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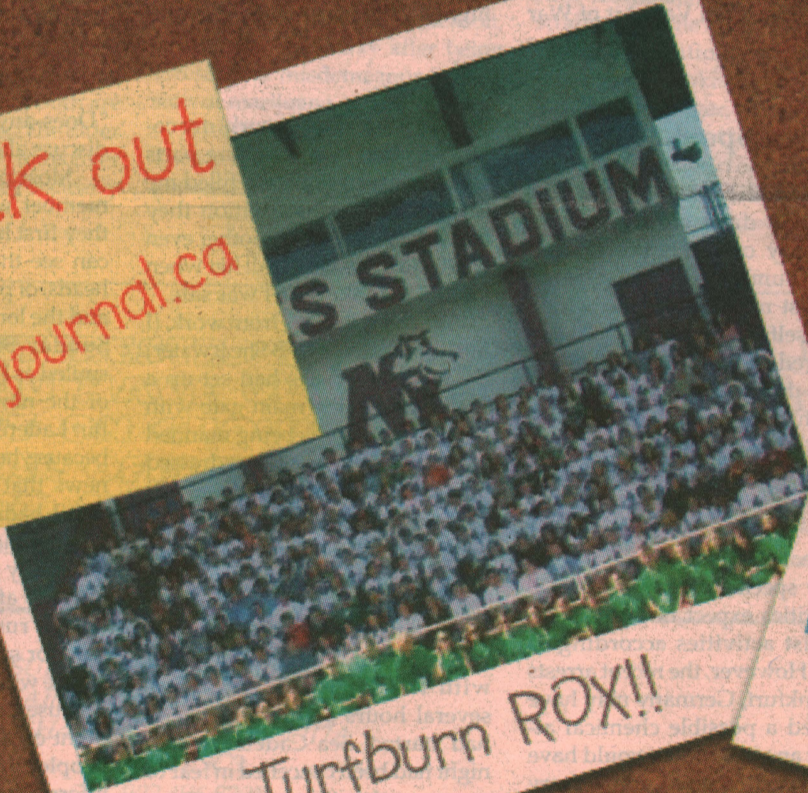


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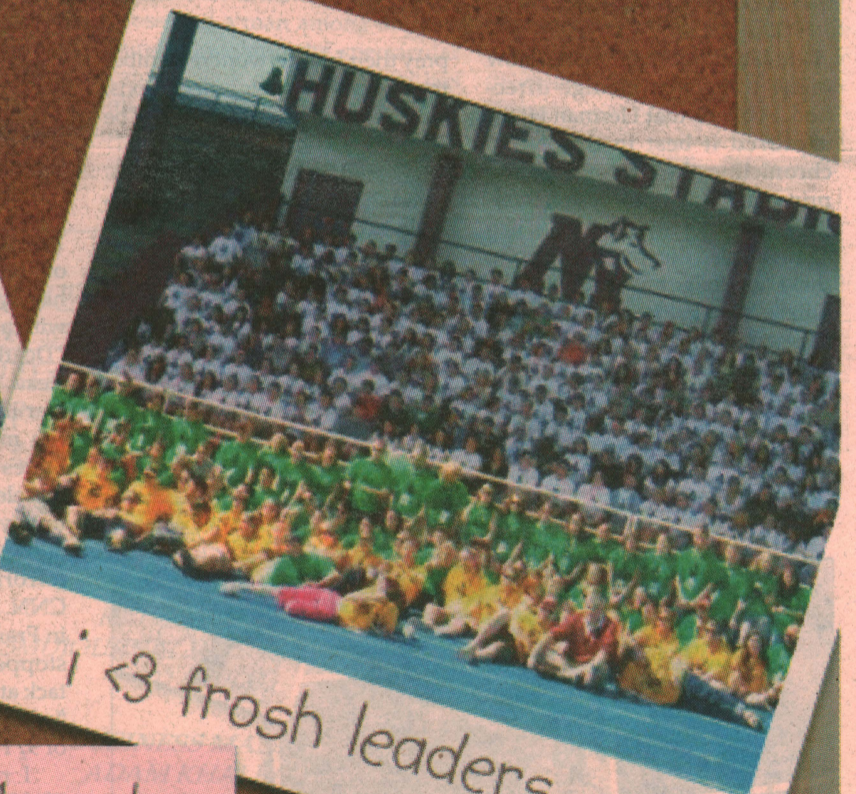


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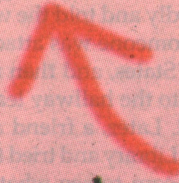


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A Welcome From The Editor

AMANDA WENEK

Oh the smell of a new school year is in the air! The scent of virgin text books, the musty smell of the Burke building classrooms, the freshly creased back to school clothes; this all can only mean one thing, another year of stress, anxiety, and personal growth has begun. I want to take this wonderful opportunity I have been given (the outlet to give my two cents worth every week) to welcome everyone to the 2007/2008 school year here at Saint Mary's University.

For all of the new students I would like to provide you with a sort of survival guide in this week's editorial. First of all, when buying your books always check the selection at www.smusa.ca/bex before you spend your hard earned summer savings on the overpriced textbooks from the bookstore. Here you can find used textbooks fellow students are willing to sell for low prices.

Make sure to scout out the location of your classrooms ahead of time, especially in the Loyola building. The numbers can be quite confusing and there is nothing worse than arriving late during the first few weeks of classes. Being on time is a surefire way to make a good first impression for the professor.

Don't try to pay your tuition in person. The amount of time you will spend in line will be equal to

the amount of time spent in the class you are trying to pay for. You can pay online using major credit cards through Banner, through your bank branch (ask first if they offer this service) and for other payment options go to http://www.smu.ca/administration/financialservices/ac_pay.html. If you do attempt to pay in person, at least go early in the morning when most others are still sleeping. As they say, the early bird gets the worm!

If you live in residence, the security guards really take their jobs seriously, as they rightfully should; they are not just there to keep up appearances. They will fine you for open liquor, and they will knock on your door if you are being too loud. I know it's very exciting to be on your own for the first time, and it's really easy for things to get out of hand. I was a first year once, don't forget. So drink responsibly, and be safe and respectful of those around you. One night of rowdy fun is not worth the consequences.

Finally, and most importantly, one of the most important aspects of the university experience is to get involved with something you are passionate about, and the sooner you do the better. The Journal is a fixture here at SMU so make sure you keep your eyes open for a new issue every Wednesday around campus. They are found in all of the campus buildings,

and are free! If you are interested in writing or proof-reading for the paper, come to the 5th floor of the Student Building (to the right when you get off the elevator) on Mondays and participate in the magic! There are also many other societies you can join, a list is found at <http://www.smusa.ca/Societies.asp>, so I do hope you will take advantage of all the opportunities provided for you here at SMU.

Welcome to another year at Saint Mary's, and another year here at The Journal!

Life From the Eyes of An Overachieving Slacker

MIKE SOAPDISH

It is that time of year again boys and girls, back to school, I sit and write this in my most inspiring spot to write in the whole city, the patio of Sugah! in the Public Gardens on a warm sunny day. I am not at my usual table since I was late to the start of the creative portion of my day, it vexes me a little, just because I have to sit in the shade. Nonetheless the day is enjoyable since I am acting on a dare, I have purchased a new notebook, (it has a dummy cover titled as Sun Tsu Va's Art of War

and quotes from the book run along the bottom of each page) this is to keep all these writings separate from a continual essay I write; I am hoping to write a series of articles on aspects of life from the eyes of a twenty something student. As you have noticed from the article's header the contributor is Mike Soapdish, an obvious fake name, I prefer to have a pen name for several reasons, two of them pertain to privacy of myself and people in my life I may write about under aliases, and one over potential backlash over who knows what with my peers and student body. The pen name pays homage to a short run television series on the FOX network adapted from a cult comic by the name of The Tick which was about the weirdest superheroes and villains with a twisted sense of humour that few appreciated in the 8-12 age bracket.

Enough of this though, let's get down to business and talk shop. School, we are all here because of it--right? For many university is independence for the first time (to varying degrees for some I suppose) and due to that these are often the most formative years of adult life, much is learned beyond the realm of books and pens. This was once brilliantly surmised by an old battle axe of a Junior High teacher, who of which was cordially hated by yours truly, but highly respected none the less as

a worthy adversary. She spelled it out as the Three S's: Sleeping, Studying, and Socializing. It is also worth mentioning she gave a lesson on the word bitch after either I, or someone in my clique of friends, snapped it at her out of disdain for something she did, and upon hearing stopped class to proceed with an impromptu explanation of the word and why we were correct but still at her complete and utter mercy for grades. Ms. Bottomley I salute you.

Within the Three S's there lies a problem; you can only do two at once. If you attempt all three it won't be for long due to the pressing needs of being a fragile organism the needs sleep and a liver to survive. So with that important and glaring fact, what are we to do? Two words come to mind, the first is balance, don't do too much of one thing, no one wants to be known as a nerd, sloth, or alchie. The second word connected to the first, and mentioned in passing but not identified, is moderation. It is an important key to learn, often learned after being slapped in the face with a big fat F, or a near miss during or after a night of partying, or realizing your social life is disjointed once your friends no longer include you in their plans upon emerging from your cave of solitude.

Upon realizing this you have made a crucial discovery about life, and cemented a foundation.

to build upon, no matter how many times you change direction. I believe that Herman Hesse captured it best in this novel chronicling the life of a young prince and his path of spirituality, choose the middle road. Then again he also illustrated the point that knowledge is communicable, where as wisdom is not in the very same book. So do the young students that read this and probably roll their eyes, and the seniors who knowingly nod but decline to elaborate exactly why and silently

pray their friends won't remember the reasons for their affirmations, welcome back to school and I'll be catching you later.

Marketing yourself more effectively is the next best policy. - Sun Tsu, Art of War.

How I Spent My 9/11

ROBBIE NAUFFTS

A few days before the anniversary of 9/11, the United States' number one most wanted Terrorist released another video of himself, the first since 2004. He has dyed his hair to look healthy with a different spin on his usual "Death to America" speech. Instead, he tells America that their war in Iraq is failing, talks about the mortgage situation in the States and...the Democrats being elected? He utters no threats to any specific countries and US authorities expect no increase in terrorist activities according to CNN. However, the recent arrests in Frankfurt, Germany may have stopped a possible chemical attack at an airport that would have "celebrated" the 6th anniversary of 9/11.

I remember sitting in my Grade 11 math class when my English teacher burst through the door excitedly and told the whole class that someone was attacking the United States, and then rushing back into the hallway leaving us stunned. Later, a friend and I went to the Library and tried to log onto CNN.com to see what was happening, but the over-loaded server was down. It wasn't until I was standing in line at a nearby bank when I first saw the image of a fully-fuelled Boeing 767 slamming into the South Tower. A lady standing beside me watched my expression and softly explained, "You didn't see it yet? They both collapsed." I sat in silent shock for what must have been two whole minutes when the teller's voice in front of me asked again if she could help me. I quickly explained that I hadn't seen the images yet and she nodded her understanding as she took my card from my hand. My mouth was open as the first Tower fell silently, and then the screen cut to the South Tower's collapse.

Later that day at work, my co-workers had been catching parts of the news and quickly filled me in with all the information they had been getting. My mother even had left a message to call her when I got in to make sure I was safe.

When I got home from work, (I lived across from CFB Shearwater) the local Reservists had set up a road block at the main gate with two machine guns being manned with dead-serious soldiers dressed in full combat gear. Highway dividers were set as an "E" shape to keep a car from passing through in a hurry and the Military Police went over every car entering with the utmost scrutiny. I watched as they continued into the night with the same enthusiasm as several hours before when they had started. Sea Cadets for that night had been cancelled in fear of someone shooting anyone wearing a uniform and the Military was making its men and women go to work in civilian clothes for the next few months.

I sat up late that night watching the images on CNN being played over and over. It was taking hold of me and I couldn't turn away from the TV. Finally I must have fallen asleep because my alarm was ringing and it was a new day. Surprisingly, I had not dreamed of the attacks at all, but the local newspapers had made it their mission to make sure everyone who looked at the front pages would be reminded. That same day in any class I had, "It" was being discussed and debated. Some students were making the comments to "nuke the Middle East" and someone had sprayed an ignorant statement on a local, Lebanese-owned corner store. I think I learned more in that one day than I ever had in my life. The world's largest power had been struck a harsh blow and suddenly events overseas became more interesting to me. By the end of the week, teachers were managing to start class without the phrase

"Does anyone have anything to discuss about September 11th?"

Most people now can still remember where they were when they first heard of the attacks and can see the images in their own heads, of planes hitting the towers and the long search for survivors. Sunday September 9th, 2007 I smiled as I read on the eighth page of the newspaper about Osama Bin Laden's newest tape. I smiled because he wasn't the front page news that he may hope for and that I hadn't woken up thinking of what may get attacked in Halifax at any given time as I had for months after 9/11. Even CNN, didn't run the story of a new tape for several days as they had before with the others. Is it maybe because they're learning that the point of Terrorism is to terrorize people? By playing every scrap of information about terrorist attacks they can, they have been helping the terrorists themselves.

Terrorism had been the furthest thing from my mind until the German arrests of the three men planning a chemical attack in Frankfurt, Germany, and even then it only occupied my mind for about twenty minutes. When the men were arrested in Toronto, it never bothered me at all. Maybe I'm becoming calloused to the Terrorist attacks/arrests still taking place in the world and it will not hit home until another attack happens in North America. Unfortunately, I know I am not the only person with this frame of mind. (robbienaufts@gmail.com)



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REVIEW THE DEAN OF ARTS

Dr. Esther Enns has entered the final year of her first term as Dean of Arts at Saint Mary's University. Dr. Enns has indicated her willingness to be considered for a second term, and accordingly the Board of Governors has approved the creation of a Review Committee which includes two student representatives, Matt Risser and Christine Estrada.

The Review Committee held its first meeting on August 20 and now wishes to invite students to submit written comments.

Submissions should address Dr. Enns' leadership as this relates to student interests and concerns and should indicate whether the sender supports her re-appointment.

Submissions should be addressed to Dr. T. Murphy, Chair of the Review Committee for Dean of Arts and sent c/o the Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Research or to vpademic@smu.ca no later than September 30, 2007.

All submissions will be held in strict confidence by the Review Committee. Results of the consultation will be communicated to Dr. Enns only in summary form.



WOMEN'S CENTRE UPDATE

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new (as well as returning) students to Saint Mary's University, and to introduce ourselves- The Women's Centre at Saint Mary's is an active community of women who are working to help make the university experience one that is safe, meaningful and progressive for all of the wonderful women here at SMU.

Our centre is located on the 5th floor of the Student Centre (just turn left when you get off the elevator), and this year is especially exciting for us because we are opening the doors to our new, larger space, which means we have the resources available to provide better services than ever before to the women of Saint Mary's.

The Women's Centre is place where anyone, regardless of sex or gender, is welcome. It is a safe space that is available for anyone to use, whether you need a place to study, to check your email, or just to hang out and meet some amazing women who are always eager

to talk, to listen and to organize in order to improve the quality of women's university experience.

We are already in the process of planning a number of exciting events and projects for the upcoming semester, from self defence classes to breakdancing, capoeira and yoga workshops, stitch 'n bitch sessions, a feminist reading club, publishing the Speak Up! zine, movie nights, discussion groups, a queer positive community, Vagina Monologues, radical cheerleading, FemFest... the list goes on and on! And everyone is encouraged to drop by and see what is happening- there are countless events coming up to participate in, as well as volunteer opportunities available if you would like to get involved. Furthermore, we are now accepting applications for this year's Board of Directors, so if this interests you, stop in to pick one up at the centre, or email Holly Taylor, the centre's Coordinator at Halifeminist@yahoo.ca.

We are also a resource centre, and are dedicated to ensuring that

women's needs are met, and that information regarding everything from pregnancy and reproductive services, family and child services and housing, to support and counseling referrals pertaining to issues of assault and harassment is made accessible to those who need it. We provide free condoms, tampons and pads, and have a free store with some great clothing and other items available at no charge. We also have a library filled with fabulously feminist books, videos, magazines, and all of the current Saint Mary's Women's Studies textbooks.

This is really just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to everything that The Women's Centre has to offer, so we encourage you to stop by for yourself to see what we can offer you. We look forward to meeting all of you, and spending a femtastic year together here at Saint Mary's University!!

5th Floor Student Centre
496.8722 * Halifeminist@yahoo.ca

I'm a Feminist,

now what?



Would you like the opportunity to have your voice heard within the University community?

This is your chance!!

The Saint Mary's Women's Centre is seeking a diverse group of women to represent the women of Saint Mary's. If you are interested in being a part of this year's Board of Directors, and are dedicated to improving the experience of female students at SMU, please pick up an application at The Women's Centre (5th Floor Student Centre), or E-Mail Holly at Halifeminist@Yahoo.ca for more information.

September 2007

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| 2 | 3 Women's Self Defence: FREE Studley Gym @ Dal 3:00-6:00 Register in Advance | 4 | 5 FemFest Meeting 11:00 Board Meeting 12:00 | 6 Society Expo 11:30-2:30 Women's Self Defence: FREE Cameron Romm, 2:00-5:00 Health & Wellness Fair 11:00-3:00 Howe Hall (Dal) | 7 Safe Sex Talk with Josey Vogels McNally Main Auditorium 3:00-4:30 DWC Open House 11-3:00 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Women's Self Defense: FREE Location: TBA | 11 | 12 Take Back the Night Volunteer Meeting 6826 South St. 6:00pm | 13 SSIC Talk with Victim's Services 6286 South st. 5:30p, | 14 Calender Meeting 12:00 Sadie Hawkins Dance: A Social Justice Social 8:00pm, Grawood @ Dal. \$5. or 2 for \$8 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Introduction to Healing Arts 6286 South St 6:00-8:00: FREE Register in Advance | 18 | 19 Open House!! 12-4:00 | 20 Meet and Greet @DWC 4:00 SSIC Talk w/ guest professor 5:50 @ DWC | 21 | 22 Childcare Swap DWC 11am-4pm Girls Night Out! |
| 23 SMU WC/ DWC Soccer BaseBall Game Commons @ 12:00 | 24 Introduction to Personal Writing: Finding your Voice 6286 South St 6:00-8:00:FREE Register in | 25 I'm Coming! A Woman's Guide to Orgasm 6:30-8:30 @ Venus Envy For Everyone \$20.(\$10.-limited | 26 Women's Self Defense 6pm-9pm Location: TBA | 27 SSIC Discussion "Sexual Violence and the Law" 12:00 Location: TBA Talk at DWC @ 5:30 w/ guest | 28 Take Back the Night Rally and March 7-10pm Victoria Square | 29 Call 496-8722 or E-Mail Halifeminist@Yahoo.ca Or for more info on any of these |

NEWS

His Excellency Visits Saint Mary's

KIMBERLEY DARES

The start of another academic year also marked twenty-five years of co-operation between Saint Mary's University and China. This occasion was celebrated with a visit from the Ambassador of the Peoples Republic of China to Canada, Lu Shumin. His Excellency spent three days in Nova Scotia meeting with the Premier and Nova Scotia Business Inc. to explore the economic opportunities Nova Scotia has to offer. In addition, he also met with the Presidents of both Saint Mary's and Dalhousie University to discuss the success of Chinese students coming to Nova Scotia and Canadian students studying in China.

On a diplomatic front, 2007 marks thirty-seven years of co-operation between Canada and the Peoples Republic of China. The academic ties between China and Nova Scotia are very strong as China is a large source of foreign students to the province. Conversely, each year many Nova Scotians are traveling to China for their university degrees.

When programs bringing Chinese students to Canada began in the 1970s, only nine

students came to the country, one of them being the Ambassador himself. Currently there are almost four hundred Chinese students working towards their undergraduate and graduate degrees at Saint Mary's alone. In addition, there are over two hundred students enrolled at Saint Mary's in English language programs.

The Ambassador and Saint Mary's University President Dr. J Colin Dodds met at Saint Mary's Thursday afternoon. They talked privately about his Excellency's first official visit to the province. He and his wife visited the Halifax Public Gardens, and took a harbour cruise in the morning. The Ambassador and President Dodds also discussed the technological transformation China has seen, leaping from having little or no phone service to high tech cell phones in a matter of years. The Ambassador had a chance to tour much of the campus, which he said was beautiful.

The relationship between Saint Mary's and China has been progressively more two-way with an increasing number of Saint Mary's students choosing to study in China. Currently SMU has exchange agreements with six top Chinese Universities and has

held discussions at many more. At the meeting, President Dodds expressed his gratitude to the Chinese Education Office which has been very helpful to Saint Mary's over the years. In addition to the increasing exchange of students between Saint Mary's and China, the University has a significant number of academic programs focusing on China and Chinese culture.

Following the meeting, the Ambassador also got the chance to meet with Saint Mary's students and faculty of Chinese descent. Everyone enjoyed this meeting and learned a little something from it. The Ambassador and his wife had many questions for the students and faculty present, asking about where they were originally from and what they were studying. After posing for a few pictures with the students, the Ambassador was presented with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the twenty-five years of co-operation between Saint Mary's and China. There is hope this co-operation continues to improve and the program continues expanding.



Lu Shamin and Dr Dodds
Photo courtesy of: Paul Darrow

Should You Keep Your Health Plan???

KIMBERLEY DARES

As tempting as it may be to opt out of the SMUSA Student Wise Health Plan for the sake of getting a little money back, it may actually be in your best interest to keep it. Even if you already have coverage under your parents or spouses benefits the plan can work in co-ordination with your original plan to offer you complete coverage on most if not all of the medical fees you may incur over the year.

The coverage offered by the plan is well worth the \$134 it costs to cover a single Canadian student. Your coverage is valid for one calendar year. The price goes up to \$289 for Canadian families, and to \$900.50 for single international students and \$1801 for international families. Still the benefits are worth their price. The plan will help finance most all your medical bills, covering hospital stays, ambulance fees, 80% of prescription drug costs, practitioner visits among other services. New this year, the plan will also cover many dental expenses which can weigh pretty heavily on the pocketbook as well.

How is coverage so affordable?? The idea is pretty simple, many students pay a minimal fee and then there is usually enough combined money to cover the expenses of the fee claims that are made.

One downside to the plan is that it does not cover Gardasil, the Human Papillomavirus

vaccine, which not only offers protection against HPV but also may help prevent Cervical Cancer in women. There was speculation that the vaccine was going to be included in the coverage this year. The shots are quite expensive to get so it is not surprising that the plan cannot cover them.

As the Sept 21st Opt out deadline draws near keep in mind that it is always better to be safe rather than sorry when it comes to your health. Also it is good to keep in mind that if you are twenty-one years of age or older your previous coverage may have expired.

If you would like to opt out or would like more information be sure to check out the student health plan website which can be accessed through www.smusa.ca or visit the Student Health and Dental Plan office located on the fifth floor of the Student Centre. If you choose to opt out you will need to provide proof of coverage under your current plan. Fees will then be credited back to your student account.

Your health is something to take seriously so be sure to give some thought to the situation before you make your decision. Make sure you have some form of comprehensive health care coverage before you sign the waiver.

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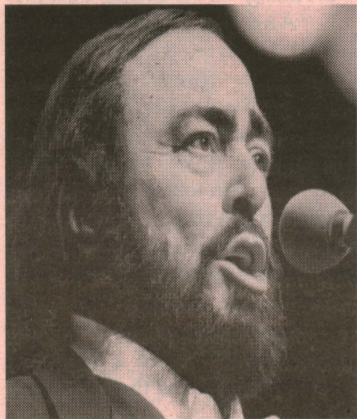
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Hey Grads
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The senior class will be holding a general meeting and election on Monday October 1, 2007 @ 5:30 on the Fourth Floor Sobey's lounge. Open to all graduating students. Contact mmacledachern@smu.ca for questions or concerns.

September Dates to Remember:

- September 13th-22nd:**
 - 2007 Atlantic Film Festival
- September 14th:**
 - Last day to change courses.
 - Last day for filling out Graduation Applications for Spring 2007 Convocation.
 - Last day to pay first semester fees.
- September 15th:**
 - Cross Country: Meet #1 at SMU
 - Football: SMU at MAU 2pm
 - Men's Soccer: SMU at CB 3pm
 - Women's Soccer: SMU at CB 1pm
- September 16th:**
 - Men's Soccer: SMU at StFX 3pm
 - Women's Soccer: SMU at StFX 1pm
 - Women's Rugby: SMU at ACADIA 2pm
- September 21st:**
 - SMU Health Plan Medical waiver deadline for Canadian Students
 - Last Day to add family coverage
 - Women's Soccer: StFX at SMU 6pm
 - Men's Soccer: StFX at SMU 8pm
 - Start of Alumni Weekend
- September 22nd:**
 - Huskies Football Home Opener : CONCORDIA at SMU 2pm
- September 23rd:**
 - Men's Soccer: MTU at SMU 3pm
 - Women's Soccer: MTA at SMU 1pm
 - Womens Rugby: SMU at StFX 2pm
- September 28th:**
 - Halifax Career Fair (www.halifaxcareerfair.ns.ca)
- September 29th:**
 - Women's Rugby: ACADIA at SMU 6pm
 - Football: SMU at ACADIA 2pm
 - Men's Soccer: SMU at MTU 3:30pm
 - Women's Soccer: SMU at MTA 1:30pm

NEWS FEED



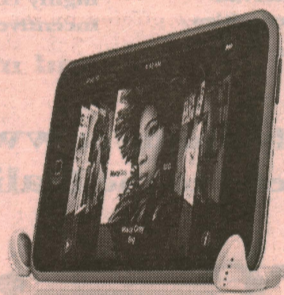
LOSS OF A LEGEND
Beloved Italian Tenor Luciano Pavarotti died September 6th at 71 following a battle with Pancreatic Cancer



BEWARE OF FAKE TAXIS
A 20 year old woman was sexually assaulted September 3rd after leaving a bar downtown in what she thought was a legitimate taxi. Police have released a sketch of the man believed to be responsible for the attack.



AL-QAEDA BOMBING AVERTED IN GERMANY
Three men arrested on suspicion of planning attacks in Germany. All three had training from Islamic Jihad Union.



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KIMBERLEY DARESW

You may have noticed the posters around campus urging you to get your Mumps vaccination, or received the email from the University explaining why this vaccination is so important. Sure needles are no fun, and the email was a pretty long read for summer vacation but neither of those are good reasons to pass this vaccination up. Mumps is highly contagious and could easily spread throughout the entire campus quickly if something is not done to stop it, so when you finish reading this go get you needle.

Since early spring, Nova Scotia has been suffering from its third major outbreak of the Mumps in two years. The illness has hit University students the hardest. In an effort to prevent the illness from spreading any further the Provincial Department of Health Promotion and Protection is offering free vaccinations for all University students studying in Nova Scotia. The vaccinations protect against the Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Everyone born in Canada post 1970 until 1997 received one vaccination and only those born after 1997 received a second dose of the vaccine. Although in many cases the Mumps is not serious it does

lead to nine days of isolation for all infected and can become much more severe. In the most serious cases Mumps can lead to arthritis, encephalitis (swelling of

the brain), deafness, or meningitis (swelling of the spinal cord and brain lining), as well as painful swelling of the testicles in males. Symptoms of the Mumps include headaches, high fever, muscle aches and pains, an overall tired feeling, and loss of appetite. Once symptoms appear the salivary glands may also swell. It is very contagious and is spread through saliva. Even the

tinest drops of saliva in the air may spread the illness. The virus can be spread during the seven days prior to the onset of symptoms and up to nine days after they have appeared. For this reason following a diagnosis of Mumps those affected are put into isolation to prevent the illness from spreading. That means nine days sitting in your room alone, feeling miserable and falling behind in your classes. It also means nine days with no socializing as your friends do not want to trade places with you.

There is no treatment for the mumps as it is caused by a virus, not bacteria, so there are no antibiotics to treat it. This is the reason the Province encouraged students to get vaccinated before returning to school as the close living quarters and shared facilities make for easy transmission of the virus.

You can get the vaccine free from your family doctor or at clinics to be held at SMU sometime in the near future. For the record, if you do get the Mumps please abide by the advised nine day isolation request as to not spread the illness across campus.

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COMING SOON!!!!

THE JOURNAL PRESENTS: A BRAND NEW BIZ & TECH SECTION!

Any students with computer troubles should send there questions to adrian.andre@smu.ca which will be included in the new weekly computer ask-all column,



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Harry Potter and the Death of 10 Million Childhoods

RESSA PETERS

I'm meeting a few old friends. Three young people I've known and grown up with for many years; Harry, Ron and Hermione. It's a sad, anxious feeling, waiting for and reading the final book. It's like graduation, knowing you'll grow apart and a few of these people you'll never see again.

Just as the book reflected their theoretical final year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, it marked the end of many things. Harry finally severs ties with his only living blood relatives; the Dursleys, presumably to never see them again. Ron and Hermione also bid farewell to their families and the safety of the school routine to help Harry in the search and destroy mission for Voldemort's Horcruxes. They travel around England, not sure of their destinations or goals, getting on each others nerves, dodging sexual tension and not eating very much; it's kind of like your first year of University.

This is a different type of Harry Potter book. There's only a bit of Hogwarts, no house points, no Quidditch. It's darker, a lot darker. The stakes are real, the clock is ticking, and time is running out for the fight against Voldemort and the Death Eaters and for a few characters, period.

J.K. Rowling's not pulling any punches here, she means business. Ever since Cedric Diggory bit the big one in *Goblet of Fire*, we've known she has cajones. Plenty die, many main characters die heroically. Mad-Eye Moody and Hedwig (and nearly Hagrid) die protecting Harry in the first few chapters before he reaches age 17 and the protection spell his mother cast on him disappears. Even Rufus Scrimgeour, who was a bit of a jerk and never a real ally, is tortured to death before giving up any info on Harry. ?

The Death Eaters too, are taking their fair share of casualties. That evil Bellatrix LeStrange finally gets owned by sweet Mrs. Weasley when she comes after Ginny.

And we finally learn what team Snape played for. As it turns out, that big meanie Severus Snape was a big softie. All of his life he's been haunted by the woman he loved but couldn't have, Lily Evans, who would go on to marry James Potter and have a son named Harry. Yes, Snape was a Death Eater but decided to risk his life as a double agent when he found out Voldemort was after the Potters. He managed to go on serving the good guys and while being one of Voldemort's most trusted followers for 17 years, which is no small task. He must've been very conflicted seeing as the love of his life went on to marry a man who had bullied him to no end in school. He carried those feelings of protection and loathing over to their son Harry, whom he risked everything to safeguard whenever he got into trouble (which was invariably) but also was a daily reminder of the sad, tormented life he'd lived and the love he'd never have reciprocated.

Sure, Snape was a polarizing, conflicted character, but so



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are most of the characters in the Potterverse. It's a mark of a good writer when you don't know whether to love or hate a character or both.

Harry and Voldemort are tied together and neither can live while the other survives. Harry accepts that he must die to save the rest of Wizard kind and goes to his death knowingly. With the help of the Deathly Hallows (The Elder wand, the Resurrection stone and the Invisibility cloak) he is able to master death and come back to achieve his destiny. Voldemort, on the other hand, fears nothing but death and in the end, he is killed by Harry.

And after battle, stability is restored to the wizarding world. Harry grows up to marry Ginny and they have three children; James, Lily and Albus Severus (No Sirius?). Ron and Hermione marry and have little

Rose and Hugo. Harry and Ron are Aurors (Dark Wizard Hunters) for the Ministry. Ginny plays pro Quidditch for a while before starting a family and then becomes Quidditch writer for the Daily Prophet. Hermione, of course, works for the Ministry a few years improving the welfare of House Elves before becoming a Wizarding Lawyer.

And with those boring, adult futures Rowling ends the series. She blends action with tedium, magic with all too familiar Muggle issues of growing up, power with sacrifice, and hate with love. She's crafted a saga that will stand the test of time along with the classics of literature enjoyed by adults and children and read and dissected for years to come. She's gotten 12-year-olds to read a 607 page book in a day, and that is magic.

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The Marquee Club Re-Opens

The Argyle Cobblers Group announced the re-opening of the Marquee Club as a regular live music venue. On par with famous live performance spaces such as the Horseshoe Tavern in Toronto and Richard's On Richard's in Vancouver, the off-winner for Best Venue at the ECMA Awards opens its doors four nights a week starting with a grand re-opening gala set to welcome back the club in style at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 28.

A weekend of exciting concerts follows, with popular Cape Breton funk-soul-reggae-rockers

SEAN BEAUCHAMP

I love a good "Coming of age" story. There. I said it. It's hard not to have a soft spot for literary works that are both down to earth and easy to relate to. Unfortunately, as a genre, COAs are very easy to botch, stereotype, or otherwise make a complete mess out of. This could be attributed to a need to make the story more "marketable" than relatable, or it could simply come from an inability of the author to truly remember what it was like to come of age in the first place.

Haruki Murakami, a surrealist writer who is quickly replacing Kurt Vonnegut Jr. as my favorite writer still alive, (those pall malls really were a classy way to commit suicide, weren't they Kurt?) obviously faces no such hardships in his work. Not only does he seem to remember what it was like to be young and uncertain quite vividly, he also remembers that there's a reason most college/high school kid stories are exaggerated for a good reason: We are boring. Murakami lived through the spirit of rebellion of the 60's, followed by the collective melancholy of the 70's, and as a result, knows a thing or two about needing to find a reason to keep getting up in the morning for 50 or 60 more years. So what is it about us that is so hard to market, but seems so important to us now? Our brainmeats! Introspection is something every arts student can relate to, and the brainchild of some of the greatest works of art in history.

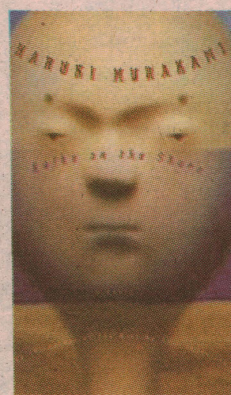
Originally released in Japan in 2002, Murakami's "Kafka on the Shore" provides youthful

introspection without ever becoming pretentiously self-centered, and manages to tell a story that is both relatable and bizarre. The chapters take turns between the first person narration of young runaway Kafka Tsumura and third person narration concerning a seemingly slow, but surreally talented, senior citizen Satoru Nakata. Caught up in a story of oedipal prophecies, conversations with housecats and a nigh endless supply of existential riddles, these two characters slowly begin to cross over into the worlds forming in their minds. These worlds gradually branch out with the help of an assorted cast of characters, including an inter-sexual librarian, a cat killer who takes on the name and visage of Johnny Walker, and a symbolic pimp who also happens to be Colonel Sanders.

If it all sounds a bit inconsistent, you're beginning to get the idea. "Kafka on the Shore" is rife with symbolism, a lot of which isn't easily deduced with the aid of a few psychology textbooks. The story has an inkblot effect, meaning as much to the reader as they

allow it to, and thus becoming very easy to relate to, even if your pimp isn't based on any famous fast food icons.

Murakami is known for presenting melodious stories that interlink the workings of the inside and outside worlds, and "Kafka on the Shore" provides another captivating example. On a side note, you may be wondering whether or not there's a reason to the main character being named after famous writer Franz Kafka. At the risk of giving away too much information, I can answer that consideration with a very definite "maybe."



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Slowcoaster taking the stage later that night to promote their buzz-worthy, upcoming release Future Radio. The party continues the following night with Juno Award-winning Kevin Drew playing songs from his recently released solo album Spirit If... with members of his revered collective, Broken Social Scene on Saturday, September 29.

Following the opening weekend, the Marquee Club will be officially open for business Wednesday through Saturday every week for live performances and events booked by Music Nova Scotia Award-winning booking agent Craig Mercer. Wednesday nights will once again be the place to go for mid-week dancing with Something Wicked, an open-format DJ night that plays everything from indie-dance, new wave, old school hip-hop, soul classics and much more. Thursday nights are devoted to special programming, whether it's touring DJs, hip-hop acts or up-and-coming rock bands. Friday and Saturday nights deliver the bread and butter the Marquee is known for with local and touring bands.

"The space is still excellent, people still love it, and there is no great option for mid-sized shows in Halifax," club owner Victor Syperek said. "It's time to give people what they have been asking for: a place they can call their own, where they can see the best performances the east coast has to offer, in one of the best environments in town. The Marquee Club holds a special place in the hearts of Haligonians and it's great to have it open once again on a regular, and I emphasize, permanent basis."

Known for its artful décor and high-end sound and light system, the Marquee Club is one of the best places to see a live show in Halifax, first offering entertainment in 1998. Since then, the club has been seen in films such as The Trailer Park Boys, Three Needles, and the live Joel Plaskett DVD Make A Little Noise. The new inception of the club will accommodate up to 350 patrons for smaller events and up to 750 patrons for large-scale events in versatile room sizing options. The space is also available for corporate parties, press releases, receptions, and product launches.

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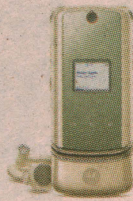


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Big Ticket Concert: Joel Plaskett Rocks His Hometown

ANDREW SEYMOUR

I remember my first Joel Plaskett concert. I saw him at the Bridgewater Exhibition (affectionately called 'The Ex' by locals) over a year ago. Joel's opening act was an Ox pull, and the venue for watching him play was the same funky smelling mud bowl that the oxen had used to haul bales of hay and other impossibly heavy things. It cost us \$10 for admission to 'the Ex' and that included seeing Plaskett, and sticking around to get an autograph and a camera-phone picture. The crowd at the concert was cautious about Joel because no one really knew him. No one knew the words to his songs except us and you could tell most of the people there had actually come for the Ox pull.

For Joel, playing SMU's Frosh week was just another night at the office. Halifax's 'Bruce Springsteen'-a lofty pseudonym to which The Coast can be credited- took Saint Mary's and Dalhousie students from a nervous pre-concert chatter to a raucous encore-chanting, fever-pitched, sing along. Special guest Peter Elkas stepped up to the keyboard while the usual suspects Dave Marsh (drums) and Chris Pennell (bass) could also be found on-stage. For those people who have somehow managed to become Haligonians and not learn who the Joel Plaskett is, here is a brief timeline:

Joel first made a splash with the band Thrush Hermit in 1992, which spanned seven years until their breakup in 1999. Plaskett ventured into a solo career, but did not see any measurable success until his new backing band- The Emergency- helped him release

'Down at the Khyber' and later 'Truthfully, Truthfully'. He has since released another solo album, 'La De Da', a DVD titled 'Make a Little Noise' and The Emergency's most recent work, 'Ashtray Rock'. Almost always featured in a live performance is the substituted name Becky, which would be his wife. She provided spoken word vocals for Joel's latest album and could be caught in narrative at the side of the stage during his performance on Alderney Landing this past July as well.

Beyond all of the albums and DVDs, what you need to know about Joel is that he's a son of Halifax. Ashtray Rock is not about cigarettes and rock and roll, rather it's about growing up, love, hate, and having nothing more to say. Indeed, Ashtray Rock is not a genre of music, but a place near Clayton Park now made famous by the album title. The album, a window into his past, reads quite openly about the breakup of Thrush Hermit.

So why do people find it fashionable to love Joel Plaskett and The Emergency? Because every show he gets up there on stage and opens his soul for you. He looks you in the eye and separates you from the crowd, and sings to you- even if it's in a muddy ox pull pit on the South Shore. This past Wednesday at Dal, S-M-U chants broke out in the quad, where Joel proceeded to pluck along to the throngs of students until he finally bridged into his next song. Joel is a live performer of epic proportions, and the more shows he plays, the more people seem to appreciate having him around.

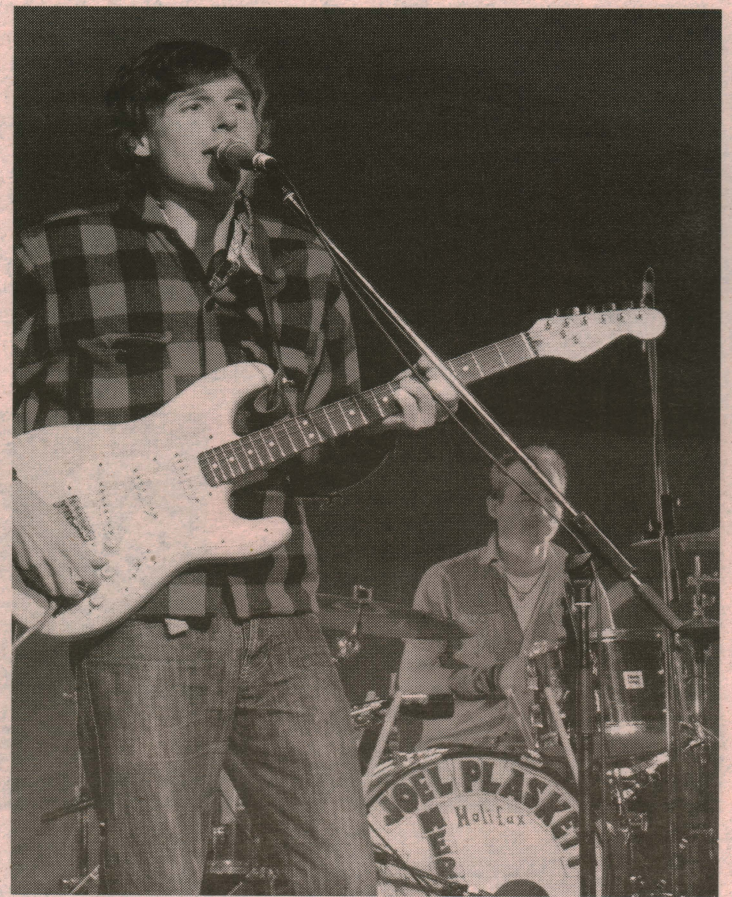
Two years ago K-OS came to SMU and performed in the Tower Parking Lot, and the year

before that it was Finger Eleven inside at the Tower. Despite being a combined concert, there is no doubt that Joel, a smaller ticket performer- drew a much larger crowd and generated far more excitement.

The encore last Wednesday was a predictable treat where Plaskett returned to play the drums and sing while drummer Dave Marsh moved up to guitar for all of the pieces. As they finished the encore set, which included a rendition of 'Come on Teacher' where a feverish student body chanted 'nine-teen-eight-tee!'- The quad erupted into decibels that Matt Mays has only heard in his dreams.

And maybe that's the reason why there's so much to love about Joel Plaskett. He's never been on Late Night with Conan, but he doesn't need to. We like Joel just the way he is. He has proven his worth to Halifax a thousand times over and he's given us too many amazing shows to be overrated or forgettable. When I pay to see him, I leave the concert feeling like I still owe him something in return. I sincerely hope that for all the students who got to see Joel for the first time last week, you remember Wednesday night and can tell your first 'Plaskett concert' story someday too. And I think I speak for everyone when I say I hope that Joel goes nowhere with us for a very long time.

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Juno Nominee Metric Plays Halifax

After a sold out show in Halifax last September, Canadian indie-rockers Metric will return to perform songs in support of their 2006 JUNO nominated album Live It Out at the Cunard Centre on Friday, Sept. 14 at 9 p.m.

Comprised of Emily Haines (vocals/synths), Jimmy Shaw (guitar), Joshua Winstead (bass) and Jules Scott-Key (drums), Metric has opened for rock legends The Rolling Stones at Madison Square Gardens and performed at both the SXSW and Coachella music festivals. The band also took home the award for Best Independent Video at the 2006 MuchMusic Video Awards, where they also performed.

Their singles "Empty," "Monster Hospital" and "Poster of a Girl" have propelled their acclaimed release, Live it Out,

to gold status in Canada. This success can partly be attributed to the band spending the majority of the time since the release of their 2003 debut, Old World Underground, Where Are You Know?, relentlessly touring throughout North America, Europe and Japan. After earning a devout fan base with their angular synth-pop sound, the group returned to Toronto to begin work on their second recording

Live It Out, is a step forward in every sense for Metric. Citing both Sonic Youth and Pink Floyd as primary influences in their work, each song sees the group taking their unique sound into unimagined new areas. From Shaw's increasingly unhinged guitar playing, Haines' simultaneously serene and jarring vocals, and Winstead and Scott-Key's

intuitive rhythmic interplay, their music bares the coveted double hand of being challenging and thoroughly engaging. Each song simmers with a creeping tension that explodes without warning.

Earlier this year, Metric toured the UK with critically acclaimed rockers Bloc Party and before returning to Halifax, the band will perform at this year's V-Fest in Toronto alongside The Smashing Pumpkins, Bjork, The Killers, Arctic Monkeys and Amy Winehouse.

Special guest for the show is *We Are Scientists*

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Licence to Thrill: Orientation 007, Frosh Week A Killer Success

LAURA MACINTOSH

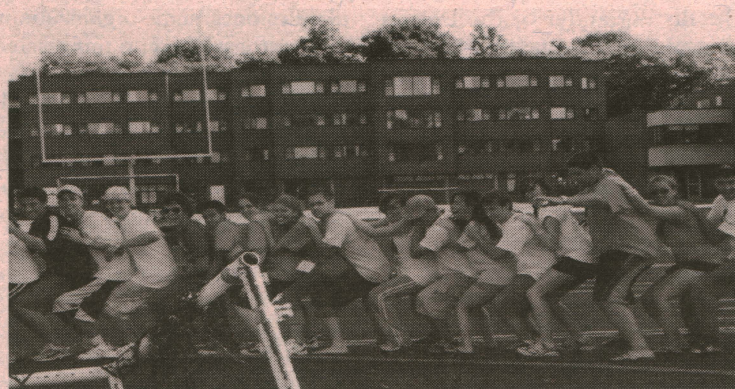
Stranded on a deserted island for three days with wooden bunks, outhouses and Aramark food; this was their training. Only those who made it through the torrential downpour, blistering heat of campfire, embarrassing stories, and grueling games of "Have you Ever" and "Huckle Buckle" were given the chance to call themselves leaders and handed their "Licence to Thrill". This is their week!

Casino Royale

Orientation Week went off with a bang this year, as SMU frosh came out in droves for their chance to play some games and win some great prizes! While Bill Kidney and Complete Control rocked the pub and got students pumped, OWeek leaders ran the table games in the cafeteria.

With black jack, roulette, over under, and plenty more games on the go students had a blast trying to out-skill our leaders and facilitators behind the tables. Between the tables and top secret missions that earned big bucks, over \$60 million in play money was handed out by the end of the night. But what did this hard work go towards? We auctioned off all kinds of crazy and fantastic prizes, from dorm accessories to DVD players, tuition credits and even a notebook computer donated by

late team totals, the floor from Rice had everyone beat with over



24 million in cash. Computer-less no more, one lucky Rice student can avoid those long hours in the den doing his homework!

Turfburn

With about 300 students and our friend, the sun, in attendance, this year's Turfburn was an absolute blast! The afternoon started off with some serious cheering that was heard down on Barrington Street and over on South Street. Between Penguin making us look like... well penguins, Schwartz a-choo-choo-cha'ing away, a frosh adding to Boom Chicka Boom and our SMUSA president Mitch taking us all on a lion hunt, we were pumped and ready to attack the turf. All afternoon teams com-

have been up to all summer long; preparing the DSU President for a

little SMU takeover. If you missed the footage of the Tipping kidnapping, rest assured, it'll work its way to SMUtube someday soon.

The City's Not Enough city wide Scavenger Hunt

With twenty teams hitting the streets of Halifax to prove they've got the goods, mayhem was sure to ensue! Video Difference, the SMUBDC, and Travel Cuts didn't even know what hit them. By the time the dust settled, only one team was named champion, although don't think the rest were left without. With leftover pizza, timbits and candy galore, we were all winners. I've never seen so many displays of spaz, never knew the city had so many fountains, and have never been more proud of a couch in a shopping cart.

Extreme Ops Training Facility

The campus quad became our own personal playground when Glow Parties brought out their inflatable toys. Between racing through the Wild One, battling it out sumo style, and getting a little backlash from the bungee run, we all had an absolute blast. But that was only the beginning. Members of the University Athletics and Alumni took on our SMUSA executive in SMUlebrity jousting, with the university team winning three of the five matches. Our executive punishment was time in the dunk tank raising money

peted against each other in games of giant volleyball, tire toss, pass the bucket, longest rope and oh so many more classics. When all was said and done only one team won the right to call themselves Turfburn champs, and got the chance to skip lines the rest of the week. After the games, SMUSA and Athletics hosted a BBQ for our newest additions to the SMU community.

For Your Eyes Only Movie Night

With a massive inflatable screen taking over the Tower Fieldhouse and snacks for all, movie night was a blast. James Bond: Casino Royale kicked the night off, with 50 First Dates ending it. The best part of the evening? Between films we all got to see what those SMUSA execs



PC Medic.

You want a human interest story? Here's the one from Orientation Week! I have to give a shout out to my favorite Rice floor, they know who they are! After knowing each other for less than 24 hours; new students from Rice came to a realization; only one floor mate didn't own their own computer. Hell bent on changing this, the group did all kinds of deliciously crazy tasks throughout the night and gave all their hard earned cash to the computer-less student. Instead of buying up all kinds of smaller prizes to share between them, the group waited as other block buyers took tuition credits and accessories, eating away at their grand totals. Then, as the computer came up, and as every leader scrambled to calcu-

for the liver foundation.

Live and Let Sing: Open Mic and the Q Concert Kick-Off
With the Gorsebrook Pub

hopping a few brave souls took the stage to entertain during open mic. It looks like we have some new talent brewing for our Wednesday night battles. Then Q104 came by to hype everyone up for the big ticket concert. With prize giveaways, appearances by Q celebs, and a whole lot of energy the pub was the place to be.

Big Ticket Concert featuring Joel Plaskett Emergency and In Flight Safety

Oh what a night! With 3000 students making a statement in the Dalhousie quad, In Flight Safety took to the stage and rocked the house. By the time Joel and the boys stepped on stage the place was wild with each university trying to out scream the other. Despite having smaller numbers SMU put on a show with better cheers and jeers than our university neighbour.



The Man with the Golden Tongue Damien the Hypnotist

This event was absolutely nuts. Never before have so many students crammed the McNally Auditorium for a single show. Damien delivered to the sold out crowd with a stunning show of hypnotism gone a little raunchy. Between lap dances, a crash course in Chinese, a few imaginative hallucinations and a little hand shaking exercise, those in attendance laughed the night away, Damien style. If you've never been part of a Damien show, you've never

Vogels came to talk sex to us all, and this wasn't your mothers 'once a month the egg travels' kind of sex lecture. With creative participation exercises and a little sex challenge (won by our very own G Spot columnist S.S. Randy Blue) we got a crash course in how to keep safe, without the chastity belt. Josey covered everything from STI's to safe sex, and even what the text books don't teach, like how to get enjoyment while not getting pregnant! She was also completely open when it came time for students to pick her brain, giving opinions on topics such as "it takes too long for me to get off". Sounds like the G Spot will be interesting this year.

From SMUSA with Love Dance Party

With DJ Majestic spinning and podiums for dancing, Friday night at the tower was more than

your high school dance. Good music, great frosh, new friends, old friends, it all equaled good times in the Maritimes. We partied until Saturday in a great end of the week bash.

Message from the OC

This Orientation Week has been an amazing one. With some of the best leaders and facilitators I've ever had the opportunity to frosh it out with it's no wonder the week was a hit. I want to thank everyone, from students to sponsors, for their hard work in making the week happen.

To the freshmen: I hope you enjoyed your first week at SMU. Remember; those friends you've made this last week will be the ones you remember when you leave this place. Don't be afraid to say hi in the halls, we're all one big happy SMU family now.

To the volunteers: You all rock, this week has been fantastic and I want to thank you all for your hard work and play. Frosh leader reunion is already in the works.

To everyone who had a hand in Orientation Week 007: Licence to Thrill: It was a blast! Let's keep up the spirit all year long!



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Josey Vogels
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G SPOT: The Makeshift Edition

SS RANDY BLUE

Hey everybody, welcome back from your summer work-cations. Hope you all had a summer full of fun and promiscuity. Before you all get busy and back into the routine of readings and homework and essays, take a minute to relax and read up on some issues you should take note of.

I know you want to hurry up and check out the girls in the residence suite next door, but be careful before your little friend comes out to play. Mumps isn't the only thing you should be worried about this year. There is an alarming increase in the number of herpes cases in Canada this year. Those spots and sores on your pecker...it's not a rash, it's herpes; the gift that keeps on giving. If you

think that you may have herpes then you should go see your doctor and have your yearly STI check.

Wearing a condom is your best defense from contracting, not just herpes, but any STI. If you think you shouldn't be wearing a condom, then you shouldn't be having sex. For all those guys that think it's hot not to wear a condom, that it feels better when it's raw...then you obviously do

not have enough respect for both you and your partner to keep each other safe. Remember, you're not just sleeping with your partner; you're sleeping with everyone else they've ever slept with. Still so sure that they're all clean and STI free?

For everyone's peace of mind, keep it wrapped and keep having fun. That four year degree can take longer to obtain if you end up having a child, or contract a

severe STI like HIV. We're all here to have fun, so play safe.

Got a question about sex or sexual health? Write into The Journal, or email thesmujournal@gmail.com and I'll start answering them next week. Send them in and pick up the next issue to see if it's answered!

SPORTS

The Summer of Milestones

JAMIE KELLY

On August 7, the much-anticipated, highly-controversial 756th home run of Barry Bonds career was hit off Washington Nationals pitcher Mike Bacsik. The home run broke Hank Aaron's all-time career home run mark of 755. Bonds is one of many baseball superstars to achieve career milestones this season, but history shows us that no matter what happens from now until the end of the October, the 2007 Major League Baseball season will be remembered for one reason- Barry Bonds and his pursuit of 756.

The 2007 baseball season has brought as much excitement to fans as the sport has seen since Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa chased Roger Maris' single season home run record of 61 back in 1999. Frank Thomas of the Blue Jays and Alex Rodriguez of the Yankees both hit home run #500 of their respective careers this summer. At just 32 years of age, A-Rod became the youngest player in Major League Baseball history to hit 500 home runs. Sammy Sosa of the Rangers hit the 600th home run of his career. Trevor Hoffman, closer for the San Diego Padres,

became the first member of the 500 save club. Hoffman set the career record for saves with his 479th save on Sept. 28 of last year against Pittsburgh, breaking Lee Smith's old mark of 478. Hoffman finished the 2006 season with 482. Tom Glavine, pitcher for the New York Mets, became the first lefty since Steve Carlton in 1983 to notch his 300th career victory. Craig Biggio, second baseman for the Houston Astros, got his 3000th hit on June 28th and became just the ninth player in history to record 3000 hits with the same club. Biggio has played for the Astros since 1988, and he reached the milestone as he went 3-5 in front of the home crowd. Most recently, after being on the disabled list the entire season, Pedro Martinez became the 15th pitcher in history to record 3000 strikeouts with his 2nd punch-out of the season on September 3rd.

There were also three no-hitters thrown this past summer, the most in one season since 2001. Chicago White Sox ace Mark Buehrle threw the first no-hitter of the season on April 18th. The only runner he allowed to reach base, Sammy Sosa, was picked off at first base after reaching on a walk. On June 12th,

Justin Verlander of the Detroit Tigers threw the first no-hitter of his career. Clay Buchholz, in just his second career major league appearance, threw a no-hitter against the Baltimore Orioles at Fenway Park. Buchholz was recalled from Triple-A Pawtucket to start the game after Tim Wakefield was scratched from the start due to an injury. It was the 17th no-hitter in Red Sox history. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Buchholz is the third pitcher since 1900 to throw a no-hitter in his first or second Major League start. Bobo Hollomon threw a no-hitter in his debut on May 6, 1953, for the St. Louis Browns at home against the Philadelphia A's, and Wilson Alvarez did it in his second start on Aug. 11, 1991, for the White Sox at Baltimore.

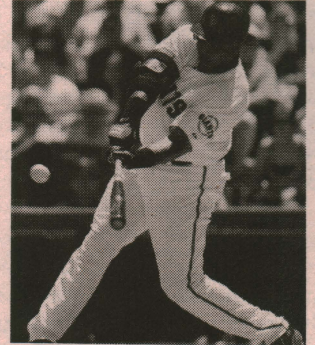
Before the regular season is over on September 30th, there may be a few more milestones reached. Future Hall-of-Famer Ken Griffey Jr. is just 7 homers shy of the 600th of his career. Chicago's Jim Thome is sitting at 498 home runs and Boston's Manny Ramirez is sitting at 490. Manny is also just 4 grand slams shy of breaking Lou Gehrig's all-time record of 22.

While there were many person-

al milestones, some organizations also witnessed some impressive (or not so impressive) team milestones reached. On August 22nd, the Texas Rangers destroyed the Baltimore Orioles 30-3 in the first game of a double-header. The Rangers set the modern (post-1900) Major League record for runs scored in a game, and became the first team since the Chicago Colts scored 36 against the Louisville Colonels in 1897 to score 30 runs in a game. To top it off, the Rangers beat the O's 9-7 in the second game, setting the record for most runs scored in a double-header. On July 15th, the Philadelphia Phillies lost the 10,000th game of the club's history. Philadelphia became the first team in the four major sports (MLB, NBA, NFL, and NHL) to accomplish this feat. It must be noted however, that the MLB season is nearly twice as long as the NBA and NHL seasons and is also ten times longer than the NFL season.

In thirty years, when we have the chance to look back on the 2007 Major League Baseball season, very few will remember Rodriguez's 500th home run, or Verlander's no-hitter. The moment that will live on forever in the minds of

baseball fans everywhere is when Bonds went deep for the 756th time in his illustrious 22-year-career. Very few will remember



that in 1974 when Aaron broke Babe Ruth's all-time home run mark of 714, there were several personal milestones reached by future Hall-of-Famers. Al Kaline, one of the greatest Detroit Tigers to ever play, got the 3000th hit of his career. Former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Bob Gibson recorded the 3000th strikeout of his career, and while playing for the California Angels, Nolan Ryan threw his 3rd of 7 career no-hitters. But if you ask baseball enthusiasts how they remember the 1974 baseball season, their answer will undoubtedly be, Hammerin' Hank Aaron and his pursuit of 715.

Huskies Narrowly Hold Off X-Men

DANNY CAREW

The Saint Mary's Huskies won their opener of the season against the Saint Francis Xavier X-men by a score of 28-22 in front of 3,000 fans at Oland Stadium. The Huskies, ranked 8th in country, should be happy with the win, but the team still has to work out some kinks, as evidenced by their play on Saturday.

Saint Mary's QB Eric Glavic capped off the first score of the season as he scampered into the end zone on a 14 yard run with seconds remaining in the first quarter. Eric ran in another major before the second half. Glavic ran for 95 yards on the day, and he threw for 118 yards. The Huskies led 28-7 at halftime.

The Huskies came out in the second half and played flat. The Huskies were called for 17 penalties on the day. The Husky

offensive-line was called for the majority of the penalties. The Huskies committed 4 turnovers on the day which made it easier for the X-Men to mount a comeback. The X-Men cut the lead to 28-22 with 4:06 remaining as Nick Guest hauled in a touchdown for the X-Men. The X-Men had a chance to go for the win but an attempted trick play failed which sealed the win for the Huskies. Despite the sloppy play of the Huskies in the second half, Jacques Lumbala ran for a hard-earned 112 yards on 14 carries.

Linebacker Tim St. Pierre was ejected with 6:13 left in the game for kicking an opponent. St. Pierre may face a one-game suspension for his act. The Huskies will travel to Sackville, N.B, on Saturday to face the Mount Allison Mounties.

Husky Sport Notes

The Huskies men's and women's soccer teams have opened the season with wins. The women opened the season with wins over Acadia and Moncton. Kate Hyslop scored twice to lead SMU in the 3-2 victory over Moncton.

The men's team beat Moncton 2-0. The Huskies are ranked 6th in

the country and should once again be a force to be reckoned with.

The women's rugby team opened their season with a 22-15 win over U.P.E.I. Shannon Caret, Megan Kinsman and Fiona McNutt accounted for the tries.

The Saint Mary's men's baseball team has opened the season

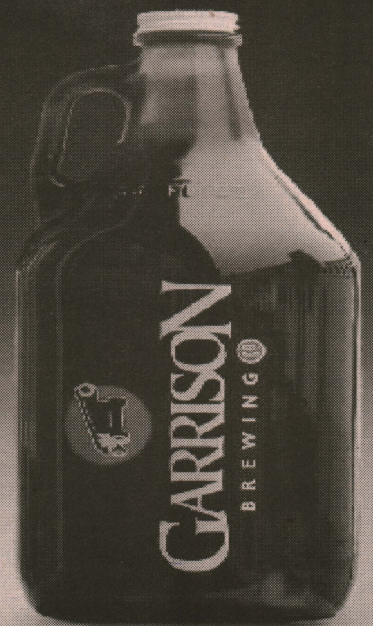
with a record of 2-2. The Huskies defeated the St. FX X-Men twice in a doubleheader, by scores of 5-0 and 6-3. In the 6-3 victory Saint Mary's pitcher Jason Smith carried a no-hitter into the 7th inning.



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In sports, there is always a story. Danny Carew will engage and offer his viewpoints on the wide world of sports, with a humorous twist.

New England Patriots safety Rodney Harrison made no effort to disguise his name or address when he purchased human growth hormone over the Internet and was cooperative with investigators, law enforcement officials said, according to The Boston Globe.

According to the report, prosecutors said Harrison, who met in Foxborough, Mass. last week with investigators for the Albany County (N.Y.) District Attorney's office, acknowledged he bought HGH "more than once" online last year with an illegal prescription provided by a doctor associated with a Florida wellness clinic. He said he sought the prescription to help him recover faster from shoulder and knee injuries. - Espn.com

Carew: Rodney Harrison is the hardest hitting NFL safety the game has seen since the likes of Ronnie Lott. Rodney broke his arm in the final minutes of the Superbowl against the Eagles, and he missed most of last season with busted knee. The NFL has deemed HGH as a banned substance, and has therefore banned Rodney from the first four games of the regular season. At one time HGH was not considered a banned substance. Kudos to Rodney for admitting his guilt so he can get on with the season. The man is 34 years old. HGH is similar to Viagra; both are performance enhancing. The older you get, the harder it is to recover from injury, and Rodney is clearly

trying to keep his career going. Viagra can save a man's sex career, and HGH may save a player's career. I'm not condoning the use of the drug, but the NFL should seriously consider looking into their steroid policy. Maybe the NFL is doing Rodney a favor by giving him four weeks off to recover from injuries the natural way.

With his arthritic left knee feeling pain free for the first time in years, Allan Houston is now "90 to 95 percent" sure he will return to the NBA this season, his agent, Bill Strickland told 1050 ESPN Radio in New York.

Carew: 2007 is the year of return in the NBA. Reggie Miller, Charles Oakley and Houston have all claimed that their services could help an NBA team. Houston is 35, Miller is 42, and Oakley is 43. I'm thinking that all of these guys were bored sitting at home, turned on NBA court classics, and saw a game of them playing 10 years ago, and said, "I can still play." They haven't played in couple of years, and it's not like their last seasons in the NBA were their best statistically. Reggie recently revoked his intent to play and it's looking like Oakley will do the same. I could see these guys playing if an NBA team offered perks like: naps during halftime. Since all of the players are old, they are allowed to nap during halftime because they are old. Old people need naps.

Rockets forward Justin Reed was released from jail in Jackson, Miss., on Wednesday after being arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

The 6-8 Reed was arrested Tuesday night and charged with possession of less than an ounce

of marijuana, which carries a fine from \$100 to \$250. Reed was released from the Hinds County jail early Wednesday morning on \$500 bond. - cron.com (Short for Houston Chronicle. No joke).

Carew: So basically, the fines cost as much as his bag of bud. NBA players love to smoke weed. I guarantee 9 out of 10 times when a player is arrested it's either for drug possession or a DUI. The NBA has been stern on players smoking marijuana, as Commissioner David Stern has instituted drug testing. What's interesting is that the NBA is one of the few sports where you'll find player's more likely to be guilty of marijuana in their system, instead of steroids. The problem with marijuana is that it sets a bad image on sports, especially in the NBA where David Stern is trying to clean up the league's image. It seems despite the laws and restrictions, players still find a way to toke and drink. In the NBA, players jump high and they get high.

Oakland head coach Lane Kiffin remained silent Wednesday about who will be his starting quarterback when the Raiders face the Detroit Lions on Sunday. But sources familiar with the situation told ESPN.com's Michael Smith Wednesday that Josh McCown will get the starting nod.

McCown took all of the snaps in practice Wednesday with the first team, marking the second straight day he's done so, Smith reports. Additionally, McCown has been in Oakland working in the offense longer, and it doesn't look like free-agent veteran Daunte Culpepper's performance has overcome that familiarity with the

playbook. - ESPN.com

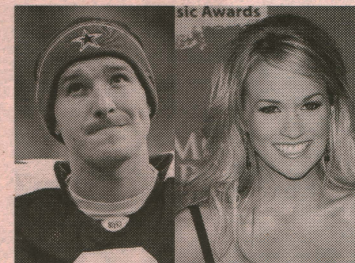
Carew: It really doesn't matter who takes the snaps, because football pundits and those alike will be taking snaps at the Raiders all season long. The Raiders, always known for their rough play, will undoubtedly once again be one of the worst teams in the NFL. Dubbed "The Dumbest Football Team in America", the Raiders set the standard for bonehead moves on and off the field. The biggest blunder the Raiders have made this year was the selection of QB JaMarcus Russell. Russell, who was selected with the #1 pick in the NFL Draft, has yet to sign a contract, which means that if he eventually signs, he will more than likely not see the field this season. The Raiders could have chosen Wide Receiver Calvin Johnson who many believe will be the best receiver in football for years to come. I personally love to heckle Raiders fans by simply saying "Snowbowl". And the Raiders like to mock their fans with their play.

Crystal Ball: Week 1 NFL

- Randy Moss made his debut with the Patriots against the Jets hauling in 9 passes for 183 yards and one td. Moss missed the entire pre-season due to a nagging hamstring injury. Moss had spent the last couple of years in the receiver purgatory known as Oakland. Moss is not only playing for one of the best teams in the NFL, he is also playing with one of the best arms in Tom Brady. Moss was a man among boys on Sunday, making the spectacular catches look effortless. Tom has all sorts of new toys, as the Patriots have added more arsenals to

their offence with the additions of Randy, Wes Welker and Donte Stallworth. This is the best Patriots team ever on paper, and with one more championship (already has 3), Tom Brady will become the "Lord of the Rings."

- Tony Romo looked awesome in the Cowboys debut against the Giants. Romo threw for 345 yards and 4 tds, leading the Cowboys to a 45-35 victory over



the G-Men. The Cowboys will be primed for a Superbowl run. Who wouldn't want to be Tony? His two top targets are Terrell Owens and former American Idol star Carrie Underwood. Swing!

- In one of the more dramatic games of the week the Denver Broncos hit a game winning field-goal with seconds left on the clock as they defeated the Buffalo Bills 15-14. Speaking of time, it is ticking away on the Buffalo Bills. Owner Ralph Wilson, who is 88 years old, has said that the Buffalo Bills will be sold once he passes away. Due to economic constraints, the Bills may be better suited off in a bigger market like Toronto. Ted Rogers and CEO Paul Godfrey have made it no secret that they want to bring the NFL to Canada.

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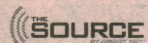
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