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## SMUmazing Race a Huge Success

**"TEAM SERIOUS" BEATS RAIN, WIND AND 24 OTHER TEAMS TO BECOME 1ST SMUMAZING RACE CHAMPIONS**

BY ADAM LORDON

They dominated from the sound of the bullhorn at Husky Stadium until the finish line inside the front steps of the McNally Building. Team Serious, made up of four girls from the SMU Field Hockey Team, finished first at all three Pit Stops along the way and lead almost the entire race. Sporting their matching Team Serious t-shirts, Sarah Cunnian, Colleen MacIntyre, Kelsey MacLeod, and Jill Mombourquette arrived at McNally to a warm reception. Soaking wet and exhausted, the girls jumped up and down with excitement as Jeff "Phil" Lohnes announced them the winners of the race and the \$1000 Travel Cuts voucher.

The race started at noon, with twenty-three teams ready to go. At the horn it was pandemonium as almost 100 people ran from the bleachers...some jumped the fence, others ran around. An intense excitement was in the air as teams completed their first task at Travel Cuts new 1st floor location. By 12:15 most teams were on the way to Point Pleasant Park and the rain had started.

Following stops at Point Pleasant, Victoria Park, and Spring Garden Road, the teams arrived at the first Pit Stop on the water front by the Wave, already dripping wet. Team Serious had a huge lead, followed by Team Germany, Sackville Grease, Team Mega Force and We're Better Than You to round out the top 5. Ten more teams arrived relatively closely and all enjoyed the 10 minute break and the Full Throttle Energy Drink provided by Coke. Sadly it was here that the race said good-bye to its first

teams.

To start the next leg of the race teams had to hop on a ferry to Dartmouth, and many were able to catch up with Team Serious at the terminal. It was a nervous ride over everyone wanted to be the first off the ferry. Once in Dartmouth, teams had to head to Leighton Dillman Park and then choose whether to come back to Halifax by bus or ferry. There were so many teams on one bus that when Team Ontario Minus 1 tried to get on, the driver said "No Dice" and drove away!

Once in Halifax the teams were to head to the Halifax Commons, where the final task would separate this dead lock before the next Pit Stop at the Museum of Natural History. Knowing they could outrun everyone, Team Serious decided to jump off the bus right after the bridge, although it would have taken them much closer. It worked and many followed them, quickly falling behind. They once again came to the Pit Stop in first, followed by We're Better Than You, Sackville Grease, and 3 Fast Guys and A Slow Guy as the top 4. Next there was a log jam as 7 teams all arrived within 30 seconds of each other.

The Snatch Beavers, Team MARS, Team Mega Force, Team Germany, Team What's Our Name, and The Husky Hotties all arrived just in time to be safe. The 7th, Team Ontario Minus 1, was eliminated, as was Incognito, Whales United, The Drunk Guys, and Carmen San Diego who got confused and went to the Discovery Center instead of the Museum.

As the third Leg started the



rain was getting worse than it had been all day, and the wind was picking up as well. The teams had to go to Citadel Hill, the Edward Cornwallis Statue, the Mountain Equipment Company, and Travel Cuts downtown location, before heading to the George's Island Monument as the third Pit Stop. Team Serious, We're Better Than You, Sackville Grease, 3 Fast Guys and a Slow Guy, and Team What's Our Name were the first five to arrive giving themselves a spot in the final leg and a chance at the Travel Cuts Certificate. At this Point it was like a Tropical Storm on the waterfront. Teams took shelter behind a large box truck for their 10 minute break.

The final leg saw the team head to Tim Horton's for a well needed hot beverage, Peir 21,

Sobeys Queen Street and the Public Gardens before arriving back on campus. The anticipation was growing as a crowd of around fifteen or twenty eagerly awaited the first team to round the corner of McNally. Teams Serious arrived around 4:15 to capture the SMUmazing Race Title and the Trip. Three Fast Guys and a Slow Guy finished 2nd receiving a Coke VIP prize Pack. Third went to Team We're Better Than You who won a \$50 gift certificate to the Gorsebrook. Sackville Grease and Team What's Our Name were the other teams to finish the race. All were exhausted and soaked, but said they had had a great time.

Later that evening at the SMUSA Homecoming Dance,

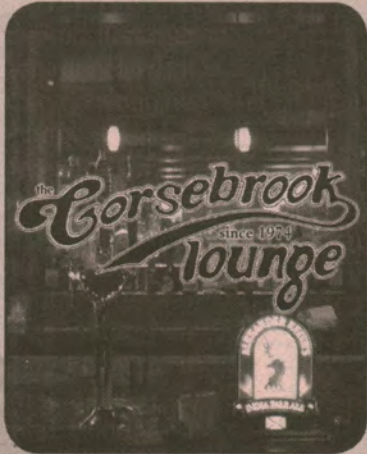
which was also a huge success, Team Serious was presented their prize by Robert Wooden from Travel Cuts. They said they will be using the money to head to Bermuda for winter break. When asked whether or not they would be back to defend their title the team was coy, saying that they'll have to think about that one. I'm sure there are more than a few teams out there who hope they decide on not.

In closing I would like to thank all volunteers who stood out in the pouring rain to hand out clues and ensure the race went smoothly, all teams who participated and made the race what it was, and all sponsors for their support. This event was a success because of everyone involved!!

# SMUSA Page

## Rock Band Never on Campus

Stressed over mid-terms? Come relax at the new Gorsebrook to the sounds of the amazing band Never. They'll be playing this Friday, from 10:00p.m.-1:00a.m. at the pub.



## Can't be with the team?

Watch the SMU Vs. Montréal football game live at the Gorsebrook Lounge this Saturday!

## Needs-based Bursuraries

The Financial Aid & Awards office will be accepting applications for the fall semester needs-based bursuraries until November 1st. Visit the 4th floor, Student Centre to pick up an application today.

## October 21<sup>st</sup>

- Campus Idol... Round One!  
**7:00p.m.**  
Burke Theatre B
- Never  
**10:00p.m.-1:00a.m.**  
The Gorsebrook Lounge

## October 22<sup>nd</sup>

- SMU Vs. Laval Football Game  
**7:00p.m.**  
The Gorsebrook Lounge

## October 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Varsity Night  
**7:00p.m. - 1:00a.m.**  
The Gorsebrook Lounge

## November 4<sup>th</sup>

- Campus Idol... Round Two!  
**7:00p.m.**  
Burke Theatre B

## Events Calendar



## HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?

## Campus Idol

Think you can sing? Love competition? Then register for Campus Idol! Contact Jeff Lohnes, [vpinternal@smusa.ca](mailto:vpinternal@smusa.ca), before October 20<sup>th</sup>. Campus Idol will be held in the Burke Theatre B, on October 21 at 7:00p.m. and the SMU Campus Idol Finals will be held on November 4, at 7:00p.m. Everyone is welcome to watch! Special celebrity judges will be present. The winner will advance to the Atlantic Canadian Finals!

## Would You Like to be a Tutor?

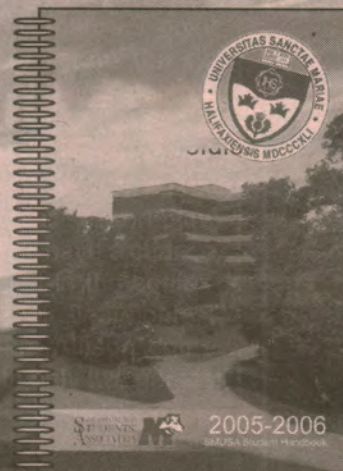
Did you ace MGSC1205? Is your mother tongue Spanish? Spread the knowledge! Contact Olivier Jarda at [vpacademic@smusa.ca](mailto:vpacademic@smusa.ca), or look for our recruitment tables on campus.

## Luv Da Thrift?

The online SMUSA Book Exchange now has over 1,200 books! 500 new books have been added since August 1st, so please visit [www.smusa.ca/bex](http://www.smusa.ca/bex) and save!

## Great News!

The Gorsebrook Lounge now has wireless Internet! Go to the ITSS help desk to register!



## Available for FREE!

The 2005-2006 SMUSA Student Handbook is now freely available at the Information Desk on the 1st floor of the Student Centre. Never again should you forget an assignment is due or the quiz next class. Pick up yours today!

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# OPINIONS

ARE LIKE ASSHOLES EVERYBODY HAS ONE - LET US KNOW YOURS: THEJOURNAL@GMAIL.COM

## A SIMPLY HUMBLE SOLUTION: FOR EDUCATIONAL AND NATIONAL ECONOMICS

BY: CHAD BENNETT

It is indeed painfully morose for myself and any true citizen of this majestic land to think of it in any way troubled. The haunting sight of a downtrodden workforce, its competitiveness curtailed by global pressures and insufficient education, is horribly difficult to stomach with homelessness and destitution an all too common reality. Our aging populace, whom need and deserve state funds, is another grave concern, especially so when there are not the moneys to be had, as evidenced by our crumbling health care system. A social welfare system that has not enough money or qualified personal, (i.e., doctors, nurses or techs) to meet the level of our countries needs, appals the most hardened, calloused individuals among us, and cries out for an answer.

A key to our educational and economic needs should not only be embraced but, celebrated and rejoiced in every possible manner. Its conceiver, raised to a hero, with a statue in every city central to the public eye, well, I suppose that last part isn't absolutely necessary, but I feel confident that the public and indeed the world would demand its fulfillment. To remedy these disturbing blights upon our great nation would not only serve ourselves but would glorify the world, setting a standard by which all nations could aspire and would hopefully one day reach.

The answer to these woes occurred to me, purely by chance I'm sure and I will now, ever so humbly, attempt to communicate them to you, my fellow citizens. The major issues of any society are always money and education. Once these have been repaired the other societal ills would follow, being interdependent. The opposition to tackling both, a nations finances and its education system, has stood at the fact that a tweaking of one at all times has repercussions for the other... but, and here's the 'rosetta-stone', not always to the detriment of one or the other. The solution is found in just such a tweaking. One that, as it so happens, falls directly unto the boundary of both economics and education, a tweaking of tuition costs.

Now I realize that some senior citizens whom have no intention of enrolling in a University will begin to grumble that a change in the tuition costs can't possibly affect them. In fact there will be a guffaw amongst every segment of the population; the rich, middle and poor classes,

which will see no possible benefit to them in the changing of higher learning tuition fees. They are all wrong. It will affect each and every member of society and here's how and here's why.

The tuitions of every institution across this great country of ours must be raised. They must be raised equally everywhere and to the same amount as well, so that we as a nation can take advantage of this windfall in its entirety. There have been grumbles about tuition in the past and as a result it has been increased small measly amounts, by persons whom, I truly believe, have glimpsed what needs to be done. But to solve the enormous problems we as a nation are facing we cannot hope to overcome them by introducing such paltry changes. No, we must act now and raise tuitions not by some trifle amounts, but face our collective problems head on and raise tuitions by at least 10,000 percent.

Every University course should cost at the bare minimum, 50 thousand dollars, 250 thousand per year in attendance, making one degree, typically four years, cost the round number of one million dollars. Now, there are those who will quip that only the very rich would be able to attend, creating an even greater life advantage gap in our population and further reduce an already insufficient, skilled workforce. But, those that cannot afford these necessary and sage measures will not be excluded, no, in fact, they are integral to the success of this action and of the country.

They will all be given loans so that everyone may attend. The Universities will therefore be buffered by all possible funding to create the worlds best education system and with it the worlds most advantaged workforce. You may now be asking, why would anyone take on such large debt loads as an individual? The answer is quite simple: the job market will shift towards it being a virtual requirement for all the citizenry to have at least one degree if not two or three. University will be phased in as a mandatory step in education much the same as high school was in generations passed.

The government would not be disadvantaged by these measures as it may at first seem, the capital distributed in the form of student loans would be recuperated by way of interest rates collected during the entirety of career life, becoming in essence a second income tax. The na-

tional coffers would overflow in a matter of one or two generations. For governmental assurance, of receiving this new found income tax, jobs will be found for those unable or unwilling to secure one for them self. For the sooner they work the sooner they will be able to make payments. Nor will they be permitted to leave the country without the repayment of debts in full, and establishing international regulations, much as Russia has with the NHL, stipulating that foreign countries will not be able to legally employ Canadians without paying reparations to our government, in essence to pay their debt, and with debts loads at a properly secure level, we as a nation will be able to retain 95 percent of our skilled people. A generous 5 percent is allotted for suicide, not everyone has the iron to endure poverty, but there again is another benefit to society, for we would be a stronger people better able to endure hardships.

To raise tuitions, might seem like a novelty and not what would constitute an actual idea. To be sure, I would certainly entertain another solution for our problems if they could so easily, quickly and innocently come to gripes with economic and social dilemmas. To be fair however, to the tuition suggestion, the nay-sayers should take in the full effects of this action. It would not only provide every possible advantage for education, it would not only create an economic surplus capable of supplying all our social infrastructures with plenty to spare. But, it would also shift national debt to personal debt, forcing the individual to remain in Canada by making them less attractive to foreign companies. It would also unify our Country by way of shared hardship and close greatly the wealth gap, put everyone on a level dirt playing field.

In sum Canada would have a highly skilled labour force able to compete wage wise with the sweat-shops of India and the East, this, at the same time as quelling every conceivable domestic issues. As an added bonus, the tuition hike plan could possibly be implemented at a lesser increase, say perhaps 400 to 500 hundred percent. Now, I ask you, can there possibly be a solution with as many societal perks as this one? Slavery has been done.

## University High School

BY: DEKKER FRASER

When I applied to St. Mary's, I expected something different from high school. What I am experiencing, however, is the same academic crap I had to tolerate in grade nine. The academic programme is based on a series of grading schemes that suck the life out of the pleasure of knowledge. Every subject is cut into neat little time packages and sold through robotic multiple-choice crap. I've played the game all through high school: I memorised the terms, regurgitated the info, and got the grades I wanted. But I'm sick of these grading systems, even when they are essay-based. Whenever I become interested in a book, the thought of an exam pops into my head, and I learn to despise what I'm reading. The content—the holistic meaning of these textbooks—becomes second priority when one can simply memorise the lists and terms that will appear on the exam. Straight-A students don't have to understand theories or methods; they simply have to apply them. It

bothers me when the kid who memorises a formula gets a higher grade than the kid who reads the negligible "crap" that explains where that formula came from. Why should I bother reading ahead if the test in a few days only deals with the first chapter? Why should I take computer science if political science gets me a better QPA? I guess I'm strange in that I feel an incentive to learn. But this lust is deterred whenever I hear a teacher lecturing about what's on the test instead of giving me some info on the meaning of the world. I feel as though I'd be better off just borrowing and reading other people's textbooks and saving the fifteen grand per year. I'm seriously contemplating this approach. It seems far more efficient and stress-free, but it only works if you're ambitious. It is naive to think people would be motivated without a grading system. But I'm frustrated, and I'm going to complain anyways.

## STUDENT LOAN SCANDAL

### Marg and Jennifer have supporters!

My name is Crista Stone-MacNeil, I just read your student loan story in Saint Mary's Journal. I could have easily been reading my own story! I completed my studies as a full time student in June 2001 and have been fighting with student loans ever since. I am in the same situation as you are Jennifer, I've lost all of my credit all because of an error on the CIBC's behalf (whereas they supposedly did not receive my confirmation of enrollment forms... it's a long story and if you're interested, I'd be more than happy to share). I have a few words of advice based on my experience:

1. The collection agency would not accept payments from me unless I was willing to make a settlement with them ie, pay the whole loan at once. I bypassed them and I go the CIBC every month and pay \$100 towards my loan (you just have to give the bank your loan number and they will take payment) if anything were ever to go to court, at least this shows that you are attempting to re-pay your loan.
2. Sometimes, I get so frustrated with this situation that even though I did nothing wrong regarding my loan, I start to give up... don't give up! Keep calling the bank, email, send letters. Write out your whole storey and send it to the Royal Bank's Ombudsman. Call and ask to speak to supervisors and if no luck there, speak to higher up supervisors (eventually someone will listen) I'm in the process of documenting my whole situation and then I will be sending the letter to the Ombudsman, as well as the NB department of Education (who gave me the loan) and the NB politicians.
3. There is a website out there.. it might be canadastudent-debt.ca (I'm not 100% sure of the site name but a google search will bring it up) there is lots of helpful information on that site.

Lastly, I wanted to wish you good luck and if I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cheers,  
Crista



I LIKE YOU.

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YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Dear Editor,

Please allow us a little space in your paper to express my admiration for two fine male specimens here at Saint Mary's University.

Now we know that you are asking who these guys are, and what the hell their names are. Well firstly they are footballers. (Yes we went there "footballers".) We know that right now the team sucks, but let us not look at that for right now. Their good looks are not to be blamed for their pathetic plays.

The first guys name is Christopher Anthony. He is the #14 QB on the team. Now I personally have been watching this guy for about 2 years, and though I do not know much about him, I will say he manages to fill out his tights pretty well.

The second fine specimen looks a lot better in person. (The pic in the little magazine does not do his justice at all.) His name is Ferass El Fateh #81 on the football team. He is most tempting especially when he is wearing that black muscle T with that silver chain and those cute studs to finish the look.

Now I know that here at SMU the pickings are slim. Yet there are some of us out here who see these two fineass gentlemen as ripe for the taking and we hope that

more in response to  
**"RING OF SCANDAL"**  
the Marg and Jennifer epic

When reading this story about Jennifer and her mom, it felt like I was reading a story about me and my own family. I always got the same response whenever I tried to contact someone about helping me with my student loans "I'm sorry, but there is nothing that I can do for you!!!"

I had to put myself into further depth because the job that I had as an Administrative Assistant did not provide enough income for me to pay my bills along with my student loan payments.

I am now working at my new job as Quality Assurance Manager in Nova Scotia. I had

if they are taken, that they are being treated as well as they deserve to be. If not.....just letting them know that they do have options.....if they care to look ;). We are looking forward to seeing them more often.

To the editor, thank you for your kind assistance.

★ A few secret Admirers!!!

editor's note:

who am I to stand in the way of potential love ... anything to help a secret crush turn public... moving on, to everyone who sent in "lettitors to the editors" this week, thank you. Sorry we couldn't fit them all in this week, but keep em comin' and we'll get in what we can.

★ KATE

to move from Newfoundland, my home, in order to obtain a job that allowed me to pay both my bills and my student loan payments.

I totally emphathize with Marg, Jennifer's mother, that her daughter is a prisoner. I was and still am a prisoner. I have been paying my student loans now consecutively for approximately seven years

and about three unconservative years prior to that. However, I am still harassed about payments even though the government detained my income tax.

I have gone 10 years without any type of governmental help and I am proud to say that I have received an excellent education and have decreased my student

loan depths to almost nil. I never thought that I would finally see an end to all of the tears, stress and grief that was caused by not being able to pay on student loans. Also, the feeling of disgust for the burden that both the federal and provincial governments placed on my shoulders when starting out into the working world.

★ Becky Cahill

## the JOURNAL ELECTIONS:

The Journal will be holding elections "soon" for editorial positions. By soon I mean in the next two weeks (should be between 6-7 issue, this issue 5), so if you are interested don't delay in letting me know.

if you have questions about available positions check the staff box, anything with "editor" in it is up for grabs!

Send all questions about this to Kate, thejournal@gmail.com, anything I can't answer I'll forward on to our board of directors, and get back to you as soon as possible.

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# NEWS

## Lost in Translation? Not Any More.

BY: ASHLEE STARRATT

Self-discovery. Experience. Wonder. Chaos. Tranquility. These are but a handful of reasons why both thrill seekers and those just craving a change of scenery may choose to travel abroad to study or teach. However, with so many options to choose from in terms of countries, organizations, programs of study, job opportunities, living accommodations and countless other factors, it is easy for a student to become overwhelmed when faced with such a daunting array of decisions. Yet this vast web of variables should by no means be rationale for limiting would-be adventurers from broadening their horizons.

In an effort to ease into the transition of becoming an exchange student, there are several key steps on which to focus one's concern when travelling abroad. Primarily, safety and reputation go hand in hand, so when choosing a post-secondary institution or job posting overseas, be sure to not only do a thorough background check on the calibre of the institution/employer, but also be aware of the geopolitical climate of the country and region in which you will be staying. This is particularly important, but not solely limited to, students travelling to certain nations in Africa and Asia where civil conflicts and government isolationism can lead to more restrictive immigration policies and access may prove difficult for foreigners. Students can refer to the Foreign Affairs Canada website and access its Country Travel Report at <http://www.voyage.gc.ca/dest/ctry/reportpage-en.asp> for further information.

The majority of overseas program participants tend to go through accredited federal or private organizations such

as Canada World Youth, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Gap Adventures or Oxford Seminars, which help coordinate travel programs and positions for students, as well as provide access to funding for accommodations, airfare and travel insurance. For a student going abroad for the first time, having such assistance can provide a great deal of relief, says SMU alumni Lynn Verheul who is currently teaching English in Pusan City, South Korea: "I know a lot of people come here [Korea], and it's really hard to know exactly what to look for [in an employer]. There are a lot of things that people never tell you about, such as the culture shock and just general Korean laws, and when you do get here you realize that [what you've heard] just isn't right." Verheul feels her experience would be going a little smoother had she had the aid of a reputable organization to help her in the adjustment process, rather than relying solely on her overseas employer: "It's hard to get good information sometimes, but it's just something one learns to deal with. It makes me a stronger person and I will learn from my mistakes".

Here at Saint Mary's students are fortunate to have access on campus to two renowned resources for overseas experiences: the Oaks International Activities Office, and the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Centre. The goal of both institutions is to provide students with the information, training and tools they will need to maximize their experiences abroad and to operate effectively in their field or program. The TESL Centre provides a keen learning environment

for both Saint Mary's students and immigrant members of the community to improve their grasp of the English language and helps prepare students heading off to teach English overseas what results to expect in the classroom by helping those at home. On the other hand, whether a student is interested in studying abroad within their discipline during their undergrad years or is looking to find an overseas work term placement upon graduation, the International Activities Office can guide them in the right direction. Working in conjunction with a vast network of national and international contacts, the International Activities receives funding for internship placements from organizations such as International Trade Canada, and CIDA, and is an ideal starting point for students in search of the knowledge they need to make informed choices about overseas study or work terms and ultimately find a placement program that is right for them.

Miyuki Arai is the coordinator for study abroad programs at the International Activities Office, and she highlights the focus given by the Centre towards preparing students for what they will experience before leaving: "...[O]ur office provides extensive pre-departure orientations to all students, staff, and faculty who travel overseas, and topics included are [...] health, safety, security, risk management etc". Ms. Arai also urges students to be sure to "book an orientation 3 to 6 months prior to departure", and can be reached by e-mail at [mobility.international@smu.ca](mailto:mobility.international@smu.ca).

In addition to these briefing sessions the International Activities Office also acknowledges the need for students to have a support system while away from home, and maintains their emergency contact information on file in the event of injury, illness or other crises. Arai states that International Activities also provides students with access to textual materials, namely The Big Guide to Living and Working Overseas by Jean-Marc Hachey which, "[...] we can share with anyone interested", along with various online resources such as Canadian Consular Affairs ([www.voyage.gc.ca](http://www.voyage.gc.ca)) and other government websites that provide travellers with crucial checklist information ranging from embassy locations and contact numbers, passport and visa requirements and currency conversions. Immunization concerns are referred "to the websites listed in the Health and Medical Preparation of our International Learning [homepage], at [http://saintmarys.ca/administration/international/international\\_learning/index.html](http://saintmarys.ca/administration/international/international_learning/index.html)." adds Arai.

This latter point is one that can literally mean life or death for the unaware traveller, and it is crucial that students do their research and receive the proper inoculations against communicable diseases they may be exposed to, whether airborne, ingested in food or drink, or transmitted through an insect bite or skin-to-skin contact. Probably the most commonly encountered disease outside of North America is traveller's diarrhea, although malaria is also a common ailment throughout the developing world and can be easily prevented by taking anti-malarial pills before departure and by regularly utilizing insect repellent. Other, more serious diseases such as Hepatitis A, typhoid fever, rabies, cholera, and yellow fever are prevalent throughout many regions in Africa, Asia, South America and Eastern Europe, and the risk of transmission should be assessed based upon one's location of work or study and preventative measures taken accordingly.

Secondly, one of the greatest contributing factors to a student's enjoyment of their time abroad is the comfort of their accommodations. Many students studying overseas generally have the option of living in residence or staying with a local family, and both have equal benefits and disadvantages. Some students or graduates feel more relaxed staying with a host family as it allows them to experience the ins and outs of a new culture to a more intimate extent, while others prefer the freedom to explore at their own leisure that apartment or dorm life allows. For students teaching overseas many agencies provide accommodations for their employees and more often than not bonds form as students meet fellow teachers in shared living situations.

Memorial University post-graduate student and SMU alumni Carolyn Park has spent the past two years teaching English in various countries across Southeast Asia and states that the company she went through was exceptional in helping her through the entire process of relocating: "I went through a recruiting agency called ATC which is based in Montreal, but I know there are many people who simply go online to Dave's ESL Café ([www.davescafe.com](http://www.davescafe.com)), and find a job through there because there are liter-

ally hundreds of postings and people get [overseas] jobs everyday. It's actually a great resource for both students and teachers alike, [...] they were very helpful and found me a great position and basically led me along the way [...] which was good because I had no idea what I was doing for most of it and I'm sure many people feel the same, but most companies will help you with the visa application process so it wasn't as big of an obstacle as I thought it would be".

Her employer also provided Park with accommodations where she was able to meet other young English teachers, many of whom she has remained in contact with. For students travelling to countries where the language barrier rules out the possibility of staying with a local family, a set-up such as this can prove ideal. Also, students must be aware of the local and national laws of the country in which they are residing, as different cultures also practice different legal customs. Whether it is stricter regulations on the purchase and consumption of alcohol or harsher penalties on controlled substances, to the prohibition of chewing gum in Singapore and the restriction of foreigners from owning residential property in Japan, it is in the best interest of students to take all laws into consideration and abide by them.

Despite the initial cultural adjustments she had to get used to, Park says she would not trade her experiences for the world: "I had an awesome time, and I would definitely do it again. I met a lot of really great people, learned some of the languages and culture and was greatly pleased with the whole experience. Because you're in a different country with the language barrier and so many different customs, you really learn a lot about yourself, and I am already planning to go back [after school]." For many students who have studied or worked abroad, Park's words are echoes of their own sentiments. Now more than ever the world has become, undeniably, a much more interconnected place with innumerable options and opportunities waiting at every turn. Spending time abroad is one of those opportunities everyone should take at some point in his or her life, because although the immediacy of the global community has now become a reality, along with that, so too has the tendency to take it for granted. By stepping outside of their comfort zone, students are able to challenge that inconsistency head-on, while at the same time expanding their connection with themselves, the world around them — and all that is in it.

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## THREE & THIRTY: SMUSA's Symposium

BY JAYMEE GOH

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, SMUSA held a symposium to discuss everyone's favourite issue: tuition fees. The three speakers were Leonard Preyra from the New Democratic Party, Bill Black from the Progressive Conservatives, and Devin Maxwell from the Liberal party.

SMUSA President Zach Churchill chaired the symposium, and Dr. Colin Dodds, president of St. Mary's University was in attendance to show his support. The turnout was, despite other events in town, admirable: 30 students were in attendance, a far better number than was feared, as Dr. Preyra quipped, "We thought we would be outnumbering the audience." It was clearly gratifying to have so many students in the audience.

The Symposium began with each speaker having five minutes to introduce themselves to the audience before allow-

ing a Question and Answer session. Devin Maxwell went first, quoting the mayor's statements on university education and university contributions to the local community. Bill Black spoke about why he is on the Dalhousie Board of Commerce. He touched on students being part of the city's community as well, contributing to the global economy where competition is high and skilled workers are needed. Leonard Preyra, a political scientist was very effective, congratulating the others on their candidacy and focusing on his broad principle of accepting education as a public good, not private profit.

Issues at hand were the accessibility of education to the public, public policy which led to funding to universities and individual students. Needs-based programs were heavily discussed, particularly the Millennium Scholarship Program which apparently no one in attendance, even the candidates themselves, actu-

ally understood as it was such a complex issue. Regarding Nova Scotia's loan programs, Bill Black said that he had spent an hour with provincial officers discussing loans, and that there will be more loan remissions. Maxwell raised more issues: whether the maximum amount of loans should be raised, and the elimination of parental contribution (as students cannot always look to their parents to constantly support them).

Tuition caps & freezes were also a matter of contention, with all three agreeing that tuition caps could pose a temporary solution, and that until money was more readily available and stable, these caps could last no more than two years as there were more costs to consider aside from tuition related to university administration and infrastructure. After some lengthy argument, Bill Black said, "I'm not proposing a solution. We just need to discuss it." All of them had varying levels of optimism on whether or not tuition caps were fiscally viable.

Other broad issues brought up were that of single parents having to go on welfare, of privatization of universities and of practitioners of business coming in to teach as opposed to full-time faculty. When asked what the biggest issue regarding post-secondary education is, Bill Black replied, "demography", Leonard Preyra said, "accessibility," and Devin Maxwell said, "high tuition fees."

## Entrepreneurship: GET IN THE GAME WITH ACE!!!

Are you tired of that exhaustive search to find a low paying, low reward summer job? Did you know that Bill Gates started his business while still in University? Maybe it is time that you looked at entrepreneurship as an alternative option. When most people are asked if they would like to start their own business, their initial reaction is "not me". This is often quickly followed up by an explanation of the invention they have created or the bar they would open if only they had the money.


Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE) a society of Saint Mary's University, is working to help students realize that it can be them that starts a business. On October 28, 2005, ACESMU will be hosting a half-day entrepreneurship conference "Entrepreneurship: Get in the Game". The conference will go from 9:00am until 2:00pm. The morning will consist of workshops designed to help students explore entrepreneurship while in school or for the summer.

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The workshops will be followed by a lunch where our Keynote Speaker will be a SMU Alumni, Will Njoku. Will played basketball for the Saint Mary's Huskies before being drafted to the Indiana Pacers in 1994 and he now uses his business Will2Win to communicate with kids through sports. Will2Win encourages kids to "Set Your Feet. Aim High. Follow Through."

Anyone students interested in taking part in this great experience please call Anna Rydberg, (902) 429-1799, at the Saint Mary's University Business Development Centre to register for the conference. The conference is free to attend for students of SMU, lunch will be provided. Come and join us and find out if you are the next Bill Gates.

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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## THE ALL NEW THE G\*SPOT SMUADVICE AT HOTMAIL.COM

BY GEMMA GALLIVAN

I hope everyone had a terrific Thanksgiving weekend, whether you were at home with your family or in the city with your friends. I know I definitely gained about 5 pounds; I had 2 turkey dinners in one day! Needless to say, I was hitting up the gym hardcore last week.

One of my friends is moving away in less than a week, so since we've been back at school we have been partying like crazy to help her have a great time before she leaves. This weekend was no exception. Three nights a weekend is a bit much I think. Thursday, Friday and Saturday! We met a bunch of Hottie Mc-Hottersons, which wasn't any different than normal.

What I did find different than normal was that we seemed to only meet guys from Newfoundland. I have to mention that previous to this weekend, I wasn't a huge fan of Newfie accents, but let me tell you, all of the guys we met had sexy accents. I have now been converted to a Newfie-lover!

So I was out Saturday night, and I'm not going to lie, the girls and I were definitely on the prowl. We ended up talking to a group of guys (from Newfoundland of course) and I was chatting it up with a hottie, but it wasn't just that he was good looking, he was nice and interesting, and a good conversationalist. So we were talking for about a good 20-30

minutes I think when my friend came over and told me that he had a girlfriend of six years. Okay, this isn't the first time this has happened. Guys, if you are at a bar, and have a girlfriend and have no intentions on cheating, and a girl comes up and is talking to you, just slip in the conversation somewhere that you have a girlfriend. Honestly, say something like, "I went to this concert with my girlfriend last summer, it was so much fun." I can't tell you how many times this has happened. I'm not saying that I go out to pick up all the time, but besides hanging out with my girls, I do go out to meet new people, and if I'm talking to a guy, it's just nice to know the status before you invest more time.

After I found this out, I continued to talk to him because he was fun to chat with, and me and my friends ended up going back to his friends place and having some drinks. No funny business at all. So all in all, they were a bunch of fun guys, and maybe some more party buddies. But I know that if I was in a relationship with a guy, I wouldn't want him talking to random girls at the bar and hanging out with them after. Which brings me to my question of the week.

**Q: When a guy is dating a girl, in a relationship with a girl, or straight out just sleeping with a girl, why do they always**

**have to cheat, or make out with another girl? I mean, they know that at the end of the day they will be getting some from their girl.**  
- Betrayed by Boyfriend

**A:** I have often wondered about this too. I decided to investigate and ask some of my friends. It can best be explained like this; when you go to a buffet, do you just eat salad? No, you want a little bit of everything. You want some potato salad, some shrimp, maybe some steak, and of course you end it with some dessert. What I'm trying to say, is guys do this for one reason: they can.

My opinion is that if you have a girlfriend and you cheat, then why are you in the relationship to begin with? Guys out there, if you want to be a player, be a player. Don't be a dog about it. A good friend of mine made out with a guy on 2 separate occasions, later to find out that he had a girlfriend. She even asked if he did. I'm beginning to not have much faith in guys anymore, but this weekend, I met 2 guys both in serious relationships who were decent guys, so maybe there is hope out there. The only advice I can give you Betrayed is that don't go too far with the guy too fast, because cheaters are just looking for some tail. If you don't give it to him, he'll probably give up pretty easily, have more respect for you, and you'll have more respect for yourself.

## SCORSESE + DYLAN = CAN'T GO WRONG

BY NELSON MACDONALD

Bob Dylan: No Direction Home is the latest in a long line of critically acclaimed music documentaries which includes Woodstock (1970), Gimme Shelter (1970), and I am Trying to Break Your Heart (2002). Dylan has already been a part of a couple of classics, appearing in The Last Waltz (1978) and starring in Don't Look Back (1967). Now he is the focus of a new documentary by superstar director Martin Scorsese (Taxi Driver, Raging Bull). No Direction Home covers the first part of Dylan's career from 1961 to 1966. A lot happened in those years, so much that Scorsese needed 210 minutes to tell the story.

It was in those early years that Dylan went to Greenwich Village, released some of his greatest albums, went electric at Newport, had a controversial documentary made about him, was involved in a motorcycle accident, and a whole lot more. Scorsese makes sure to touch on all of that in his film, which features never before seen concert footage and a rare interview with Dylan. In addition, there are interviews with sixties icons Allen Ginsberg, Joan Baez, and Pete Seeger. If you are a Dylan fan then you'll want to check this one out. It's available now on DVD at your local video store.



## CRONENBERG'S A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE

BY NELSON MACDONALD

David Cronenberg is the acclaimed director of such films as The Fly (1986) and Naked Lunch (1991). His latest offering, A History of Violence, stars Viggo Mortensen as Tom Stall, a father of two children and a husband to a beautiful wife, Edie (Maria Bello). The seemingly perfect little family lives in the ideal little town of Millbrook. Everything is going along just fine until two psycho killers wander into Tom's Diner. The rest of the movie follows what happens to the family after this life changing event.

Even though the critics al-

## ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE

### ARAMARK & THE DOCKSIDE CAFÉ

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BY CHRISTINA "THE CRITIC" COPP

Why is it that elementary and junior high schools in the HRM are doing away with junk food, while our very own university is keeping it available? What about the "freshman fifteen", which refers to the average first year student gaining fifteen pounds after often being away from their mom's home cookin' for the first time. NO WONDER!!

As I look around our campus, I find it alarming the number of people - I especially notice the girls - who carry extra weight around their middles. But as a poor student myself, I can see why unhealthy food choices are being made... IT'S CHEAPER! I read somewhere a 355 ml can of Cola equals about 9 teaspoons of sugar, but it can be purchased here for \$1.25, while a healthier choice of chocolate milk is either \$1.48 for a puny three-gulp carton, or \$2.17 for a 500 ml. Let's do the math... can of cola, almost half the price, but less than half the size of a 500 ml of chocolate milk. Why is a side of fries \$1.94, when a pre-packaged salad is \$6.31? Also at other Aramark-run places like the canteen in Loyola, a bag of chips ranges from \$1.05-1.48, compared to a small container of yogurt (175g) which is \$1.71. I'm sorry but \$ 3.41 for a "yogurt parfait", which just has harvest crunch and some blueberries, is not worth the price to me, but because I want to go healthy, I shell it out. If students are hungry and need something quick to fill up

on, what do you think they will go for? Most often they will go for the cheapest snack. I just think it is obvious that we shell out so much money to attend university, and with our school load, many of us can't balance a lot of work outside of homework, so we are poor, and now fattening up! I could play devil's advocate and remind everyone we have The Tower to work off the fatty food, but that still doesn't excuse for what we are putting into our mouths.

Loyola's Dockside Café offers different meals along with the fried food everyday, such as pastas one day, stir fry the next, Mexican etc., and while sometimes the food isn't bad, I often find it needs to be reheated, and the pasta portions are kind of small. I'd also like to see more fresh vegetables for the pastas, and a little more vegetarian options, but they are trying!

I do realize that there are certain food costs to take into consideration, but for the amount of money SMU makes off of us, couldn't they make a deal with Aramark to make healthier options a little more affordable for us? I think we deserve it.

The Dockside Café gets 3 stars out of five for trying to give us appealing food options, but Aramark doesn't fair so well at 1 star for pricing. Next week I may just keep going with the reviews within our little school with the new and improved Gorsebrook!

most unanimously agree that AHOV is a must see movie, I have a feeling that many moviegoers will beg to differ. The film is being portrayed in advertisements as a run-of-the-mill thriller. Sure it has violence and sex which you'd expect in a thriller but the film is not typical. Instead, it's thought provoking, satirical, and allegorical. It's about society, identity, evolution, and man's history of violence.

I'm not sure if I love or hate AHOV. My main problem is with the acting and dialogue but I get the impression that Cronenberg is trying to be over the top. Perhaps the fact that the film is based on a graphic novel explains why some of the characters and scenes seem so cartoony. The jury is still out on whether

AHOV is a classic or a heap of shit. I'll leave it up to you to decide for yourself because the only thing I'm sure of is that I can't get this film out of my head.

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KATES MEMORIES & PIX OF THE 2005

# HFX POP EXPLOSION

First up, Son's of Butcher, ya the ones from the 'Teletoon show, in real life tho. These guys are entertaining, I don't think anyone knew what to expect but EVERYONE was very impressed. Not only that, they provided the overall hi-light of this years HPX in the form of a cover of I bet you wish your girlfriend was hot like me.

Ghosts of Modern Man has a new fan. These guys were great. They say they'll be back soon, if they're not just teasing make sure you get to their next show. These guys win my award for best lookin' merch.

Priestess, yes, the band that opened for Motorhead, hmm what to say, "rocked".

Friday was a classic HPX night; you gotta wear comfortable shoes for this sorta festival. The pop explosion is all about choices. Friday night was Hawksley Workman at the Marquee, and Japanther at Stage Nine. I've seen Hawksley a few times before, not a bad choice, but when Japanther is right down the street...

Japanther was amazing. Although I kind of hate the layout of Stage Nine, (the place is completely packed but there are tables everywhere?? Why??) the show and just atmosphere was fantastic. It was hot & sweaty and everyone was bouncing around so much it felt like the floor was going to drop out as the speakers fell over. It was magical! If I was in a band it'd be like Japanther, if these guys are ever back in Halifax, which is pretty unlikely, don't miss it, and get tickets super early.

Iron Giant, always a crowd pleaser. These guys are from Moncton but I've been known to call them my favourite 'local' band. They come to Halifax a lot, if you haven't checked out Iron Giant yet, do it.

It was "funk night" @ the Attic. It really wasn't as bad as it sounds, God Made Me Funky certainly seemed to be a crowd pleaser, so if you're into that kind of thing, I guess I'd have to say I recommend them.

Saturday was all set to be one of those zig zag across the city nights but it was so darn rainy! Universal Soul was energetic as usual, but the real story of the night, was Ka'naan.

Despite the torrential downpour and gail force winds a huge crowd showed up and loved every minute of it. After the show girls ran up to get photos taken and boys exclaimed, really loud, right next to my ear, "THAT WAS THE BEST SHOW EVER" I'm not sure I'd go quite that far, but I don't have any complaints about the show at all, it was perfect. He was great, giant, happy, crowd, tasty pizza.



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## Keith's Fest 2005

THIS WAS NO REGULAR BIRTHDAY PARTY...

BY: CHRIS CLEMENTS

On Wednesday, the fifth of October, when we were still having unseasonably warm weather, a birthday party took place on the Halifax Waterfront. This was no regular birthday party; this was a massive event to celebrate one of Halifax's biggest heroes. It was Keith's Fest 2005, in honour of Alexander Keith's 210th birthday.

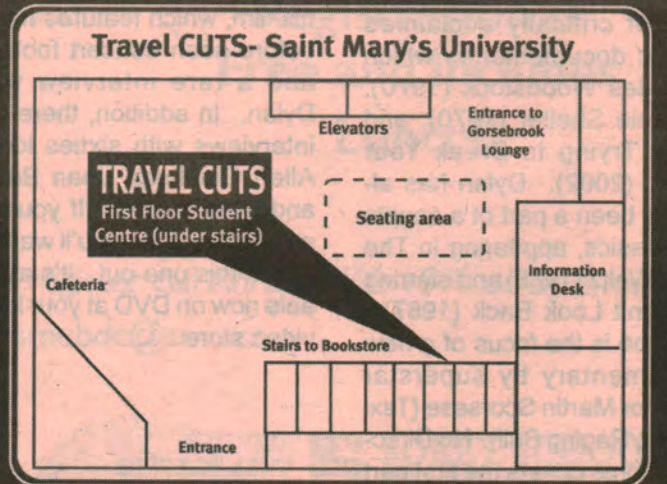
Although the timing of the event was questionable - the doors opened at four o'clock on a Wednesday - the turnout was good. The parking lot at the Waterfront Warehouse filled up pretty quickly with people eager to see Joel Plaskett & the Emergency take the stage at five o'clock. Maybe eager isn't the best word to use there, because although the lot was filled before The Emergency took the stage, not many people seemed interested in the music. A small dedicated group at the foot of the stage danced and sang along to Plaskett's interesting tunes, but the majority of the crowd were occupied with drinking Mr. Keith's legacy.

When The Trews took the stage, the crowd became more animated and more interested. This seemed odd, because their songs are all so similar it's sometimes difficult to tell them apart. It's a shame that The Trews are so formulaic in their song writing, because they are truly talented musicians. They showed off their musicianship by leaving one member on stage to play an extended solo between each set, and can the solos were impressive. Even the drummer played a lengthy solo while his band mates were backstage.

That being said, the show was well worth the price of admission (free!) and it was nice to end the summer with an outdoor show. Let's just hope that The Trews have some new material next time they come to town.

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# THE SOCIETY PAGE

## Environmental Society

If you are interested in environmental justice issues and want to make a difference both locally and globally, check out the Saint Mary's University Environmental Society (SMUES). It's not just for students enrolled in the Environmental Studies program, SMUES welcomes anyone who is interested in the environment. Being a member of SMUES, you will be provided with resources and opportunities associated with the environmental field. We are very active within our community,

as well as on campus.

We are holding our first Meet and Greet on Monday, October 24th at 5:45pm in the SMUES office which is located on the 5th floor, room 516 in the SUB. Feel free to drop in and see what we're all about!

We have also scheduled a neighbourhood litter clean-up to be held on Sunday, October 30th from 1:00-3:00pm. Bags and gloves will be provided. If you're interested, please meet at the SMU library in front of Tim Hortons a few minutes before 1pm.

### UPDATE FROM THE SOBEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## COMMERCE SOCIETY

Well the year is off to a great start and I'm here to let you know what the Commerce Society has been up to and what we have planned for the upcoming weeks. The month of September kept us pretty busy getting the society up and running and trying to get involved in every way possible. So far we have participated in a few campus events such as the Society Expo, the Academic Fair as well as Fall Preview Day. We have also had a Meet & Greet, a general meeting and have established a social committee and marketing committee to help us out. In the next few weeks we have a few events coming your way that we think will be very beneficial and fun.

First off we have our annual Wine & Cheese that is taking place on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 in the Art Gallery. This event will take place from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and the dress code is business attire. The guest speaker for this year is Sarah Dennis, the VP of the Chronicle Herald; she will be talking about her family owned business as well as the media business in the Maritimes. Music will also be provided by the Jubilee Quartet. This event is free for members and \$ 5 for non members if you reserve your spot before the 25th. Tickets will be \$2 for members and \$7 for non members at the door. This event is a great opportunity to network with business people from the community and to establish good relations for a career. Some companies that will be attending are: Exxon Mobil, WBLI, Scotiabank, Xerox, RBC, Grant Thornton. If you wish to attend please come to our office L288 and sign up any time up prior to the event. The next event that we have planned is our 2nd Annual Social night at the Hamachi House. This is planned for Sunday, November 6th. If you attended last year it will be the same concept, awesome food at a cheaper price, great local music and a fun atmosphere. If you did not attend well this is your chance and keep your eye out for more information on this event! And last but not least we are currently in the process of ordering Sobey School of Business clothing. This year's line up includes both men's and women's vest, long sleeve shirts and golf shirts. Dates have not been established for ordering but again keep your eye out and posters will be up as soon as details are final.

We hope that you will attend our events and if you haven't joined the society yet don't worry there is still time to do so. Membership is \$10 which provides you with a t-shirt and free wireless internet in the commerce lounge. If you have any questions or just want to drop us a line please feel free to drop in the office during our office hours (Monday 10-5 & Wednesday 10-4) or send us an email at [smu.commerce@smu.ca](mailto:smu.commerce@smu.ca).

## benefit concert for the Centre for Spirituality

A benefit concert for the Centre for Spirituality and the Workplace will take place on Thursday, October 27th, 2005 at Saint Mary's University. Classic jazz standards along with reflections on life will be performed by Tim Elliott-Career Consultant, Anglican Priest and Pian-

ist. Set in the harmonious setting of the Art Gallery at Saint Mary's University, this evening promises to be something to warm your autumn soul.

A cash-bar reception will begin at 6:30pm followed by the concert beginning at

## Women, Write On!

### A WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE WOMEN'S CENTRE

BY JENNIFER CRAWFORD WOMENSCENTRE@SMU.CA

Reflecting upon history is important - it is a measure of where we've come from, and where to go next. It provides context for our current lives and forms our beliefs. The status of women at Saint Mary's University was wildly different only fifty years ago.

October is Women's History Month, so we at the Women's Centre thought it an appropriate time to reflect on women's history at Saint Mary's University. The information below was taken from the library's on-line Digital Decades Archives, where they have an exhaustive history of the University.

★ 1952 - Women are granted permission to attend part-time classes (no credit granted)

★ 1957 - Mildred Harrington becomes the first woman ever appointed to the staff or faculty of a Jesuit school or university

★ 1962 - Aileen Carroll becomes the first woman to attend SMU full-time, after Archbishop Gerald Berry grants special permission

★ 1963 - Dr Elizabeth Chard becomes the first full-time woman professor at Saint Mary's University

★ 1968 - SMU becomes co-educational when 50 women are admitted full-time.

Acknowledging the achievements of the past is important when looking to future projects. It serves to inform and inspire.

Also at the Women's Centre this month, we are getting ready to volunteer for Titz'n'Glitz on November 3rd at Pier 21. The funds from this gala event go to the "On the Front Lines Fund", and provide financial support for women going through breast cancer treatment. There are numerous, often-overlooked costs associated with treatment: childcare during chemo appointments, travel costs, accommodations and many others. Another event we will be helping with on October 25th is "Toonies for TaTas", held at Alderney Landing that morning. Funds raised from this event will also go to the "On the Front Lines Fund".

Fundraising is a difficult thing. The reality is that many vital women's organizations depend upon it. We would like to propose this notion: every venture that stands to profit from images of women's bodies could assume partial responsibility to help keep women's bodies safe. It seems a direct, obvious and respectful correlation. Organizations such as Bryony House, Adsum House, and the YWCA work tirelessly and with minimal resources to keep women and their children safe from physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Every venture that stands to gain by using images of women could donate a percent of their profits to any of these shelters. This would alleviate the worry of women's shelters (for many women, their homes) closing due to lack of funding; the YWCA on Barrington will soon be closing. An appropriate date for such a donation would be on March 8th, International Women's Day - mark it on your calendars.

### The SMU International Student Society asks: RACIAL DISCRIMINATION OR SIMPLE BAD WILL?

I am a Mexican student who has not received the proper attention from Saint Mary's University. Last year they requested that I prove that I have taken certain courses to graduate this year. I have given them sufficient proof which were directly issued by the corresponding schools, showing that I took those courses: two years in UNIVA Guadalajara Mexico, one year in Contra Costa College in California and one semester in college of the Rockies in Cranbrook, Bc. none of the courses that I took in these schools such as marketing and mathematics have been credited to me by Saint Mary's University. The excuse has been that the documents issued are in Spanish. I offered to translate them but they said that would not be valid, and that the school should do the translation, also I was told that I do not meet the language requirements even though I already speak three languages: Spanish, English, and Japanese. How many more they want? These are only a few of the problems I am having.

By the time they said all these it was already august of 2005, and ever since I have had problems with registering for each semester, because I am told I do not meet the requirements, even though the school has had my documentation all this time.

Let me mention that I am not the only international student with these kinds of problems. It seems that in general all international stu-

dents who transfer to Saint Mary's University have similar problems to the ones I am having. It seems they have different requirements for Canadian students, because they are more flexible when Canadian students are transferring credits.

I would like to emphasize that the courses I've taken have cost money and time, and I am certainly not willing to spend more of both, and don't have it.

Please, university officials take matters into consideration and give me (and the other international students) a final resolution. If you do not solve these problems I assure you this will be known in all our countries, and all those new students who are thinking on coming to Saint Mary's I would be told "think twice before coming to this university where you do not get the attention you deserve." it is not easy to study in another country and with these kind of situations you make the experience a lot more stressful than it has to be.

In addition, it may be necessary to encourage all international students having similar problems to come forward to talk about these problems. We are all facing the same challenge; if we all work together we can get a resolution to our dispute.

Thank you, Saint Mary's University

Sincerely

Rubén Arellano  
President, International Student Society  
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7pm. Tickets will be available at the door. A \$40.00 donation is recommended

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Deadline is noon Monday. It's a bit of a first come first serve kind of thing ... so please, don't dilly dally!

# BUSINESS

## MISS BIZ

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By the time this paper reaches your hands, we will be in the middle of Small Business Week 2005! Since 97 percent of all businesses in Canada are small or medium sized (500 employees and less), this designated week is a tribute to those companies that make our Atlantic Canadian economy thrive. There are a ton of events going on around Halifax this week for entrepreneurs, such as, Lunch with an Entrepreneur on Oct. 18th, a Business to Business Expo on October 20th and a Student Entrepreneur Conference on Oct. 21st. The SMUBDC will be hosting an event right here on campus called Students and Entrepreneurs. This "Networking Night" will be on Thursday Oct. 20th, at 6:00pm in the Art Gallery and includes free food and a cash bar. This is an opportunity for you to meet local business people and other students who are interested in business and entrepreneurship. You must notify Emma Martin that you will be attending; her telephone number is 429-4608 and her e-mail is emma.martin@smu.ca. I highly recommend you come out and have a good time. I'll be there as well, so stop in and introduce yourself! If you would like more information on the other Small Business Week 2005 events going on around Halifax (like those mentioned above), go to <http://www.bdc.ca>.

In other news, if you've read

the MISS BIZ article in the Sept. 28th Journal addition (aka naked lady on the cover), and you read the Globe and Mail Business section on Thurs. Sept. 13th, you probably chuckled to yourself as I did. In the Sept. 28th Journal I reported on the speculation surrounding Apple computer, and their oblivion regarding a launch of an iPod video device. To my amazement, two weeks later, it was confirmed that they had in fact officially launched it! Amazing. Apple was way ahead of the game. The new video iPod is black and it's very, very sharp actually. It makes me wonder: was this a company induced rumor set in motion just to up the excitement right before the launch? I guess it will be difficult to trace, and we will probably never know. In fact, it doesn't really matter, because it worked. That's all that usually matters when it comes to marketing anyway. It will be exciting to see if in the next few months it lives up to its predecessor. Bets anyone? Speaking of marketing, I read an article a little while ago regarding "Unconventional Marketing". These days, in my opinion, most marketing should be unconventional, but anyway. This article coined the term "brand democratization" (as in brand democracy). It was in regards to how companies are now using the internet as a means to give consumers a choice to how they are marketed to, and what products

that company should launch. More specifically, the article pointed out Crest and their online survey regarding the launch of the next toothpaste flavor, where the consumers can vote on what flavor they want next. This is funny to me, because it feeds back into an earlier article of mine, also dated Sept. 28th, regarding the never-ending circle of corporation and consumer trends. Are the corporations pulling a fast one? Do they really think that consumers are not going to know that this is just another marketing tactic? Consumers these days are like bloodhounds when it comes to marketing. We tend to block out things that seem even slightly insincere. I mean, the Internet polls are interactive, they do give consumers a choice, but is it really necessary? Is it really worth the marketing dollars invested? What's the return on the dollars spent? People generally need toothpaste anyway, so how much have sales increased or decreased because of this campaign? These are the things I wonder when I read things like this. I'm a critic. Of course, I can make an argument for the other side as well, but I prefer to play devils advocate most of the time. Just because it appears to be working does not mean it's the most efficient and effective. What do you think works and doesn't work when it comes to corporate marketing? Drop me an email with your opinion.

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- QUESTION ONE -

I love school, but I'm destined to be an entrepreneur. Do you realistically believe that an MBA can add substantial value to people who will be going out on their own in a few years? I'm going into business consultancy.

As with many questions out there, this one becomes more a personal choice than a clear-cut answer. If you are already doing a BComm, an MBA may not end doing that much more for you, while if you are doing a BSci or BA an MBA will make a difference. The reason being that an MBA will cover many of the theories and principals you covered in a BComm but will only focus more on the managerial aspects of the business. Considering you want to become a consultant down the road, your best action is to find as many different types of jobs you can do and go out and do them. The reason being is that as a consultant you will need the ability to understand all aspects of a company from top to bottom and then give a strategic recommendation. Without a rich background, no matter how much education you have, you will not be able to have the gut feeling that is needed for consultancy. This does not mean if you really want to do an MBA that you shouldn't as there can be some benefit to doing an MBA, in particular if you go to a school with a very different thought of business. If I were you, I would look into a general industry that you wish to consult in and find a job there for a few years before deciding on becoming a full time consultant (and in turn possibly getting an MBA or Other graduate degree).

- QUESTION TWO -

Hey Rocker-feller, what are your credentials for writing this column anyway?

To be honest when I was asked to write this column I asked the same question. The answer the business editor, Jackie, gave me was that I have a good base of general business information that I have picked up throughout my different jobs (from bagging groceries to working on Sarbanes Oxley) and I have been to or lived in various countries (European and North American). At the same time I have the ability to explain many concepts and terminology in simple English (even if the grammar Nazis out there hates my run on sentences).

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### Invitation To All

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# SPORTS

## AUS football

JUMP BACK ON THE BANDWAGON

BY: ADAM COSTELLO

Feel free to jump back on the bandwagon, this teams not done by a long shot

The last two weeks of AUS football saw a new breath of optimism inhaled by a team everyone seemed to have given up on. Two solid week-ends of high level intensity saw the St. Mary's Huskies not only climb back into the playoff picture, but also do so with threatening authority. In the face of media and fans alike that had been calling this years squad a write-off simply due to an increase in competition, the pack came out and displayed for the country, that the anxious incredulity of their teams seemingly bad play was preconceived and insignificant at best.

Although playing in Sackville, N.B. may not have been the most challenging measure of the Huskies promptitude in action, the result was one sorely needed for the veteran football team's playoff hopes, and more importantly their confidence. Les Mullings and Jacques-Oliver Lumbala each rushed for more than 100 yards to fire Saint Mary's into a relatively easy 56-7 win over Mount Allison, halting the Huskies' winless streak at just three and extending the Mounties losing streak to a cry worthy 27 straight games. Mullings, a Hec Crighton candidate two years ago, was having a mediocre season at best until rushing for 134 yards and two touchdowns against the lowly Mounties, who have now lost 15 straight to Saint Mary's. SMU coach Blake Nill was pleased with his squad that unlike earlier this season, finally managed to play hard and full out for the entirety of the game, despite the less than stellar opposition being down by 29 after just the first quarter. Coach Nill commented somberly on the victory after the game, being quoted as saying "We have a reputation of not playing our best football against Mount Allison, so this is an encouraging result for us, you never want to play down to the level of your opposition." The following week this attitude proved worthy of quotation, as St. FX came into SMU bearing the opposite.

With the Huskies displaying a new found confidence, it seemed as though St. FX may have downplayed the level of their opposition all week, marshalling the eventual loss of the game and the tie break at the hands of a well prepared Husky football team. This time it was Billy Robinson's turn to pilot a Husky offense that had been surging of late. The astonishing play of Big Billy

saw a total of six touchdown passes being thrown by the under pressure quarterback; just one off the conference record set by none other than his own father in 1973.

With St. FX committing a slew of horrendous uncommunicative turnovers in the first quarter, Robinson made them pay with three TD passes during the first fifteen minutes alone. The second quarter saw the Huskies come out in some what of a startled panic, with Robinson making some questionable play calls when deep in his team's territory. Two plays late in the second quarter that justifiably should have been punts, led to St. FX undeservingly getting two red zone opportunity's just handed to them, both of which they capitalized on.

Going into the second half only up by one, Robinson was un-phased by the minor second quarter collapse and came out to throw for another 3 touchdown passes while the SMU defense stood tall. He completing a total 16-of-27 passes for 335 yards without an interception before succumbing to a slight left shoulder injury near games end, allowing Cole Harbour's Chris Anthony to get a piece of the action, coming in and throwing the teams seventh touchdown pass to finish off the hyped contest with commanding mastery and a final 52-26 result. Robinson's end zone tosses were caught two each by Les Mullings (82, 51), Ron Kelly (17, 30) and David Swasey (8, 13). Anthony's toss to Ryeann Warburton was a 58 yard bomb.

The win was the Huskies tenth strait versus the X-men at home and upon the attainment of more than a 7-point victory; they retain the tie break if their records happen to be mirrored come seasons end. With St. FX and Acadia colliding in the season's final week of regular season play, SMU does still have a chance to capture first in the conference, with their final contest seeing Mount Allison come to town. With only two games left, next week they travel to Montreal in a must win game, if their chances of winning a 7th strait conference title, are to remain existent.



## the SOCCER REPORT

BY: NEIL JORDAN (INFAMOUS18@HOTMAIL.COM)

### ★ MEN'S SOCCER ★

The Huskies are continuing their fine form from last season. They are currently the only undefeated team in the AUS, winning all eight games they have played and scoring 21 goals, conceding only 2. With Matt D'Angelo and Richard Eastell picking up the scoring slack from AUS scoring leader Ryan Devereaux, Rory Kerr and returning senior captain Tariq Sheikh controlling the middle of the pitch, and a stingy defense led by fifth year center-half Javier Gogorza, the Huskies are strong all over the park. The men were coming off a 2-0 win against St. FX, and faced visiting UCCB, who were tied for sixth and fighting for a playoff spot.

The terrible weather carried over from the women's game, but SMU looked sharp from the beginning. It was already 1-0 by the time I got to my seat, but things took a turn for the worst when Matt D'Angelo pulled up lame and had to be substituted. Kristin Kirincich took over and was everywhere for the Huskies. Kirincich linked well with Richard Eastell, who was much too fast for the UCCB back line. In the 33rd, defender Eddy Farias made a nice run and delivered a cross to Kerr, whose shot was cleared off the line. Four minutes later, SMU made it 2-0 when Eastell's cross made it through some terrible UCCB defending and found Sheikh, who drove it in from about 10 yards. Two minutes later, keeper Matt Hogg's long goal kick made for some confusion

in the UCCB penalty area. Kirincich then nodded the loose ball to Eastell, who easily tapped it in for a 3-0 lead. UCCB appealed for offside, but to no avail. The Huskies turned the screw in first half injury time, when Kirincich got the goal he deserved when he appeared to chest Sheikh's cross into the far corner of the goal. Halftime could not come quick enough for the Capers. They probably should have stayed in the dressing room though, as within five minutes, SMU had built up a 5-0 lead. Kerr had a fierce 25 yard drive turned aside, and winger James Malkin blazed high immediately after. The Huskies were being afforded easy possession by UCCB forward Ryan Nesbitt, whose fancy footwork, more often than not, led to disaster. After another turnover, Eastell was played in by Kirincich, and he calmly slid it past the UCCB keeper to make it 6-0.

Finally, UCCB showed life after 75 minutes when a rare mistake caused by a communication breakdown between Hogg and his defense, led to a loose ball being tapped in by forward Jules Ohelo, the only bright spot on the Capers on this day. Ohelo also had a goal disallowed in the dying minutes, as the referee declared the ball out of play just seconds earlier. SMU comes away with a resounding 6-1 dismantling, and look in excellent form coming down the stretch run, with a huge match against cross-town rivals Dalhousie on Saturday, October 22.

### ★ WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Saint Mary's women soccer team is attempting to deal with losses to key players from last season. The lady Huskies are 2-2-4, and sit four points out of a playoff spot. They are playing great defense, led by fourth year sweeper Courtney MacGray and rookie Ashleigh Bellefontain. The problem is lack of goals, which they have only scored 10 of all season. On Sunday, the Huskies took on the UCCB Capers, already having played on Saturday, drawing 1-1 with the visiting X-Women of St. FX.

It was a blustery day at Huskies Stadium, with winds gusting as high 50 km/h. The visitors were the ones with the majority of possession in the first half. Ally Read was a sparkplug on the left side of midfield, winning balls and pushing forward as often as possible. The second half was a little livelier as Cheryl Wall was stopped from inside the box by Belle-Fontaine, and Huskies defender Laura Walker was forced to leave with a leg injury. But as the half progressed, SMU started to win a lot of free kicks, and midfield senior Tanya Jazic was spraying passes around the field, yet no one could get on the end of them. Elizabeth Morrison had a goal bound volley blocked with three minutes remaining, and Burt shot wide from a corner kick scrum in the penalty box. The Huskies walked away with a hard-fought 0-0 draw. The pack's next challenge will at home when they take on the second place Dalhousie Tigers on Saturday, October 22.



## HUSKIES AT HOME

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Soccer	SAT OCT 22	DAL	W 2   M 4	Huskies Stadium
Volleyball	SAT OCT 22	MUN	3PM	HOME OPENER @ The Tower
Hockey (w)	SAT OCT 22	UdeN	2PM	HOME OPENER @ Alumni Arena
Hockey (w)	SUN OCT 23	UNB	3PM	Alumni Arena

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# HUSKY HOCKEY STARTS AND IMPRESSES

The St. Mary's Men's hockey team looked to open up the season on a high note last week, hoping to improve on the impressive 32 points they heralded in the standings last year. Kicking off the season playing host to Acadia at the Forum, the Huskies looked confident in front of an estimated crowd of over 1000. A pleasant surprise from the young team came in the form of a pestering and grinding Power play that last year was a league worst minimal at best. With PP goals being potted behind Axemen goalie John Ceci on three separate occasions, SMU special teams lead the charge with the pack going on to win the season opener by a final score of 7-4. Rookie defenseman Scott Hotham scored a pair of goals with the man advantage, while Mark Szott, Gordon Bell, Marc Rancourt, Ryan Lauzon and Colin Power added the others.

After the solid win at home the Huskies traveled to the millennium center in Antigonish the following weekend, to testing their prowess against a high powered X team. Holding periodic leads of 2-1 and 4-3, the Huskies were unable to contain the explosive St.

FX offence, eventually losing the game by a final score of 7-6. Fifth-year centre Ryan Walsh, who was named the X captain earlier that week, scored two goals in the first 3:46 of the third period as St. F.X. took its first lead of the game. The X-men then held off two late SMU goals and a flurry around the X net during the dying seconds as the Huskies desperately pressured for the equalizer. Ryan Lauzon, Jon Howse, Colin Power, Mark Szott, Jordan Chomack and Marc Rancourt scored for Saint Mary's, who were graced with only one power-play opportunity the entire game.

St. Mary's has a pair of road games this weekend as they travel to Moncton on Friday and St. Thomas on Saturday. With St. FX looking like the team to beat this year, the Huskies will have to stay sharp during these road games against the weaker teams if they hope to stay close to the X-men in the standings. St. FX is 2-0.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK:

How did the blonde break her leg playing hockey with the Toronto Maple Leafs? She fell out of the tree

# Crossing the Country

BY: JESSE CHRISTIE

This past weekend's race held at St. FX went extremely well for SMU. Starting off the Women's 5km race for the Huskies was Kelsey Daley who finished 2nd place in the 51 women field to Janice Ashworth of Dalhousie University, who had a time of 18:42 compared to Ashworth's 18:12. The meet saw a huge upset, with the 2nd SMU finisher Christine Carey placing 6th overall with a personal best of 52 seconds running a 19:10. Lauren Clarke finished strong with a respectable 21:52, which was good enough for a 34th placing. Saint Mary's fourth runner Kelly Poirier ended up placing 41st overall

with an excellent time of 23:11. Unfortunately being without a five person team the girls were left without placement. Good job girls and keep it up!

The next race held was the Men's 7.5km. Leading for the Huskies was rookie runner Brian Lewis, who came in to place 11th with a time of 26:16. Next up was team co-captain Cole Sinclair, who just trailed 14th place with a time of 26:37. Placing 20th in his season debut was Husky runner Gerald Demers ran a time of 27:22. The Huskies fourth finisher was 2nd year Allan Lee running a 27:56 and finishing 25th place. Coming in together

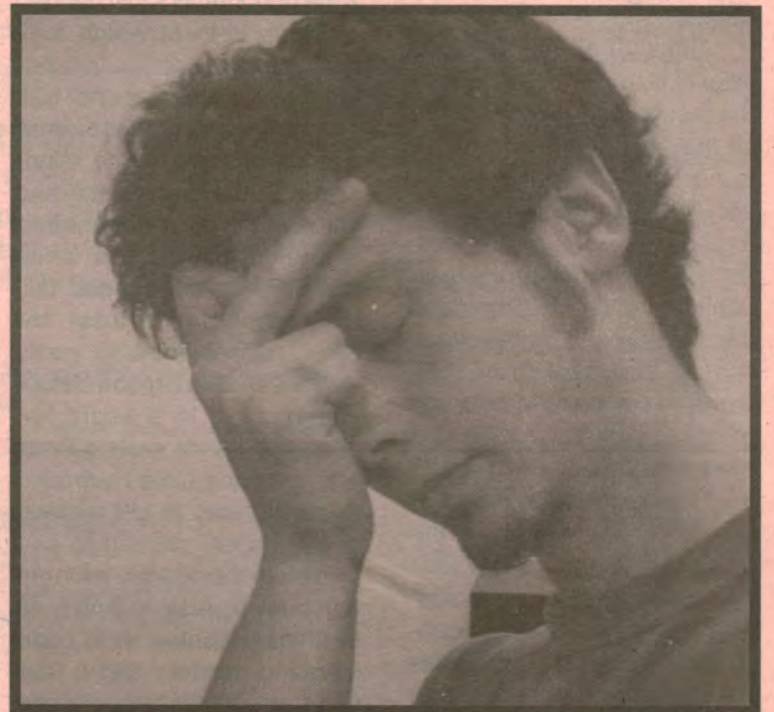
were Huskies Jesse Christie and Ben Clare finishing 34th and 35th respectively. The race being Clare's university cross country debut, running a 28:43 was impressive to say the least and the Huskies final runner, Dekker Fraiser, ran a 29:02 in front of his hometown crowd and placed 40th. The Huskies Men ended up placing 4th in the meet, beating out U de M and UNB. Full results can be found at <http://www.trackie.ca>.

The Huskies next race will be the AUS championships being held in Fredericton, NB on Oct 30th. The CIS championships will soon follow which are hosted by DAL and will be held in Point Pleasant Park on Nov. 12th. Come out and cheer on the Huskies, the race has 12 o'clock start time.



# ONE FOR THE MIDDLE

BY: ADAM COSTELLO



## ARSEHOLE OF THE WEEK:

This guy is a joke, maybe "The Golden Brett" should have been training during the lockout instead of running his mouth the whole year...

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# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



## << Kristin Kirincich, Soccer

Kristin had 3 goals on the weekend 1 Saturday vs StFX and and 2 on Sunday vs CBU. 5th year from Stellarton, NS



## Bart Szarsynski, LB >>

Defensive Football

Bart had 6 solo tackles and 1 tackle for a loss, 1 sack. Great job Bart.

The NHL is back and the word is that the new rule changes are an overwhelming success. Goal scoring is up and obstruction is slowly getting cracked down upon, allowing fans everywhere the enjoyment of a fresh new brand of cool entertainment. Now I know a lot of you die hard fans are a little sketchy on some of the new happenings regarding the "new" NHL, I too have some complaints (the whole shootout thing is really too abrupt) but you know what? I'll get used to it. For the most part everyone I talk to loves the new rules but every once in awhile I find myself having a conversation with someone who tells me the new rules defy the game as we knew it to be for over one hundred years or something. Horse-shit. My god did you people not even notice it was the 10 years leading up to the lock-out that defied hockey as we knew it, the change was just so slow that you didn't even notice it, now all of a sudden the new rules are too quick of a change too fast? Give me a F\*\*\*in break man. For the record, you new rule bashers are just bitter conservativists, afraid of this sudden change similarly to an individuals fear

of the dark. You wanted more scoring, you have it. You didn't like seeing games end in a tie, now they don't. You wanted less clutching and grabbing, now there's a penalty every 2 minutes. I know all you lifetime hockey players are finding it hard to adjust, but honestly what better solution could you offer? The game was truly getting flat out boring and you all know it, regardless of whether or not you'd like to admit it. We voiced what we as a society found to be wrong with the game, they took a year off, fixed it economically and changed everything we told them to...and your still complaining Why? Well in light of you poor bastards not liking shootout's or the funny lines behind the crease, I know what I'm going to be doing while you select few are boycotting the new NHL or watching it with pretend disgust. I'm going to be drinking my face off, watching Don Cherry make an ass of himself, and watching a hell of a more open and exiting game. I mean hey, if over 80% of the people out there think it's been altered accordingly, and excellently, who are you loners going to keep complaining to? Thank YAAOOUU!