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## A VICTORY FOR CASA

BY ZACH CHURCHILL

Last week Ottawa played host to the 2005 CASA Lobby Conference. Student leaders from across the country congregated in our nation's capital to meet with over 140 MPs, senators, and bureaucrats (which included the likes of Giles Ducepte, leader of the Bloc; Stephen Harper, leader of the Conservative Party; Peter MacKay, deputy Tory leader; Scott Brison, Minister of Public Works; Belinda Stronach, Minister of Human Resource and Skills Development; and Alexa McDonough, NDP Federal Education Critic) to discuss the current state of Post Secondary Education in Canada. CASA's lobbying priorities for the week were:

1. A Pan-Canadian Accord
2. A Dedicated Canada Education Transfer
3. An expansion of the Canada

Access Grant for students from low-income families  
 4. A holistic review of the Canada's student financial assistance programs

With tensions high among parties and an imminent federal election, this was an opportune time to present the issues of Canadian students to our government. Many MPs and Senators committed to writing letters supporting these proposals to the Prime Minister and other decision makers and Party leaders, and many party members claimed that they were now sensitized to our problems and would fight for our cause within their respected caucuses. Peter MacKay was actually overheard stating that "we [Tories] have to jump on this [CASA's proposals] before the Liberals do." The greatest 'win' of the week, however, was found

in Ralph Goodale's financial update, which included two of CASA's four lobbying proposals: an expansion of the Canada Access Grant and a review of Canada's student financial assistance programs. This was a direct result of CASA's lobbying efforts, and is the single greatest victory that any student lobby organization has yet achieved.

The government is beginning to understand the importance of Post Secondary Education and is starting to open its ears to student advocates. However, it is important that all students work to make sure that PSE issues are not overshadowed by the hoopla of the coming elections. Party lines should not be reduced to dramatized tales of scandal and corruption, but should focus on what is best for Canada's future.

## WORLD AIDS DAY

BY LEAH BILODEAU AND OLIVIER JARDA

For the past 18 years, the National AIDS Trust has been holding World AIDS Day across the world, to increase people's awareness of issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. World AIDS day was initially organized to create a unified global effort to stop the spreading of the deadly virus. The fundraising event is also about increasing awareness, education and fighting prejudice. There are now almost 38 million people living with HIV and AIDS. Despite efforts from the government, charity organizations, and health care professionals in Canada, 11 people are infected per day in our country (which is much less alarming than in areas with the highest incidences of AIDS).

This year's theme for World AIDS Day is "Keep the Prom-

ise." This phrase speaks to the governments and UN policymakers who signed the Declaration of Commitment in 2001. This declaration was signed with the goal of stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS, and is tied with the sixth UN Millennium Development Goal, which aims to halt and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015.

SMU, DAL and MSVU are holding campaigns on each campus during the week of November 28th. The collective movement is entitled the "Red Ribbon Campaign," and the objective is to raise money and create awareness around campus. At SMU, ribbons will be available at the Loyola Colonnade and in the Student Centre, for a donation.

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## Volunteers Wanted

The new Safe-Walk Program (SMUSAFE) is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help get SMUSAFE off the ground and into the streets. Applications are available from the SMUSA main office, 5th floor, Student Centre. For more information, please contact Shayne Russell 492-8706 or [smusafe@smu.ca](mailto:smusafe@smu.ca).

## December 1<sup>st</sup>

- **World AIDS Day**  
Wear your red ribbon!
- **About iMage Photography** on campus for Graduation Photos.  
Location: Private Dining Room

## December 2<sup>nd</sup>

- **About iMage Photography** on campus for Graduation Photos.  
Location: Private Dining Room

## December 6<sup>th</sup>

- **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women**  
Wear your white ribbon!

## December 20<sup>th</sup>

- **Varsity Night**

**EVENTS**  
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## Open Mic This Wednesday

This Wednesday, the Gorsebrook Lounge is accepting a voluntary cover from its patrons. All proceeds will go towards supporting a cure for AIDS.

## Tutors Available

Tutors are now available from SMUSA's online tutor database. Contact your VP Academic, Olivier Jarda, at [vpacademic@smusa.ca](mailto:vpacademic@smusa.ca) or visit [www.smusa.ca](http://www.smusa.ca) for more information.

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**Location:** McInnes Room of the Dalhousie Students' Union Building

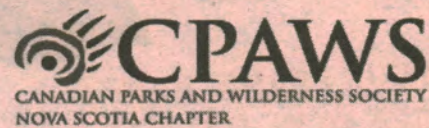
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December 1<sup>st</sup>

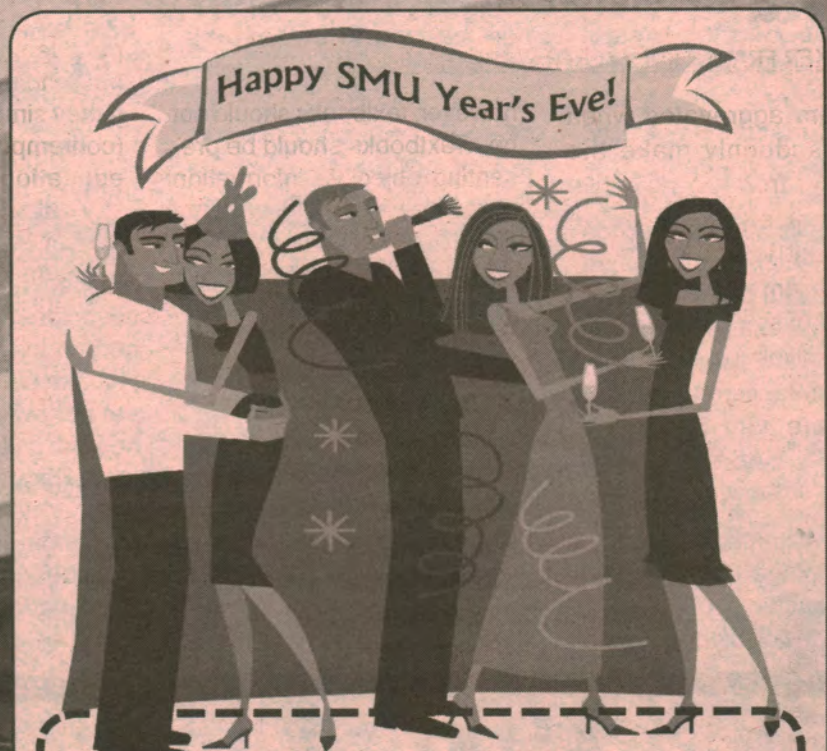
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# OPINIONS

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

## NATURE CULLS

BY CHAD BENNETT

The world rumbles on, falling around the Sun. A Sun whose gravity has warped out a roulette wheel on which our marble planet makes its course. It seems as if we've hit an unlucky part on that wheel however, judging from world event.

Before entering University, whenever, an "unlucky" roll was experienced it was always an abstract problem, never quite real. University has been a phenomenal influence in shaping my sense of place and connection to the world. The recent bombings in Amman, Jordan for instance, would have seemed another intangible and otherworldly melodrama, lost amid the consistent stream of broadcasting on the bad news channels. It wasn't however. A friend of mine is from Amman, and knowing him made that place and the events there real.

Now, I'm not saying that you need to know the people personally before you give a rat's ass, but it sure does help doesn't it? Let's be honest, through the numbing 24/7 news showing nothing but calamity and destruction, we've taken a new world defence mechanism and have sharp divisions over "what's here" and matters and what's "over there" and is to be dealt with

by someone else, i.e., doesn't matter to us. Sounds very cold and harsh when put in those terms, but that's the disconnection reality.

The news rattles on... an earthquake kills 100 000 in Iran (my friend Mohammed is from there, my classmate Mehran is from there). 70 000 die of another earthquake in Pakistan (do I know anyone from there? Do you?) Bombings in London (My sister's fiancé) Tsunami kills tens of thousands in South-east Asia (I wonder if many of my classmates have family there?) The events I'm able to put a face to become all the more concrete. The others fade into the T.V fictions seen so often.

I'm so glad to have glimpses out of my disconnected haze to see what's really occurring on this planet of ours. We are so fortunate to be in a forum such as this which allows the opportunity to meet those, not only from all over our own country, but all over our planet, to connect to them in a real and meaningful way.

The more we connect to one another the better our odds will be on the next go around of this roulette wheel. Let's make it a good spin. Luck, sadly, has nothing to do with it.

## Unintelligent Design

DAN DOUCETTE

The issue of Intelligent Design (ID) has seen considerable, and uninformed, coverage in the news media over the past few months. Since the issue is on the boundary between science and religion, it is not surprising that most of the opinions are of the knee-jerk variety. In fact, many self-proclaimed experts seem to have little understanding of the issue at hand.

The basic premise of ID is that nature is just too darned complex for evolution alone to produce the world that we see today. During debates at Saint Mary's and Dalhousie last month, ID supporter Kirk Durston outlined two general areas where this complexity seems to suggest that an intelligent designer had a hand in the creation of our world-as-we-see-it.

The first is the problem of the initial parameters of the universe in the big-bang scenario. There are a number of constants in physics that would have to have been set at the big bang. As yet, physics gives no motivation for these constants to have the values that they do. ID suggests that our friendly intelligent designer dialed in those values.

The second area where complexity seems to point to an intelligent designer is the field of molecular evolution, incidentally Durston's area of research. Basically put, the creation of the first functional protein is an incredibly unlikely event, based on our current understanding of molecular biology. So unlikely, in fact, that there seems to be almost no reason to expect that it would have occurred naturally.

To ID proponents, almost entirely Christian, this evidence is sufficient proof of the existence of God. However, science doesn't work that way: for ID to gain credence as a scientific theory, it must make testable predictions. Durston suggested two predictions during his debates, both of the form "We will never be able to explain...". While these predictions are falsifiable, they are not testable. In other words, we may one day be able to show that the predictions are incorrect, but we will never be able to conduct an experiment to once-and-for-always determine the correctness of the predictions.

Although proof of the existence of a creator would be one of the greatest scientific discoveries of all time, hypothesizing that certain moments in history were caused by God is not the correct way to go. In the fields of molecular biology and big-bang cosmology, we should continue to make investigations, but we must keep an open mind when we do this!

Intelligent Design, whether correct or not, is not a useful tool for science. It can only serve to distract attention from quality research

Dear Editor,

I was a little dismayed when I read this week's G-Spot column about threesomes. Ms. Gallivan showed a scary lack of understanding about sexuality, in any form. Not only did she comment that she would find two guys making out "so disgust[ing]", but she actually asked (rhetorically, but still) "why would [men] want to have another threesome with another guy?"

Well, here's a pretty simple answer, Ms. Gallivan, since you obviously aren't up on your reading. Some guys like that. Some guys like guys, some guys like guys and girls, and some guys like girls. Some guys are gay, some guys aren't, and a lot are in between. And not to make it more confusing for you, but some guys are completely straight and still like to have MMF (that's male-male-female, in case you were wondering) sex.

Everyone is entitled to their opinions, but I don't think an advice column is the place for them, outside of the realm of the actual advice. That's what opinion columns are for, and I was under the impression that The G-Spot is the former. Personally, I don't think that the column was the proper forum for Ms. Gallivan's personal opinions on male homosexual behaviour, and I am sure I am not the only person on campus whose jaw dropped when they read her comments. I'm not even a guy and I was offended.

Thank you,

N. Murray

## Bias in Textbooks?

BY DEKKER FRASER ((DEKKERFRASER@GMAIL.COM))

I am aggravated when books suddenly make the transition from an objective tone to a subjective one. Why must textbook authors become emotional when it comes to subjects such as racism, diversity, and natural disasters? Granted, these issues are highly emotional;

however, textbooks should not be. Textbooks should be presenting objective information so that the reader can interpret the facts as he or she wishes. I find it interesting how the majority of a book is objective, but makes a sudden switch to "we must help our fellow man" when trendy issues are discussed. Education should

provide students with the capacity to think for themselves. If they simply memorise ideas (contemporary beliefs), then education has failed. The student who memorises that racism is wrong can just as easily memorise that racism is right. The student who can think for him/herself can come to an unlimited spectrum of conclusions. Bias should be kept in essays.

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thank you. to everyone sending in opinions, keep 'em coming, we can't always get them all in every week, but we will get to them as soon as possible.

# "BAD" Gorsebrook

- NAME WITHHELD FOR SECURITY REASONS.

On 13th October I went to the pub for wings. I got there at 8.55pm and got myself a table. I was with two friends (I invited my friends from another university trying to show off our new renovated pub). We got there and I was told that the pub does not serve wings after 9pm. So I tell the waitress that I am a SMU student and not once have I read anywhere saying that the wings are served from whatever time till 9pm, all I read is THURSDAY = WING NITE! Is it written somewhere in small letters? As far as I am concerned they are sold till the pub closes. Whoever is in charge of notices at that pub should rectify that piece of info. We ended up having to go to spring garden for wings. I told myself I wouldn't go there (the Gorsebrook) for a while.

Last week my cousin and I went for wings at the Gorsebrook. We got there about 7pm and waited about 15 minutes for a table. When we finally got a table, we didn't get any service till my cousin went to look for someone. You would never guess who came to serve our table; the same rude waitress I got about 3 weeks ago. We waited another 10 minutes and no one showed up. So eventually my cousin got up again and looked for another lady to serve us. She promptly got us someone to serve us drinks and she even took our wing orders. The new lady serving our table was nice and polite. Then 3 minutes later the same waitress comes by and is going through the order! So I said, "you know what the other lady took the order so we don't need you no more!" At this point she started to be rude. I said, "well maybe you should have paid attention to us.... You went to serve another table and left us" and she rudely replied "well you are supposed to order drinks first." I disagreed and decided that either way she was in the wrong. Then she started going through the order, so I just told her as rudely as she was to us that I had already ordered and whatever was written there is what I ordered. My cousin tried to be nice to her. One thing I know is no matter what, no tips for her.

I work with people and you have to be polite even if the customer is being a pain


in the ass. She was plainly rude. I was just not happy with the service. I don't know how I am supposed to support stuff if people are acting like this. I can't even proudly talk about the pub to other people who don't go to SMU in fear that when they come here and this rude waitress will greet them. If it happened once I wouldn't have a problem,

but the fact that it happened twice leaves me wondering. The pub should also put out information more clearly. That would help a lot. I have withheld the name of the waitress, this time... I guess the manager should seriously talk to his waitresses because some of them don't have good customer relations at all.

# MPH Toy Drive

The Make Poverty History Society would like to announce that it will be holding a toy drive from Nov. 25 to Dec. 9 for underprivileged children. We are looking for unwrapped, age appropriate gifts that not harmful or depict war in any way. Look for unwrapped drop-off boxes throughout campus. Specific locations will be announced next week.

The MPH Society is working on the worldwide campaign of the same name focusing on the following 4 points: More and Better Aid; Trade Justice; Canceling the Debt and Ending Child Poverty in Canada. We have already wrapped trees in plastic and set up an information booth for the International day of the Eradication of Poverty, and have more activities planned. We want to welcome anyone interested in this cause regardless of their area of study. We will be holding our next meeting on Friday, Nov. 25 at 1:00 pm. In L-176.

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# NEWS

## NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

On Black Friday, the busiest day in the North American retail calendar and the unofficial start of the Christmas-shopping season, thousands of young people in 65 countries will take a 24-hour consumer detox as part of the 13th annual Buy Nothing Day, a global phenomenon that originated in Vancouver, Canada.

From setting up zombie marches through malls, dressing up as shopping sheep and consumer piggies to organizing credit card cut-ups and shopoholic clinics, Buy Nothing Day participants aim to challenge themselves, their families and their friends to switch off from shopping and tune into life for a day. The event, which was featured by CNN last year, is celebrated as a holiday by some, a street party by others and is free. Anyone can take part provided they spend a day without spending.

And as a special twist for this year's festivities Adbusters is joining forces with the makers of the controversial documentary *Walmart: The High Cost of Low Price*, to call on Adbusters' 85,000 global Culture Jammers to focus their creative resist-



BUY NOTHING DAY - NOVEMBER 25TH

ance against North America's biggest retailer.

"People who take the BND plunge are in for a surprise," says Kalle Lasn, co-founder of Adbusters Media Foundation, which turned Buy Nothing Day into an annual event, "it's hard to suppress the impulse to buy for 24 hours... you suffer, you sweat, it can be as hard as giving up smoking or any other addiction. But if you make it through the day, you feel great, it can be a life changing experience... you may even decide to celebrate your Christmas differently."

Buy Nothing Day also exposes the environmental and ethical consequences of escalating per capita consumption in the west, which has

increased 45 per cent over the past 20 years. The 20 per cent of the world's population living in developed countries consume over 80 per cent of the earth's natural resources, causing a disproportionate level of environmental damage and unfair distribution of wealth.

For 24 hours, millions of people around the world do not participate -- in the doomsday economy, the marketing mind-games, and the frantic consumer-binge that's become our culture. We pause. We make a small choice not to shop. We shrink our footprint and gain some calm. Together we say: enough is enough. And we help build this movement to rethink our unsustainable course.



## World AIDS DAY

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There will be boxes located around campus to collect donations and there will also be a voluntary cover charge at Open Mics on Wednesday November 23rd, Wednesday November 30th and the "Best of" Open Mic on Friday December 2nd.

Once you receive a ribbon, you can help create awareness when people ask you what it is for. You can help dispel the myths surrounding HIV and AIDS. For example, HIV is not transmitted by casual physical contact, coughing, sneezing or kissing. It is not transmitted by sharing toilet or washing facilities. It is not transmitted by using eating utensils or consuming food and beverages handled by someone who has HIV. You can also help spread the truth: you can get HIV by having sex with an infected partner. You can get HIV by sharing a needle with someone who is infected. Plus, you can pass HIV to your child while you are carrying him or her. Not all people infected with HIV will become infected with AIDS. AIDS will only develop after HIV has seriously impacted a person's immune system. This is what makes people more susceptible to common viruses, once they are infected. It's important to spread the word about these facts and about the fiction surrounding HIV and AIDS. Over 20 million people have already died from an encounter with HIV/AIDS. Please help during awareness week to make World AIDS Day a successful step towards a world without AIDS. Volunteers will be making red ribbons at SMUSA, 5th floor Student Centre, on Friday at noon, and anyone interested in helping is welcome. Spread the word...not the disease.

## THE NOVA SCOTIA GAMBIA ASSOCIATION FIGHTS BACK

BY MARGARET-ANNE BENNETT

The Nova Scotia-Gambia Association (NSGA) began in 1985 as a one-shot development education project. In 2005, the NSGA is celebrating its twentieth year of work in the field of education and development in the Gambia, and more recently, in Sierra Leone.

The NSGA is a Halifax based, volunteer, non-profit organization focused on working with youth on health education, with emphasis on HIV/AIDS, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's), healthy relationships, and malaria prevention. These programs are delivered in schools throughout the Gambia and Sierra Leone by trained Peer Health Educators. NSGA programming also supports Community Drama Troupes, young adults who travel throughout the country using drama as a medium to deliver information on a wide range of health issues.

The NSGA has received funding for its programs from agencies like CIDA, the World Bank, the Gambia National AIDS Secretariat, the Gates Malaria Foundation, the Commonwealth of Learning, etc., and has partnered with Saint Mary's, Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent Universities on a number of projects in the Gambia and Sierra Leone.

However, it is the efforts of many local, regional, national and international volunteers and individual donors who form the foundation of the organization. We are delighted that the Student Councils at Saint Mary's and Mount Saint Vincent, along with many individual students, will be supporting the work of the NSGA through the World AIDS Day Red Ribbon Campaign. Thank you to all students for your support.

## HAITI SOLIDARITY ACTIONS RECEIVE SUPPORT

Nova Scotia's arts community will pay tribute to the Honourable Myra A. Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, for her five years of support of Nova Scotia's arts and culture sector. The party, *Merci, Myra!* will be held at Pier 21 in Kenneth C. Rowe Heritage Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, and will feature a number of tributes to Her Honour.

Musician Shimon Walt, who has worked on the volunteer organizing committee said, "We wanted to say thank you to the Lieutenant Governor for the many ways she has showcased the arts and culture during her time in

Government House. From art exhibits to flamenco dancers, from author readings to presenting young string players, she has really made a point of opening the House to artists, and of acknowledging their contributions to Nova Scotia. This is our chance to say, "merci, Myra!"

Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be well-known musician and producer, Ronald Bourgeois. Recently Her Honour created the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Masterworks Arts Award. Instituted and administered by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia's Arts Award Foundation Board of Directors, this award recognizes, rewards

and encourages excellence in all creative media and will highlight the achievement in any medium (performance, design, architecture, visual arts and crafts, writing, photography, new media, film and video) by an artist or group of artists who have a strong commitment to Nova Scotia.

Everyone is welcome and tickets are still available at \$10 from the Dalhousie Arts Centre Box Office. Please call the Arts Centre at 494-3820, or toll-free at 1-800-874-1669, visit the Box Office on University Avenue, Halifax, or purchase on-line at [www.artscentre.dal.ca](http://www.artscentre.dal.ca). For more information, please call 422-5403.

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## ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS A SUMMER JOB!

By the end of September the Student Employment Centre, 4th floor SUB, had received notice of about 50 summer jobs—that doesn't include the much greater number of jobs available and for which you can apply through the Federal government under its employment program. Add to that opportunities available with many companies and organizations all across the country, many of which are posted on their websites, and it is not hard to conclude that finding a job, especially for summer, is about timing as well as skills and a positive attitude. Employers tend to think of summer hiring well in advance of the times that many job seekers think of as the time to start a search.

Some things you can keep in mind when considering finding summer work include:

- Start early. My friends at Memorial University tell me their often used expression is, "The best time to find a summer job is in the winter". I agree.

- Mark February 15th, 2006 on your calendar as the day Saint Mary's, Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent will hold their Halifax Summer Job Fair. This year it will be held in the Mc Innis Room, at the Dalhousie SUB. Details, including information about bus service to and from Dal will be posted soon at [www.halifaxsummer-jobfair.com](http://www.halifaxsummer-jobfair.com).

- Perhaps you are an entrepreneur and would like to do your own thing. You need to check out the Self Employment Centre that will open this week in the Sobey's Building. There you can learn everything you need to know about self employment. Visit the Saint Mary's Small Business Development website for details. They are at [www.smu.ca/smubdc](http://www.smu.ca/smubdc). You do not need to be a business student to use the service.

- Have you given any thought to an internship? There are lots of them, some are in Canada, and others are overseas. Visit the Student Employment Centre to learn

more.

- If you are an international student and do not already know it, the laws governing your ability to work in Canada while a student, are poised to change soon. Under the new rules, International students will be able to work in Canada both part time while in study and full time during breaks. Check with the International Centre, 3rd floor SUB for details.

- Follow up: One of the most common mistakes students make while looking for employment is that they do not follow up. Keep track of the jobs for which you apply. Keep the job descriptions. Unless instructed not to call or contact them, do call or e-mail employers after the deadline dates. Identify yourself and explain you are following through on your application for summer employment. For other tips visit the employment centre where we will also guide you through how to write cover letters and resumes and provide you with resume and cover letter critiques.

- Finally, never give up, regardless if you are looking for a summer job, an internship, a coop work term or a career position.

While composing this article a student popped by the office because she wanted to share some good news. A mature student, who also has a disability, she learned recently that she will start a managerial position soon where she will supervise many staff. About 5 years ago she determined that she would benefit from a university education and in spite of barriers, which included her disability, limited finances, and people who told her she would fail, she made it through and will graduate in the spring. Her attitude is, "I can do it; if you say no to me, I'll find someone who will say yes, and, barriers are just something to overcome." As she awaits receipt of her degree in the spring she will start a career at a fabulous salary.

## Winter's Here, Time to think SMUSA Summer Job

BY: JEFF LOHNES

Every year SMUSA hires a student to run Orientation Week for first year students. With help and direction from the SMUSA Executive and full time staff, the Orientation Coordinator gets to organize, plan, create, design, master and execute all the different functions of Orientation Week (Frosh Week). It is still some time until this hiring will happen, but keep it in mind and drop by my office on the fifth floor any time for details on the position or any of the other positions SMUSA offers throughout the school year and a couple others that are offered for the summer as well. So if you like to work in a fast paced and fun environment this is definitely a choice to look into. There are no restrictions on who can apply beyond being a SMU Student and 1.7 minimum GPA, so build your resume and make sure you apply when the position opens in February or early March.

## Another Journal Election

Chad Bennett is running alone in the Editor-in-Chief race this term around. There will be a "yes/no" election held this Monday, Nov. 28, voting will take place between 10am-4pm in Leah Biladeau's (VP Finance) Office on the 5th floor of the Student Centre.

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### International Development Week

Our fourth annual International Development Week is soon approaching. This week-long program is an opportunity for students, staff and the community at large to learn about international development issues and Saint Mary's involvement worldwide. It is also an opportunity to learn about Saint Mary's study abroad and internship programs and volunteer opportunities.

The week consists of an array of educational, thought-provoking and entertaining activities, with our famous International Night as the official opening. It will feature various keynote speakers who will touch on several pressing international issues, as well as an International Job Opportunities and Cultural Fair, a Film Festival, a Trivia Night, an indoor Soccer tournament, and much more!

The International Development Week will take place from Friday, January 27th to Friday, February 3rd.

More information including the program will be available in January at our website at <http://idweek.smu.ca>

Community and Labour organizations ranging from the Canadian Labour Congress to the Students Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design have endorsed this week's pan-Canadian series of actions in solidarity with the people of Haiti. National endorsers have included the Canadian Peace Alliance, Public Service Alliance of Canada Atlantic, Canadian Union of Postal Workers Atlantic, Ottawa and District Labour Council, Nova Scotia Voice of Women, and the Canada-Haitiens de L'Outaouais pour la reconstruction d'Haïti (CHORHA). The week of action kicked off last Saturday with a march on Parliament Hill by members of the Haitian community and other supporters from the Peace movement. Events will be held throughout the country, ranging from film screenings, pickets, protests, discussions, and other events.

Here in Halifax, Haiti Action Halifax and the Halifax Peace Coalition hosted international journalist Justin Podur for a presentation last Friday evening of his experiences reporting from Haiti. "Justin Podur is one of a handful of North American journalists who have been reporting the atrocities that are being committed against the citizens of the hemisphere's poorest nation by the governments of the richest, including Canada and the United States," said Brooks Kind of the Halifax Peace Coalition, one of the local organizers of this week's events. Members of the Canada Haiti Action Network, the national organizers of this week of actions, have called for these events in order to highlight Canada's role in the continuing crisis in Haiti. Canada's role has included the RCMP training and vetting of the brutal Haitian National Police, the encouragement of privatization of Haitian state industries, and the legitimiza-

tion of an extremely questionable electoral process at a time when most members of the Lavalas party are either in jail, in exile, or dead.

Since the coup of elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the human rights situation has deteriorated drastically under the unelected regime of Gerard Latortue. Thousands of poor Haitians have been murdered, arbitrarily imprisoned or forced into hiding by the Haitian National Police for no other crime than association with the country's most popular political party.

"Canada's government is complicit in the overthrow of a democratically elected Haitian government, complicit with the USA's interventionist policies that peoples across the Americas are rejecting," said Fred Furlong of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. "Trade unions and social justice activists must step out and come together to oppose Canada's role in the stripping of Haitians' right to determine their own future."

## Share A Limo

BY SIMON MACKIE

You're probably already making plans to go home, and who can blame you? You've worked hard all semester, before you know exams will have come and gone, and you just can't wait to head home for a few weeks. Suddenly, you realize that the airport seems farther away than you thought, and a little pricey at that. Fortunately, there are alternatives to walking or hitchhiking (which we discourage—who knows what kind of creepy people you'll meet). Share A Limo is a new service offering limo service to the airport at a special rate for students. While a normal cab to the airport would set you back about \$53, Ritz Limo will do it for \$25. All you have to do is call at least a few hours in advance and they will pick you up at your doorstep. And if you're lucky (or if you're sharing the drive with a few friends), they'll cut you a deal. With the busy holiday season around the corner, they'll try to take multiple people who are going about the same time to the airport together, so you can save even more money. If you're concerned about space because you've got six laundry bags to take home, don't worry because Share A Limo has vans available for those who need more than what a car can hold. Bottom line: Share A Limo makes it easy for you, so why not give them a call? Check it out: 444-RITZ (7489).

# BUSINESS

## THE ROCKEFELLER

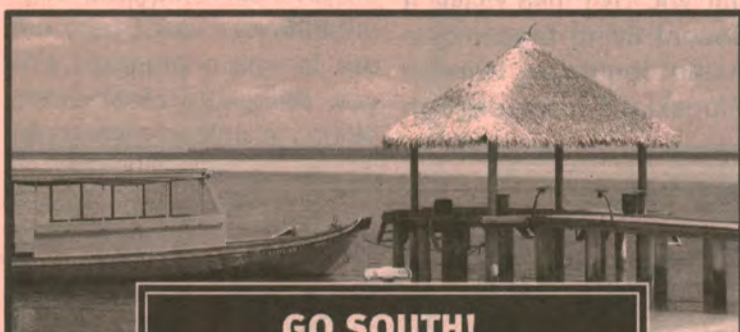
**Q1:** I heard the term Black Friday and Green Friday being used on various news channels, what do they mean??

**A1:** Both mean the same thing actually; they are terms used primarily in the US to denote the Friday after (American) Thanksgiving each year. Many consider this day to be the beginning of Christmas Shopping, although this is slowly shifting to November 1st (1st day after Halloween). The Origins of the names come from two different sources. "Black" Friday, the elder of the two names, signifies that retailers will be getting "in the black" (becoming profitable) after being "in the red" (losing money) for the leading months. "Green Friday" is becoming more popular today to try and bring back the original meaning of profitability while removing some of the more negative connotations that have added up over the years (ie: The Stock Market Crash of 1929, An Iranian Massacre in 1978 or carried over racial tensions from the past).

**Q2:** Do you think that Microsoft will experience the huge success with the Xbox 360 as they did with the original? They took a huge risk by selling the original at a way lower price than they manufactured it for. Are they using this same strategy? What do the forecasts look like?

**Q1:** By success you mean gaining on the #2 spot in terms of market share (instead of profits/losses where the Xbox has notoriously lost billions of dollars) I do foresee them doing well. With the Sony PS3 not being out till late next year and the Nintendo Revolution not out till spring, Microsoft should be able to take a bite out of the market with relative ease. As for selling at under-cost, it's a simple marketing strategy called loss leading, whereby they intend to make their money back selling games and accessories - for Microsoft it's a risk worth taking because if the Xbox can become another Golden Egg Laying Goose, loosing a few billion is well worth it. Current forecasts vary greatly but the general consensus points to a wait and see situation till both other new consoles are out.

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It's coming! The holidays are coming! Did I just sound like a Leon's commercial? Anyways, they're almost here! Now, I don't know what holiday you celebrate, if any, but my family celebrates Christmas. For this particular article, I thought I'd take the chance to get myself and my readers into the holiday spirit (whatever it is you cele-

brate) by giving some advice that we can all desperately use around this time of the year: budgeting our money! I've compiled a list of useful tactics to keep your "nose to the grindstone" as Scrooge would say, and to keep your financials in the green by the time 2006 rolls around.

to just say, "Let's not spend more than \$30.00 on each other, and we will go out for coffee together on the 21st" or something. Spending time with friends and family is what it's all about!

## JACKIE'S 10 STEPS TO HOLIDAY BUDGETING:

1. Know your financial limits. Pre-plan on how much you are going to spend on each person. Type your budget up in an Excel spreadsheet, and be sure to indicate how much of each paycheck you will delegate to gift shopping. Do not write down budgets on pieces of paper; you'll easily dispose of it if something should go awry. Spreadsheets make it easier to re-evaluate where money is going. Also, keep a small discretionary amount of money aside for small gifts and cards for people you may have forgotten about. If you are a homemade gift kind of person (hey, there's nothing wrong with that!) do an inventory of supplies you have and make a budget of those you will need.
2. Make a list of gifts for each person - the more specific the better. Include the approximate amounts for each gift. Think of the mall as a battle zone during the holidays; so many stores competing for your attention and money. You have to go in with your troops... I mean financials - in check - and you have to be organized. Don't aimlessly go into the mall and buy anything you think is suitable. That is not budgeting, that is just being lazy. Use the Internet for ideas and prices. When you take your pre-planning seriously, the more likely it

is that you will force yourself to stay on track.

3. Shop with a frugal friend! During the Holidays, a frugal friend can be your best asset. If you are like me and think that by shopping alone it means letting go of your inhibitions and buying anything and everything you see, it then becomes essential to bring someone who will keep your spending to a minimum. Take my boyfriend for example; he hates shopping. So with him, I really don't have a choice but to get what I came for and then to leave as quickly as possible, unless I want to hear whining and complaining for a few hours. This might be the most indispensable piece of Holiday shopping advice I could receive and give...!

4. Eat before you shop. There is nothing worse than those lines at A&W during the Holidays. Not only that, but the goal here is so save money. So fill your tummy before you head out. Now that I think of it, go to the bathroom before you head out as well... the washrooms during the Holidays are just disgusting.

5. Agree on price limits with friends and family. You aren't the only one who needs to budget. Don't be afraid

6. Don't think you have to buy for everyone. A nice card is a very thoughtful gift, especially with a chocolate or candy-cane attached!

7. Buy one nice thing for the family. If you are stuck on what to get every family member, get something everyone can use and enjoy, like a set of DVD's, a gift certificate for a family dinner, or something you've baked yourself. Which brings me to my next point...

8. Baked goods are gifts too! There's nothing better than receiving a batch of baked-something for the Holidays. The less baking other have to do - the better! I love receiving Christmas cookies or muffins because I can pass it off as if I made them myself. I'm kidding. But seriously, it's cheap and just as good as any store-bought gift.

9. Think Gift Certificates. Especially if you are sending gifts to family members by mail. It's not expensive to ship. Also, gift certificates are the next best thing to cash!

10. Credit Cards. I love this one:
  - a. Choose which credit card you want to use
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# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## The Slovakian Sensation

BY CHRIS CLEMENTS

Jody Mann is a graduate of Saint Mary's University who graduated in absentia with a B.A. in English and Sociology this fall. He has released three solo albums under the stage name Images of Innocence. *Silence becomes Sound* (2005) is a split with long-time friend, Frank Russell of Toronto and follows Images of Innocence's previous solo releases, *self titled* and *Your Island*. I recently contacted Jody, originally from Riverview, New Brunswick, via email at his current residence in Bratislava, Slovakia.



**Q:** How would you describe your music to someone who's never heard it before?

**A:** I would describe my sound as an original blend of optimistic confusion, best enjoyed while being alone: a lot of strings and calming vocal.

**Q:** You play all instruments on your albums, as well as doing your own recording and album layout; what drives you to do this by yourself, and is there any aspect in which you get help from others?

**A:** The recordings stem from my inability to remember daydream melodies and half-written songs. Each song is just a feeling, and over time, feelings come and go. I miss my childhood punk groups and playing in garages, so I thought it would be cool to continue with my music, in fear of losing the mid - 90's vibe. I've done most of the production alone, but the albums benefit from the help of artistic friends from Riverview.

**Q:** Most musicians who

do all their own work (and some who let others do all their work) will release an album under their own name to take credit for it all. Why did you decide to go with Images of Innocence, and not just release your music as Jody Mann?

**A:** I was thinking about "Jody Mann, featuring Jody Mann"! Images of Innocence comes from the deception of a picture, or perhaps the truth of a moment caught on film.

**Q:** All We Are, the final track on *To a land far away* features beach sounds such as crashing waves and seagulls calling. What is it that draws you to the ocean, and how does that connection affect your music?

**A:** I feel at peace there. It's a place where nature silences the noise, and I somehow try to incorporate its silent language into my sound.

**Q:** Which of your albums are you most proud of?

**A:** Although most of my close friends would hope for me to choose the first

acoustic album, I'm most proud of *Your Island*. The album came to my rescue during a very messy time in my life, yet the songs remained true to myself.

**Q:** What type of gear do you use to play and record your music?

**A:** I play/use a Yamaha LL11 folk guitar, Steph's Washburn bass, rented drum kits, and a couple of condenser mics. Basically, it's a bedroom project consisting of an external USB running into my laptop. I'm sub-amateur and production stresses me out.

**Q:** Did your time at SMU influence your music in any way?

**A:** Sure, it was my first year at SMU when I recorded the first disc. When else does anyone have time to do that except while studying?

**Q:** You had some trouble with the registrar at SMU after you finished your required courses to graduate this past summer and needed them to recognize you as a graduate when you applied for the job in Slovakia. Do you have any advice for people who may find themselves in a similar situation?

**A:** Skip the gatekeeper and find someone in a position to help you out. Work smarter, not harder.

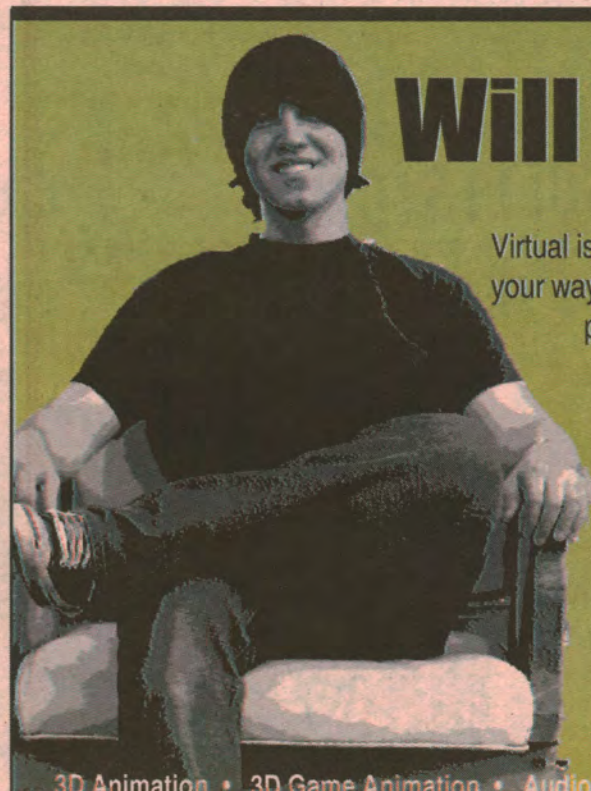
**Q:** When so many graduates go to Asia to teach English, what is it that drew you to Eastern Europe and Slovakia in particular?

**A:** One of my best friends is teaching in Japan at the moment. I'm sure he's there for the culture shock, but you can also make a decent living teaching in Asian countries. Here in Slovakia, I have enough

to eat and a roof over my head. I have other experiences living in Eastern Europe, but have always been attracted to Central Slavic countries. Slovakia is home to genuine, hardy people and a pristine landscape to say the least. It's a challenging life here, but worth every experience so far. Just make sure to leave any Western naïveté at home.

**Q:** What's the music scene like in Slovakia? Is there room for a solo artist from Riverview?

**A:** Haha! I don't think so. Not unless you're into Shaggy or Shakira. Nah, it's a strange brew of jigaboo rap, endless remixes of 80's favourites, and fantastic Slovak artists. To be honest, European radio is far more interesting than the tired old mixes back home.



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# Good Times at The Price Is Right

BY ADAM LORDON

This past Friday almost 300 potential contestants packed the McNally Theatre Auditorium with the hope of achieving their goal of getting called to "Come on Down" for their moment of pricing game glory. The atmosphere was electric and the show was late starting because so many people continued to pile in even after 7:00pm. As the music started and Rod called down the first contestants everyone was pumped. As Bob walked out from behind the curtain the ladies in the audience screamed, many of whom were sporting t-shirts made especially for the occasion.

For our SMU Price is Right we had a contestant's row of 6 people instead of 4 so more people could participate. The first half consisted of the ever-popular golf game, which was for a night in a hotel; Punch-A-Bunch, for up to \$150 cash; and Let'Em Roll played for a microwave. The highlight was when the contestant who was playing Punch-A-Bunch hit the \$150 jackpot on his 2nd punch.

The second half consisted of two classics, including everyone's favourite pricing game Plinko, as well as Cliff-hanger complete with a yodeling soundtrack. The games were rounded out with That's Too Much, one of the newer games on the show, which was played for a George Forman Grill. All three games were won, meaning that we had 5 winners out of six.

The evening ended with the showcase showdown featuring a "Pimp my Room" showcase and a "Night In" showcase. Both were awesome, but Dylan, who had earlier won himself \$80 playing Plinko, also walked away the big winner on the night winning the "Pimp my Room" showcase.

Throughout the evening the crowd was very interactive, helping many of the contestants along the way (and even booing a couple of times, like when one of the Beauties attempted to help out during Plinko). Bob Barker did an awesome job guiding the contestants along the way, and Rod and his product descriptions kept the fans laughing the whole evening. Not to mention, the Beauties were as ravishing as could be in their designer gowns provided at a discount from Value Village.

All in all, the event was a huge success and I would like to thank all those who helped out in anyway be it selling tickets, preparing games, or on the night of the event. We couldn't have done it without you!



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## 8th Annual International Night

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If you're one of those people who live to fly downhill in cold weather you may be interested in heading over to Dalhousie's Ondaatje Hall on Saturday, 3 December. At 8:00pm Teton Gravity will be showing the Halifax premiere of their new film *The Tangerine Dream*. Shot on location in such locales as India, Switzerland, Alaska and Turkey, *The Tangerine Dream* "is a film that represents 10 years of broken down trucks, whiskey bottles, wanderlust and some of the most down and dirty skiing you have ever seen."

The doors to the event open at 6:00pm and there will be DJs spinning and product displays where you can check out some of the latest gear. While there you can enter various draws and contests to win great prizes from all of the local sponsors. After the movie will be an *Après Ski* movie party at the Pogue Fado where there will be live music, ski movies on all the screens

and more prizes to be won.

"It's going to be a wicked party, and a great chance to see everyone before the season starts" says Melissa MacInnis, head of the Saint Mary's Sno\* to Surf Society. The society will be at the premiere selling 50/50 tickets in an effort to raise funds for the fledgling group which became an official SMU Society only a few short weeks ago. Melissa sees the event as more than a chance to raise money saying that it's a chance to "meet and mingle with the other winter enthusiasts" including the Dalhousie Snow and Surf Society, a group they'll likely be co-operating with throughout the season.

Tickets for *The Tangerine Dream* are on sale at Aerobics First on Quinpool Rd. The tickets are \$10 each and in addition to the film, they give you entrance to the *Après Ski* party at The Pogue Fado where you can enter through the VIP line. Visit [www.skiwentworth.ca](http://www.skiwentworth.ca) for more information on the event.

For more information on the Sno\*to Surf Society, feel free to contact Melissa at [sno2surfsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sno2surfsociety@gmail.com). The society has some great events planned and is welcoming new members.

## Spend New Years Eve in Style - Spend it at the Gorsebrook!



BY ADAM LORDON

How will you spend your New Year's Eve? If you haven't thought about it yet, now is the time. New Year's Eve is just over a month away and as everyone knows it is one of the huge social events of the year.

If you want to go out and get dressed up, but don't want to spend just another night downtown, then SMU Years Eve is for you. Don't pay \$25 bucks to get dressed up and chill at The Palace. Don't stay home all dressed up dreading downtown. Come to the newly renovated Gorsebrook Lounge.

The Gorsebrook will be THE place to spend New Year's Eve 2006. Tickets are

only \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. That's way cheaper than at any other bar. For this special occasion the pub will be open extra late! It will be a semi-formal dress code, with fancy decorations. There will be a balloon drop and champagne for the big New Year's Countdown. It's truly going to be a special evening.

Tickets are on sale in advance now at the Gorsebrook Lounge as well as the Information Desk. You must be 19 years of age to attend, however you do not need to be a SMU student.

New Year's Eve is only weeks away—make sure you get your ticket to spend it in style...at the Gorsebrook.

## North Country Delivers

BY: ASHLEE STARRATT

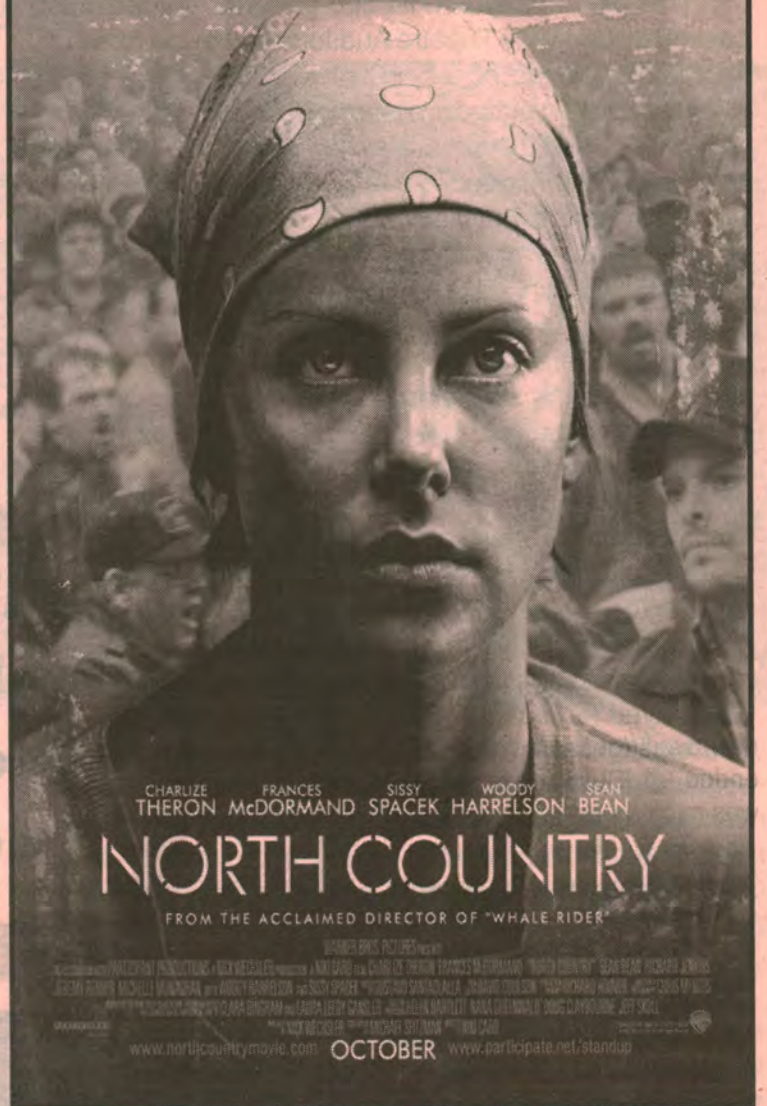
This isn't the first time it's been done—or the second. Julia Roberts did it in *Erin Brockovich*. Sally Field won an Oscar for it in *Norma Rae*; and now, Charlize Theron does it again in *North Country*. Strong female figures taking on the establishment seems to be a favourite genre amongst Hollywood producers; no wonder, considering that audiences and the Academy seem to tirelessly lap it up. However, there is something different about *North Country* that makes it stand apart from the rest; something darker, grittier.

Starring Theron, Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sean Bean, and Sissy Spacek, the storyline follows the events unfolding in the lives of the inhabitants of a 1980s northern Minnesota mining town as one woman single-handedly turns their world upside down. Josey Aimes, played by Theron, is a single mother escaping an abusive relationship by packing up her two children and moving back in with her parents in Minnesota until she can get back on her feet. Josey's father works at the iron mine, the predominant livelihood of the majority of the townspeople, and he resents his daughter's presence, having never forgiven her for the shame she had brought to their family as the result of a teenage pregnancy and a failed marriage.

Only seeking a better life for her and her children, Josey's friend Glory (McDormand), who is the only female union rep at the mine, encourages her to apply for a labourer's position where she would be making twice what she had before. Upon commencing work at the mine, Josey soon bonds with the small handful of other female miners, and quickly learns that in order to survive in the pit a woman has to keep her nose clean and keep her mouth shut since the mine is no place for a lady. As time passes, Josey becomes the new fresh meat in the 'powder room' and is subjected to degrading acts of sexual assault. With Glory falling ill there is no longer a female voice in the union and, finding no help in the unwilling management, Josey soon takes actions into her own hands by taking up with a feisty New York lawyer (Harrelson), who has returned home to Minnesota seeking peace and quiet, and launches a lawsuit against the mining corporation.

Shaking the community to its core, Josey's actions have a trickle-down effect she was not prepared for, as the axe is brought down hard on her female co-workers who want nothing more than to keep their mouths shut and keep their jobs. Josey's family

ALL SHE WANTED WAS TO MAKE A LIVING.  
INSTEAD SHE MADE HISTORY.



is also in ruins as her mother Alice (Spacek), a woman whose place has always been in her home, finally stands up against her father who has been standing idly by while his daughter is publicly humiliated day after day, and leaves him. Josey's son, seeing the only family he's got left crumbling beneath him also begins to ostracize her, believing the lewd stories about her to be true.

Directed by Niki Caro (*Whale Rider*), the tale of *North Country* is shown from the perspective of the courtroom with flashbacks to the actual events that took place at the mine and in Josey's life interspersed throughout. The film is as dark as the fumes from the mine, and bleak, much like the country that it portrays. Yet there is also

a gritty hope that keeps the viewer rooted to their seats in anticipation that the underdog will triumph, as many good deeds come into being simply by the strength of one person who is willing to make a stand. If Josey can get her female colleagues to testify with her, she will have won the nation's first class action lawsuit for sexual harassment, a landmark in US history and one that will also be the yardstick for sexual harassment policy worldwide.

Inspired by the true story of the 1984 Jenson vs. Eveleth Mines case, *North Country* is an eye-opening film that speaks not only to women but also to an entire generation, of the importance of safety and respect in all aspects of life.

### INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Our eighth annual International Night is soon approaching. This dazzling night of exquisite international cuisine, international entertainment, and a DJ dance is going to be held on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at 6:30pm, in the Loyola Conference Hall (L290).

The International Night will be the official opening for our fourth Annual International Development Week. Come to enjoy a great buffet dinner, a beautiful show, and to dance to the beats of international music.

This year tickets are \$15 dollars in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets will be available in January. Great door prizes will be drawn throughout the night.

We are looking for people (individuals or groups) who would like to perform during the night. If you are interested, please contact Cristy Lopez at [lopez\\_cristy@hotmail.com](mailto:lopez_cristy@hotmail.com) or Andy Crosby at [crosby19@canada.com](mailto:crosby19@canada.com). Sponsored by the International Centre and the International Student Society.

More information including the program will be available in January at our website: <http://INTERNATIONALNIGHT.SMU.CA>

## Local Building Provides Inspiration for NSCAD MFA Student

BY DAVID COLLIER

The troubled existence, and recent demolition, of a particular building in Halifax's north end has become a conceptual catalyst for NSCAD MFA student Ehryn Torrell. She will be exhibiting a series of drawings and paintings in her MFA Thesis exhibition titled *The Pink House*. Ehryn's observations

about chaos, collapse, and deterioration are reflective in the work, which also considers ideas of community neglect, vulnerability, and imaginative potential in seemingly banal or forgotten material. It is difficult to look at her work without experiencing personal memories or perceived beliefs about homes, families, or the

progression of society.

The Pink House opens to the public on Monday, November 28, at 5:30pm, at the Anna Leonowens Gallery (1891 Granville Street, Halifax). Ehryn will also be addressing her works during a noon talk on Wednesday, November 30. The exhibition runs until December 10, 2005.

# THE ALL NEW THE G-SPOT

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So, I went out this weekend again, I can't believe that I took my chances, considering how disastrous last weekend ended up. But this weekend was much better.

Friday night a friend of mine had people in, so we all went there. We played drinking games and then went out to the bar. It was a really good time! All of us girls were out dancing and having fun.

There is a guy in one of my classes that never talks to me. A bunch of us always sit together and chat, but this guy never talks directly to me. I thought he must not like me, but he was out at the bar, and ended up buying drinks for my friends and me all night. He never left my side on the dance floor. I didn't make out with him or anything, but I'll be curious to see how he acts in class from now on.

I left the bar with my girls, and didn't let him know I was leaving. I hope I didn't lead him on and then leave him high and dry, I just wasn't interested.

Lately I haven't really been attracted to most guys. I've

been hanging out with this one guy for a while, we are pretty good friends, but I'm interested in being more than a friend. I'm pretty sure he knows, but we have never flat out discussed it. It didn't really matter to me too much that things weren't going anywhere because we were friends, but now that it's affecting my attraction and feelings towards other guys, I think I need to do something about it. I'm not sure what yet, but when I know, I'll let you know.

I have a question of my own to answer this week...

**Q:** Many of my girlfriends have been burned in the past. Why do girls settle? Why do we automatically think that we are not worthwhile if we don't have a boyfriend? When a man treats us like shit, why do we always make excuses and blame ourselves?

**A:** I really believe that no woman can truly be happy in a relationship until she is truly happy with herself. That means not needing a man to make her happy. Yes, love is

wonderful, and relationships are wonderful, but you can't really be in a healthy relationship until you respect yourself enough to have a guy who respects you.

There are so many men out there who are disrespectful of women and just see them as a piece of ass, or whatever, but those guys are jerks. I really do believe that they act that way because they can, and until us women all have the self-confidence and self-respect to not put up with their bullshit, they are going to continue to keep acting like assholes and continue breaking our hearts.

Ladies, please take a long look in the mirror and realize that you are beautiful, and smart, and funny, and that any guy would be lucky to have you. Don't settle for a guy who is only going to want to hang out when he's drunk, or a guy who doesn't take you out in public, or isn't afraid to disappoint you for the little things.

You deserve better. You deserve a man who is going to love you as much as you love him and who is going to treat you how you deserve to be treated. You have to make him work for you, and if he's willing to work for you, then he's a keeper. I am optimistic and I believe that if every woman out there really loved herself and knew that she was worth far more than she thinks she is, and then no man would ever break her heart because she would realize right away that she deserves better and that any man that doesn't recognize that isn't good enough for her. Ladies, save your tears, because no man is worth crying over. Don't waste the pretty.

## Halifax Student Film Festival

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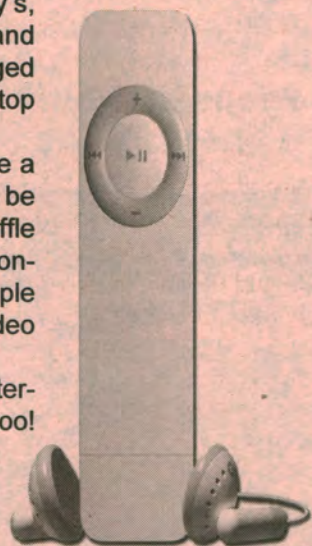
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Just a reminder that the Halifax Student Film Festival will be taking place this Friday at 7pm in SMU's McNally Theatre. The theatre is located straight inside the McNally Main building at 923 Robie Street (a map is attached to this e-mail).

We will be screening 20 student films ranging in length from 1 minute to 15mins. Entries were received from students at Dalhousie, NSCAD, Saint Mary's, NSCC and The Centre For Arts and Technology. The films are being judged and prizes will be awarded to the top films.

Admission is free but if you give a two dollar donation your name will be entered in a draw for an iPod shuffle donated by Apple Reseller Terra Consultants. In addition, the first 50 people at the door get a free rental from Video Difference.

THAT'S NOT ALL... There's an after-party at SMU's Gorsebrook Lounge too! Tell all your friends!!!




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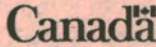
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# THE SOCIETY PAGE

## A FILM BY TETON GRAVITY RESEARCH THE TANGERINE DREAM

It's late November and the weather has been great. No sign of winter yet. That's great, right? Not for everyone. Some people long for a cold snap. Some people want the snow to start piling up. Some people want to hit the slopes with their skis and their snowboards.

If you're one of those people who live to fly downhill in cold weather you may be interested in heading over to Dalhousie's Ondaatje Hall on Saturday, 3 December. At 8:00pm Teton Gravity will be showing the Halifax premiere of their new film *The Tangerine Dream*. Shot on location in such locales as India, Switzerland, Alaska and Turkey, *The Tangerine Dream* "is a film that represents 10 years of broken down trucks, whiskey bottles, wanderlust and some the most down and dirty skiing you have ever seen."

The doors to the event open at 6:00pm and there will be DJs spinning and product displays where you can check out some of the latest gear. While there you can enter various draws and contests to win great prizes from all of the local sponsors. After the movie will be an *Après Ski*-movie party at the Pogue Fado where there will be live music, ski movies on all the screens and more prizes to be won.

"It's going to be a wicked party, and a great chance to see everyone before the season starts" says Melissa MacInnis, head of the Saint Mary's Sno\* to Surf Society. The society will be at the premiere selling 50/50 tickets in an effort to raise funds for the fledgling group which became an official SMU Society only a few short weeks ago. Melissa sees the event as more than a chance to raise money saying that it's a chance to "meet and



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mingle with the other winter enthusiasts" including the Dalhousie Snow and Surf Society, a group they'll likely be co-operating with throughout the season.

Tickets for *The Tangerine Dream* are on sale at Aerobics First on Quinpool Rd. The tickets are \$10 each and in addition to the film, they give you entrance to the *Après Ski* party at The

Pogue Fado where you can enter through the VIP line. Visit [www.skiwentworth.ca](http://www.skiwentworth.ca) for more information on the event.

For more information on the Sno\*to Surf Society, feel free to contact Melissa at [sno2surfsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sno2surfsociety@gmail.com). The society has some great events planned and is welcoming new members.

## Women, Write On!

A WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE WOMEN'S CENTRE  
Jennifer Crawford // [Jennifer.crawford@smu.ca](mailto:Jennifer.crawford@smu.ca)

The end of the term is almost here! Good luck to everyone with your final papers, tests, exams; if you need a break, there are a number of ideas below to give your brain a rest from the schoolwork.

This Friday (November 25th) is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and the Women's Centre is acknowledging it with a session of "Yoga for Women + Peace Ceremony". This will be in the Private Dining Room, just past the Loyola Security Desk, on the way to the residence cafeteria. It will run from 4pm-6pm. Wear comfy clothes, and bring a blanket or yoga mat! Bring all your women friends; the more the merrier.

On Friday, December 2nd, there will be a planning meeting for all those interested in participating in *The Vagina Monologues* this year. Location of meeting is TBA - keep your eyes peeled for posters. If you are interested in any area of production or acting, we would love to have you. Auditions will be on the 6th of January, and the performances are on Feb 10 and 11th.

Winners of the Shirt Design Contest will be announced by the end of this week. Thank you so much to everyone who submitted an entry, we appreciate your efforts and artistry!

There will be a book reading this Thursday at King's College, at 7:30pm in the Kings

College Lecture Room. Doug Janoff will read from his book, *Pink Blood: Homophobic Violence in Canada*. A reception will follow. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Beginning on Nov 28th, the Centre will be operating on reduced hours. Our volunteers are swamped with exams, projects and the like - volunteer hours from the 28th until 2006 are optional. Jen will continue to keep the door open for a few hours in the mornings (except for Mondays). When we all have our schedules for next term, we'll create a new volunteer schedule for Term 2.

A big THANK YOU to Alana Green, who conducted the Women's Self Defense Class last Wednesday night. I've heard nothing but good things - we certainly appreciate that you set aside that night just for us, and we look forward to having you again in the new year!

The next board meeting will be this Tuesday, at 6pm, in the Women's Centre. We'll be discussing volunteering at the Dec 6th Memorial, *The Vagina Monologues*, deciding on the winning shirt design, Yoga for Women and other topics. If you have anything you'd like on the agenda, please just send me a quick email. If you have any questions about the Women's Centre, or would like to have a say in our events, this would be a prime time to stop by!

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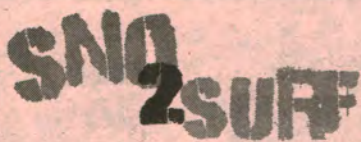
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## Curling Society Delivers First Season! Check Them Out this Sunday!!

We are excited to announce the newly formed SMU Curling Society. With the Roar of the Rings Olympic Curling Trials taking place in our very own Halifax in only 2 weeks, the buzz has started around the curling community. Don't you ever sit down and watch curling and think "I should try that some day, it doesn't look that hard!" or "I've always wanted to curl!" Well, we have come together to bring curling to the students, in a fun, non-competitive, social atmosphere, where you can have your opportunities to try it out!!! We will hold little "fun nights" of curling throughout the season with curling, instruction, prizes, games and of course, fun! Our membership is \$30 for the "fun night" membership and helps to cover the cost of ice rentals. No experience is ever necessary for any of our events, and we have people who are more than willing to teach you the basics! Once you join and you decide you want to curl more often, you

will have the option of joining a weekly Sunday Night league beginning in January! If you are interested in the more competitive aspect of curling, we have been in contact with a Mt.A representative regarding a bonspiel they will be holding for university curlers in February, and we'd be glad to have you join us! Finally, we would like to invite all of you out to our Official "Grand Opening" Event on Sunday, the 27th of November at 1:30. It will be taking place at the Halifax Curling Club, (948 South Bland Street), just minutes away from SMU. Our event will be free for members, and \$10 for non-members, and will feature some curling (lessons if you need it), snacks, prizes, curling trivia and a lot of fun!! All you need is some warm, loose clothes and clean sneakers! For any information regarding our society membership or any events, feel free to contact us at either [carrie.vautour@smu.ca](mailto:carrie.vautour@smu.ca) or [levy.jackie@gmail.com](mailto:levy.jackie@gmail.com)

## International Opportunities INFO NIGHT

There will be an information session this Wednesday, November 23 in S104, the big science lab from 5:30-7pm. Targeting Science students, but open to all, AIESEC Halifax and International Activities will each give short presentations on what they have to offer. AIESEC will be talking about what their society is all about and what opportunities there are to go on international internships with AIESEC. International Activities will also talk about global opportunities and studying abroad. Pizza and pop will be served for the question and answer period at the end.

# THE PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY ... IS BACK

**BYEILEEN HINDS & JENNIFER FOLKES**

Students complain that there is never anything to do! The question is; do you take an active role in participating in things around the school? There are so many different things that students can get involved in. For example the Psychology society is looking for members who wish to become active! We have an awesome executive this year that are currently going above and beyond to provide you with fun and exciting events, now all we need is a big group of (fun and exciting) members. Here is just a heads up on some of the things we are currently planning.

Most importantly mark off your Calendars for December 3rd as the psychology society will be holding an event for everyone at the Gorsbrook. It's go-

ing to be \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Aramark will be providing nourishment and the entertainment will be brought on by the famous Jon McKiel, Matt Whiston and Olivier Jarda. It is the perfect opportunity to sit back and relax before getting into the heavy studying that exam period bring about. This event will start at 8pm and tickets can be bought by contacting the society at the e-mail below. Also, in the holiday spirit we are doing a fundraising event with a little twist. This event will get everyone involved, students and faculty. We have asked the psychology faculty to decorate their doors for the holidays, we ask everyone else to come and view the doors. Votes can be

**Ski Epic 2006 + Teton Gravity + a meeting and more...**

November 23rd - Approx. Time: 5 - 5:15pm  
Location: Top of the Tower  
Membership Fee Due @ Next Meeting: \$5

This fee will take care of any O/H, and plus get you 'member-rates' (For example pay; \$20 for a ticket, opposed to \$25)

### Ski Epic 2006;

Anyone interested in going on Ski Epic 2006, will be able to make deposits, ask questions, etc.

email; [skiepic2006@gmail.com](mailto:skiepic2006@gmail.com) for more info.

### Teton Gravity

Ski and Snowboard Movie Premier Event;  
Anyone interested in going to this premier will be able to buy tickets at the meeting.

Tickets cost \$10; this gets you into the pre-party, movie, and after-party @ The Pogue.

You also will be able to win a huge amount wicked of prizes!

\* People of All Levels are Welcome! Whether you are a beginner surfer, skier, snowboarder, etc.. or Whether you are a ski snob and don't know why the hell anyone would want to waste their time going to a hill on the East Coast... Believe me we'll change your mind.

~ Melissa MacInnis  
c/o Support Team

## UPDATE FROM THE Commerce Society

Hey Everyone,  
Well I can't believe that the semester is almost over. We realize that everyone is starting to get extremely busy with exams, final papers and projects so we do not have that many events on the go for the next few weeks but I will give you details on the events we have planned.

### PAINT BALL

The Commerce Society will be going paint balling on Saturday, November 26 from 1:00pm -4:00pm. We will be leaving the office at noon sharp for people who will be needing transportation. This event is limiting to 25 people ( still 14 spots remaining) and will be taking place at the NBT Paintball near the airport. The costs for this event is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. This covers everything but paint. These are the additional costs for participants:

\$0.10 per paint ball  
\$41.40 for 500 paint balls  
\$74.75 for 1000 paint balls  
\$126.50 for 2000 paint balls

(the 1st round of paint might be covered if a sponsor comes through but DO NOT plan on this!- expect to use 100 + rounds/hour

Those attending prepare to get messy so wear clothes you are not worried about getting dirty.

### CLOTHING

Sobey School of Business Commerce Society will be pre-selling Mens and Womens Light Blue Golf Shirts at \$30 a piece. We ask that everyone wishing to buy a shirt do so as soon as possible. If you want more information on these or other inquiries on clothing please do so by dropping by the office.

### HOLIDAY SOCIAL

The Holiday Social will be taking place on Friday, December 2, 2005 at 5pm at Your Father's Moustache on Spring Garden Rd.. We will be having some drink specials as well as assorted food specials. Every Sobey School of Business member will receive free dessert on our behalf. This will be a great opportunity to get out and spread some Holiday Cheer before exams

start! Sign up need to be done before Wednesday, November 30 at 4:00pm in the Commerce Society office.

### INFORMATION SESSIONS

The last information session for the Inter-College Business Competition (ICBC) will be taking place TOMORROW, November 22 at 10am in SB335. If you are a returning full-time student for next year do not miss out on this opportunity. SMU students have been involved in this case competition for years and it is highly recommended that you take part if given the opportunity. Last year the entire SMU team got the chance to go to Ontario for 3-4 days with all expenses paid.

### ACCOUNTING SOCIETY

The Accounting Society will be having their first official social event of the year on Thursday, November 24, 2005 at the Split Crow. this event will be starting at 7:30 and continuing for as long as people would like to stay and yes this includes the power hour at 9pm. The Society will be paying a couple of huge party trays ( wings, finger foods ect.) and everyone is required to pay the \$5 cover for the night. The Accounting Society would like to see as many ppl there as possible. Please RSVP at the Accounting Society office before Thursday, November 24, 2005 at noon. Non-members are welcome. For more information contact Jared Vienneau at [accsociety@smu.ca](mailto:accsociety@smu.ca).

### MEMBER DRIVE

The Commerce Society will be having a membership drive set up in the Loyola Collanade in the upcoming weeks. If you are available to set at the table and help promote the Commerce Society please email me at [marketing@ssbcs.ca](mailto:marketing@ssbcs.ca).

### THE SMU BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

will be having an opening reception networking event on Thursday, November 24th, 2005 at 5:30pm at the Art Gallery in Loyola. There will be FREE food & cash bar and there is a chance to win \$500 and other great prizes. RSVP needs to be done by Nov 23 by either calling Emma Martin at 429-4608 or email at [emma.martin@smu.ca](mailto:emma.martin@smu.ca).

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# SPORTS

## Husky Hockey

### A WARM MOMENT IN THE FACE OF DISPARITY



Both the Men and Women's Husky hockey teams lent a helping hand this past week as they played a major part in raising over 20,000 dollars for injured Moncton winger Sebastien Savage. Savage fractured the fifth cervical vertebra in an Oct. 22 game against Acadia after being crushed into the boards head first. He is now paralyzed in his lower and upper extremities and the funding will go a long way in the continuation of on-going care he is now receiving in an Ottawa hospital. Most of the money was raised during a game last Wednesday between Moncton and SMU with Huskies hockey coach Trevor Stienburg, fellow coaches at the university and student-athletes from all of SMU's teams helping out. They organized and ran a raffle that featured several major prizes, including a trip for two from CanJet and a signed picture of Wayne Gretzky and Gordie Howe sitting together on the bench during a WHA all-star game, the raffle raising 12,200 all together. Eastlink also set up a pledge line that raised close to 4000 while an additional 5000 was collected before the puck had even dropped. After a close and low scoring game that saw Moncton attain a 1-0 victory in front of over 2500 at the Forum, Moncton goaltender Eric Lafrance, a close friend of Savage's who made 38 stops to earn the shutout, was presented with a bag full of cash at centre ice. Although it was the Men's hockey team on the ice, the actual game was far less important than the cause, with dozens of St. Mary's athletes commendably offering their time to help out. During such a tragic injury,

it's truly heart warming to see such a great form of competition, encompassed by such compassion.

Back to the competition though, SMU had a pair of games the following weekend as they tried to make up for the loss earlier that week. A Friday night match-up saw SMU going head to head with UPEI and coming up huge against the league's perennial punching bag. Fourth-year forward and Husky captain Brad Self had a goal and four assists to lead the seventh-ranked Huskies to a 6-3 win over lowly UPEI, handing them their 11th loss in 12 games. Ryan Lauzon scored twice and Randy Upshall, Andrew Carver and Marc Rancourt chipped in one each for the victory.

SMU then traveled to New Brunswick the following night as they faced off against a tough UNB team that beat them by mean of a 3rd period come from behind loss the week previous. This game would provide no differing outcome as UNB thwarted the Huskies effort with a final 5-3 score to slide into top spot among the AUS hockey standings, with an 8-2-3 record on the season. The Huskies now sit in 5th (7-4-1) and will face Dalhousie at home on Wednesday (Nov 23rd/ 7pm). They then travel to Acadia Friday for a 7:30 start time.

The Women on the other hand are now alone atop the AUS women's hockey standings for the first time since Oct. 29th of last year. Courtney Schriver netted 2 goals in Moncton last Saturday afternoon as the Huskies sailed over the Moncton Aigles Bleues 8-0. Clara Gaudet,

Holly Beaton, Lindsay MacInnis, Zoe Launcelott and rookies Amy Dawson and Kori Cheverie each scored Saint Mary's while Sophomore Danielle Brunet posted the shutout for SMU. The next night SMU took on UNB and managed just a 5-1 victory this time, with Shriver adding another pair of points.

The Women now herald a 7-1-0 record and move one point ahead of St. FX, the only other real contender in the conference (6-1-1-0). Courtney Schriver, who was last season's AUS rookie of the year, now moves ahead of teammate Lindsay Taylor for the conference scoring lead. Schriver has 23 points while Taylor, who was scratched from both weekend games because of the flu, has 19.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game.

They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the tight pants and all the big muscles; but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?" Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!

I'm like...Helloooooo? It's only 25 cents!!!!"

## BASKETBALL DIARIES

Huskies 76, Varsity Reds 61 — In Men's Basketball, SMU took on UNB at the Tower last Friday and didn't disappoint, dowing the UNB Varsity Reds by a score of 76-61. Nelson Carvery tallied 18 points as Saint Mary's handed UNB its first loss of the season. Jonathan Thibault also threw up some big buckets for the pack with 16 and Jerome Goodman put up 15. SMU now holds a record of 2-1 and moves into a tie for second with UNB, both 6 back of St. FX.

Huskies 57, Varsity Reds 51 — The women took on the UNB Varsity Reds as well last Friday and the outcome was not to dissimilar from the men. Sherelle Carvery knocked down 15 points for the SMU women in an upset victory over a visiting UNB team. Laura MacPherson contributed with 12 points for the Huskies (1-2) for their first win of the season.

## SMU Curling Society

### GRAND OPENING

Free for Members, \$10 for Non-Members (\$30 to join!)  
Where: Halifax Curling Club  
948 South Bland St.

**When:**  
Sunday, November 27th, @  
1:30 pm.

**Bring:**  
Clean Sneakers & Warm  
Clothing

**What:**

- Curling
- Instruction (if needed)
- Snacks
- Curling Trivia
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## HUSKIES AT HOME

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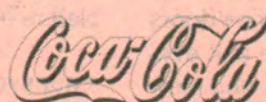
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**Men's Hockey** Wednesday, November 23 7pm vs DAL at The Halifax Forum

**Basketball** Friday, November 25 vs DAL Women 6pm & Men 8pm At The Tower

**Women's Hockey** Sunday, November 27 vs StFX 2pm at Alumni Arena

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# PRO-LINE PREDICTIONS

## ATLANTA AT DETROIT

With the way Atlanta has been playing of late; it's hard to justifiably pick them to win this Thursday night game. With a lowly Packer team beating them at home and a loss to Tampa Bay last week by just 3, the Falcons confidence seems to be in a bit of a downward spiral. The best prescription they could've gotten however sees them going into Detroit this week, as Harrington and Jones combined won't match the total yardage Vick will put up by himself. In a game that could be close, Atlanta should rebound with enough urgency to send the Lions back to their cage.  
- Falcons by 7

## DENVER AT DALLAS

This should be a stellar game and may even have a slight chance at being a Superbowl preview. Although both teams play in ridiculously competitive divisions this year, Dallas has seen less consistency in their bid for the NFC East division title. A win over Denver would go along way in solidifying their playoff chances and their confidence, especially after an interception was needed in the dying minutes to down the woeful Eagles 2 weeks ago. Denver on the other hand is playing incredible at 8-2 and has two different tailback's pushing for 1000 yard season's this year. Dallas's defence has looked good but if Jake Plummer has even a decent game, the Cowboys will be looking at loss 4.  
-Broncos by 7

## BALTIMORE AT CINCINNATI

Yes the Bengals lost to the Colts last week and yes the Ravens beat the Steelers. Why then do the Ravens still have no chance in this game? Well considering the Steelers would have won that game with anyone that isn't Tommy Maddux at QB and the Bengals actually kept pace with Indianapolis until the dying minutes, I see no fathomable reason to pick the Ravens winning in Cincinnati.  
- Bengals by 13

## CAROLINA AT BUFFALO

The Bills got slaughtered

at the hands of the Chargers last week and J.P Losman is looking pretty bad out there. Carolina is tied atop their division with the Buccaneers and can't afford a disappointing loss in Buffalo after losing to the Bears last week. The Bills defence has shown holes all season and is nowhere near the skill level observed last year. Carolina's offence is still siiick, despite what the Bears did to it last week.  
-Panthers by 14

## CHICAGO AT TAMPA BAY

Number one defence against the number two defence. Although Tampa has a tendency to still crack against high powered offences, Chicago's is not one of them. With identical records, this game will go a long way in determining who the real powers of the NFC are this year. Chris Simms and Mike Alstott are proving to be a formidable combo but the Bears secondary has shredded far better, seen last week in their destruction of Delhomme and the Panthers. This looks like a field goal game to me, and the Bears look like they're for real.  
- Bears by 3

## CLEVELAND AT MINNESOTA

I dunno about this one considering both teams are pretty two faced. I really thought Cleveland played immaculate last week, shutting out the Dolphins and improving to 4-6, but which Minnesota team will show up? Rob Johnson is the oldest starting quarterback in the league right now (Vinny isn't the Jet's starter, Bolinger is) and won't last too long before wearing himself out. Regardless, although this game could end up being close, every time I bet on Minnesota they lose.  
- Browns by 3

## NEW ENGLAND AT KANSAS CITY

This is a bit of a sketchy one for the Pats considering the Chiefs can be unstoppable at home. If the Chiefs take this one they inch closer to the division leading Broncos and the last playoff spot in the AFC. Considering all divisional playoff spots are predictably locked up, the wild cards seem to be all that's left for grabs. Either the Steelers or Bengals

will more than likely grab one of them, that's just one spot left for the likes of KC, SD and Jacksonville. If the Chiefs lose this one they can all but kiss those chances goodbye.  
- Patriots by 100

## SAN DIEGO AT WASHINGTON

Is there a lot of awesome games this week or what? There's going to be high odds right down the pro line slip and this is one to especially look for seeing as the Chargers will win this game and will probably have above 2.1 to do so. Although the Redskins have had moments this season I can almost guarantee this won't be one of them. If San Diego wants to keep pace with Denver and Jacksonville they need this, while the Redskins at 5-5 seem to be on the decent.  
- Chargers by 3

## SAN FRANCISCO AT TENNESSEE

Even the crappy teams are matched up well this week. Not that anyone cares but the Niners have been playing much better of late, almost sending last weeks match-up with the Seahawks to overtime after a touchdown but a failed two point conversion. Tennessee kept it close with Jacksonville last week and looked good, probably good enough to defeat the Niners but you never know. If the Titans weren't at home, I'd give it to SF. But they are.  
- Titans by 3

## ST. LOUIS AT HOUSTON

The Rams playoff hopes are all but dead and Houston's were toast before the season began. I'm going to go out on a limb on this one and say Houston beats them. It doesn't look like Bulger will be starting next week and after losing to the Cardinals, why not the Texans too?  
- Houston by 7

## JACKSONVILLE AT ARIZONA

Arizona played well against the Rams last week but shouldn't get ahead of themselves. Although a win at home against the Jags is possible, Warner will have to match the emotion he showed against his former team last week to have any

hope of pulling this one out. This could be close near the end but Jacksonville's defence will be too punishing for Arizona to hold on to a win.  
- Jaguars by 7

## MIAMI AT OAKLAND

I hate both these teams sooo much. Oakland might be a good place for Ricky Williams next year considering his days with the Dolphins appear to be numbered. After last weeks embarrassing shut out at the hands of the Browns, Miami can't hope to do much better in Oakland.  
- Oakland by 17

## GREEN BAY AT PHILADELPHIA

Favre doesn't want his final season to end like this and will probably show a strong performance during this game. The Eagles are going nowhere but down and can hear Owens in their heads saying "You can't win witout TO." Gado looks like a decent replacement for Green at running back as the Injury riddled Pack tries to finish above last in the conference.  
- Packers by 21

## NY GIANTS AT SEATTLE

This should be a great game and has NFC championship possibility written all over it. Seattle looked average in San Fran last week but always plays their best at home. Shaun Alexander may be an absolute

machine but may not match up to the trio of Burrell, Shockey and Toomer, especially with the younger Manning brother throwing passes at them. In a shoot-out I like the Giants in the end, with a slightly better defensive performance.  
- Giants by 7

## NEW ORLEANS AT NY JETS

This game will be just as close as any of the other great matches this week. Steve Morley, previously of the St. Mary's Huskies, will probably get another chance to actually play for the Jets and will defiantly be out for something other than field goals this week. In a game I nor many of you probably care about, I see the Jet's doing whatever they can to salvage a shred of dignity. New Orleans was out the window before the season started.  
- Jets by 3

## INDIANAPOLIS AT PITTSBURGH

What can I say about this game other than Big Ben will be back. With Pittsburgh playing at home this is the best game on the schedule and with such a crappy Sunday night, at least Monday night will hold some excitement. Pittsburgh is far better than their loss to Baltimore last week shows them to be and if someone is going to end the Colts undefeated streak this season, it will be Big Ben and the Steelers.  
- Steelers by 3



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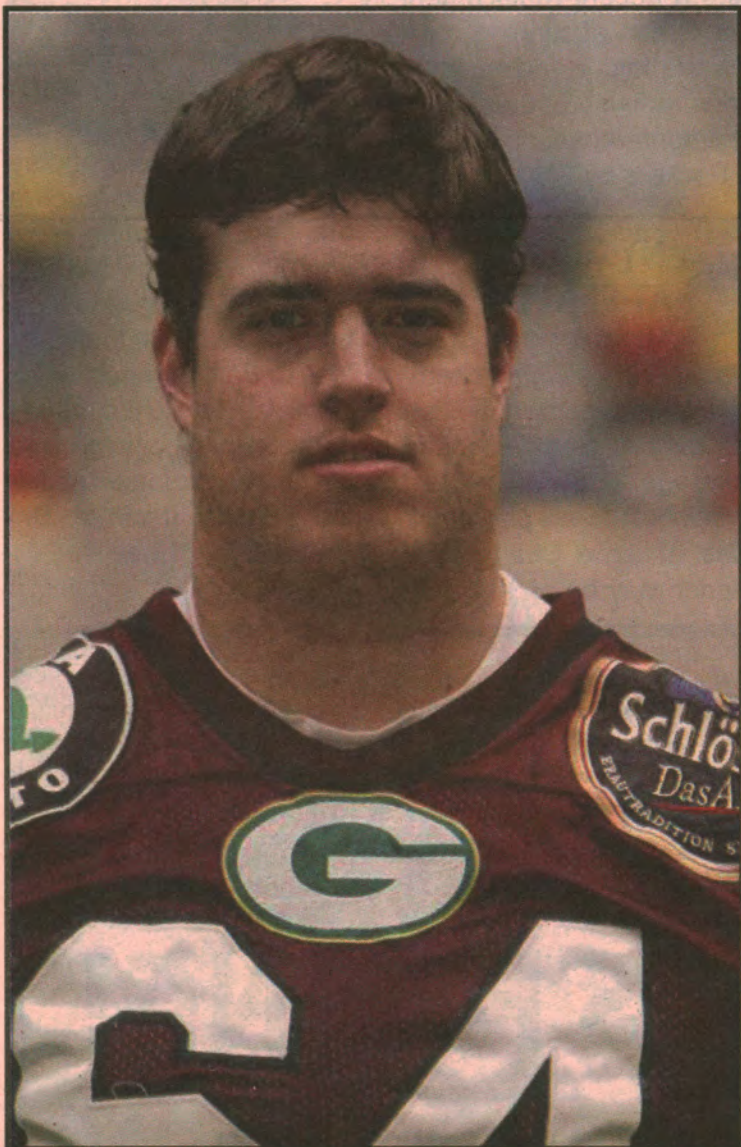
# MORLEY SEES NFL ACTION

A former Saint Mary's Husky offensive lineman has become the first Nova Scotian to play a regular-season game in the National Football League in over a decade. A few Sunday's ago, Steve Morley played twice on the field-goal team during a game that saw the New York Jets go down 30-3 to a hot Carolina Panther team. Just weeks after signing a new 2-year contract with the Jets, the Halifax native and two-time Vanier Cup winner finally got into his first game, nearly two years after joining the NFL. "It was really cool," the six-foot-seven, 320-pound Morley said this week. "It was a great experience. It was good to get in there in front of the fans in a game that meant something. I think I took a step."

The Jets have offensive lineman going down left and right during an injury riddled season that has even seen their starting quarterback go down for the entirety of the

year. Morley has moved up to No. 2 on the depth chart at just about every line position other than centre after the Jets placed starting right tackle Jason Fabini on the injured list with a torn pectoral muscle. He could also be seen on the field a few times during last week's shutout loss to the Denver Broncos, although no information has come out regarding how much playing time he may actually have received.

Morley made the Green Bay Packers in 2004 but never dressed. He was traded to the Jets just prior to the start of the regular season and didn't dress even once until a game on Oct. 24 against the Atlanta Falcons. Halifax's Tyrone Williams is the last Nova Scotian to see regular-season game action, playing five games as a receiver and special teams' player for the Super Bowl-champion Dallas Cowboys in 1993.



# Huskies first out of the blocks at NB indoor classic

BY OLIVIER JARDA



Head coach of the Huskies track team Deborah Brown led her men and women's squads to victory this weekend, at the New Brunswick Indoor Classic. In the men's 60m dash, Tim Spidel led the pack in the final with a PB of 7.06 seconds, followed closely by fellow teammate Brad Robinson, who posted a PB of 7.17 seconds in prelims and placed second in the final. Spidel (PB 23.44 seconds) and Robinson also placed first and second respectively in the 200m dash. Saint Mary's men dominated in the 60m, holding six of the top eight finishes, and also controlled the 200m, posting the top eight times. In the women's 200m, Jasmine Riviere placed fourth, with a PB of 29.6 seconds. In the men's 60m hurdles, Yancey Zhang placed second with a time of 9.81 seconds. In the women's 60m hurdles, Kristen Gouchie placed second with a time of 10.70 seconds, and Talia Van Roestel finished third with a time of 11.1 seconds. In the 3000m run Cole Sinclair placed eighth with a time of 9:26.85, setting a ten second PB. Christine Carey placed third in the women's 3000m, setting a PB of 10:39.30. In men's shotput Sean Yeulet placed first with a throw of 12.65m. In women's shotput



Selina Dunbar placed third with a throw of 9.82m. Ben McAllister placed first in long jump with a distance of 5.99m. McAllister also placed second in high jump, clearing a height of 1.75m. In the men's 400m Kyle Gee placed first with a time of 54.00 seconds. Watch for SMU's next meet December 18th at Dalhousie University, as the Huskies look to post another banner year.

## NHL Canadian Standings

Team	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	Home	Away	Div
Ottawa	18	15	3	0	30	85	38	9-2-0	6-1-0	10-0-0
Montreal	21	13	5	3	29	65	64	7-4-1	6-1-2	5-2-2
Vancouver	21	13	6	2	28	70	61	8-1-0	5-5-2	4-5-2
Toronto	21	12	7	2	26	78	71	8-3-1	4-4-1	4-4-2
Calgary	22	12	8	2	26	56	58	9-2-1	3-6-1	7-2-0
Edmonton	22	11	10	1	23	69	68	4-3-1	7-7-0	3-4-0

