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Lighting strikes Axemen on snowy SMU campus

BY BILL HUGHES

When the Saint Mary's Huskies coaching staff recruited transfer student Al Giacalone from Calgary they knew he was as tough, fast and talented as any tailback in the AUFC. They also knew that as a former resident of Cowtown that he could handle the tough going in the winter months. It was a combination of the two that catapulted the Huskies to the Jewett Cup win on home turf this past Saturday afternoon. The Saint Mary's running game has been inept for most of the regular season but when the chips were down on Saturday afternoon, all coach Blake Nill had to do was strap the reigns of his dog sled to the back of Al Giacalone.

The Huskies have been critiqued all year long for their lack of precision in crucial contests, but they shut up all the naysayers as they managed to put everything together in an impressive 24-7 victory over the Acadia Axemen.

The win earns the Huskies a trip to the Mitchell Bowl in Saskatoon where they will face a dogfight against the host Saskatchewan Huskies on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Al Giacalone led the charge behind a most impressive performance by the Saint Mary's offensive line

as the tailback finished with 301 yards on 31 carries. On an afternoon where the wind was swirling and the traction very poor, the ground attack was all the Huskies would need to neutralize the Axemen who could not manage to raise their game to the level of the Huskies onslaught.

The win keeps hope alive that SMU, now needing only a victory in the Mitchell Bowl, will advance to an unprecedented fourth straight Vanier Cup.

Hoping that Saturday was not his final collegiate game, AUS MVP Steve Panella was required to do very little as he sat back and handed the ball off to Giacalone and watched his O line blow holes in the Acadia defensive wall. Panella took to the air only ten times and completed five of his attempts for a modest 65 yards.

His counterpart Chris Judd, a native of sunny California, was not much busier as he completed only eight passes on eighteen attempts for a total of 74 yards and an interception.

Acadia attempted to equal the efforts of the SMU offensive line consisting of Chris Cowen, Eric Ince, Nathan McHugh, Isaac Robinson, and Jaden Volchoff but were unable to open up the kind of holes for runningback Mike Gillen

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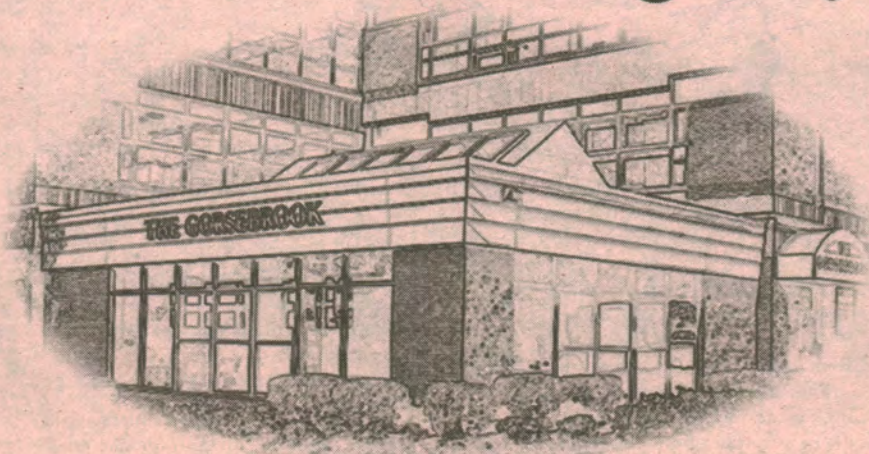
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You sunk my battleship

BY MARK LAYMAN

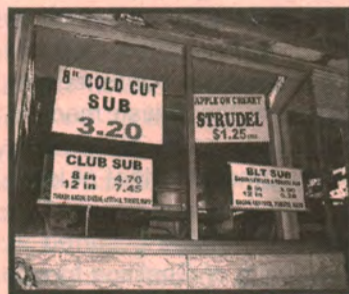
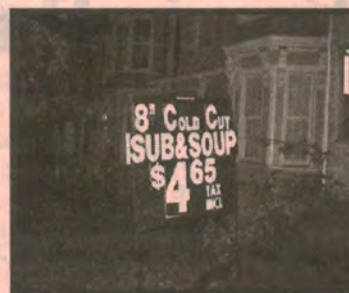
I have received poor customer service in all too often in fast food restaurants and other quick-service establishments. I usually take it lightly, all the while imagining how much better my food would taste were it served in a Mom & Pop style diner. I imagine decent serving sizes and good food. I expect pleasant service and perhaps a smile of appreciation over anything else. Sounds pretty common for such a restaurant you say? Get a sandwich from The Submarine.

Kate the Champ and I leave school for our weekly paper slanging and cruise into Ultramar for gas. Knowing we'll need food somewhere along the way, we decide to eat before the route begins. The Submarine (Inglis Street below the Mitchell Street) gets approval at the time with its ultimate convenience and old-fashioned appearance. It's funny how brown things make you think 'old'. I swear everything back then was brown and orange and yellow, all bled from the same dirty bean. It seems to be a house-turned-lunch counter. Letter-by-letter menu signs behind that counter are expected and present.

Kate goes for tuna and I can't decide right away. Our sandwich man, clad in surgery scrubs and a tattered apron, is annoyed and expresses it clearly to the both of us. I go for the meatball sub hoping for something warm and delicious, but lose that hope soon thereafter. The tuna comes out of a plastic butter container and my meatballs aren't even nearby. Submarine Sam retreats through a hallway (to what could have been his own kitchen, and I don't know if his name is Sam) and returns bearing a two-litre ice cream bucket containing an amount of meatballs. I get a fair amount of meatballs with largely too much sauce.

Making the tuna sub he offers, "Works?" and it seems the only possible answer anyway. On approval Sam grabs a handful of lettuce with the fork as a retaining wall in the fingers - for extra crushing power - and spreads it fairly across the tuna. He stabs and adds slice after slice of tomato and applies a kind of oil that looks like hair gel. Pepper and salt are the dazzling finale as he wraps the sub and offers, "Hot?" Kate accepts and it finds its way to the microwave.

My meatball sauce soaks through the bread right away,



and I go for works too. Request for extra lettuce brings on a straining grunt from Sam, but he bites. Microwave for me too, I say. He looks as if he was sewing wallets in a sweatshop for crying out loud. Kate asks for diet and we receive a 'regular' Pepsi. I motion for a Pepsi of my own, and explain that we'll need a Diet Pepsi this time, pleasantly but sarcastically. While she

pays I assume the beeping I hear means my sandwich is heated. I wait unnecessarily as he looks at me for some time before I get my 'submarine', trade my coins and sit down. Two of us take up some 25 % of the available seating.

Hot and crusty (stale?) bread doesn't impress me, nor do meatballs of a temperature near that of my pop. Sam's

Pepsis are taller than 600ml so I assume 710ml. Incorrect, though, for they are somehow 500ml. I don't even want to know where he bought them. It's a sloppy meal and napkins seem too much to ask. I go for some under Kate's cover, but there is no backlash. He is busy on a computer in a small room, perhaps logging the day's sale into a spreadsheet of the month, or returning to his game of backgammon. I can't see the screen.

I sit back down and reconsider finishing my sub. Hunger wins over and I eat. Pulling with our teeth we can manage to tear the crusty-chewy bread. We compare to the \$5 pizza from Little Caesar's last week, and cannot choose one over the other. One may not budge far between a rock and a hard place. "I'm definitely telling people at school about this place," I exclaim. This one should go down as a lunch counter practice field.

Hey Submarine Sam!!! I was just floating for a good lunch.

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NEWS

Massacre in Fallujah prompts condemnation in Halifax

BY STUART NEATBY

"Occupation is a crime, from Iraq to Palestine."

"Bush, Blair, hey hey hey, how many kids have you killed today?"

"Hey Bush yalla yalla, get outta Fallujah!"

These chants filled the night-time streets of downtown Halifax last Wednesday, on the eve of Remembrance Day. About 100 people gathered for an emergency demonstration against the recent US incursions into the city of Fallujah in Northern Iraq. The demonstration wound its way through the downtown core of the city, ending up in front of the US consulate at Purdy's Wharf. The demonstration was accompanied by a surprisingly dense number of both police officers and reporters. Police on motor-

bikes initially tried to force the march onto the sidewalks, but eventually gave up, passively riding their bikes within the midst of the demonstration.

Less than a week ago, the United States began its second massive assault against the Halifax-sized city of Fallujah. In an astonishing show of disregard for international law, this well-publicized invasion began with an assault on the largest hospital in the city. It had been claimed by military sources that this hospital had been chosen as a target due to the fact that doctors had been quoted giving estimates of civilian deaths to international reporters during the previous assault on Fallujah, and had thus spread a negative image of the US's

blatant disregard for civilian lives throughout the world.

The first assault, back in April, resulted in the greatest intensity of Iraqi civilian deaths since the beginning of the US war against Iraq in March of 2003, according to a study of Iraqi casualties published last month in the British medical journal *Lancet*. This same study concluded that at least 98,000 "excess" Iraqi civilian deaths have occurred at the hands of Coalition forces since March of 2003. This number has likely increased substantially with this latest assault on Fallujah, although neither international news-media nor the US military have paid much attention to body counts of Iraqi civilians. Approximately 31 US troops

have been killed since the beginning of the assault, as well as 1,200 "guerrillas" according to US military sources.

In response, the global peace movement, somewhat dormant since the official end of the war in April of 2003, has perhaps begun to revive. On Monday, November 8th, demonstrations took place in over 30 cities throughout the UK, including Manchester, York, and London. This past weekend, there were sizable protests in Glasgow, York, Brighton, and outside of the BBC building in London, in response to what demonstrators referred to as "one-sided and misleading reports" from the British News Network. In addition, in anticipation of the new assault in Fallujah, over 80 cities throughout the United States participated in demonstrations against the US war in Iraq, as well as the questionable and contested results of the US election on November 3rd.

Here in Halifax, Wednesday's demonstration was called; less than 48 hours before it occurred, and still managed to gather a significant turnout. This is an indication that anger over US war crimes in the middle east is still very much alive within this city, as well as throughout the west.

Anti-poverty group turns up the heat

BY STUART NEATBY

In the midst of the first snowfall of the season, approximately 30-40 people gathered in front of the old Halifax Infirmary on Saturday, November 13th for a rally organized by the Halifax Coalition Against Poverty. The rally was organized to draw attention to the shameless lack of federal, provincial, and municipal money being put into providing affordable housing in the HRM. HCAP organizers claimed that the money used to guard the old Infirmary against potential squatters would be better spent fixing up the building in order to make it into affordable housing. The implicit warning behind the rally was that organizers would be prepared to squat an abandoned building of their own choosing within the city with the eventual aim of converting it into affordable housing.

"There were people inside and they had to come out. It's not safe to be in the building, it's not safe to be near the building," remarked one of the security guards, who would not divulge his name. His employer, a private security firm known as the Canadian Core of Commissionaires, has been guarding the building for ten months.

Last fall, a group of homeless youth and a few families managed to squat inside the building for a number of days before they were all forced

onto the streets by the authorities. This squat was a lead story in the local media in the days that followed, as it followed the release of a major report by the HRM on homelessness, which found that tens of thousands of Halifaxians were at direct risk of being homeless. In addition, the infirmary was the site of a political squat organized by members of the Halifax Anti-Poverty Initiative (now HCAP) two years ago. The building has stood empty since 1998.

"We're here for the security and safety of the people around or attempting to get in the building," noted the unnamed guard. Ironically enough, this guard would not discuss the "political" details pertaining to the security of those who regularly spend their nights sleeping on the streets in Halifax.

Liberal MLA Danny Graham was in attendance at the rally. In an interview with a member of the Maritimes Independent Media Centre, Graham noted that Nova Scotia has paid less attention to issues of homelessness than almost every other Canadian province.

"Over three years ago they signed a five-year agreement for funding for 1,500 [housing] units. Up to \$18 million was going to be spent by the provincial government. The government has barely provided nickels and dimes for that," he noted.



HCAP organizers have been vowing to take a step beyond simply talking about the need for affordable housing, and have made public commitments to take further steps to attempt provide this housing themselves.

"If the provincial government is not going to build affordable housing, we're going to have to take our own action, take over abandoned buildings, and build it ourselves," said Capp Larsen, an organizer with HCAP.

The rally was largely composed of young social activists. However, there were a few people who attended who faced eviction themselves by HRM officials from a housing unit on Northwood Terrace.

"I have a by-law saying I have to be out in two days...I see a lot of potential in that place. The fire alarms work. There's heat, I mean there's lights, there's hot water," said

James Edward Elmsley, who faces eviction under by-law M100. He noted that 5 others face eviction within the building as well. By the time this paper goes to press, the date of this HRM-mandated eviction will have passed.

By-law M100 currently allows HRM officials to evict tenants of housing units which do not meet housing codes. The by-law offers no guarantee of shelter nor protection for tenants evicted as a result of safety code violations by slum landlords.

In early October, 14 residents of a rooming house on Mitchell Street, located just a few blocks from Saint Mary's, were evicted as a result of this by-law. Many were barred from local shelters due to disabilities and addiction problems, and spent the next several days living on the streets.

Following the rally, a mildly disobedient demonstration

followed, despite the orders from a lone police officer who instructed everyone to remain on the sidewalk. The march was loud, spirited, and pissed off. The noisy demonstration wound its way down Spring Garden road amid the slush of a maritime snowstorm which would eventually become a lead story in the *Globe and Mail* on Monday. The march ended up on the steps of the Spring Garden Public Library.

HCAP has sent a letter to Nova Scotia MLA's last week outlining their position and their campaign for affordable housing. The event on Saturday was held in conjunction with a well-publicized squat in Toronto, organized by the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, to protest the lack of commitment to improving the lives of low-income Canadians by the Dalton McGuinty government.

For up-to-the-minute updates on HCAP, visit maritimes.indymedia.org.

The Halifax Coalition Against Poverty is composed of homeless people, the working poor, and social activists. Although prepared to fight in order to ensure that affordable housing be provided for those struggling against the everyday oppression of poverty, the organization is in need of volunteers as well as monetary support. If you would like to make a contribution, or would like to volunteer within one of HCAP's committees, contact HCAP at hapi@ziplip.com or 444-5060.

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Criminalizing Poverty

BY SARAH WILBUR



Is poverty a crime?

Most of us would be likely to reply "well...of course not", and perhaps be offset by the suggestion.

But how often do we disregard that dude on Spring Garden, politely asking if we would like to buy a copy of "Street Feet," or nonchalantly wander by panhandlers, conjuring up some 'logical' excuse not to give? Many people have founded reasons about why they may not give money or material contributions. But just as ways of giving take on many forms, poverty does as well. There are silent struggles occurring before our eyes, but we have chosen to render these invisible—and when they become too apparent, they are criminalized and subtly condemned. The single mother who is a minor and is refused housing by virtually all 'affordable' landlords in the municipality; the welfare and disability stipends that are scarcely enough to cover basic needs; the police officer asking the "young homeless hoodlum" to get off the public steps; the necessity of finding supplements to little or no income, such as prostitution, drugs, washing windows, and collecting bottles. The list goes on and on, and instead of losing our breath reciting it, why not do something about it? But, then again, who have we chosen to blame? Where does poverty reside? The individual. Everyone has the ability to get themselves out of their own impoverished situation...right?

Is poverty a crime? This was the theme of the public town hall meeting held at Brunswick Street United Church on November 9th. Present at the panel discussion were Costas Halavrezos of CBC's "Maritime Noon," a representative from Dalhousie Legal Aid, a representative from the Halifax Police Dept. and five people who had experienced homelessness and poverty to varying degrees. Each person recounted their story, eliciting sadness, compassion, confusion and anger. Each time these people attempted

to get themselves out of poverty, bureaucratic barriers were thrown in their faces, making it nearly impossible to receive assistance.

These stories can be held up to the harsh light of a largely ignored social reality. Low-income housing is scarce and hard to come by. The support from the Canadian government that was there for 25 years is no more. The city of Halifax decided it should be a provincial matter, leaving the provision of such homes to private non-profit groups such as Harbour City Homes (HCH). The condition of low-income housing is decaying—physically and institutionally. There are not enough funds to keep such places running, most are old buildings and few are enjoyable places to live. HCH continues to struggle, but has lost over 20 units in the past year due to buildings being torn down in the name of development. The provincial government has spent thousands of dollars on security to prevent the homeless from sleeping in the old Halifax Infirmary. Perhaps the money would be better spent on transforming the building into affordable housing, or on workshops for Police officers about poverty. For every condominium that is erected, dozens of families are ejected. Governments need to support the development and maintenance of housing that is affordable, clean, and safe.

So, is poverty a crime and is it right to blame the victim? Before we decide to treat it this way, let's take a peek at the meagre support that is out there and have a chat with a homeless person. From heart-wrenching histories, to no address on the resume, finding a job, let alone some peace of mind, is an impossible feat. Despite this bleak outlook, many are trying to overcome these problems.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

O.D.B. Was For The Children

BY NEIL PARTINGTON

The greatest rap role model has passed away. O.D.B. had a heart attack inside a recording studio Saturday, he was 35. We all looked up to Russell Jones, a.k.a. Old Dirty Bizza, a.k.a. Cyrus, a.k.a. Dirt McGrit, a.k.a. Baby Jesus, or as most affectionately called him Bastid.

He was the craziest rapper to ever live and had the biggest rap sheet of them all. He was once arrested in West Hollywood threatening to kill a security officer at a blues club. He was arrested for shoplifting shoes in Virginia. In 1998, he was wounded in a shoot out in his own apartment. Most of his other offences are drug related of course. In 2001 he was sentenced to two to four years in prison for drug possession; plus two concurrent years for escaping from a rehab clinic. He made it out by 2003 to sign to Roc-a-fella.

My regards go out to his eleven illegitimate children, where ever they are (he referred to them as his 'seeds' when he gave out props on album liners).

We will remember his antics like the time he hijacked

the microphone from singer Shawn Colvin while he was receiving an award at the Grammy's. He was mad that Wu-Tang lost the award to Puff Daddy and that he spent a lot of money on his suit (I guess he could not pay child support that month).

R.I.P. Dirty, even though you could usually only make it on to one track on the Wu albums because you were in jail, you were my favourite.

That's a big slice - Rassy's Pizza

BY MARK LAYMAN

Above all else common with pizza joints around HRM, the biggest-slice-in-town claim has been heard from just about everywhere. In an industry grown by starving students' late night munchies and long-lasting leftovers, everyone seems to have tried once or twice to be the front-runner, the guys with the biggest slice. Rassy's on Cornwallis St has been the leader in Halifax for well over a

year now. You may remember its neighbor, Pizza Factory, claiming to have the biggest slice. Although I don't know the exact reason for its closure, I am content to say that Rassy's beat it into the dumpster. Perhaps they were just losing too much money. I don't think it's worth the research.

If you haven't eaten pizza from Rassy's yet, you should know ahead of time just how big they are. The slices have got to be 18 inches in length, and the crust is easily 10 inches wide. Do your calculations, and even if you're smart enough to account for the mathematical loss when measuring a triangle you'll have a large amount of pizza on your mind. Depending on which kind you pick up, you'll pay \$4 or \$5, which isn't bad when you think about Little Caesar's \$5 deal. Rassy's slices are re-heated when you buy them, giving them a crisp and fresh taste that you don't find often when buying by the slice, and something the \$5 deal won't give you.

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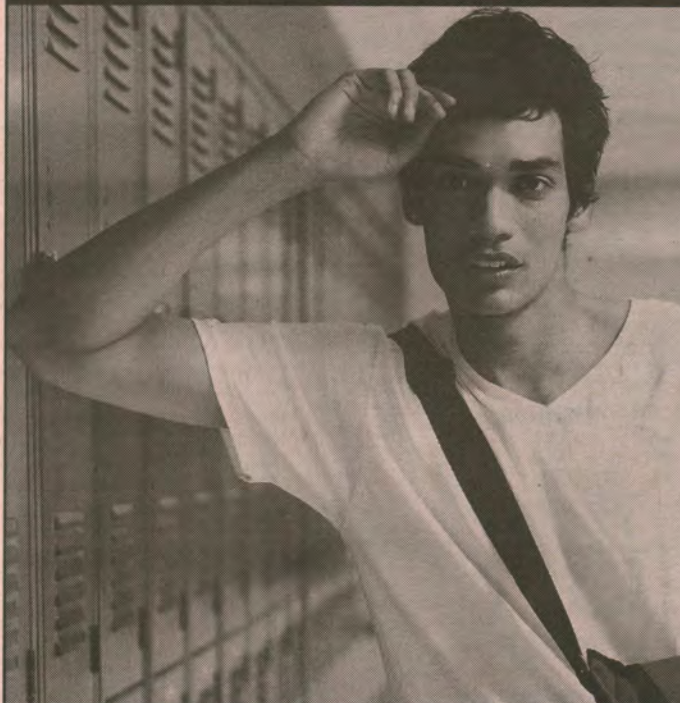


you need to pick up cereal or canned vegetables, do it on your supper break from work while you're getting your pizza. They have a huge cooler of drinks available and a place to sit down while you eat if you want. Rassy's makes no attempt to cut it for you, but they will if you ask. You don't wanna look like a weak-bellied Tony Little crunching on your Ab Roller all afternoon, do you?

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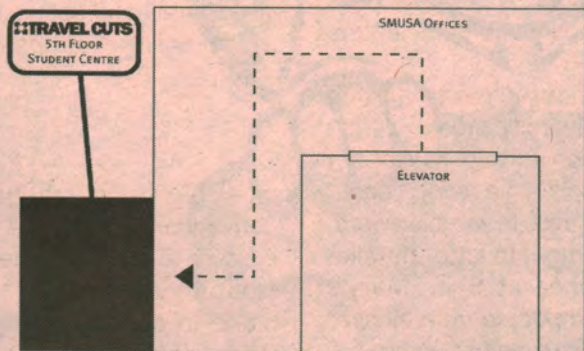
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FEATURES

Sheila's fury, fight, and future

BY BILL HUGHES

Former Liberal MP Sheila Copps started her professional life as a journalist, a vocation where responsibility, dignity, honesty and objectivity are all key components in proper reporting of the news. She wrote for the Hamilton Spectator, Ottawa Citizen, and in 1986 wrote *Nobody's Baby*, an autobiographical look into the inside world of Canadian parliamentary politics. She has continued her storied career in elected politics since she entered the national scene in 1981. In 1984 Copps, a third generation politician ran for office in her hometown of Hamilton, Ontario, won and was re-elected in five proceeding elections.

Following Prime Minister Jean Chretien's election in 1993, Copps was appointed as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment. In these roles Copps is well respected for having tabled some of the world's strongest environment assessment legislation in her fight for the "greening" of the federal government.

A prominent soldier in the fight for the environment, women's rights, representative and responsible government, in January 1996, Copps was named Minister of Canadian Heritage. Among her achievements, Copps created the Canada Television and Cable copyright protection for Canada's recording artists and producers. It is here, in her role as Heritage Minister in the fight to sustain Radio Canada International where the controversy that surrounds her name is now grounded, and where she found the inspiration for her recently released best-selling tell-all political thriller *Worth Fighting For*.

Some might suggest that Copps wrote this book as a clear path to the return to her roots as a journalist, but

she makes it quite clear that the writing of this book was inspired by a longing to tell her story. She was inspired to let common Canadians in on the deception of today's Canadian federal political scene.

Copps was in Halifax on November 8th to promote the release her new book, and she took the time to discuss its contents, her motivation to tell this story and to tackle a few important issues that she has fought for throughout her career. A self-professed "left wing Liberal," Copps hopes to use the follow-up to *Nobody's Baby*, as a means for expanding on the story and also "shining light into dark places" of recent Canadian politics. Copps says she uses the book as "an attempt to tell my story, and to tell the stories behind the stories."

ON PARLIAMENT

Copps began by attempting to explain the complexity of the parliamentary government system through her experience in Parliament and the House of Commons. She said that it took her a full year to grasp the inner workings of the political climate in Ottawa.

Copps then took the opportunity aggressively critique Paul Martin's character and competence.

ON THE RCI SCANDAL

Copps moved on to the primary issue that makes up her book: the exploration of a decision, turned scandal in the eyes of Copps. It all began when the Chretien government decided to make severe cuts to Radio Canada International, and in turn lay off 40 000 people, a decision made in Copps' absence, but one that she should have been consulted on as Minister of Canadian Heritage. Copps found the

decision was coincidentally rendered at a time when she happened to be away in Bolivia on government duty, and was therefore never consulted on a decision that would affect thousands. Copps also identifies the injustices present when the workers were not given their right to the four months notice written in the RCI contracts concerning layoffs. Upset with what had gone on under her nose, Copps arranged for her immediate return from Bolivia. Upon her arrival in Ottawa, Copps first order of affairs was to contact Prime Minister Chretien. After speaking with Prime Minister Chretien, Copps approached Mrs. Chretien at the Liberal Christmas party the following Tuesday, where she told both the PM and his wife that "it would be crazy to fold RCI." Eventually the decision was reversed and RCI was saved because of the work done by Copps to prevent this injustice.

ON PAUL MARTIN AND THE FEDERAL LIBERAL PARTY

Copps goes further into her writing of the book to compare herself to her colleague and once opponent for the Liberal leadership, Paul Martin, by saying that they "represent different ideologies." She says, "The essence of the book is how we define Liberalism" and that the Liberal doctrine must incorporate and "consolidate the best ideas for the left and the right (political wings)." Copps goes on to say that she "stands by any sentence" in her book.

It is because Copps is no longer involved in elected politics that she feels compelled to tell her story, although many do critique her work by suggesting that she remains bitter after having lost her standing

in the party. Subsequently, she has been receiving very little support for her allegations, although Copps feels that she should be trusted because her record is pristine versus that of her targets.

Copps is also very critical of the process that was used in determining the Liberal leadership and points to that kind of corruption as an example of what goes on behind closed doors, where the public at large is wearing the 'blind-fold.' "There's stuff that went on in the leadership race that wouldn't go on in Afghanistan. We (Canadian government) go to countries to show them how to vote, but here at home there are things going on in our elected party that are corrupt." She cited issues like MPs being allowed inside ballot boxes as prime examples of voter intimidation and political collusion.

ON WOMEN & MINORITIES

When asked, Copps reflects on her book, her story, and her motivation for its telling. Copps speaks, "the book is my story, and women will particularly like it because it's not just about money, or the nuts and bolts of government. It's a story that I wanted to tell. I wanted to change Canada. We are too complacent. We need to treat women and minorities better."

Copps also took the time to comment briefly on her feelings of the lack of representative government in Canada, and especially with respect to the absence of women and minorities in Parliament. Copps herself pioneered the twenty-five percent mandatory inclusion of women, but still feels that this is only a small step to toward accomplishing a goal that is long overdue. She states that progress is being made, citing that in 1993 women in the Liberal caucus

doubled, but identified the possibility that women seem to lack the required "thick skin and sense of humour" necessary to deal with the day in and day out struggles of political life. She feels that women must first "assert ourselves," and rid their general sense of hopelessness, before enabling themselves to make a significant contribution.

ON CANADIAN MEDIA

Copps, as a journalist, took the opportunity to critique parliamentary media, a group that has sometimes been less than complimentary to her throughout her career. She says that press gallery dinners include "all white men" and that this creates a distorted perspective from only one group of the opinion leaders. Furthermore, Copps identifies that "what goes on in Ottawa should be a microcosm of Canada."

Copps then suggests that the Internet because it provides hordes of disreputable information is partly responsible for the apathetic feelings of many Canadians that feel helpless to truly affect the function of their country. She feels that in her "party the policy is being skewed to protect the business liberal" and that the "structure of government supports entrenched parties rather than change."

ON HER FUTURE

In newfound free time 'outside' of the world of elected politics, Copps has been writing a weekly column for the National Post and plans to write another book in the spring. She says that she won't run in the next election, and never again under Paul Martin. She insists that Martin is skating on thin ice, because "you can't continue to run on what you're not." Although, she does concede that the Canadian electorate would much "rather give Martin a minority, then [see] a Tory majority."

Copps remained in Nova Scotia to vacation with her husband following the promotion for her book and was happy to finally have the opportunity to have some time to visit Halifax and act as a tourist rather than as a politician.

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Chemistry Professor Wins Prestigious Award

BY ASHLEE STARRATT

For many students here at Saint Mary's, life consists of the same basic routine: drag ourselves out of bed, grab our morning fix at Tim's and head to class. But how many of us actually stop to consider the efforts and achievements of the professors standing in front of us? Instead we are quick to cite their faults and begrudge them for the amount of assignments piled upon us. Well, now is the time to make up for that, as here we honor and congratulate one of our own.

Dr. Marc Lamoureux, a faculty member of the Saint Mary's Chemistry Department, was recently notified that



he had been chosen as a 2004 Ambassador Club Achievement Award Honoree on behalf of Destination Halifax. This is a tourism/marketing organization for the Halifax Regional Municipality that operates between a public/private partnership in an effort to promote the area

as a choice destination for corporate businesses to invest in or to hold functions, as well as attract other travelers from outside the region.

Nominations are based upon a candidate's individual commitment and personal efforts that have played a key role in generating an international interest in Halifax as a viable location for special events that will create revenue and raise awareness about Atlantic Canadian culture. Over the summer Dr. Lamoureux had the honor of organizing the weeklong International Conference of Analytical Science and Spectroscopy, which was held here at Saint Mary's in August.

This conference hosted the best and brightest of scientific minds from countries such as France, the US and Japan and was deemed a great success by all those who participated.

Dr. Lamoureux was quoted in a University press release as having this to say about receiving such a recognition: "It's really nice to win this award. It's also neat to know that the conference at Saint Mary's attracted people from all over the world, many of whom will soon return and continue investing in our economy". From the same press release Nicholas Carson, Chair of the Destination Halifax Board of Directors also comments: "The staging of national and

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Chemistry Professor cont.

Club identifies these individuals and celebrates their outstanding contributions to the prosperity of Halifax". Awards will be presented during a formal ceremony at the Ambassador Recognition Gala to be held on Tuesday, March 8th, 2005 at the World Trade and Convention Centre in downtown Halifax. Once again, congratulations to Dr. Lamoureux and we here at the Journal will continue to bring you coverage on the accomplishments of our renowned faculty who, as seen here, remain an integral part of not only the diverse population of Saint Mary's, but of the greater community at large.

skills or practice ones you are majoring in. You become a global citizen and learn about development and youth issues around the world while meeting new friends, traveling to conferences in other parts of the country, and representing Atlantic Canada on the world scene. All this will have an important impact on your resume and in your life to come.

What have we done this year?

Well we have been working on a lot of small things which will be realized into some big opportunities (further down) for Halifax students within the next few weeks. We have also done one big thing, sending a SMU delegation to the AIESEC Quebec Regional Conference.

The weekend of September 24 was one of extreme chaos for seven members of AIESEC as we set off for the Quebec Regional Conference being hosted by Laval University. After hours of travel, by bus and plane we reached our destination. In the middle of nowhere, or at least a lot farther from civilization than we had expected, the core of the weekend's experience was in front of us.

The Conference was jammed packed with information and training sessions, workshops, global discussions, and a banquet dinner. One of the good things to come out of it was the launch of the Genesis Project; \$120 000 in funding from CIDA over three years. This would allow AIESEC to send fourteen trainees and four CEEDS to Africa in the fight against the AIDS pandemic. Another CIDA funding renewal announced was the ADAPT program; where AIESEC trainees or CEEDs participating in an exchange can qualify for funding to cover up to 80% of their airfare as well as their living expenses while they are abroad.

These presentations were made to use with the marketing and selling training we received, as well as the AIESEC experience training. The evening was concluded with an awesome banquet, complete with dinner, awards, and of course singing, chanting and dancing.

Interested in joining AIESEC?

If you are interested in any of the traineeship possibilities, or are interested in joining AIESEC, or would simply like more information please e-mail us at halifax.ca@aiesec.net or feel free to drop into our next meeting, this Thursday at 8pm in room L281.

The final day was spent by breaking into portfolios (the area in which you work for the local, such as member development), planning for the future of our locals, and debriefing. And soon we began our journey back to Halifax, to construct an AIESEC local to make Atlantic Canada proud.

What will AIESEC be doing in the near future?

Beginning in the next two weeks we will be starting recruitment for trainees. We are looking for someone in the commerce field to go on a traineeship to any of the 89 countries with AIESEC locals. This person must be chosen by February. This traineeship will last anywhere from 2 to 18 months and if you decide to choose a developing country, you will qualify for ADAPT.

We will also be recruiting people for management (commerce) and technical traineeships (IT, etc) to India starting in the New Year. The duration of the traineeship will be from 8 to 12 months, with the IT trainee having an option to continue their career with Tata in India, return home, or move to another country to help Tata expand its market. India is considered a developing country, so trainees recruited for this traineeship would also be eligible to ADAPT funding.

Also we will be looking for people from any field who are interested in a traineeship to a developing country from anywhere from 2 to 18 months.

Other options are available for exchange to members, such as a CEED exchange, which can also qualify for ADAPT funding if it is to a developing country.

What is a CEED?

A CEED is an AIESEC member who will be sent to a developing AIESEC local to help them in needing areas. These areas could be member development (recruiting members, etc) or possibly corporate development (finding traineeships in the host country to gain credits to send students on exchange).



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SPORTS

Men fall short at nationals

BY NEIL JORDAN

The Saint Mary's University men's soccer side left for McGill University in Montreal last Wednesday with one goal in mind: avenge last season's loss in the gold medal game at the CIS national championships.

Their first test was host and sixth-ranked McGill. The Huskies were looking to show they were worth their number two national ranking heading into the final weekend of the season. In a hard-fought match, McGill held the high-flying Huskies to a scoreless draw. Senior striker Matt Brannon was denied a late chance for glory from a free kick just outside the penalty area in injury time by McGill keeper Jose-Luis Valdes. Jamil Ibrihim got the shutout for SMU.

Next was the University of Toronto Varsity Blues and SMU took it right to them from the start. AUS MVP Ryan Devereaux opened the scoring in the 15th minute, and added another before the interval to send the Huskies into the dressing room up 2-0. U of T's Mike Bialy pulled on back after 61 minutes, but Matt D'Angelo continued his great second half to the season by tallying in the 75th minute, and AUS athlete of the week James Malkin put the game away after the 81st minute. Bialy added a consolation in the 86th minute, and SMU walked away with the 4-2 victory.

With a win and a draw in the round robin, they would need some help to get into the gold medal game. Unfortunately, it would not come as the host McGill defeated Toronto on Saturday 3-0, which got McGill in on goal difference.

The Huskies would have to settle for a place in the bronze medal match against the University of Western Ontario Mustangs. Alexander Devereaux opened the scoring for SMU in the 17th minute to go into the half with a 1-0 lead, but Western was awarded a penalty for a handball in the area, and Gentjan Dervishi slotted it home to tie the game. Wes Vanderlinden put the Mustangs ahead in the 59th minute, and never looked back and sent the Huskies home empty-handed.

In the final of the CIS championship, the University of Victoria took home the trophy for the fourth time in their history, defeating the host McGill Redmen 3-1.

In the post-game ceremony, SMU's Ryan Devereaux was selected to the All-Tournament team.

The men are disappointed, but overachieved with a young squad this year, and have to be considered favourites

already to retain their AUS title again next season. Although, they will have to compensate for the losses of seniors Ryan Devereaux, Matt Brannon, James Malkin, Jeff Mercier, Jamil Ibrihim, and captain Tariq Sheikh.

END OF SEASON THOUGHTS

Men's Huskies

Undoubtedly, senior forward Ryan Devereaux is the choice for team MVP. The Huskies looked to him often, and he delivered a good share of the time. SMU will miss his deadly pace and clinical accuracy. First year forward Richard Eastell will be looked to more next year, and has all the tools to be great. Matt D'Angelo had a tremendous second half, and will also be counted on to score next year. The midfield should be in good hands with Jimmy Kennedy having a strong rookie campaign, but the group as a whole is a bit undersized. The defence should be fine with all four defenders returning, which is a bonus with senior keeper Jamil Ibrihim graduating. Matt Hogg showed promise this year, and the defence will give him time to develop.

Women's Huskies

The lady Huskies had a strong season, but faltered down the stretch. Surely the windy weather had a huge effect on their playoff loss to St. FX, as they could not seem to feed senior strikers Erin Howell and Michelle Chouinard. With these two gone, SMU will need to find a new system. Captain Crystal Walton is gone, but the midfield should still be strong with Tanya Jazic, Ally Reed, Courtney McGray and Lindsay Flinn, who had an outstanding rookie season, all returning. The defence will feel the loss of all-star Dianne Pearson, and will depend on Laura Walker and Lianna McKoe to be the backbone. Goalkeeper should be fine, with Tammy Salkus and Lindsay Coffin both back for another season. I can't just decide on one MVP as SMU played team football the whole way through, so I chose Dianne Pearson, who held the defence together all season, and Crystal Walton and Tanya Jazic, who were forces in midfield, and got forward often in support.

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Football

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that the SMU front five did for Giacalone. Although it was not from lack of effort on Gillen's part who fought hard all afternoon long.

Jordan Pavlicic opened up the scoring in the first quarter to give the Axemen the lead. The start looked early on to be the beginnings of a strong effort similar to that of the Axemen's 25-24 defeat of the Huskies on the very same Huskies Stadium turf only two weeks ago. But it was not to be on this afternoon as the Huskies were quick to respond on the strength of a 12-yard field goal off the foot of place kicker Rodrigo Davalos following a highlight reel 59-yard run by Giacalone. In the dying moments of the first half, Huskies QB Panella made his mark with a one-yard dive into the endzone that capped a 14-play, 76-yard scoring drive. The major score sent SMU to the locker room with a 10-7 lead.

The third quarter was a tough grind for both clubs as the weather made moving the ball extremely difficult. It wasn't until the last play of the third quarter, with no time remaining on the clock that SMU struck with Giacalone's patient following of his line from 10 yards out all the way into the endzone. The major put the Huskies up 17-7 and they would never look back.

Giacalone capped off a career day with a 39-yard touchdown scamper with only 1:40 remaining to push his totals over 300 yards

and secured the Huskies a berth in the national semifinal.

The Huskies will now begin preparations for their trip to the Prairies to face the 'green' Huskies on Saturday afternoon. The national semifinal game can be seen on TSN at 3 p.m. Advancing to face one another in the (Larry) Uteck Bowl are the Ontario Laurier Golden Hawks (who defeated MacMaster) and the defending national champion Laval Rouge et Or (who downed Montreal). The winner of the Uteck Bowl will face the winner of the Mitchell Bowl for CIS football supremacy in the Vanier Cup game at Hamilton's Ivor Wynne Stadium on November 27th.

SEEN AND HEARD POST GAME CHATTER

"Sloppy weather: That's my kind of game."
-Player of the game Al Giacalone

"I told our guys before the game that they were the ones left to carry the legacy, and not to let it fall apart, and they came out and played."
-Head Coach Blake Nill

"We came together at the right time. Maybe the younger guys finally got it. Everything started clicking. And we got the heart back that's been missing all year."
-QB Steve Panella

"Al just showed everybody what he's made of. Al just said he would get it taken care of and he did."
-Head Coach Blake Nill

Hockey Huskies come up huge

BY ADAM COSTELLO

The Saint Mary's Huskies men's hockey team came up with two huge wins at home on the weekend, situating them atop the league, just one point ahead of UNB. After a so-so preceding week losing a close game to UPEI, SMU had a chance last Friday for redemption, and waste that chance they did not.

The line of Ryan Lauzon, Kurt MacSweyn and Brad Self produced every point for the Huskies in their 3-2 win over the UPEI team that managed to send them home disappointed the week before. This time however, the Huskies were at home at the Halifax Forum, and the above three came out of the gate flying in front of a cheering home town crowd.

Scoring all of their goals in the first and second periods, the Huskies led 3-1 going into the second intermission. Rookie Ryan Lauzon scored twice and added an assist, showing he's going to be one of the team's top producers in years to come. Brad Self buried the other goal along with adding two assists to the line's point total. Kurt MacSweyn assisted on all three goals and made it seem no challenge tearing through the UPEI defence on numerous occasions.

The Huskies were given a bit of a scare when Josh Patterson of UPEI scored in the third to bring the Panthers to within one. A 19 save night

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for Cory Roberts along with the clutch play of the SMU defensive core, enabled them to shut the door the rest of the way. The offensive prowess provided by the Huskies number one line allowing for the defence to simply hold on to the victory proved to be a huge confidence boost going into the next night, when they were set to face off against league leading UNB, now just one point behind them.

Looking to win their third straight and prove that they can be a more consistent hockey team, the Huskies welcomed their opponent to the Halifax Forum on Saturday night with expectations of taking over the top spot in the AUHC. Their opponent was the UNB Varsity Reds, ranked fourth in the country.

This young Saint Mary's team couldn't have achieved their third straight win and taken over top spot in the AUHC easily against the four ranked team in the country could they? They could, they did, and they absolutely embarrassed them as SMU fans saw a 7-3 win for their team as well as another goal by rookie Ryan Lauzon, this time short handed. The real story of the game had to be the play of veteran Aaron Van Leusen, stepping it up on the Huskies powerplay scoring twice, not to mention picking up another goal at even strength and an assist on a goal by Bobby McBride. Kurt MacSweyn and Dan Rudisuella also scored for SMU and Gordon Bell added three assists. SMU already had a 2-0 lead just 7:32 into the first period while Cory Roberts had another stellar game despite allowing three goals in a wide open third period, making 33 saves on the night and picking up another victory.

SMU looked absolutely great in this game and played exceptional on the powerplay. Despite the fact SMU beat them the previous week as well as it being the Varsity Reds third straight loss (not to mention the Reds have allowed 13 goals in their last two games), this was an important victory for SMU. Sitting atop the standings the Husky men need to keep the momentum generated from their tremendous weekend to hold on to their current ranking of 9th in the country and if they do keep playing like they did last weekend, that number will soon be under five.

The women were a little less busy on the weekend and definitely much less productive. Going up against two formidable squads in exhibition action, both games were unfortunately lost. After losing to Concordia 4-3 on Friday night, they faced off against the McGill Martlets on Sunday afternoon, losing by a score of 8-5. Both games were very close but it seemed as if the Husky women just ran out of gas by the end. McGill scored four unanswered goals

in the third period for their over the Huskies on Sunday, even though after being down early the Huskies battled back to take the lead 5-4 by the end of the second. Lindsay Taylor had two goals and an assist for Saint Mary's. Once again due to her dominant play, superstar Lindsay Taylor is the female pick for "Hockey Husky of the week."

The men's pick for that distinction has to be rookie Ryan Lauzon. This guy is really coming into his own and is immensely contributing to this hockey club. He scored some real beauties this week and without him and his line mates, SMU surely would have lost to UPEI again, which would have stopped them from attaining first and would have continued the very early trend of inconsistency.

The men play once this weekend. They're hosting Acadia at the Forum on Friday night at 7p.m. So if you can't wait till next Saturday's football game to get your sports fix, then come watch some excellent hockey. The women are also playing just once but it's against rival Dal at Alumni arena. Be there at 2 p.m. if you want to see SMU attempt to avenge its weekend losses and beat up on our neighbouring university.

News & notes

BY BILL HUGHES

Huskies open week with win, then suffer first loss

The Huskies women's volleyball team continued their torrid pace to open the AUS volleyball season in pushing their undefeated record to 5-0 with a road win over the University of Moncton. The 3-1 victory was lead offensively by Danielle Shortall who finished with 13 kills, Caroline MacFarlane who contributed

11 kills and Janesse Boudreau who helped finish off the Huskies victory with 11 kills. Anik Gallant responded in the Moncton loss with 9 kills. The Huskies dropped the opening set 25-18, but responded in fine fashion to reel off the next three sets with scores of 25-11, 25-23, and 25-21 to assure the win.

Unfortunately on Saturday the Huskies suffered their first loss of the campaign. The loss was suffered at the hands of the UNB Varsity Reds who entered the game with a 1-4 record but pounded the visiting Huskies 3-0. The Reds defeated the Huskies with a balanced attack that saw four players finish with at least 5 kills. The SMU attack was led by Kristen Macculloch who recorded 10 kills and Caroline MacFarlane who finished with 9 kills. The scores in the 3-0 loss were 25-15, 25-18 and 26-24 all in favour of the victorious Varsity Reds.

SMU's record now stands at 5-1 as they move on to face the first place Dalhousie Tigers (6-2) at Dalplex on Friday night at 6 PM. The following afternoon, the Huskies travel to Acadia for 1 PM.

90 months in the pen

St. Louis Blues forward Mike Danton (formally Jefferson) was sentenced to 90 months in prison following his conviction in the bizarre Murder-for-Hire case involving his agent. Danton, a dual citizen of both the US and Canada has requested a transfer to a Canadian prison in Ontario because it is believed that once in the Canadian legal system that Danton's chances of early parole with good behaviour are substantially higher. If transferred to Canada, Danton will be eligible for release as early as 2007 rather than in 2009-2010 if he were to remain in the US. Danton hopes that with treatment he will be able to resume his NHL career upon release.

Predictability©

BY BILL HUGHES

Arizona at Carolina

Carolina finally broke their six game losing streak on Sunday by downing the 49ers in a comeback 37-27 victory. Arizona defeated the slumping N.Y. Giants 17-14 to attain their fourth win of the season, and in the weak NFC West that places them only one game out of first place. Arizona has a big game this year? Although nobody saw it coming, it is starting to look more and more that way. The weather should play to their liking and if the score is low, they may very well be able to win another and reach the .500 mark. But can they really win another? I think...ah....maybe... Arizona 17 Carolina 13

Denver at New Orleans

The jury is still out on the Broncos due to inconstancy but they helped tilt the scales in their direction after a dismantling of Houston in Week 9. Now fresh off a bye, Denver travels to New Orleans where things have been anything but festive this season, although the Saints are coming off a convincing win against the Chiefs. My feeling is that the Broncos

are good, but not great. They won't have much success in the playoffs without home field but you only have to be good, not great to defeat a Saints squad without the services of their star running back.... Denver 30 New Orleans 17

Indianapolis at Chicago

The Bears have reeled off two wins in a row. Indy is back on track as Payton Manning is starting to look like he may just bring down Dan Marino's touchdown pass record after reaching 31 TDs by the halfway point. I'm still not sold on Manning because he hasn't shown that he can win either the big game or on the road but nobody can question his numbers, as they are second to none. The Bears looked to be down and out but have rebounded well and now find themselves back in the race in the weak NFC North division. They won't be able to complete with the likes of the Green Bays and the Minnesotas down the stretch but with their touch defense may ruin a few playoff party plans. Still, they won't top the Colts this week. The Chicago D is pretty good, but only a select few teams in the league can defend against Manning's high-octane troops. Indianapolis 34 Chicago 17

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Pittsburgh at Cincinnati

You really can't dislike the Steelers. They're a combination of young and old with Roethlisberger and Bettis, they're tough, they play in the cold, they like to fight, their coach has got to be one of the meanest in the league and they've won seven straight. What QB Big Ben continues to do is nothing short of spectacular but the true heart and soul of this Steelers team, their defense, cannot overshadow his performance. Cincinnati is hanging tight in the AFC North after knocking off Washington on Sunday. Is this another possible let down game for the Steelers? There is certainly potential for that but with Cowher in the locker room it will not be tolerated. If the Steelers can continue to win big with Big Ben throwing only 17 passes, then they are going places, namely the playoffs. But unfortunately for Steelers fans the road to the AFC crown travel through Foxboro, Massachusetts. And the Patriots won't make the same mistake twice. Back to the topic at hand. Big Ben and Bettis all day... Pittsburgh 23 Cincinnati 10

St. Louis at Buffalo

St. Louis got some confidence back and the NFC West division lead with a convincing win over Seattle. The Rams may go back to the playoffs but they won't do any damage unless they make a drastic improvement down the stretch. Buffalo has a big decision to make that could affect their club's success for years to come. They should finally bite the bullet and sit Drew Bledsoe who looked like he couldn't penetrate the Mount Allison Mounties defense on Sunday night in New England. They should go youth down the stretch and look toward the future in first round pick J.P. Losman out of Tulane. If not, the song at Ralph Wilson stadium may play the same old interception tune for years to come. St. Louis 23 Buffalo 13

Dallas at Baltimore

Dallas is working on a short week, while Coach Bill Parcells is working long weeks trying to figure out what has gone wrong in the Cowboys disappointing season. Baltimore pulled off a thrilling come from behind victory over the Jets on Sunday and continues to win with little offence and a stellar defense. Baltimore should continue to go about their business quietly and win to keep pace in the wild card race. Baltimore 23 Dallas 17

Miami at Seattle

Miami is so bad that their head coach could no longer endure to stand on the sidelines and watch. Seattle continues to disappoint each week and chalked up another loss against division foe St. Louis. Although Miami did defeat St. Louis for their only win of the season.

Shouldn't much matter though, Seattle should win at home. But then again, in this year's NFL, who really knows...? Seattle 20 Miami 6

Detroit at Minnesota

These two teams came out of the gate strong but are stumbling as both clubs have lost three straight. The Lions are fine with that considering that they are rarely in a position to stumble at this point in the season. The Vikings put forth a great last minute comeback on Sunday only to see Green Bay march the length of the field and kick through the winning field goal. They seem to be heading down a familiar road that saw them endure a total collapse in the second half of last year. The Vikes need WR Randy Moss back very soon before they suffer a similar fate. At home to Detroit will be close but they should be able to secure a victory even if Moss needs another week's rest. Minnesota 27 Detroit 14

N.Y. Jets at Cleveland

The Jets made a valiant attempt to win despite the absence of starting QB Chad Pennington but lost in the dying minutes to the Ravens. Cleveland put up a fight in the pregame but then showed very little after the kick off against Pittsburgh in the loss. This will be a big game for both clubs. With another week of full practice under his belt, Jets new starting QB Quincy Carter will pull out a big win for the Jets and keep the playoffs within reach. N.Y. Jets 20 Cleveland 17

San Francisco at Tampa Bay

In a tough battle of two teams coming off losses (four straight for San Fran) and looking for respectability take the Bucs at home in a narrow victory. Tampa Bay 23 San Francisco 17

Tennessee at Jacksonville

Tennessee suffered a tough OT loss to the Bears in yet another game that Steve McNair had to watch helplessly from the sidelines. Jacksonville picked up a huge OT win in the first of two games that starting QB Byron Leftwich is expected to miss due to injury. The Jags face a tough test in the Titans who show up every week regardless of injuries but should be able to hold the fort and keep pace with the Colts in the closely contested AFC South. Jacksonville 23 Tennessee 21

Atlanta at N.Y. Giants

Atlanta continues to rack up wins against lesser opponent and has been successful in doing so. They are nearing a clinched playoff berth in the NFC South with a three game lead over the Saints. The Giants are in danger of knocking themselves out if they cannot get out of the funk that has seen them drop two straight. Is it time for Payton's little brother Eli to take over in the pocket? Not just yet

but if Mike Vick outplays Kurt Warner in this game we may see some youth in the late stages of this season. Atlanta 17 N.Y. Giants 13

Green Bay at Houston

Just when Green Bay looked down and out they reeled off four straight wins. Why does everyone, myself included, seem to count out Bret Favre when he continues to amaze? Houston has been a grand disappointment in the past two weeks after moving into contention in the AFC South. They have begun to show their inexperience and will continue to slide against the rising Packers. The weather will be a bit too warm for Favre's liking but the elder statesman isn't too comfortable with dropping game to the young David Carr just yet. Green Bay 27 Houston 20

San Diego at Oakland

San Diego deserved a week off last week after having won their third game in a row. Oakland sucks. Look for San Diego to push their streak to four. Drew Brees all day long. San Diego 35 Oakland 10

Washington at Philadelphia

Washington fell to Cincinnati. Philadelphia is working on a short week. They will remain undefeated at home. Philadelphia 33 Washington 6

New England at Kansas City

This game could have been a big AFC match up, and it looked like it would be in the preseason. Truth is, it still may be a very good football game. New England steamrolled Buffalo on Sunday night as they remained on track. Kansas City fell out of playoff contention after they looked to be back on track after scoring 101 points in two weeks. All the pressure is off KC and despite this season's 2-2 record they have a tendency to play well at home. This game could be much closer than it should be if Trent Green can work the Patriots reserve corners. But Cory Dillon could go a long way in keeping the ball out of the KC offence's hands and in keeping the terrible KC defense on the field much too long. Deon Branch could be back too... New England 35 Kansas City 20

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Predictability© of a sidekick

BY NEIL JORDAN

Arizona at Carolina All Carolina needs is a couple of wins to get their confidence back. Last week over San Francisco was a start.

Carolina 27-17

Denver at New Orleans

Which Saints are gonna show up? The ones that beat the Chiefs last week, or the ones that got spanked by the Chargers a couple weeks ago? If patterns show us anything at all... Denver 35-17

Indianapolis at Chicago

Kudos to the Bears for getting a little respect with two straight wins. Unfortunately, the Colts don't care. Is it just me or are Peyton and Co. looking ruthless this year? Colts 48-20

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati

There is no time for complacency in Bill Cowher's dressing room. This will be a great game though. I like the pregame fights too. Pittsburgh, keep it up. Pittsburgh 24-17

St. Louis at Buffalo

I think the loss to New England has taken all the steam out of the Bills. Meanwhile, the Rams looked re-energized against the Seahawks. The Rams will win, but the Bills are always tough at home. St. Louis 24-20

Dallas at Baltimore

It all depends on the Monday night game. Bill Parcells looked absolutely exhausted and out-coached after last week, and this team needs something big to happen right now. It won't though. But wow, does the Baltimore offence look horrible. Baltimore 17-10

Detroit at Minnesota

If the Vikings played the whole game against Green Bay like they did the fourth quarter, it would have been a different ballgame. They'll beat the Lions, but they need Randy Moss back now. Minnesota 31-14

New York Jets at Cleveland

Watching the Jets defence last week was a thing of beauty. Quincy Carter won't need to do much other than keep the ball against the Browns, even at the 'Dawg Pound,' especially with the Browns' best rusher, William Greene suspended for his part in the pregame ruckus against the Steelers. New York 20-10

San Francisco at Tampa Bay

Ugly game of the week. Tampa Bay 13-7

Tennessee at Jacksonville

I think both teams should just throw in injured starters Steve McNair and Byron Leftwich anyway. It would make for a much more entertaining game. Jacksonville 21-14

Miami at Seattle

Mike Holmgren will be plenty upset about last week against the Rams, as it was their game to lose, which

they did. Miami, well, they suck, and there's really not much they can do about it. Seattle 30-7

San Diego at Oakland

The Raiders look to avenge a 42-14 drubbing at the hands of the Bolts a few weeks ago. They won't win, but it will be more respectable. It's all about pride wins for the Raiders now. San Diego 35-31

Atlanta at New York Giants

Losing Michael Strahan is huge for the Giants. Michael Vick looks to capitalize. Outside in November in New York is much different from a dome in Atlanta though. New York 20-10

Washington at Philadelphia

I can't see the Redskins putting up any type of anything in this one. Philly 34-0

Green Bay at Houston

The Packer defence needs to tighten up after the fourth quarter collapse against Minnesota. This will be a shootout between Brett Favre and David Carr. Favre has more weapons, and quite possibly the best receiving core in the NFL. Green Bay 35-33

New England at Kansas City

The Patriots haven't missed a beat since their unbeaten streak ended. The Chiefs have been slowed down after putting up an astronomical amount of points in the two previous games. I can now go back to liking the Pats again, the streak was really starting to piss me off. New England 24-17

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

BY BILL HUGHES

"League (NBA) suspends Bucks F Marcus Fizer one game for guilty plea on gun charge."
-The Score ticker

Discipline begins in the home. The NBA head office was reportedly prepared to double that suspension if Fizer had used the gun to shoot an opponent. Tough love guys, tough love...

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Due to a "power failure" arsehole of the week, men's and women's basketball from the first two weeks of the season will be reported on in next week's issue

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