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## LAYTON HOLDS "UNITE FOR CHANGE" RALLY AT SMU

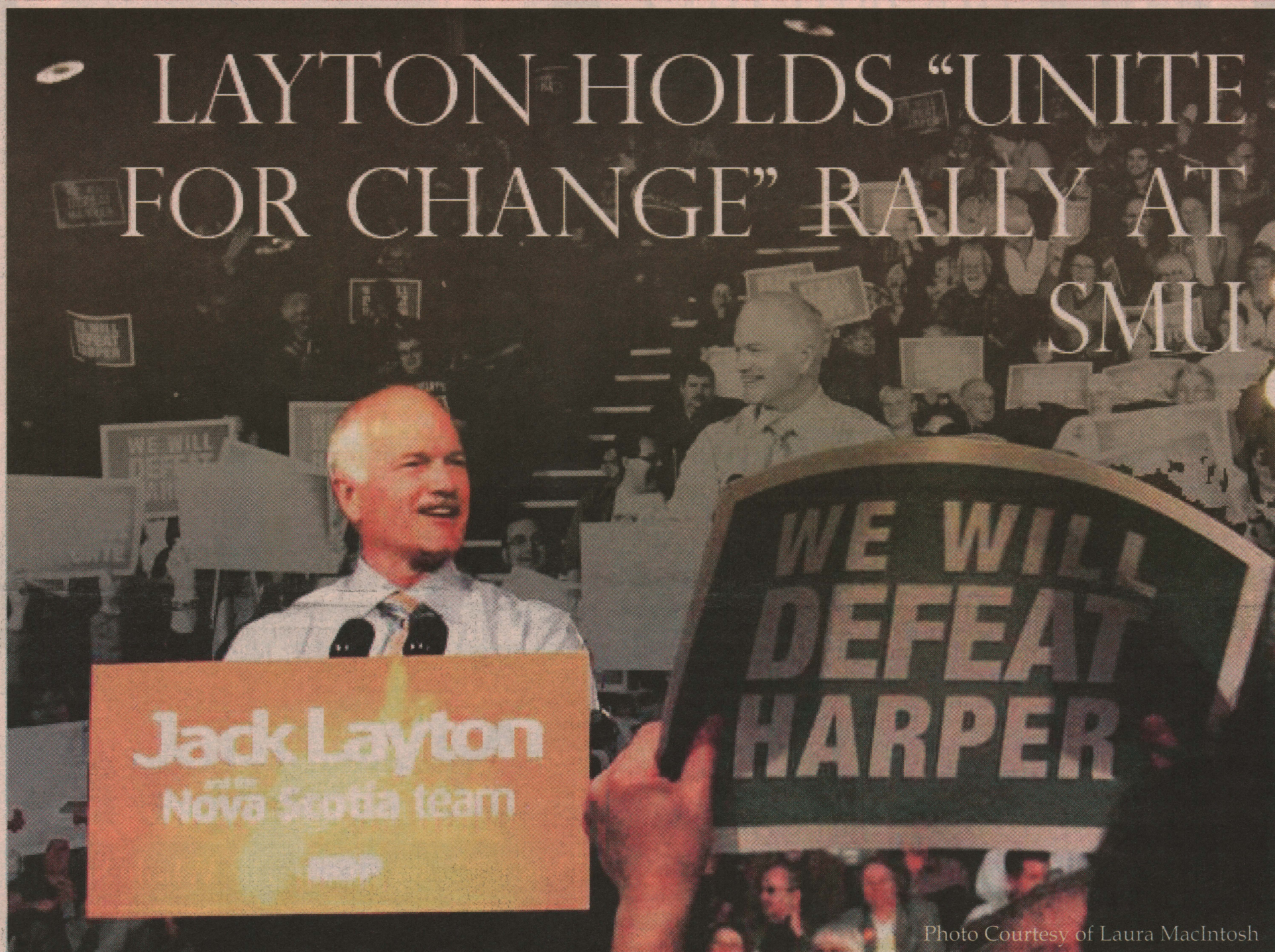


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Jeff Cusack

Jack Layton came to SMU on Saturday to hold a rally for his supporters and to give a boost for local candidates. Things started off on shaky ground, after an anti-poverty advocate became visibly upset that she would not be able to bring her home made sign into the rally. This was the only real problem of the day however, and the rest of the rally ran like a well oiled machine. Any student who wasn't aware of the rally would have been shocked to see RCMP body guards milling about McNally Main looking for anybody suspicious in a sea of NDP faithful, reporters, and Jack Layton's personal assistants and media liaisons.

Like the Democrats to the south, the NDP has been successful at attracting musicians to their cause, and they put that into play at the rally. Halifax-based band In Flight Safety opened up the rally with a couple of songs, including their award winning single "Surround." By the time they were done the crowd was visibly excited, and they gave an enormously enthusiastic response to the next group to take the stage, the Nova Scotian NDP MP candidates, and the leader of the Nova Scotia New Democrats, Darrel Dexter. The first person to speak was Meagan Leslie, the candidate for Halifax, who mainly spoke to the crowd rather than on policy. Darrel Dexter's speech was much more partisan, and he strongly endorsed Jack Layton while attacking the policies of Stephen Harper.

By the time Mr. Layton took to the platform in the centre of the room, McNally was standing room only, and as he entered the noise from the crowd and the blaring rock music would have dwarfed jet engines. People throughout the room were cheering and waving green signs which said, "United With Layton," and "We Will Defeat Harper." Layton has been accused of taking several pages from the Barack Obama playbook and as shouts of "Jack!" echoed throughout the room and signs waved feverishly, the comparison seemed appropriate. It was clear that to many supporters in the room Layton is as much an ideal as he is a person.

The scene also made it abundantly clear why the anti-poverty advocate was not allowed to bring in her own homemade sign. This was not the folksy NDP of old who never really positioned itself as a government contender but instead tried to be the conscience of parliament. This NDP was all about image control, and that image was of a professional, unified party that was taking a sincere shot at Stephen Harper's job no matter how much of a long shot it may be. This NDP was not one which used homemade signs.

Layton's speech was not one to announce new policy; it was a chance to energize the NDP's base and a show of power to all Canadians who previously disregarded the NDP as a wasted vote. Though he read off a teleprompter, the English portions of Layton's speech were delivered with dynamism, and he

frequently ad-libbed and looked to the crowd rather than the teleprompter. The crowd loved it, and Layton had to frequently pause during applause for his words. A few eager souls even responded to Layton as if they were in a dialogue with him, yelling things such as "Good Point!" when they liked what they heard. Besides pushing the NDP's platform, Layton attacked Stephen Harper's economic policies, and he accused Stephane Dion of propping up the Conservative minority government by not voting against key bills. Also mentioned were the Air Canada's Halifax-based flight attendants, who are currently fighting for their jobs after it was announced Air Canada would be cutting the Halifax flight attendant base. Several flight attendants were in attendance, and it seemed that their union was strongly backing the NDP.

After his speech was over, Layton exited to an eerily accurate cover of Midnight Oil's environmental anthem "Beds Are Burning" played by In Flight Safety. He then attended a brief press conference (see separate article), signed a giant petition for the Air Canada flight attendants, and left. He left behind an extremely energized crowd, but these were all people who were already going to vote for him, whether he gained any new voters in Halifax is something he'll have to wait until October 14 to find out.

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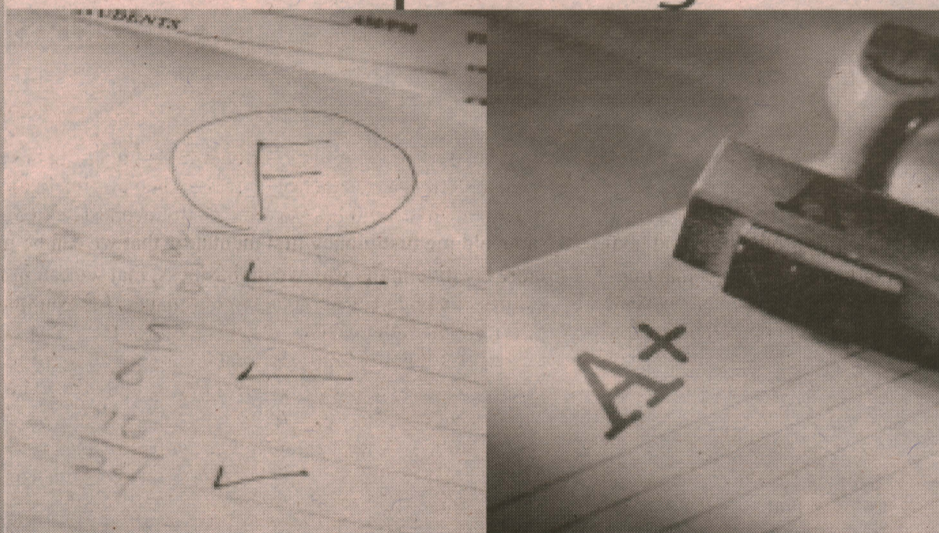
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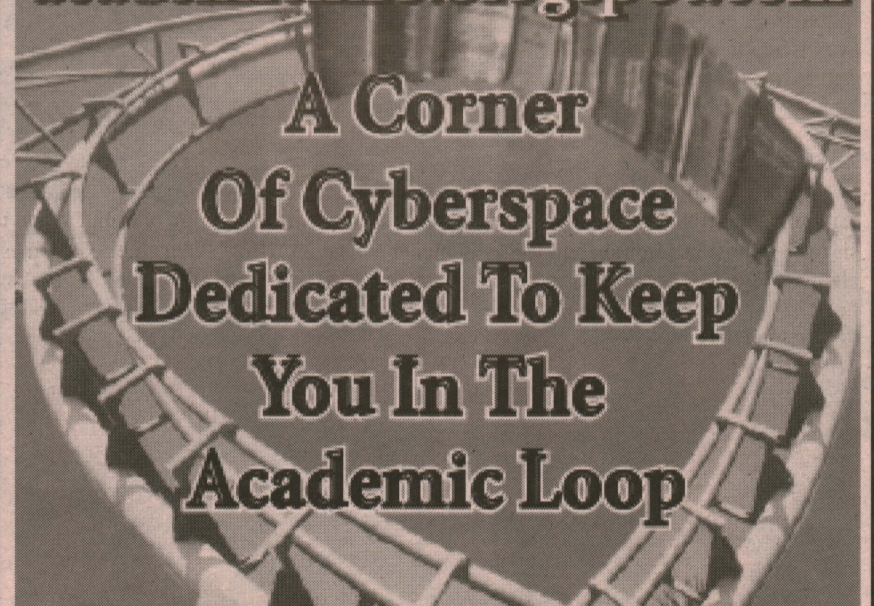
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# PERSPECTIVES

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## Letter from the Editor

Laura MacIntosh

Well I have the honour of writing the editorial this week, and I wanted to focus on a little something related to midterms. It's that time again, quizzes, tests, exams; whatever your professor wants to call them it's time to sharpen those H2 pencils and take 'em. But it was also Alexander Keith's birthday bash this past weekend, the time of the year for huge football games, and of course parties. These excuses to consume alcohol and 'have a good time' create a typical problem at this time of the year, midterm intoxication.

So how do we curb mid-term intoxication? How does one find the balance between party hardy and passing? Most students taking a first year psychology course will

hear that studies suggest being in the same state while studying and taking a test will typically yield the highest test scores. Basically those participants who studied while drunk got the best scores if they took the test drunk too... Of course what so many fail to listen to is the next part of what the prof will undoubtedly say; those results essentially suck balls in comparison to studying and testing without alcohol in the system.

But what about something many of us do while studying these days; something which most don't think of as intoxication... energy drinks. Energy drinks such as Rockstar of Redbull 'temporarily restore wakefulness', something students have become dependant on

during crunch time. They also introduce all kinds of chemicals to your brain, making it work differently than under normal circumstances. In a way, it's like a study drunk. So what happens when you study all hopped up on energy drinks and you get to your exam (ok let's admit it... the next morning), feeling like you don't know anything? Maybe we should follow these psychology studies, grab that same drink you had while studying... get your brain back in that same state. It's worked for me a time or two, bailed me out when I couldn't remember my rock cycle or lobe functions.

I'm not suggesting you all run off and do this... it's more of a mere thought put to paper. Theory suggests the best results still come when you study and test while under no intoxication, but in today's world where energy drinks are such a day-to-day reality in university students, maybe the theory needs to be looked at.

## ALL ABOUT THE SMUSA ONLINE TUTOR DATABASE

Adam Harris, VP Academic

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## SAINT MARY'S CHRISTIAN TRADITION: A RESPONSE TO THE CRANKY PROFESSOR

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The Cranky Professor (aka Professor Mark Mercer) has made the suggestion that Saint Mary's University drop the assertion in the General Information section of the Academic Calendar that states one objective of this university is to "give special emphasis to the Christian tradition and values in higher education." He claims this is false and misleading—false in the sense that most professors give no emphasis whatsoever, and are indifferent, to Christian tradition and values, and misleading in the sense that the statement thereby gives a false impression to those who might be thinking of attending Saint Mary's.

We would suggest that it is not false, and hence not misleading, that we give special emphasis to the Christian tradition and values in higher education. Some professors, like ourselves, knowingly and deliberately give special emphasis to Christian tradition and values, while others do so on the basis of cultural values derived from the Christian tradition. So, for example, the University's statement on academic integrity points to the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. All of these derive from Christian tradition, and all are upheld by the professors in this University community. We know that these values enhance the learning and outcomes of receiving an education at this university. Students are able to truly learn in this context, thereby strengthening their character, abilities, and skill sets. Subsequently, the value of their degree is strengthened and more generally their character as world citizens is enhanced. Ignoring or being indifferent to these Christian derived values (we are not claiming that other faiths don't uphold these, though perhaps some might not) would mean that we would, at best, tolerate opposite values—cheating, plagiarism, falsification, and tampering—making us as professors accomplices in the degradation of students' education, degrees, and character. Second, we uphold the value of an education, which requires much sacrifice in time and money. We know that those who attain a university education receive benefits in the future. They typically get better jobs with better benefits, and studies have shown that those with degrees tend to live longer (socioeconomic status does impact mortality). So we encourage students to sacrifice today in order to gain in the future. This is a value that stems from the Christian tradition that founded our university. It explicitly opposes the mentality of living only for today captured in the epithet 'Let's eat and drink for tomorrow we die.' That way of living does not bring benefit, and the Christian tradition has not only said so, but has also provided the educational options to realize a better life. So the Christian tradition actually underlies core elements in the university enterprise.

The Cranky Professor suggests that there is a "lingering" rather than "real" presence of religion here at Saint Mary's University. He has raised by this statement a false dichotomy between lingering and real. Isn't what lingers real? For example, we know that Saint Mary's University was founded upon Christian values and the Christian tradition. These values and traditions continue to be manifest in many ways at Saint Mary's, whether in providing students with particular challenges a chance at university or in extensive community outreach. The Board, Administration, and all of Saint Mary's stakeholders continue to have a

healthy appreciation for the heritage of the university. It is irresponsible to try to erase the impact that the religious founders of the university had on the making of Saint Mary's University. Indeed, most of the education institutions in our province and country were founded by Christians who believed in providing opportunities for people of all faiths to better themselves.

Let's move on to the 'real' giving of special emphasis to the Christian tradition. In our classes in Business, we explicitly discuss the degradation that comes with a focus on maximization of profit. When the maximization of profit is the end goal, then all else becomes instrumental, including things that our society holds very dear, and which holds our society together, such as ethics and the environment. Even people themselves become expendable when the pursuit of money is the ultimate goal. The Christian tradition teaches that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. That has been borne out again and again by those who pursue profits above all else. Witness Enron, Worldcom, and more recently the financial crisis we are facing. Should we in the business school ignore the Christian tradition and teach exclusively that profit maximization is the greatest and only goal of the business enterprise? Should we be producing more and more MBAs and BComms who only operate out of the profit motive, and thereby contribute to the degradation of business (which actually requires a context of trust, transparency, and honesty to function well) and to the accompanying loss of jobs and pensions and homes? Should we teach these future and present leaders that people don't matter, that they are expendable—that they are just capital, which can be manipulated as needed? Or should we be teaching these aspiring MBAs and BComms to be creative thinkers that think beyond the cookie cutter of profit maximization, to use things to honor people and society, and to treat people in their employ and other stakeholders with dignity and respect (another Christian value and part of the Christian tradition—love your neighbor as yourself)? Should we not teach them that there are things that ultimately are more important than the profit motive?

Increasingly important to the general public these days is HOW companies are making money, not THAT they are making money. For example, many people no longer want to support an organization that is making record profits while being a massive polluter of the planet.

In my classes I (Elden) have explicitly taught doing business from a particular evangelical Christian perspective in order to illustrate what could be—that we do not need to be tied to the same old me first/money first mentality, that we can be much more creative in the way we do business, that we can in fact address the huge concerns facing our planet (for example, poverty being alleviated by micro-credit for the very poor—this idea does not come from 'the business of business is business' mentality). Showing how business can be done from the perspective of the Christian tradition illustrates what good things can happen in addition to making a profit when business leaders stick to their values, whether these are Christian or stem from some other faith.

In my classes, I (Cathy) draw on Christian social ethics and in particular, Catholic social teaching. Although this is done implicitly rather than explicitly, it forms the basis for all of my teaching and research. Catholic social teaching applies the concepts of the common good, solidarity, peace, and justice to contemporary economic, business, and workplace issues.

In conclusion, we find the objective in the Academic Calendar to "give special emphasis to the Christian tradition and values in higher education" is neither false nor misleading. The Christian tradition is the basis of the values this University was founded upon, and they continue to exert influence in a general fashion, in a lingering fashion, and in an explicit fashion. That every professor is not doing this explicitly does not negate its truth—it is happening. This statement should remain in the Academic Calendar because it points to something of great importance in our university community and of great importance in the mission of this university—to develop competent and compassionate citizens of the world.

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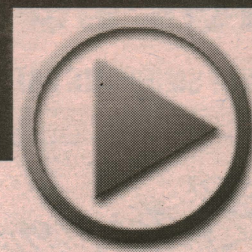
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# NEWS

CATCH UP ON WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT SMU AND AROUND THE WORLD



## Conservative Support Wanes

Jeff Cusack

Conservative support has waned going into the last week in the campaign. The latest two polls have shown Harper at 35% and 34%, well below the 40% typically needed for a majority to be formed.

One of the polls, a Harris Decima poll, has the Conservatives facing the Liberals at only 22% and the NDP on a high of 20%. The green party's numbers are at 13%, and could spell disaster for the Liberals and the NDP if widespread vote splitting occurs.

The Nanos poll displays a completely different result for the Liberals and it's

mostly at the expense of the Green party. According to Nanos, the Liberals are polling at 30% support, within striking distance of the Conservative party. This increased Liberal support comes at the cost of the Green party, which is at 7% in the Nanos poll.

The Liberal party has consistently polled higher in every Nanos poll than in polls taken by other firms. Nanos attributes this to the fact that they factor in cellphones in polling data, while other firms don't. The firm claims not including cellphones causes data to track to an older population, which falsely inflates

Conservative numbers. Nanos was the most accurate polling firm in the last two elections.

Leader support has also waned for the Conservatives-post debate. Stephen Harper has fallen to a 41 percent favourability rating, while Stephane Dion has moved up to a 37 percent favourability rating, statistically tied with Stephen Harper. Elizabeth May also gained, with a favourability rating of 48%, while Jack Layton and Gilles Duceppe fell in favourability ratings but remained ahead with a 57% favourability rating each.

## NEWSFEED

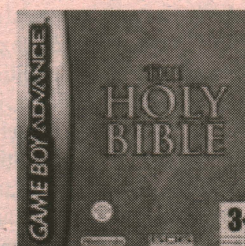
During the Vice-Presidential debates Republican candidate Sarah Palin winked several times at the camera, causing a minor aneurism in the brains of anyone who actually takes politics seriously.



A British Brigadier General and commander of military operations in the Helmand province warned that it would likely not be possible to win a decisive military victory against the Taliban. The general said in the future negotiations with the Taliban may be necessary to achieve peace in the region, and the UK government agreed. Other countries haven't really figured out how to respond to this yet.



...Palin also said that Barack Obama 'pals around with terrorists.'



Pope Benedict began a 7 day marathon reading of the bible, handling the first book, Genesis. Throughout the rest of the week people from other religions will be reading subsequent books, including Orthodox Catholics and Jewish people. The Pope's right hand man finished last Sunday, reading the final chapter of the apocalypse.

RCMP arrested a man for stealing U.S. navy equipment from a shack in Newfoundland.

A 7 year old boy broke into an Australian zoo and bashed several lizards' heads in with a rock. Wow.



The Liberals released a website called bushharper.ca. For a good time go to it and click on the introduction.

## Layton Holds Press Conference at SMU

Jeff Cusack

After his speech at the rally, Jack Layton held a brief press conference in the atrium part of McNally Main auditorium. This conference was completely different than the one Stephen Harper held after his speech to the Halifax Chamber of Commerce a few weeks ago. Rather than seating the reporters in chairs and having them sign a list to ask questions, the NDP's press conference was a true media scrum, with reporters shouting over each other to be heard by the party leader.

The economy was a recurring theme throughout the conference. When asked about Stephen Harper's assertion during the debate that the Canadian economy was fine, Mr. Layton claimed that Harper either didn't understand the real economy, was in denial about the true state of things, or just didn't care that Canadians are losing their jobs and pensions. Because Canadian pensions are predominately tied to world financial markets, a reporter wondered how Mr. Layton would be able to protect them. Mr. Layton responded by explaining that his government would ensure businesses are properly capitalized, and that their deals are transparent.

Of particular importance to students was Layton's next statement, that his government would help control consumer

debt. Apparently the media was feeling combative today, because a reporter called this statement mere rhetoric that would not amount to anything. Layton said his moves certainly would affect consumers, and gave the example of his plan to regulate the maximum interest of credit card companies to 5% above prime, which would place current credit card interest rates at just below 10% on average. Another reporter argued that lowering interest rates would only cause people to borrow more money and go deeper into debt. Layton rejected this and said that the current system of high interest rates are what is driving people further into debt.

Mr. Layton also stressed the importance of the Atlantic Provinces to the party, and said "we certainly feel wind in our sails down here, if I can use a maritime metaphor." He then explained that in Nova Scotia the provincial NDP has been working extremely hard for federal candidates and bragged about the strength of his candidates. When asked how many seats he thought were potentially any party's gain, Layton quipped "lots."

After a fascinating question was asked about the new green signs, this reporter decided to enter the fray. Talking over another reporter's probably less interesting question, I asked Mr. Layton his position on the debt affecting students. He respon-

ded that it was a big issue. First focusing on how student debt affected medical students, he said large debt loads causes many med students to have to become higher paid specialists when they wanted to be family doctors. The NDP's plan to deal with this is a program to pay off medical student debts if they commit to 10 years of practicing family medicine. Layton then said "In general student debt has become a problem, you probably know that. A lot of people when they're finished their education here, they have to go find high paid jobs elsewhere, sometimes not even in their field of training, in order to pay off the debt, for what they were trained for. I mean, this is absurd." The NDP's approach to combating student debt would include a debt reduction plan and the post secondary education act.

The Post-Secondary Education act was first tabled last year, but because opposition parties cannot force the government to spend money, it cannot pass without government support and so has not become legislation. The act would increase federal transfers to public universities which would then have to use a portion of the increased payments to pay down student debt. This is a solution which would work in Canada more than other countries such as the United States, because unlike them, almost all of our universities, including Saint Mary's,

## NDP Education Platform:

Canadian students have given the New Democratic Party's post-secondary education plan the best grades overall, welcoming the proposal to introduce a Post-Secondary Education Act to oversee federal funding increases to the provinces.

"Canada has a national vision for healthcare enshrined in the Canada Health Act. It is long overdue to have the same leadership and vision for post-secondary education," said Katherine Giroux-Bougard, National Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), in a recent media release supporting the NDP's platform.

Halifax NDP candidate Megan Leslie says Jack Layton and the New Democrats are committed to lowering tuition fees and ensuring the highest quality education for Canadian students, regardless of which province or territory they study in.

"We will guarantee dedicated federal transfers for education, allowing provinces to make necessary investments in quality and accessibility," said Leslie, a Dalhousie University Law School graduate and community legal worker who has been working with CFS and other groups on the Eligibility for Students in Need campaign in Nova Scotia.

In addition to a Post-Secondary Education Act, the NDP will provide a \$1000 grant for student loan recipients; increase financial support for in-demand professionals, such as doctors and nurses; and reform the Canada Student Loan system. The NDP is also committed to encouraging the best young minds to stay here in Canada by increasing funding for university and college-based research, and for graduate and post-graduate studies.

For more information on the NDP's "Education Opportunity Plan" visit [www.ndp.ca/platform](http://www.ndp.ca/platform)

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# ALEXANDER KEITH'S B-DAY BASH



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Students of Saint Mary's partied at the Gorsebrook Saturday night in celebration of Alexander Keith's 213 Birthday. Although his actual birthday was on Sunday the Gorsebrook held a pre-birthday party complete with light up glasses and foam antlers. Experts are still debating who was the greater Nova Scotian, Alexander Keith or Joseph Howe.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Great Ways to Spend Money and Fail Midterms

Three original games to look forward to this season

Nick Madore

I guess you could say at this point that we are well into the semester. Midterms are starting, essays are due, and assignments are being handed out. On the off-chance you find yourself with nothing to do, or you simply need a break from all that book-learning, check out one or all of these killer games.

**Dead Space** - October 14 - 360, PS3, PC

Dead Space is a third-person sci-fi survival horror game set in the distant future. You play as Isaac Clarke, a space engineer sent to the USG Ishimura, a giant mining ship, to answer a distress call. Once aboard, he's shocked to discover the ship has been overrun by Necromorphs, a hideous alien species (oh no!). What sets this game apart from other survival-horror types is the HUD, or rather the lack thereof. Weapon ammo is displayed via a hologram above Isaac's wrist, while your health is indicated by a bar on his back. The game also relies heavily on a technique

they call "strategic dismemberment." It's not enough to simply shoot the alien in the chest or head; you have to actually cut off their limbs in order to halt their movement. On top of these interesting gameplay features, the game looks absolutely stunning throughout.

**LittleBigPlanet** - October 21 - PS3

I can't say enough about this quirky platformer. Basically, the game allows you to create and share your own levels with an extremely deep, yet easy-to-use, level creator. Also customizable are the adorable little SackBoys or SackGirls, avatars used to traverse said levels. Sporting 4-player co-op, levels can be as simple or as complicated as the creator desires, and trust me, there are already some very impressive ones on YouTube. At this summer's E3, an annual game industry trade show, Sony actually presented their annual report via a custom LittleBigPlanet level, as opposed to the standard PowerPoint, displaying just how creative you can get with

this game. The pull of a lever displays sales figures via hanging images of Sony's consoles, pillars would pop up out of the ground to show off the year's highlight areas, and, perhaps most impressive, apparently the whole presentation was created in the two days prior to the press conference. Rube Goldberg would have a field day with this game. At long last, it seems that the Playstation 3 might have finally found its system-selling killer ap.

**Mirror's Edge** - November 11 - 360, PS3, PC

Ever seen people performing parkour, or free running jumps or tricks? Impressive, right? This game throws you in the shoes of Faith, a free runner delivering messages to fellow Runners. Set in a squeaky-clean futuristic city run by a totalitarian government, the entire game is played in a first-person view as you jump rooftops, scale walls, swing from pipes, and navigate sewers, all while avoiding cops. Faith has at her disposal a type of "runner's vision," which illumi-



nates in red which objects she can use to her advantage. For example, she may approach a red box, leading to a red pipe, leading to a red ledge. One would think that free-running in the first person for extended periods of time would be a bit jarring, but the developers have combated this motion sickness with a subtle blue dot in the middle of the screen. Compare it to a ballerina doing pirouettes: if you have a focal point, you're okay.

## BITE SIZED ENTERTAINMENT



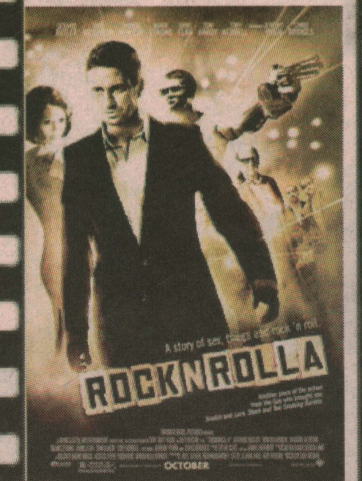
### Finally, more Oasis

That's right, that other British band finally has a new CD coming out. Dig Out Your Soul is in stores now. They already released a single from the album - The Shock of the Lightning came out at the end of September.



### It's Always Good When Breaking is Involved

Fracture came out this week, a first person shooter where you play a cybernetically enhanced soldier. This game takes place in a futuristic American distopia. It's the next game from LucasArts, it looks beautiful and you can get it for the Xbox360.



### Sex, Thugs and Rock n' Roll

This Friday, the new Guy Ritchie movie finally hits theatres. From the director of such classics as Snatch, and Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels, RocknRolla is his newest film until he makes the new Sherlock Holmes movie due in 2010.



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## Bad Religion Rocks the Devout

Ressa Peters

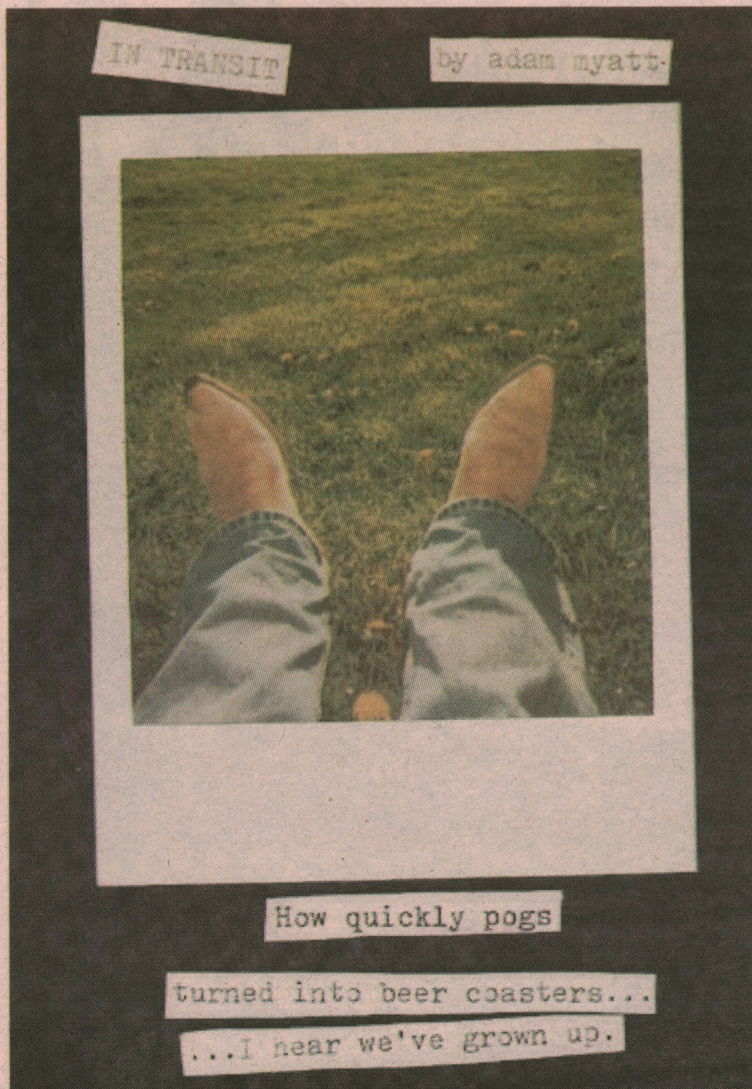
Once Bad Religion made their Halifax debut at about 9:30 after two competent warm ups from locals The Hemingways and American act The Bronx, the crowd at

the Forum was ready to rock. When you have a group of guys who've been together for nearly three decades, (and three of the original four members in the current lineup) the performance should be seamless and peak, and it was.

The current members; vocalist Greg Graffin, guitarists and back-ups Brett Gurewitz, Greg Hetson and Brian Baker, bassist Jay Bentley and drummer Brooks Wackerman are in their 40's now but they still played their hearts out. The guys may not have Mohawks, leather jackets or chains but that just proves how dedicated to punk rock they are. They get up there and play music, no lasers, fancy lights or special amps; the message is the most important thing. Despite their name, Bad Religion isn't about tearing down any specific belief system or ideology; they're about thinking for yourself and creating your own beliefs.

So the thinking man's punk rock band launched themselves through a generous mix of their prestigious history from "Fuck Armageddon, This is Hell" to "Anesthesia" to "Sorrow" to "Let Them Eat War". Their fourteenth full length and latest release, last years 'New Maps of Hell' was well represented, but didn't make up the majority of songs, pleasing both newer fans and hardcore oldies.

The inter-song banter wasn't just the usual "Hello Halifax, are you ready to rock!?" with Greg Graffin explaining that he drove down from the previous night's gig in Moncton to Halifax so he could take in the local geological scenery. Graffin's other job happens to be a life sciences and paleontology lecturer at UCLA, so he knows what he's talking about. The first encore consisted of some of the band's songs played acoustic and proved just what great writers the guys are by sounding even better soft. The second encore got back to raw rock. Graffin ended the night (the last of their Canadian tour) by serenading the crowd with a tweaked version of 'O Canada' that ended with "Oh Bad Religion, won't you come back to me?" Please come back guys, and don't make us wait 27 more years!



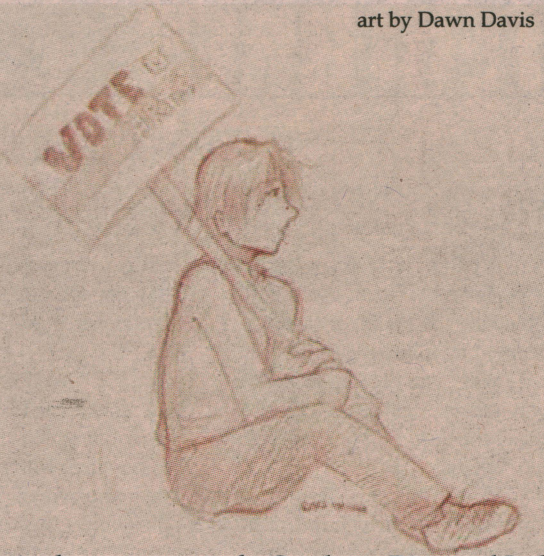
# Cuts Kill Culture - Harper VS The Arts

Dawn Davis  
With the election in Canada coming up at the same time as that of the USA, politics have been everywhere. Now, they have finally made it into the Arts and Entertainment section. On September 23rd, Stephen Harper was faced with demanding questions regarding his budget cuts against the art community. "I think when ordinary working people come home, turn on the TV and see a gala of a bunch of people, you know, at a rich gala all subsidized by taxpayers claiming their subsidies aren't high enough when they know those subsidies have actually gone up - I'm not sure that's something that resonates with ordinary people," he claimed boldly. Some \$45 million dollars have been on the chopping block that originally was helping Canadian artists, musicians, film makers and dancers enrich our culture. Harper retorted that he increased fun-

ding to the Department of the Canadian Heritage, but the cuts are still powerfully felt by artists around the country. October 3rd marked the date for the Rally for the Arts in Halifax. The event was effectively planned and put together in less than two weeks to be held at Grand Parade by ACTRA Maritimes vice-president, Sherry Smith. The speakers were voices for the arts, representing teachers, performers, and students. They called Stephen Harper a plethora of things, crying out for the arts and how creativity is as important as literacy. They called our Prime Minister out on his stereotyping, and how he manages to forget who the people are who are creating art - because they vote, too. Paul Caskey made the argument that the arts have been around before politics. And at a time when other countries are feeding and promoting their artists, Canada is

stepping on them. "We are governed by a man with an ordinary vision," he stated on Saturday. "We need extraordinary vision." In an interview on Sunday, Saint Mary's Art Gallery Curator/Director Robin Metcalfe noted that our own Art Gallery has seen the repercussions caused by Harper's cuts. Funding has been reduced, leading to difficulties getting artists to travel internationally as well as nationally. Harper doesn't seem to think it is important to get arts to Canada or in Canada. Metcalfe also tells the story about the Exhibition Transport Service (ETS), which was run at cost by the Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI). The service transported artwork in a climate controlled environment, keeping pieces safe and transporting them cheaply. The ETS was a casualty of Harper's cuts in 2006, leaving

the transportation of artwork to private companies, costing much more and with much less care. Even while Harper has increased money going into the Department of Canadian Heritage, it isn't money going to art. The need for funding in the arts has always been severe, and the numbers have reached a new kind of desperation. Quebec in particular has been strongly affected by the cuts, but Metcalfe also points out that there has been resistance against the Conservative decision from cultural communities all over the country. The mantra of the rally was to Vote Arts. Students taped signs to paint brushes and chanted along. Stephen Harper has taken these liberties to cut arts out of the Ca-



art by Dawn Davis

nada. Stephane Dion and Jack Layton have both promised reversal of the cuts, increases in funding to the arts, special attention to museum assistance, and revisits to the recent issues of Canadian media censorship. Next week when you cast your votes, think for a moment about what you value as a Canadian. As sung by Ottawa's Raging Grannies at the conclusion of the rally, "let's take care of each other, and vote."

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# FEATURES

## EID DAY CELEBRATION: GOD'S BOUNTY AND HIS MERCY

Cuiqing (Cristine) Zhang

Eid, an Arabic word which means festivity, marks the end of Ramadan - the month of fasting observed by millions of Muslims worldwide. The Eid day is one of the two days Muslims celebrate each year in thanksgiving festivities and rejoicing.

On this day, Muslim family wake up early in the morning and pray Almighty Allah to seek his blessings. Men go to attend special prayers being held in Mosque, stadiums, arenas or vast grounds. The prayer is soon followed by the sermon. To celebrate, Muslims wear new clothes, cook delicacies and visit their loved ones with greetings, gifts and sweets.

Eid is an auspicious day with important religious significance. It celebrates the virtues of forgiveness, moral victory, peace, brotherhood and unity. Devotees who go on for fasting in the month of Ramadan feel the sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

In Muslim countries, work hours are adjusted or shortened to accommodate fasting, so that people are able to have iftar (the breaking of the fast) with their friends and families. Restaurants are closed during the day, and people rarely (or never) see anyone eating in the streets, so there won't be any temptation. There is lots of time allotted for prayers during the day and especially during the evenings. Every night Muslims have the option to gather for what is known as Taraweeh prayer where the whole Qur'an is recited. Attending all of these prayers which last over the 29-30 evenings of Ramadhan means you have heard a recitation of the entire Qur'an.

But for many in Canada this is made difficult, as people have to work or study, but everyone tries their best. In our university, there are some Muslim students keep this tradition. Asraa, a Mexican student, and Monica, a Canadian, told The Journal that every year there are more people converting to Islam in Halifax, and they are two of them. They find their experiences differ significantly from those who were born in a Muslim country and came here to Canada. On Eid Day, they look to each other for support. People take turns to host iftars (the evening meal for breaking the daily fast). "When sunset arrives we eat a date and drink some water as the Prophet (pbuh) is reported to have done, and then we pray. When the prayer is over then we eat (but some people eat first and then pray)." Are they starving? "No," they smiled, "surprisingly, we don't feel very

hungry after fasting all day. We find that our eyes are often bigger than our stomach in this case. We fill up quickly.

In addition to eating at the iftar, these two girls regard it as a good time to reflect on Islam and to socialize with friends. They often invite non-Muslims to join in for the dinners, who were born Muslim, who are not Muslim, and who have converted to Islam. "The gatherings are usually segregated: women gather in one place and men in another, or if in one house, people will be in separate rooms. However, this all depends on the people's preference, as there is the occasional mixed gathering." In Dalhousie university, there are often foods for students at the Multifaith Centre at the time to break fast, which is especially good for students as it is uneasy to find time to cook a proper meal when in school all day.

But Asraa and Monica agree that it is difficult to celebrate Eid. "If we leave our classes for the day, we will miss the notes and lectures from that day and have to make it up. Also, it does not stop professors from scheduling mid-terms." This is extremely difficult - Muslim students do have to spend Eid studying, while Christians don't run into these problems as there is vacation from school around Christmas.

"However, we try our best to make the best of it. In the morning there is a prayer which is optional to attend. Usually the Muslims in Halifax all pray at different mosques for their regular prayers - but we all get together for the Eid prayer." Last year, they got together and heard a speech given by Dr. Jamal Badawi (a professor from Saint Mary's) in the Tower at Saint Mary's and this year at the Dartmouth Sportplex. "The venues still haven't been big enough to accommodate all of us at once!" At this point, excitement flushed their faces and raised their voices.

After the prayer, people go with their family or friends to gather at someone's house or go shopping. Children receive many gifts from adults and visit relatives during the day with their parents, and dine in a potluck style there at night.

There are many others like Asraa and Monica who concentrate on their worship and remembrance of God, and try to become better Muslims. After the Eid, their faith is recharged, and the good practice will be carried on throughout the rest of the year.

## RIGHTS FOR SEX WORKERS

By Holly Taylor

Mark your calendars SMU- There is event being held on October 16th that you don't want to miss!

Valerie Scott (Sex Worker and Executive Director of Sex Professionals of Canada- SPOC) will be giving a public lecture in an effort to raise awareness about SPOC's current endeavor to overturn three specific pieces of legislation through their constitutional challenge, which is currently underway at the Ontario Supreme Court level.

The act of prostitution itself is actually legal in Canada, yet implementation of the Criminal

Code sections that ban bawdy houses, communicating with potential clients and living on the avails of prostitution means that sex workers are being placed in greater danger of physical violence. SPOC asserts that these laws violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by depriving sex workers of their right to liberty and security.

SPOC is a political and social group whose main objective is working toward the decriminalization of sex work through political activism, community building and public awareness. They make a very important distinction however between decriminalization and

## THE CRANKY PROFESSOR

CIVIL LIBERTIES AND DEMOCRACY IN CANADA

Mark Mercer

Politicians this election have said nothing about civil liberties. Nor have they addressed the topic of the future of democracy in Canada.

The no-fly list imposed by the Conservative government is an assault on our freedom of movement. The security cameras that track us as we go about our daily business are an assault on our privacy. Racial, ethnic, and religious profiling by police and security agencies are assaults on our freedoms of association, dress, and religion. The now well-established practice of forcing protesters behind security cordons far out of anyone's earshot is an assault on our freedom of expression and our freedom to press for political change.

We've lately witnessed a series of assaults on freedom of expression by Canada's various human rights commissions and panels and tribunals. The main culprit here is section 13 (1) of the Canadian Human Rights Act, which says that it is "a discriminatory practice" to communicate "any matter that is likely to expose a person or persons to hatred or contempt by reason of the fact that that person or those persons are identifiable on the basis of a prohibited ground of discrimination." Deleting this section from the Act would go a long way toward restoring to Canadians freedom of expression. Sadly, M-446, a private member's motion to delete 13 (1), did not get picked up by any political party and neither the parties nor the news media or the voters have made it an issue this election.

Those who oppose freedom of expression say that certain sorts of expression are harmful and, thus, that it is proper that a government agency monitors what we say and that we be subject to punishment should we cross a line. But for this argument to succeed, the harm must be substantial, the means must be effective in removing the harm, and the means

must not be more harmful than the original offence. So is the restriction on expression we find in section 13 justified by these criteria?

It depends on one's conception of harm and the standards by which one compares harms. That's why the search for common ground between those who value freedom of expression and those who don't always fails. And that brings us to the issue of the future of democracy in Canada.

Democracy in Canada, and in many other countries as well, is under threat from authoritarianism. A system of government is authoritarian to the extent that power resides in institutions insulated from elected representatives. Now some powerful bodies need insulation from everyday interest-based politics—the courts, for instance, or agencies that monitor food safety. But even in these cases democracy is threatened when the government gives the authority a vague or broad mandate, fails to review regularly the authority's performance, and looks the other way when the authority oversteps its mandate.

Politicians in democracies, though, have strong motives to shift their work to authorities and then not to mind when the authority expands its mandate and creates new powers for itself. Politicians want to be re-elected; taking a stand on a controversial matter might cost votes; and so it's best to allow the courts or an agency to make the decision. Now it's wonderful that abortion is unrestricted in Canada and that people can marry within their own sex—but the decisions that brought us these wonderful things ought to have been made by parliament, not by courts.

The trouble with authoritarianism, at least for those troubled by it, resides in its usurpation of our prerogative to choose for ourselves. Democratically enacted restrictions are still

restrictions, of course, but at least we were able to participate in the decision making by which they came about. We might find ourselves disadvantaged by democratically enacted legislation, but we can accept it as imposed on us fairly, and we can continue, with some hope of success, to agitate against it. Democracy treats us as adults, as people attempting to construct for themselves in a social context their own lives in light of their own conception of their good. Authoritarianism treats us as children, needing protection from forces we cannot handle, and as requiring firm guidance to come to appreciate what is truly good.

Human rights commissions are agents of authoritarianism, especially when they police the peaceful expression of opinion and emotion. They embody a particular view of how people ought to get along and how they ought to live with each other. From that view follows the idea that most harms are public matters rather than matters for people to work through privately. And so they are blind to the harms inherent in their authoritarianism and the collectivist ethos they cherish and would impose on us.

Now whether Canadians could live well through this ethos is a serious question, as is the question whether we would want to, even at its best. These are political questions, of course, to be pursued by democratically elected representatives. They are also controversial. A candidate for parliament would risk votes were she publicly to take a stand on them. We now have an answer why no politicians this election have raised the issue either of section 13 or of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. We still, though, lack an answer to the question why neither the news media nor the voters have raised them.

## UNDER THE KILT

Korey Mac Innis

A new section for a new issue- 'Under the Kilt' makes every effort possible to take what you've been ignoring for far too long, and lift the veil right in front of your face, balls and all. To start us off, we're going to talk about the homeless. I'm not here to make you feel bad about ignoring them on Spring Garden Road. I'm telling you that as good as things are—you could be 4-6 fuck ups short of being homeless yourself. It's no accident you got accepted into University and it's not uncommon for you to not know what you want to do with your life (even if you say you do). Imagine you have a phone in your hand that has

every CEO or world leader's home number on speed dial, linking you to someone in power who is willing to abide by your every whim. It may not be that way for real but it's the closest you will ever be to having that level of control in your life. I look at a lot of the street people I see every day, it's bottle collection that keeps them alive...roughly \$10-\$12 dollars a day you could make-but it's a real mad dash to get to them and you have GOT to get up early. It's a poor soul, putting every scrap of effort they have into it-- and you may ask 'why not try something else'. My analogy of everyday life for someone like that is as fol-

lows: Imagine a rabbit running on a treadmill that never stops and sitting behind it are not one—but a pack of starving wolves tied to a chain just short enough to not reach him. These are people who are nearly spiritually and mentally depleted...there is no time or chance to switch things up... can't just "Go GET A JOB!" like most want them to. You stop to think about anything besides bottles and its instant starvation or worse, fall victim to the night below 0 celsius. These are the ones who really suffer, so next time there's a discrepancy with your B minus on a mid-term assignment...stop and think. Just how good you really got it.

legalization. While SPOC feels that decriminalization is necessary to protect the safety and autonomy of sex workers, they are adamant that legalization is always exploitative.

Wherever you currently stand on the issue, this talk is sure to be exciting, insightful and informative. Strategically scheduled just two days before our Municipal election, Valerie will speak to issues that are directly relevant to sex workers in Halifax, and to many other women who are living in poverty and danger across the country.

This event is being hosted by Stepping Stone, a charitable, not for profit organization that provides

support to women, men and transgender sex workers and former sex trade workers. Stepping Stone offers a range of supportive programming including street outreach, crisis counseling, peer support, harm reduction workshops, recreational and education programs, advocacy, court support, and in-house visits of health practitioners. They are the only organization of their kind east of Montreal.

Stepping Stone holds the philosophy that all individuals have the right to self-determination and that sex workers deserve the basic right to health and safety and are entitled to social

and economic alternatives to the sex trade. Stepping Stone champions sex workers as PEOPLE first.

Following Stepping Stone's brief Annual General Meeting at 7:00, Valerie will speak in central Halifax. After a question and answer session with Valerie, light refreshments will be served and a cash bar will be available. The venue was still being negotiated at press time, but please call 420-0103 or join the Facebook event (Sex Professionals of Canada)

to learn more. Come mingle, dance, listen and learn about an issue that is too important to be kept silent within Canada any longer.



# ON THE STREET

With Kim Dares & Robbie Nauffts

“Have the post-secondary goals you set before attending Saint Mary’s changed in anyway?”



Jeremy Pynn  
3rd Year Psychology

“I think I’m on the right path, a little more studious than first year. Taking advantage of time a bit more.”



Jason MacDonald  
3rd AstroPhysics

“Fuck that shit, no. You got to stick to your shit.”



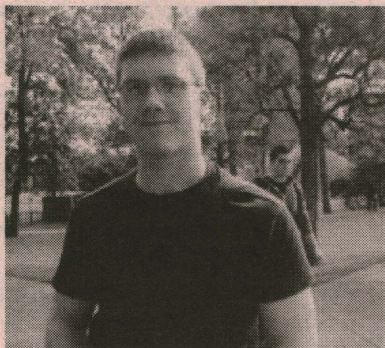
Megan Parsons  
4th Year Geography

“Yeah, I’m in a totally different program and I know what I want in life.”



Lindsey Dempsey  
2nd Year Business

“My goals have increased, there is competition so I have to set my goals high. They keep improving. I procrastinate less.”



Brett McRae  
1st Year Undeclared

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“No they haven’t. I’ve had my life planned since grade 11.”

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*My boyfriend wants me to talk dirty in bed. I don't know how comfortable I am with this and I wouldn't even know where to start. Can you help me?*

I sense that you're probably a little embarrassed about saying something stupid or just feeling ridiculous altogether. That is so normal that I'm avoiding making a math joke. You know, about normal curves and that stuff. And the joke

wouldn't have been funny so that's why I am not making it.

But back to the subject at hand now. Talking dirty can be great for your sex life. Not only will it make your boyfriend more randy but you can use it to get him to do exactly what you like. This is often why men like the naughty talk between the sheets. You give them requests and feedback on their performance and from that they can tell whether or not they are actually pleasing you. There will be no need for that expositional, post-sex “was that good for you baby?” because they will be sure that they are giving you exactly what you want, when you want it, and as hard/gentle/fast/slow/strange as you want it.

My suggestion is that you warm yourself up to the idea of dirty talk. This can start as simply as telling him in detail what you like about something he is doing. Next if you're comfortable, you can tell him something that he could do along with it or change slightly to make it feel better for you. Once you're warmed up to the pillow talk then you can bring up some of your carnal fantasies while you're having a good roll in the hay. This will definitely spice up your sex life.

Whether you decide to use proper anatomical terms or dirty slang words to describe things will be a matter of preference. When it comes down to it, you have you to just find out what you're comfortable with. Don't force yourself to cross boundaries that you don't want to. Just realize, talking dirty is not only about making him happy but also making you a whole lot happier...in bed at least. Before you know it you'll be so comfortable with the dirty talk that the residences will be giving you bonds for loud, lewd sexual noises.

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## DIARIES OF A MAD WORKER

D the Disgruntled

Working at a company that has solidly the best customer service anytime, anywhere, our customers tend to forget the line between employee and friend. I have been on the smiling, receiving end of many a life story which have involved breast cancer, novel plots, under age pregnancy, geekery, radio shows, the art industry, and so on. When you come back around to tell me more that you forgot earlier that has nothing to do with books, the odds are that I'm not interested – no matter how much I'm smiling politely.

And I would appreciate it when you stop asking "have you read it?" I work at a bookstore, so I obviously have free time oozing from my nose. Not to mention that I'm a student as well as another job. Have I read that new Nora Roberts that came out three days ago? Hell no! Will I recommend it to you? Probably! Just buy the freaking book, already.

**Confessions of a Camp Counsellor**  
Every year students search out that perfect summer job, and this summer I found mine. A camp counsellor at a camp nestled in the Rocky Mountains of Alberta. When I accepted the job I had no idea what an adventure I was in for.

There was the co-coun-

sellor that made my life miserable... There is always that person you don't want to work with, or you don't get along with, that is a fact of life. But dealing with them 24 hours a day for 10 days straight in addition to a dozen campers can certainly wear on a person's nerves. The politics of the job were too much. My bosses seemed to be under the impression people work best when constantly being torn down. Instead of getting positive feedback they only really spoke to me if I was doing something wrong. There was such a hierarchy, employee wise, and as a counsellor you are definitely at the bottom of the pile.

By the end of August I was burnt out. Working 10 days straight, 24 hours a day, sharing your bedroom, which also serves as the main room, with 3 other counsellors and 12 campers, personal space becomes something to daydream about.

## MENTAL ILLNESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Fergus Dearden

Since this is mental health week, I felt that I could pass on some of my knowledge as an entrepreneur living with a mental illness, or as I like to call it "Living with a gift".

In 2006 I was diagnosed with Cyclothymic Disorder, about 6 months after my father had died. It is a very mild form of Bi Polar Disorder. A lot of people are diagnosed early in their teens, but there are some that have a metal illness and don't even know it. Take a good look at your facebook friends list; you will find 1 in 5 of those people have some form of mental illness. It is not their fault that they have it; some are genetic diseases, others environmental. However, being what society defines as mentally ill can be a source of great strength. I remember reading an entrepreneur's poem from an apple commercial a few years ago in one of my management classes, (it's called "Here's to the crazy ones"). Part of the poem reads "people who think they are crazy enough to change the world are the ones who do". At the time, I didn't quite fully understand what it meant, but now I do. Beethoven is given reference in the poem by "how can you hear a song that has never been written". This man went deaf and what few know is that he had a mood disorder and suffered from depression. This is where I call mental illness a gift, but

a gift that comes with a price.

Drawing on my own personal experiences, being an entrepreneur and having a "gift" is one of the greatest things I am thankful for in my life. I am thankful for being able to see the world from a different perspective from everyone else, to have the drive and ambition in business that propels me to new heights and experiences, and to be more creative than the average individual. However this gift in my life has also come with a price. For instance, the drive and ambition has driven people out of my life that I really did care about. I guess it is because people are afraid of what they don't understand. Things like interpersonal and intimate relationships are incredibly hard to pursue because of the way our emotions can be.

There are lots of things that you can do if you are living with a "gift" to learn to control the complications of it. For instance having support with friends, family, doctors and even drop in centers like Laing House ([www.lainghouse.org](http://www.lainghouse.org)) can help you deal with the emotional rollercoaster ride that comes with the complications of your gift. Some of the things that I do are stick to a diet rich in omega 3 and antioxidants, make sure I get 8 hours of sleep starting at a set time each night. I stay away from alcohol and drugs, and exercise and

attend martial arts classes for emotional control. If I find I am having a bad day I will go for a walk to a place that I have designated to be a time out and I won't come back until I have calmed down. These are just some of the things that you can do to control the price that you pay, however these things will vary from person to person. Come up with your own ways of balancing your life so that you can deal with the complications of your gift. Remember that you can change your life by taking responsibility for how you feel. In this way you can live a healthy balanced life and create a solid business empire.



## CNET NET WORKS SANSA VIEW REVIEW

Kimberley Dares

So since I switched from CDs to MP3's about three years ago I have owned nothing but SanDisk MP3 players. And over the past three years I have owned four different versions of SanDisk MP3 players ranging from awesome to awful.

I bought the extended warranty so when it breaks I can get it replaced, which has paid off about four times already. Last year I upgraded from my simple 512 MB to a flashy Sansa E200 8 GB with a color display and all kinds of special features. Once I figured out how to use it I loved it, so needless to say I was heartbroken when it broke this summer.

When I took it back to get replaced I ended up with the upgraded version, the Sansa View. Lighter than the original, but also much larger and not as aesthetically pleasing I must say it was a bit of a disappointment. The disappointment continued when I got home and discovered it does not work with my laptop. After a lengthy phone call to tech support (which luckily a much more tech savvy friend of mine made) I learned the trick to making it work with my laptop, which is far too complicated to explain. Let's just say you need at least 2 people to hold all the buttons down. So with that figured out I was all set to start rocking out to some fabulous music when the battery (which is claimed to last for days) died. It lasts for about five hours, no matter how long it charges for.

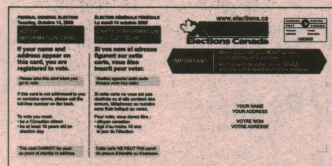
Needless to say it's time for a replacement. If you are looking for a new MP3 player I recommend you leave the Sansa View on the shelf and pick up the iPod you really want.

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## SPORTS

BASKETBALL CROSS COUNTRY FEILD HOCKEY FOOTBALL HOCKEY RUGBY SOCCER TRACK &amp; FEILD VOLLEY BALL



## Asshole of the Week!

Seth McFarlane

Bird Bird Bird, The bird is the word. Has everybody heard that the bird is the word?

Thank's for getting that song stuck in everyones head jackass  
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.

## Feild Hockey Team Still Undefeated

Laura MacNeil

With a 1-0 win over the UNB Reds on their home turf, the Saint Mary's Women's Field Hockey team held onto their undefeated title which they hope to maintain in their final, upcoming tournament in PEI on Oct. 16th-17. So far this season the team has had

eight games, zero goals against and qualified for the OUA finals in Toronto later this month! In 2003, the team went on to CIS and won the bronze medal in strokes (the equivalent to a 'shoot out' in hockey), and has been the only female team at Saint Mary's to reach the CIS. According to Wikipedia, "Field

hockey is a team sport in which players attempt to score goals by hitting the ball across the pitch with a stick." You cannot touch the ball with the back of your stick, let the ball touch your feet, and you are not permitted to score unless you shoot from inside the circle (looks like the 3-point line in basketball). However the

dynamics and positioning of the game are much more similar to soccer than ice hockey. With just as many rookies as seniors, this season is definitely a year of rebuilding for the Huskies. However with such strong rookies, not only is the team dominating play this season, but they should have a fairly solid

team in years to come.

If you are interested in learning more about the rules of field hockey, or how you can get involved, please visit the Field Hockey Canada Website at [www.fieldhockey.ca](http://www.fieldhockey.ca), or the Field Hockey Nova Scotia website at [www.fieldhockey.ns.ca](http://www.fieldhockey.ns.ca)!

## Women's Basketball Preview

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Women's Basketball at Saint Mary's has undergone some major changes since the end of the 2007-2008 season. Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association (ACAA) Coach of the Year, Scott Monroe, was named Head Coach in July 2008 bringing with him a sizeable and experienced coaching staff.

Recently graduated Saint Mary's point guard Marc Ross will be an asset for the Women's Basketball program this year. In his first season as an assistant coach, Ross will be using his substantial playing experience to mentor a squad of young guards. During his career at SMU, Ross made three CIS appearances, and led the Huskies to an AUS championship in his final season. Ross is looking to stay involved in basketball and welcomes the opportunity he has been provided.

Ross, a self-described Husky, would like nothing more than to remain at Saint Mary's. Long-time friend of Coach Monroe, Ross believes he is fortunate to be starting his coaching career in the CIS: "Most coaches start in high schools and this was a good opportunity for me at the CIS level". Eventually, Ross would like to coach a men's basketball program in the CIS. In fact, upon the retirement of his former coach, Ross Quackenbush, Ross would love the

opportunity to become SMU's Men's Basketball coach.

Monro is highly accomplished in his own right. The nine-time Nova Scotia Women's Provincial team coach has been coaching for 14 years, five of which he spent as the head coach for the female Blue Devils of the University of King's College. A lifelong fan of Saint Mary's basketball, Coach Monroe is "looking forward to coaching at the best school in the country"; an opportunity he has described on many occasions as his "dream job".

Assistant coach Mike Wall will bring intensity onto the floor this year. Known for his enthusiastic commentary in practice, Wall will look to challenge SMU's posts to perform outside their respective comfort zones. Wall is familiar with his role as an assistant coach, having coached at the University of King's College for the past 6 years with both the Men's and Women's Basketball programs. Wall also had an impressive playing career, during which he won AUS championships with Cape Breton University, and Dalhousie University.

Rounding out the coaching staff this season will be Jad Crnogorac. Jad is a SMU alumnus, who was an all-star standout during her basketball career at Saint Mary's. Jad is also currently the part owner and Vice President of Community/Player

Relations for the Halifax Rainmen. The Huskies will benefit from Jad's playing experience, and her keen observations will help this year's young team develop quickly.

Although many have discounted the Huskies' 2008-2009 season as a rebuilding year, Monroe has made it clear that he has not come to lose. As one might expect, Monroe has introduced new offensive and defensive strategies. These new strategies have not only changed the Huskies' mental game, they have also seen the 2008-2009 Huskies change a lifetime of practiced on-court vocabulary! With only five returning players this year, the Huskies are looking to develop their program around a smaller-than-usual team core. This adjustment is made easier with some help from three experienced transfers, and a group of talented rookies.

The HUSKIES will be hitting the hardwood for the first time this season on Friday, October 10th at 6 pm at The Tower, taking on the visiting University of Saskatchewan Huskies. Drop your textbooks, stop your studying, and watch us WIN!

## HUSKIES AT HOME THIS WEEK

Women's Rugby  
St FX vs SMU  
Wednesday, October 8th  
HUSKY STADIUM 6pm

Women's Basketball  
USASK at SMU  
Friday, October 10th  
THE TOWER 6:00pm

Football Action  
Montreal vs SMU  
Saturday, October 11th  
HUSKY STADIUM 5pm

Men's Hockey  
SMU vs DAL  
Saturday, October 11th  
DAL MEMORIAL ARENA 7pm