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Whose rules actually rule?

BY KATE ROSS

As you know, SMUSA held a referendum for *The Journal* last week. 60.8% voted Yes! The only reason the Student Centre isn't shaking from the Journal Crew jumping for joy right about now is because, of course, some confusion surrounds the matter. Usually, when *The Journal* and SMUSA try to team up on something, questions about whose rules actually rule come up.

SMUSA had to run the referendum for us because they run all referendums on campus. Election results are still pending. What we do know is 60.8% voted yes. Majority is 50.1%. The majority of students want the \$2 per semester increase to happen and to support the paper.

The conflict arises from SMUSA's constitution. In the most recent version it says:

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The organization shall be known as the Saint Mary's University Students' Association Incorporated, hereafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE 8: REFERENDA

1. The Association is required to hold a referendum when considered useful to further the goals of the Association. This referendum shall be binding upon the SRC when:

- (a) at least 10 percent of the Association's membership votes in such a referendum; and
- (b) there is a 50 percent plus one majority;

i.any changes to to the fees referred to in 2 (b) of this Article receives a 2/3 majority approval.

2. A referendum of the Association is required:

- (a) to affiliate with external organizations, with a political mandate;
- (b) in matters related to the introduction, increase, or decrease of the Association's mandatory fees such as, but not limited to, membership fees, program fees, and levies.
- (c) in matters involving those major policy decisions that the SRC consider necessitate consultation with the Association's membership;
- (d) when deemed necessary by the SRC

The original reason for the first *Journal* referendum, and why it gets money from student fees rather than SMUSA fees was to make *The Journal* and SMUSA completely separate entities. *The Journal's* fees come from the students, not the association referred to in their constitution. While the Journal Publishing Society is our name, we are registered through the Society's Act of Nova Scotia. We aren't anything like the Commerce or Drama societies. We aren't treated like any other society on campus. We are on our own and have a very confusing relationship with SMUSA.

So to sum it all up – *The Journal* believes a majority of 50.1% should make the referendum question pass, while there is a little uncertainty about the wording of the above section of SMUSA's constitution. Everyone wants to make sure the right and fair thing is done, so we are taking our time with official results. The SRC tabled the ratification of *The Journal* results in their meeting on Sunday based on a request from us so things could be looked at more closely.

Thank you to everyone that voted yes. We'll keep you posted on any developments as they become available.

How to get Commerce Students to go to school on Friday

BY CHRISTOPHER CHENEY



Yes it might sound impossible if there isn't an English class, or an accounting lab, but it is possible and here is how to do it.

Give them a challenge, throw in a dash of Ego raising credit potential and a chance to beat Dalhousie on their own turf will do it. This past Friday March 11th, 4 Commerce Majors (Christopher Cheney, Mike MacKenzie, Liesje Carrigan and Eric Robichaud) and 4 MBA students (Joann Lawless, Jamie Gallant, Tammy Millbury and Ram Kumar), did all this at Dalhousie University in the 1st annual Halifax International Case Competition.

For those out there who haven't participated in a competition like this here's what happens. Early in the morning each team that is participating is given the same business case to look at and develop a business plan for. After 4 sequestered hours of prepara-

tion the team then presents their recommendations to the judges for 20 minutes. Once this is done the judges then proceed to poke as many holes in the plan as they can for 10 minutes while the team defends their case. Sounds simple right? We have all done presentations before on short notice. That's a university student's average day isn't it? But now let's make the judges senior professors from both SMU and DAL, add some local Investors who are used to dissecting real life cases. At the same time combine a lack of sleep (this is Friday after Pub Night you have to remember) and the pressure does build up quicker than you would expect.

This year the case focused on a local company called Precision Biologic. For those who don't know, they are a Dartmouth company who produce different

forms of medical supplies, such as plasma, which is then shipped to most of the North American and European speciality blood labs. The company has been in great shape in recent years so it provided for many different courses of action to strive towards. In turn this meant each and every team took a different angle providing many interesting solutions each with their own merits. In the end the Dalhousie Commerce team actually followed the closest to what occurred in real life.

So you are probably thinking "what are the results already of SMU sending 8 students over to Dalhousie last Friday?" Success! Once again, proof that Dalhousie might be bigger and often given more credit, but SMU can beat them at their own game, on their own turf, any day of the week – even if it is a Friday.

SMUSA Page

The SMUSA Academic Fair is Coming!

Take advantage of having all of SMU's academic resources gathered in one place! All participants can enter the draw to win a 3-credit tuition voucher!

Come to the courtyard in front of the Student Centre on Thursday, September 29th from 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

SRC Elections

- Forum on Thursday at 1 pm in the Student Centre
- SRC voting: Monday Sept. 26 and Tuesday Sept. 27
- **POLL CLERK POSITIONS AVAILABLE!!**

For more informations contact AJ at 412-2666

Open Mic Nights

Open Mic is your chance to become a star! Every Wednesday night, the Gorsebrook Lounge hosts an Open Mic night. There is a \$100 cash prize for the best performance of the night and the weekly winners have a chance to play at the Best of Open Mic in December. First prize at the Best of Open Mic is \$500 in cash!



Tutor Database

Would you like to tutor? SMUSA is building an online tutor database! If you're interested in providing tutoring services, please contact Olivier Jarda at vpacademic@smusa.ca, 496-8710, or visit him on the 5th floor, Student Centre. Sign-up today and tutor!



LUV DA THRIFT?

Check the SMUSA Book Exchange at www.smusa.ca/bex for used books purchased directly from their owners: fellow students! It's totally free.

Friday 23rd

- Sloan concert in the McInnes Room at Dal. Tickets on sale at the SMUSA Information Desk, \$22 each. Opening band ... the Stills!
- Football Game on Saturday 24th! Laval @ SMU! 2:00p.m. on the turf!
- Cross Country Meet#2 on Saturday 24th! 12:00p.m. @ SMU!



Sunday 25th

- Rugby Game! Acadia @ SMU! 2:00p.m. on the turf!

September 29th

- Academic Fair! 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. in front of the Student Centre. All students encouraged to come out. Questions: vpacademic@smusa.ca

Events Calendar



SMU Orleans

This Saturday 10 am - 1pm at the Gorsebrook Lounge. Dry Pub... all ages. Voluntary cover for Hurricane Relief

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NEWS

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our part to help."

Bringing an international perspective to the table is Belorussian exchange student Olga Rypinskaya, who says she never heard of Fox until her arrival in the country as a senior student at Sackville High. Remarking on his accomplishments, Rypinskaya states that, "I personally think it's great that people do stuff like that, because we don't have any [fundraising efforts] like that in Belarus, even though we too suffer from cancer in our country. I think it's great that people do this". Belarus in particular is one of many surrounding nations to have been severely affected by nuclear fallout radiation resulting from the April 1986, Chernobyl explosion in the Ukraine.

Lastly, fourth-year Arts student Michael Bray states that Fox's drive and determination, "[...] fosters integrity and bravery in those afflicted with cancer. I'm pleased that we continue supporting the

Terry Fox run in our school systems and our workplaces, because it brings families and neighbourhoods together in a joint effort that affects humanity on a profound scale". It is such proactive outlooks as these that keep organizers dedicated to this cause year after year.

Terry Fox passed away on June 28th, 1981, at the age of 22, bringing the nation to a standstill. However, Fox achieved what he set out to do, which was to raise awareness of a disease with which himself and so many others continue to be afflicted, and to foster hope for a cure. The rest of the world has picked up where Terry Fox left off, and to date the Terry Fox Foundation and its worldwide Marathon of Hope runs have raised more than \$360 million worldwide for cancer research. As Terry so famously said: "It's one thing to run across Canada, but now, people are really going to know what cancer is."

Good news? Bad news?

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"LETTERS" TO THE EDITORS

Dear The Journal,

As a returning student this year, I wanted to take the opportunity to let SMUSA know how happy I am with the changes at the Gorsebrook. I've noticed significant change from last year, not only in the physical changes, but also in the overall service and atmosphere at the pub.

I attended the first pub night and was happy to see the drastic change to last year's Thursday nights. I'm not sure if new students know how Thursday nights busiest pub nights are, but I was glad to see some new faces on the dance floor. I hope that the new students reading today come to check out the pub and enjoy it as much as I do!

Lisa Gilbert

QUOTES OF THE WEEK :

In second year I stole someone's math assignment from the drop boxes in Loyola, I had to use four pencils and chewing gum, I got one out, copied it, and forgot to bring back his assignment when I dropped off mine. So... I threw his out. he didn't get in trouble. and I only got a 65 on the assignment. The guy sucked. He deserved it.

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Walking for life

AIDS COALITION of Nova Scotia

BY BRYAN WINTERS

The end of September means a lot of different things to a lot of different people. To the many volunteers who work with the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (ACNS) it means the annual Walk For Life.

This charity event is a means of raising funds to give additional support to those who are living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as supporting many of the programs and services offered by ACNS. Programs that without the Walk would not be supported. Last year the Walk rose over \$30,000 with approximately 400 people taking part. This year we hope there will be even more money going towards the cause with a route that will see those involved taking over Spring Garden Road

from South Park to Victoria for the first time in years.

The event will be taking place on September the 25th in the Halifax Commons and will be hosted by Cathy Jones. Registration for teams and individuals will begin at 12:30 pm and the Walk itself will commence at 2pm. For more information on the Walk For Life, contact one of the coordinators, Jess or Kat, at 902-425-4882 ext. 229.

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he says, she says

Simon says: his name is Harry knuckles, he's a kung fu fighter. by the way, his name is harry, like, h-a-r-r-y if that, i mean i guess that's obvious..

Jackie says: that totally wasn't obvious to me!

SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MASTER PLAN VISIONING WORKSHOP AND OPEN HOUSES

Come and Shape the Future of the Saint Mary's Campus

Saint Mary's University is preparing a Campus Master Plan to ensure that the campus continues to serve the needs and aspirations of our community over the next 10 to 30 years. In this phase of the project, Brook McIlroy Planning + Urban Design, the consulting firm hired to prepare the plan, is hosting the following events to gather input from the University community:

To Actively Participate: The Visioning Workshop

The purpose of the Visioning Workshop is to allow members of the campus community to don their thinking caps and help shape the future of our campus. The event will begin with a presentation to show the analysis and initial concepts prepared by Brook McIlroy. It will be followed by group discussions in which participants will be asked to provide extensive input on how the Saint Mary's campus should evolve.

The event is open to all, but the number of seats is limited. Sign up today by contacting Andrea Smith at 420.5410 or andrea.smith@smu.ca. Lunch will be served.

WHERE: Sobey Building, 4th Floor

WHEN: Friday, September 23, 2005

12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

RSVP: Andrea Smith, 420.5410, andrea.smith@smu.ca

Areas of Discussion will include:

Where should new buildings be located and how should they relate to campus open spaces? What should they look like?

How can open spaces be improved to provide a safe, functional and attractive pedestrian network?

How can current parking issues be addressed and access to the campus improved?

To Drop By: Two Open Houses

Two Open Houses will be held to allow members of the University community to keep up-to-date on the Campus Master Plan process without actively participating in the more extensive Visioning Workshop.

A short presentation will be made by the consultants at the beginning of the Open House, but the rest of the event will be dedicated to informal discussions. Boards will be displayed in the room to present the analysis and preliminary concepts prepared by the consultants. Questionnaires will also be distributed so that attendees may provide written comments to the consultant team.

For more information on the Campus Master Plan, visit www.smu.ca/masterplan.

Where: Sobey Building, 4th Floor OR Where: Sobey Building, 4th Floor

When: Thursday, September 22, 2005 When: Friday, September 23, 2005

3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

THE ANSWER IS JUST A CLICK AWAY

BY OLIVIER JARDA

Some classes at Saint Mary's University have been using devices called 'clickers' in their classrooms. These instruments are much like the answer pads that the audiences of America's Funniest Videos use to pick their favourite clips.

I was introduced to 'clickers' in May 2005, when Dr. Adam Sarty, professor of physics and astronomy, pitched the idea to SMUSA. Dr. Sarty, who currently teaches at SMU, has among many accomplishments conducted research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). This professor piloted the use of 'clickers' in his own classroom last year, to great fanfare. These devices, which allow professors to test and poll students during class, were embraced by many of his students; in fact, Dr. Sarty was the recipient of a SMUSA Teaching Award in 2004.

The clickers have the ability to enhance the learning experience. Questions such as "does everyone understand?" can be genuinely answered by students due to anonymity. Professors can better meas-

ure the class' knowledge of the topics being discussed. The clickers' quizzing ability can also be used to test students, which can save time, ink, and paper. Professors can find out what students like and dislike about teaching methods, course content, readings, etc. Professors can also collect data such as attendance, and class demographics.

Like other newer teaching methods, such as PowerPoint, the use of this technology can be counterproductive. Although professors using this technology at SMU have been provided with literature on proper usage of the technology, there is always a chance for misuse. Excessive use of the technology can reduce professor to student contact. Also, many students dislike being quizzed, and would rather be evaluated by professors using more conventional methods.

Students taking courses from professors who use clickers must purchase a clicker from the Bookstore at a cost of \$19.50 +tax. The Bookstore will buy back the clickers at the end of the semester at about

\$10.00, allowing students to recover a significant fraction of the original price. They will resell them used at \$15.00, and will still buy back used clickers for \$10.00.

Students must register their clickers at a cost of \$24.50 +tax at the Bookstore. Students can also take the option of registering online for US\$12.00, which is roughly CDN\$14.00, with no tax. The only rub is that students must use a credit card to register online.

The price of clicker has been kept to under \$40 with online registration, which is comparable to a low-priced textbook. Unfortunately, coupled with the costs of the required textbook(s), the \$40 fee becomes more significant. Students must also register their clicker for every course they take (they would even have to register twice if they were taking a 6-credit course). If you have any questions or concerns regarding the clickers, please email me at vpacademic@smusa.ca.

Can My Hands Make a Difference?

SUBMITTED BY: MICHAEL SANDERSON

They can if you stand up and be counted as part of the Saint Mary's University 2005 United Way Campaign. This year Saint Mary's will be looking for even more involvement from the faculty, staff and students as we strive to achieve our goal of \$30,000. We will kick off the Saint Mary's University drive on September 26. Join us for a free BBQ and tug-of-war, 12:00pm at the Tower Courtside Lounge, to celebrate how the United Way makes our city a better place to live, work and play. (Donations will be accepted.)

The Metro United Way has provided funding to over 130 programs and services aimed at improving the quality of life in Halifax in the past number of years. The United Way is always quick to act whenever any community faces hardship. In recent large scale national disasters such as the Tsunami of Southeast Asia and Hurricane Katrina, the United Way has been among the first on the scene to provide support to those communities in need. In the aftermath of Hurricane Juan, The United Way created a fund -- the Neighbourhood Rebuilding Fund -- to help you

and I assist those who were hit hardest by the harsh winds and rain. By donating to The United Way you can decide where your money will be distributed and you will help to ensure that The United Way is always there to lend a helping hand in times of need.

This year the Saint Mary's Business Development Centre is heading up the campaign. With your generosity and support we hope to surpass the great success achieved in last year's campaign. Watch for events throughout the following weeks for you to participate in this worthy cause. Most of all, donate any amount you can and ensure that your hands are indeed making a difference.

The United Way has been contributing to a successful future for Halifax for over 75 years, and needs your help to continue. Please give generously.

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SIMON SAYS

Things I've learned this week: while Axe does not make you smell good at all, listening to Opeth somehow makes girls irresistibly attracted to you (except for me); if something is in orbit about a galaxy, when it is at its farthest point, that is called appogalacticon; I've always thought of basements as being a retreat from the heat, but The Burrow (my apartment) is inexplicably boiling hot all the time; apparently I'm not as memorable as I thought, unless you recognise me by my plethora of bracelets (maybe if I stop wearing them, I'll be able to blend into the crowd); Gold Team rules.

SHARE A DRIVE

BY SIMON MACKIE

With the price of gas nowadays, any kind of travelling is pretty expensive, especially if you're planning to head anywhere outside the city. Thankfully, there is a way to help alleviate the hefty costs of travelling. Share-a-Drive is a site that brings people together who are travelling to or from the same area. Navigating the site is very easy. Just head to shareadrive.ca and check out the listings. You can check to see who is leaving from your area and on what date if you're thinking of taking a trip. If you're the one doing the driving and you're looking to see if others will join you, you can post in the "Offer a Ride" section; or, if you're the one who needs to be transported, just make a post in the "Need a Ride" section of the site. You can post in either section up to three months in advance of your travel date, and your post will be automatically deleted after you've taken your trip. Best of all, the service is free!

IT'S VOTING TIME!

It's that time of year again, when the campus is alight with excitement, fervor, and open anticipation. Each and every student can feel it: an overwhelming buzz, a bizarre mix of delight and distress, and a sense of transcendence that exceeds the heights of Mount Olympus and even the omnipotent powers of Zeus himself. That's right folks, it's SRC ELECTIONS '05! It's time for you to get out and exercise your right to choose. There are 11 great candidates vying for 5 positions on the Students' Representative Council (First Year Rep, Residence Rep, Senior Undergraduate Rep, Mature Rep, and Engineering Rep), the official governing body of your Students' Association. These individuals, along with the rest of the SRC, are charged with representing you on council and on the varying decision making bodies of the university. So, pay attention to their platforms, get to know them, and for Zeus' sake get out and vote!

Voting days are Monday, September 26 and Tuesday, September 27 until 5:00pm. Poll stations will be set up and visible around campus.

A message from your President,
Zach Churchill

1ST YEAR REP

GINABETH ROBERTS

SMUSA executive and staff, fellow candidates and students. My name is GinaBeth Roberts and I am a 1st year Arts student from Newtown P.E.I. I come from an extremely small town, as well as a very small high school. With only 180 students it was very easy to get to know everyone and have strong relationships through clubs, teams, and groups. I believe SMU, although on a considerably larger scale, gives all students the chance to get to know each other through societies, classes, and most prominently SMUSA. It is my belief, that, as your first your representative, I will have the ability to make decisions on behalf of my peers. I am an extremely hard worker, a team player and committed to working for all SMU students. Help me to help you throughout the year. Thank you for your time and best of luck to all nominees.

SHANE CUNNINGHAME

Involvement is what makes me love my school. I thrive in a role that allows me to speak up for others and truly get things done. I couldn't even imagine a school year going by without me being a part of decisions and events to ultimately benefit you! I am extremely open minded and have a lot of experience when it comes to getting my point across, event planning and listening to what others have to say. Being part of SMU's Student Representative Council will allow me to not only express my school spirit and appreciation, but will also give you all an outlet to communicate your ideas and suggestions!! For someone who is dedicated, diligent and basically just in love with the idea of being a student representative, Vote for SHANE CUNNINGHAME!

M. MWANZIA

As SRC Rep I intend to improve communication by effectively voicing the needs of the constituents as well as keeping them aware of the issues that affect them the most. I will aid SMUSA to reach out to students in an effort to make them feel welcome at SMU by organizing and creating opportunities for social reaction and general recreation.

RESIDENCE REP

JOSETTE TWOHEY

I am a 2nd year BA student. I'm originally from Toronto and my family moved to Nova Scotia 2 summers ago. Why do I think I'm a good candidate for Residence Rep? I think it all comes down to the fact that I'm here to represent the student voice - their ideas, their concerns, their opinions - in the hope that it will help maximize a positive experience at st. mary's. I am a dedicated and responsible person, but at the same time, I'm still realistic and just another SMU student trying to get through her degree in one piece.

I won't make you strain your eyes anymore, trying to read a really long speech when I can just get to the point...vote for JOJO.

SHANNON BLAIKIE

My name is Shannon Blaikie, I am running for Residence Students' Representative for the upcoming academic year. This is my third year in residence at Saint Mary's. Over the past two years I have been an active SMUSA volunteer including orientation week. I am motivated, hard working and

MATT RISSER

I am running for Residence Representative. I'm running because I believe I can advocate the concerns and problems of Residence Students to the SRC and university. This is my second year in residence so I know its advantages and shortcomings. I promise to lobby for changes that Residence Students would like to see implemented and I believe my experiences in student government and volunteer organizations will aid me if elected. I have served in a number of positions including Co-President of Lunenburg High School, Chairman of the Lunenburg Youth Advisory Council and on the Board of Directors of the Lunenburg Fisherman's Picnic. I also believe that my experience as a Rotary Exchange Student gives me a special understanding of the concerns of International Students in Residence. I would be honoured to serve the student body and look forward to doing so if elected.

determined to do everything I can to make life in residence awesome this year. The main thing I want to accomplish is to give the residence students a voice. I want you to feel comfortable sharing your concerns with me so that I can address them with SMUSA. The things that I want

ENGINEERING REP

COLIN TANCO

No write up provided to the Journal

MATURE STUDENT REP

JOEANNA RITCHIE

My name is Joanna Ritchie and I come to Saint Mary's University for my first year (of many) to achieve what I thought to be impossible- a degree in Arts, followed with a degree in Law.

I love being a student and the entire concept of "Students working for students" is a wonderful motto, so it seemed only natural to run for student council as your Mature Student Representative. What do I have to offer? Well... I bring to the table years of experience, knowledge, and determination. I also hope to offer assistance to other students.

I have felt very comfortable with SMU and love our university. If I can help with anything, I will be there for my peers and any one else!

VOTING DAYS ARE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 UNTIL 5:00PM.

SENIOR UNDERGRAD REP

JEFF HOOVER

My name is Jeff Hoover and I am running for the position of Senior Undergraduate Students Representative. I am currently in my final year of an Arts Degree with concentrations on Criminology and History. I also have a strong history of involvement in the Saint Mary's University community through the Residence Department and Intramural Sports. I am looking forward to continuing my work at Saint Mary's as a member of the Students Representative Council. I am a student who will work with and for all students I represent by advocating the best quality of education one can receive at Saint Mary's University. I am eager to attend SRC meetings, sit on various student committees, and hold regular office hours throughout the week so I can be a strong link between you the students and the SRC. Please vote for me, Jeff Hoover, so I can work for you.

LYNDSAY BELAIR

Throughout my three years at SMU, I have had the chance to participate in many things. Things I've done you ask? Well, you may remember me as a Frosh Leader or Facilitator, Yearbook Photographer, Intramural Athlete, Elections Officer or Poll Worker, Residence Student, or maybe as a general volunteer around the school. With all these different activities I have a good idea what's going on around campus.

I feel that, combined with my experience, I would be a great student representative. I can competently express my opinion and know exactly what it's like being a student. I want to provide the best services for fellow Undergrads and meet as many needs as possible for the student body. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask, I'd love to answer them!

JOANNE HAMES

I am in my final year at SMU, finishing my Bachelor of Arts and Commerce degrees with majors in Psychology and Management. I am running for Senior Undergraduate Student Representative to help keep the graduating Class of 2006 aware of all of the opportunities and activities available to them. I would like to be a voice for graduating students at SMU and make sure that their needs are being met by SMUSA and the Saint Mary's Community as a whole. Graduation marks the end of one road and the start of a new one, so I would like to help make this year as fun, exciting, and memorable as possible!

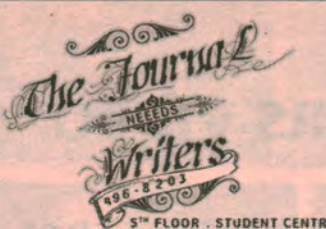



to focus on include installing coin machines in the laundry rooms and working to improve residence internet service. I want SMUSA to hold more all age events as well as to have meal cards usable at Sobeys and vending machines around campus. Shannon for 05-06 Res Rep!

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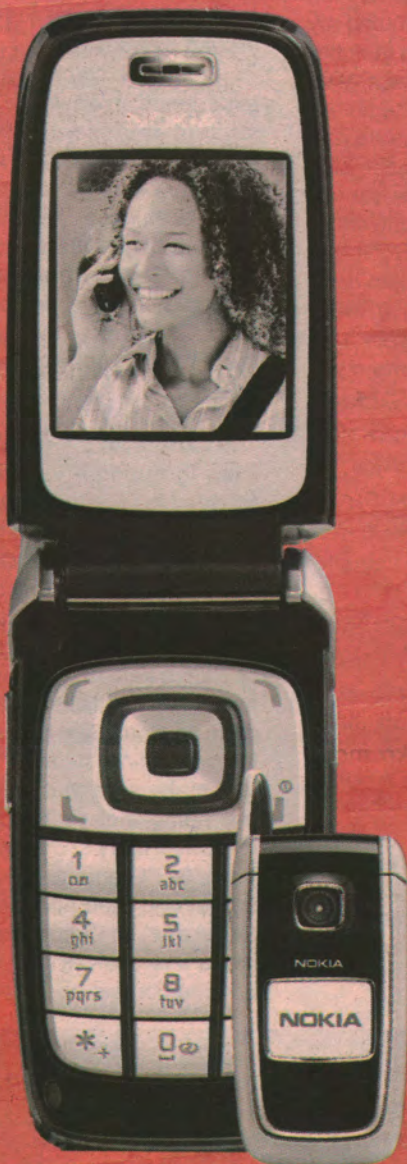
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Dying to see Corpse Bride?



BY NELSON MACDONALD

This past Friday night the Atlantic Film Festival presented a special midnight showing of Tim Burton's newest film Corpse Bride, which is due to hit screens across North America this Friday September 23rd. Surprise, surprise, it stars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter. The film tells the story of two young lovers, Victor (Depp) and Victoria (Emily Watson), who are separated after Victor, while practicing his wedding vows, puts a ring on what he thinks is a tree branch but turns out to be a Corpse Bride (Carter). She accepts his proposal and takes him unwillingly to the underground world of the land

of the dead. Victor spends the rest of the movie trying to get back to Victoria.

Corpse Bride is a love story filled with catchy musical numbers and nearly every pun imaginable. The stop-motion animation is amazing but the story itself is nothing new and quite predictable. If Corpse Bride wasn't an animated film, I'm almost positive it would never have been made. While I am sure that fans of Burton's work will want to see this one on the big screen, I have a feeling many filmgoers will walk away feeling like maybe they should have just waited for it to come out on DVD.

MATT MAYS and EL TORPEDO

BY HURST "TOO MUCH ROCK FOR ONE HAND" GANNON

So, it's that time of year again: when everyone wants everything now. And if they don't want it now, it was due yesterday. I don't know how many of you are familiar with Matt Mays + El Torpedo, but those of you who are - awesome, and those of you who aren't should probably pick up a copy of their latest CD, which is self-titled. It's on sale at HMV as part of a 2/\$25 deal and well worth every penny of the \$12.50.

Matt Mays' most recent hit, "On The Hood" is all about good times. He doesn't really care about being rich and famous because that scene doesn't do anything for him, it doesn't do anything at all. Everyone's looking for hits and he'd rather lay on the hood of an old car with his girlfriend and his real friends, playing good music and taking it easy. All these things that are going on in his head are making it hard to deal and for

him, it's just gotta be real... don't think too hard, just play good music and have "the time of your life 'till you're dead" (Track 13 on the new album). Ya know, overall it's not a bad message.

The music is written by Matt Mays himself and is arranged by the band as a whole. Their albums were both recorded as a band, not as individual tracks layered together and that gives them a sound that's more cohesive than most. With those two things in mind, you have to give these guys credit for being true musicians. They also have a unique ability to write relaxing lyrics, all about good times and taking it easy, while putting it to a good tune and making just plain old good music. They don't curse, talk about hoes, they don't even talk about drugs (with the exception of a few lines where Matt sings about watching smoke move in and out of your lungs while

relaxing...).

For a couple of guys from Dartmouth, the band seems to be doing pretty well. They recently went on a tour of Canada with Blue Rodeo (some of you might even have seen them play at the Metro Centre earlier this summer). Since then, they've been on a tour of the U.K., one of the Maritimes, and now, Ontario - doing everything they can to gain exposure and build the band name.

For those of you out there who have only heard Cocaine Cowgirl on the radio and who complain it's overplayed, I'd ask that you sit down some time and have a good listen to what Matt Mays + El Torpedo have to say. Chances are, you'll be able to relate to it. If you can't, it's still good clean music and worth taking a second look at.

AXE U

BY STYLE & SEDUCTION EXPERT MARK LAYMAN

Attention: party people everywhere. If you think you've seen it all, done it all, or taken it all in, you could not be farther from the truth. Our friends behind the AXE line of body sprays and anti-perspirants are encouraging you and your entire social network to be a part of what they are calling 'the seductive student body of AXE University'.

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attendance to provide a special demonstration in music appreciation.

The new scent, AXE Unlimited, is flying off the shelves in stores all over Canada, and to celebrate the new scent, AXE wants you there for the party. If you have yet to be blessed by the AXE Angels at a nightclub or department store, the sexy and sultry Angels at the AXE U orientation will have you propping your eyes open quicker than when Paris Hilton first arrived in your downloads folder.

If you have any questions, check out the website and fill yourself up. This party is a chance to do something crazier than you've ever done before, and you'll be wildly surprised at what your AXE U frosh class can actually do for you. AXEU.ca will get you all the info you need, so bump on over. If you're lucky, I'll see you at the party. Bring your school colors so I recognize you!!

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KATE : Hmm ... WHAT'S THAT STENCH??
SIMON UGH, MARK JUST SPRAYED AXE ON ME.
KATE : YOU STINK. SIMON : I KNOW.

THE PEELED EYE

On the menu this week we have a few tasty nuggets that should appeal to the tastes of most, if not all.

Tonight (Wed): **Buck 65** will be doing his thing at The Marquee around 9pm. The downside to this show (besides how early it is) is that it'll put you back \$17.50 in advance or \$22.50 at the door. The upside is that he always puts on a great show.

Tomorrow: If you don't have tickets to Pearl Jam, chances are you won't be seeing them. As with all great shows though, there will be an after-party. The Attic is claiming to host this one, starting at 11pm and costing \$3.

Friday: As with every Friday, something is happening at most if not all venues in the city, so head where you please. My money is on The Attic having the most bang for your buck, with Unsane, Mi Amore, and Buried Inside all tearing up the stage for only \$5 a head. For a far more mellow evening, you could opt to check out The Stills and Sloan in the McInnes Room, but it will cost you \$20. Both are great bands though, so



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consider carefully.

Saturday: Brace yourself. The Halifax Pop Explosion will get underway at the official launch party, happening at Stage Nine and costing \$8. This should be a great show, with the Burdocks and The Inflation Kills opening for The Most Serene Republic. This show definitely takes the cake as Most Likely to Kick Ass this week.

Sunday: An all-ages show at the Pavilion looks like the best bet for this lazy day, featuring a barrage of killer rock bands. The line-up is The Inflation Kills, The Establishment, For Your Ears Only, Sulphur Skies, and the Jon Epworth Band. It will all get under way at 7pm for \$7.

These are the shows that I think look most promising this coming week. This is all one silly little man's opinion though, so make sure you take all suggestions with a pound of salt. Also, if you have any interest in film, the Atlantic Film Festival is still going on until Saturday and is always a great showcase of both sung and unsung talent. Get out and enjoy a little art once in a while, culture's good for you (like calcium).

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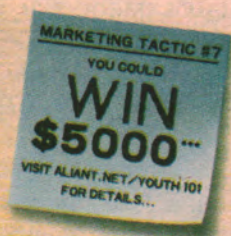
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OPEN MIC

BY BRYAN WINTERS

Open Mic nights are nothing new on the bar scene but can often be a pretty good laugh. The only thing holding back these showcases of unknown talent seems to be the trend for audiences to get thoroughly liquored up and only respond to fan-favourite covers that have been done to death. We've all heard the same twenty or so songs played by a guy on a stool with an acoustic guitar. Whether it's "Brown-Eyed Girl," "You've Got To Hide Your Love Away," or "Sweet Caroline," we may have a different performer and a slightly different voice but the show is generally the same. It seems as though Open Mic nights had been reduced to live renditions of any classic rock radio station's daily track listing. Honestly though, why would any bar owner want to reverse this trend? Ultra-popular former hits and time-tested drinking songs not only pack the house, but they empty the fridges and kegs as well. Besides, it's not like they're paying the entertainment.

Despite this downward spiral in the solo-singer-with-guitar scene, a new trend has been emerging. Back when Hell's Kitchen was still bringing us great live entertainment, they began an Open Mic styled show where they would let a local talent perform and host to an audience enjoying a great drink special. What ensued was a Tuesday night every week that guaranteed at least two great sets of music (by the host) and the random chance that some band without a name, using borrowed gear, would genuinely surprise you with a great performance. Since then, aspiring bands have been taking the stage for drink tickets and a shot at a cash prize at the end of the night at a number of different venues. The two that immediately come to mind are Black Wednesday at Stage Nine and Rockin' 4 Dollars every Monday at Reflections, hosted by members of the Dean Malenkos.

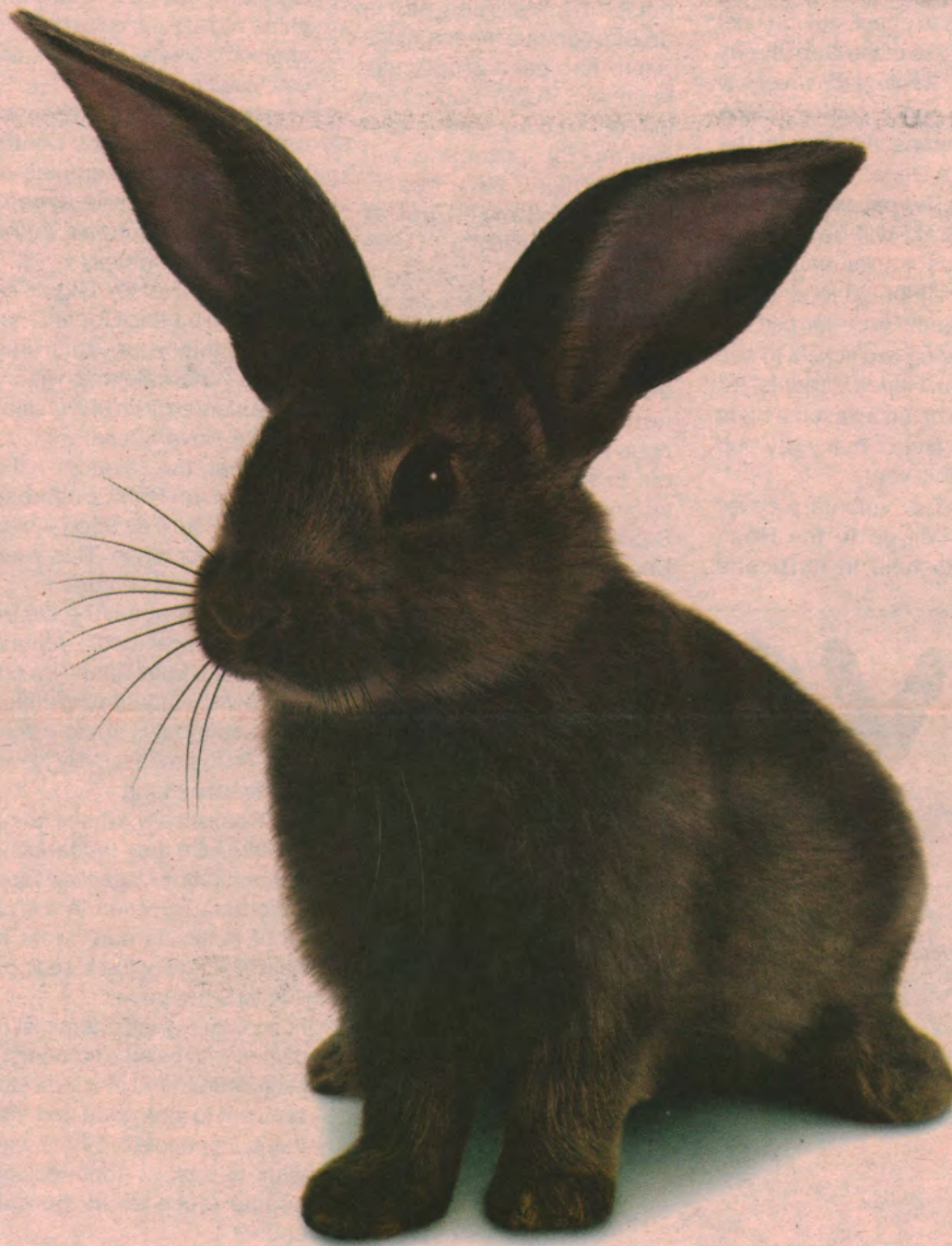
There are still plenty of places in the city (including our own Gorsebrook on Wednesday nights) that host the more traditional style of Open Mic, but if you're looking for something a little louder and/or less crowded, check out

Stage Nine or Reflections. You may be surprised, you may be disappointed, or you may have a blast. That's the best part about

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THE SOCIETY PAGE

"SMU Orleans" Dry Pub set Saturday

BY ADAM LORDON

This Saturday the Gorsebrook will be rockin like "The Big Easy" as SMU Orleans hits the pub. This awesome event will take place from 10-1, and is a Dry Pub Night meaning all ages can attend!! This will be the first chance for underage students to check out the cool atmosphere of the Gorsebrook at night. A voluntary cover will be charged to help victims of Hurricane Katrina in the Southern United States.

The pub will be in full décor, a DJ will be spinning the hottest tracks, and beads will be distributed to all those who attend. There will be prizes including two tickets to see comedian Harlen Williams. It's going to be an awesome night and the first of many dry pub events this year.

The voluntary cover charge will go to the Read Cross to help in hurricane

relief efforts. Voluntary cover will also be charged at Open Mic Night on Sept 21st and 28th. At last weeks Open Mic Night over \$400 dollars was raised.

In addition to these cover charges, tables and donation buckets have been set up around campus for donations. There has been a dedicated team of SMUSA student volunteers working hard to raise money. By partnering with the RADICAL RAs, headed by Kaitlyn Sawyer, our efforts have already seen great results.

We hope SMU Orleans will be a fun and exciting way to continue our campaign. It's all the action of Bourbon Street right here on campus and open to all ages. So come on out to support the hurricane victims and have fat time this Saturday from 10-1 in the pub. Bead there or bead square!!

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COMMERCE SOCIETY

The Commerce Society would like to announce the upcoming election for the position of Vice President External. The nominations for this position opened at 9:00 am on Monday, September 19th, 2005 and will close at 5:00 pm on Friday, September 23rd, 2005. The election will be held in the Commerce Society Office (L288, in the Loyola Student Lounge), from Monday, September 26th at 9:00 am until Wednesday, September 28th, at 5:00 pm.

The technical description of the Vice President External's position is as follows:

The Vice-President External shall deal with correspondence subject to the approval of the President, shall oversee all contact with parties outside of the university, and shall keep an updated record of society

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The position consists of maintaining relationships with other Commerce Societies across the country, and with the Canadian Business School Council. The Vice President External is also responsible for building and maintaining relationships with members of the local and national business communities. The position requires excellent written and verbal communication skills as well as an outgoing personality.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in running for this position, please drop by the office or contact the Commerce Society executive using any of the information below.

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Women, Write On!

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE WOMEN'S CENTRE

BY JENNIFER CRAWFORD

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On Fri., Sept 23, the Women's Centre will be hosting an Open House!

It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Women's Centre is on the fifth floor of the Student Centre, room 526. There are some snazzy prizes to be won and some treats -- and we just can't wait to meet you.

In other news, one of the mandates of the Women's Centre is to challenge examples of sexism and there is already a high-profile example in the university community.

The University Girls Calendar will be back for another edition this year. This time around, the calendar will include women from universities all over Nova Scotia.

Last year, the calendar -- the creation of SMU business student Paul Pedersen -- was a project for class. This year, it's a business venture.

Reading about the calendar in the local media, I found comments from Tiffany Walsh -- a SMU student who helps with and models in the calendar -- in the recent Daily News article interesting.

"Realistically, what's going to sell? Like they taught us in our marketing class, sex sells. Unfortunately, even though a lot of feminists don't want to hear it, that's what's selling," she tells the paper.

I consider myself a feminist (it comes with being a humanist). I still understand that individuals want to look good and that there are people out there who want to look at good-looking people (such as in the calendar).

The biggest problem I can see is the painfully narrow definition of beauty this calendar offers.



What is beauty? Is it solely very slim women in bathing suits and their underwear? That is what the calendar would have us believe. Walsh also says that it "won't have a wider scope of body types," because "that's not what we're going for." Following this with her statement of "sex sells," it is quite clear that the calendar has a very exclusive definition of 'sexy.'

Being attractive is about looking good on your own terms, treating yourself the way you'd like to be treated and dressing the way in which you feel most comfortable. It's not conforming. It's daring to be different from the norm.

The calendar is a lot of things, but it's not new, and it's not different.

The idea that "sex sells" has been around for decades -- centuries even -- and has already been exploited to the highest degree.

Paul Pedersen's idea, while I am certain he's worked very hard, lacks creativity or

originality. My understanding of the word "entrepreneur" is that it describes someone with an innovative and new idea. But simply recycling old givens ("sex sells") is hardly entrepreneurial.

Pedersen says "it's going to be mocked by some people" and that "some of the girls were second-guessed by some of the women's groups, and they received a little bit of bad publicity for doing it."

It isn't my agenda to give the girls who appear in the calendar bad publicity. I am, however, second-guessing Pedersen's practice of securing profit from girls who've volunteered their time, as well as the impossibly exclusive definition of "sexy" he has created in the calendar.

There are plenty of other things that are sexy: a fun laugh, good conversations and originality. You won't find these in the University Girls Calendar.

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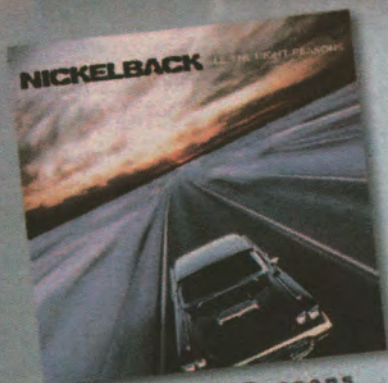
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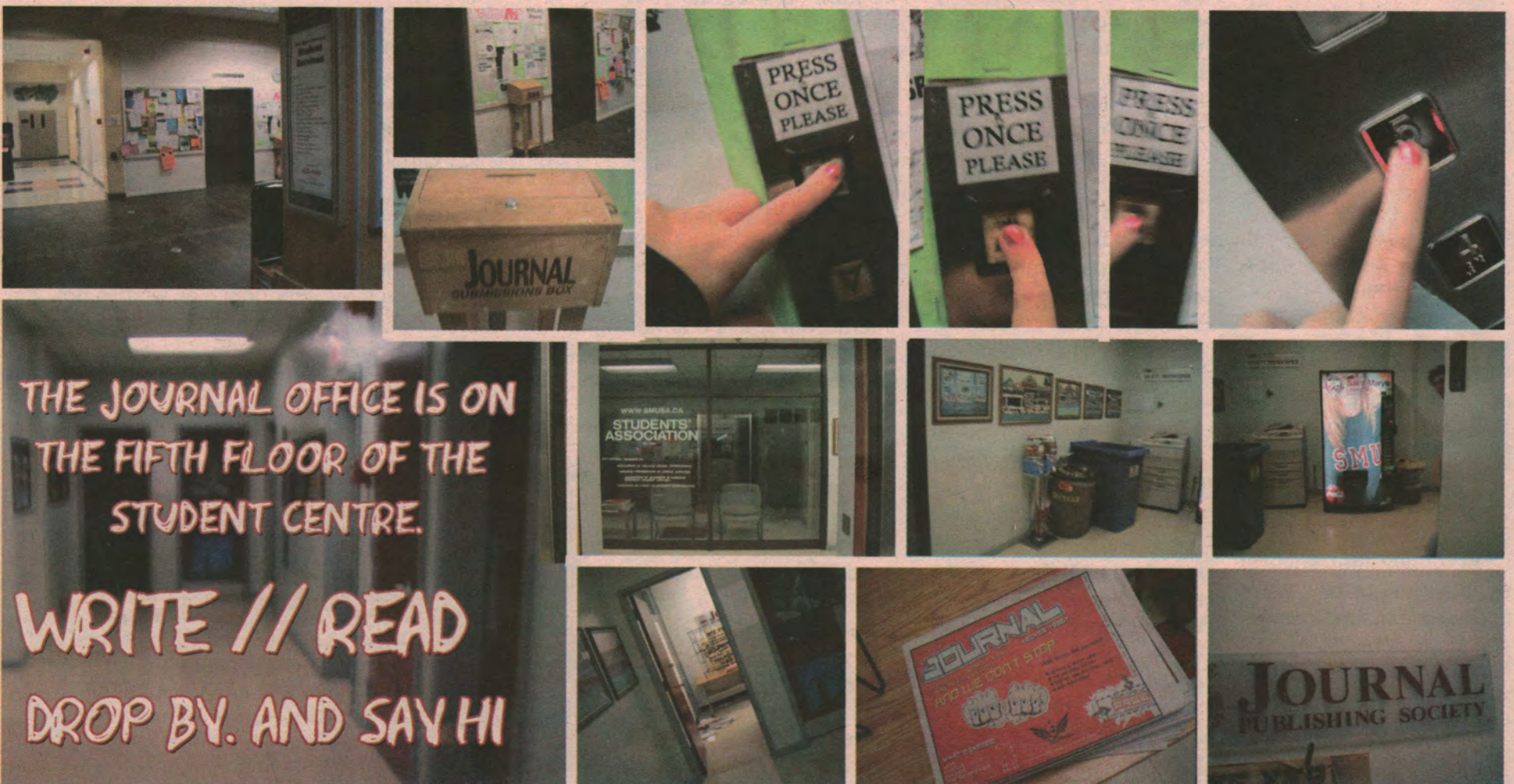
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BUSINESS

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Despite the downpour on Saturday night, the Commerce Society Meet & Greet turned out to be more interesting than expected. I love those moments when you suddenly feel like you're in the middle of a gathering in the Dead Poets Society. By the end of the night, several Society members still remained to discuss various issues, such as, taxes and government spending, educational systems and branding, and... well, due to an ongoing (3 hour) heated debate regarding compound interest with another member, I can only remember a few topics discussed as a group. Okay, I know what you're thinking: a heated debate about compound interest? All I have to say is: I am not as boring as it may seem, and...you should have been there!

If you feel left out because you weren't involved in these enlightening and amusing conversations of Saturday night, you should join the Commerce Society. The office is located on the second floor of Loyola in the Commerce Lounge. I personally met several people who actually prefer having intellectual conversation as opposed to getting drunk on a Saturday night, as I do. You get a free-t-shirt too... so if you're one for collecting t-shirts, then you obviously HAVE

to join...

In other news, a thought-provoking interview with Tom Peters (aka "The Father of The Post-Modern Corporation") was on the Business Week website in the past few days. He addressed an issue that actually fuels a lot of debate today: the lack of women Fortune 500 CEO's. There are currently eight women CEO's in this list. He concluded that he thinks it's "bizarre" that women aren't running these companies, since women "buy everything", make half of the purchasing decisions, and tend to have higher "relationship" skills as opposed to men who tend to delegate and control more so than share in the work. He favors the former skill set since it's this that facilitates more networking. He explains that when a middle manager (man or woman) is presented with a decision question, the man is more likely to dismiss it because he is not in a position to determine final decisions, when a woman would be more apt to refer the person to a network of people in order to get the decision made. Personally, I think that women in general (always in general) are more prone to nurturing relationships, and therefore, will look to offering help rather than closing the doors to

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a potential positive and mutual relationship. We could get into the whole discussion that women in power are perceived to be "bitchy" when a man in power is just doing his job, but I don't have that much time. I've always found these antagonistic view-points engaging. I'd like to hear your thoughts on this issue. To access this interview for yourself, go to <http://businessweek.feedroom.com/iframeset.jsp?ord=163895>.

All this talk has given me a great idea. I'm going to open up this business section to include your thoughts on anything, and I will start posting your opinions right here. You can comment on whatever you want, just as long as you are willing to back it up if someone confronts you. I guess what I am getting at is really just a "Letter to the Editor" section. I think it's a great way to see some interaction in this Journal. So start typing about that certain something that has been T-O'ing you off lately, or something that you just want to make a point about. This should be interesting. I didn't expect it to, but this has become one long-winded column about debate. Maybe it's just because of the many I've had lately, and I'm in that kind of mood? Anyway, it's fun and somewhat constructive, so no complaints.

THE ROCKEFELLER

1) With stories circulating that Microsoft is losing "key executives" to smaller tech companies, should we expect another "dot com"-like tech explosion? What types of companies are these executives leaving Microsoft for? Why?

- Jeff

Jeff, Are we up for another "dot com", that is for the history books and the stock market to decide - not me; but after Google's IPO in August 2004 there has been a spurning of high-tech investments, for example the recent purchase of Skype, a Voice over IP firm (who has a former Microsoft "Key Executive" working for them) by Ebay. Realistically I would doubt a bubble will occur as the industry is in a consolidation stage with Google, Yahoo, Microsoft, Sun, Novell and IBM all making key purchases on a regular basis for the foreseeable future. In regards to your 2nd question, these executives are often heading to two or three places: the 1st being Google which recently opened a new campus next door to Microsoft in Redmond, the 2nd most common would be small startups (such as Skype) who have a vibrant future but we are looking for a big name executive to run the joint; and finally, the other big name firms in Silicon Valley are looking for the chance to steal employees from Microsoft as Microsoft did in the mid 90's. The more important question though is "why" are these executive leaving? While not all employees fall into the same mold, those who have spoken up are saying Microsoft has become a bundle of red tape bureaucracy and is no longer leading but catching up in terms of technology (see Mozilla Firefox in regards to Internet Explorer; "googling" instead of "msn" searching; and the growth of Mac OS X and Linux while Windows Vista is having troubles taking off). Mind you this all has to be taken with a grain of salt. Microsoft does have many talented employees left and is still raking in the profits most can only dream of, and I will bet you Bill Gates is not willing to give up without a fight.

2) In your opinion, what are the next hottest commodities to invest in? Why?

- Amy

Amy, taking into consideration I am not a licensed professional and you should talk to a financial planner before you make any serious investments: I see natural resources doing well as oil prices will not go down for a while, thanks to Hurricane Katrina and a general lack of refining capabilities across the globe. Otherwise, I would also take a serious look at South America; the Chinese are starting to pump money into the continent at an increasing rate and their economies are due to bounce back from some of the hardships from five to ten years ago. Just as importantly as what is hot, you should take heed of what is not. Personally, I would recommend avoiding aviation (see the recent bankruptcies of almost every major airline in the US in the past 3 years) for the foreseeable future.

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SPORTS

The Return of a different Ice

BY ADAM COSTELLO

With the NHL pre-season underway, a meaningful puck will finally be dropped in an NHL arena for the first time in over 2 years. In just 2 weeks from the day this issue of the journal was released, Hockey will be back at full throttle...however it may be a little different than some of you remember...

As many of you know, On July 22, 2005, the NHL board of governors approved the most radical set of rule changes the sport of hockey has seen in decades. Most of the changes are designed to boost offensive chances and scoring, something the league has been lacking for quite awhile now.

Some of you may not be aware of the defensive absurdity that has managed to put a strangle hold on goal scoring quite steadily over the last decade or so. Some blame Goalie equipment being too big, some blame clutching and grabbing during game play, some even blame the amount of teams in the league, saying the talent on each team is just too watered down to allow for excessive scoring chances. Most people however are set on blaming the inclination of more and more coaches to playing a more defensive style of play, like "the neutral zone trap," made famous by the New Jersey Devil utilization of it that has helped them capture 3 Stanley cups in only 8 years.

What has really decreased scoring over the past decade is a combination of all these things. The game has just simply evolved, now we want it back the way it was. Will these new rule changes help increase scoring? The better question to ask is will it help discourage teams from specializing defensive strategies that allow them to slow the game down enough to dictate its pace around their particular strength? It might. Regardless of what reaction comes to light upon seasons commence, it will be interesting to say the least watching these 10 major rule changes get integrated into a game that we've seen as a constant for most of our lives.

Rule 1

-Tie games are decided by a shootout.

After the usual 60 minutes of regulation time and then the following five minutes of 4-on-4 overtime a shootout will determine the winner if the game remains tied, nullifying tie games all together. Three players from each team will take sequential penalty shots, and will continue to trade shots until there is a winner if still tied after the initial three.

Rule 2

-A two-line pass is legal.

The red line at center ice will be used for icing calls only. A pass from the defensive zone all the way to the opposing blue line will now be considered legal as it is in international hockey. With the possibility of long passes making it more dangerous to attempt clogging the neutral zone with too many players, more breakaways and more speed should become the desired effect, resulting in the creation of quicker attacks and a lot more end-to-end action in general.

Rule 3

- Goaltender leg pads, blockers, catching gloves and jerseys are all cut down in size.

This rule is pretty simple, Goal-tenders will just be smaller. Maximum pad size has been cut from 12 to 11 and a restriction has been placed on most other gear as well.

Rule 4

-Goalenders cannot handle the puck behind the goal line, except in a restricted area. Goalies of late have become so good at their position that they can play the puck like defensemen when it's dumped into their zone. With this ability restricted, it is hoped that attackers will have a better chance to retrieve the puck after a dump and chase. Goalies will still be able to handle the puck in a zone behind their net; in effect making this rule's impact on scoring probably quite negligible, considering that's their favorite place to grab it on the dump in.

Rule 5

-More room inside the blue lines.

The blue lines move closer together, reducing the size of the neutral zone from 54 to 50 feet. The goal line is moved two feet

closer to the end boards of the rink, helping offensive output most especially on power plays, giving it's players more ice to move the puck around in.

Rule 6

-Teams that ice the puck cannot change players before the next face off.

See Icing after Icing is sooo boring, we should never have started rewarding teams for doing it. This rule prevents teams from icing the puck when exhausted and under pressure, thwarting any point of doing it and in turn increasing the chances of the team being pressured allowing a goal.

Rule 7

-The "tag-up" offside rule is reinstated.

Why blow the whistle automatically, just because a player is offside in the opposing zone? This rule will prevent a lot of whistles, giving offside players a chance to get back to the blue line (where they "tag up"), at which point the offside is void and they can resume pressure in the opposition's zone.

Rule 8

-More fines and suspensions for fighters.

There are too many goons in the league right now whose sole purpose is to fight. Instilling this rule will cut down on the big fighters who barely have enough talent to skate and increase roster spots for actual talent. (Also will increase fights between actual perpetrators (Crosby VS Ovechkin anyone?))

Rule 9

- Zero tolerance on interference, hooking and holding/obstruction. It is believed my many that the hooking, holding and obstruction is the real reason goal scorers can't get that top corner shot off as often anymore. Call everything, and people will stop doing it.

Rule 10

-Officials are also encouraged to call other infractions causing tardiness to the game. Linesmen can wave off an icing call if they believe the icing to be the result of an errant pass. Goalenders will be penalized for delaying the game if they "freeze" the puck unnecessarily. Players penalized for diving are subject to fines and suspensions for repeat offenses. Any player who shoots the puck directly over the glass in his defending zone will be penalized for delay of game.

ONE MORE FOR THE MIDDLE

BY: ADAM COSTELLO

Those of you that know me, upon reading the above article, you probably thought I had some kind of revelation causing absolute brain trauma. Yes, I am an absolute adamant Patriot's fan and yes, I first cringed at the thought of letting somebody Pat bash right in the middle of my section. The fact of the matter is, as much as Chris is quite wrong about what went on in the past, he brings up a valid point near the end of his very well written article. I mean the rest is nothing I haven't heard before in the last 4 years, just another Pat basher set on making himself feel better. I mean if you had to watch your worst favorite team systematically pick off and destroy any other team attempting to thwart their championship efforts on three separate occasions, you'd bash the Pat's for no other reason but that as well. Now contrary to what my new esteemed colleague may believe about New England's 3 Super Bowl victories, I personally believe they have been the poster child of class throughout their championship runs. They never considered themselves under dogs or favorites, just the team that always **plays** as a team. A stone cold coach, work ethic, and clutch play is what made the Patriot's champions, nothing more, and nothing less. I would go on, but I've said so much during the last 4 years that I simply don't need to convince you people of the Patriot's greatness anymore...They did the convincing for me.

What I must solemnly agree with Chris on however, is his opinion regarding this year. To sum it up, I'd like to bring attention to an interview with coach Belichick regarding the Patriot's tough schedule this year. The look in his eyes contained the worried feeling of pressure that most coaches show on an almost daily basis, a look of subtle doubt, even fear. In past years that look would not have surfaced on Bill's face even for an instant. The question simply would have been replied to with a simple and solemn comment that would accurately convey to the viewers how they would



approach the tough schedule. He'd reply with a blank look in his eyes that they would approach the barrage of playoff contenders the same way they'd approach any other schedule, by practicing and playing together as a team as systematically efficient as possible. So why all of a sudden is the Patriot's team different than last year? It's not because of different players or losing their offensive and defensive coordinators (mind you that does have an impact on things). The real reason is the hype. The lack of expectation that drove them in previous years has waned into a marvelous marketing tool that everybody wants a piece of. Dozens of Commercials now air involving the Patriot's, one of which depicts Tom Brady endorsing credit card protection as he takes a woman to dinner accompanied by his O-line? In my eyes they are cheapened and to an extent Chris is right. The confidence that has propelled them to greatness in years past has been morphed by economic contingencies into a commercially contrived arrogance that is now spewed across televisions across the nation. If we are aware of it, the Patriot's must be too, prospectively altering a mindset that has been critical in the domination of opposing football squads for years now. But hey, just because they went from being quiet, un-commercialized, hard working go-getters to this living breathing propaganda, doesn't mean they can't still win right? Haha I might be wrong but regardless, to stay true to the roots (I as well have been a PATS fan since the early 90's.....

One for the thumb

BY: CHRIS CLEMENTS

After watching the defending champion New England Patriots get embarrassed by the Carolina Panthers on Sunday, I'm filled with a new hope that this year will not be another repeat by the "New City of Champions."

Now I used to like this team. Growing up in Halifax, the Patriots were (and are) the closest geographical NFL team to home. That for me made them the natural team to root for. But that all changed in 2001, the year they won their first Super Bowl. Two things stand out as the reason I

could no longer root for them. First of all, Drew Bledsoe, who had spent years helping to build this team as a great quarterback, lost his starting job because he got hurt. It's an unwritten rule in the NFL that you don't lose your starting job if you get hurt, and the Patriots violated that rule. Secondly, in the AFC Divisional game against the Oakland Raiders, they won the game on a rule which the officials made up as the game was going on! I'll spare you the details of that event for now, but know this: the Patriots shouldn't have

won that game which got them into Pittsburgh for the AFC Championship (which Bledsoe ended up winning for them.)

Since the 2001 season, the situation has gotten worse. The Patriots have gone, in four years, from lovable losers to arrogant winners. This, I believe, will be their downfall. The Patriots have done a marvelous job of convincing themselves that they're the underdogs in almost every game they've played and the players really prepare and because of that, they keep winning. I think this year they'll finally become complacent enough to slip during there preparation efforts, just enough to let one of the other great AFC teams pass them by.

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Costello vs. Shultz vs. Gunner

BY ADAM COSTELLO

week 3

Atlanta vs. Buffalo

Magahee and the Bills got embarrassed by Tampa's defense last week. With Atlanta visiting Buffalo, we may see the same lack of effort we saw in Seattle last week, but look for Vick to bounce back hard. - Falcons by 3

Cincinnati vs. Chicago

Although the Bears came up huge against Detroit last week, Detroit played absolutely rancid. Playing in Chicago will be no different than hosting the Vikings last week, and whopping their ass. Palmer will have another huge outing. - Bengals by 13

Oakland vs. Philadelphia

Classic Moss vs. Owens match-up: Arrogant loudmouth vs. Even more arrogant loudmouth. Unlike Mr. Gunner, I think Owens' mouth is just too loud for Moss to contend with, creating distraction and jealousy, amongst the showboaters. - Eagles by 17

Tennessee vs. St. Louis

Although the Titans shocked a highly coveted Ravens defense last week, St. Louis at home sounds too good to risk it. The Rams always play well at home and although it should be close, the Rams remain the obvious choice - Rams by 7

Carolina vs. Miami

Any team (except Miami last year) that beats the Pats will have enough confidence to pull out their next game. - Panthers by 20

Cleveland vs. Indianapolis

I'm sticking by New Orleans on this one, the Ducece will be loose in Minnesota (who look hoooorible this year by the way) maybe not re-signing Moss wasn't that smart of a move after all? - Saints by 10

Tampa Bay vs. Green Bay

Wow. Green Bay actually lost to Cleveland....CLEVELAND!?!?! I can't wait to see the odds on GB for this game! 2.8? almost 3 maaaybe? Common Favre, you don't want to go out like this. -Bucs by 13

Jacksonville vs. New York Jets

Talk about interesting odds, this one is a complete toss up. After watching Leftwich throw for more yards than Peyton Manning in his own stadium while taking hit after hit and almost even tying it in the dying seconds...gotta go with the Jags. -Jaguars by 10

Arizona vs. Seattle

Who cares? Seattle does seem to play a little more consistent at home, they actually somewhat looked like a professional football team last week...Although the Falcons still almost came back on them. - Seahawks by 7

Dallas vs. San Francisco

The Cowboy bandwagon has been started moving once again! These guys are going to surprise solidly this year. Jones and Bledsoe will defiantly hand San Fran the loss on a plate with a fork and spoon. - Cowboys by 21

New England vs. Pittsburgh

In case you don't know already, I love the Pat's. Gunner hates them. And just so everyone knows, I will pick them to win no matter whom or where they are playing. Unfortunately the Steelers are going to put up an even more ferocious fight than the Panthers did, so Belichick better be in his basement studying right now or realistically they could be in trouble. - Patriots by 100

New York Giants vs. San Diego

After suffering two last minute losses I think the Chargers will finally bounce back. The Giants will keep it close but Tomlinson and Brees will end up hammering the ball into the end zone enough times to seal the victory. - Chargers by 7

Kansas City vs. Denver

KC may not be at home, but Denver is committing far too many infractions for the Chiefs to not capitalize big. Denver could very well pull it out as the Chargers are quite a similar team to the Chiefs, but KC has for leadership and simply won't be havin' it. - Chiefs by 10

Costello is currently sitting at 16-13-1 and Shultz, who rebounded quite well in week 2, is currently at 13-16-1...Chris Clements (Gunner) is going to make picks each week with each of us alternating on the blurbs. He automatically has to enter the competition at 10-19 though, as he was not present to make any picks during the first two weeks. These are his for week 3

- Buffalo over Atlanta
- Carolina over Miami
- Cincinnati over Chicago
- Indianapolis over Cleveland
- Jacksonville over New York Jets
- New Orleans over Minnesota
- Oakland over Philadelphia
- Tampa Bay over Green Bay
- Tennessee over St. Louis
- Arizona over Seattle
- Dallas over San Francisco
- Pittsburgh over New England
- San Diego over New York Giants
- Kansas City over Denver

Hurricane doesn't show, X-Men do

BY ADAM COSTELLO

It appears as though the St. Mary's Husky football team could really have their work cut out for them this year. After Saturday's game vs. X, seeing the Huskies sitting atop the Atlantic division for a seventh consecutive time at seasons end may finally be for blind. With both Acadia, and St. FX fielding teams that haven't looked this good in almost a decade, SMU will be hard pressed at best to bump their six season streak of division-dominance to seven.

After a come from behind victory last week against Acadia that was simply to close for comfort, an opposing X-Men team that hadn't placed a loss in a Husky column since October of 2002, showed Maritimers everywhere that they're coming to play this year.

Ever since that seemingly fluky 13-11 loss to the X-Men in '02', the Huskies have beaten the X-men in 6 strait games by an average victory margin hailing over 35 points a game! Saturday however turned aside a much different outcome in comparison, with the Huskies losing the contest 19-13.

With a steady rain gloomily showering upon everything

in sight and anticipation of a hurricane hovering in the dampening air, SMU's Eugene Walker returned a punt 95 yards for a touchdown just 14 seconds into the game. Good sign for the running game right? Wrong. Saint Mary's finished the game with only 118 yards on offense?, That's including 26 rushes for an exuberantly embarrassing total of just 40 yards.... That's an ooh so less than stellar 1.5 yards per carry! In fact Walker was sadly enough the team's best rusher, getting the ball 15 times for 67 total net yards. The rest of the Huskies.... weeeell, they combined for a total of minus 27 yards rushing. Ugh.

The X-men were even whistled for 239 yards in penalties! For the Huskies that's more positive yardage influencing the game by means of X penalties than their entire offence.

Now don't get me wrong, both teams were playing sloppy under the horrible conditions. The game really came down to the seemingly more efficient play of an X defense that solidly stopped the run. It also managed to pick off SMU

quarterback Billy Robinson (11-25, 128 yards) twice, one of which got returned for a touchdown that put the Huskies in quite a deepeningly wet hole. On the other side, SMU's defense looked decent at best, allowing St. FX Tailback Marvin McCooty to rush for 113 yards and establish a running game that ultimately won X the game. During one bright spot among very few, SMU receiver David Swasey caught a seven-yard touchdown pass with 42 seconds left for the Huskies only other tally of the game. Obviously it was too little too late for the dwindling SMU offence, allowing X to cement their position among the division contenders this year.

Don't look for the Huskies schedule to allow for any leisurely walks in the park any time soon, as they are set to take on the top-ranked and two-time defending national champion Laval Rouge et Or this Saturday at Husky Stadium for a 2 p.m. National battle, before traveling to Wolfville the following week for a rematch against the Acadia Axemen. Good luck fellas!

Back In Black

BY JACKIE BROWN

The Huskies varsity women's Rugby team is back and ready to take on the 2005 season. Sporting their new black jerseys and now lead by promising new head coach Glen Johnston, the Huskies future is beginning to look bright. After two years of rebuilding, the Huskies came out of the locker room with an intensity not seen last year, taking on the 7-time seasonal champions, St. FX. Although the Huskies came out and fell 39-0 to the dominating X-Women, compared to the 86-0 loss they suffered at the hands of the

same team last year, a feeling of promise is overlooking the 2005 campaign. Game two of the Rugby season brought even more hope to the Husky pack, as they lost a well fought battle to the strong UPEI Panthers by a mere score of 5-0. With more games quickly approaching, the Rugby team is looking to SMU campus for support. On Sunday September 25th, 2pm, the Huskies will be facing the Acadia Axe-women on their home field. A historic moment will be forever missed if your

not there to watch, as it is the first Rugby game to ever be played at Husky Stadium. So throw on your Maroon, throw on some white, and come watch the Husky women crush some bones.



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MacPherson decides not to ditch, will play ball



For a team that went 7-13 last year, a glimmer of optimism has managed to sparkle through for the second straight year. Six-foot all-star forward Laura MacPherson has decided to suit up for her fifth and final year in a Husky uniform. During the Women's disappointing season last year, she

managed to average 14.1 points and 8.8 rebounds, while shooting 54.4 per cent from the field. She will be instrumental in captaining a Husky turnaround that would have been hard at best, without the returning leadership and overall awareness Macpherson brings to the court.

SPORTS QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
That's almost a mullet right there, y'know, where it's business in front and parrty in the back ----football broadcaster

Arsehole of the week:

John Ferguson Jr.

This guy actually managed to make the Maple Leafs look even older and more crippled than last year (that's possible?) Way to go buddy *clap, clap, clap*

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

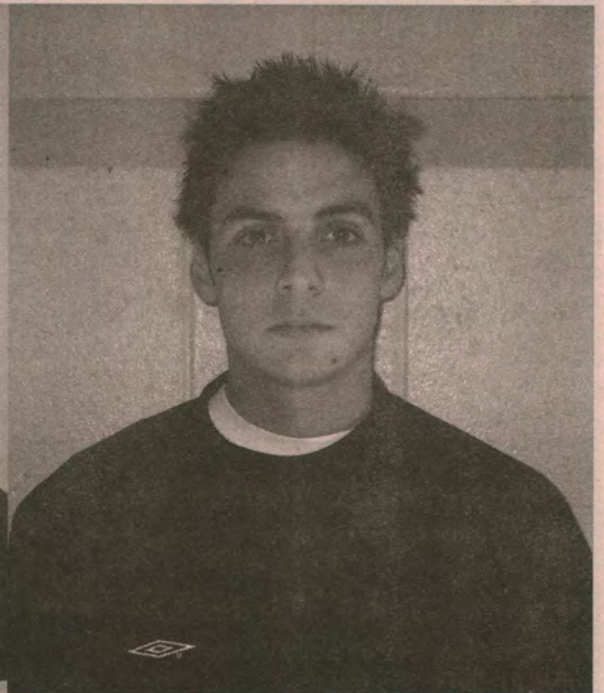


HUSKIES FOOTBALL

Matt Fox, #40 LB

5th Year - Vancouver, BC

Matt had 12 solo tackles against StFX.



MEN'S SOCCER

Matt D'Angelo - # 9

3rd year Striker from Ottawa, ON

Matt had two back to back goals for the Huskies in their 3 - 0 win over the Memorial Seahawks.



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