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Blood, it comes from the heart. Happy Valentine's Day everyone.

Student politics-who

cares?

You may never know the consequences of your vote, or how much power you really have

by Jon Kincade

It's that time of year again. Our beloved campus has been transformed into a neopolitan blur of campaign promises, smiling faces and apathy. Which of these things don't belong to an opinion piece on student politics? That depends - in all fairness, how many people do you think are actually going to read this or any other piece, and of those how many will legitimately care or engage in critical discussions of the issues at hand?

Every candidate in this year's Executive Elections has met many kinds of people while on the campaign trail. Among these types are two basic stereotypes: those who are somewhat informed, somewhat curious and somewhat interested and those who are somewhat jaded, somewhat cynical, somewhat pessimistic or outright pissed off. Having been involved with elections for the past three years and being a candidate for just as long, I can testify as to how far SMUSA's systems have come in that time. What will never change is that every four years this campus is filled with different people and no matter how hard you try you will invariably come up short in the eye of the public when you are elected by a slim majority of 12-15% of eligible voters.

This is the sad reality of student politics, or perhaps politics as a whole and is why it has never been more important to get involved and get connected. Policy and programming are two of most

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Meeting adjourned

"Town Hall" intended to raise awareness, provide answers

by Jeffrey Warford

Several dozen students joined SMUSA executives, staff, and a handful of SRC representatives on February 5th to discuss plans for the future and review the work done by this year's executive.

Billed by SMUSA as a "Town Hall" meeting, the event was an open invitation to the students of Saint Mary's to air out their ideas and pose questions to the current SMUSA executive. But as the name implied, the meeting

was also part of a "community" initiative to help SMUSA attune itself more closely to the concerns of the 9000 students it represents.

The controversial U-Pass was a popular topic among the students in attendance. Before long, details began to emerge about a developing rift between SMUSA and Metro Transit over the price and mandatory nature of the current U-Pass agreement. When asked if the U-Pass

program would be continued next year, SMUSA alleged that Metro Transit has not lived up to its end of the bargain in maintaining a profit-neutral service.

"We believe that Metro Transit is making a sizable profit from the U-Pass," said Issmat Al-Ahkali, SMUSA Vice-President of Internal Affairs. "Whether or not the program is renewed next year will depend upon how far we are prepared to go to ensure that the spirit of the original agreement is upheld."

SMUSA is also keeping a close eye on the so-called "Athletic Renewal" fee, the additional \$60 per full-time

credit fee that was passed by SMU's Board of Governors in December despite heavy resistance from students.

"SMUSA will be pushing for some kind of public account of how these funds are being spent," said Al-Ahkali. "Perhaps a web page where students can see exactly what their money is going towards." Although the money has been earmarked for upgrade and repair of "critical infrastructure and unsafe equipment," it would be well within students' rights to demand a more detailed explanation, he said.

SMUSA also announced the upcoming launch of its new website, the association's second major online upgrade

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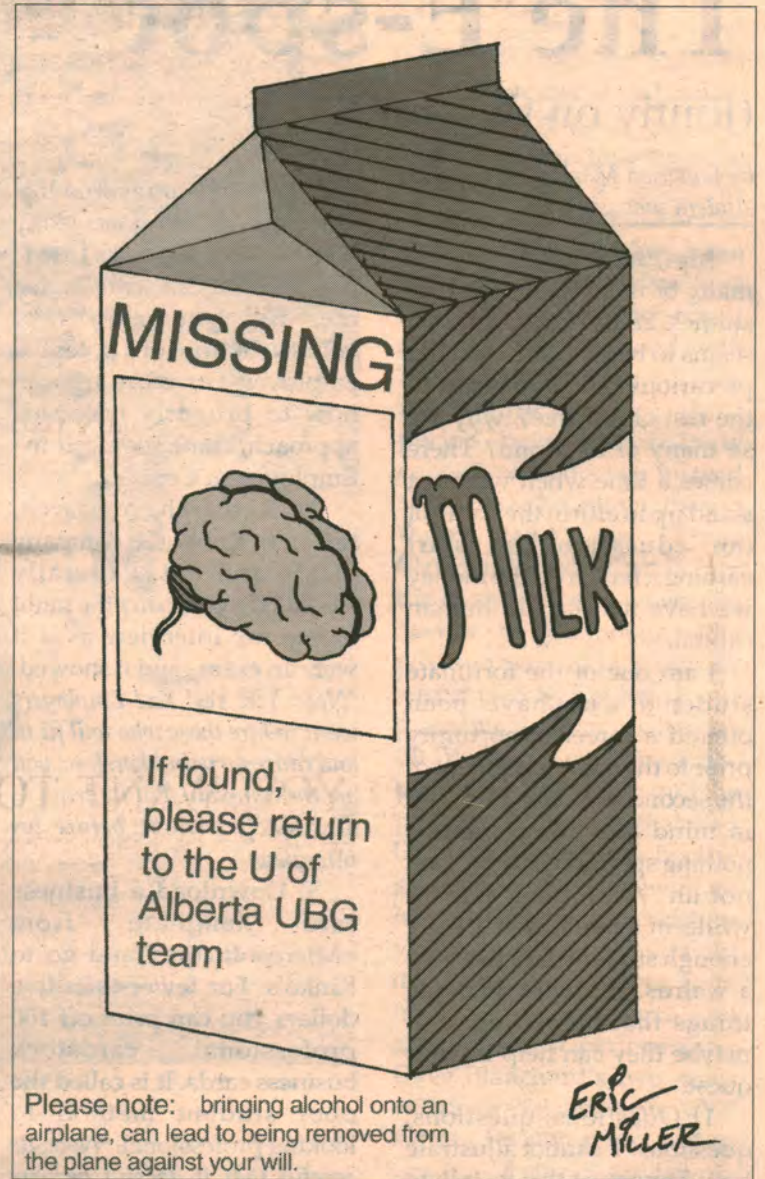
Last Wednesday was the annual Freeze Tuition day where students from universities across Canada gather to protest increasing cuts to the education system. Students in HRM marched down to Provincial Legislature with lots of signs and made a lot of noise. Whoever started up this idea did a great job, but it has been going on for a few years and what results have come from it? Aside from separating the Canadian Health and Social Transfer, which is a big accomplishment, tuition fees are still rising. I admire those dedicated students who marched proudly downtown, but I have to ask them, who is listening to you? Why are you making all this noise in front of Province House when the House isn't even sitting? In essence, these students put all that effort in, to make noise to an empty building aside from some administrative assistants and cleaners. These people are not going to listen, and obviously Premier John Hamm is not listening either.

I personally, do not have anything against public demonstrations such as the freeze tuition walk, but something else needs to be done before the will government open its eyes and take some responsibility. Something drastic. I doubt this will ever happen, but maybe we need to get mad at the university. Maybe everyone should just take next year off and hit them where it really hurts, tuition fees. How will Saint Mary's be able to function without the thousands of dollars it receives from each of the (roughly) 7,000 students that are enrolled here. Then the school and the government will really have to take a look at what is going on and why so many people are angry about tuition.

Why are we always mad at the government for the rise in tuition? Perhaps we should look at the university and start asking some questions. For instance, Saint Mary's knew that there would be a significant increase in enrollment this year, and from what I can see, instead of using those 1,200 - 2,000 extra tuition fees to filter in and keep everyone else's tuition fees from rising much, they made the tuition increase for everyone.

Another issue is that every year tuition fees increase and it seems that every year the university cries that they have no money. Are the president and vice presidents getting an increase every year as well? I don't see them taking a pay cut to help out a poor institution like Saint Mary's. So, the university is poor. It cannot afford to repair or upgrade its buildings. Clearly something must be done. So the university went to the very wise Board of Governors to find a solution. A good proportion of the board members do not have to worry about money anymore and instead of finding resources for funding that can take the cut, they decide on making the poor students of the university pay more. The prestigious members would not even listen to what the student representatives had to say. Why would they care anyways, it's not money out of their bank account.

Graduation day comes along and the next class of students are ready to receive their diploma. Most of these students are receiving a bachelor's degree. They get a piece of paper and a huge debt. With this piece of paper these students should be able to find a good job and start paying off that debt. Sadly, that is not what happens, at least not



Please note: bringing alcohol onto an airplane, can lead to being removed from the plane against your will.

in Halifax. Sure some students will find jobs and do well for themselves, but for the rest, things do not look as good. I did not take a science degree to become a cashier at Staples and I am sure the rest of the university student population is thinking the same thing. So we pay all this money for this "quality" education and cannot get a respectable job. Many students end up going back to school for more education and more pieces

of paper that say they have achieved a degree, a diploma, or a certificate. And then they look for work again. Maybe they will have better luck this time, maybe not.

It seems like a vicious cycle that so many people get drawn into. We really need to start asking ourselves some questions and figure out where we really want our money to go.

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Commentary

How it took 10 years, 9 months, and 14/15 days to obtain a driver's license and a car

by Susan Symonik

I remember a time in the Ontario high school system when the driver's education course was sponsored after school. Other parents supported and paid for this, and within days of graduation, I saw my classmates rewarded with new cars. I thought how could this happen to me? Nearly implausible. I approached the situation independently. I went to the ministry building to pass the written test at the cost of \$20. In exchange, I received a beginner's permit with one year to complete the licensing. I even had a friend who said, "you could use my green car to practice on", to give me incentive. I knew this would be a hard one to sell to my father.

I showed him the beginner's permit. Within an instant, he

responded with a fiery comment, "never my blue car." I called my friend who lived on the next street over. Within minutes she drove up the driveway with her "get-away" green car, I quickly did a "Dukes of Hazzard" jump in the driver's seat, honked the horn and looked left as I glared back at my father fume back at me through the front window. I was a big girl. However he was a big man because, he must have spoken to the father of my friend because after that display, I wasn't allowed to drive cars anymore. My beginner's permit turned to dust. And whether I would ever learn to drive or ever own a car fell deep within my subconscious.

When I went to university in the eighties, the students had the red sports-car-look, the bomber jacket. And this "Nouveau

Riche", like the smell of leather. Was I missing out on something? In my faculty, there was a student who had a used brown car. She said to me, "Sometimes I can't tell if a person is my friend because they know I have a car and they could want a ride home." After a while, I stopped noticing cars so that I could show my own integrity and inelegance to other.

During this time, my younger sister had gone an alternative route. After receiving her beginner's permit, my mother was discreetly taking her for test drives in my father's blue car with out his direct knowledge. She was able to get a driver's license in her teens. In actuality, I would have not have thought of doing it like that, on the sly. It also didn't bother me that she could drive before me, she reminded me of a car racer who could slow down to parallel park.

Reluctantly, I practiced once or twice in an antique 70s black Thunderbird in Winnipeg that scared the living daylights out to me. There was this bizarre blue smoke coming up from the vents inside the front windshield, a gas pedal that had to be floored for any action forward, and the backseat that had the tendency of dead mice lingering in coffee holders.

So when I arrived in Nova Scotia, with a full time job in hand, it was about no-nonsense essentials, I enrolled in the Young Drivers of Canada. I practiced in a beige Nissan Sentra. Interestingly enough, as time progressed, I became smaller in size and lost weight, started to wear "yellow" clothes, and naturally fit better in the car. This was unintentional. It took a year to complete the course because I was out of town for work. I saved in the event to buy a car. One day I obtained the license. The next day I would obtain the car. So what car would I buy?

There were so many. I researched through the Canadian and American magazines to grasp finite descriptions. I read the lemonade book to tell the difference between a lemon and a prize. I decided on the Nissan Altima. Was it Grey? Was it Blue? It sure would match well with neon ice scrapers. I liked the fact it had it had a perpendicular-seat-head-room-equation. Not to say my head would enlarge concially if the beehive-fish hairdos came back in fashion in the future. How long does a car last? How long do you stay on a deserted island until you ring for help? It's really up to each person to say the least.

Editor's note:

Due to technical difficulties, there were several errors in the February 4th issue of The Journal. We apologize for any inconvenience. We blame it on the Macs. You should too.

News

The E-spot

(Jonny on the spot)

by Jonathon Markham - a student who got a job.

Alas, the time has come for many of us to move on from studies, and since graduation seems to be this ominous and precarious right of passage to the rest of our lives, why are so many of us afraid? There comes a time when we must stand up to affirm the value of our education and start earning a return on the money we have invested in human capital.

I am one of the fortunate students who have been offered a career opportunity prior to the commencement of the second semester. But keep in mind one thing, there is nothing special about me: I am not an 'A' student, I work while in school, and I have enough student debt to choke a walrus. Here are a couple things that helped me out, maybe they can help in your quest:

1) Questions, questions, questions. I cannot illustrate how important this is: talk to people. You may find that the prized career you are aiming towards may not be right for you, determine what you are really getting yourself into before you find yourself loathing your first job. Any time you are granted someone's undivided attention, it is your chance to launch your own Spanish inquisition. Start with your Professors; they have all been in your shoes more than once.

*Note: you can also arrange to meet with employers based on the

premise that "you would like some advice from someone who has been successful in the field." If you can score such a meeting, you may find yourself in front of a potential employer. For more info on how to properly take this approach, come see us in the Employment Centre.

2) Research, research, research. Know the company inside and out. I literally studied the company the night before my interview as if it were an exam - and it showed. *Note: Yes! Yes! Yes! Employers want to hire those who will fit in and cause no pain; therefore, you are the company. Eat it, drink it, and sleep with it before an interview.

3) Download a business card template from <Microsoft.com> and go to Kinko's. For fewer than five dollars you can print off 100 professional cardstock business cards. It is called the poor student method to looking professional. *Note: Be careful that it doesn't become cliché, otherwise you are defeating your purpose. Chose to use one or not based on your research of the company's culture. If you are applying to a company where creativity is encouraged, imagine the possibilities for a business card.

4) Get a couple reference letters to take with you on your hunt. If you have people willing to offer their contact information for a reference, chances are great that they will put something in writing. After all, the more tools you have in your arsenal, the more

opportunity you have to stand out from the other thousand people applying for that same job. Remember, your waging war with fellow applicants; how do you win a war? More firepower. (Disclaimer: firepower and arsenal refer to job hunting tools, not efforts to physically impale your opponents.)

5) Be prepared to leave the Maritimes! Let's face it; there are just under Five Billion people on this globe and you live amongst the smallest four provinces in Canada - use your own discretion where opportunity lies.

6) Create a website! As a student of this university you are entitled to web space for free, why not use it? I had no idea what FTP was a couple months ago, let alone how to even use a web design program. Log in to any computer in one of our ITSS labs and fire up Microsoft FrontPageÆ. Think of it as creating a couple of different word documents and linking them together. The staff at the ITSS Help Desk is extremely helpful, talk to them. A sample of my online career portfolio can be viewed at http://husky1.stmarys.ca/~j_markham.

The preceding are just a few tools that I used to capture an opportunity. Use them at your judgment, although keep in mind, past performance is indicative of future performance and these few suggestions have proved to be successful once, the question is, how will you make them work for you?

The E-spot welcomes guest writers. Tell me your tales - and don't be afraid to spice it up a little. Direct questions or comments to ccook@smu.ca.

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in less than a year.

"Sometime in February we will be launching our new, completely revamped web site," said Chris Richards, SMUSA Vice-President of External Affairs. Students can expect to find all of the current online services, such as the book exchange and discussion boards, as well as some new services. One of the new services being looked at for the upcoming year is a public professor rating system designed to help students match their learning style to a compatible teaching style, said Richards.

It is hoped that next year will also mark the return of SMU's long-defunct campus radio station, although current plans point towards a web-only broadcast system.

"One of the options we are looking at is installing speakers or televisions in high-traffic areas on campus to get messages and announcements out to students more effectively," said Richards. "The web radio station would be a part of this initiative."

Richards also took time to speak about recent wins for post-secondary education at the federal level by lobby groups such as CASA (Canadian Alliance of Student Associations), and also about the formation of a new, provincial lobby group called ANSSA (Alliance of Nova

Scotia Student Associations). Though the existence of multiple lobby groups threatens to further dilute effort over several fronts, ANSSA can lobby for the unique needs of Nova Scotia universities, he said.

SMUSA Vice-President Academic, Jon Kincade, dropped perhaps the most startling statistic of the afternoon: as of January 12, over 7000 individual marks were still unaccounted for in the Registrar's office.

"According to the regulations, professors have five days after the final exam to submit final grades to the registrar," said Kincade. "There are chronic offenders, but the faculty union's agreement with Saint Mary's prevents the university from imposing any consequences upon those who miss the deadline."

With his remaining time in office, Kincade expressed a desire to reform the current academic appeals process. "We should be taking a look across Canada to try and identify some best practices to adopt on the committee level as well as the student level," he said.

In other news, the price of parking on-campus will be going up next year with no plans for expansion in sight, and the university's exclusive contract with the Royal Bank will expire, meaning that different bank machines and perhaps even Interac service

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Student politics

tangible and malleable components of SMUSA and have everything to do with the four or five people involved with 80% of the work that goes into each. Having effective voices heard by governments and administration is in your direct best interest. To quote from Henry Ford, "whether you think your vote counts or whether you think it doesn't, you're right."

I got involved with SMUSA as commerce rep three years ago because I didn't like the idea that in a school this small and this tight-knit that I couldn't affect change. Since that time I've logged somewhere in the ballpark of 1600 hours in committee meetings, office hours and working directly with students helping them with their academic concerns. I had a student who I helped last year send me a Christmas

card from Australia where she is using her degree from SMU to work with aboriginal tribes. Her experiences here allowed her to recognize early on the signs of an outbreak of influenza in the tribe. She explained that the disease could have wiped them out completely had she not been able to get them the medical attention they needed. What is my point in telling this story? I wanted to try and answer a very simple question that I hear all the time. Why should I care about SMUSA when it doesn't do anything for me? Or better still, what difference can my vote make? If you and nine of your friends had voted for someone else last year rather than me, maybe that girl wouldn't have graduated and an entire tribe of people would no longer be with us.

SMU, like any other

university is a microcosm of the world that we all share. If you can't be optimistic about your ability to affect change here, then what kind of outlook on the world are we graduating with? February 11 and 12 you have a chance to make a difference and even if you can't imagine how candidate XYZ will change your life for the better, don't discount the possibility that the person you see next this can't benefit tomorrow from your actions today. Read the candidates platforms, take 10 minutes to learn about them and then take 30 seconds to vote. If you don't do it, who else will?

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by Juliette Gonsalves

It's that time of year when you've stretched your budget past the point of elasticity. You're wondering how am I going to pay my rent, my tuition and buy groceries. If this sounds like you, you are one of the people who should not miss the application deadline for bursaries. This semester the university has allocated an extra \$200,000 to the bursary program, as part of its continuous commitment to the scholarship and bursary program. SMUSA has also donated \$50,000 as part of its commitment. Here are some useful tips so that you submit a thorough application.

First, are you eligible to apply for a bursary? All full-time and part-time, Canadian and international students, who are registered in a degree program are eligible to apply. You must have a minimum QPA of 1.7 in your last academic term. The amounts of each bursary vary, but usually they are in the amounts of \$500. However, with the extra money this semester it is expected that the amounts will increase. It is

hoped that there may be some bursaries awarded in the amounts of \$2,000 and \$1,000.

The applications are read very carefully, and are sorted from greatest to least financial need. Bursaries are then awarded beginning with those students with the greatest financial need, and the process continues until all the allocated funds have been used. Last semester between 300 and 400 applications were submitted, and 140 bursaries were awarded. The number of bursaries awarded are also expected to increase with the extra money. A proportional amount of the bursaries is awarded to international students in accordance with the student population. There is preference given to students who have dependants.

If you receive federal or provincial aid, you must include your Student Assistance Assessment with your application. Students who do not live in residence must provide proof of rent expense. If students are incurring medical/dental expense of over \$40 per

month, receipts must be submitted with the application. Students who are earning money from jobs must provide a copy of their pay stubs for the academic year. Students with childcare expenses must provide a letter from the babysitter or daycare establishment.

If you do receive a bursary you will receive a letter take to Financial Services. If you owe money to the university the amount of the bursary will be credited to your account. Otherwise, you can request a refund cheque, which normally takes one week to process. If you have a student loan, you must notify your Provincial Student Loan Office of the award. If you wish to find out more information you can attend the info sessions being held on February 13th from 10:30 - 1:00 pm and 2:30 - 4:00 pm. The deadline for applications is 5:00 pm on February 16th, 2004.

What's the big idea?

The Saint Mary's University Business Development Centre is giving Saint Mary's University students the chance to turn those ideas into cash. \$9000 in prizes will be awarded. All you need to do is put together a team and put those ideas down on paper.

A completed registration form, with a minimum of two students per team, is all that is needed to enter this competition. There are no requirements except being a SMU student. Students do not need to be Commerce majors, or in business courses. All that is needed is an idea.

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show you how to write a basic plan. You can also request a mentor to help you formulate your business idea and answer your business-related questions and concerns. Every effort will be made to assign you a qualified mentor who will provide a minimum of two 30-minute meetings.

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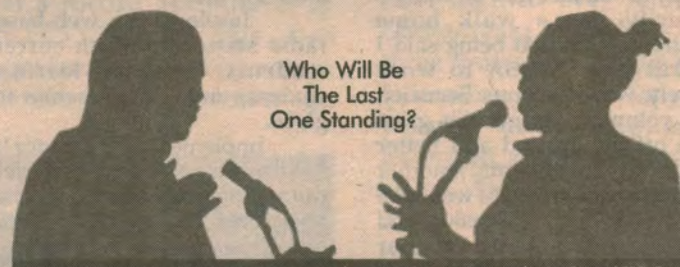
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We asked, they answered

What will you do to improve/ameliorate the role of the position that you are running for? If elected what are some new and innovative ideas that you would bring to SMUSA?

President

Andrew Arbuckle

Some of the improvements I would bring to the role of President would be to take more innovative to find out what the students want and expect of their executive and Students Association. Surveys passed out at the beginning of each semester would be an excellent way for students to voice their concerns and ideas. The SMUSA page in the Journal could be used more effectively by having more segments about the activity of the Association and reasoning behind its decisions. The last improvement but certainly not least would be to spend more time out and about with the student population and less time on the fifth floor.

As far as new innovations and ideas go I think the addition of a third Husky Van is beneficial to improving student services. This will mean a bigger radius of service, more student jobs created and will also ensure the safe transportation of more students. I also think we need to re-evaluate the system in which we run Husky Patrol to ensure we provide the best service possible for our fellow students. Many students may not realize or be aware of the fact that St. Mary's Security has a walk home program. With that being said I would like SMUSA to work closely with Campus Security, and volunteers to get this great idea off the ground and better publicized to students. Another great innovation or idea would be to increase our relationship and services with and for our societies. Some societies don't have the most adequate meeting space therefore SMUSA could offer an hour a week per society in the Ozzman board room to help out. Enclosing if elected President I will continue this strong commitment to students because that's where an

executive's focus should be, on the students.

Simon Partington

Improve

First I would just like to say that Tyler has done a good job and I look forward to the responsibilities of the position. However, through each year SMUSA's executive tries to improve the quality and efficiency to bring a better life to St. Mary's Students. Here are a few of the ways I wish to do this:

Hold office hours in Loyola (to be closer to the students)

Make it a point to get out to all the events

Make it a point to talk to all the floors at least twice a semester (or as much as needed).

Make the meetings of the SRC know so that more people will attend and if so find another room to hold the meetings to accommodate for the extra people

Be able to put more hours in and therefore get more objectives covered

To improve overall communication

Innovation

These are ways to improve the position a few things that I would like to see done, and things that have been brought to my attention are:

Implement a web based radio station to reach current students, distance learning students and Alumni across the globe.

Implement a PR director (to hold meetings with the student throughout the semester and set objectives that surface in the meetings).

Start an investments committee or Business Innovation committee to fund different projects so not to increase cost to the students. (They would work directly with FAC and PPAC committees)

Moving hours around to improve the times the Student

services are open

Be cost effective (meaning find places to save money and use them in areas that are determined better for students)

Try to emplace more representatives on the board of governors

Be able to vote on courses at the end of the year, so that you are not forced into taking electives you don't need or want

Meal Card use off campus (Sobey's or Pita Pit)

Work with the lobby group against tuition

Using the Laser Cash machine (which is provided by Campus Advantage which we are part of) to either bargain with a local bank to reduce fees or use the Laser Cash ABM which current costs are only 1.00 per use instead of 1.50.

In finishing up I have a background in Finance and this will help me when dealing with matters of the budget and finance along with the current VP Finance, Jessica Bitsack. I have many ideas and the first thing I would like to do is get input on what the more important items are and work towards them first. A VOTE FOR PARTINGTON IS A VOTE FOR THE STUDENTS.

VP Internal Affairs

Paul Archer

1. Well first and foremost I will definitely improve communication to the student body about what SMUSA is up to and events that are occurring. Also I plan to look at all the services SMUSA provides and see how we can improve them, first through means of efficiency and re-tooling then if necessary through cost for ex. Gorsebrook, Husky Patrol, and Marketing. Further more I will improve current wet/dry events as well as implement new ones. Finally take on along with my fellow elected members current projects that our current executive are

implementing and improve upon them for ex. web based radio, online book exchange, and comities implemented and set forth to improve SMUSA and student life.

2. Some of the new innovative ideas include:

* More surveys and focus groups to find out what students want to implement to satisfy there needs

* Student Appreciation at the pub where prices are lowered for a select time

* Up today gorsebrook website where a calendar of events and photo's of popular nights are taken as well as a polls to have a drink of the night for pub nights

* Implement a Husky Size Draft (a double draft)

* Moving games room to Student Center Lobby or former pool area and make games room part of lounge, if not then renaming the games room and renovate to look more like then name

* Getting at least one student on the Residence Board so that students can have a say on what policies are set forth on them

* Having more events for students to partake in for example:

* The SMUSA Games - where students get into teams and compete in fun and exciting/entertaining events to win prizes

* The Froze Bowl - where students get into teams and play touch football during the winter (probably work with intramurals on this one)

* And other ideas students may have for events or wet dry nights

* Increased communication to students through:

* RA Informative talks so they can inform there floors of events and entertainment

* Volunteer program set forth to relay info to international students that have trouble with the English language where someone fluent on both languages can relay the info to them word of mouth or help with converting posters

* More international food brought by either the students or aramark so that everyone can enjoy international food especially the students from where the food originates

* Having some sort of collective society event where they compete for prizes

These are some of the ideas I have to implement as well as finding out what else students want. I know this looks like a lot and are wondering how all this can be done, well with the help of my fellow elected members, SMUSA staff and you the students we can all make this happen so you all get what you want from your Saint Mary's University Student Association.

J.D. Bridges

As Vice President Internal I will work to take SMUSA to the next level. The Advancement of

Communication on campus is my number one goal. There is so much that students can get involved in at school that they don't know about. Cluttered bulletin boards will be at thing of the past. We need to harness technology and take further steps to be sure students are aware of what goes on at their school. Ideas like TV's placed in high traffic areas of campus relaying information to students, the possibility of installing a 'ticker' to replace the outdated marquee above the Student Union Building doors. A 'Speakers Corner' would give students the opportunity to give direct feedback about their concerns. Voluntary mailing lists for each society give students the chance to keep in touch directly with societies they are interested in, and continuing the web-radio program that is in the works right now would be a great asset to students looking to be informed. Students can come to me anytime as my door will always be open, in return I will go to the students with regular town hall meetings so that student concerns can be addressed in person. These are just some of the many ideas I bring to the table as your candidate for Vice President Internal.

Sarah Cunnian

To improve the position of the VP of Internal Affairs, I would like to build a better relationship with the societies. I want them to know that I am here for them to help their society succeed. I also want to improve the communication between SMUSA and the students. I believe that it is very important for the students to feel comfortable in expressing what they want to see from their government. We're here for the students so we should ensure that we are looking out for their best interests.

If elected I would like to extend the services of the husky patrol. I don't believe that we need a third van added; I think the services need to be improved. One way is looking at the peak usage time and ensure that both the vans are running. Another thing I believe would help is a drop off point in Dartmouth, that way the students that live across the bridge are that much closer to home and then it may be easier to get a ride home. I also would like to encourage more interaction between Residence students and the rest of the campus. I lived in residence for 2 years and found that your floor, as well as residence as a whole become it's own isolated clique. I think by getting more interactive events such as wet/dry events and fun university challenges would vastly improve the separateness. Finally I would like to help the society with their due collect ion. If you've ever been a treasurer in a society you know that a vast amount of your time is spent chasing after people to get dues money from them. I want to work with the registrars' office and the financial



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department so that we could figure out a way so that if the society wants the dues can be taken off their tuition. This way the societies know what kind of budget that they have to work with.

Engin Demirel

I would like to get the office (VP Internal) and its branches involved in the student body on a personal basis so that we can take the pulse of the student body and try to respond to their desires rather than promise services that might not be actually needed by the student body. My core idea is to learn from the student body and respond to their needs and this could address every issue that everyone is campaigning on currently. I carry the attitude that the students collective voice is something that I can not see or hear without talking to the students themselves.

As a Computer Science and Business Administration student I can bring a strong IT knowledge that would prove to be very useful in implementing IT solutions such as a web portal which would include a Resume Database for external employers to tap into, a Feedback Forum for students to rate their courses and professors so other students can benefit from them and the improvement of the current bookXchange. My main idea at the moment is to utilize our own students in implementing these projects and try to align them with their respective courses so they can receive credit for it in their course. I am very interested in this position and I think my experience would prove to be useful for SMUSA and I am open to new ideas and willing to listen to anyone.

Stephen Slaunwhite

Adam Maher

To improve the position I am running for (VP Internal) is not my goal. I would like to improve SMUSA altogether. But for me to do this I am going to need the students to be actively involved. I want to see people stopping by SMUSA on the 5th floor of the SUB. Students generally put the responsibility on SMUSA to get out and talk to the students, this is definitely important. But as students at Saint Mary's with your students fees paid, you are a member of SMUSA, so it is partly your responsibility to help us get to know you and for you to become familiar with us. Promises, promises, promises, the students want promises of what we are going to do next year. As I have mentioned before, some candidates are making promises that they will be unable to keep. This is possibly because they do not know the rules for said changes. There is a constitution, contracts, and many by-laws that all have to be taken into consideration. With that said, the only promises I can make for next year are: I would definitely love to have a place on for musicians to practice; being a musician myself I cannot believe this has not been dealt with sooner. I can guarantee that I will do this for the students because it does not conflict with any outstanding law. The other promise is that with the current Royal Bank contract expiring this year I will strive for the best possible solution for all students. These are some of the changes I know can be made. When reading or listening to a candidate do not believe everything they say, there is a lot more to making changes than just saying you will. I will not make promises I know I cannot keep.

To improve the position of VP Internal we need to improve the communication with the student body, we also need to show more initiative to go out and get information directly from students and to spend more time mingling with the students around campus.

- To help SMUSA:
- Expand Services.
 - Create more jobs for students,
 - Reduce student apathy and begin this by creating more All Age Events for students.
 - Continue and strengthen communication with RA's. Two-way communication is important to promote events and improve student life on Residence.
 - Have more society expos and summits to promote involvement in societies,

Adrienne Taylor

If elected VP Internal there are many things which I will do to improve the role of my position. First of all I would like to increase school spirit through new, exciting entertainment events on campus. Your university experience spans beyond your social life. I think new entertainment events and unique promotion of these events will raise the student participation in the social aspect of SMU.

Also, I would create weekly wet/dry events on campus. With over 1000 first year students at SMU every year, many of whom are under 19, a wet/dry entertainment program is a must. Under-age students pay student fees, and deserve the opportunity to attend entertainment events on campus. Also, this will reduce the strain on residence security because it will reduce residence parties and save everyone money through the prevention of bonds. I want both Husky patrol vans

to run until midnight, to decrease waiting times for students at key hours such as when the library closes for the night. Also, if a third van is feasible, it would work to see one added to the service.

Finally, I would strive to do the best job possible, and work hard to improve student life at SMU. I hope you all come out to vote on Wednesday and Thursday and have an enjoyable spring break.

VP External Affairs

Zachariah Churchill

The external office has been very strong the last couple of years, and I'd rather not compare myself to the previous exec. by using terms such as ameliorate or improve. But, I will say what I would like to do if elected personal characteristics I will bring to this office. First and foremost I will fight to have more student representation on the Board of Governors. I believe that our current 4 seats out of 35 isn't enough. This will not be an easy process, it will be a very difficult fight, but it is one that needs to be fought.

The innovative ideas I have mostly include personal projects I'd like to see done on residence. I'd like to bring back a movie rental place on campus, and I want to make sure that the "pool room" in Hen Ally remains in students' hands. Thought needs to be put into what we done with this space; whether we reinstate the pool or convert it into a common room or something of the like.

Above all else (and I know it's been said before) I simply want to properly represent the students of Saint Mary's on all governmental fronts and within our own university. Students ARE the university and we need to be

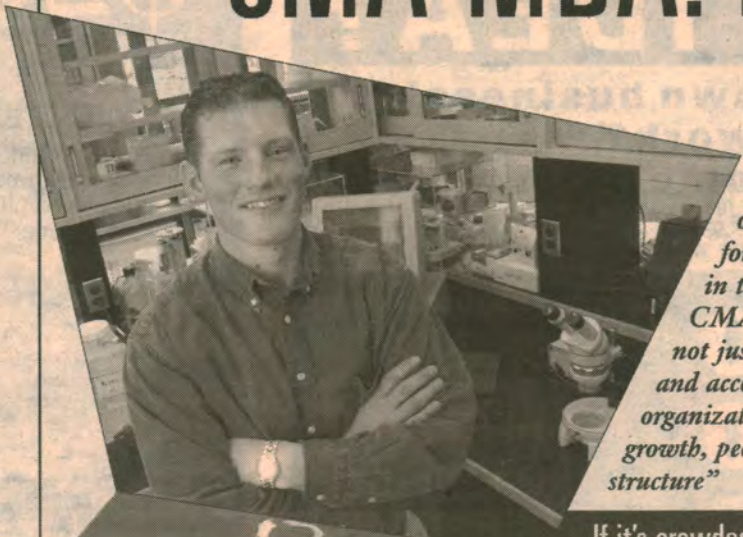
the priority here.

VP Academic

Hurst Gannon

I have been asked to write about what steps I will take to improve the position of VP Academic and, if elected, what new and innovative ideas I will bring to the SMUSA table. At this point, it's hard to say what improvements I'll make to the VPA position because I've never actually done that job before. The one thing I am positive I will do is create a more-open door policy for everyone on campus, not just my friends and other SMUSA employees. As far as I can tell, I'm a very approachable, easy-to-talk-to person. Any student who has a question or concern with ANY aspect of their academic (or not-so-academic) life here at Saint Mary's is always welcome to approach me and I'll do the best I can to help them. I won't make absurd promises, or tell anyone I can perform miracles, but I will do everything in my power to help where I can. As far as new and innovative ideas, I will create an online course evaluation to work in conjunction with those completed in class. Rather than evaluating a course on how good the professor is, I want students like us to be able to go online and see what other people thought of the course itself: its organization, content, and practicality. I would also like to implement a professor review, but not one that rates a prof on a scale of 1 to 10; instead, I would like to see a review that covers the prof's teaching style, the quality of their notes, whether they use over-heads, handouts, etc. These are all important factors when deciding whether or not to take a course. The only other major item I want to promote is the idea of a Saint

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Jeremy Hunter

To improve the position of VP Academic, I would definitely promote the roles of the VP Academic more. I would like to communicate with the students as often as possible in order to keep up with ongoing questions or concerns. I would also work hard along side current VP Academic, John Concade in order to achieve his current goals. To create more possibilities, I would like to research other universities to seek out unique programs they may offer. I would like to work together as a team with the other SMUSA members in order to create a great year at Saint Mary's.

One innovative idea I would bring to SMUSA would be teacher profiles. This would include the teacher's background, a course description and teaching tools. Another idea would be Course Specifics. This would allow students to know who their teachers are before they take the course. As a final idea, I feel that suggestion boxes for SMUSA should be placed in different locations such as the library, and each of the academic buildings.

Kathleen Lingley

The position of VP Academic is still quite new at SMUSA, and I would like to continue the excellent work that has been done in this office in the past few years. The Charter of student Rights and Freedoms, the Academic Fair, and many other projects spearheaded by past and current VP Academics are both noteworthy and valuable to students. However, much more must be done to empower students in their Academic lives. Students need access to professor reviews (whether they receive access to the University reviews done each semester, or a new SMUSA review system), the Academic Fair must be strengthened to reach more students, and the role of the VP Academic in academic appeals must be discussed, and

perhaps modified, to better serve the interests of students. Much work must also be done within the Canadian Academic RoundTable (CART) which is a network of VP Academic's a cross Canadian universities.

There is much to be done, and only through leadership and dedication will the office of VPA continue to serve students in the most effective manner.

Things that I would like to undertake (in addition to the day to day duties) in the office of VP Academic are as follows.

-I want to create a SMUSA professor review system that is viable and reliable.

-I want to work to secure representation for students at the departmental level within the respective faculties. This form of representation will enable students to be directly involved in the decisions made at the departmental level that affect their academic lives.

-I want to introduce mini workshops that enable students to learn new and fun skills (like photography and mixology).

-I want to increase academic programming, and enable students to gain the skills they need to be active learners in the university setting.

-And as safety is an issue for all students, I want to work to create a SMUSA student volunteer and student employee

Safe Walk Home Program.

Ian Smith

Jonathan Kincade has done such a great job of making the VP Academic office into what it is today that it is hard for me to say how I will improve the position. I don't see what I can do for the position as "improving" it so much as "changing" it and adding my own flavour. That being said, I want to make sure that every student on campus knows the role of the VP Academic and how the person in that office can help. I think that too many people have misconceptions about SMUSA and all the positions so I want to clarify these misconceptions. implementing a student awareness program similar to this is more difficult than I make it out to be but it can be done. This can be accomplished by improving communication within the Saint Mary's community by promoting the SMUSA on-line forum and making sure that a web-based radio station is fully operational by the end of the VP Academic's term (April 2005).

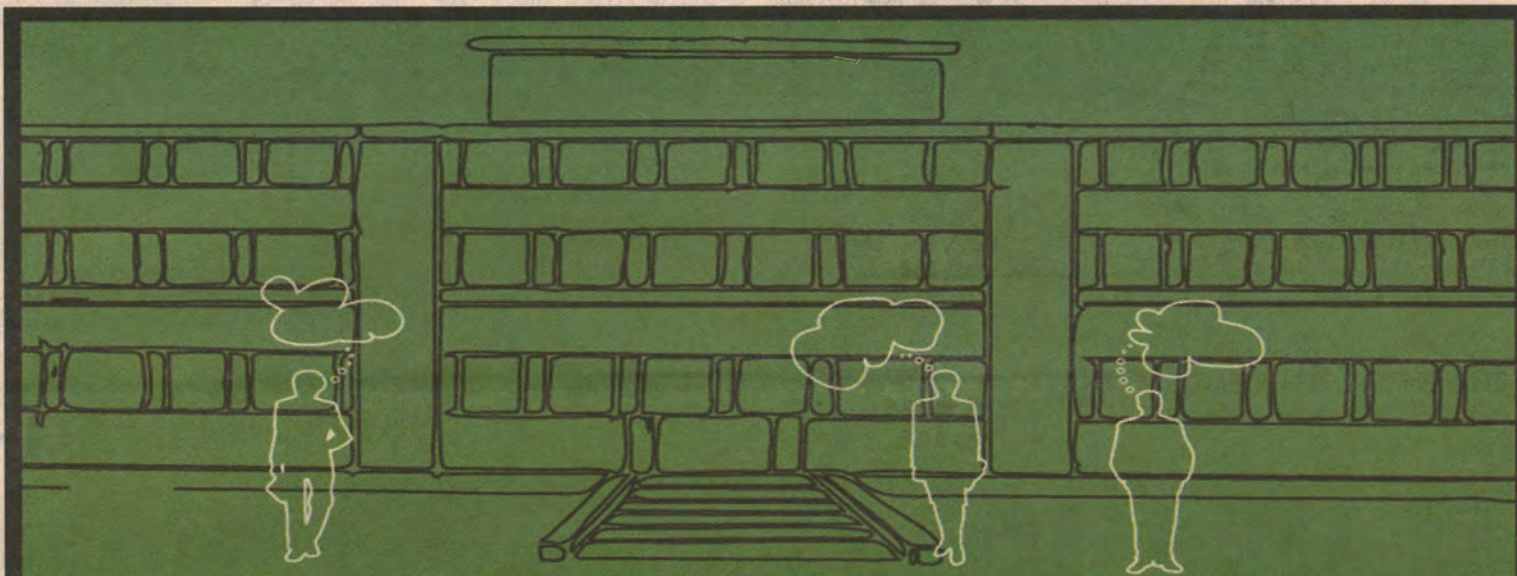
When I am elected as VP Academic, I will provide support for all societies in any way that is feasibly possible. As I have said in my campaign, societies play an important role in aiding in the transition process for first year

students. They also provide opportunities for existing students to make contacts and to participate in something that is both educational and rewarding.

I also want to review the academic counseling system and determine, and implement, ideas that will make the process more student friendly. A number of students that I have talked to have expressed concern in regards to this subject; they feel that when they go seek academic advice, they shouldn't be brushed off and referred to Degree Navigator. I want to make sure that the advice that is being dispensed on the subjects of course selection and degree opportunities is the best the University can provide. I think every student should have the opportunity to meet with a counselor and exhaustively discuss all avenues and options the student has.

Finally, as a car owner myself, I would like to see UPass made optional. A lot of people live outside the city and use a vehicle to get to and from school. I don't think that is fair for those individuals to be forced to pay such a high fee when they will never use it. I do think UPass is a great idea for the students that live closer to Saint Mary's and for those that do not have a vehicle. I have heard a number of complaints regarding the price of the pass being too high. I am committed to undoing injustices that I hear or see in our community so as a representative of the students, I will work hard to ensure that the price of the UPass gets lowered.

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Miracle tells the story of the 1980 USA Olympic hockey team that beat the heavily favored Soviet Union team at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid. The sport genre has produced some of my favorite movie moments ever. I consider myself an armchair athlete; there are few things I enjoy more than sitting around drinking beer and watching sports. Unfortunately, there has not been a solid addition to the sport genre in years. *Remember the Titans* being the last addition (Good Old, Jerry Bruckheimer). Until now there has never been a strong inspirational hockey movie (The Mighty Ducks? No). *Miracle* gives the audience a true story that will inspire and bring a tear to the eye of any sports fan.

Kurt Russell is one of the most underrated actors in Hollywood. He has delivered some memorable characters like Wyatt Earp and Snake Plissken. His work in movies like *Tombstone* and *Escape from New York* (I think he would have made a great *Punisher*) is loved by critics and audiences around the world. Russell presents one of his finest performances in *Miracle*, as hockey coach Herb Brooks. Brooks is the kind of coach only certain players want to play for, and the kind of coach no loving mother wants their child to play for.

Director Gavin O'Connor doesn't provide much background on any of the players or anyone else in the

movie, but rather chooses to focus on Brook's relationships with his family and his sports ambitions. Russell has solid chemistry with Patricia Clarkson, who plays his wife Patty, as well as Noah Emmerich, who plays his assistant Craig Patrick. This works really well for the movie giving the mythic coach a human element and helps to make his character stronger. The only other actor that may be recognized is Eddie Cahill (Jim Craig, the goalie), who played Rachel's

focused. This emphasizes the realism and the story that this movie is based on.

I really enjoyed this movie. I'm personally not much of a hockey fan, I might watch the World Juniors and the Olympics and all that. However, this is a solid movie, and I found myself captivate by the performances of this movie. It doesn't belong in the top class of sports movies with *Bill Durham* or *Rudy*. All being said, this is the greatest hockey movie I've ever seen, and everyone should go see it.



assistant Tag Jones on *Friends*. The other players look the part but their Boston accents are laugh out loud bad. All the solid sports clichés are there — the head coach pushing the players so hard that the assistants question his sanity, and the player that should have been cut raising his game and scoring a big goal. The one cliché that is missing is the evil team. The Soviet Union team is portrayed well. They are not a dirty team, and they don't have a crazy coach that does anything over the top. They are portrayed as the best team in the world (which they were) confident and

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There are a couple of case files that have come to us this year. There was a Black Triangle UFO sighting in Hubbards last summer that was reported to us. Another one of our investigators is looking into a "ghost hound" at Powder Mill Lake. We would be interested in hearing from the general public about other places that might be of interest to investigate.

PPRI has several Canadian and American investigators, including a few in Australia, Panama and Sweden. They

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Elliott Van Dusen is the director of Paranormal Phenomena Research & Investigation. He is in his second year of Criminology at Saint Mary's University. He has also earned a diploma in parapsychology from Stratford Career Institute, which was a comprehensive program for anyone interested in the predictive sciences. The course provided a serious and in-depth study of the most fascinating elements of parapsychology, including Astrology, Palmistry, Numerology, the I Ching, and Extra-Sensory Perception. Besides his Diploma in Parapsychology, Director Van Dusen also has completed two Nova Scotia Community College courses that deal with Parapsychology and has recently completed a course at Saint Mary's about Life in the Universe. You can check out the PPRI's website at <http://i2.ppri.net>. There are several ways you can contact PPRI as well. Email them at foxmulder@accesscable.net, or you can call 1-902-489-4831, or write to Paranormal Phenomena Research & Investigation, 133 Lumsden Crescent, Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia. B4C 2H3.

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Miss Lack of Pleasure

Dear Miss Lack of Pleasure,

You appear to be in an interesting situation, but trust me you are not alone. It seems that no matter what guys enjoy receiving oral stimulation. Can you blame them? The problem is that there are some guys out there who don't want to return the favour. The reasons for not doing this are plentiful. Perhaps this guy has had a bad experience in the past with a not so clean lady, which can definitely be a turn off. Maybe he has heard horror stories and has just avoided it his entire life. It is also possible that he has tired it before and just didn't like doing it. I know some men who don't like the taste or smell, no matter how clean the girl is. It is just a personal preference. Some girls do not like giving men oral sex. In that case, there is not much you can do about your

problem. Plus, oral sex is not enjoyable to either person if the one giving does not like what they are doing.

My advice to you is to talk to your guy. Find out why he is so resistant so you have a better understanding of what he is thinking. If you do manage to change his mind about the situation there are a few things you can do to make the experience a little more enjoyable for him. First, take a shower, or bath before you get down and dirty. Shower together and get lots of suds going. Another thing you can do, if you are comfortable doing it, is trim your public hair. I do not imagine it would be very romantic for your guy to come up for air with a mouth full of hair. Just trim enough to have it out of the way. For the first time your guy heads downtown, let him do his routine, get a sense for what he likes to do and encourage him when he does something you like. You can let him know what you like the next time. Telling him will only make him more excited to try it out. If all else fails, try asking him do something else that you enjoy — perhaps a nice massage or a feather tickle. If you are going to give him pleasure, he should return the favour some way. Good luck and have patience.

The fallout from "Nipplegate"

by Richard Woodbury

It very well might be remembered as the nipple seen around the world. It might also be the beginning of the end for what appears on television. The mini-peep show that Janet Jackson gave at the February 1st Super Bowl halftime show has angered many people and powerful organizations.

The immediate fallout from the scandal has been huge. For this year's Grammy awards, there was a tape delay mechanism so that any inappropriate words and actions would be edited before being broadcast. For the upcoming Academy Awards which will be on ABC, tape delay will once again be in full effect.

The idea of tape delay is nothing new to awards ceremonies. At the 1990 American Music Award, Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash and bassist Duff McKagan accepted an award on behalf of the group in an obscenity laced acceptance speech. After this, the American Music Awards instituted a tape delay system to prevent further incidents of this nature.

Other fallout from the "wardrobe malfunction" has included a lawsuit against Jackson and others involved in the halftime show. A Tennessee woman has launched a suit on the grounds that millions of people are owed monetary compensation for being exposed to lewd conduct. No dollar figure was given in the suit, but it mentions that over 80 million US viewers might be due compensation. The suit mentions the breast exposure, but also argues that the show contained "other

lewd and sexually explicit conduct".

MTV figure Carson Daly told Yahoo news that this latest incident might be the last straw for what the audience is willing to put up with.

"Tolerance of this sort of sexual imagery may have reached its peak."

Other "indecent" incidents of late have included Bono's use of the f-word at the 2003 Golden Globe Awards and the tongue kiss between Madonna and Britney Spears on MTV. Oddly enough, this latest incident came at the same time that federal authorities were considering a crackdown on broadcast indecency. Legislation has been proposed that would see fines increase substantially for broadcasters who violate broadcast standards. The current maximum fine that can be levied is \$27,500. If the legislation passes, that number would increase tenfold to \$275,000.

Martin Kaplan, a professor at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communications told Yahoo news that he doubts that there will be any long-term change in broadcast standards. "The line between what is acceptable and not is always

changing, but, historically, it never retreats".

Not everyone has been offended by what happened. As one columnist put it, "this incident occurred amidst a spectacle featuring bone-crunching violence, sexed-up cheerleaders and TV ads to cure impotence." Speaking on the matter, NBA legend Charles Barkley told Yahoo news that "there are a lot more trashier things on television than Janet Jackson."

Shock and titillation is something that is not new to the entertainment industry. Whether it be Elvis Presley's gyrating hips or the alleged exposure of Jim Morrison's penis at a concert in Miami, this sort of stuff has been around for a long time. Despite the pressure that the entertainment industry is currently facing, odds are, "Nipplegate" won't really have any long-term effect on broadcast standards.



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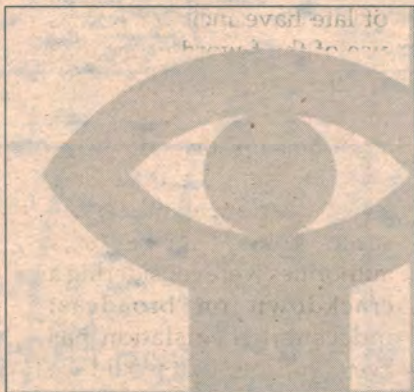
During the month of February the National Film Board celebrates Black History Month with a series of screenings that mark the history and experience of Canadians of Black heritage. Together with co-sponsor the Halifax Regional Library we will present four films in three screenings. Admission is free.

On Thursday, February 18, 7:00-9:00pm at the Halifax Spring Garden Road Public Library, three films will be screened that illustrate different dimensions of the Black experience.

Jill Haras' *Joe*, is an animated celebration of Joe Fortes, a beloved figure in Vancouver in the early 1900s who left happiness in his wake. An immigrant from Barbados, he loved the water and taught two generations of Vancouverites how to swim. Most importantly Joe left a legacy of acts of kindness and generosity.

Black Soul is an exhilarating immersion into the heart of Black culture via a whirlwind voyage through the defining moments of Black history. As

an old lady initiates her grandson into his past, a series of perpetually transforming images painted directly under the animation camera unfolds before our eyes. Created by Haitian-Quebecois animator, Martine Chartrand, it is a poetic film about memory with an evocative soundtrack of the Boutz dancers' irresistible rhythms, Lilison



T.S. Cordeiro's mellow African music, the magnificent voice of Renee Lee backed up by a gospel choir, and instrumentals composed by the great Montreal jazz pianist Oliver Jones.

Finally, in *Journey to Justice*, filmmaker Roger McTair charts the little known history of Canada's civil rights movement, profiling the brave Canadians who led the fight

for equality during the 1930s until the 1950s. Having fought for Canada in World War II Hugh Burnette returned home to Dresden, Ontario – a town whose black citizens were routinely refused service in the local restaurant. In the face of widespread racial discrimination, Burnette established the National Unity Association, blazing a trail for all Black Canadians. Viola Desmond quietly made history in 1946, when she refused to move from a theatre seat in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Donald Willard Moore helped reform Canada's immigration policy. The film serves as a tribute to the men and women who took racism to court, and as a powerful testament to their contribution to the evolution of Canadian democracy.

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competed in the WWE Royal Rumble and showed to be just as dangerous as ever swinging his famous guitar. Tony Armstrong has also competed



against the top names in Canadian wrestling such as Mike Hughes, Gary Williams, Chi Chi Cruz, and Vance Nevada. Tony was also the first man to ever win the Mainstream Wrestling title three times, and he did it all in less than one year. Tony has proved to be the most improved, and also the hottest rising star on the Canadian indie scene today. What will happen when the The Future of Maritime Wrestling goes head to head with WWE Legend the Honky Tonk Man? You will have to be in attendance at the upcoming Mainstream Wrestling shows to find out, make sure you check out www.newscott.com to find out when the Honky Tonk Man will be coming to a town near you.

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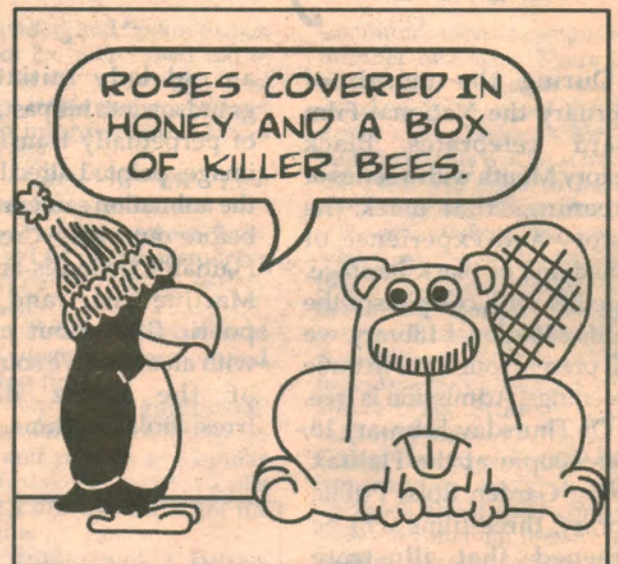


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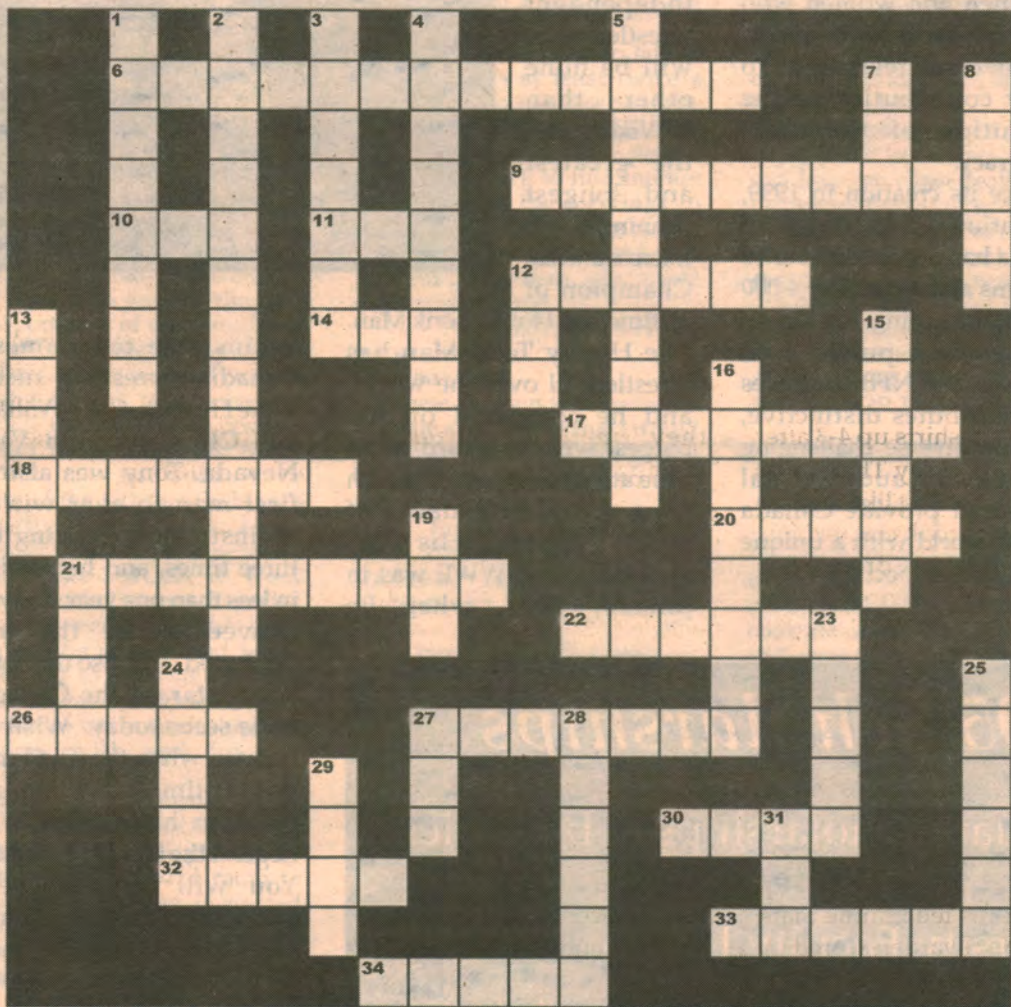
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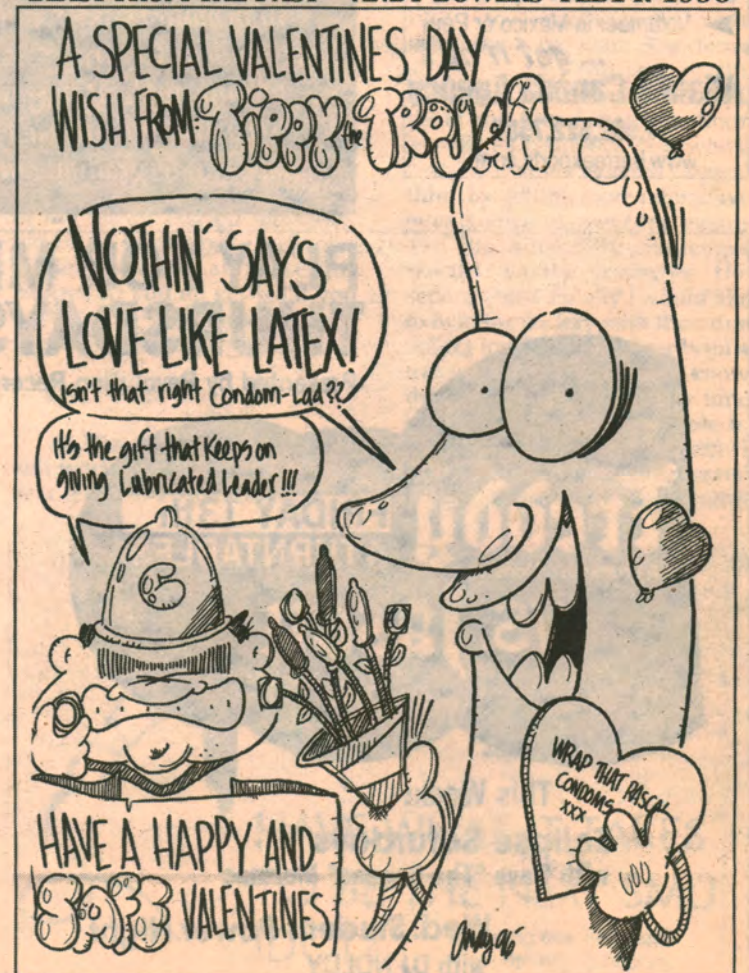
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Rumble in Res

Rice too much to handle

by Steve Clow

Alumni Arena was alive and well this past Friday afternoon as 250 students gathered to watch the annual Loyola versus Rice Hockey Challenge. The early portion of that crowd were given a sign of what was to come as a fight broke out right off the opening face off. After the penalties and the gloves had been sorted out, a hockey game broke out and both teams worked on getting the all-important first goal. Rice continued where they left off last year by being the first to bulge the twine as superstar Kyle Chisholm managed to beat the Loyola goaltender

just over two minutes into the game. Loyola let their square enemy get up two goals just twenty-three seconds later as Dave Blanchard put his first of two past the Loyola keeper. Rice tacked on one more before the sleeping giant awoke with three unanswered goals of their own. The third of which came with just two and half minutes to play in the first as Darren Ryan managed to trinkle the biscuit past the shaky Rice goaltender. However, Rice would not be out done as they managed to capture the lead once again as Josh Bell made good on a pass from Austin Armstrong to put

the maroon shirts up 4-3 after one period of play. The middle frame started just like the first as a donnybrook erupted just as the puck was dropped to commence the period. By this time the crowd had settled nicely into their seats and met the end of the knuckle chucker with roars of "goalies, goalies". The fans would have to wait as once again both teams concentrated on trying to win the game. Loyola found the chance it was waiting for just past the ten minute mark as John Penwarden scored on a nifty back hand to even the game up at four. Rice was unphased by the tying marker however, as they responded with a goal of their own off the stick of Kyle Chisholm, his

second of the game. Some of the Loyola players didn't appreciate the hot dogging going on after the goal and let their feelings be known as three successive fights ensued before the officials could even notify the score box of the goal. The building began to shake as fans erupted into cheers and sticks and helmets littered the ice. It took a couple of minutes to sift through the penalties, but

they finally got back to playing the game. It was all Rice from that point on as Kyle Chisholm polished off the hat trick by scoring the second of two consecutive Rice goals with just under four minutes to play in the second period. With Rice now safely up 7-4, Loyola tried to get back in the game the only way they knew how. Send in the goaltenders. The two hundred strong in attendance rose to their feet as both goalies made their way towards center ice, shedding blockers and gloves along the

way. Ryan Hitchman and Matt Heley slugged it out below chants of "goalies, goalies". Right about this time the game had become a show as opposed to the hockey challenge that it has been dubbed. Loyola inched one goal closer before the second period came to an end with Rice up comfortably 7-5. The much-anticipated third period, began surprisingly enough with hockey instead of boxing as Rice strengthened their lead on Dave Blanchard's second marker of the contest. That's where the hockey stopped though as the next stoppage of play saw six successive fights break out including another goaltender tilt. With Rice up three goals, organizers decided to pull the plug on the drama that had began as a residence hockey game. The final score will go into the books as an 8-5 victory for Rice, their second straight decision. The winners were led by Chisholm's three goal and one assist performance, Dave Blanchard's two goals and one assist, and team MVP Adrian Preston's two assists. Leading the way for Loyola was Billy MacCullum with a goal and an assist and Darren Ryan who also had one and one in a losing effort. Brad Steves was named Loyola's MVP for his highlight reel second period goal. Officials called twenty-four total penalties, twenty of which were fighting majors for a total of a hundred and eight penalty minutes. Loyola will now have to wait another year to try and regain the hockey challenge title as eight goals was enough for Rice to retain bragging rights for another 366 days.



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Huskies serve notice

SMU in first place tie

by Bill Hughes

The Saint Mary's Volleyball team did some giant killing this past weekend as they knocked off the conference's top team at The Tower.

The Saturday afternoon first place game against the Acadia Axewomen saw the Huskies bank a convincing victory in a brief three set win. The victory moves the Huskies into a first place tie with the Axewomen. Janis Chapman led the charge for the Huskies and finished with

ten kills, eleven digs, three blocks and an ace to move SMU's record to 10-3. Acadia's Lori-Beth MacEwen responded for the visiting Axewomen with then digs, two blocks, five kills and one ace but it was not enough to derail the Husky attack.

With a game in hand over the Axewomen, the win set up an opportunity for the Huskies to equal the Axewomen's 11-3 record on Sunday afternoon at the Tower against the St. FX X-

Women.

And equal it they did, as the Huskies put another mark in the win column to cap the undefeated weekend. The three sets to one victory over the X-Women moved the Huskies record to 11-3 and leaves them tied atop the standings with only Friday night's match up against the defending champion Dalhousie Tigers remaining on the schedule.

The Tigers go into Friday's home game at Dalplex against SMU sporting a third place record of 9-4 but holding a game in hand on both the Axewomen and Huskies, with the opportunity to match their twenty-two point output with a pair of wins in their final games.

Following the SMU vs. Dal game on Friday, the Tigers and Axewomen will both take on the UPEI Panthers (5-7) in their regular season finales.

Once the chips have fallen, the Atlantic University Sport Championships will take place from February 20th-22nd in Charlottetown, hosted by the UPEI campus.

Lady Huskies send message

by Bill Hughes

Coming off an undefeated 2002-2003 regular season, and capping it off with an AUS championship has led to big expectations this season, and the Lady Huskies hockey team have had difficulty responding to the hype. Although their record stood at 9-2-1, the Huskies season has been anything but storybook, and failing to get their first win against a top flight team until late January certainly did nothing to help promote the Huskies as a legitimate title contender. Their latest setback, a 4-4 tie with the UNB Varsity Reds appeared as though it may cost them a chance at second place and a first round bye, leaving them plagued by yet another disappointment.

That is until this past Sunday afternoon at Alumni Arena, when the Huskies sent clear message to the league's top team that they were not going to let them run away with the banner without a catfight.

The few in attendance saw early on what many had expected from the outset, as the undefeated powerhouse St. FX X-Women club jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead and looked as if they would be the next regular season team to finish perfect. But not wanting last year's efforts to be overshadowed, the motivated Huskies responded by scoring four of the next five goals, including the tying marker on a hat trick goal by Lindsay Taylor with only 2:51 remaining to send the game into overtime.

The goal was not only Taylor's third of the game, but her fourth point and in the dying minute of OT it appeared as if she was not finished. Taylor broke in alone on a breakaway with less than twenty seconds remaining, but was stopped by X goalie Chelsea MacKenzie, and all of a sudden what looked to be a sure X victory early, concluded as SMU's finest performance to date as the game ended in a five-five draw.

Complimenting the outstanding performance from Lindsay Taylor was goalkeeper Cheryl Wright who kept the shorthanded Huskies alive in OT with repeated big stops, keeping the game in doubt and allowing for Taylor to sneak in alone late in the extra frame.

The other Husky snipers to hit the scoresheet were Amanda Connell and Cindy Connors who each

contributed singles. St. FX got goals from five different sources as Katie Kells, Pam MacInnis, Candice Ernst, Tracy Sullivan and Jill Bowie all hit the scoresheet for the X-Women. Lindsay Taylor's four points increased her league leading total to thirty-six.

The tie combined with a stunning upset by the University of Moncton 3-2 over the Dalhousie Tigers puts SMU alone in second place, and restores control of their own fate as they go into the regular season finale on Valentine's Day.

SMU now has a total of twenty points to Dal's eighteen with each team having one game remaining. Dal's final game comes against the UPEI Panthers (1-12), while SMU takes on the St. Thomas Tommies (5-7) on Saturday at Alumni Arena. Game time is 3pm.



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Feb 7th, 1987. The Smiths play what will inevitably be their last live show at a festival in San Remo, Italy. They perform six songs, the last of which is "Panic". They officially disband in September.

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Nelson Div. Heats Up

by Steve Clow

Nothing has changed for the Saint Mary's Huskies men's basketball team after a week away from the court. If anything the race for the Nelson Division playoff spots has only gotten tighter. Both SMU and UCCB had last week off to prepare for what could be a wild fight to the bitter end in the race for the playoffs. Neither the division leading UNB Varsity Reds or the current last place UPEI Panthers lost a game this past week further crunching the division into a wrestling ring of sorts with just over a handful of games for each team remaining on the AUS schedule. The two wins better served the Panthers as they managed to claw their way back to a respectable 7-7 record after starting the season 3-4. The defending conference champions are now only a game behind second place Saint Mary's and a half game behind the third place UCCB

Capers. Out of the four teams in the division, the Panthers have the least amount of games remaining at six, but appear to have a favorable schedule to make a push as they play three of their final six games against teams that currently sit below .500. The Panthers are the only team in the AUS that can boast three players in the top ten in league scoring, with invaluable pick-up Mike Keirstead leading the way with 14.8 points per game, good enough for fourth in the conference. Fellow senior Jeff Walker joins him in the top ten at seventh with 14.1 points per game and slasher Sherone Edwards sits in tenth currently with 13.7 per contest. Add into the mix clutch point guard Tyler Wood who is top five in the conference in assists, free throw percentage, and steals and you have a possible recipe for a team who can really shake up this race down the stretch. The clubs final two

games of the season come on the last weekend of play when they play a double bill with the Varsity Reds in what has the possibility to make or break the Panthers repeat hopes. UCCB may have the most favorable schedule of the four teams down the stretch as they play four of their seven remaining games against below .500 squads. However, five of those final seven games are going to be played away from home as the Capers try to stay one up on the Panthers. The Capers are lead by intense defensive pressure and leading scorer Anthony Breland, who is averaging 16.1 points per match up. The Varsity Reds currently hold the trump card amongst all the hoopla as they are sitting in the first place position, four points ahead second place Saint Mary's. However, the Huskies have a game in hand and will face the first place club three more times before all is said and done. The

Varsity Reds have the toughest remaining schedule as they play all seven of their games against .500 or above teams including that major double header with UPEI on the last weekend of the season. They may be out of the mix right now, but a couple of key losses could pull them right into the thick of things. As for the Huskies, they wrap up their seven game home stand this week when they play three crucial games against Dalhousie (Tuesday), UPEI (Friday) and always-tough St.FX (Sunday). The Huskies have the most games remaining with eight, but have to play six of those against above .500 clubs including two against the nationally third ranked X-men. Gabe Goree has lead the Huskies again this year as his average of 16.9 points a game is good enough for second in the conference, and his team leading 6.8 rebounds and 3.8 assists have him in the top five

in three categories. Goree has had some help along the way, especially lately as back to back 27 point outings have wingman Nelson Carvery at eleventh in the conference in scoring with 13.1 and his 1.8 steals a game is good enough for fifth in that category. Ben McCarthy has been the man in the middle for the Huskies as he sits right behind Carvery in league scoring with 12.5 a game and is currently tied with Goree for third in conference rebounding at 6.8. SMU's big three will have to be exactly that this week and the role players will have step up if SMU is to get out of this week with at least two and maybe even three wins. The fun starts Tuesday evening as former Husky; Matt Brooks brings his lowly Dal Tigers to the Tower for a big cross-town match-up. The women will kick things off with a 6pm start, while the men are on tap for 8pm.

Hobbling Huskies

by Bill Hughes

The men's hockey team took a step backwards this past week as they dropped both their games by decisive margins.

The Huskies opened the week on Wednesday evening with a 7-4 loss to the host Acadia Axemen. The loss marked the second consecutive to the Axemen; a team Saint Mary's could potentially end up facing in the first round of the AUHC playoffs. Both wins saw the Axemen score in bunches and rely on their solid goaltending tandem of John Ceci and Lanny Ramage to backstop the defence.

SMU jumped out to a two-goal lead in the opening period only to see it expunged by the Axemen who marked six of the games next seven goals to put it out of reach. Jimmy Gagnon, Robbie Sutherland, Mike Fougere, Josh Dill, Shayne Fryia, and Tyler Reid with a pair scored the Acadia goals to close out the win.

The second game of the week came on Saturday night, when the Huskies travelled to Antigonish's Millennium Centre to take on the nationally ranked number five St. FX X-Men. The game marked their second meeting against a nationally ranked team in as many weeks, and

unfortunately rendered much of the same result as the 4-1 loss to UNB. Close to 1800 fans saw the X-Men live up to their billing by reeling off a 7-3 win over the Huskies, who continue to slide having now lost three straight.

The X-Men attack was led by a four-point performance by Mike Smith who counted three goals and an assist to spearhead the victory. The Huskies responded with goals from Lindsay Plunkett, Jeff McKercher and Brad MacTavish to soften the blow.

The two losses leave the Huskies alone in third place with no opportunity to catch either UNB or St. FX for the top two spots or the luxury of a first round bye. Although they have secured a playoff berth, the Huskies will fight in their final two games to retain third place and secure home ice advantage in the opening round.

SMU's first of two remaining regular season games occurs tonight as they welcome the X-Men to Alumni Arena for the second half of the home and home for a 7pm start. Their final regular season game is on Saturday at 7pm versus the Dalhousie Tigers at Dal's Memorial Arena.

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