycle and compost as much as possible, and make sure you're putting the right item in the right bin - as contamination is a problem. Second, if you want this type of program on your floor, then you can visit facilities management and tell them so,

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GERMAINE LAWRENCE

EDITORIAL

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Dear Editor,

In light of recent events in the Middle East, I decided to throw a little something together for your fine paper (which has been excellent lately—huzzah for the Journal). Student journalism and independent press is very important, especially in this age of increasingly centralized corporate media. Enjoy.

As the situation in the Middle East continues to spin out of control, it is in the best interests of Israelis, Palestinians, and Canadians that we begin to critically examine the reasons why such desperation, such terror and such misery exist in Israel and Palestine. Ariel Sharon, the Prime Minister of the State of Israel, said it best in his April 30th, 2001 address to the Anti-Defamation League, a civil rights group in the United States who have a long history of fighting hatred: "It happens that we live in an area that is the cradle of terrorism. That is the major threat at the present time to the stability of the region."

Indeed, one of the reasons why such terrorism is prevalent in the region is because of the policies which Sharon himself embodies. Policies like the systematic torture and abuse of Palestinian children in Israeli prisons.

The following is the sworn affidavit of Palestinian boy Murad Rashad Ahmad Abu Judeh, born 31/3/84, as displayed by the human rights group Defense for Children International-Palestine (www.dci-pal.org). The date of Murad's arrest is given as 15/12/2000 —

"At 12:40am on 15 December 2000, my family and I were asleep at home. We heard a very loud knock on the door of the house that woke the whole family. After five minutes my father went to the door and we discovered that Israeli soldiers had broken the glass in the door. Fifteen soldiers entered the house; three of them were masked and wearing civilian clothes. There were also two members of the Israeli Intelligence dressed in civilian clothes. One of the masked soldiers asked me my name and my ID card. I went to my room in order to bring the ID and one of the soldiers followed me. When I lent over to get the key for my drawer he kicked me on my back six times, pushing me to the ground. After that I got my ID and gave it to the soldier. The soldier saw a ticket I had from a trip to Canada that I made in September for study purposes. The soldier said I went there to learn how to

throw stones. He searched my drawer, then grabbed me by my neck and took me back to the main room where I found the soldier had upturned our furniture. The masked soldier whispered in my ear, 'We'll rape you one by one.' He took me outside, handcuffed me and put a sack on my head. It was raining. A group of soldiers began punching me and they were telling each other to beat me; speaking in Arabic so that I could understand them. Following that two soldiers carried me and threw me inside a jeep.. I felt that I fell on someone else in the jeep- another prisoner - and hurt him. The jeep drove and one of the soldiers began beating us and swearing at us until we reached the Etzion Interrogation Centre. I was beaten and sworn at from the time of the arrest from my home until I reached the interrogation center. Before I entered interrogation, one of the soldiers threatened that he would return back to my house and destroy it if I didn't confess. They also pushed me and placed my head in the toilet. I was handcuffed continually and they used Shabeh [tying prisoner in painful position for a long time: i.e., what the CIA would call "moderate physical pressure"] on me once. The first day I was not given any food. After that I received three small meals a day of bad quality."

A more recent account is that of a 14 year-old girl named Saswan Abu Turki, who has been imprisoned since September of this year.

She was taken from her house in Hebron and accused of attempting to stab an Israeli soldier. A lawyer from Defense For Children International (see above) was able to meet with her, and has described her condition thus; Saswan is being detained at the infamous Ramle Women's Prison, and has spent most of that time in solitary confinement—she suffers from a mental illness and has been denied medical treatment, a result of which is that her psychological condition has deteriorated to the point where she no longer recognizes her own name. Despite this, Israeli prosecutors have deemed her fit to stand trial.

Other female children being held in isolation at Ramle Prison include Sanaa' Amer and Rab'a Hamael, both 14, and Su'ad Ghazal, arrested at 15 and now 18. They have all been subject to various abuses, including beatings, gassing, and isolation.

Isolation, designed to break the mind and spirit, is a particularly insidious form of torture, and is a common practice by the Israeli security forces. Psychologist Dr. Eric Berne wrote on the subject in 1964: "Solitary confinement is one of the punishments most dreaded even by prisoners hardened to physical brutality, and is now a notorious procedure for inducing political compliance. Conversely, the best of the known weapons against political compliance is social organization."

Reports of torture at the

hands of Israeli security forces through sensory and sleep deprivation, beatings, and other more extreme forms of physical and mental "pressure" are as ubiquitous as they are ignored by the Western press. Apparently even children are not spared from being arrested as 'enemies of the state,' and subjected to wanton torment.

In 1999, the Israeli High Court of Justice ruled to ban "physical force" during interrogation. The US State Department lauds its strategic ally in the "War on Terror," and re-assures the world that America's top client state is not violating the inalienable laws of human rights. A State Department release reads: "Since the September 1999 ruling, domestic and international nongovernmental organizations (NGO's) have been unable to substantiate sporadic allegations that security forces tortured detainees." This is not exactly the whole truth—a brief critical examination will discover copious reports of grotesque human rights violations, this very article being a case in point. Amnesty International, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, B'Tselem Israel, the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, Human Rights Watch, and countless other organizations have never abated in their criticism of Israel's brutal "security" practices, which are always justified as being within the realms of legitimate defense. Sadly, report after


report on Israeli state-terrorism have been released, largely to deaf ears.

For more information regarding human rights issues in Israel and the Occupied Territories, visit: Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (www.pchrgaza.org), Human Rights Watch—Israel (www.hrw.org/mideast/is-ot-pa.php) and B'Tselem (www.btselem.org). For information specific to the case of children being detained as prisoners, go to www.dci-pal.org.

Eric McLeod

Eric, I will not try to pretend that I am enlightened at all in the realm of politics. I was enrolled in a Religious course here at Saint Mary's University that highlighted the use of alternative media, in particular with respect to the conflict in the Middle East. I believe in two sides to every story, and after checking out sites similar to those listed in your article, many questions arose. I am sorry that my response is lacking in quantity, but I believe everyone is entitled to educate themselves in order to get the whole picture, instead of the select side we are shown on a daily basis by mainstream media. Thank-you for bringing this to light. Check out these, and other such alternative web sites Saint Mary's. It is time to fill yourselves in.

C.M.



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than move their vehicle in and out between parked cars.

I also tried to phone several other of our city staff and I got shunted between voice mail to voice mail and eventually spoke only to a senior secretary.

I asked the city to fax to me a copy of the new regulations, the minutes or proceedings of that particular council meeting, with the voting record on this snow plowing regulation change issue. I would also like to know whether separate voices were heard at that meeting from car owners who were not involved in the snow plowing/towing industry.

If there is a charge against the car owner for the towing job by Ace Towing then this new regulation presents a clear conflict of interest where loud or persistent or financially important complaints from the snow plow/towing companies take precedence over the interests of the voting public.

The profits from this increased amount of towing work involved will be a financial bonanza and windfall for the snow plowing — towing companies. It will be another financial penalty for those car owners who happen to have their car parked on the street.

The city has faxed me a copy of the "winter parking restrictions" which are well written and very clear. These clear restrictions should have been delivered to all property owners or included with the multiple mailings we get from the city. Why was this not done? Such warnings might have reduced the profits for the towing industry.

I was told that these new changes were widely discussed in the print media and the TV and radio media. I do watch the international, national and local news and I only read the papers on Saturday and Sunday because of limitations in time. I am asking the individual press and media organizations whether they have in fact done such detailed discussions of these changes.

It is still the responsibility of the administration to keep the citizens informed.

I am told that at present it would be wise and prudent for a car owner parking on the street to phone every night the "snow" hotline to find out whether his street has been targeted for that night's car seizures.

Should the radio and television programs include that list of streets targeted for that night in their summary of

that evening news as a public information service? Perhaps they are afraid of legal penalties. You may remember the days when news organizations were sued for publishing the locations of speed traps, which reduced the police and city's revenue. I don't think Halifax ever had such local area speed traps.

A horror story possibility occurs where a greedy snowplow/towing company tells the snow hotline that streets X, Y, and Z will be plowed tonight. But in practice they decide to plow streets A, B, and C, and catch not only the unsuspecting cars that normally park on streets A, B, and C, but also catch many who changed for that night from their usual X, Y, and Z streets.

Specific questions for the city:

Could you send me the minutes or proceedings of that particular council meeting with a voting record?

Did normal car owners make representations at that meeting?

Why were these changes not distributed to car owners and property owners?

Were the costs to the car owner and the extra profits to the towing industry discussed?

For the police:

Why they did not phone me or knock on my door before the car seizures?

Why the unequal treatment of cars prior to potential seizure?

For the media:

How wide was your coverage of this issue?

Did you include the excellent one page "winter parking restrictions"?

Contact Dr. Conen at conenpat@hotmail.com.

What follows is the "Winter Parking Restrictions" which was sent to Dr. Conen after his letters of complaint went out:

Halifax Regional Municipality Winter parking restrictions:

Regional Municipality will not be imposing an overnight winter parking ban on the streets that are plowed by the municipality. However residents are advised that section 139(1) of the N.S. Motor Vehicle Act states:

139 (1) Notwithstanding Session 138, no Person willfully shall park or leave standing a vehicle Whether attended or unattended, upon highway or any part thereof in such manner that it might interfere with or obstruct snow removal or winter maintenance operations on the highway.

As a result, residents are cautioned that vehicles parked on a street that has not

been fully cleared of snow or is subject to icing conditions may be ticketed and towed. This restriction applies throughout the year and at any time of day.

Vehicles will be towed from the street whenever the Municipality deems that plowing or salting of streets is necessary. Overnight towing of vehicles will be done during snow storm or icing situations regardless of whether these conditions were forecast. Residents are advised to secure off-street parking and to use it throughout the winter to avoid being towed as a result of an unpredicted storm or drop in temperature.

Keeping streets that are icy or snow-covered free of vehicles is essential for safe winter maintenance and providing access for emergency vehicles. Therefore, enforcement of the above regulations will be rigorous and no tolerance will be given.

Please note that an overnight ban will continue to be enforced on all streets owned and maintained by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works.

Below is a letter Dr. Conen received from Police chief David MacKinnon

Dr. P.E. Conen
1188 Wellington Street
Halifax, NS
53H 2Z8

Re: Winter Car Towing

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 21, 2002, directed to the Mayor and others with regard to winter parking vehicle towing.

It is my understanding from staff that we have forwarded your correspondence to the department that processes and adjudicates circumstances related to tickets. I would anticipate that they would, in fact, be the staff persons that you may have already had some dealing with

The purpose of this correspondence is to address the issue you raised with regard to policing and perhaps to further clarify the process used in the ticket and towing procedures.

In your correspondence you question why the police would not check your license plate number and then knock on your door to ask you to move your vehicle rather than have the vehicle towed away. You further relate your snow removal situation to a circumstance in which in the past police have followed a similar type of procedure to contact the owner of a vehicle to have it removed from your property.

Perhaps I can first clarify the issues with regard to

vehicle seizure. When a vehicle is parked on a public highway it is subject to seizure for any violation of the Motor Vehicle Act and the police may tow the car. In the case of vehicles parked on private property or on property owned by some person other than the public, the actual authorization to remove the vehicle requires the owner of the property to accept liability for the towing of the car from the property to some compound. The police facilitate this through various parking regulations set up under the Motor Vehicle Act of the Province of Nova Scotia. It has been our experience that more often than not, as opposed to accepting some form of liability for another persons property, the property owners would anticipate that we would facilitate the removal of the car. In many cases we have found that vehicles found on private property have been authorized to be present on the lot by some other person, whether they be a neighbour, friend, or otherwise, who has not told their building superintendent or some other person about the presence of the car, in which case, in a number of circumstances, the owner of the property not wishing to cause an incident with a tenant has often asked the police not to remove the car. In essence, the response to your question as to why the treatment of cars for seizure is unequal is because in the two circumstances that you identify, the authority of the police and the situations themselves are different. The end result may be the towing of the vehicle, but the statutory and civil liability issues that arise are from different venues because one is private property while the other is public property.

With regard to the issue of why the police would not come and knock on your door and ask that you move your vehicle, I can only suggest to you that the first comment made by staff is correct. The duty that exists in law, is the duty of the operator of the motor vehicle or owner to comply with the regulations of the Motor Vehicle Act of the Province of Nova Scotia. The duty of the police lies in the enforcement of these regulations. Obviously there are situations when the police may choose to use discretion on the application of their duty and to take a different route, which they are permitted to do under the Motor Vehicle Act, on a case by case basis. However, using your logic, if there were 1200 cars parked on the street at night the police would have to verify 1,200 license plate

numbers, attempt to contact 1,200 people by phone or by knocking on doors. The difficulty that many citizens encounter is that their perspective is only the length of their street where the number of doors in either direction from where their car is parked determines the scope of the problem. In fact, there are thousands of streets in the Halifax Regional Municipality and if a single car was parked on each street, under your proposal it would require the police to contact those 1,000 people. The difficulty is that the police also have other duties and other responsibilities and cannot reasonably accept the responsibilities of the owner of a motor vehicle to follow the regulations.

Lastly, I note that woven through your Dr.P.E.ConenFe are references to whether or not there is a snowstorm in progress. I would bring your attention to the material that cites Section 139, Subsection (1) of the Motor Vehicle Act of the Province of Nova Scotia. It deals with the parking or standing of a vehicle attended or unattended; that is to say that you could be sitting in your car and if you are obstructing snow removal you are in violation. Further, the Section does not just specify snow removal, it includes the interference or obstruction with the winter maintenance operation of the highway. Therefore, although it may stop snowing at any particular point in time, if there is a necessity to plow back the snow closer to the curb to widen the streets to provide for the movement of vehicles in both directions and / or the passage of emergency vehicles, or the opening of street drains for the purposes of insuring that there is no flooding, these matters fall into the categorization of winter maintenance. They may deal with the removal of snow, or they may deal with other maintenance matters. We do not follow a procedure where we take instructions from tow truck operators or snow plow drivers. The protocol established is that when road maintenance vehicles intend to enter into an area, the Works Supervisor notifies the police dispatcher, who in turn advises the police department of their intent to either plow an area immediately or to move into that area in the near future. We make an effort to try to ensure that we are in the area attempting to remove the vehicles before the plow is actually on the street. This then creates the impression with some citizens that there is no plowing taking place

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Or, if you are interested in writing a news story, or being a news-writer for the Journal, please call 496-8201 and ask for the News Editor, Jeremy Strong.

Dal strike marches on

by Jeremy Strong

As of this today (Monday, March 11, 2002) the instructors at Dalhousie University are still on strike, demanding a 26.7% increase in pay, over three years. The university still seems to be holding strong to its original 16.7% offer, and although negotiation talks are supposedly to take place as I write this article, they seem grim. The margin of buffer space for negotiations is enormous (over two million dollars), which means even when one side gives a little bit, the two sides will not even be on the same page.

The strike is upsetting more than just the Dalhousie students. A group of seven parents has approached the provincial government and asked that it intervene, so that their children can get back to class as soon as possible. But premier John Hamm has

already said that the provincial government will not be interfering whatsoever.

The timing of the Dalhousie strike could not have been worse. Whether by design or accident, the strike has taken all of the heat away from the issue of high tuition fees, which means that any further action against tuition fees this year will not be as effective if effective at all.

With professors demanding more money, and students demanding lower costs, there is no way for a win-win situation to develop. The universities (particularly Dal, in this instance) will not be willing to take such an enormous blow to their finances. Someone has got to lose out, and with all the focus on the strike at Dal, my bet is that the students will lose out, in more ways than one. And in my opinion, if the students at Dalhousie lose out, so do the students at every other

university in Atlantic Canada and the rest of the country. It's time that students demanded more of their universities, and that their universities started treating them like scholars and not spenders.

I think if there is going to be a strike, it's the students who should be on strike. The students of Dal have already had their education jeopardized, but not for anything that will benefit them. Why should any student in Atlantic Canada stand by and let the well paid professors at Dal demand an outrageous increase in salary, while students with enormous debt loads try to continue to meet the cost of rising education?

We already held a "Day of Action" to protest rising tuition fees, but it was not enough. If we want changes, we have to bring them about ourselves. The students of Atlantic Canada should

participate in a province wide strike, which would last until tuition fees are frozen. How else can we get effective results? Where do you think universities like Dalhousie are going to get the money to pay rising costs like pay raises for professors and administration fees? From students; they will

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therefore they are not obstructing any street maintenance. This; however, would not be the case.

Although Council has gone to great measures to indicate that some form of information would be available to the general public with regard to plowing activities, etc., it must be remembered that the duty as established under the Motor Vehicle Act, rests with the owner/operator of the vehicle. Even if the telephone response line indicated a snow

jack up tuition fees next year unless we do something about it. So I think we should all turn the tables on the system right now and just walk out of class until they officially freeze tuition in this province. But unfortunately I know it won't happen. It's just my opinion, that's all.

storm was not imminent at 10:00 or 11:00 at night, a sudden change in the environmental conditions resulting in snow instead of rain would not negate the obligation of the owner to ensure that the vehicle did not obstruct snow removal. I understand your frustration with the process; however, I must point out that the alternate solution, as seen by many, is to reinstate the winter parking ban, a decision which Council has determined is not in the best interests of the general population of the Regional Municipality.



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The buzz on biz mail bag

by Steve Marques

In response to my previous article "U-pass I Pass", I have received many comments, responses, and even hate mail like Ms. Izy trying to slam me. Exactly what I wanted: to stir up some emotion about a subject that should concern people. These replies are not reflecting my views and are not printed to show favor to one side or the other, these are just different views submitted by your peers. For Your Information) a survey was conducted here at Saint Mary's on March 7, 2002 to ask the opinions of some of the student body's views on the U-pass. If 10% of the student body are in support of the pass then a referendum must take place. What concerns me is that 10% of the population could possibly pass the U-pass due to the apathetic voter

turnout. When it is time to be heard, make sure your voice is raised whether for or against.

I am definitely not in support of the U-pass. I do not want to be used by the government and the transit services as a cash cow more than I am already as a student at Saint Mary's. It always seems that the buck is being passed from the top down. Why doesn't it just stay at the top? I understand that those students that do pay for bus passes now would save money and they should have improved scheduling of routes because who wants to wait an hour to catch a bus? That is a joke. But is it fair for those that live on campus? Or those that live within walking distance who pay higher rent in the south end? Or to those

that own operate and drive cars to school, pay for a parking pass, or toll for the bridge? Is it fair to these people? The answer is obvious. There are options and this is one of them but if this is the only one on the table then the research group better hire a new group of advanced space monkeys to brainstorm ideas.

Tyler Durden

I think that the U-pass is a great idea and should be implemented. I am a student at Dalhousie, and I find it increasingly difficult to afford to pay for school, rent, bills, food, etc. I recently had to get rid of my car, with insurance, parking passes and meters adding up as well as increasing gas prices made driving the Mustang too costly. Good thing my boyfriend is in dentistry. The U-pass would save money and isn't a very big expense to improve a poor system.

Sally Walker

The U-pass is a good idea for Saint Mary's to endorse. Not only is public transit good for the environment but it will also help reduce traffic congestion. \$100 is a good bargain for a full year transit pass, especially when you consider the price for a one

month pass in Toronto is just under a \$100. There will of course be many car owners who will whine about paying \$100 for a service they will never use, to them I say tough, If you can afford to throw away piles of money every month toward gas, car payments, insurance, etc, you can surely afford to pay \$100 once. Some students who live on campus also seem to be opposed to the U-Pass idea. This boggles my mind. Sure they don't take the bus to get to school, but do they never leave campus? The bus is the best way for someone with a low income to get around Halifax. Some people may complain that transit is not convenient enough. Well it would be a lot more convenient if it were properly funded. If Metro Transit was guaranteed this income (\$100 per student) it would allow them to increase service around the universities, making commuting by transit that much more of an attractive option. Who knows, maybe we could eventually see express buses running to SMU such as Toronto's "York University Rocket". So if asked to vote on the U-Pass, please vote yes, think of the bigger picture; think beyond

the small fee of \$100.

Dave Reage

To whom it may concern; I would like to take this opportunity to say NO to the U-pass. I am a full-time student at SMU and I do not live on campus. I also do not live on a bus route. Therefore, I do not use the bus. I have my own car and I pay for gas, bridge fare and a parking pass at SMU. I do not think it is fair to make it mandatory for all full-time students such as myself to pay for a U-pass which they will never have the opportunity pay for. If I did ride the bus, I would have to park and ride, and then I would have to pay to park at the bus terminal. I don't think I should have to pay so someone else can get a break riding the bus. We are all students and we could all use a break now and then but it needs to be a break that benefits ALL students.

Jeff Sacrey

Yes, I am in favor of the U-pass.

Mandy Morgan

If you have any comments, concerns or interesting articles you would like to read about not just regarding the u-pass issue e-mail me at www.buzzonbiz@hotmail.com

The future for students

by Steve Marques

If you are not in the know, then I'll fill you in. In the fall, Ontario is terminating their grade thirteen program in high schools. In doing so, this will flood schools with a larger proportion of university-eligible students into our city and into our school. This would account for approximately a 20-25% increase in student enrollment. This is also inflated with the possibility that Dalhousie students who may have to retake courses they have not completed due to the strike in progress. If so, it may also influence students in their decision to either attend Dal or SMU. This increase in enrollment would influence the current systems, sizes of classes, and scheduling of courses offered to first and second year students. Some hypothetical solutions have been mentioned, such as scheduling classes outside the norm such as seven a.m. or nine p.m. Having three hour classes on Fridays

or Saturdays. Finally, enhancing online courses by 20%.

However in order for this suggested hypothetical format to work all students must take one class from newly planned schedule. A survey was conducted with these suggested solutions and distributed around campus. The option of classes being scheduled on Saturday and Friday was unanimously unfavorable. The option of classes outside the norm times for first and second year students was found to be favorable for those students who have not found direction, and could also need professor support. The enhancement of online classes concluded that it would be a great way to learn, but some students were apprehensive due to the fact that there was no one there to consult them. These recommendations to a potential problem are still being discussed and what changes will come of we probably won't know until this upcoming fall semester.

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Diane Francis speaker at Commerce dinner

Press Release

The business community will have the chance to hear all about today's current business trends from someone who has her fingers directly on the pulse.

Diane Francis, Chief Editor of the Financial Post and business columnist for the National Post, will be the guest speaker at the Saint Mary's Commerce Society's Annual Business Dinner.

The 28th annual event, which will be held at the University on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 pm, is expected to attract a large number of students, faculty, government and business people from the region.

"The Commerce Society at Saint Mary's is thrilled to have Francis as this year's guest speaker," says Jonathan Miles, Vice-President of External Affairs for the Saint Mary's Commerce Society. "As Editor of the Financial Post, the country's oldest and most recognized business journal, Francis is in the forefront of journalism in Canada."

Francis, who assumed editorial leadership of Canada's Business Voice in 1991, has made The Post more informative and controversial

than ever.

She has also initiated improvements of the newspaper's coverage of financial markets and of investment opportunities, making it a popular newspaper for business, investment and political news, and its Opinion pages which often propel the national agenda.

Renowned for her columns (and syndicated for the Sun Newspaper chain), she also contributes a monthly column to Canada's only national news magazine, Maclean's. As a broadcaster, she is heard twice weekly on Toronto and Vancouver radio, and is a regular commentator on television.

"Members of the Commerce Society have been working diligently in planning for one of Atlantic Canada's most popular business events," says Lynn Roach, Vice-President of Internal Affairs for the Saint Mary's Commerce Society. "We are looking forward to a great evening, one where commerce students will have the opportunity to network with prominent members of the business community."

The Saint Mary's University Commerce Society

is a student run organization, whose mandate is to supplement the classroom experience of commerce students with practical experiences.

The Business Development Bank of Canada is the sponsor of the Saint Mary's University Commerce Society's 28th Annual Business Dinner. The Business Development Bank of Canada plays a leadership role in delivering financial and consulting services to small and medium size businesses, with a strong focus on the emerging and exporting sectors of the economy. They offer services in both English and French and hold over 80 branches across Canada.

I believe this is an excellent opportunity for students to meet and network with prominent business people in the community. This dinner allows for a variety of different people to be able to communicate in an relaxed setting and allow ideas to be exchanged, giving you different perspectives or avenues to pursue in your own business ventures. If you can't take anything good from the contacts that you may meet, I heard they serve a good quaff.

Congratulations

Special Feature

by Steve Marques

A big congrats goes out to Karen Cooper, a third year commerce student. She was recognized as an honorable mention to the CAFCE student of the year award. CAFCE stands for Canadian Association for Co-operative Education; this is a co-op program that offers recognition to those students enrolled in the program since 1994. Each school across Canada is allowed to nominate at least two candidates. However, you need to be recognized as an outstanding student, having performed well at your job, and having made particular contributions to their employer, to cooperative education, and to community involvement. Karen definitely meets these standards with a 4.16 GPA out of 4.30.

Q: How many work terms have you completed? "I have completed three work terms."

Karen has also completed her Bachelor of Science at Mount Saint Vincent and is completing her Bachelor of Commerce here at Saint Mary's. She is the first nomination from the Commerce program to be selected from our university. There are over 70,000 post

secondary co-op students across Canada and to be chosen as the winner or the honorary mention is a great feat regardless of how you look at it. Karen shares this prestigious honor with two other nominees from the universities of Guelph and Ottawa. She plans to further her education by applying for her Masters in Human Resources or Industrial Relations.

Q: How has this influenced your life? "Co-op was a life experience, not just work experience. The confidence I found in myself since first starting Co-op and to now is startling to me."

Q: How has this affected you in choosing or applying for specific jobs? "After completing my co-op work terms, I have learned to examine job descriptions thoroughly, research organizations, write enthusiastic cover letters, anticipate questions and prepare answers, ask questions to the interviewer, and follow up with sincere thank you letters."

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All taxed Out?

by Steve Marques

Tax season is bearing down once again and most of us are not prepared or concerned Mom and Pops will probably take care of it. There is no need to run home and have your folks do your taxes there are services that are available to you that are convenient and cost-efficient at your fingertips. One of these services is Quick Tax Web, an online site that offers an advantageous approach for students to do their own taxes. Those students or households that earn less than \$20,000 of taxable income in the year can prepare and file their return for free. Yes, finally something that students living below the poverty line don't have to shell out money for. Your tax return is processed almost

immediately after it is filed, and your return should be directly deposited into your account in two weeks when applicable, check out this site at

www.quicktaxweb.ca

Another service available is online investing advice. One in particular is www.fundlibrary.com, a Toronto based firm that offers the premiere Internet investing information in mutual fund investments in Canada. The discussion forum can be used as a good tool to all those seeking tips in how to find loop holes and angles in investing in certain investment portfolios.

If you have any comments, concerns, or ideas that you would like to read about, e-mail me at buzzonbiz@hotmail.com

The G-Spot:

by Kara Gammell
SMU_GSPOT@hotmail.com

I started out writing this column for two reasons: the first being experience for grad school, the second being that I liked the idea of sexual health education being more accessible to students. Now, however, I feel I am getting worn out and frustrated because I think this sex thing might be taking over my life. I don't know what has happened, but it seems like this has become the first thing I think of when I wake up in the morning and the last thing before I go to sleep. What has happened to me? Am I obsessed? I know this is somewhat natural for someone who is going into this type of field, but if I met a guy who was taking computer science and computers were all he thought about, I probably would think he was strange.

It's not even that I have become a born again nymphomaniac in the past few months, because nymphs actually have sex; so maybe I am just a sexinfomaniac. Beats me. I suppose it is understandable considering I am in my office 15-20 hours a week researching and writing about sex, so one would naturally find herself a little hot under the collar or damp below the belt. It goes with the territory I guess. Although, it is amazing what people fess up to once they realize that I write this little bad boy. I feel like I get the dirt/gossip/skeletons-in-the-closet on everyone and let's just put it this way, it makes for a very interesting house party to say the least.

I realized just how sex related the world is I live in, when I found myself browsing around Sister Sara's on a beautiful sunny Friday afternoon. I'm not going to lie to you when I tell you I felt a little uneasy about being there even though I was there strictly for work (I know what you're thinking, but I am afraid its true). I like to think that I can hold my own in these situations, but this store was a totally different story. I think it was either the erotic cartoon murals on the walls or the dirty old man who kept staring us down, that crept me out. I will never look at mirrored aviator shades, a fluorescent pink Budweiser hat or knee-high skidoo boots the same way again. The two of us were standing there, in Sister Sara's, sweating like a couple of virgins on prom night and it was then that I

realized that this is what I get paid to do. So who can blame me that I have my mind in the gutter 24/7?

Q: Okay, so last week I told you I didn't want your opinion on me being a player, but you gave it to me anyway. So, how about this, give it to me this time about what girls expect me to do after I spend the night and don't ever want to see them again. Because personally I think that these fine ladies of this bumpin' university are on a need to know basis.

A: My, my you're a charming young lad, aren't you? For starters I find it hard to take someone who refers to anything as bumpin' with a straight face. But who am I to judge?

So, you've had a one-night stand (which must happen all the time considering your charisma that is so apparent) and you are either happy or horrified. Once you decide on your opinion, you can follow the following rules of etiquette that have been created by my fellow girlfriends and I.

What a girl tends to do to gather what the guy thinks of the situation, is to watch for the presence of (or more importantly the absence of) the next morning/goodbye kiss. This could happen while you are still in bed or at any point before he leaves (assuming to have walked him to the door, no matter how disgusting, sloth-like or sex-headed you are - no one looks good the next day). If he doesn't kiss you, well you have all the knowledge you need to know. Sometimes the lack of an answer is an answer in itself. But on the flip side he could be playing this little trick himself (hey, I didn't say this was a foolproof plan, but hell, it had been tried, tested and true) in which case, you are S.O.L and nothing I say is going to be useful anyway.

After he is out the door, which hopefully didn't hit him in the ass on the way out, you can almost immediately factor in the awkwardness that is surely to follow. This will increase exponentially until you bump into him/her again. The longer the length of time, the worse it gets. To cut down on this initial uneasiness, you could always give to him/her a type of an experiment. For example, tell them you both have two options (try to avoid using the words "US" or "WE" - a kiss is not a contract, therefore you don't have a relationship, therefore there is no "Us" or "We". Besides this can send a guy running better than a

Keeping it in the family - Mama's boys & Sister Sara's

handful of ephedrine) The choices are that you both can just pretend nothing ever happened and never speak of it again, or (and this is the fun option), you could just have sex again and see if after that it is still awkward. Okay, so I know no one would actually do that, but man, it would be funny. Hell, it's already weird, so if ya can't beat 'em - ya might as well join 'em.

Q: First of all pubic hair is annoying; it gets in the way when you're trying to wear sexy undies to impress the bf, when you want to wear skimpy little bikinis to the beach...and well of course it gets in the way of oral sex. I'm asking for your help in gardening 101. The bush has to be trimmed and the lawn has to be mowed. NOW. What are your thoughts on the subject?

A: Well, I am sure you do not want to know my educational thoughts behind this subject, because I recently did a seminar on the Sociology of Body Hair and I am confident that you are not interested in the sociological implications of the hair "down there". I agree that there should be some time dedicated to sustaining and maintaining the tidiness of that general area. What you

want me to tell you is beyond me: it is a necessary task and really just one of consideration for your partner. Although, bare in mind those creams like Nair are not meant for mucous membranes. I once had a guy friend of mine who tried to Nair his chest, and it was only after he had applied the cream and it started burning like a son of a bitch, did he notice the warning on the package that specifically said, not for use on nipples. Yup, that was a sorry site to see let me tell you and there were tears, lots and lots of tears - that poor boy will never be the same.

Q: I think that it was my boyfriend that wrote to you last week about his fantasies of his mother. He always calls me "mommy" when we are fooling around and one

day I mentioned to him and he said that I was hearing things. Now, I am more than a little weirded out.

A: No shit, Sherlock! I'd be weirded out too. I don't know who has it worse, you - being the girlfriend or the mother - since she is an unwilling presence during her son's intimate acts. I don't know what to tell you on this one, but I'm hoping you weren't trying to get me to name the guy who wrote to me, because of course you know how unethical and unprofessional that would be. You might as well try and talk to him about it, because I am not about to confirm or deny anything regarding his identity. Call me a tight ass if you like, but you're not getting this one out of me.

City Streets

by Kevin Aitchison

In winter's wind I found a smile to soothe a weary mind, that couldn't see beyond the clouds the stars all hide behind. In graceful eyes I found a friend that I could call me own, a flower from the city streets where none before has grown. The summer skies in winter die and naked trees remain, my life stays in the scented air that summer skies contain, but something true and warm was found when I first saw your face, a beauty true that lives in you that winter can't erase.

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Midday meal

by Sean F. Hamilton & Marcin Modzynski

Ever been downtown and wanted a good meal for that five bucks that you have left in your pocket after a night of drinking? Yes? Well, ever think about hitting up one of those bars that you spent all your money at? No? Well you may just want to take a look at the menus that these bars have during the day. Most bars have a fully functioning kitchen that is open to serve you before your night of drinking begins. Taking this into mind we headed downtown in search of a darn good deal and some fine food. We ended up at the Mercury, which boasts a five-dollar deal

between the hours of 12pm and 2pm.

We were both surprised upon entering that the atmosphere resembled a restaurant more than a bar. We were greeted by a server upon entering and we proceeded to the upper section tables that had all been set with menus, cutlery, and tablecloths. Catching the last half-hour of the lunch rush, we had the place mostly to ourselves; table service was almost instantaneous. The lunch menu, with every item totaling five dollars after taxes, covered a variety of meals, from a hamburger and fries to chicken Florentine. Once the rest of our group had

arrived, we ordered. Between the four of us we sampled the homemade macaroni and cheese, lasagna with salad, fish and chips and the chicken Florentine. We began with a basket of wontons with plum sauce, which were crispy and quite meaty, moreso than your average wonton. Our meals arrived promptly and we dug in. Everything looked fantastic, with the food very much matching the restaurant atmosphere. The lasagna came with a caesar that was very tasty, and being a caesar fan, lots of times the proper balance is not achieved between the ingredients, which is unfortunate. The lasagna was an average

portion with a classic taste you can't go wrong with. The homemade mac and cheese was a must, considering the KD version has saved us many a time from certain death by starvation, and the Mercury's version was just as satisfying. We would have liked to see a little garnish, or grated cheese on top to add a little colour, for the presentation was slightly bland. Overall, not much more than you could get out of that familiar blue box, but a good spin on the standard nonetheless. Alternately, the fish and chips were fantastic, with a light batter that wasn't overpowering, and the fresh thick fries and the homemade

tartar sauce were the perfect complement. Finally, the chicken Florentine went over very well amongst everyone at the table, so much so that when we went back for another bite, we were vehemently denied with violent fork jabs aimed at our hands.

After the meal we found ourselves pleasantly full without being overstuffed; ready to tackle the rest of the day with a good meal in our stomachs and most importantly, only five bucks out of that night's drinking budget.

Psycho Beach Party set to open

by Luke Malone

As the posters have promised, this year's Drama

Society production is indeed a psychedelic bubblegum pop fiesta. Set to open at 8pm on the eve of this paper's release (Wednesday, March 13), the show runs until Saturday, March 16th, in the McNally Theatre Auditorium. Ticket prices are five dollars for students and seniors, eight dollars for everyone else.

Eschewing the convention of the stage, the play makes clever use of the available space. Most of the action takes place in various areas of the auditorium. Various sets decorate

the perimeter, encircling perhaps the most striking thing about the show. Set in the middle of the theatre is a large, octagon shaped sandbox filled with, you guessed it, sand. Throughout the show, people cavort on the sand in what truly is a beach party.

The show itself is a fast-paced comedy, with the actors delivering their lines with just enough irony to keep things fun and campy. While the ensemble cast works very well together, Kate Naugler is outstanding in the demanding lead role of Chicklet, a surfer with multiple personalities. Also excellent in supporting roles are Maryann Moffitt as b-movie star Bettina Barnes, and Shannon Power as

Berdine, Chicklet's best friend. Adding to the show is a performance by Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands winner Trip Complete, who provide music throughout the show, including playing at the energetic dance scene.

All in all, *Psycho Beach Party* promises to be an original and funny night of entertainment. The performances are tight, the

sets are inventive, and everything comes together to



Kate Naugler, Chicklet, and her dog Roxy



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Quote of the Week

"We have art to save ourselves from the truth."

- Friedrich Nietzsche

Speedbag on the street

After a while of being on hiatus, I've decided to return for the collapse of classes at Dal. As university students, we all face the fact that we pay the highest tuition fees in Canada and our professors are among the lowest paid as well. This makes us ask, where is our money going and what causes problems like the current strike at Dalhousie. So, this week I take all this into consideration and ask the students here at SMU what their views on the current situation at Dal is.

The Qs in no sane order are:

- 1) What is your opinion on the DFA strike?
- 2) Do you think that professor strikes are fair to students?
- 3) Do you think that I should wash my baseball cap?

Jason Ellsworth



- 1) They're asking for too much.
- 2) I think they picked a bad time to do it because students are looking for a tuition freeze.
- 3) No, it adds character. Though if you need to wash it you can use my dishwasher.

Jeremy Campbell



- 1) I don't think the teachers make enough money, but I want to be one and make fat cash in the future.
- 2) Nope, they shorten the time students have to prepare. It also causes undue stress.
- 3) Yes, with that much dirt on that hat your hair is going to fall off.

**Michelle Butterfield /
Brendan Hanson**



1) It is unfortunate for the students.

The students, my roommates especially, can get drunk every night now.

2) Only if it is going to increase the quality of education, not just more money for the profs.

Yeah, what she said.
3) It is lookin kinda dirty. No, definitely not. It shows character.

Derek Bond



- 1) I'm glad I don't go to Dal right now.
- 2) No, I think it takes away from the student's education.
- 3) Of course not.

Kaitlyn Sobey



- 1) I wish that I had a week of school like they do.
- 2) No, that's all I have to say.
- 3) Never!

Tara Henderson



(Ed note - Tara wants everyone to know that she's not having a creative day)

- 1) I haven't really thought about it.
- 2) It is good for the

professors, but bad for the students.

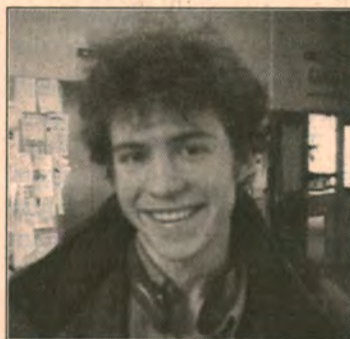
3) No. It's sexier when it's dirtier.

Stacey MacNeil



- 1) I think it sucks for students, especially with school coming to an end soon.
- 2) No, not at all. It is good for the profs to get their opinion acrossed though.
- 3) Yeah, it's really gross.

James Key-Wallace



- 1) I think that it's a pretty important issue that was enabled by the SMU strike last year.
- 2) It's fair to students in the long run if it gives us better professors.
- 3) Absolutely not, it adds character.

Cera Kilyanek / Martin Dumas



- 1) They're lucky people pay to go to Dal at all. They should stop complaining and do their friggin job. It's about the students not the teachers.
- 2) No. No, especially this late into the season.
- 3) Yes, I can smell it upstairs in our apartment. No, it adds character when you're naked.

**Joystick Junkies
Dynasty Warriors 3
Playstation 2**

by Daniel Bonner

Dynasty Warriors 3, is (obviously enough) the third game in a series of swashbuckling Asian swordfighters from Japanese developer KOEI.

At its core, DW3 is a fighting game crossed with an action game to form an interesting new hybrid. Mix equal parts Bushido Blade with equal parts The Bouncer, and you have a pretty good idea of what to expect. Unfortunately for this title, however, DW3 fails to live up to the bar set by either of these two great titles. DW3 offers five modes of play, all of which are in essence the same, and a player would invariably return to the 'meat and potatoes' of this game, the Masou mode. Simply put, 'Masou mode' is just a fancy way of saying story mode. Masou mode allows the player to dash about on a map of the Chinese countryside, hacking and slashing minions (often up to 500 in any of the missions), with the actual goal being to kill the four to ten enemy generals before your allied generals meet their maker in very much the same manner. Upon completing this, the player is rewarded with a rendered cut scene and then moves on to another mission to do the same thing all over again. The controls are simplified with a grand total of four buttons being used to do all of your attacking moves. The key to the game quickly becomes apparent, and that is simply to run into a crowd of baddies and allow the button mashing to commence, what you mash

seeming to be of little to no importance. Graphically, DW3 has some further issues to deal with. The rendered cut scenes certainly hold their own, with the only problem being a common one with translated games; the lip sync is often off. The graphics present while playing look fine as well, with the only problem being an inability for the game to process any more than 20-30 characters at once. This becomes a problem when one attempts to take to foot and flee to an open area, only to find out, once there, that the open area is actually full of enemies. Audio wise the voice acting is quite forgettable, and furthermore, the faceless rock-and-roll soundtrack does little to put you in an ancient Chinese conquest state of mind. Perhaps the one saving grace of this title is the two-player cooperative mode. In this mode, two players campaign through the story mode together, which can certainly make for some interesting gaming. Pick your partner wisely, however, as the mission ends when either of the two players die, making it frustrating to wean a new player to the game. Regardless, I found myself much more eager to play this title with a friend in Co-op mode, than I did by myself.

The Bottom Line: By yourself, this game has little to offer. Its content will allow those interested in Asian history to press on for a few days with some mild interest. The two player co-op adds new possibilities to an otherwise forgettable title. If you and a buddy are looking for a game to rent for a day or two, check out Dynasty Warriors 3 for a bit of fun. Otherwise, just walk on by.

Verdict: Rent.

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The sounds of SMU

by Marcin Modzynski

This past Friday, one of the most anticipated events for the musically inclined at SMU took place at the Gorsebrook; the annual Battle of the Bands. Having covered this event for the Journal for enough years now that I'm not quite sure of the exact number, as well as being a judge for the last three years has exposed me to a phenomenal amount of talent that resides on this very campus. Always playing to a raucous, exuberant, increasingly inebriated crowd, it's damn near impossible to not have a good time between the good people, good beer and of course, good music. The variety of music that was and is always heard at the BOTB is astounding; over the past few years I've heard almost every genre represented on the Gorsebrook's stage, from hip hop to east coast, from hard rock to light acoustic.

This years competitor's were equally varied and talented, but most importantly, seem to just enjoy the fact that they were playing their own music, or otherwise, to a cheering, whistling crowd that couldn't get enough. The evening began with Impavid, who were by far the most aggressive band I had heard

at any of the recent BOTB's. Verbose, interesting lyrics sung by a lead singer who was able to cover a good range, but above all else,

could belt it out just the right way. With hard driving guitars and competent drumming, the music really had me pumped; as the first performance of the night, they rocked out good and hard, and had me geared up for the rest of the night. Following Impavid was 5th Penny Back, a group from the valley. Having brought a small cheering section (like most bands did), they produced some great rock with a stage presence that could not be beat. Everybody was loving these guys, myself included, and when they showed off their choreographed moves during one of their songs, they became an automatic favourite, and so proceeded to place third overall. Next were The Groove Tycoons, a very young band who nonetheless kicked ass with some sweet grooves. Keeping the lyrics on the low side, their performance focused mostly instrumental motifs, with a personalized version of a song from Jesus Christ Superstar. Obviously, these guys lived up to their name. Ending with

an on the spot jam, these guys had enough style to keep the crowd loving it. Here I must insert an apology, for I am unable to recall the exact order of the rest of the bands for the night, however, this is not entirely my fault, as the judges were provided with drink tickets, and it wouldn't have been prudent for me to not take advantage. Anyway, back to the battle, where Sliced Water was supposed to play, but with the rest of his bandmates bailing, Kevin Aitchison took it upon himself to go up there with his guitar and make the best of it. Mission accomplished. Playing a hometown folky bluegrass, Kevin had the crowd eating out of his hand with his fervent, original lyrics and natural stage presence that totally made you forget there was only one third of a band on stage. The only true cover band of the night, The Frequency put on a great show with spot on favourites like "Sweet Child of Mine". Backed by a guitar and fiddle, the trio put their own spin on some quality songs and the result was definitely a crowd pleaser. Nadia and Angela put on a slightly similar act, with a few covers as well (killer version of the

Cranberries' "Zombie"), yet with a style all their own they captivated their audience. Vienneau's Crew, a returning favourite at the BOTB, was the only family act with all four members related and equally talented on a variety of instruments. With a very Maritime sound, Vienneau's Crew incorporated a fiddle, banjo and tin whistle into their music, producing songs reminiscent of everything that makes Atlantic Canada so much fun, and of course, better than everyone else, too. Trip Complete, the gold medal winners of the night, played a superb set that not only impressed the judges, but had their audience by the... ears. With good, solid rock they filled the house and a tighter sound was not heard all night. These boys had it all, with great guitars and dexterous drumming backing voracious vocals, it's no surprise they finished on the podium. Stephanie Hardy, another returning competitor as well as last year's champion, played yet another beautiful set, accompanied only by her guitar and talent. Performing a mix of originals and covers, Stephanie has the kind of sound that everyone can't help but listen to, and once it

was over, you could still hear her voice in your head. This effect seemed to take the other judges as well, as Stephanie received second place in the competition. Lastly, but definitely not leastly, we experienced the Don Landes Experiment, and what an experience it was. Could the crowd have asked for a better closer? With images of good old Don watching the sun set in Maui, contemplating the meaning of love and life, it was the perfect balance to the opening act of the night. Playing with his partner of seven years, Don closed out the competition in top form with his insightful lyrics and overall very satisfying sound.

In closing, I'd like to say thanks to everyone for going up on stage and letting a bunch of people judge you on something that is so subjective. Virtually every act put on a great show, and the crowd ate it all up, so what could be better? I only hope that the coming years see as much talent, dedication and artistic soul grace the stage at the Gorsebrook as it did this past Friday night.



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On Top Of It All

March 13th - 19th

by Jon Bruhm

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Friday: A Cape Breton tag-team with Rock Ranger & Slowcoaster at The Marquee with The Mark Green Band in Hell...80's rock act Honeymoon Suite and Inland up in The Attic...Ex-Guthrie Matt Mays down at The Khyber...Caution Jam lands at The Planet...Seth Smith does double duty as guitarist of The Burdocks & bassist of The Spincycle Squared at the all-ages Pavilion.

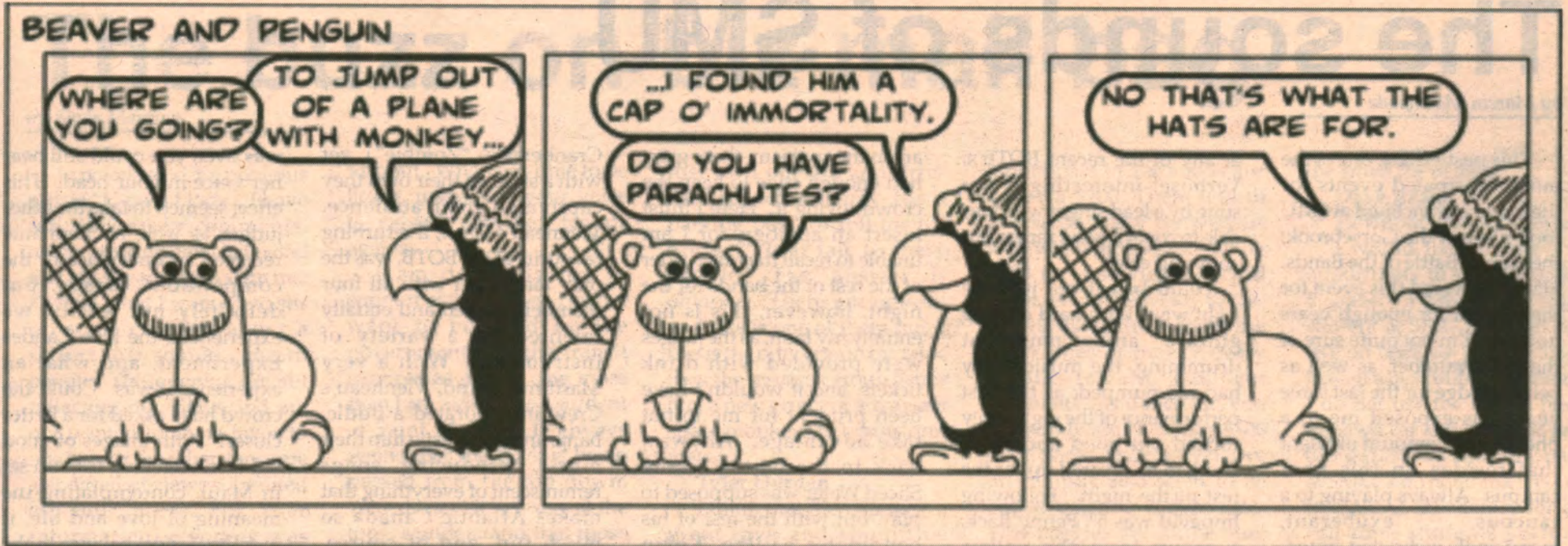
Saturday: Redman headlines a Hip Hop blowout at The Halifax Forum, with Saukrates, The Goods, Skratz Bastard, Kaleb Simmons, Kwite Sane & MC Scott Boogie...The Marquee = St. Patty's Central with Celtic rockers Slainte Mhath, and Tony Smith & The Soul Machine heat up Hell...ECMA winners The Jimmy Swift Band play with the godlike Dionisus at The Attic...Grand Theft Bus smashes into The Planet...Straight Eight Deluxe deal a set at The Khyber...Dead Red & The New Breed float into The Seahorse Tavern.

Monday: The Guthries continue their Month of Mondays in Hell.

Tuesday: Abbamania & The Stayin' Alive Tour revive Disco at The Cohn.

That's all for this week from your fly on the wall, keeping you **On Top Of It All**. E-mail questions/feedback to ontop@aroundhalifax.com

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Cee

What's with you breaking people from SAA?
Abused SAA Member

Everyone!
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Fear and Loathing Fan

Patrick,
Roomate time? Where were you Saturday night?!
Waiting at Split Crow

Thor,
Nitz? guy? Nitz? guy?.....Nitzguy?
Nix

Cmac,
Where's my coat check ticket?
Lost at JJ's

Laurabelle,
Break a leg Psycho!
Ritz

Hockey Boys!
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Husky Fans

Shannon,
Drunk and lovin' it! Thanks for Tom's
Cee

LK,
Mmmm, Ben is so yummy! A new one to conquer.
MC

Maripoo,
I am disappointed but I guess I'll have to forgive you.
Beer Kitten

Di,
Thanks for the brownies. They eased my study pains.
Ritz

Dannie,
Week two of strike...getting nervous.
Showtime Wednesday

Parachnowitsch,
You're HOT!
Love @ first sight

Dal Hockey,
You're the ones that wanted home
ice

advantageÖthanks it helped a lot
SMU hockey

Grads,
Very important meeting on March 18, and 19 at 2:15-3:00pm in room 153 Sobeys building
Grad Prez

St. Patty's Day,
"I've been waiting for you all year."
Girls in 4-leaf clover pants

Bands,
You were all great on FridayÖyou all deserved first place.
Drunk Fans

Cee,
We have to hang out very soon.
Jules

Fish,
Next time we'll have to try the hot tub out
Cis

Opal,
I'm back and ready to get to business. Are you ready for this weekend's bender?
Kat

Pub Staff,
Great dinner on Sunday next Sunday McDonalds
Bar Staff

Kat,
One word! Florida.
Tiffa

Jac,
I love clara, didn't I let you know?
Tiffa

McGee,
Pizza and a movie was fun. Let's do it again soon.
J

SMU Hockey
You guys deserved to win! go kick some ass at nationals
Hockey Fan

Jaclyn,
GPY... come of depression, and an instantaneous
Christine

discharge.
Tiffa

DD,
Have fun living at home with your Mommy.
HAHA

Kat,
In no way will you leave me to go to the Dome again, to stand 45 minutes in the rain, or you=dead.
Tiffy

Albert,
When did you switch to pink panties????
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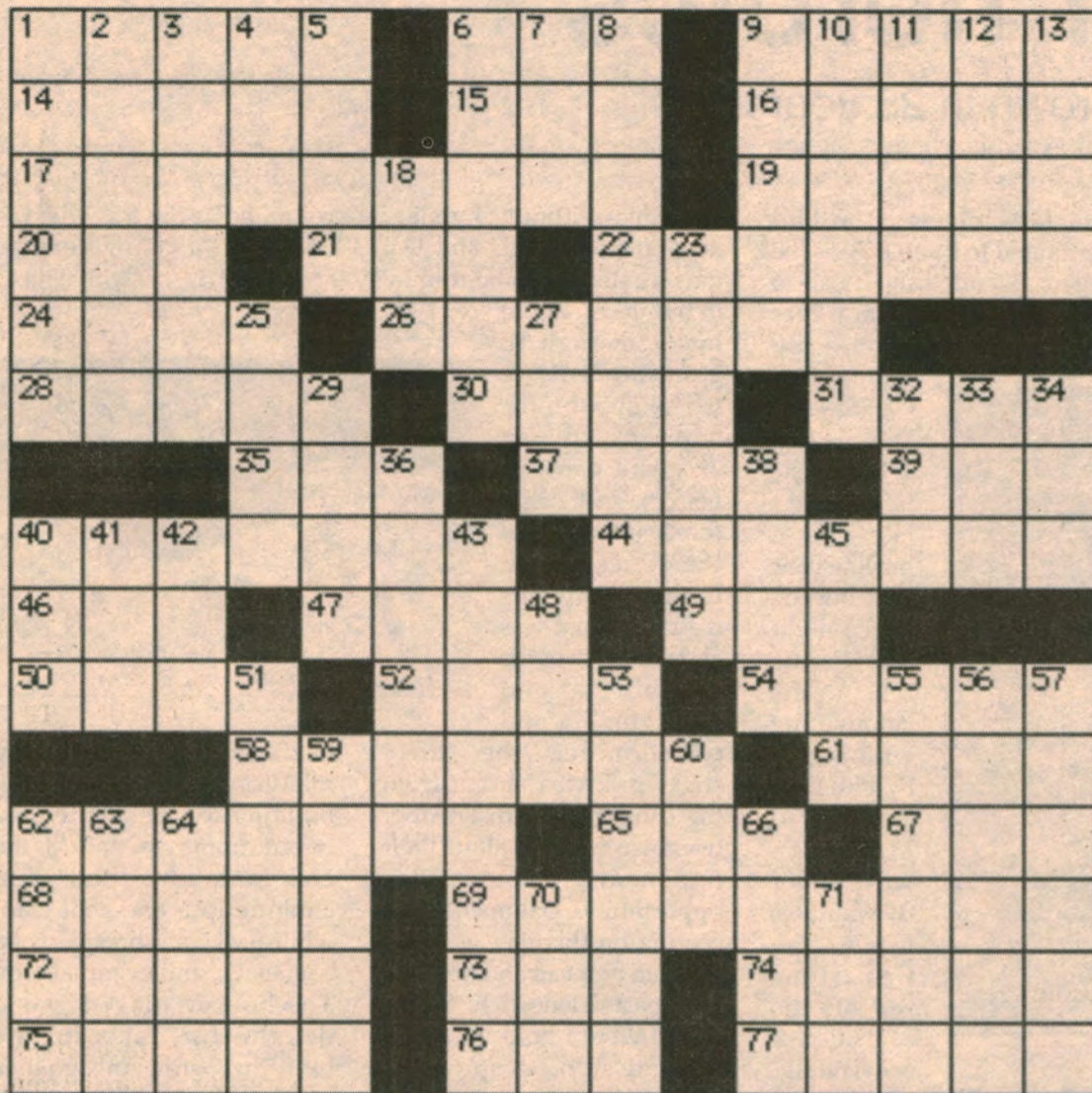


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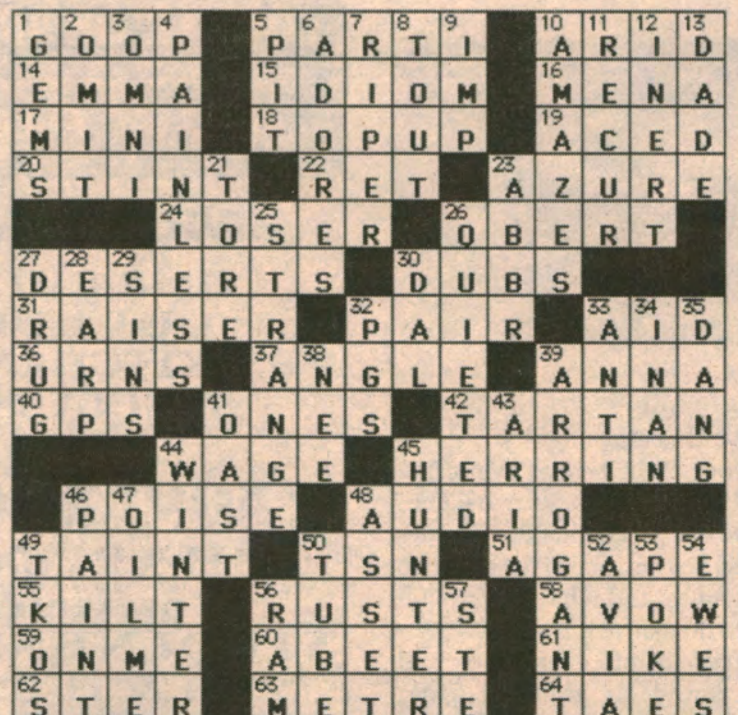
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Last week's answer

"Travel in the younger sort, is a part of education; in the elder,
a part of experience."

- Francis Bacon



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Eleventh hour heroics

Hockey Huskies win first conference crown in 25 years

by Daniel Bonner

Twenty-five years without a conference championship can certainly be considered a drought. This past week the

officially registering the game as sold out. On this night, however, the fans would have little to cheer about as the

after forty minutes. The third continued to be all Dal, as the Tigers extended their lead to three goals with markers

Dal rink, without any clear allegiance, as SMU and Dal fans seemed to be about equal

count, however, this failed to equate to a change on the scoreboard, and the Tigers



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Alex Halat flips the puck over Dal goalie Mike Weatherbie. The goal clinched the title for the Huskies.

coming from Jasmin Gellinas and Derek Tellum. The Huskies began playing their best hockey of the night late in the third, culminating with a goal by blueliner Brad Morgan with under five minutes to go. The final time ran off the clock uneventfully, with the Tigers holding their lead to take

game four by a 3-1 score. The Huskies had plenty of time to think about their outing, as game five was scheduled for Saturday afternoon, so that the hockey final would not conflict with the AUS basketball tournament occurring at the Metro Centre. Dalhousie had little trouble selling out the event, all 1,700 tickets went within the first hour and a half that they were on sale. The end result was a packed

held their 1-0 lead after forty minutes. The tension in the building for the last twenty minute frame was thick, as the Dal fans saw their club clinging to a one-goal lead, while SMU fans dreamed of a comeback, and eventual win. The hockey played was a delight for fans in the building, with both goalies coming up big late in the game. Thirteen minutes into the frame the dream came true for Husky fans, as Billy Manley found a way to beat Mike Weatherbie to tie the game. Manley and the Huskies went ballistic with celebrations, and their fans in the building were not to be outdone, shaking the very foundation of the arena. The game was far from over however, and as hard as the Huskies pushed to win, DAL pushed right back. Brent Zelenewich came up huge on more than one occasion, keeping the Huskies alive, and sending then game to overtime. Overtime continued the theme of the game, with another frame of



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Saint Mary's hockey Huskies put an end to their streak of futility dating back to their last conference championship in the 1976-77 season. The victory also marked the total turnaround of the hockey program here at Saint Mary's, sparked by the addition of Coach Trevor Stienburg in 1997. In just five years, coach Stienburg has taken the Huskies from the bottom of the standings to the top, and heading into this past week of action, SMU was one win away from booking a flight to Kitchener and the 2002 University Cup.

After claiming games one and three at Dalhousie, and losing a hard fought game two at home, the Huskies welcomed the Tigers back to

Huskies looked like a team that knew they didn't have to win, putting forth a very uninspired effort. The first period ended without scoring; however, the Huskies outshot the Tigers in the period by a fifteen to eight margin. The stats continued to fail to encapsulate the mode of the game in the second period, as the Huskies again outshot the Tigers 14-5, but the pace of the game was definitely set by the Tigers. The second also marked the first goal of the game, as Dal opened the scoring when Chris Stanley found the twine behind SMU netminder Brent Zelenewich, on the powerplay, to lead 1-0

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Alumni Arena last Wednesday night for game four of the best of five series. Leading the series two games to one meant that the Huskies had to win one of the next two games, and what better place to do than at home? 1,077 fans packed into every nook and cranny of the old rink,

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From the mouth of pros

Winnipeg Bluebombers Herald Nash and Antonio Armstrong talk about the road to the pros in part one of this interview series

by Daniel Bonner

Antonio Armstrong and Herald Nash are a pair of starters on the Winnipeg Bluebombers of the CFL. The pair were in Halifax, and furthermore on the SMU campus, working with Athletes in Action, a group spreading the word of God through Christian athletes. This past week I was given the opportunity to speak with the defensive duo, and we talked about football and their cause.

Both Nash and Armstrong have made somewhat of a name for themselves in the football world. Herald Nash is an eight year veteran of the league, playing his college ball at the University of Southern Louisiana. The defensive back began his career in Shreveport, with the Shreveport Pirates of the American experiment of the CFL. Nash has been a bit of a journeyman before finding somewhat of a home in Winnipeg, where he has played for the past three years. Antonio Armstrong, a linebacker who has the ability to play some defensive line, came out of Texas A&M and had NFL written all over him. After attending a camp for the

San Francisco 49ers, Armstrong looked like a lock to stay with the team. Unfortunately, however, he broke his leg, and just a few weeks later, on his birthday to be exact, he was cut from the squad. Armstrong was forced to take the long road through Canada to the NFL, and so he began his career with Montreal, then moving on to the Bluebombers in 2000. While stringing together a breakout season, interest in Armstrong began to brew again down south. Again, however, it was not to be as in the second last game of the season (again his birthday) Armstrong broke his ankle and the ramifications of that injury kept him from singing in the States during the following offseason. Both players were key components in the league leading 'Bombers defense during the 2001 campaign, culminating with a trip to the Grey Cup. Through all of this experience, this pair knows what it takes to make the jump from college to professional football, and for that reason the interview began with the players comparing the pros to college.

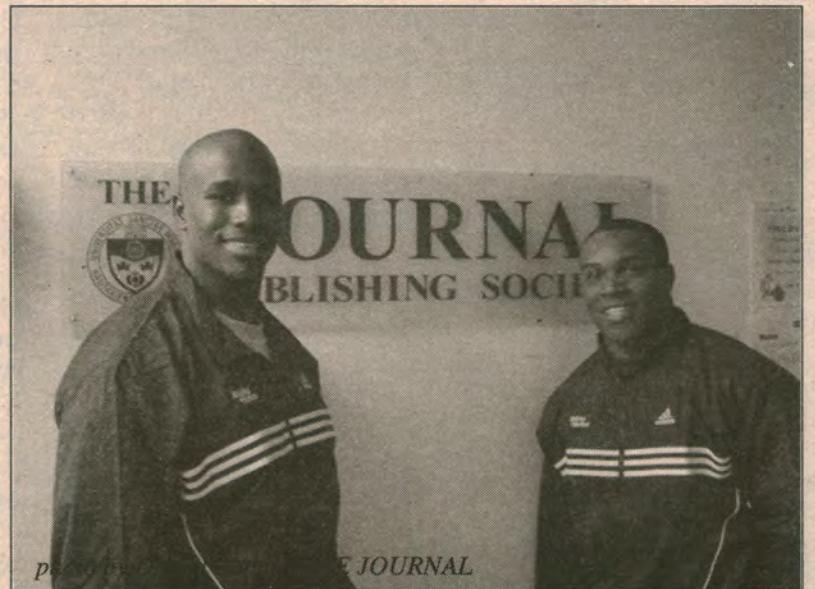
HN: "College football in the States is everything.

Alumni drive hours to see the game; the whole city really shuts down. It's all about football. As far as comparing college to the pros, it is more of a joy to play college football. You're playing for your school, for your pride, for the fans it's just a lot of hype. I play pro football to feed my family. That is when the pressure starts. If I can't play then I can't eat and I can't provide. I still do enjoy it, but I'm forced to take it much more seriously."

AA: "College was the best time of my football life. Everyone treated you like royalty. Packed houses, sixty, seventy, eighty thousand people all standing for the whole game. You don't appreciate it at the time, because you think that that is the way that life is suppose to be, you don't know any different. When I got to the pros though, I realized that you deal so much with business. People get cut. One minute a guy can be beside you and he's your friend, the next minute he's gone. The game itself is still fun, but the business side of it causes lots of problems."

As a football fan I find it very hard to watch some of the football movies produced

ball at Kashmere High School in Houston. When asked if it really is all the movies made it out to be, all Armstrong did



by the entertainment industry. One of the better football films in recent memory, however, would have to be Varsity Blues. Perhaps the one greatest lesson learned from that film is not to mess with football in Texas. That movie, along with other sources on the subject, have left me with an opinion of high school football in Texas as being very pressure filled, and drawing attendance greater than the attendance at our own Huskies Stadium for this past Atlantic Bowl. In addition to playing his collegiate football in Texas, Antonio Armstrong also played his high school

was agree.

AA: "Friday night football in Texas, there's no telling how many people are going to show up. Just to give you an example, we had the championship in the Astro Dome this past year and we had sixty to seventy thousand people turn out. There's a lot of pressure, and you have high paid coaches needing to win to keep their jobs. For me as a player, I was able to just go out there and play; I didn't pay any attention to the people or the pressure. Everything people say it is, it is. Football is the real deal

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SMU drops Dal and UNB

Lose to St. FX in AUS final for third straight year

by Stephen Clow

All things considered, this past weekend could only be deemed a success for Saint Mary's University Athletics. The fifth and final game of a marvelous AUHC hockey series was to be played on

proved ready to put their best effort forth. Dal's Kinte Ambrose would play very tight 'D' on SMU's all-star guard Nate Anderson, holding him to 6pts and only six shot attempts. This

Championships in their respective sport this year.

It would not be easy without Phillippe, but Coach Quackenbush inserted rookie Ben McCarthy into the starting line-up in hopes to silence the big frontcourt of UNB. Coach Quackenbush would also experiment with a small line-up in an effort to out run the bigger, and slower UNB squad. Both experiments worked very well. SMU's defensive efforts would hold AUS MVP Mike Keirstead to a weak 10pts on 4-11 shooting and the run and gun efforts would spark Anderson and Maeko, who took advantage of the slower UNB defenders to score 20pts in a much needed performance. "The defensive match up on me today was very different from last night. Today a lot of big guys were guarding me and I just started to go to the hoop and penetrate inside," commented Maeko after his player of the game performance vaulted SMU into the AUS and National Finals.

Tournament MVP Will Jernigan added 21 of his own and league leading scorer Jeff Saxby poured in 17 for the Seahawks.

This set up the third straight meeting between the Huskies and X-men in the AUS final game, with St. FX winning the previous two. The Huskies were out to stop X's two year domination of the AUS.

tough hoop in traffic by all-star guard Nate Anderson put SMU within five with three



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Saturday and the AUS Final Six basketball tournament was set to tip off on Friday evening and go through to Sunday afternoon.

In a sign of things to come, the SMU Huskies clashed with the Dal Tigers on Friday evening with the winner moving on to semi-final play and the loser going home. Neither team would shoot relatively well in this game and after the first six minutes, neither team could put the ball in the hoop with accuracy. With just under 14 minutes left in the first half, SMU got a huge scare when starting center Nate Phillippe was bumped in the lane and went down to the floor clutching his right knee. Phillippe stayed on the floor for several minutes and it was clear that an injury had resulted. The buzz around the game was that he had done damage to some of the ligaments in the knee and would be missed for the remainder of the tournament and possibly more.

This opened the door for Dal big man Stuart Leach, and he would not disappoint by going 4-5 from the floor for ten first half points. SMU's third year forward Gabe Goree would counter with nine first half points, but Dal would lead 29-28 going into the locker room.

With all the controversy that has gone down on the Dal campus this past year they really had nothing to lose and

line with under a minute left to cruise to a 58-44 victory. The game ended Dal's season and guard Benny Edison's CIS career. With the win SMU would draw UNB in Saturday's semi-final with a trip to the CIS Final eight and the AUS Final on the line. SMU got 12pts and seven rebs from Goree, while Allum added 12 of his own and Damon Parachnowitsch chipped in with 10pts and seven rebs in his first game back after a knee injury sidelined him for three games. Stuart Leach paced Dal's attack with 13pts and six blocks.

In the early game the Memorial Seahawks would hold off the UPEI Panthers to win their first playoff game by a score of 67-64 and would now face St. FX in Saturday's early semi.

The hockey Huskies set the stage for the Saturday evening semifinal as they pulled out a 2-1 double overtime victory in game five of the AUHC Final series, earning themselves a trip to Kitchener for Nationals. If the basketball Huskies could beat the healthier and better rested Varsity Reds, it would make them the fifth SMU team to qualify for the National

took care of Memorial by coasting to a 95-71 win. Dennie Oliver had a double double at half and finished with 21pts, 11rebs and 4 steals in 27 minutes of play.



minutes to play, but SMU would struggle to stop the X-men from scoring and they couldn't put the ball in the hoop when it mattered most.

This would lead to St. FX's third straight AUS Crown and it would be the third straight year that SMU would watch the X-men receive their trophy and banner from the opposing bench. The final score in the game was 78-68. Attendance was 5,800, a very encouraging number as there appears to be talk of the tourney possibly moving to Fredericton next year. The nation's leading rebounder Dennie Oliver who should have been tournament and league MVP, led the X attack with 28pts and 13reb, while official tourney MVP Will Jernigan added 15pts and 5 steals. Anderson and Allum who scored 13 and 12 respectively paced the Huskies. Ben McCarthy filled in for the fallen Phillippe by scoring 11 and adding 8 rebounds.

But just how much did the Huskies miss their starting big man? "We definitely missed Nate Phillippe today. He's important to have inside, we

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Bluebombers

down there.

Over half of the players in the CFL are Americans. For us Canadians who have grown up with our flavor of football, we sometimes forget that to make the leap to the CFL these players not only had to be good enough, but also had to be able to adapt to a brand of football that is totally alien to them. From bigger footballs, to three downs, to an extra man on the field, to orange flags instead of yellow, how hard is it for a player to make the transition into the Canadian game?

HN: "The extra man was a little different, especially when you talk about the halfback position. In American football, halfback means a totally different thing. You have guys coming from the States who have been cornerbacks, and have been very good cornerbacks, but if you put them in halfback they just stink up the place. That position is totally different than anything they have ever encountered before."

AA: "For me, playing linebacker, the biggest difference is the fact that there is no tight end in the CFL. Adding another receiver adds another dimension to the game, just the same as motion

adds another dimension, and backs out of the backfield add another dimension. In the CFL you have to be a runner. If you can't run you can't make it in the CFL. If you take a player from the NFL, I don't care if he's all pro or what, and you brought him up to the CFL it's going to take him a while to get adjusted to this brand of football. They wouldn't be able to come up here and just dominate because you have to be in much better cardiovascular shape to make it in this league. You're going to have to cover like you've never covered before, run like you've never run before just to survive up here. At the same time if you took a CFL player and shipped him down south, the adjustment period would be much less. This game is also much harder in terms of seconds between each play, and how fast the game actually is, it's a totally different game for me.

Next week check in for part two in the series with Armstrong and Nash. Next week we will be focusing on the CFL in the States, the Bluebombers and their incredible 2001 campaign, more team chemistry and a special feature on why the duo made the trip to the Maritimes, and there work with Athletes in Action.

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Hockey

really don't have any other experienced guys inside, but Ben (McCarthy) really stepped up in the first half today and against UNB yesterday," stated All-star forward Damon Parachnowitsch shortly after the tough loss.

All was not lost though and this past weekend has to be viewed as a success not only for basketball but also for the whole athletic department in general as SMU has qualified five of its teams for national championships this year.

The Huskies now look ahead to this weekend's CIS Championships being held at the Metro Center where they will be in tough against an Alberta team who is ranked #2, but sat at the #1 ranking nationally for the entire season. Game times were TBA at the time of press, but look for the Huskies to play in the second set of games on Friday night.

The other quarterfinal match-ups for the Final Eight are as follows:

- #1 Western Mustangs .vs. #8 Victoria Vikings
- #3 Brandon Bobcats .vs. #6 York Yeomen

#4 Laval Rouge et Or .vs. #5 St. Francis Xavier X-men

Put Backs: **This will be the second year in a row and third in the last four that SMU has qualified for the Final Eight Dennie Oliver's two game line 49pts, 24rebs, 16-26FG, eight assists, and seven steals compared to Tournament MVP Will Jernigan's two game line 36pts, 11rebs, 14-28FG, six assists, five steals and five turnovers. You decide who the real MVP is St. FX now looks to three-peat as national champs other teams making the trip to Halifax this weekend: Victoria Vikings, Alberta Golden Bears, York Yeomen, Brandon Bobcats, Laval Rouge et Or, and the Western Mustangs SMU draws Alberta who sat at #1 nationally from start to finish of the regular season St. FX gets a rematch against Laval, a team they beat in the quarters last year Brandon is making their 16th straight appearance in the nationals.**

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Basketball

exciting end to end action. For the most part, the first overtime period belonged to the Huskies, although neither team was able to score, forcing a second overtime frame. The fifth period started poorly for the Huskies, as DAL captain Marty Johnston broke in all alone just six seconds in. However, Zelenewich stood tall, turning away the effort. The Tigers kept the pressure on throughout the first two minutes of the frame, coming close to ending the game on three separate occasions. Just seconds later, what every

SMU fan was hoping for occurred, and with a touch of poetic justice as well. Throughout his University career Alex Halat has been thought of as somewhat of a goon throughout the league. Over the past five years, however, Halat's game has come a long way, evolving from what some may call a goon into a sparkplug that can often turn the tide of a close game. These players that can achieve success while getting under the skin of their opponents (a la Claude Lemieux) are integral to the success of a club. Arguably the crowning achievement of Halat's five-year career occurred in his last University game in the Maritimes. Just three minutes into the second overtime period Halat broke in on a two on one. Keeping the puck, Halat shoveled it over a sprawled Weatherbie, into the net behind him, sparking off incredible celebrations for the Huskies and their fans. For the first time in twenty-five years, the Huskies are AUS hockey champions.

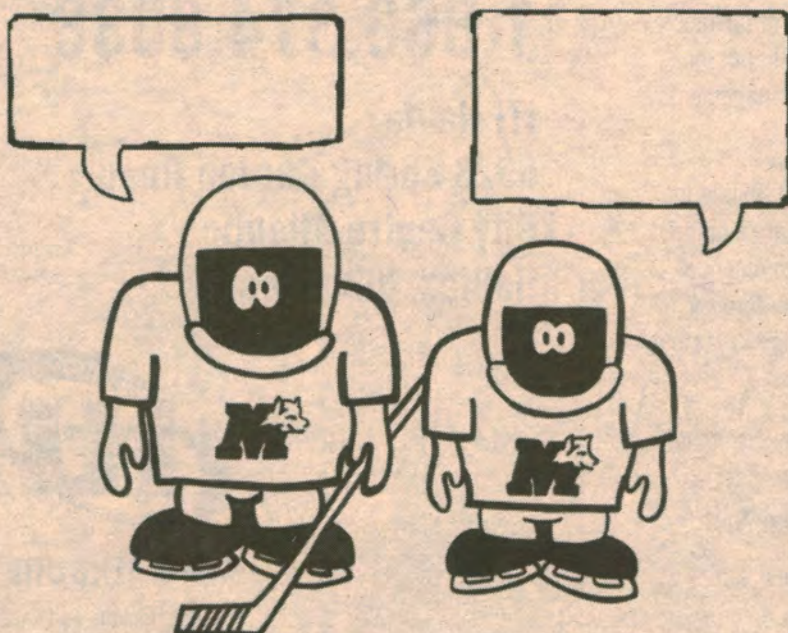
SMU netminder Brent Zelenewich took home the MVP award, and deservedly so. In a series everybody knew would come down to goaltending, many questioned the ability of young Zelenewich to match the veteran Weatherbie. In the end, however, Zelenewich rose to the occasion, and kept his team in the game, and furthermore in the series. Check back next week for information on the University Cup, the six team national championships in Kitchener that the Huskies will travel to next. The University Cup begins March 21st.

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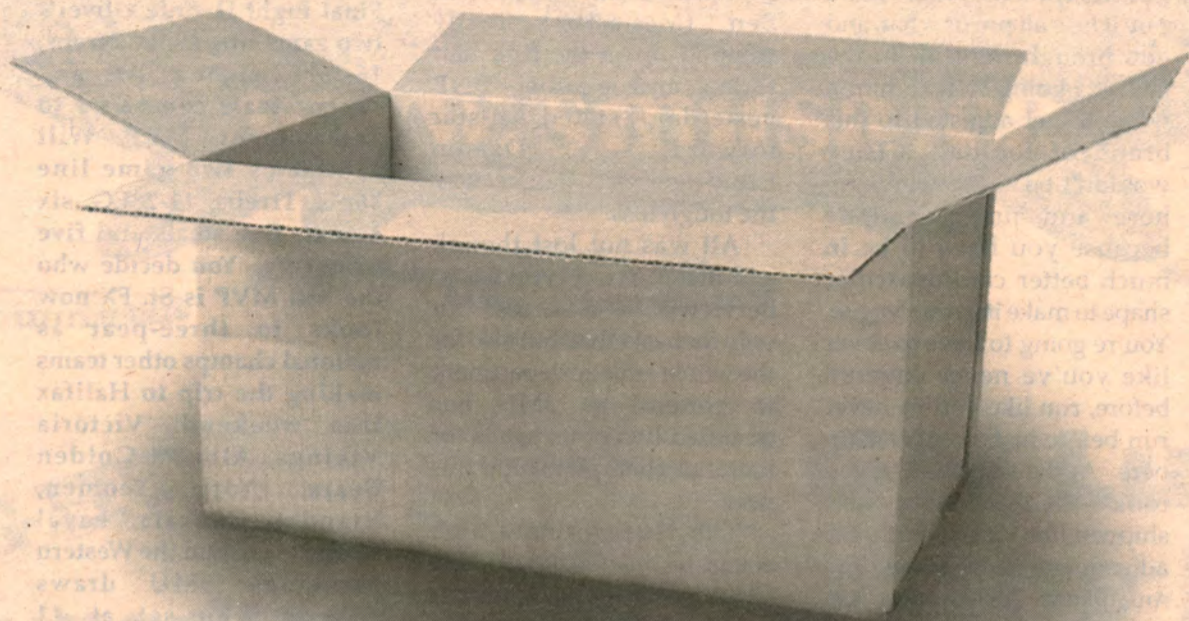


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