
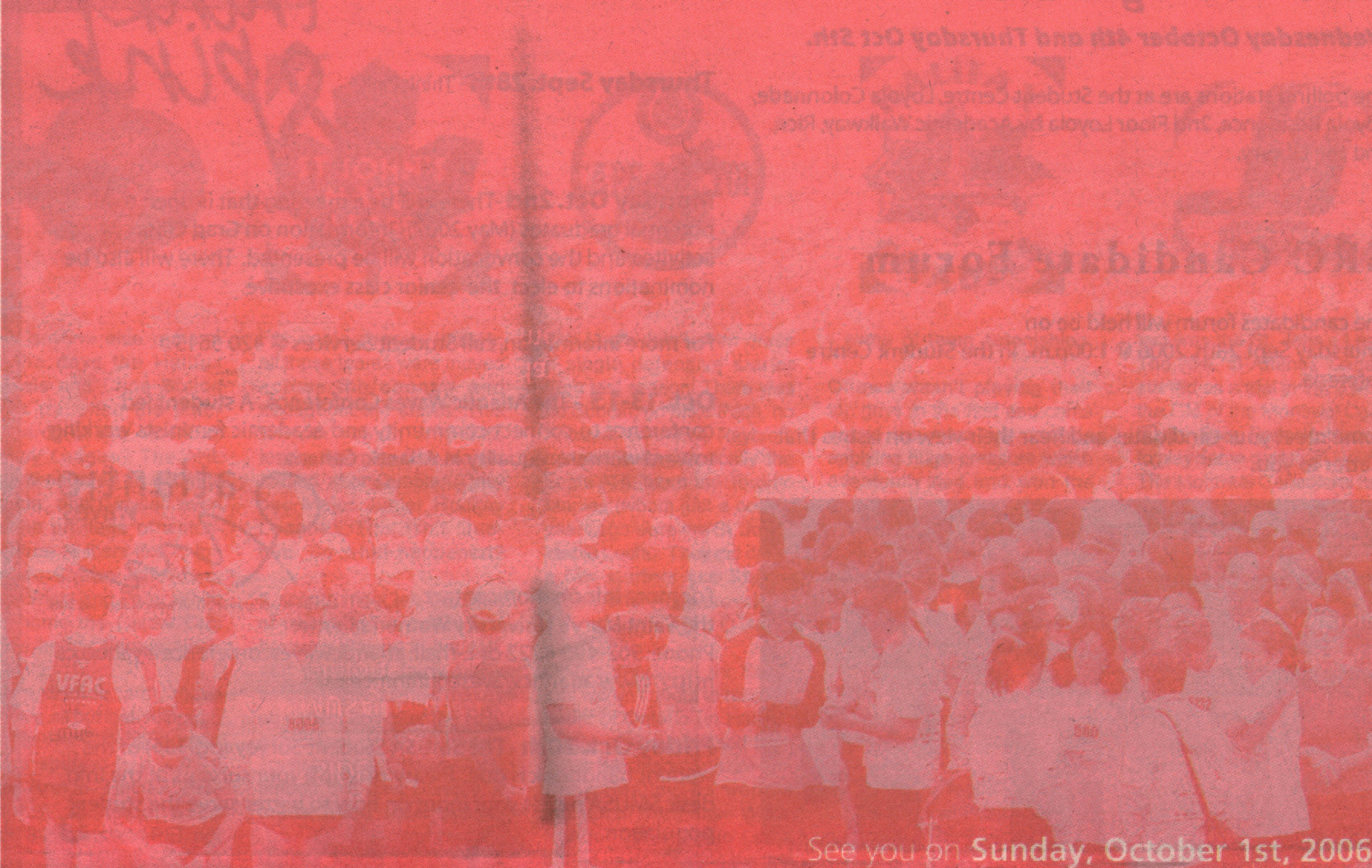


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Science Building Renovations

BY:OLIVIER JARDA

The science building renovations are behind schedule.

Nevertheless, newly appointed Dean of Science Dr. Malcolm Butler, remains enthusiastic. Butler, who began his term July 1st, in the midst of renovations, says the biggest problem for students has been finding people. Blocked off areas and lack of proper signage has made it difficult for students to locate faculty and staff.

Updated contact information for department chairs and secretaries has been posted on the SMUport homepage.

However, all science classes have been briefed on a regular basis, with special attention to first year students. However, many students in the other faculties have remained in the dark about the building's developments.

Weather-related complications, as well as the detection of asbestos in some parts of the building have slowed construction. Parts of the building have been sealed off.

This week, chemistry students will be learning how to use

computer software. Because of the renovations, they will be relocated to a computer lab, with the help of ITSS. Even though some of the physical labs are not ready, students continue to retain access to the needed amenities.

Butler is thankful for the cooperation of various university departments, including ITSS, conference services, facilities management, the administration, and the public affairs department. "The whole administrative structure is behind us," said Butler.

Although some costs for the project are higher than was expected, Butler affirmed that the university is still spending within the budget's contingencies. Butler estimates that half of the renovations are complete, and said expects finished product by next summer.

Butler sees the renovations as a chance to expand the graduate program, while continuing to nurture undergraduates. "Because Saint Mary's faculty is so committed to undergraduate research, they continually seek new avenues

of funding in order to hire more students." Butler said that Saint Mary's hires more students for research in the summer than many larger Canadian universities.

Saint Mary's new state-of-the-art research labs are long overdue. The renovations have included better integration of computer equipment, and the addition of articulate arms to extract fumes from the bench top, enhancing safety in the labs. Butler admitted that, "before, we were behind, but we now have competitive facilities."

"I've been very gratified by the tremendous support we have received from students." As a token of appreciation, the university continues to give free water bottles to science students.

With the help of the renovated facilities, Butler's end goal is to increase the science faculty's work within the community, not only to attract more students, but to make Saint Mary's science more visible.

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SRC Election Candidates
Stones on the Commons

The Journal is under construction. Tell us what you want it to be.

email: journal.editor@smu.ca

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SRC Voting Dates

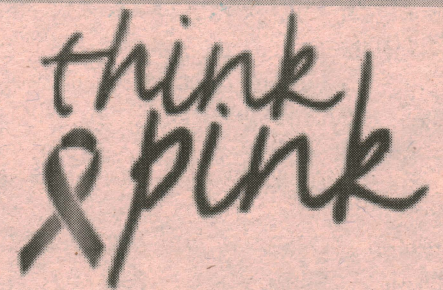
Wednesday October 4th and Thursday Oct 5th.

The polling stations are at the Student Centre, Loyola Colonnade, Loyola Residence, 2nd Floor Loyola by Academic Walkway, Rice, and the Library.

SRC Candidate Forum

The candidates forum will held be on Thursday Sept 28th, 2006 @ 1:00p.m. in the Student Centre Cafeteria.

Come meet your candidates and hear their view on issues that matter to you.



Thursday Sept. 28th - Think Pink

Monday Oct. 2nd - There will be a meeting that is open to all potential graduates (May 2007). Information on Grad Class activities, and the convocation will be presented. There will also be nominations to elect the senior class executive.

For more information, call Student Services @ 420 5615

Oct. 13-15 - The Atlantic Waves Conference. A student led conference to connect community and academic feminists working toward women's equality in Atlantic Canada.



For more information contact the Saint Mary's University Women's Centre
Phone: 902-496-8722 or E-mail: atlanticwavesconference@yahoo.ca
<http://www.atlanticwavesconference.ca/>

Friday Oct. 20th - The SMUSA Student Survey (pg. 184) of the student handbook is due. Please drop-off your survey's at the info desk. SMUSA needs your input on how to better serve the student population.

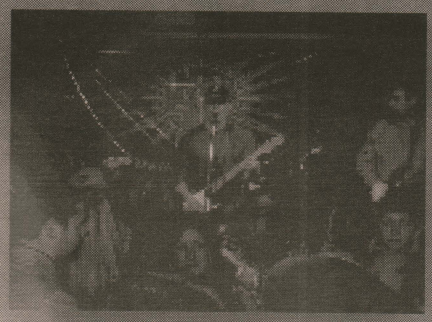
You can win an ipod Nano which will be drawn on Oct 27th, 2006.

SRC Candidate Debate
Thursday, September 28
Student Centre Cafeteria
1:00 pm

- Mon** Come check out your favorite show on the big screen
- Tue** Trivia Night with nightly prizes
- Wed** Open Mic Night with cash prizes for SMU students
- Thu** Wing Night from 6pm - 9 pm; weekly promotions; DJ Lindelle until close
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OPINIONS & SHOUT OUTS!

A Heathen in Paradise

BY: LEY MISSAILIDIS

Summer officially died last week. Thoughts began to whirl about the oncoming cold, hibernating stark trees, salt in the streets, and the eventual discomfort of indulging one's habits in the outside world – at least for some of us. The rest of us were ignoring any foreboding from this astronomical event and were waiting for the true stars to arrive on terra firma. The Rolling Stones were coming for this punctuation of the season and the gates opened up at 13.00. I was there to greet them.

The day began to look quite pleasant but the old adage of Maritime weather – if you don't like the weather; wait – showed its meaning in full force. By 15.00 the rain fell down.

This was merely an inconvenience until after Sloan's set. When Alice Cooper started his segment, Halifax did its best to do an impression of the South Pacific's monsoon season. Despite all this Alice Cooper put on a wonderful show which included not only some of his best songs but also, costume changes, and a large snake. He finished and the crowd began to circulate in a search for beer, food, and swag- not necessarily in that order. "Wild horses couldn't drag me away" though. I was a true fan and far too close to the stage. There were others around me. We waited.

Kanye West arrived and was greeted with great applause. Some of us were unimpressed but then again nothing had happened yet and the rain had penetrated to our marrow. With a great deal of humbleness many of the older fans were impressed with his showmanship and his ability to command the crowd. The pungent odor of kolto grew stronger. The crowd began to follow directions involving hand waving and the sting of Mother Nature grew weaker. Kanye even paid homage to The Stones by working the orchestrated version of The Last Stand into his show

which some may recognize from The Verve's Bittersweet Symphony. Kanye thanked the audience and left us to the elements. We waited.

White knuckled, soggy, and entrenched we waited. Slowly activity started above. Those that would later become the silhouetted props began to fill the cages above the stage. One had a Canadian flag and in a burst of patriotic spirit the crowd spontaneously combusted into the national anthem. Those not singing were hoping for the crowd to spontaneously combust for warmth. It quieted down. Idle chatter started again and was at a dull roar. It was getting harder to ignore the elements. We waited.

Then as the 20.30 rolled in so did the Stones. Paint it Black not only drowned out but managed to actually quiet the audience of over 50.000 people followed immediately by 50.000 people humming almost in unison. This is when we got what we needed. Mick was finally out and running, shaking, and other athletic things. Keith was smoking. The kolto got stronger.

The songs went through the classics that we all know; then a surprise. Mick left the

stage.

Keith remained – still smoking. Then he started to sing a song off the Let It Bleed album, entitled You Got the Silver. A song that paid a deep debt to their American mentors Muddy Waters and Howling Wolf. This time though Keith Richards's voice had been dragged through the glass and gained the aesthetic appeal that fit the homage of style. It gained a whole new dimension through his smoky demeanor and his age. This version was and is better than the original - even on vinyl. A treat that was completely unexpected.

Sympathy for the Devil was given special treatment. The silhouetted spectators in their cages were backlit with a deep red light. Jagger climbed to the top a staircase and began to "introduce" himself. The crowd gave all their energy to the stage and it was returned by flames reaching high into the sky and heating those spectators that had managed to forget they even needed it. The crowd jumped and screamed with everything they had. The Stones did no less. Even after all this time the weather was not going to stop them with the exception of a new shirt for Mick when one got to wet for him to continue his theatrics. Keith did not stop smoking despite

the natural elements trying to stop him. More than once Mick and Keith talked about the cold rain not only to their discomfort but their amazement that the crowd could stand it for all those hours. For the grand finally: (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction was played; followed by a blinding firework show and when the smoked

cleared, they bowed and the stage went dark.

After all the Stones were finally in Halifax and hell nor high water was not going to stop anyone. Come rain, shine, or the apocalypse. We were there. We were wet. We were joyous. We are satisfied.

RETURN OF THE MAC

BY: JEN SHWARTZ

No, this is not a tribute to Mark Morrison. Instead, it is a tribute to not one but two amazing Santamarians. If you have been around in the last four years or so, you'll know the ones I'm talking about. Craig "C-Mac" Macdonald started his volunteer work here at Saint Mary's in 2002 wearing the same clothes every day-- yes, EVERY day for three months straight to raise money for charity.

His endeavors in the following years included raising funds and awareness for the Parkinson's Society of Canada & The Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada. If the charity element wasn't enough, this guy found fun ways to do it: Spring flings, and costume parties—basically anything to spark interest.

Hence, Saint Mary's University and I'd venture to say the wider community, has been forever changed by his involvement. So much so in fact that he even now has a Charter Day Award in his honor.

The MacAttack Award is given

to Students who contribute to the university through volunteerism and philanthropy.

Following in his footsteps is a lady who brightens my day, Shannon Rafuse (who was awarded the MacAttack award in April). You may know Shannon from her service with a smile at the Gorsebrook or for her involvement in Breast Cancer Awareness on campus.

Last year we raised over \$5,000 for The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (Atlantic Chapter) and are going strong again this year!

These are just a few of the people who make me feel proud to say that I attend Saint Mary's University.

So essentially, the point of my article is how important it is to get involved. How are you going to make a difference, both at Saint Mary's and in the wider community?

Breast Cancer Awareness Week is September 25th-29th. To get involved call Shannon (483-8502)

ATTEND THE JOURNAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

As students of Saint Mary's, you pay a \$4/year fee so that this newspaper is made possible. Please come out and let us know what you think could be done to improve this thing.

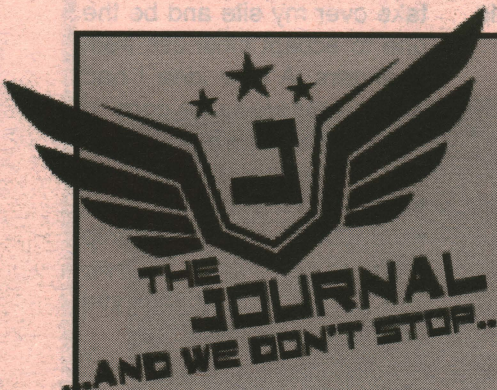
Date: October 3rd, 6PM
Location: Student Centre Lobby

For those who simply want to write, you can get involved in many ways, tell us about shows we should review, interview your favourite local band or go to a show yourself and email us a review.

THE JOURNAL IS ALL ABOUT GIVING PEOPLE A VOICE, SO USE YOURS.

**Senior Class Meeting
Monday Oct 2nd, 2006
5:30pm Sobey 165**

**This meeting is open to all potential graduates (May 2007).
Information on
Grad Class Activities and Convocation will be presented.
Nominations will be received to elect a Senior Class Executive
For more information call Student Services at 420-5615**



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NEWS

SCIENCE BUILDING PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

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- Modernization of 71,500 square feet for teaching and research space
- Addition of 22,500 square feet of new space at the north end of the building (approximately 4,000 square foot extension per floor)
- Office space and research labs for honours, summer and graduate students undertaking research projects with faculty members
- Special CFI-funded facilities for graduate students such as the ACEnet visualization lab, the Centre for Environmental Analysis and Remediation, the electron microscope unit, and the taxonomy laboratory
- Enlarged teaching labs with

- state-of-the art equipment and layouts that optimize effective and enjoyable instruction
- Office space for graduate students where data can be analyzed and papers, reports and theses written.
- A new greenhouse for teaching and research
- New electrical, ventilation, and communications systems for the building
- Improved research and office space for each faculty member

Courtesy of the SMU Public Affairs Department

ARMY COMMANDER OVERTHROWS THAI GOVERNMENT

BY: KRISTIAN BERTIN

On September 19th, 2006 Thailand's military performed a bloodless coup d'etat against the state while its Prime Minister was attending the United Nations Council on foreign relations. The junta was performed by a group calling itself the Administrative Reform Council, led by Thailand's official Army Commander, Sonthi Boonyaratglin.

Upon taking over several buildings in downtown Bangkok with tanks and military vehicles, Sonthi declared King Bhumibol Adulyadej as head of state. Sonthi declared that his coup was a result of Caretaker Prime Minister Shinawatra's corruption, which has been under investigation since the coup. Sonthi has since dismissed parliament, taken over major television stations and banned public gatherings.

The September 19th coup comes as the latest in a long line of government coups and reforms, this one a result of a tumultuous political year for the Southeast Asian nation. Thailand is ruled by a constitutional monarchy, where its head of state King Bhumibol is in charge of appointing the prime minister.

Thailand has existed in a state of political limbo over the past year where the April 2006 elections were boycotted by the majority of the opposition. When the opposition challenged the legitimacy of the election and no reconciliation could be found, Thaksin Shinawatra announced he would step down from his post to an interim "Caretaker" Prime Minister position on April 3rd to diffuse political tensions. Despite his attempts to appeal to the largely impoverished majority with a universal

healthcare program as well as education reform, Thaksin was the target of several political protests throughout 2005 and 2006. Thaksin has been strongly criticized, with several impeachment attempts leveled at him over the course of 2006.

Strong anti-Thaksin sentiment permeated the country, fueled largely by selling all his stakes in his family's telecommunications company the Shin Corporation. This came mere days after the Thai Telecommunications Act, which sought to liberalize the telecommunications market. Critics argue that Thaksin sold off a national asset, which will ultimately hurt Thailand. Thailand Securities and Exchange Commission investigated the transaction, which netted 1.88 billion, and discovered no irregularities despite constant claims of corruption. Defenders of Thaksin have argued that selling his share of the Shin Corporation allows for non-compromised leadership. After the September 19th coup, Thaksin was warned his assets would be frozen and seized should he attempt to move them overseas.

Thaksin also came under fire in May 2006 when the Thailand media covered what came to be known as "The Finland Plot", an alleged conspiracy created by Thaksin and his left-wing allies in Finland in 1999. The plot supposedly outlined overthrowing the king in favor of democratically electing regional governors. Thaksin denied the accusations brought on by controversial reporter Sondhi Limthongkul, who was unable to present any concrete evidence of the conspiracy save an alleged insider leak.

STONES ROCK HALIFAX, DESTROY COMMONS

BY: KRISTIAN BERTIN

September 23rd marked the largest rock concert ever held in the city of Halifax. With over 50,000 people in attendance, it was an event almost as big as Pope John Paul II's papal mass that took place in the commons in 1984.

The concert featured shock-rocker Alice Cooper and his macabre vaudeville routines, worldwide superstar hip-hop artist Kanye West, and well-established Haligonians Sloan, who all opened for the headlines, The Rolling Stones. Despite boasting technology that would dissipate sound, the concert was heard all over the city.

Although heavy showers held throughout the evening, fans stayed to watch the performances, dressed with raincoats and umbrellas. Some even fashioned raincoats out of trash bags, while others simply weathered through the rain.

Though the event failed to reach the numbers of Moncton's latest Rolling Stones concert which boasted an impressive 80,000, many

Haligonians considered it a success nonetheless.

Locals without tickets crowded around the fences to the concert unable to see past some sections obscured by tarps.

"I guess they didn't want poor people to see the concert," said Alex Forbes, who traveled from New Brunswick to attend the event

Many of the outsiders brought their families with them to watch and dance along in the rain.

Condominiums and apartment buildings surrounding the commons housed huge parties that watched the event for free.

Some citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality viewed the concert as a negative experience for the city. Many citizens from the North end were disappointed that the event was taking place on the commons, a very popular community space.

The sheer amount of bodies occupying the commons along

with the eight-storey stage and heavy downpour worried many, who feared their public space would be ruined. Sunday proved many right as over a quarter of the commons was left devastated by the huge crowd.

Many speculate that the grounds will have to be repaired in spring 2007.

Others simply found it disappointing that the city would spend \$240,000 on a rock concert. Some were merely frustrated with the inconvenience of the event, which blocked off several main streets, and forced the city to lift its noise cap regulations.

The venue took around a week to set up with the help of around 100 roadies, a crane, and 78 tractor-trailers filled with equipment.

Many envision the Halifax Commons as a venue for future concerts and other huge performances. Ultimately the concert was successful in its goal — to host a party worthy of Halifax's name.

ERASING STUDENT DEBT ONE DOLLAR AT A TIME: AN INTERVIEW WITH TREVOR DUPP

BY:STEPHANIE MOULTON

Trevor Dupp is a recent graduate of Sheridan College, and like many university graduates, he's facing an intimidating student loan. The only difference between Trevor and the other grads is that he's looking for your dollar.

This past August he started the website pleasegivemeadollar.com, which he also refers to as The Human Generosity Experiment. The idea behind PGMAD.com is that by getting donations of only \$1, Trevor will be able to pay off his student loan in a shorter amount of time.

I interviewed Trevor Dupp to find out why we should give him our dollar:

-Where did you get the idea for PGMAD.com?

I had already made a decision to get myself out of my student debt as fast as I could. I saw this website as an opportunity to focus myself on that task. Of course I took it a bit farther

then simply a site asking for money. I saw this as an opportunity to help others, after I had been helped.

-How do you plan to make your website a success? Because of the nature of the website I cannot spend money on it for advertising, so I rely heavily on word of mouth. I'm not expecting strangers to pay off my entire loan, but if they want to help me, I'm not afraid to ask for that help.

-Explain the Human Generosity Experiment. I was interested in seeing if people could do such a selfless act. I have included links to two of my favorite charities right on the home page, below my 'donate' buttons. The idea behind my Human Generosity Experiment is [not just to] get people to donate to me, but to donate more in general.

-How much was your student loan when you began, and how much progress have you made in paying it back?

I had two student loans that totaled \$18,000 and now I'm at \$15600. I'm committed to paying that off within a year's time.

□-What happens with PGMAD.com after you accomplish your goal?

I am going to choose one of my donors who may also have a student loan and let him or her take over my site and be the one to accept kindness from strangers. A new idea I had was savegraduate.com. It would be a site where people can come together to help others. Savegraduate.com would be like a scholarship program but only in reverse. You get the money after you graduate, not before.

- Why should people donate to your cause?

I'm a huge believer in karma and that if you give something away it will come back to you tenfold. By helping me you could be very well be helping yourself.

BUSINESS

MISSBIZ

aka Jackie Howatt

For the past few weeks I have been marinating in thought about writing an article in regards to the business of sustainable energy and eco-friendly fuel. My only problem was that I couldn't find an interesting platform to launch the article. Coincidentally, I flipped on the Weather Network last week and as if by fate, Richard Branson, the lively founder and CEO of Virgin Group was holding a press conference in regards to a new global warm-

ing initiative he is focused on. This did not surprise me at all, as Branson has his hands in every realm of business there is (from his airlines to bridal stores). Branson will be committing the proceeds of his transportation companies towards the developing eco-friendly substitute fuels over the next 10 years.

For any of you marketing students out there, you may be thinking the same thing I was when I first heard about

this: Public Relations. Even though Branson's cause is commendable, many believe that this could just be a form of publicity to increase the company's goodwill. Because global warming is a major global issue, by Virgin recognizing this concern and devoting their profits to this issue, customers will feel better in using their products and services.

Not only is this a publicity issue, but by devoting such a large sum of money to finding a new form of sustainable fuel, Virgin will be on the brink of innovation and at the forefront of the market with a revolutionary product that caters to most of the world's population. This is huge. Especially since he is suggesting that this new form of fuel could be on the market as next year! A CNN Interview with Branson titled, "Branson's Next Big Bet" says, "He's investing in conventional ideas like ethanol plants and solar power, but he's also developing a formula for a new ultraclean fuel that can power his jets as well as cars and trucks". Branson even claims that the new fuel will be, in fact, named "Virgin Fuel".

"The money is going into a whole series of different things like building ethanol plants. We're looking into wind power. We're looking into solar. And we're also actually working on developing a new kind of fuel, which I can't say much about but which is quite exciting" says Branson in the interview.

Branson and ex-President Bill Clinton are major advocates for the prevention of global warming, and were photographed together at the aforementioned press conference. As for Branson, his heart may be in the right place but his mind is still that of a ravenous entrepreneur, "Unless you can generate cash, it's not going to be successful. With oil prices above \$70 a barrel, people want to save on the cost of fuel, and so alternative fuels suddenly make business sense".

You can read the full CNN article at: <http://money.cnn.com/magazines>. You can also get the whole scoop on the background of Richard Branson and his continuously evolving empire at <http://www.inc.com/magazine>.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Going to school requires a serious commitment, but most students still need extra money for rent, food, gas, books, tuition, clothes, pleasure and a whole list of other things.

So what do you do? "Find some sort of work", but the problem is that many jobs are boring, have low pay and rigid/inflexible schedules.

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Presentations also in Room 152 of the sobey building at: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm.

For additional information please call 405-4238 See you there!

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

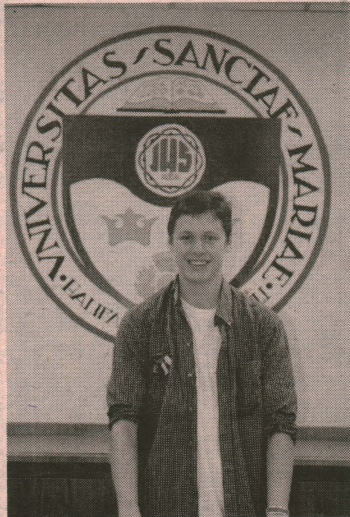
Candidates for First Year Rep

Brad Flinn



Did you come to university to have fun, to get away from those horrible high school clicks, or to study? it does not matter what reason you came, I want to look after your needs and concerns, so that you have your dream first year experience here at SMU, whether your male or female, gay or straight, black, white, or native American, everyone deserves an equal voice and you will have that if you vote for me. My name is Bradley Flinn, and as your first year representative I promise to deliver to you the best year of your life by taking your concerns and implementing your suggestions into our everyday life. I am a dedicated person and I will work as hard as I need to, so that your needs are met. I wish my fellow candidates the best of luck in this election and thanks for your time.

Matthew Anderson

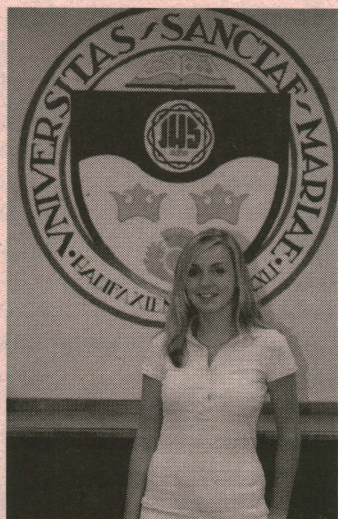


My name is Matthew Anderson,

If elected, my goal as the undergraduate representative for the Saint Mary's University Student Association would be to serve the student body to the absolute best of my abilities. If a member of the first-year undergraduate class had a problem it would be my objective to resolve his or her issue as quickly and diplomatically as possible. I am here to listen to fellow undergraduates, I want to bring the complaints and suggestions of my peers to the student association and improve the quality of education for our

undergraduates and help to organize various events and gain insight regarding those events from my fellow first year students.

Erin Garner



Hi, I'm Erin Garner and I'm running for the position this year's first year rep. As first year representative on the SMUSA Student's Representative Council (SRC), I want to make sure that every freshman has a voice on campus. In first year we might be new to the game but we all have something to add to the University. If I'm elected, I will help you get your questions answered; your ideas presented and speak for the freshman class' views within the SRC. If elected I want to have more events for first years and wet/dry events that everyone can go to. I'm taking my bachelor of commerce and staying in Vanier, so if you see me in class or the halls come up and tell me your ideas.

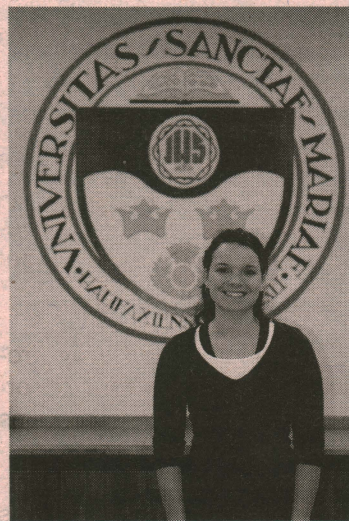
Thomas J. Pittman



My name is Thomas J. Pittman, but most people just call me T.J. I am a first year student, studying a bachelor of commerce, from the small town of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. I am a reliable and easy to talk to person. I enjoy partying and having a good time. However, when it comes to working and applying myself to anything I undertake, I do it to the best of my ability. As your first year student representative I would express the interests and bring forth the ideas of all the first year students in the best manner possible. Voting for me puts you in power, and allows your voice to be heard.

Candidates for Senior Undergrad Rep

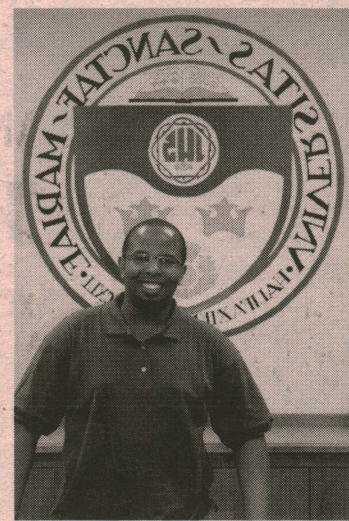
Amanda Stone



Hello Fellow Santamarians.

My name is Amanda Stone and I am running for the position of Sr. Undergrad Rep! I am currently in my fourth year of study doing a double major in History and Political Science. In my 4 years here at SMU I have been involved extensively with the Saint Mary's Community and SMUSA. I was a Resident Assistant in 04/05 and last year I was an Arts Representative on SMUSA as well as a SMUSA junction's employee. In my experience with SMUSA I have sat on numerous committees, which have helped me learn a lot about the students of SMU and their needs. As your Sr. Undergrad Rep I will whole-heartedly represent not only graduating students, but all Saint Mary's students to the best of my ability. I have the experience and drive to be your Sr. Undergrad Rep. Remember on October 4th & 5th, vote Amanda Stone for Sr. Undergrad Rep. Cheers!
Amanda Stone.

Moe Sobantu

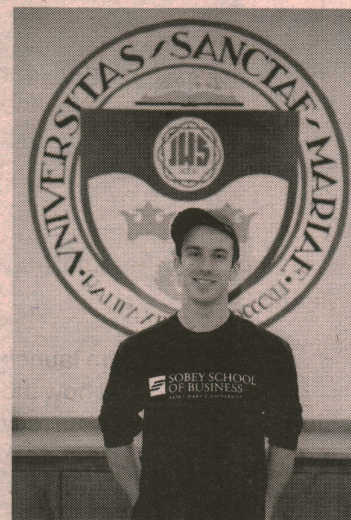


One of the stated goals of SMUSA is to promote and represent the interests of the members of SMUSA. As I submit my candidature for office of Senior Undergraduate Representative this is a theme and a goal that is always in my mind. As we embark on our final year at SMU there are a great number of challenges that we will invariably face and my goal is to make the

year a little easier by being a representative who will help wherever I can efficiently and promptly. So whether you are looking to get information on resume writing, maybe you need advice on how to get interest relief on your student loans as you embark on your new and exciting careers or informing you on recreational activities and networking opportunities on and off campus this year, please consider me, Moe Sobantu, as your candidate for senior Undergraduate Representative.

Moe Sobantu
Candidate – Senior Undergraduate Representative (2006)

Mike Keating



Hello Everyone,

My name is Mike Keating and I am running for Senior Undergraduate Representative. I am in my final year at Saint Mary's and will graduate with a commerce degree with a double major in Management and Marketing. During my time at Saint Mary's I have been involved with many aspects of our university, most recently as Orientation Week Coordinator and Commerce Representative. As your next Senior Undergraduate Representative I will address a number of key issues, which affect all potential graduating students. My goals include establishing a ceremony where potential graduates gather to celebrate the first ever SMU ring day and to build upon recent improvements to the Maroon and White Ball.

In closing, I am very excited to have the unique opportunity of welcoming new students and bidding farewell to our 2007 graduating class!

On October 4th and 5th, make your voices heard and vote Mike Keating for Senior Undergraduate Representative!

Sincerely,
Mike Keating

VOTE WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY OCTOBER 4th and 5th

SMU KICKS OFF UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN



United Way

Press release - Join us for the kick off of this year's Saint Mary's University United Way Campaign on Monday, October 2 at 12:00 noon at the Tower.

One of the event highlights will be a rousing tug-of-war in which students, staff and faculty will take on the Saint Mary's Athletic Department. Of course, you'll also enjoy a delicious barbeque and a chance to win some truly great prizes.

Help us celebrate the launch of our campaign and how the United Way makes our city a better place to live, work and play.

The Saint Mary's United Way Campaign will run from October 2 until October 13th with a campaign goal of \$ 31,000.

We are looking to get as many students, faculty & staff involved in the campaign as possible and encourage everyone to come out and get involved.

The Metro United Way provides funding to over 51 organizations and 150 programs in the HRM.

These programs and services are aimed at improving the quality of life in Halifax, with the organization redistributing its donations to areas of a community with the most need.

This year's campaign is gearing up to be one of our most exciting ever. Over the next few weeks, we will be holding a Penny Drive, a Helping Hand Campaign, Raffles, Day of Caring and finishing with United Way Oktoberfest on October 13.

If you would like to get involved, please call Pat Bishara at 420.5063. Further details to follow on all upcoming events.

Stay tuned as well for the launch of our brand new United Way campaign Web page in the Saint Mary's website!

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

If you need additional information please contact one of the Co-Chairs of this year's campaign, Keith Hotchkiss, Student Services, at 5608, Clay Fowler, Residence Office at 5597 or Pat Bishara, External Affairs at 5063.

RAK is BACK!!!

Community Clothing Drive Set for Next Week

BY: ADAM LORDON

Well another year of school is well underway, and that means the return of the RAK squad.

The RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Squad is a group of SMUSA volunteers who head out in our community and undertake activities to give back to our community, while showing that university students can make a difference.

Last year the RAK Squad participated in several activities including litter pick up, giving away hot chocolate, helping people with groceries, shoveling snow, and helping out at a local soup kitchen.

This year our first event will be the 2nd Annual SMUSA Fall Clothing Drive. Last year we had an amazing response from our community and have decided to make this event an official RAK event.

We will head out this Thursday, Sept. 26 at 5:30pm to distribute bags for the clothing and a notice explaining how it will

work. Then next Tuesday, Oct. 3 also at 5:30pm we will head back out to collect the clothing from our neighbors.

Students, faculty and staff may also drop off donations to one of the two drop boxes which will be set up all next week in the Dockside Cafeteria and by the Information Desk in the Student Center.

All of the clothing will then be donated at weeks end to Hand in Hand Outreach, a local charity.

If you would like more information on the RAK Squad or the Community Clothing Drive, please contact SMUSA Volunteer Coordinator Adam Lordon at 496-8731 or by email at volunteer.coordinator@smusa.ca.

Also if you would like to help out please meet in the student center lobby either this Thursday or next Tuesday at 5:15pm. The more the merrier!

SMUSAFE TIP OF THE WEEK

When you arrive at your destination, ask the taxi driver to wait until you get inside.

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MELIGROVE BAND SHOWS UP

CONCERT REVIEW

BY: AMANDA WENEK

For those of you who haven't heard of Meligrove Band, I suggest you run to the nearest CD store and purchase their latest album "Planets Conspire". You will not be disappointed. I promise.

Consisting of four great-looking young men, Meligrove Band is an act not to be missed or forgotten. The Marquee hosted the first of many shows brought to you by the Halifax Pop Explosion this past Friday and Meligrove Band was one of the headlining acts.

Halifax fans gathered in Hell's Kitchen to welcome the Mississauga Ontario band with open arms and endless adoration.

Opening up the show were The Great Plains and The Sleepless nights. Both local bands, the former had a fun sound and had a few concertgoers dancing, but playing earlier in the night and generally being unknown, they were overshadowed by the music from the main stage upstairs.

Don't let the poppy mellow sound of their CD fool you.

The Sleepless Nights were comparable to Halifax's own Wintersleep. With a mellow voice, catchy guitar riffs, and seven enthusiastic bodies up on stage they left you with a haunting sound that you couldn't help but dance along too.

Meligrove Band opened up their set with high energy,



by: Davida Nemeroff, courtesy of www.meligroveband.com

Meligrove Band rocked the Halifax Pop Explosion launch party. L-R: Jay, Darcy, Mark, and Andrew.

which remained consistent throughout the night. Don't let the poppy mellow sound of their CD fool you, this show was packed with raw energy and pure disco rock and roll.

Vocalist and lead guitarist Jason Nunes entertained the audience, especially the girls, with his spastic dancing, soft high-pitched voice and mad guitar skills.

Jumping back and forth between guitar and keyboards, singing and whistling, Nunes was a born crowd pleaser and an excellent front man for the band.

With two CDs released independently and the latest as their first major label release, they were sure to play a wide selection of their songs. I wasn't even familiar with many of them, but you could tell who the dedicated fans were.

They were the ones who sang along with every lyric, the ones who were the first to rush the stage, and the leaders of the indie-disco dance floor.

With their set including the trumpet, synthesizers, keyboards, up-tempo drumming, the bass guitar, and of course plenty of reverb with the electric guitar - their signature sound - the music was fresh, fun and completely danceable.

The end result was plenty of gyrating, and cymbals flying everywhere.

Once the distinctive opening chords were played for "Our Love Will Make the World Go Round" the whole crowd began to jump and cheer. For the mid-song chant "our love will make the world go round, our love will make the world go round..." Nunes stepped away from the mic as the room filled with the audience's voices.

Ending the show with a high energy instrumental set, their drummer Darcy Rego took it upon himself to start smashing his cymbals together, which in turn led guitarist Andrew Scott's guitar arm to find itself between Nunes' legs.

The end result was plenty of gyrating, and cymbals flying everywhere (including into Nunes' face), and the song finishing with Scott and Nunes lying on the floor while the last chords were played. It was the epitome of rock and roll.

There is no doubt that this homegrown band is going places.



courtesy of www.myspace.com/thesleeplessnights

The Sleepless Nights: Two drummers, two bassists and much, much more.

Gorsebrook Lounge gets new open mic hosts

BY: OLIVIER JARDA

New faces will be hosting the Gorsebrook's most popular night. Tyler Key, a fifth year commerce student, and Dan Kelly, a third year arts student were chosen last week.

The Gorsebrook held open tryouts for the positions during the last three Open Mic nights.

For the last two years, Matt Whiston, Jon McKiel, and yours truly took on the MC roles.

Hosts are responsible for scheduling acts, and opening and closing the night if time allows.

Hosts are also responsible for choosing every week's winners.

Successful contestants must be Saint Mary's students, and bring home a prize of \$100. Non-students can also play, but aren't eligible for prizes.

Winners are also given the opportunity to play at the Best of Open Mic night, which will be held at the end of each semester.

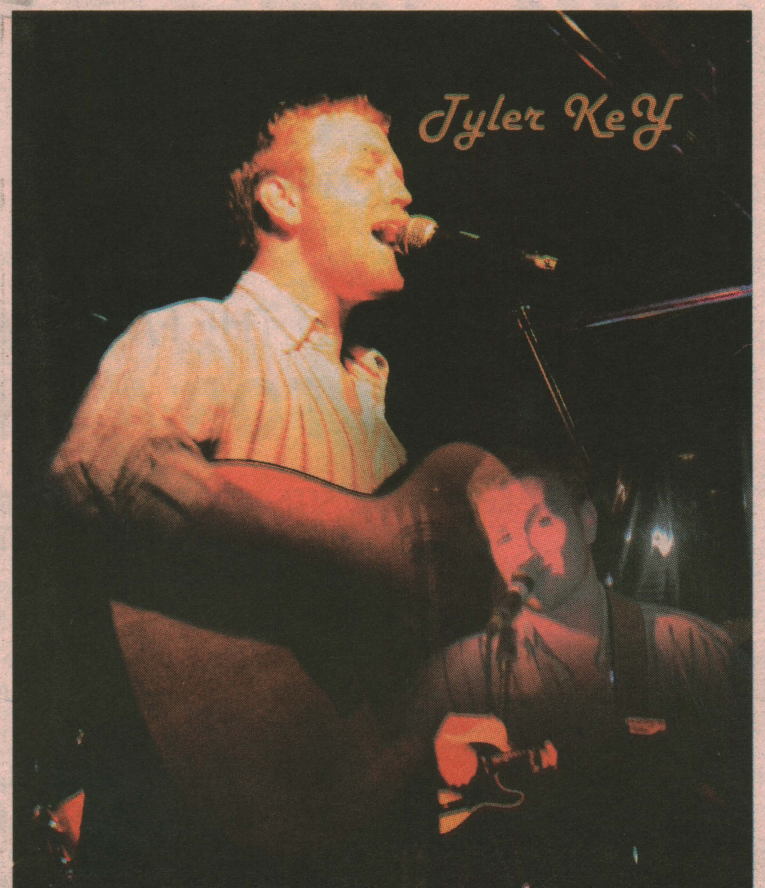
The prize is \$500.

Key won last year's Best of Open Mic, and has played in various bands in the Halifax area. His mix of well-interpreted covers includes songs by Bob Marley and Peter Gabriel, as well as original material.

For Kelly, hosting runs in the family. His sister, SMU alumna Amy Kelly, hosted the popular night three years ago. He has been performing regularly for two years, and has won on numerous occasions. Kelly's repertoire includes songs by Dispatch and Oasis.

The line-up outside of last week's Open Mic is a testament to the event's appeal among students. It is not unlikely to see potential Domegoers remain in their seats until the bar lights come on.

SMU Open Mic nights happen every Wednesday at the Gorsebrook Lounge. Admission is free. For more information contact Gorsebrook Manager Lorne Caborn at lorne.caborn@smu.ca



by: Tom Melanson

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Oct 19 @ Marquee-Pony Up, Memphis, Bicycles, Sourkeys, dd/mm/yyyy, Be Bad, more (note: 1 cover for both floors) \$10 adv

Oct 20 @ Marquee-Dependent Music Night w/ Wintersleep, Holy Fuck, Land of Talk, more \$12adv

Oct 21 @ Marquee-Cadence Weapon, Jon-Rae and the River, Duchess Says, We Are Wolves, Diablos \$10adv

Oct 21 @ McInnis Room-K-OS, guests \$26adv

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THE G SPOT

BY: SS RANDY BLUE

Is there such a thing as male multiple orgasms?

In a word, yes. We've all heard about girls being able to have multiple orgasms, the good news is that, like women, men can too.

The bad part, however, is that most men either do not know they can have multiple orgasms or do not know how to achieve them. The key piece of information is knowing that ejaculation and orgasm are not the same thing.

For guys to achieve multiple

orgasms they must learn how to control their pubococcygeal, or PC, muscle. If you've ever played around at the urinal (and stopped yourself mid-urination) the muscle used to stop the stream is the PC muscle and is the muscle you must learn to control.

Get in some practice time with your PC muscle -- stop your flow or urine while visiting the bathroom, even exercise the muscle while waiting in line for Tim Horton's. You'll also want to practice on yourself controlling this muscle before you let loose with your partner.

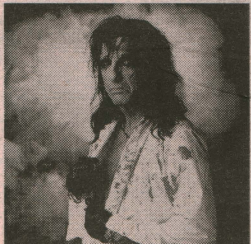
During masturbation, just when your penis starts to contract during orgasm stop the stimulation and squeeze tight your PC muscle to prevent ejaculation. It might take a few seconds for the ejaculation feeling to stop but it will be worth it because once it is gone you are good to go for round two.

Once you have perfected your technique you will be able to go all night -- or until your partner is finished.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



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"Who throws a crutch?"

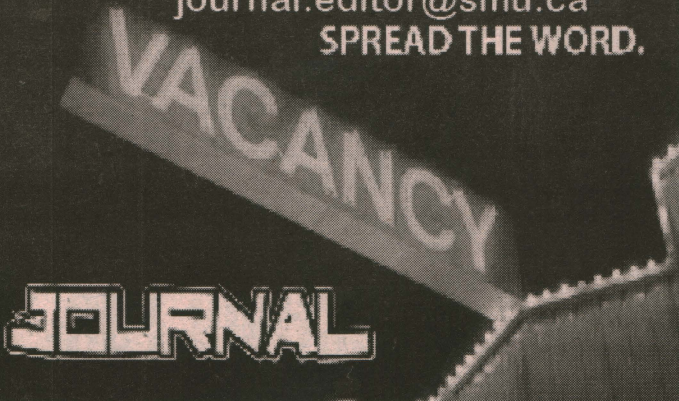
-overheard at the Rolling Stones concert shortly after Alice Cooper threw a crutch into the audience.

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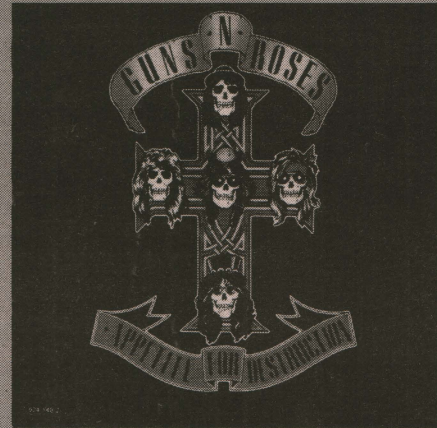
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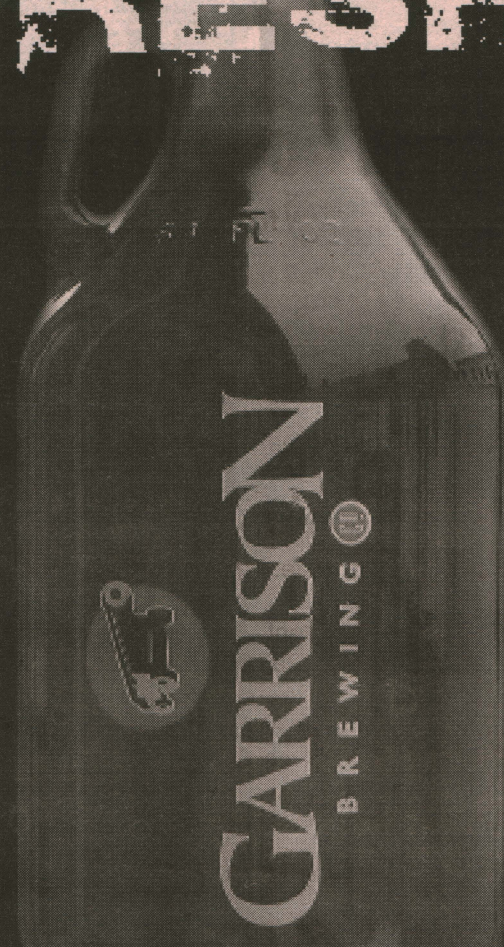


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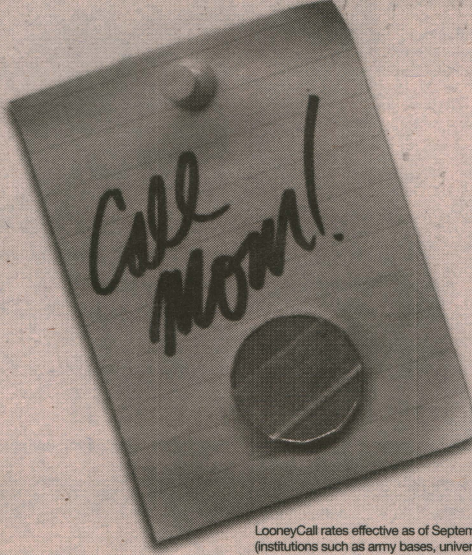
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THE SOCIETY PAGES

Fastest Society on Campus

BY: JAMIE KIDD

The SMU Racing Society will be holding the Fastest Society on Campus Race on Saturday, October 21st, at the Kartbahn Indoor Go-Cart track in Bayer's Lake. Track time starts at 3:30PM. For those who wish to take the bus, we will leave around 2:00PM.

Each driver will get three races, at a cost of \$30.70 + Tax (maybe lower if SMUSA becomes a sponsor) for the entire event, compared to the usual price of \$16.00 a race.

Kartbahn utilizes computerized timing through transponders, so tracking the fastest time will be easy and accurate.

Each society is allowed to send two representatives, however, this may be subject to change depending on demand.

Those interested should email smu.racing@smu.ca or call President Jamie Kidd at 404-1578 as soon as possible. Updates about this event, including who is coming can be found on our website at <http://husky1.smu.ca/~smuracing>.

Also, if you want to lay down some trash talk before the event, please do so on the SMUSA web forum (from www.smusa.ca) in the SMU Racing section. Make sure you keep it appropriate. I wish you the best of luck with your societies this year.

Sno* to Surf Society* Meeting

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Please pass this email on to anyone is interesting in

Surfing or Riding this year...

SMU Environmental Society



By: Laura Simms

Gorsebrook Park Clean-up Crew 2005-2006

SMUES will be hosting a general meeting which is open to all SMU students. The meeting is at 5:30PM, Tuesday, October 3rd in the SMUES office, which is room 516, 5th Floor Student Centre (same building as the Gorsebrook).

SMUES is an organization of

and globally, with social and environmental justice issues. SMUES is for students enrolled in the SMU Environmental Studies Program, as well as ANY students on campus with an interest in environmental issues.

SMUES provides resources and opportunities for Envi-

ronmental Studies students to become more involved in their field. They are active in a variety of different ways on and off campus.

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The SMU Athlete Council is putting on a fundraiser this FRIDAY OCTOBER 13h, from 3:00 - 5:00pm at the TOWER. Teams of 5 will earn points in a variety of events in sports ranging from field hockey to volleyball. The top two teams will compete in another series of events against the "Pros," a team made up of varsity athletes from different teams. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team and all finalists.

Stay tuned for more details in next week's Journal.

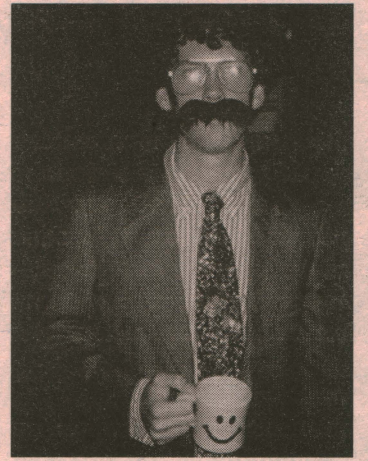
TALES FROM THE G-BROOK OFFICE PARTY



The folks from REV were on hand to help pick-up everyone's night.



Everyone donned their favorite Office Attire for the Gorsebrook's first theme night of the year.



Adam Lordon overseeing Thursday's REVolution Office Party

Pictures courtesy of SMUSA.
FOR MORE PICTURES GO TO:
www.smusa.ca/gorsebrook.asp

The Commerce Society would like to send you to "How Not to be a Cocktail Weenie" networking workshop ...

at the Halifax Career Fair this Friday, September 29 th.

Purchase your ticket from the employment office on the 4th floor in the SUB building for \$5 and the Commerce Society will reimburse all members. Enrolment is limited so sign up today!

Also, if you're a member and haven't been getting our emails, you should come to the Commerce Society Office (L288) to check that your contact information is correct.

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SUN, OCT. 1st, 1-3PM (must be preceded by a previous class)

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Each class is self-contained, come to one or all

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Weekend Workshop is presented by Ashama Clost, Ottawa

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SMU Literati Society

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1. a student society open to students interested in literature and the literary arts.
2. the coolest cats on earth
3. a group of (un) like-minded students who enjoy the occasional spirited beverage accompanied by a rowdy debate that a) may or b) may not result in fist-a-cuffs.

Note (1):

Members (old or new) who pay their \$5 membership fee on or before September 30th will receive a membership card with a 10% discount for Darrell's Restaurants (2 locations: Fenwick and Hollis).

Note (2):

Our office is located on the 5th floor of the Student Union Building (510). Membership fees can be paid in person (during office hours) or by sliding an envelope under the door. Very professional.

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The SMU Racing society wants to know.

October 21st,
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for more info

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SPORTS

HUSKIES LOSE ANOTHER CLOSE ONE

BY: DANNY CAREW

Another close game, another loss. The Huskies are now 0-3 (this is not a misprint) after being out-dueled 13-9 by the Montreal Carabins. The Huskies are 0-3 for the first time since 1985.

"Growing pains" would be the proper slogan to describe Steve Sumarah's inaugural season at the helm. Steve was quoted in The Chronicle Herald saying, "We had our opportunities and to be honest with you I thought we really dominated the game. But you've got to put up points to win and we had some turnovers in the red zone. We made some costly mistakes that came to bite us."

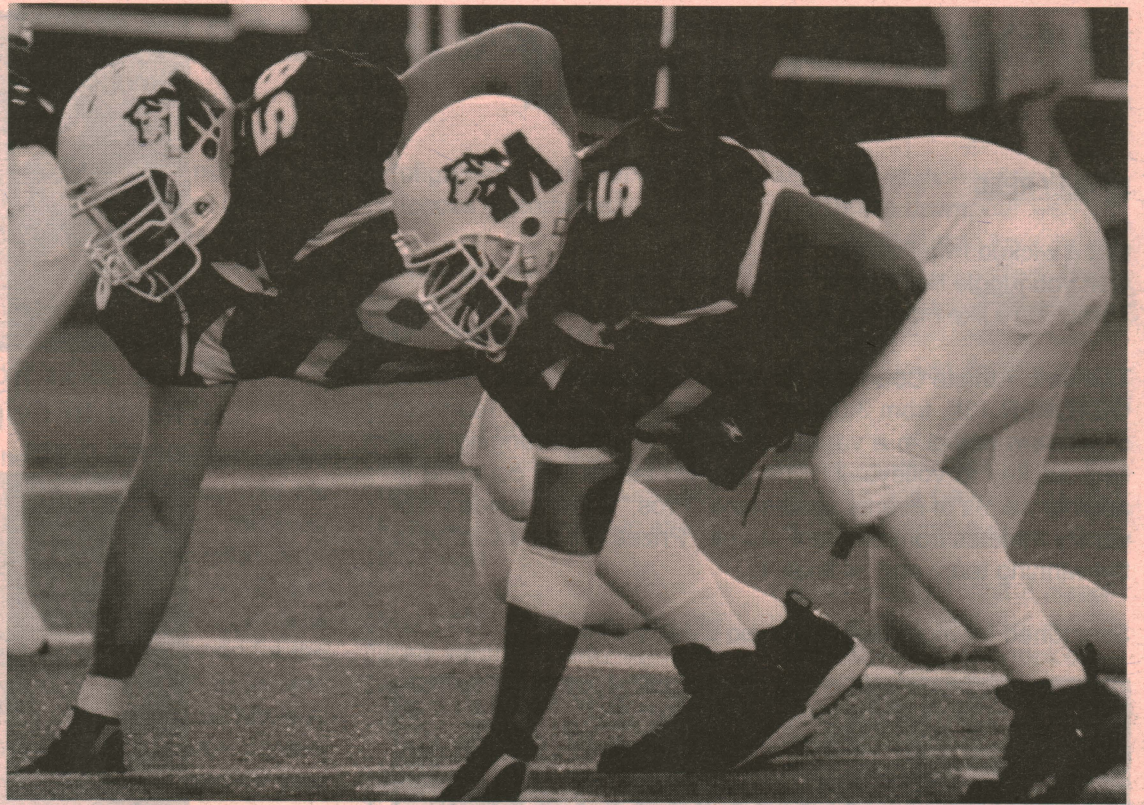
The most costly mistake in football is to turnover the ball. SMU had five turnovers. The biggest turnover occurred when SMU QB Billy Robinson lost the ball, causing Montreal defensive lineman Martin Gagne to scoop up the ball and run 60 yards for a touchdown. This was the lone TD of the game, and it put Montreal up 10-3.

SMU couldn't punch the ball in, and opted for two more field goals in the second half. SMU kicker Justin Palardy hit three field goals (24, 38, 42), single handedly accounting for all of SMU's points. One

frustrating statistic can be found in the fact that SMU outgained Montreal 356-216 in yards, and had 24 first downs, to Montreal's 8. All of that is nullified by the turnover battle, which SMU lost.

So as it stands, SMU has lost all three contests by a combined 8 points. In each contest SMU has showed flashes of brilliance, but they have showed inexperience, by turning over the ball and committing penalties.

SMU plays Mount Allison this week, and the losing skid should come to a halt. However, Mount Allison shouldn't be taken lightly. There was a time when SMU beat Mount Allison 105-0, but the league is now on even keel; Parity makes the league that more interesting. SMU needs to win one game at a time, and try and win the turnover battle, in the process. The stats don't lie.



courtesy of www.smu.ca

SMU VARSITY SCOREBOARD

Men's Soccer - Sept. 16 SMU 2 CBU 2 Final

Women's Soccer - Sept. 16 SMU 1 CBU 5 Final

Women's Rugby - Sept. 24 Acadia 7 SMU 38 Final

Athletes of the Week

Huskies Football

Chad Moore LB - 4 tackles, 1 assisted tackle, 1 tackle of loss, 1 interception for 21 yards

Carl Hardwick - Receiver, 104 yards (combined receiving/rushing)

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Exhibition Thought

BY: ADAM COSTELLO



Does anyone else remember the days the Halifax Citadels and Cape Breton Oilers patrolled the leader boards of the American Hockey League? The AHL once prospered in Atlantic Canada, and I myself even had the privilege of watching future NHLers like Shjon Podien, Shawn Van Allen, Tyler Wright and Peter White take home the Calder Cup for the baby Oilers in 1993.

Over a decade later, those days are all but lost. Although Atlantic Canada once upon a time sported teams from Cape Breton, Halifax, Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, St. Johns and PEI, not one of these teams exists in the league today. We once even had our own division dubbed "The Atlantic Division" and our teams even did pretty well back then.

For some reason though, all those teams were moved across the country and throughout the states. This left our region only with teams that play in a league named after Quebec (Quebec Major Junior Hockey League). This isn't Quebec. So what happened?

It seems most left because of dwindling fan bases and because players in the AHL still deserved fairly hefty salaries. Still, to me it makes no sense, and after the NHL exhibition game between Toronto and Ottawa I attended this past Sunday, it made even less sense.

Halifax Metro Center was sold out. The bitter rivalry continued as the 10 000 plus crowd cheered on the Toronto Maple Leafs and booed the hated Senators.

The Leafs didn't even dress a single defensive starter from last season. There was no Sundin, no Mike Peca, no Antropov or Andrew Raycroft. Instead it was basically the Leafs AHL team the Toronto Marlies (whom just a couple years ago were the St. Johns Maple Leafs). They did dress a few starters like Stajan, Steen and Ponikarovsky... oh and Jeff O'Neil

On the other hand, the Senators weren't about to take the battle of Ontario (in Halifax) lightly, as they dressed front liners like Jason Spezza and Dany Heatley, as well as top notch blue liner Wade Redden. The Maple Leafs ended up dominating the first period and potted two goals behind Ottawa back-up Ray Emery. In the Toronto cage was J.S. Aubin, who was miraculous in making 31 saves

- some of them astonishing.

Ottawa wasn't playing their top guys in the first and came out in the next two periods applying huge pressure which eventually tied and won the game with goals by Spezza and Heatley, both on two man advantages. Everyone booed the Sens as always (they even get booed at home) and as always, all the Leaf fans went home dissatisfied.

What really tweaked my interest though was the support the game received. Tickets were 100 bucks just for nose bleed seats and the entire arena was packed. So why can't Halifax support an AHL franchise again?

The AHL in this region lasted 34 years and its beginnings started as a 16-game trial in the early 70's. The first Atlantic team was the Nova Scotia Voyageurs; the

last was the St. John's Leafs. The AHL in Atlantic Canada started as a trial in 1970 when the GM of the Montreal Canadiens, Sam Pollock, decided to play some games in Halifax. The Montreal Canadiens farm team, the Voyageurs, were based in Montreal and came to play in Halifax for 16 games that season. The test was good enough for Pollock to decide to permanently move the team to The Halifax Forum, where the St. Mary's Husky hockey team now holds their home games. In 1978, some six years after the Voyageurs came to Halifax, the Halifax Metro Centre was built.

The Nova Scotia Voyageurs started their first full season in the fall of 1971 and by the next spring they were the first Canadian team ever to win the Calder Cup. Halifax also won the Cup in 1972, 1976 and again in 1977. Even with

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all the success of the team, they barely drew 2500 people per game. The Mooseheads average nearly eight thousand per game. Moncton followed Nova Scotia a few years later and in 1981-82 they became the second Canadian team to win the AHL title.

Fredericton was next but ended up moving to Halifax and becoming the Citadels when the current team, who had been renamed the Nova Scotia Oilers, left for Sydney, NS to become the Cape Breton Oilers.

The John's (Saint and St.) were next and The Baby Leafs went to the Calder Cup finals in only their first season. These were the glory years of the AHL in the region and by the mid to late 90's things were unraveling at a steady pace.

The area's first team, Halifax, left town after ownership and the Halifax Metro Centre could not arrive at a 'suitable arrangement'. They became the Cornwall Aces in 1993. Moncton was then forced out of town in the spring of 1994 following an AHL championship series loss to Portland. Why? Well even during their run to the finals the games did not sell out. Following the 1995-96 season the PEI Senators folded after just a few years of existence saying it was not economically feasible to have a team on an island with such a small population base to draw on.

A few months later, the Cape Breton Oilers were also sent packing, even after attaining a championship in 93. They went to Hamilton to become the Bulldogs. Fredericton had gotten another AHL team in 1988, the Fredericton Canadiens, but were forced to leave again following the 1999-2000 campaign.

In 2001, the Saint John Flames rewarded the fans who had supported them for nearly ten years by claiming a Calder Cup. The next season the Flames finished last and a year later they were gone, leaving only the St. Johns Maple Leafs as the last AHL team in Atlantic Canada. Before last season they too were forced to move.


I suppose we'll never really know what happened. After watching the delight and enthusiasm of fans at the Metro Center last weekend, hooting, yell-

ing and chanting for teams not even of this city, I really can offer no answer as to why the AHL didn't work out here. I mean if 10000 people will pay 100 bucks each to watch two farm teams in NHL sweaters play against each other, why then should we not be able to support an NHL team let alone an AHL farm team; and Halifax was ironically the first to meet its demise.

NHL teams who decided to bring their farm teams to larger centers made it hard for NHL teams with farm teams in the small Atlantic markets to not follow suit. Maybe someone will watch the tape of Sunday night and re-think a team's chances of survival in a city that piles in by the thousands to watch teenagers, though that probably won't ever happen.

Yes it is true we will probably never receive an NHL team and yes it is perhaps just as unlikely we will ever be seeing another AHL team in our part of the country. Someone could, however, at least rename the QMJHL the EMJHL (Eastern Major Junior hockey league). The CHL after all, consists of a Western Hockey League, an Ontario Hockey League and a Quebec hockey league.

Considering about half of the teams in the QMJHL are from Atlantic Canada, maybe, just maybe, you assholes could throw us some kind of a bone here. The next phenomenon of the hockey world, after all, is from Nova Scotia.







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