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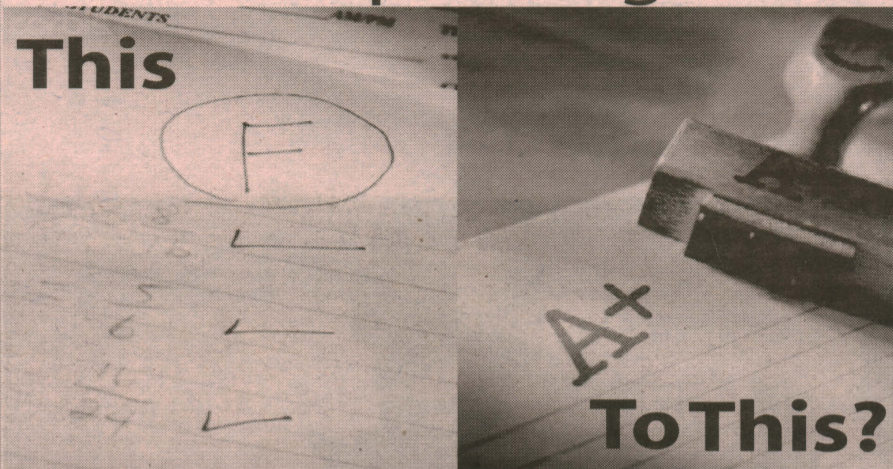


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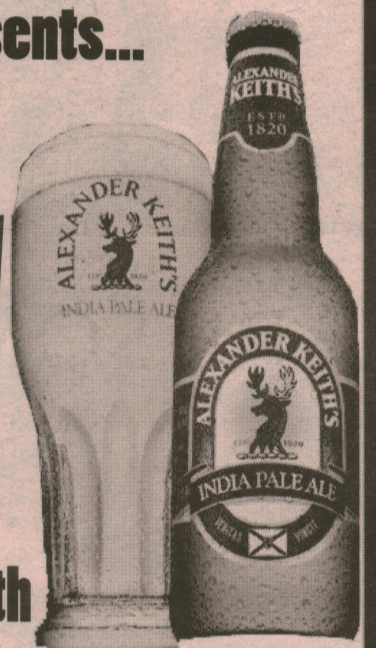
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Letter from The Editor: What a Great Burn

Jessica Woodman

We got some great scathing comments on the first issues of the Journal. My favorite include lines the comparison of The Journal to a religious tract. We almost didn't publish a second issue because we started the year with only 6 staff and there should be 9. We had no Lay-out/Art Director, Advertising Manager or Sports Editor. Thankfully, all of my staff did double duty, staying up sometimes way past 2 am just to get out the paper. We felt that even with less staff, we didn't want to disappoint the SMU students and I think we did a really great job. I am sorry about the mistakes and we are now full staff and working hard to make a beautiful and informative paper. Would YOU like to write for the Journal? We would love to have you. Would you like to edit, or gain some volunteer experience which looks fantastic on a resume? Come in! We are here all day Monday and are waiting for you! This is my favorite email about the Journal last week.

I think forgoing ANOTHER issue is pretty disgraceful. Real newspapers don't skip issues because they aren't ready. Last year we had a clear schedule made BEFORE school started and we stuck to it. We already missed catching the frosh by not putting out an issue to be there on the first day of school, and then we put out this issue which looks like crap. There are mistakes everywhere; none of the information is updated, blank spaces everywhere, even the date was wrong. It looks worse than a zine or a religious tract. If we don't put this issue out, people will get stiffed out of a paycheck (though I don't get paid, I do this as a labour of love because I CARE) and we'll look like a joke. People will forget about us, even I am really disappointed and ashamed in what we've accomplished (and NOT accomplished) thus far. We can't ask for a second chance every single week. We have to get our act together NOW or else we'll fall apart. If anyone is unsure of their job, resign, someone else (like me) will step up to do it properly.

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ARE SOME PEOPLE JUST AFRAID OF RELIGION?

Catherine Sanders

Picking up my weekly copy of the journal this week I was yet again taken aback by your 'cranky professor' and his seeming disdain of the Christian religion, or possibly religion in general. Has a little faith ever hurt anyone? Before one brings up the crusades or our current breed of freedom fighters, remember that those fights are never about faith, but rather power and domination. A faith in a higher power is a great thing. For some, it keeps them going when not much else would. It is a sense of community, purpose and gives reason where it is often difficult to find. And yes, those of us with faith in our lives tend to have strong opinions and beliefs, but I'm told we live in a country where that is allowed. So, for example, where I had a passionate reaction to the perspective on abortion (Abortion: A Product of a Corrupt Society?), I am reminded that, as much as I want them to, some may not feel the way I do

about this issue.

Professor Mercer: Having a chaplaincy office on campus is not a bad thing. Unlike some so-called 'enlightened' individuals, some of us need the religious, spiritual and moral guidance of a chaplain ready to help anyone, even the confused atheist, if they darken his door. And why it may make you squirm in your seat, do not forget that this very institution was founded as a Catholic school. Yes, it has certainly changed, developed and grown over time, but there is no reason that we should forget and abandon these roots. No, this is not a Christian school anymore, but we have a strong Christian history that deserves more respect than you've given it. So my question to you is this Dr. Mercer: What are you so afraid of?

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Correction:

In the September 24th, issue of The Journal a typo appeared in the credit for the photos on the cover, and with the Campus Spotlight article. Credit for the photos should be given to Charles Bourne. The Journal apologizes for this error.

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Abortion is a Matter of Taking Responsibility (especially when no one else does)

Reply to "The Cranky Professor" in "The Journal"

In response to the article "Abortion is a matter of indifference" published in "The Journal" (Sept 10th 2008), we at the Women's Centre feel compelled to contradict such a one-sided and imbalanced view that trivializes most "pro-choice" arguments.

The main argument of the article is that abortion is morally reprehensible because it is a human fetus and therefore, cannot be killed; it would be tantamount to murder. By aborting, we are taking away the life of a potential human being.

While there is some degree of validity to the argument, this is an incomplete picture. So while it is true that a fetus born at Time A, grows up to be a human being, (who as the author points out, could be sitting right next to you and me, reading "the Journal") at Time B, there is a time period of about 20 years in the middle that he has not accounted for.

The biased and sexist nature of this article is that the author fails to see the termination of unwanted pregnancies in a larger context. While the article makes most women who undergo abortions as murderous, callous baby-killers, the fact is that most women who choose abortion as a matter of contraception, indeed do so as a last resort, (not because, as the author suggests, they are trying to save time, money and energy when they use other methods), because they have "no-choice".

A large part of being "pro-choice" is about being left with "no choice". It is often an act of desperation where women do not have the resources to bring a baby into the world and care for it. Perhaps they are too poor or simply not mature enough to bring up a baby independently, particularly at a time when the state offers diminishing support to single Moms, and the market exploits female labor to the fullest.

Rather than focusing solely on the production of more human beings, we need to focus on who is going to be in-charge of bringing up these human beings. While it took two individuals of opposite sexes to produce a fetus, when it comes to the bearing, rearing and caring for the fetus, it boils down to the woman's responsibility.

Thus, the whole blame/ credit of whether to carry a pregnancy to full term or not, as well as trying to prove herself a good mom for the rest of her life, falls squarely on the shoulders of the woman. As any parent would tell you, a commitment to raising a child is, at the very least, an 18 year project. Children need material, physical and emotional nurturance, which is immense and intense commitment of time and labor. Giving birth has serious lifelong consequences – for the child as well as the parent. If you are not ready to take on that responsibility, in all its commitment, then don't do it!

From this perspective, abortion is hardly a matter of indifference, but a terrible dilemma, an act with significant consequences for the expecting woman as much as the fetus, that often leaves serious emotional scars on the female who had to undergo this human tragedy and is often dogged by guilt for life. It is a very difficult, sobering choice. A conscious decision. Even an act of responsibility when trying to take responsibility for one's own life, rather than making it a series of blunders!

Anu Pandey (Coordinator)
SMU Women's Centre.

Amazing Travel Opportunity!!!

Adam LaRossa

International Student Volunteers (ISV) is looking for students from St. Mary's University to travel overseas this summer on its exciting volunteer and adventure programs.

Selected participants will have the opportunity to travel with a group of students from all over the world (18 years and over) on volunteer projects and adventure tours to either Australia, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Thailand, Eastern Europe and South Africa. The standard program lasts for 1 month but some students elect to travel from two weeks up to three months.

Traveling alongside ISV trained project and tour leaders, students will spend the first two weeks volunteering in real hands on projects, in either social community development (improving the quality of impoverished villages, building houses for refugees, teaching children English etc) or conservation (working with endangered sea turtles, elephants and dolphins, ecosystem rehabilitation, environmental education etc).

The second two weeks will see participants launch into an adrenaline filled cultural and adventure tour of their chosen country, involving such activities as white water rafting, glacier climbing, waterfall rappelling, scuba diving and jungle kayaking.

ISV's Campus Representative, Adam LaRossa says the organization is looking for fun, outgoing students to partake in the highly popular programs.

ISV is a non-profit organization that takes over 4000 students on its life changing programs every year. It's mission statement is "to combine education; conservation and recreation into the most incredible experience of a lifetime, while giving back to the local communities in the countries in which we are traveling." Because ISV is a non-profit organization, students can offset the cost of the program through sponsorship donations from the community.

Some students may also apply to receive academic credit for their participation in the ISV program as there is a strong educational element throughout the entire trip.

ISV will be holding information meetings on Thursday October 2nd, every hour on the hour from 9am-7pm at the Loyola Private Dining Room for those students interested in the program. More information on the program can be found at www.isvonline.org



CIDA Internship Program to be Cut?

Jeff Cusack

If you're a student in the faculty of Arts, Science, Business or Engineering; then this article could potentially affect you. Word is that the Canadian International Development Agency's Internship program is going to be cut.

The CIDA internship program is for university graduates 19-30 who want experience in the field of international development. Not only does the program allow students to provide valuable aid to a foreign country, but it also allows them to gain experience in the development sector, which is notoriously hard to break into. If this program is cut, Canadian students will find themselves trying to break into an industry with a blank resume; compared to other countries which have strong Development programs in place, such as the United States' Peace Corps. Canadian students will be at a severe competitive disadvantage.

CIDA Internships are known because of the diversity of work which they grant. Rather than have the government manage the internships, NGO's apply for Internship funding and use these internships to advance their specialized cause. Organizations which use CIDA Interns include: REAP, an agricultural development firm which uses many engineering and science interns; World Vision, the renowned development charity; the United Nations

Development Program, a huge program with projects such as AIDs prevention and gender equality; and many other organizations which specialize in fields such as literacy programs, environmental science projects, and policy analysis. Literally any student at Saint Mary's could find themselves a project which would advance their career after graduation.

The CIDA Internship program has gotten consistently high reviews since its inception, both at home, from foreign NGO's, and from developing countries which are the recipients of CIDA Interns. Despite these glowing reviews, in March of 2008 the program was given just a one year extension (2008-2009) by Conservative Heritage Minister Bev Oda, and will only be renewed pending a complete review. This is not only a worrying sign for CIDA's future, but also impacts the agencies applying for internships. These agencies base much of their planning on the expectation of getting some of the approximate 400 internships given out each year, and have to submit CIDA applications for next year by the end of September. If CIDA decides not to continue with the internship plan, they should at least grant a final round of internships so NGO's don't have to renege on commitments to developing nations.

Part of the reason that CIDA's future is in doubt is the current government's track

record on internship positions. Soon after taking power in early 2006 the current government gave the axe to several internship positions for Canadian students and young graduates; and recently two more internship programs which aimed at promoting Canadian culture abroad have been cut. With the current track record a CIDA cut does not seem unlikely.

The viability and quality of these programs seems to mean little depending on whether or not they are cut. CIDA has expressed a desire to continue with the internship program; however it will ultimately be the Heritage Minister's decision. In 2006 the federal government decided to discontinue the Young Professionals International Internship program -run under the auspices of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, despite a report from the Foreign Affairs Department released just months earlier which said: "There is a need for a Program like YPI to provide international work experience and employability skills that youth require to enter employment, which they would normally have difficulty obtaining." The report also noted that the program produced numerous benefits for the department itself, and youth who entered the program typically retained employment for two years after the program's completion.

These cuts do not come at

a good time for Canadian students. Just over 2 percent per year participate in a for-credit study, research, or internship program every year, far less than any other key member nation in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD.) The numbers remain low after graduation. These international programs help Canada retain a place in the global marketplace, and without them we could lose any influence globally. The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, which Saint Mary's is a member of, questioned students about why they were not travelling abroad. The most common answer was lack of financial funding, something exacerbated by cuts to internship programs. To compare Canadian international funding with American funding, a study abroad program at Saint Mary's to Hakodate, Japan, can cost several thousand dollars, while a separate American program in the same Japanese city is completely paid for by the student's university.

Unfortunately, these cuts may be politically motivated. The current government has largely withdrawn itself from the world stage, criticising the U.N. and not taking opportunities to speak at key international events. With many of these internship positions, such as the Young Professionals' Program, being cut despite strong evidence that they are extremely valuable

to Canada as a whole, any non-political reasoning seems unlikely. CIDA has placed their application for a five year renewal of the internship program before the treasury department, but ultimately it will be politicians who decide the program's fate. The AUCC has tried to make the issue relevant to the election by releasing the website www.universitiesmatter.ca, which includes a questionnaire for all political parties to fill out, and includes the question: "If your party forms the next government, will you take the necessary measures to increase opportunities for Canadian students to pursue an international education experience as part of their university education?" The AUCC will release the parties' answers on Friday Oct 3rd.

On a positive note about CIDA, Bev Oda has announced that by 2013 all of Canada's aid to foreign countries will be "untied." Untied aid means that foreign governments will no longer have to agree to purchase aid supplies from Canada in order to receive aid from our government.

If you are opposed to the CIDA cuts, sign the petition at: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/keepIYIP/signatures-17.html>

And join the anti-CIDA internship cuts facebook group at: <http://www.new.facebook.com/group>.



Candidates Debate on Thursday

(Wednesday if you're French.)

Jeff Cusack

For the majority of Canadians, the only day to really experience the true voice of our political party leaders will be this Thursday. On that day, The Cons, The Liberals, the NDP, the BQ and for the first time the Greens, will put their leaders together to talk argue policy for two hours. This debate is important because most Canadians only know the leaders from the characterizations of the attack ads against them. These characterizations normally fall along the line of: Stephen Harper is evil and hates culture, Stephane Dion is weak, Jack Layton is a crazy socialist and Elizabeth May is irrelevant. Of course it's entirely possible, or even probable, that the candidates won't exactly be representing their true selves, Stephen Harper has already stated that he is more conservative than the image he puts out or the way he governs. Still, there is no better way to find out about the various leaders than at a debate. Stephane Dion, for example, isn't actually that bad a speaker, despite his English issues, and Stephen Harper probably won't come off as the warm and fuzzy guy from his advertisements. Unfortunately, there isn't more than one debate in each language this election, with

five leaders participating, two hours is not enough time to give voters the information they need. This Thursday at 8:00ast is your only chance to see the leaders truly tell voters who they are, and why they're the best person to run the country, please tune in.

The U.S. Vice Presidential debate is on for 90 minutes starting at the same time. If you're an American or just interested in knowing whether all Sarah Palin's studying of basic foreign policy paid off, check in to CNN whenever Gilles Duceppe starts speaking, since his views don't matter outside Quebec anyway.

Looking to mix alcohol and politics? Every time Jack Layton says "Kitchen Table," Stephen Harper says "tax on everything", or Stephan Dion says "team," take a drink. You'll probably die of alcohol poisoning. For the Americans, do the same thing whenever Joe Biden says "I'm friends with John McCain", or whenever Sarah Palin says "hockey mom" or "Bridge to Nowhere." Take three drinks if she prefaces that with "I told congress thanks but no thanks."



Important News for the Class of 2009

Shane Cunningham

If you're graduating this year and interested in getting involved in all that is graduation, come out to the first Grad Class meeting THIS Wednesday October 1st at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held in the 4th floor lounge of the Sobeys Building. At this time, we'll be electing an executive, so make sure to come nominate and support those who you want to see as the leaders for our graduating class' society. See you all there!

Students can determine who wins our Riding.

Jeff Cusack

Although this election has been extremely light on issues related to student welfare, the candidates in this riding would be wise to pay attention to us. Saint Mary's' riding, which is for some reason called "Halifax," is also the riding of Dalhousie, Kings, NASCAD, and Mount Saint Vincent's University. While not all of us are Canadian or live on-campus, I'll be voting in Dartmouth, there are thousands who do. If students vote en masse, they will decide who wins this riding. That means if candidates want to get elected, they should be listening to us and our concerns. Additionally, we should be talking to candidates, sharing our concerns, and getting them to do what we want. This week's Newsfeed is a list of the candidates for the riding of Halifax and some info on them gleaned from their party websites.



NEWSFEED

The Conservative Candidate: Ted Larsen

Biography: Larsen is a SMU graduate, a former reporter for the Herald, and a small business owner. In addition, he is a single parent of Adam, Mark, and Brittany.

Comment: Google "Conservative Party" and a link will come up under their page entitled "FIGHT YOUTH CRIME WITH HIP HOP," click on it and you get a Conservative Party page... That's blank.

Contact: Address: 7193 Quinpool Rd. Phone: 406-07390 Email: tedlarsen@tedlarsen.ca



The Green Party Candidate: Darryl Whetter

Biography: He's a creative writing professor... for Dalhousie. Mr. Whetter also writes novels and regularly pens pieces for the Toronto Star, The Globe and Mail, and other newspapers that aren't based in Halifax.

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The Liberal Candidate: Catherine Meade

Biography: Ms. Meade is a lawyer who handles issues of Estate and Wills Litigation. She's co-president of the Gay and Lesbian International Sports Association, and also serves as an active member of the Black Educators Association and Woman's Legal Education and Action Fund.

Comment: Currently a resident of downtown Halifax, she and her partner Rita will soon marry.

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The NDP Candidate: Megan Leslie

Comment: Leslie is taking over for Alexa McDonough, who has held this riding for years. She has big shoes to fill.

Biography: Ms. Leslie's biography is huge. A Lawyer, Ms. Leslie teaches 3rd year law at Dalhousie. She is also environmentally conscious, and presented to the 2005 UN Conference on Climate Change. Ms. Leslie also founded the Affordable Energy Coalition, and has won a bunch of community awards.

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The Marxist Leninist Candidate: Tony Seed

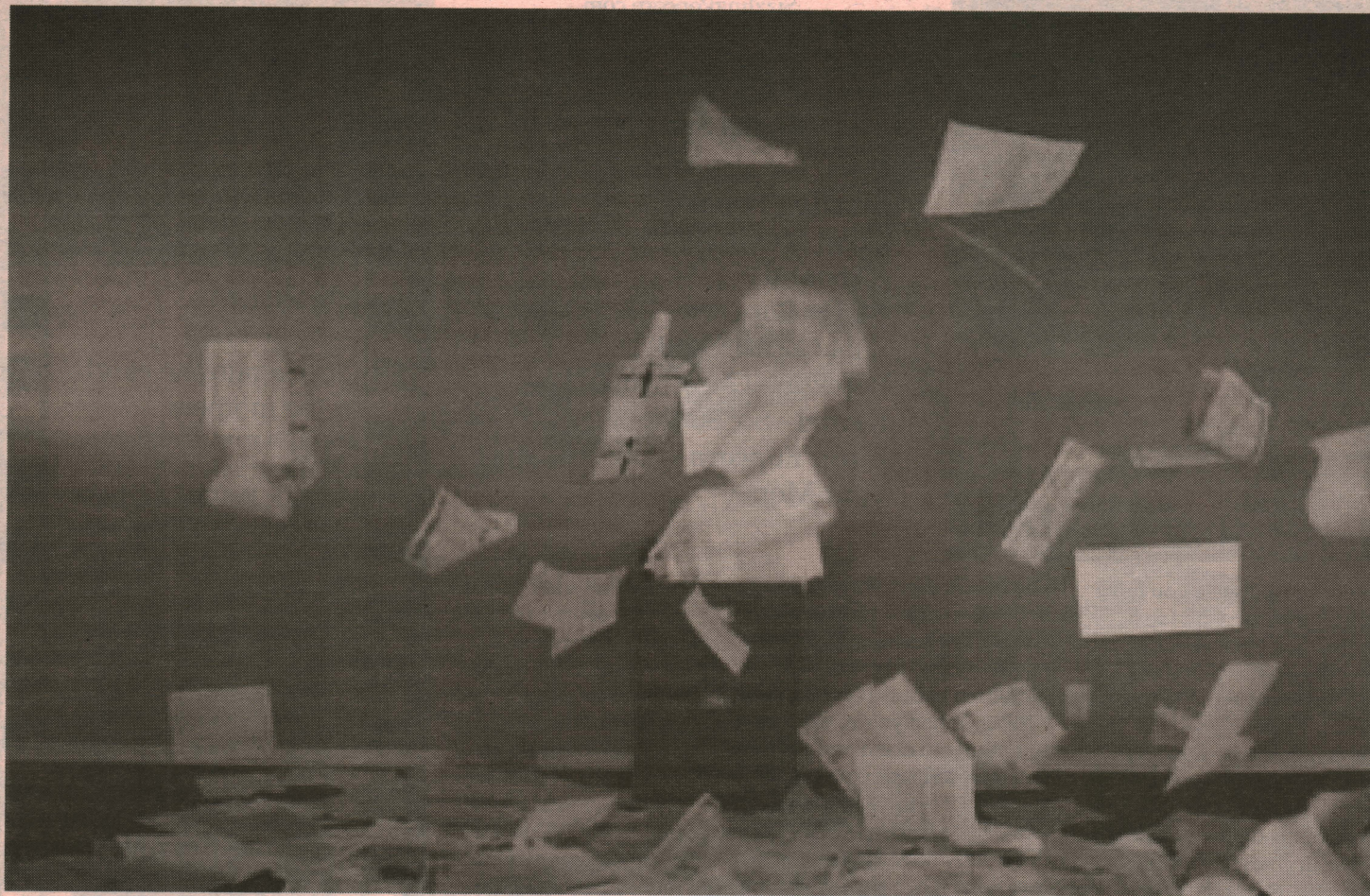
Comment: Seed doesn't have a biography, so instead I'm using part of Lenin's.

Biography: The founder of the communist movement, Lenin is known for brutally overthrowing the Russian monarchy. After an attempt on his life, he ordered a "Red Terror" be implemented to cull dissenters.

Comment: This guy is a good choice if you want to vote but don't want that vote to accomplish anything. Please read my article on strategic voting in last week's issue.

Contact: 477-0470

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Euan MacDonald, *File Cabinet*, 2004, video projection.

(everythinghappensatonce)

Euan MacDonald at the SMU Art Gallery

Dawn Davis

In the newborn digital age of computers and the internet, it can appear that mankind and technology are taking off through progress at a blind pace. As soon as you buy any sort of electronic, it becomes obsolete. Dynamic fashions last for a season. While it seems this time itself is brief, our whole lifetimes and eras mean little to the world and the universe as a whole. However, this fast, capitalist world of ours is now returning to embrace slowness. Slowness invades many realms these days - magazines, media, plenty of Oprah episodes, and most definitely art. To visit our on campus art gallery this week is to invite a moment of meditation on slowness, chaos, order and love.

Euan MacDonald has become known as the 'globalized' artist, born in Scotland, raised in England, schooled in Canada and currently residing in the USA. He has lived all over the world, and frequently holds exhibitions in Australia, Canada,

Europe, and the United States. While it could be difficult due to a lack of specific background, it also gives him a considerable measure of freedom most artists are unable to enjoy. MacDonald explores art forms in film, audio, traditional, digital, sculpture and photography all at once, lending similar themes and objects through several artistic medium until something simple turns into something symbolic.

In the art gallery, the sound of birds singing resonates over a projection video of a snail progressing into and out of the camera's vision in its own patient time. A file cabinet marked A-L spills its contents out into the air and to the ground again, and a small video monitor depicts two planes making love. In a separate room, three guitars propped against a wall fall to the floor, collapsing in sound. This piece, titled GAD implies the musical notes reverberating, but also potentially the divine and random order in which it occurs. There is no more to it than precariously leaning guitars, and no less.

We can say something similar about *Two Planes*, where in a clearly altered film, they fly close enough to appear to be touching intimately. In the film they do little more than move together, with the accompaniment of the soft whooshing sounds of air and flight, but the action makes them seem alive like creatures themselves. The simplicity of the work leads to a sort of thoughtful meditation, a slowness you may not be aware of experiencing.

The truth is that you should experience all of the work for yourself. Although each piece has its own message, the whole exhibition makes me think of a Buddhist anecdote. "Before I studied the way, mountains were mountains, and rivers were rivers. After I'd practiced the way for a few years, suddenly mountains were no longer mountains, and rivers no longer rivers. But now that I've practiced the way for many, many years, mountains are again mountains, and rivers are rivers." For Euan MacDonald, a plane can become a creature, a file cabinet a symbol of order,

and sound becomes chaos. A shadow wrapping around a truck turns into a doorway, and songbooks reflect the procession of life and love. When we return to the world, we can choose to continue to see things for what they are, or we could consider them in slowness, everything at once.

Euan will be at the art gallery to do a talk on October 9th at 8pm.

This Week in Halifax

Wednesday 1st

Bad Religion hits the Halifax Forum at 6:30. Tickets run from \$29.50 - \$38.50

Dr. Zoo will be playing at Stayner's Wharf at 8:30. Only \$10.

Thursday 2nd

David Stone will be playing at O'Carroll's at some point.

Mike Redden and Friends will also be playing at the Coconut Grove for free.

Friday 3rd

Andrea Ramolo & Diana Catherine are playing at The Seahorse.

Steve Aoki (Kid Millionaire) plays with Snow Picnic, Andy Ares and DJ Pussycrush at the Marquee. Tickets are \$15-\$20 and everything starts at 10pm.

Saturday 4th

The Marquee Club hosts Reggae Splash 2008 with tons of names. \$10-12, events start at 9pm.

Ryan Cook is playing a matinee at Bearly's.

Sunday 5th

Happy Birthday Alexander Keith!

Wintersleep and Slowcoaster are playing on Citadel Hill. Music starts at 5:30.

Monday 6th

Spend most of the day sobering up after the big birthday bash.

Dance to some Latin music with DJ Junior at the Coconut Grove. \$5.

Tuesday 7th

Roger Howse is playing at Bearly's.

An Evening with Elton

Laura MacIntosh

This past Saturday I spent 3 hours listening to a brilliant pianist pounding the ivories at the Metro Centre. Did I mention he is an amazing singer too? Elton John visited our dear city for two nights of sold-out shows; singing classic Elton songs in classic Elton style. Okay, so there were no boas, big sunglasses or extravagant costume changes, but there was a big screen with crazy 80's pixilated images that could have come off an Atari game. Cartoon balloons, American flags, flashy stars; yup, it was seriously lame.

Other than the screen, the show was amazing; sure Elton is getting on in age and doesn't hit the high register quite

as well as he used to but he is Captain Fantastic after all. Sir John reminded us all by sporting a rainbow endowed Captain Fantastic leather jacket along with a peace dove earring.

I never thought I'd see the day that thousands of 40+ women were more pathetic than the 12 year olds who wait out all night to catch a glimpse of the Jonas Brothers. Yet there it was; so many old ladies shaking their groove thing to Crocodile Rock, waving cell phones during Candle in the Wind, and rushing the stage between every song. Seriously; I thought the cell phone phenomenon was a tweenie thing, guess not.

One of the best parts to my night, other than making it first to the Subway line; was the merchandise stand... specifically the \$55 Captain Fantastic shirt that resembles an acid trip or evening on shrooms. Another highlight included running into all the D-list Halifax celebrities in the washroom during a 15-minute instrumental medley of a song "off my least popular album" that turned into Tonight.

All in all it was a show I will never forget, and a shirt I will wear when I'm drunk!



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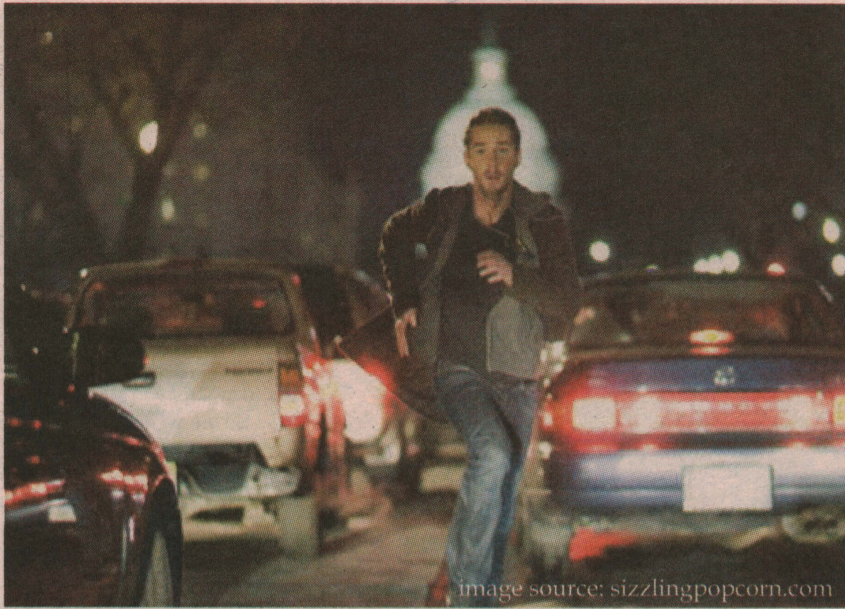


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What would happen if people around the country were having their every move watched by the government? What would happen if this was you? Jerry Shaw and Rachel Holloman, two complete strangers, receive a call from an unknown woman. With their lives and families on the line, Jerry and Rachel must comply to this woman's order as she takes them through increasingly dangerous situations by using everyday technology to control to every move. As things get worse, they become one of America's most wanted fugitives. Jerry and Rachel must work together not only to find out what's going on, but why. Eagle Eye features some big stars, including Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson, Anthony Mackie and Billy Bob

Thornton. Just because you have some big names attached to a movie, it doesn't mean your movie will be better. It might attract more people to the box office, which Eagle Eye will do, but it doesn't necessarily mean the actors will act in the same fashion as in their well-known films. It also depends on the director and those in charge of casting. In Eagle Eye, this is the case: we have Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan and Billy Bob Thornton, three great actors, but their performances in this film don't have any real substance.

On this last point, I could also add that the whole film doesn't have any substance. The trailer for Eagle Eye gives us this feeling that it will be "awesome", with all the running around and chases, but it's not

The movie takes way too long to develop into a thriller. Even when there seems to be action, you don't feel like you're in the action because of the sound editing. When you're expecting something to crash and be loud, you start to brace yourself for the impact because you feel like you're there. Eagle Eye is different. I noticed on a couple occasions when a truck was flipping over and was about to make impact, the volume would go down drastically. It makes you feel like you're in a silent room. The sound editing was what really killed the movie for me. It actually caused me to fall asleep in the cinema for a few seconds until a big loud crash happened, which propelled the last 30 minutes of action.

Eagle Eye has too

many flaws to make it worth seeing in cinema. You're pretty much paying \$10+ to see 30 minutes of action/thrill instead of the 90 to 120 minutes it should be. If you really want to see this, you might as well rent it on DVD so that you don't waste your money having to see it in theatres a second time because you fell asleep the first time. The only reason I didn't downgrade Eagle Eye to a Burnt Popcorn is that it tries to save itself at the end by finally giving the audience a little thrill.

Rating: Kernel

Star Wars 3.5: The Force Relatively Contained

Nick Madore

Star Wars fans, rejoice! The first Star Wars game of this generation is here! The best Star Wars story since *Knights of the Old Republic* back in 2003, *Star Wars: The Force Unleashed* takes place between episodes III and IV. You play as Darth Vader's secret apprentice, hunting down the remaining Jedi who escaped execution after Order 66. Known only as the codename Starkiller (a reference to the original name for Luke Skywalker), you have a number of handy and upgradable Force abilities at your disposal for the mission.

While overall very fun, there are far too many bugs and technical imperfections. One of the game's main abilities, Force Grip, allows you to pick up objects or people and fling them in any direction, or at anyone you'd like. At least, that's how it's supposed to work. Often, your thrown object will fly far, far away from where you intended to throw it, even if there's only one enemy in the room. Several times, the object I picked up spontaneously turned invisible, yet still tangible. None of this would be as big a deal, but given it's rather lengthy development cycle, one might think they would have fixed these problems by now.

The game's difficulty seems to go all over the place from time to time. Usually it's all right, but there are many, many controller-throwing, curse-uttering moments. There are often times when you're knocked down, it will take a second or two for you to get back up, and by that time the guy who

knocked you down is already attacking and knocking you right back down again. This is especially the case with a group of enemies. Fortunately, the difficulty can be turned down or up from the pause menu if you're having too much (or too little) trouble.

On the plus side, the AI is quite impressive. This is best demonstrated when holding an enemy in mid-air with Force Grip. The hapless Stormtrooper will flail about wildly before attempting to grab onto the nearest object for safety, be it a crate, a handrail, or a companion. Also, each boss and sub-boss battle is ended with a short, simple quick-time event. You are guided into pressing the buttons prompted on the screen while Starkiller dispatches his foe in the most badass of ways. While visually stunning, I sometimes wish I could control these things instead

of just watching him perform some elaborate technique at the press of one button.

The Force Unleashed is not a very long game; it clocked in for me at around 7 hours. Training rooms and collectable, upgrade-granting holocrons scattered throughout each level do add a good amount of replay value, but when selecting a past mission, you're forced to sit through the first minute of the level's opening cinematic every time before being allowed to skip it. The game's graphics are fairly impressive on the next-gen systems, and the voice acting is top notch. I was left a little disappointed as far as character development goes, however. Starkiller was fleshed out half-decently, but the supporting cast was fairly two-dimensional (aside from the previously-established Star Wars characters).



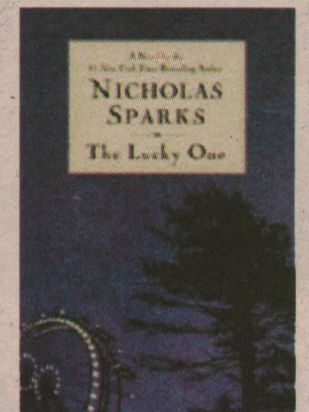
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Bite Sized Entertainment

AC/DC

ting System

Once again the band of the moment AC/DC's new album doesn't go on sale until October 20th, but there is little news in the music world right now that outshines this one. Their comeback



Lucky Day for the Ladies

Nicholas Sparks' new book, *The Lucky One* is on shelves now. The author of *The Notebook* and *Nights in Rodanthe* has hit it big with his nostalgic romances. Will he be the next Danielle Steele? Only time will tell.



Can Sonic be Saved?

After a poor run of video games over the last few years, Sonic is now on the Nintendo DS. *Sonic Chronicles: The Dark Brotherhood* is the new RPG-style installment produced by gamers' beloved Bioware. Hopefully a powerful story can save this 90's icon from his downward spiral.



It's About Friggin' Time

The summer blockbuster that is *Iron Man* is coming to DVD and Blu-Ray at last. Released September 30th, you can find it in stores now and watch it again and again and again.

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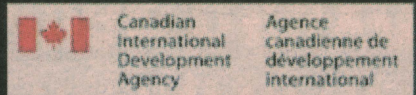
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QUEER EYE FOR THE SMU GUY

SS Randy Blue

After much thought and deliberation I feel that the men of SMU need some words of wisdom and guidance in their everyday lives. Guys tend to do many things that make the rest of the general population stop and scratch their head in awe and wonder. Every other week, or every week if I get enough feedback I'll pick a topic and write about ways that the men of SMU can better themselves for their friends and campus in general.

The first thing I'd like to talk about is neck creep. No, not that weird guy on campus you see everywhere, who follows you and is inches from your neck when you turn around. I'm talking about that patch of hair that escapes from the front collar of your shirt and flaunts itself around for the world to see in all its glory. This little nuisance is extremely unattractive and usually contrasts quite horribly to the collar of the common white undershirts. Many of you guys may think that flaunting your extraneous chest hair is sexy and lets the ladies know that you're a real man, but in reality it just makes it look like you can't groom yourself properly. I know many ladies who want to gag when

they see neck creep and it can turn them completely off of someone who would otherwise be quite attractive and appealing.

Don't worry though guys, it doesn't mean you have to remove all of that chest hair. Lots of women like a little chest hair, and personally, I find guys with chest hair to be more attractive than those who are void of it. You just need to groom yourself a little bit more. Next time you're shaving off you five o'clock shadow, put a little shaving cream on your neck and shave your neck to about an inch below your collar line. It takes an extra fifteen seconds but can mean the difference in those crucial first impressions and especially when you're trying to catch the eye of that special lady, or guy, in your psychology class.

Got a nagging guy issue that's been bugging you for awhile? Write it down and send it to me at thesmu-journal@gmail.ca and I'll write about for you.

NEW YORK CITY: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Lorne Caborn

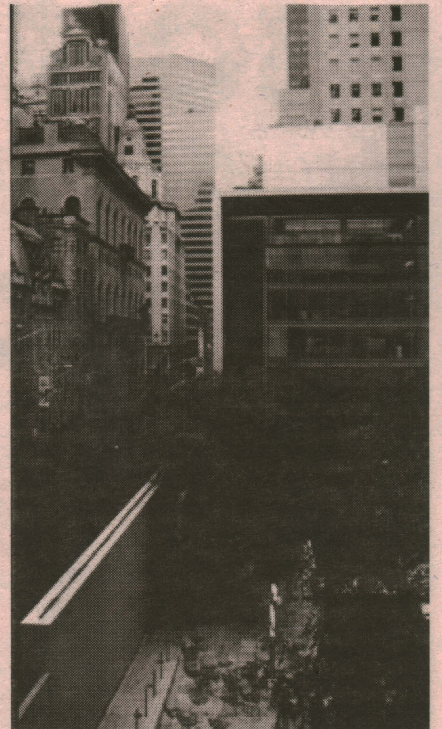
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Day one is complete on my first visit to the Big Apple, aka, New York fuckin' city. As I lay in bed contemplating how happy people without frontal lobes must be, (editor's note: we apologize to anyone without frontal lobes and realize you may be as miserable as the rest of us with a hangover) I was inspired to write a food review for our very own Journal. Why you might ask? The reasons are as multi layered as an onion: I believe more of us should take the time to get involved with our school paper, contributing whatever we can and sharing it with the rest of the campus. I love food and enjoy talking about it and most importantly I get to see my name in print and boost my increasingly huge ego. So sit back, relax and get lost in the moment as I take you on a trip to NYC.

Having made it to last call in this fair city, (4am) we have there wherewithal to go and get some food to make the morning somewhat less painful. Our faithful tour guides Tad and G-Rob take my friend Wendy and I (editor's note: names have been changed to protect the guilty and frame those who missed out) in a cab and select one of NYC's better diners who's name escapes me right now, some of you think this might be an important detail, others might not...but I digest. We settle into a comfy corner booth and the diner is a bustle of activity. We're greeted by our friendly and knowledgeable server who has been selected by the gods to deal with the four of us in our heavily intoxicated state.

After being passed a menu that would make any work by Herman Melville look like a short story we begin the daunting task of trying to find something that might not soon be making a return appearance. Our big city friends take the bold leap of faith and try something fanatical, the Club Sandwich. My friend settles on Belgian Waffles, a side of home fires and side of bacon, which actually appears to be a whole pig when it arrives at the table. I settle on the German Breakfast which, at four a.m., was the equivalent of a multiple orgasm.

I'm sure you're curious now, or maybe not at all, about my thoughts on the diner, food and service. I can simply sum it up by saying that you simply haven't lived until you've eaten breakfast at 4 in the morning after a night of drunken debauchery in New York City. So take this opportunity now while you're young and take a trip to New York, it may be the greatest time you have ever in your life.



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The Saint Mary's University Environmental Society (SMUES)

Mission Statement: The Saint Mary's University Environmental Society (SMUES) is an organization of students working towards a healthier environment and a more sustainable campus. SMUES is open to all SMU students, faculty and staff, from all disciplines, who have an interest in environmental issues.

Who: SMUES is primarily a student society, but is open to all members of the Saint Mary's community who have an interest in helping to make the campus and Halifax more environmentally friendly.

Events and Projects: SMUES does a lot over the academic year to raise awareness about taking care of the environment. Last year these events included a presentation of *An Inconvenient Truth*, presented by Carl Duivenvoorden who was trained by AL Gore, as well as garbage clean-up around campus, and other social events. SMUES also has a few larger annual projects.

The PaperCut campaign is a big project for SMUES, where paper from the recycle bins in the computer labs on campus are made into notebooks. Much of the paper in the recycle bins has only been used on one side, and therefore has only been used to half of its potential. The goal being to use both sides of the paper before it is recycled.

Dump and Run is a community 'garage' sale, waste diversion event and fundraiser for charity. Items such as clothes, furniture, books and sporting goods that are no longer wanted by their current owner - but still in great shape - are collected and sold back to the public. Last year over \$11 000 was raised for non-profit organizations and 20,000 lbs of reusable goods were diverted from the landfill. Dump and Run happens in late April, and is a great way to unload what you no longer need, or pick up what you did need, and help keep un-necessary goods out of landfills as well as support charitable organizations.

Last year SMUES also held its first annual Sustainability day which offered workshops on recycling and composting, featured guests from local environmental organizations. Students were given the chance to win awesome prizes, and learn about making SMU more sustainable.

Other new events are also in the planning stages for this year, and new ideas are greatly appreciated!

How to get involved: SMUES is always looking for new members. Getting involved is easy, meetings are generally twice a month in the SMUES club room (5th floor Student Centre), and you can sign up for the mailing list to get news on upcoming SMUES events. There is also a Facebook group you can join.

For more information: Check out the SMUES website, <http://www.smues.ca/>, or you can e-mail smues@smu.ca.

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Becoming the 51st State

“The Cranky Professor”

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Social, economic, and political union with the United States—it might well be coming, and soon. Perhaps the only question left is whether it will come as a result of decisions taken in Ottawa or through the exercise of American military power.

As the world warms, hot air from the equator will travel further north and south before meeting cool air and producing rain. For us in the northern hemisphere, that means that the world-wide band of desert currently mostly below the tropic of cancer will expand northward. The American southwest, already dry, will become even more arid. The American Midwest, right now not prone to drought, will begin to look the way the southwest does today. The United States as a whole will begin to suffer massive water shortages.

Canada, on the other hand, is blessed with abundant reserves of fresh water. Global warming won't change that fact. The deserts and the dry grasslands will move north, but not this far north.

What will the Americans do when they begin to run out of water? Water, remember, is absolutely essential for life—not even oil is as precious. The Americans will do what people throughout history have done in face of life-threatening scarcity. They will go where they have to go, killing or displacing who they have to kill or displace, to get what they need.

“But Canada is America's best friend and ally. Surely the Americans will respect our sovereignty.” The Americans are not keen today to respect Canadian sovereignty in our Arctic—it's a sure bet that in the social collapse brought on by ecological catastrophe, the Americans won't be the last to migrate and plunder.

And so it might be in our current interest to try to discover the best terms on which to be absorbed peacefully into the United States. Either way, of course, we lose, which isn't to say that global warming will create any winners. Yet some ways of losing are much worse than others.

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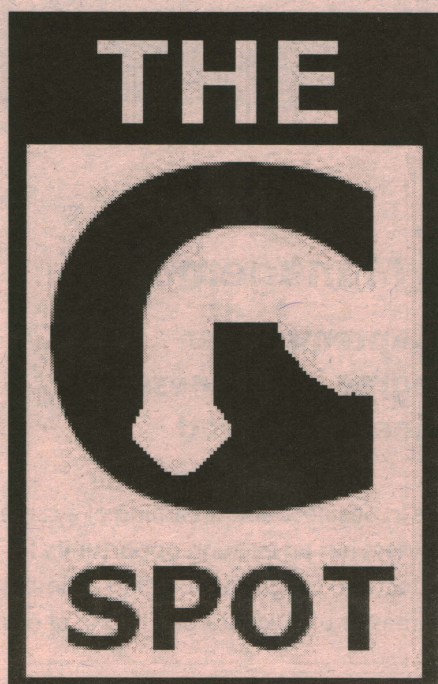
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“Hey, I have kind of a weird question. I see all the time in porno movies people going down on themselves, how can I go down on myself? I know people who can do it, but no matter how hard I try I can never seem to reach. One time I tried so hard I slipped a disc in my back and had to take muscle relaxers for a month. Is there like a kind of yoga or something that will stretch me into position?”

SS Randy Blue

Wow, that question was a mouthful, literally. Sorry to hear that you were laid up for a month with a bad back, but hopefully we can make sure it doesn't happen in the future.

First off, I should give this warning...if you have chronic back pain, a slipped disc, bad hips or any other muscle or joint problem between your neck and legs then do not try to go down on yourself.

Now, let's get down to business. In order to master the art of autofellatio there are a few things you need. They are penis length and flexibility. There's not really much you can do in the penis length category, you either have it...or wish you did, so I will concentrate on the flexibility. Now, you have to work your way into the act, do not jump right into it. Start with some back stretches and be sure not to over-exert yourself. Head over to the Tower and enroll yourself into a beginner's yoga class. Once you feel that your back is loose enough to tackle the next step go to the store and buy some Robaxacet©, just in

case.

Now that you think you are ready, head for the bedroom. Grab some extra pillows, they will come in handy. The easiest position to tackle this feat is on your back. Lay on your back on your bed as if you were going to sleep. Slowly and gently, raise your legs up above your head and rest them on the top of your headboard. If you do not have a headboard there are a cornucopia of other items that you can rest them on such as a book shelf, computer chair or that pile of pillows you brought to bed with you (and your mother thought that you just liked to have your head on a lot of softness). If at any time you feel a strain on either your back or your neck you have to stop immediately. Keep practicing your back stretches and yoga classes. You can try doing somersaults on Husky stadium field if you need more practice. Where were we? Oh yes, legs around our neck. Keep pulling your legs up until your penis is positioned directly overhead from your head. As you open your mouth, wrap your arms behind your knees. Slowly pull your knees towards

you and you should get a mouthful. Congratulations, you have mastered an act that many have dubbed impossible.

As with other feats, this one has some side effects. There is, of course, the obvious strain that this puts on your back. If you are constantly putting your back out while you are young than you will have a lot of back problems as you enter middle age and retirement and will require constant medicating.

There is also another downfall, overuse and staleness. You may find that if you do it too much that it may, over time, become less and less enjoyable. It becomes unpredictable and may not work as efficiently as it once had. It's kind of like tickling yourself, it's the same act that someone else does, but doesn't have the same effects when you do it yourself. So if you find yourself taking forever to get the job done or you are staying home every night of the week instead of going out with your friends, then perhaps it is time to sit up straight and start being a little more social, (self) sex isn't everything.

Saint Mary's signs International Agreement with Chinese University

Blake Patterson

A delegation from Jinan University in South China was on campus today to sign an international agreement with Saint Mary's University. The delegation included Hu Jun, President of Jinan University, Zhang Yuanming, Dean of university's Life Science program, Dong Tiance, Acting Dean of Journalism and Communication, Zhu Yikun, Acting Dean of Law, and Tang Shuze, Dean of Jinan University's International program.

While here, the delegation toured the campus, met with David Wicks, Dean of Sobey School of Business, and signed an agreement with Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's University to establish ongoing international linkages between the two institutions.

It is hoped the agreement will serve as a first step toward graduate students from Jinan University eventually attending the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's to complete part of their Master of

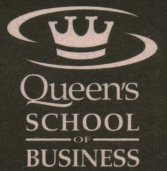
Business Administration degrees. This evening, the delegation will be guests at a dinner at the Halifax Club.

Established in 1906, Jinan University is one of the oldest universities in China and the first university in China to recruit foreign students. There are currently 34,100 students attending the university, including 24,467 full-time students, 5,915 graduates and 17,582 undergraduates. The university has four campuses located in three cities, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Zhuhai. The latter two, adjacent to Hong Kong and Macao respectively, are two special economic zones in China and always take a leading role in the economic development in China. The main campus of Jinan is in Guangzhou, the capital city of Guangdong Province and the biggest metropolis in South China.



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Photo caption: The delegation's visit to Saint Mary's was coordinated by Maureen Woodhouse (fourth from left), Program Manager for International Activities.

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Diaries of a Mad Worker

Laura MacIntosh

For those of you readers new to this column, Diaries of a Mad Worker is a column dedicated to all those annoying, agonizing and just plain stupid moments you experience at work. Get it out, rant at whoever you want in this column. It goes something like this;

Mark's Misfit

I was working at a grocery store this summer. On my break, I was out for a smoke, and I noticed something awkward behind the store. A crazy old dude was strung out on something lying on a pallet of boxes... I figured I'd investigate a little further and realized it was the pharmacy pallet he was lying on and there were plenty of empty Listerine bottles ly-

ing beside him. In a confused panic I decided to call the cops, not knowing whether the unresponsive boozer was passed out or dead. As soon as I said the line "I think I need an ambulance and cops..." the man snapped up and started staggering away. I and a few other employees tried to stop the guy as he attempted to wonder in front of traffic, but he was a determined druggie. Thankfully just as he escaped our clutches a non-uniformed cop drove up and helped us out. I felt the need to rant about this because we all got yelled at by the administrative staff for 'not taking proper care of store property'. Apparently we should have made him puke up all that Listerine first...

Greg's Grammar Lesson

So I worked as basically a glorified secretary for most of the summer, at a firm which shall remain nameless. I edited letters before they were sent out, answered phones, and did all kinds of grunt work including coffee runs. Now I understand that having a degree and 'experience' is what lead my boss to his title, but I am concerned with the state of

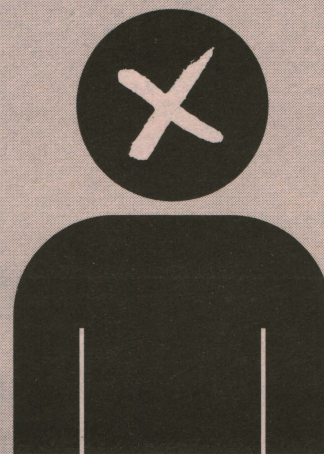
our community when such an idiot has power. Some days I thought he was stupider than the American President... Yes, I am what one might call a 'grammar nazi', however this man had such atrocious writing problems they might as well have put Bush in charge of his writing. When one does not know the difference between present and past tense... or when to use worst versus worse... UGH! Seriously folks, learn when to use your, you're, their, they're and there properly before leaving this institution and entering the real world... I beg of you.

So that's how it works! If you have someone or something to hate on; let us know! Write to business.smujournal@gmail.com

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Campus Spotlight: The Blueprint Theory

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I have decided to publish my "baby" that I invented a few years ago. It is called Blueprint, which is an optional social investment program using your current bank card that will not only offset the rising costs of post secondary education, but also target every other aspect of our social economy in a financial way (IE Health Care, CPP, Social Assistance etc.). So it works like this; the consumer attaches an optional premium to their bank card between 1% and 5%. That premium is then added on to the purchases the consumer makes on the interac system. The consumer will receive 90% into a high interest bearing account that is locked in for 12 months. When the lock in period is completed, the consumer has access to the funds to distribute among any number/type of investments they choose. The other 10% of the consumer's premium is then invested into a pool of funds to be distributed by a board with members from the AUCC, CASA, the Department of Education and government economists. This board will distribute funds to educational institutions across the country.

There are two companies that are close to what I have, but they haven't got it right. The first is Futurapro (www.futurapro.ca). This is a loyalty program that allows a consumer to save and donate to charity. The second is "Bank the Rest" by Scotiabank and the "Rounder Patent" (U.S. Patent 6,112,191). The rounder patent is closer, but the economic constraints that I am about to publish is what makes Blueprint work. There are 4 major constraints: 1; The Federal and Provincial Governments must keep funding at a constant level with inflation to the post secondary education. 2; Funding to universities in the pool of funds created by the 10% of the consumer premium will be distributed first to the educational institutions with the lowest overall cost increases. This will create a competitive market for the pool of funds; the-

reby encouraging universities to lower the costs of education and compete for this pool of funds. The funds are distributed on a conditional basis to directly offset the cost to the student body. 3; Blueprint becomes an industry standard among all schedule 1 (major bank) and schedule 2 (credit unions) financial institutions. 4; The post secondary education system must be the social system that is targeted because of its importance with regards to the baby boomer generation. Targeting another social economic system in this manner (IE health care) will create further barriers to entry into the professional workforce which encourages economic growth.

There are currently 33 million people in Canada; of those there are 22 million debit card holders that use the interac system everyday. Based on my simulation, if we were to start this program with 100,000 cardholders and increase it by 100,000 cardholders per year over a 20 year period and each cardholder is willing to pay an optional 5% premium; by year 20 there will be roughly 2 million participating cardholders. This is less than 10% of the interac system and the consumer will save roughly \$30,000 over 20 years (saving \$50.00 per month in the locked account and using Blueprint). It would only cost them \$10.00 per year to participate, \$3.00 of which is given directly to the post secondary education system. Financial institutions will increase deposits and investment portfolios upwards of a total of \$13.7 billion over 20 years which in turn will create more profits for these institutions. The Government would have not only access to a share of the extra \$13.7 billion to invest but would also give them an extra \$1.5 billion to invest back into educational institutions, health care, and even help replenish our Canada Pension Plan.

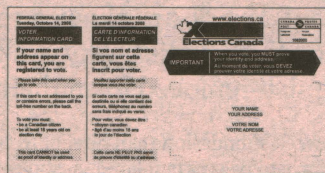
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Advance voting

You can vote before election day. Advance voting will be held Friday, October 3, Saturday, October 4 and Monday, October 6, from noon to 8:00 p.m. Locations of advance polling stations appear on the back of the voter information card.

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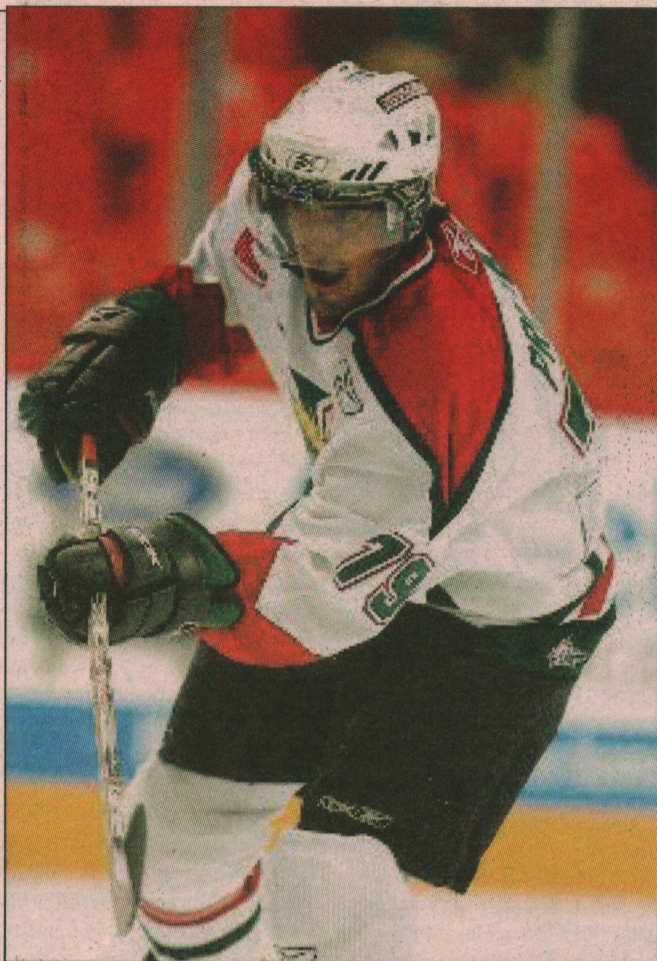
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SMU Hockey Rosters Released, Former Mooseheads Join Pack



Colby Pridham will be joining the Huskies line-up this season. The Huskies have several key players returning to the team after finishing second overall in the AUS last season. (Photo courtesy Halifax Mooseheads.ca)

ROBBIE NAUFFTS

Training camps are over and the rosters have been published on smuhuskies.ca. You can look forward to another stellar season this year from the men's team with two well known players coming up from the QMJHL.

Former Moosehead Andrew White found a spot up front with the Huskies after a 64 Game Point season in the QMJHL. White earned 22 goals and 12 assists in his final year before the early finish of Halifax in last

year's play-offs. You can find him with the big 23 on his back this year with the Huskies.

With Colby Pridham finishing up his last year in the QMJHL he told East Link correspondents that he was looking at attending the SMU camp along with UNB. Pridham complimented both hockey programs at the universities, but grabbed a spot as a forward after his 51 GP season as a Moosehead. Pridham had 15 goals and 20 assists at the end of the regular season.

The men's team is returning

this year with a large part of the team still intact, including Brandon Verge who is returning between the posts after a strong rookie year. Verge played all season with quick saves and stood on his head during the play-offs to keep the Huskies on the offensive. Brandon's stand out performance was in the final game in Halifax against UNB for the do or die final game with 36 shots blocked.

Leading Pointman Marc Rancourt is back with the Huskies after a 51pt year and 14 goals with 37 assists. Rancourt's name was constantly used as a key player on the SMU squad as he played constantly with heart. Marc confirmed that he was a hard working player, even if he wasn't during practise. I say that intended as humour because Head Coach Trevor Stienburg awarded Rancourt as the MVP on the men's team at last years athletic banquet.

"I had to think this year about the MVP, was he a stand out player? Did he play with heart? When I asked what the team wanted to be better, he would reply 'A day off'."

One star player in his rookie year with the Huskies last season was another Quebec Major Junior player, Cam Fergus. You may remember him with the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles or you may remember him more for his two big goals at the AUS championship game last year. Fergus returns for his second year after putting over 100 shots on net last year. He also made his television debut analysing the Cape Breton/Halifax Play-off series last year with East Link between the periods. You can count on him giving White and Pridham a hand when it comes to making the adjustment to the faster hockey in the AUS.

One Goal separated the Hotham brothers last year and as

they made a name for themselves with great plays and big hits. Adrew had 7 goals and 22 assists, while Scott had 6 goals and 25 assists. Scott led his brother with 25 penalties, equalling 58 minutes and Andrew showed 16 penalties, equalling 64 minutes.

It is difficult to pick out only a few key players from the Huskies team last year, especially after a tremendous season that led to the finals and second place finish in the regular season, earning a first round play-off bye.

With a large part of the team returning, the Huskies are going to do some damage in the league this season. It will certainly be entertaining hockey. Make sure you get out and see the Huskies at home at the Forum, and get out to a few away games at Dalhousie to root on the Pack. (sports.smu@gmail.com)



Scott Hotham returns to the Huskies after finishing with 31 points last season (Photo by Nick Pearce)

Huskies at Home This Week

Women's Rugby
ACA at SMU

Saturday, October 4th
6:00pm

Women & Mens Soccer
PEI vs SMU

Sunday, October 5th
Women at 1pm
Men at 3:15pm

ASSHOLE OF THE WEEK

Anti Abortionists!

Please, please stop bitching and stopping me on my walk to school. If girls are allowed to have blemishes removed from their bodies, why can't someone have a blemish removed from their womb?

Asshole of the week submissions can be sent to sports.smu@gmail.com and can do not have to be sports related. Assholes can be found anywhere.

