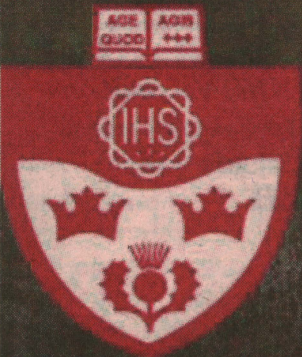


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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

### Think First, Act Later

JEFF CUSACK  
Editor-In-Chief

Originally this week's space was going to be used to talk about the extra-curricular activities that are available to take part in on campus, particularly the fascinating lectures that people can attend; due to recent events, I've decided to take things in a different direction. Recently, although this is by no means a recent phenomenon, I have noticed that people don't think enough. We live in a rapidly changing world, and rather than question it or form opinions based on facts, too many of us jump to conclusions, and those conclusions can be dangerous and irresponsible.

There are non-thinkers in every facet of society, from the meek to powerful. Take a look at politicians, for example Colchester County municipal councillor Mike Cooper. Recently Councillor Mike called for every single coyote in Nova Scotia to be hunted down and killed. This call comes on the heels of the death of a folk singer in the Cape Breton Highlands. According to Mike, if we don't kill the 'coyotes soon, more deaths will

follow. What's Mike's evidence for this drastic claim? He's been getting worried phone calls. Call me liberal, but I personally don't think that worried phone calls are justification for wiping an entire species off of our province. It sounds to me like Mike has been reading too much Stephen King fan fiction.

What makes Mike's statements worse is that it appears that he has not done any research on the issue, and this is where the true dangers of an uncritical mind come in. When I first heard Mike's claim it took me all of two minutes to find out that the killing in Cape Breton was only the second recorded North American killing by coyotes in recorded history (injuries from coyotes are extremely rare as well.) The previous killing took place in Glendale (California) in 1981 (two deaths in almost 30 years, on opposite sides of the continent... what a menace.) Despite this readily available data, Councillor Mike went ahead and made an extremely dangerous comment. Coyotes have been around for decades now, and suddenly eliminating them from our ecosystem could have serious consequences, not considering the questio-

### Calling All Football Fans.

MATT ANDERSON  
SMUSA President

The empty red bench is now a grave for the rowdiest SMU football fans. We are on the eve of the biggest games of the season, the rivalry between SMU and St.FX has been renewed and there is a possibility of the traitor Erik Glavic returning to Huskies Stadium in different colors with the Calgary Dinos.

Pit Crew members are the most loyal and dedicated fans, who celebrate the tradition of SMU football team, a team that has given so much back to our campus. This year pit crew turnout has been dismal, but there is still hope.

The reader must be asking, what is Pit Crew, formerly known as the dog pound? They are the proudest of the proud football fans on campus, they celebrate the victories of the Huskies and savour the defeat of their opponents. How do they celebrate? Showing respect for their effort after each SMU touchdown members run 100 yards and slide down the hill, where we've left our mark on that hill for generations to come. Not only are they loyal to the football team, but they are loyal to each other, sharing a bond that cannot be duplicated. For those eight glorious weeks of first semester we worship at every game like it was our last.

Pit Crew, started as a floor in Loyola and only came out for big or televised games and slide down the hill for touchdowns. Then members decided to go to every game as part of the spirit society Maroon & White and then it developed into Big Al's Pit Crew in the summer of 1997 in honour of Alexander Keith. Traditions were borrowed from the Dog Pound but members attended all games and made it open to everyone to show their Husky pride. Members are described as individuals with a great sense of school spirit and a drive for adventure. Current Pit Crew members attend

every football game even away games including the Vanier Cup.

Prior to the slaying of the Laval Rouge et Or at the now famous Uteck bowl members created a lifesize voodoo doll of a Laval player and before the game tore it apart, punting it's head, ripping off its arms and the voodoo magic seemed to work as SMU both metaphorically and psychically defeated Laval 27-2.

Members gather before every game to anticipate battle. In victory the members rejoice in celebration.

The concern does not lie with the team but with the lack of the rowdiest fans that this campus has ever seen; Those in jumpsuits, yelling and sliding down the hill after each of the Huskies touchdowns.

This is a call to fellow Santamarians to pick up a pair of blue overalls, show up to Huskies stadium November 4th and send a message to those wannabe X-Men (or Acadia, although it is not likely) that this is 'Our House'. I feel our football team has done so much to support our campus, and we need the rowdiest fans to give them support during the crucial point in the season.

In addition to getting to show Huskies pride there is also a high probability of being on TV and making your mom proud.

There is no joining fee and no meetings; the only cost is the overalls that can be purchased at Army Navy Surplus at 2660 Agricola Street. If you are strapped for cash old clothes that you don't mind destroying would also work. Just be sure they will stay up when sliding.

This is a call to fellow Santamarians to show up this Saturday at 1pm at the Student Centre to purchase the armour needed to defend the Huskies Pride and Joy.

Proudly yours,  
Matt Anderson

Image of the Pit Crew Members can be seen on Pg 12 of the Sports Section.

nable morality of committing an unjustified mass animal slaughter. Even the victim's mother called for the coyotes to be spared. Mike's comment is dangerous because he isn't the only person who makes snap judgments without thinking. People all over the province will hear what he has to say and accept it without question. Part of the reason for this is that the media hosts a great number of non-thinking individuals.

The modern media is not burdened with the problem of putting too much analysis in their stories. Despite the fact that Mike's statements have several factual holes, they are presented by the media without any comment or context. This is not to say that as media it is our job to police what others

say, but placing relevant information nearby would allow consumers of media to get a broader, more informative view of the picture. This is why, in an age when thousands of media outlets are delivering information to SMU students, it is important to always take a critical eye. Just because the media is delivering information does not mean that they are delivering the right information. Of course, that goes for me too. This article is just my opinion, and although a lot of thought went into it, it is by no means definitive. I'd like it if you agreed with me, but I'd like it a lot more if you thought about what it is I've said here and then drew your own conclusions (preferably, conclusions that agreed with me!)

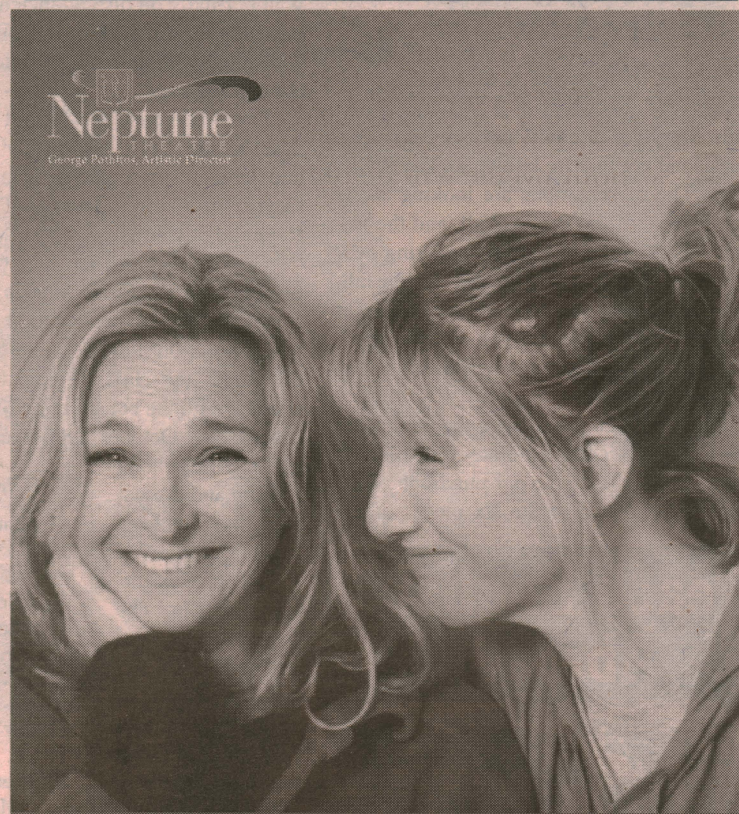
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## Do You Want the H1N1 Vaccine?

KIMBERLEY DARES  
News Editor

Now that the H1N1 vaccine is in the province it is time to decide whether to get the shot or not. To allow for educated decision making here are some facts about the vaccine.

Nova Scotia ordered enough vaccines for everyone in the province who wishes to be vaccinated and it will be given free of charge. Supply issues have impacted the availability as not all doses ordered have arrived yet. This means that those in high risk groups received the vaccine first. The vaccine is given as a one dosage injection in the arm.

The vaccine is not approved for people with allergies or hypersensitivity to eggs, or severe allergies to other elements of the vaccine. Individuals with high fever, or people who have previously become ill with Gullian Barre syndrome within eight weeks of being given the regular flu vaccine should not be vaccinated.

Reactions to the vaccine are similar to other vaccine reactions. Side effects can include swelling or tenderness at the injection site, fever, aches, or feeling fatigued. More serious reactions to the vaccine are rare but to be safe people are recommended to stay at the vaccination clinic for at least fifteen minutes following the injection.

Questions have been raised about the safety of the vaccine, but the Nova Scotia Department of Health assures it is safe. Health Canada as well as manufacturers test

vaccines thoroughly, Health Canada then reviews the results, as well as those from other countries before approving them for widespread usage.

The vaccine contains a small amount of mercury, although Health Canada has said it is not enough to cause complications.

After receiving the vaccine it will take roughly 10 days for immunity to develop. The vaccine will provide protection from the current strain of H1N1. For those who have already been sick with H1N1 this year being vaccinated is not necessary, provided it was confirmed by a nasal swab. If a nasal swab was not done, there is a chance it was not H1N1, but another virus and vaccination would therefore still be suggested.

The H1N1 vaccine can be given at the

same time as the seasonal flu vaccine if one wishes to receive both. The seasonal vaccine protects against three strains of the common flu. The seasonal flu vaccine is free only to those in identified risk groups but can be requested by individuals not in a risk group. In addition to the H1N1 vaccine, hand washing and sanitizing is still highly recommended to prevent illness. Avoid sharing drinks, toothbrushes, eating utensils or makeup as this could quickly transmit illness. If you have chosen not to be vaccinated or

have yet to receive the vaccine and suspect you have H1N1 quarantine yourself until symptoms subside. If questions arise, the NS Department of Health has set up a telephone service for 24 hour advice, just dial 811. If symptoms worsen or persist, make a trip to the doctor or a walk-in clinic.

Testing is not necessary for H1N1 and there is little that can be done to treat it. H1N1 is caused by a virus rendering antibiotics useless, although in severe cases antiviral medication can be prescribed. The symptoms resemble that of the seasonal flu, unusual fatigue, muscle or joint aches, fever, cough, headache or sore throat.

Self quarantine is of particular importance to prevent the illness from spreading throughout the Saint Mary's population. Students are required to let professors know about illness, but no longer require a doctor's note to excuse missed classes.

There will be a vaccination clinic held this Saturday November 7th on campus in Loyola 290 beginning at 8:30am and running until 2:30pm. A clinic is also being held in downtown Halifax at the World Trade and Convention Centre Thursday November 5th. If these are not convenient times check the NS Department of Health website for clinic times or contact the Student Health Centre, or a doctor to make an appointment to receive the vaccine. Be aware, the Student Health Centre was given a limited supply of the vaccine so an off campus clinic would be better.

Getting vaccinated is a personal decision. Living in close quarters, working with the public, and attending classes can put you at risk for contracting illnesses including H1N1. Five days of quarantine can result in a lot of missed class and work, but in the end deciding to get the vaccination or not is something to determine individually.

**Getting Vaccinated  
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8:30-2:30 Loyola Conference  
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## Saint Mary's Hosts Berlin Wall Conference

KIMBERLEY DARES  
News Editor

Saint Mary's University has launched a two week long conference known as The Wall's Echo. The presentations are looking at the significance of the Berlin Wall, and the impact it had on the lives of those living near it before, during and after the Wall's fall. Although the events have already begun it is not too late to attend if you are interested, presentations and lectures will continue until November 9th.

It has been 20 years since the wall came down and to commemorate this historic event, in addition to the presentations, SMU has borrowed two of the six pieces of the

wall normally on display in Truro. They are currently in the parking lot outside of the McNally building to help provide context to the conference.

The Conference was kicked off on Monday October 26th, with a Gala Reception and keynote presentation from Mr. Klaus Geyer, the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany.

On October 27th Dr. Kirrly Freeman, a professor in the Saint Mary's History department, gave a presentation providing a background on how Germany moved from life under the Nazi Regime to a divided country with the construction of the wall.

Wednesday October 28th was a literary event with a book reading and discussion by Stephens Malone, author of 'I Still Have a Suitcase in Berlin.' The novel is described on the Writers Federation of Nova Scotia website as a "powerful, moving story about the way ordinary people slip naively into horror, and how in times of moral chaos, disgrace might be the only place a man of conscience can live with himself." It looks at the life of a man in Berlin throughout the Second World War and into the Post War Period. The event was chaired by Dr. Alexander MacLeod, Professor in the English Department at Saint Mary's.

On October 29th there was a roundtable discussion between individuals who lived in Germany or the former Soviet Union during the fall of the Berlin Wall. Also discussed were the differences between life 20 years ago in Germany and life in Canada now. Members of the panel included Steffen Käufer, who grew up in former East Germany and was 17 during the revolution and fall of the Berlin Wall; he describes Canada as his

third home country with East Germany and United Germany in the top two spots. Also on the panel was Michael Sommerfeld who grew up in East Germany but then moved when he was 21 to the other side of the Wall and lived in West Germany until 1997 when he moved to Canada. Michael's wife, Katrin Sommerfeld was also part of the panel as she was born and raised in West Germany and immigrated to Canada in 1997.

Saint Mary's Professor of Japanese Language and Culture, Alexandre Avdulov also participated in the discussion as he was born and raised in Moscow Russia. Another SMU Faculty Member was on the panel, Katrin Jacob, currently a Professor of German who was working as a student teacher in Halle when the Berlin Wall fell.

The film Die Wölfe(The Wolves) will be shown in three parts beginning on Tuesday November 3rd. If you picked this issue up on Wednesday November 4th or Thursday November 5th, you can still check out the second and third instalment of the film starting at 7pm in the McNally Main Theatre Auditorium. The film was first shown on German television

in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The final event will be held on Monday November 9th, the actual date of the 20th anniversary of the Wall's fall. The Conference will wrap up with a keynote discussion, entitled "Living with the past: A unified Germany 20 years after the collapse of the Wall?" presented by Dr. Oliver Schmidtke.

A poster exhibit, The Berlin Wall: From the Peaceful Revolution to Germany Unity, is also being displayed nightly, also the SMU bookstore is hosting a book exhibit and sale.

**Want to Go?**  
The 2nd and 3rd segments of the film Die Wölfe(The Wolves) be shown Wednesday & Thursday November 4th, and 5th.  
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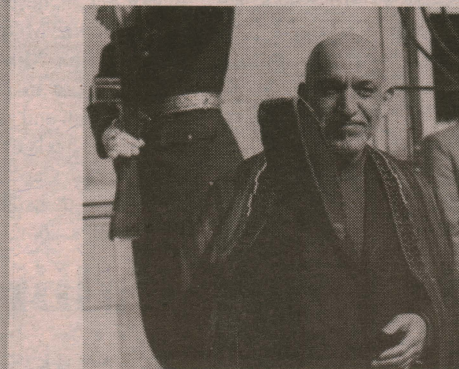
## The Olympic Torch Relay has Begun



The beginning of the Olympic Torch relay this past weekend is a welcome reminder of the upcoming 2010 Winter games in Vancouver.

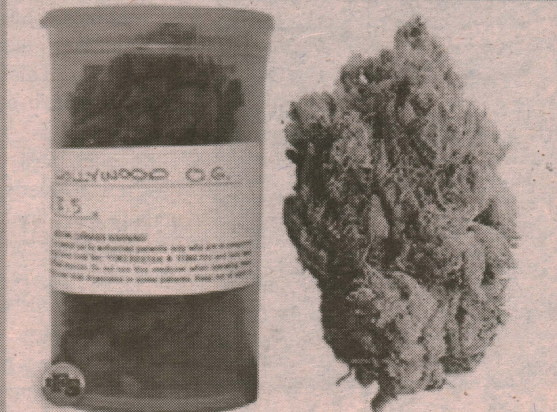
The years of preparation are about to pay off as the torch makes its way across the country over the next 106 days. The relay began Friday October 30th in Victoria BC carried first by two former Canadian Olympic Gold medalists, Catriona Le May Doan and Simon Whitfield. The cross Canada relay will be the longest relay in a single country covering 45,000 kilometres.

## Candidate Withdraws Cancelling Afghan Election Runoff



After the controversial Presidential election in Afghanistan this past August thousands of ballots were thrown out as the validity of the ballots came into question. A runoff election had been scheduled for November 7th. Candidate, Abdullah Abdullah who ran in the summer election withdrew from the runoff election as he suspected it would be as fraud-filled as the first. Abdullah spoke publicly about the election process questioning whether the election commission could be impartial as it was hired by fellow candidate and current Afghan President Hamid Karzai. Abdullah's withdrawal led to Hamid Karzai being officially named the winner of the summer election and cemented his seat in office.

## Government Demands Payments for Medical Marijuana



Starting November 30th Health Canada will begin demanding money upfront from patients using government supplied medical marijuana. Over 4,600 Canadians use marijuana for medicinal reasons, but up until now they were able to defer payment, a system which has led to a debt of 1.2 million in unpaid fees. Only about 1000 of medical marijuana users get their supply from the government, most get permits to grow it themselves or have someone grow it for them. Medicinal marijuana is not covered by provincial pharmacare programs, but costs are deductible as medical claims for income tax purposes.

## Halloween Night Swarming on Inglis Street

Around 9:30pm on Halloween 2 twenty-five year old men walking on Inglis Street were swarmed by a group of 6 to 7 teenage boys. The two men were pushed to the ground and then kicked and punched repeatedly. One of the victims was also pepper sprayed. The group then ran off, paramedics were called but neither man required further medical attention.

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# Renting an Apartment? Know Your Rights

**KIMBERLEY DARES**  
News Editor

Renting an apartment is an exciting prospect in theory, but once it becomes a reality, dealing with an un-cooperative roommate or landlord can take the fun out of it.

Roommate issues can often be easily solved. If chores are a problem suggest a chore chart so everyone gets a turn at every chore. If there are enough of you, an extra incentive can be giving one person the week off so everyone has that to look forward to. If late night/early morning noise making is the problem try talking to them about it; it may be something they are unaware of. Living with others can be a challenge so communication and compromise is crucial. Try not to let the small stuff become an issue. Have open discussions about any major problems.

For issues with the landlord or condition of the apartment consulting the Nova Scotia Tenants Rights Guide can be helpful. To help answer some questions that may have come up since September here is a brief look at

some of the major issues facing student tenants and what can be done to help amend the problems.

When you toured the apartment before signing the lease it may have seemed like a great place with no glaring flaws. If after living in it for a few months you have started to notice problems that require fixing it is important to know what responsibilities fall on the landlord and what fall on you as the tenant.

Landlords are required to keep rental units in safe, habitable condition and follow Nova Scotia health and housing laws; they are not however, required to repair damage done by tenants or their guests. If there is damage that your landlord has refused to repair or has put off time and time again an HRM by-law enforcer can be called to inspect it and then order the landlord to complete any necessary repairs.

Sub-letting may seem like an easy way out of a lease should you not require the rental property for as long as the lease requires, but if getting a sub-letter is something you plan to do there are a few things to keep in mind. First of all, the definition of

sub-letting implies that you will be returning to the apartment at some point and therefore you are still primarily responsible for damages. If the rent does not get paid it can be up to you to cover it. If you don't plan to return you can assign the apartment to someone else through your landlord; that is, they would officially take over your lease.

It is important to note however that a landlord cannot deny you the right to sublet, although they do have a say in who you select. If you select someone who is and has been unemployed for some length of time they can refuse to allow them to move in, but they cannot refuse to allow it based on more superficial circumstances such as they are young or have children.

To protect yourself from unwanted charges it can be a good idea to have the sub-letter sign a lease or provide money to cover the damage deposit. This may detour them from causing damage or not paying rent and if it does not you will have formal documentation to take to the Residential Tenancies Board. It is also important to know that the maximum amount a person can be charged by their land-

lord for subletting is \$25.

If you signed a year length lease and plan to stay only for the one year you are required to give your landlord notice at least three months before the anniversary date of your lease. That is, if you signed a lease for September 1st to August 31st you would have to let the landlord know you do not want to renew near the end of May. It is of great importance that this is done because unless it was a fixed term lease it will automatically be renewed when it reaches the end of the term, leaving you on the hook for another 12 months of rent. The same however is true for landlords; if they are terminating the lease they have to give tenants at least 3 months notice on a yearly lease.

Landlords can evict tenants for non-payment of the rent, although it is illegal to provide notice of eviction until 30 days (on a yearly lease) have passed without rent being paid. After

that 15 days notice is required before tenants must move out. For bad or unsafe behaviour however the warning periods are less relaxed. If you are behaving in an unsafe or destructive manner you can be evicted anytime pending a hearing with Residential Tenancies.

When the lease ends the damage deposit should be returned to tenants. It cannot be kept due to basic wear and tear in the apartment as that damage is to be expected. The deposit can only be withheld if there are unpaid rent charges or serious damages. If it is not returned at the end of your lease you must file a complaint with Residential Tenancies to have it returned with interest.

If Nova Scotia is not your home province it may be particularly helpful to brush up on your tenants rights as they vary from province to province.



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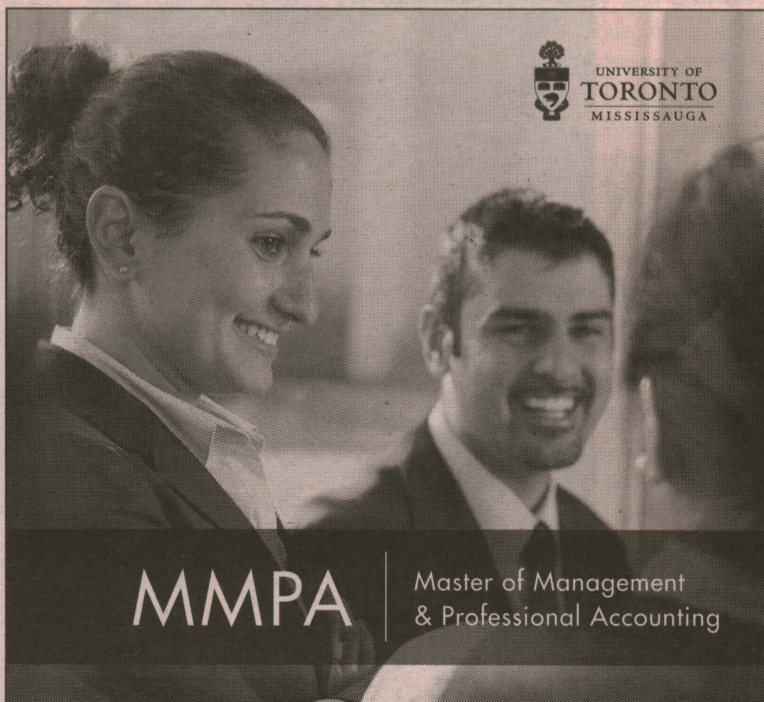


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## Video Game Special Editions: How Much is Too Much?

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Have you seen some of the special editions some games release with these days?

It seems like every big AAA release these days has to have some crazy expensive special edition. Often these limited versions come with things like a bonus disc or a figurine or something. But some just go balls-out crazy. Take Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2, for example. It's releasing with no less than three versions: your typical \$70 game release; a \$100 "Hardened Edition" which comes with the game, manual, art book, and special code with which to download the first Call of Duty game, all packaged in a steel book case; and a \$170 "Prestige Edition," which come with everything included in the Hardened edition, plus a set of fully-functioning night-vision goggles. Let me repeat that: a special edition of a video game that comes with FULLY-FUNCTIONAL NIGHT-VISION GOGGLES. This just seems like it could go very wrong very quickly. Some people just should not own a pair of night-vision goggles.

Still, Modern Warfare 2 is without

a doubt one of the biggest, if not the biggest, releases of this holiday season, so they could probably get away with it. On the other hand, the same could be said for Halo 3. For the year or two following its release, store stock rooms were still littered with its most expensive edition, the "Legendary" edition, packaged in quite a large box including a replica helmet of the game's lead character. Before long these were offered at very low prices just to get them off the shelves. It leads one to wonder if the same will happen with these night-vision goggles.

To be fair, these are extreme examples. Other special editions sometimes come with a prop from the game, like the absolutely superb Batman: Arkham Asylum, which comes with a life-sized plastic replica of a Batarang. Had these been actual metal Batarangs, I'm sure there would be a few lawsuits by now. Still, it came in an oversized box, which is awkward to keep in storage. Activision's latest game in their "Hero" franchise, DJ Hero, also has a special edition. An already large and ungainly box, the "Renegade Edition" comes with a higher-quality version of the DJ table controller, a case for said controller that converts into a table, and an exclusive album featuring music

of rappers Eminem and Jay-Z. It also costs \$220. I predict this will rapidly decrease in price. Expect a pretty decent sale on Boxing Day.

Retailers are actually getting a little fed up with these large boxes, including music rhythm bundles like Rock Band and Guitar Hero. Stock rooms are quickly being filled to the brim, making them store these things in the store itself, often leaving the store feeling cramped and messy. Other big title special editions coming up

include Assassin's Creed 2's "Master Assassin's Edition," which includes a figure of the game's protagonist, an art book and bonus DVD, much like the first Assassin's Creed in 2007.

I don't mind paying another \$10-\$20 for something worthwhile, like a bonus DVD and exclusive in-game items. Usually these editions don't involve a specially-sized box, and don't take up any more space on a shelf, pleasing many. Fable II is a good example. An extra \$10 more

nets you a bonus DVD and exclusive in-game dungeon and items. 2004's Doom 3 included a steel book case, exclusive making-of videos, and the first two Doom games, all for another \$10 (if I remember correctly). That, I believe, is perfectly reasonable. \$170 for a game is just too much. Why do game publishers suddenly feel the need to outdo each other with their major releases? Who knows, but don't expect this trend to die down anytime soon, despite the economy's state.

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## Digital Distribution vs. Physical Media

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More and more these days it seems like I'm the only person on the planet who prefers to buy a compact disc for my music. I like having a tangible object, booklets with liner notes, and something I can easily pop into my stereo in my car without having to burn my own CD. Sure, there's definitely advantages to downloading music from online stores like iTunes, and it's definitely where media is going, but I, for one, like having a material thing to show for my money. Today we're going to take a look at the pros and cons of a digital distribution model vs. those of physical media.

Digital distribution is definitely the way of the future. Take the gaming world, for example: the latest iteration of Sony's PlayStation Portable, the recently-launched PSP Go, does not feature the traditional slot to insert UMD's (the media format used for the PSP); it relies solely on Sony's online store. Every console and handheld console of the current generation (Sony's PlayStation 3 and PSP, Microsoft's Xbox 360, and Nintendo's Wii and DSi) has an online store with which to purchase specifically-designed downloadable games, or digitally distributed versions of retail games.

A digital distribution model is attractive to the consumer, given its convenience and relatively lower prices of music. When listening to an online

radio service like Last.fm or Pandora, it's much easier to purchase and download an album by an artist you just heard than it is to drive out to a retail outlet. Downloading media is more of an impulse buy for consumers. If you have a craving for something, one can now simply download that song, game, movie, or book they've kind of wanted for a while now but couldn't be bothered to make a trip to the mall for. When you're looking for something new to play, is it not easier to browse through a series of games from your couch through your console of choice than to drive out to Blockbuster and rent something? Hell, while we're at it, isn't it easier to switch songs on an iPod than it is to switch out CD's? Of course another advantage of distributing online would be in favour of indie music artists, who can put their songs online for a more widespread audience. On top of that, should they start charging for said music, the artist will net more profit from each song sale than if it were sold on a CD.

The obvious and literal limitation of a downloadable model is storage. This is more of an issue on consoles when downloading games than it is on computers, but an issue nonetheless. Much of the modern world still does not have high-speed internet access nor the bandwidth to handle downloading large files, rendering downloading movies or games not viable options. Even if one does have a high-speed connection, some of these games can be quite large, and would still take upwards or several hours to download. At that point, it may have just been easier

to go out and buy it. In a digitally-distributed world you can forget about used media sales, too. The days of second-hand music, movie, and game stores are close to being numbered.

Newspapers are also being affected by the growing popularity of online news sites and blogs. Every year more and more print newspapers are shutting down, no longer financially sustainable in a world where people turn to the internet for their information.

Given the way that an online marketing model is taking over the market, brick-and-mortar stores are feeling the impact most of all. What will happen to stores like GameStop and HMV when all media goes mainly digital? Analyst Ben Schachter predicts that GameStop won't start feeling the impact of digital distribution for about another eight years, citing consumers' attribution of value to physical media and the disappointing sales of the first downloadable expansion for Grand Theft Auto IV, one of the most famous and popular video game franchises on the market. Still, given that a large percentage of GameStop's revenue comes from used games sales, what will happen to the retail giant in ten years' time? Will they exist solely for console and peripheral sales? Unlikely.

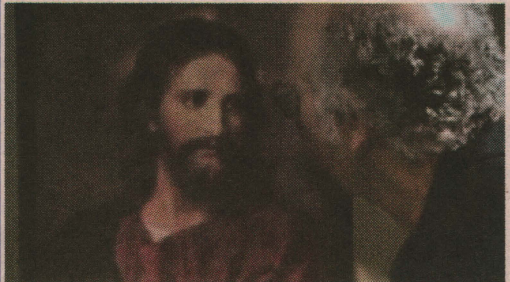
Both digital distribution and physical media have their merits and drawbacks, and, for the time being, the choice is still up to the consumer. However, the future is clear; how long will it be before the CD, DVD, or Blu-Ray become a thing of the past?

## BITE SIZE ENTERTAINMENT

### Family Guy Finds New Sponsor for Variety Show

So a while back, Microsoft decided they wanted to sponsor an episode of Family Guy, to promote their new operating system, Windows 7. Last week they finally got to view the episode, and promptly pulled their sponsorship. Microsoft claimed that some of the episode's content "did not fit" with the company's image, citing instances of "riffs on deaf people, the Holocaust, feminine hygiene and incest", leaving one to wonder if the Microsoft execs behind this sponsorship deal had ever seen an episode of Family Guy. The episode is not actually a traditional Family Guy episode; named "Family Guy Presents: Seth & Alex's Almost Live Comedy Show", the episode is more of a variety show starring the show's creator, Seth MacFarlane, and the voice of Lois, Alex Borstein. Fox announced this weekend that Warner Bros. has since picked up the sponsorship contract for the episode to promote their upcoming film, "Sherlock Holmes."

### Catholic League vs. Curb Your Enthusiasm



Comedian/writer/actor Larry David has found himself the subject of controversy with the Catholic League after an episode of his show, "Curb Your Enthusiasm," featured a drop of urine landing on a picture of Jesus. In the episode, Larry is urinating into a toilet with such force that a drop splashes up and lands directly under Jesus' eye on a picture hanging on the wall. The owner of the home mistook the drop of urine to be a tear, believing the event to be a miracle. While many found this to be a hilarious event typical of the show's sense of humour, the Catholic League did not find it so funny. The League has since written up a statement addressed to HBO. HBO had the following response: "Anyone who follows Curb Your Enthusiasm knows that the show is full of parody and satire. Larry David makes fun of everyone, most especially himself. The humour is always playful and certainly never malicious." In the statement, the Catholic League writes, "Was Larry David always this crude? Would he think it comedic if someone urinated on a picture of his mother?" Knowing Larry David's style of comedy, he probably would.

### Hulk Hogan Returns to the Ring

2009 marks the 25th anniversary of Hulk Hogan's first World Wrestling Federation championship win. It also marks the release of his book, "My Life Outside the Ring," launched last week. The book goes into intimate detail about his personal life, including his reaction to his messy divorce. Apparently he contemplated suicide, and in fact, was about to commit the act before a friend called him and talked some sense into him. On the same day that his book launched last week, the 56 year-old wrestler/reality show star announced his return to professional wrestling. Last Wednesday he signed a contract with Total Nonstop Action Wrestling. Hogan's last major wrestling match was back in 2006, and since then he has seen the cancellation of his reality TV show, "Hogan Knows Best," his son arrested after a car accident, and a messy divorce from his wife, Linda.



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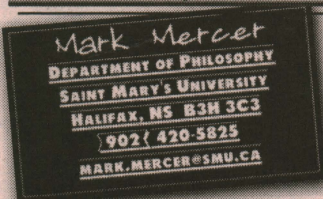
# FEATURES

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Features Editor



## The CRANKY Professor

THE JOURNAL, THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER AT SAINT MARY'S



### Two conceptions of university teaching

Anthony Weston, a philosopher of education at Elon University, in North Carolina, observes that while most people in their thirties and older think psychological egoism is false, most undergraduates think it is true, even obviously true.

Psychological egoism is the thesis that whatever a person does, that person does it out of concern for herself. The thesis implies that no one digs a neighbour's car out of a snow bank in order to help the neighbour; one does it, rather, to gain the neighbour's good will or to enjoy the warm glow one feels when one helps another.

Prof. Weston adds that since today's undergraduates will one day be in their thirties, likely enough they will one day lose their belief that psychological egoism is true. Nonetheless, he notes, right now no number of counter-examples and no amount of critical argument can cause them to doubt their belief. That undergraduates understand the counter-examples and the critical arguments is clear, for they report them accurately on their tests and can discuss them intelligently. But they remain convinced that egoism is true.

The fact that sound argument leaves undergraduates unmoved suggests to Prof. Weston that philosophy professors are wrong to try to disabuse their students of their false belief. They should, instead, try to help their students outgrow their belief that egoism is true.

According to Prof. Weston, we go through stages in our beliefs and other attitudes, from less rich and connected to richer and better connected. The purpose of university teaching, he maintains, is to help students make the transition from the lower stages to the higher, and to ensure that the transition is complete and lasting. University teaching, by helping bring students to higher stages, helps students become better people—though, perhaps, only by helping them to find and inhabit the better person already within.

We should note that Weston's conception of the purpose of university teaching is actually just the same as the conception that underlies the practice he rejects, the practice in which professors use convincing arguments in order to instil in their students true beliefs and correct attitudes. Weston is just as keen as anyone that students come to believe the true and to value the good. He just thinks professors should take a longer view of their task, and that university teaching would be more effective were professors to supplement their use of

argument with other, more nurturing techniques.

Both Weston and those he criticises, that is, hold that the purpose of university teaching is to help students develop into their full personhood. Now indeed this is probably the majority view among those who write about universities and university teaching. Take, for instance, a recent article in *Teaching and Learning*, a publication here at Saint Mary's. Margaret-Anne Bennett, the Director of the Centre for Academic & Instructional Development, proposes that professors be concerned to help their students develop not only their intellectual and academic competence, but also their multicultural awareness, their cultural and sexual identities, and their civic responsibility. Ms Bennett is herself simply reporting from a well-received book on student success. Certainly this all sounds noble and bright. Yet it is, clearly, to recommend that university professors take up the task of engineering human souls. But what business is it of we professors what stage of maturity our students are at, or what false or childish or confused beliefs they have? Isn't what he or she believes, as well as the matter why she believes it, each individual student's private business?

Another conception of university teaching has it that the professor's concern is with the intellectual and academic competence of her students, and with nothing other than that. On this view, the professor has done well in the classroom when she has brought her charges to an understanding of the topic at hand. To teach psychological egoism, for instance, is to bring one's students to an understanding of the thesis, of the arguments for and against it, of objections to the arguments, and so on. And on this view the professor has done well generally when she has imparted to her students the skills of thinking circumspectly, rigorously, and, above all, dispassionately about the subject matter before them.

It is no concern of the professor whether her students continue to accept some false doctrine or not. On the contrary, once they understand the topic at hand and are able to think dispassionately about it, she's done. More, it is no concern of hers even whether her students actually become dispassionate thinkers, that is, whether they acquire a commitment to think dispassionately. That they are able to think dispassionately is her only goal. It's up to them whether they embrace or reject the skill they've acquired. I favour the conception of university teaching according to which the professor is to impart understanding and intellectual skill and to leave the rest alone. But I wouldn't have Anthony Weston, Margaret-Anne Bennett, or others change their ways, except, of course, in light of their free acceptance of argument and example. I would, though, have professors and students alike become aware of the two conceptions, and appreciate the strong differences between them.

## October Recap

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Features Editor

Each month the Journal produces at least 4 weekly papers on issues pertaining to Saint Mary's University, Halifax and even the world. During October we witnessed many new things and discussed many different issues pertaining to us as students.

Students started off the month looking over their shoulder as they walked home due to the fact that there was a stalker terrorizing hapless ladies in the South End area. This simply goes to show the extent that people take to receive a little human interaction. Fortunately there have been no reports of anyone being harmed. Students are asked to make sure they take the necessary precautions and to stay safe by locking doors and traveling in pairs at night. Safety is a serious matter that not only applies to walking home from the brand new SMU Atrium from a good night of studying but also when practicing good hygiene.

October was also the month of the dreaded swine flu hysteria. If you haven't completely caught up by now on the current state, then you should start washing your hands three or four times a day. Practicing good hygiene by washing hands and cell phones frequently decreases the risk of catching the H1N1 influenza. Not only has there been a recent outbreak of swine flu on campus but we now are fortunate to finally have the vaccine

issued. However, if you haven't received the vaccine as of yet, it may not be because the media has lead you to believe that the vaccine makes you walk backward but because presently there is only a limited supply at hand. The best form of protection against virus is also a healthy immune system.

Keeping the body healthy and maintaining a steady diet can improve our immune system preventing future contaminations. The cafeteria has a brand new set up with a brightly light modern dining hall that feels more like a buffet style restaurant than a school cafeteria. However, students now have to use a buffet style meal plan that instead of the older plan where you paid for each meal individually. This change allows for students to receive a larger variety of foods such as pasta and even vegetarian dishes. Even though the prices per entry are kind of steep, it makes sure that students aren't malnourished and a healthy appetite supports the waistline. I'm pretty sure if anybody appreciates the all you can eat style of the cafeteria, it's going to be the Husky football team. A complete meal is what gives all of our athletes the energy needed to represent our university and instill that Husky pride in all students.

October was a big month for our sports teams, with each department producing great results. Most of the attention went to the football team however, when they beat St. FX in a huge game a few weeks ago. The cold weather that night seemed to drive

both teams but possibly because of the home field advantage (and skills of course); the Huskies came out on top!

Halifax's art scene exploded last month. Halloween allowed for Haligonians to express their inward child and dress up in their most extreme fantasy. The past weekend costume stores made a huge profit with deranged serial killers and fairies running wild all over down town Barrington Street. One of my fellow editors even made a comprehensive list of the top zombie thrillers. If you didn't go out to actually rent any of the movies it's a good chance you caught one or two on television. Halloween seems to be a scheduled date of the year when people go out and enjoy themselves; even the SMU pub had its huge attendance of spooky characters. My building supervisor reported approximately four parties in my building that Saturday night, I feel his pain. The big event that weekend however was in support of Halifax's own DJ Skratz Bastid this past weekend at the Cunard Centre, who performed with DJ Jazzy Jeff. Its obvious October was an interesting month this year; unfortunately for us October babies (me included) all good things come to an end. Now we can look forward to see what new and interesting things November holds for us.

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## Richmond

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A note: The following article discusses rape. It may be upsetting to some people.

On October 24th, a 15-year-old girl in Richmond, California was gang raped after leaving her high school homecoming dance. A group of men, minors and adults, called her over and she started drinking with them. The news reports say ten men participated in the rape, and at least a dozen more watched, for over two hours. No one called the police. The authorities didn't learn about the crime until someone was overheard 'reminiscing' about it. Since then, six suspects are now in custody.

There are some psychological theories about why bystanders don't call the police, but those theories are more applicable to people who hear a crime being committed and think: 'someone else will call.' Maybe the attackers, including the ones who just stood the-

re, were wondering: 'when is someone going to put a stop to this?', but the fact that someone bragged about it afterwards leads me to believe that they were complicit in the assault. I probably should be surprised, but I'm not. One of the most chilling things I ever heard was a study that revealed that about 30 percent of college-aged men would commit rape under certain circumstances. After hearing about the girl in Richmond, I checked the literature— that 30 percent statistic is still true.

I'm not arguing that all men would commit rape if they could get away with it. But, there is something in this culture, sometimes it is so insidious that it appears automatic and natural, that says: women are objects. If you look closely, you can see it everywhere. I see it in the way men will call you a bitch when you won't acquiesce to them. I see it in the way men will subtly direct their wives/girlfriends' movements. I see it in the way men take up space on the bus, or invade your space when you're

waiting in line. All of these examples seem annoying, but they fall on the banal end of the male domination and privilege continuum, rape and murder being on the extreme end.

When we add stereotypes about female sexuality to the male domination continuum, we get the 'she was asking for it/she was careless' excuses. These excuses play on the myth that all women are either frigid or insatiable. The girl in California will be accused of asking for it. She didn't have to go over to them when they called her, did she? And she didn't have to start drinking with them, either. It is no accident that so many women stay silent after an assault, but as the great Audre Lorde said: your silence will not protect you. There are people you can talk to. The SMU Women's Centre can refer women to the appropriate resources. But men need to recognize the ways in which they benefit from sexism, and are hurt by it as well. Check out [www.mencanstoprape.org](http://www.mencanstoprape.org) for more information.

## What's your Big Idea?

ALEX CLARKE  
Features Editor

What exactly are your plans? Are you considering working for "The Man" after you graduate? Or wouldn't it be better to become your own boss? If you're a student who has studied marketing then you know that being an entrepreneur calls for an ambitious leader who isn't scared to take risks. They are able to combine land, labor, and capital to often create and market new goods or services. However, entrepreneurship is often difficult and tricky, resulting in many new ventures failing.

The reason for this article was that I found myself at a standstill with a current business plan and decided to contact the Saint Mary's University Entrepreneurship Centre for some assistance. The centre is there to provide student entrepreneurs with resources as well as a professional atmosphere to grow their own businesses. Fortunately, the staff is

well prepared for any situation and before we even got started, they placed a complete guide on how to prepare a business plan in front of me. Mr. Goran Radisic has been stationed at the centre for about two years and also is a commerce alumnus of Saint Mary's University. During our discussion he im-

pressed me with his managerial skills and proved to me why he was the project manager of the centre. I realized that through the centre it is possible to strengthen relationships with suppliers, find new, less expensive and efficient ways to import products and source potential locations for my business.

The great thing about Saint Mary's University is that students here have the opportunity to increase their awareness of entrepreneurship in so many different ways. We are able to start or even expand our own businesses. The best thing about the services

at the Student Entrepreneurship Centre is that they are free to all SMU students. The Student Entrepreneurship Centre is a critical part of the Business Development Centre because it brings a particular expertise in these crucial times.

Around school you always hear students speak of a great business idea or plan that they have, however they never take the necessary steps to pursue these goals. It's all baby steps; the longer you wait, the longer it takes for your baby to get off the ground. If you have a simple idea but are unfamiliar on how to start, you can drop in and chat with the staff to receive free one-on-one counseling.

Education here at school allows us to receive the necessary foundation for us to be successful in life. The Entrepreneurship Centre however, can polish our natural talents by giving us a better understanding of how to set goals or teaching us the ins and outs of business communication and becoming a better presenter. The Student Entrepreneurship Centre also orga-

trepreneurial based society that is located on the 3rd floor of the McNally Main building and tackles a variety of projects. They also compete in several global events each year. This society is also in charge of the famed Trumped Competition, allowing students at SMU to gain hands on experience along with cash while competing with students from other universities in business related challenges. Who really doesn't want to kick some Dal butt right?

You can sign up for one of the workshops to learn more and they will provide you with a positive guideline to get you where you want to go. Think of the centre as a complete resource hub that helps in business coaching and can either assist with small or large business loans, licensing, and permits or simply point you in the right direction.

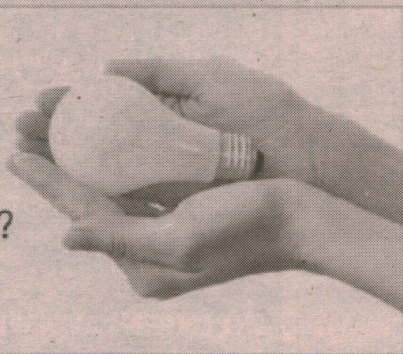
Along with the workshops, we can also take advantage of the networking opportunities offered. There is no substitute for building relationships and the centre brings students

together with faculty and experienced members of the business community for discussion and learning opportunities. It's possible to make fantastic connections, meet future employers, and gain good advice from small business financiers. Whether it's running a lemonade stand or a corporation, youth entrepreneurship can be key to engendering social change and must be encouraged.

If any students are interested in receiving more information about the entrepreneurial services, you can join the centre's Student Entrepreneurship Centre Facebook group for constant updates or simply send your email to [entrepreneurship@smu.ca](mailto:entrepreneurship@smu.ca) for monthly newsletters. You can also walk in for information at the Student Union Building, room 101, on the main floor near the service informational front desk, email at the organization at [entrepreneurship@smu.ca](mailto:entrepreneurship@smu.ca) or call 902-420-5026.

nizes workshops through other SMU societies on building better business relationship. For example they are currently working with the Saint Mary's Asian Society on a workshop to prepare individuals for how to approach companies and start networking. The workshops that are presented encompass a large range of business skills that can open up other career options, compared to simply living the monotonous life of a regular pay check. One of the societies that Mr. Radisic is very enthusiastic about is the SMU Students in Free Enterprise Society (SIFE). This society is an en-

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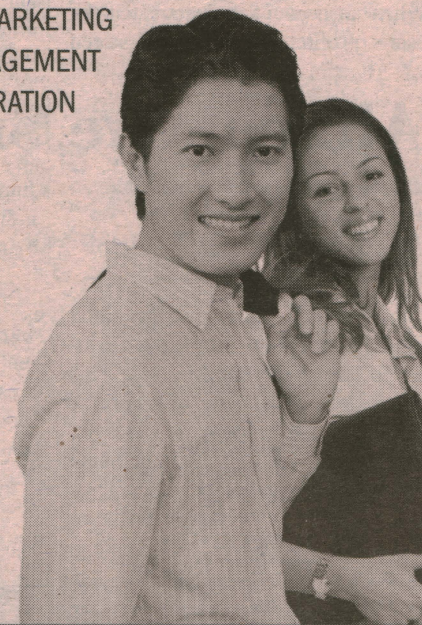


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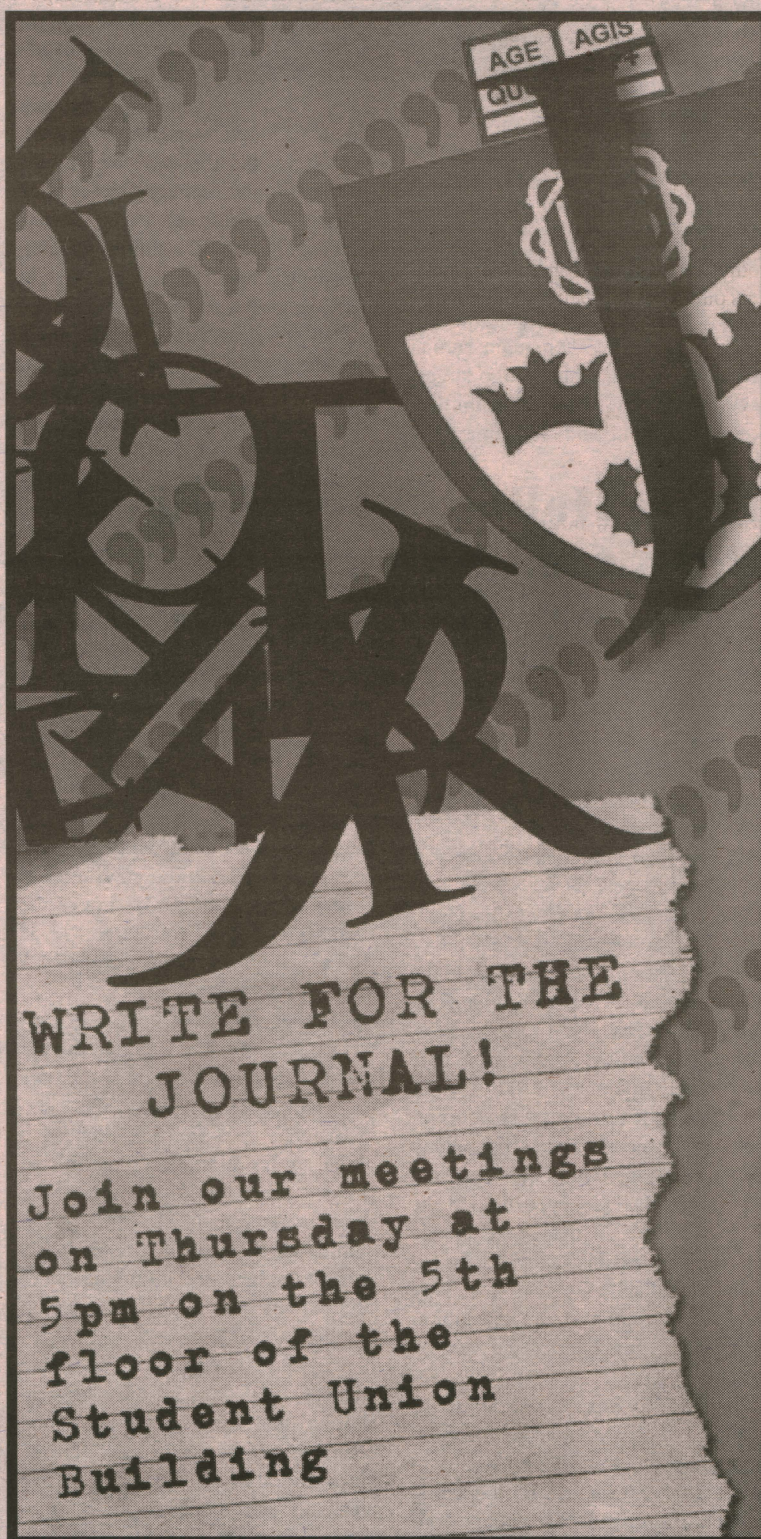
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# BUSINESS & SCIENCE

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## This is Why We Love Facebook

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Facebook has revised its privacy policy for users. The changes were based on recommendations by Canada's privacy commissioner. Facebook users get seven days to comment on the 5,000 word document. Facebook administrators have mentioned that they will not share user information without their consent. The distinction between deactivating an account and deleting one will be another focus. When an account is deactivated the user's profile is hidden, but stored

on the network servers. On the other hand, if the account is deleted the information can no longer be restored. Usually it takes 90 days to permanently delete the profile. Privacy Commissioner, Jennifer Stoddart also raised the issue regarding what happens when a user is deceased. The privacy policy allows the family and friends of the user to memorialize the account: it can only be seen by confirmed family and friends. They can share kind words and thoughts about the deceased. Facebook technology is advancing by the hour. Some guy or gal is probably in their bat cave right now thinking about a way enhance the livelihood of human nature.

## Alternative Smell

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The Jumping Spider uses the blood from its mosquito prey as a perfume to attract the opposite sex. This species of spider's use of nature as a mating call intrigue researchers. *Evarcha culicivora*, is the Latin name for the Jumping Spider which lives in East Africa and mainly feeds on mosquitoes. It uses

its prey almost as a harvesting station: it waits until the mosquitoes have fed on mammals then feeds on them for their blood. Fiona Cross of the University of Canterbury in



Christchurch in New Zealand found that the spiders which have eaten the blood-filled mosquitoes become very attractive. Weighing in at half of a centimeter and being able to jump at about 40 times their weight, it is evident as to where the Jumping Spider got its name. Their main habitat is Lake Victoria, which is the largest lake in Africa. This lake borders Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. The

Jumping Spider is the only animal to indirectly feed on the blood of other mammals.

To arrive at their conclusion, Cross and her team used blood from different resources: human blood, female mosquitoes who fed on mammal blood and male mosquitoes who fed on sweet flower nectar. Jumping spiders were tested on how long they spent congregated at a vent that blew the air supply of the spiders that fed on the different types of blood. The Jumping Spiders that ate the blood of the mosquitoes, who fed on the mammals' blood, were more attractive than the Jumping spiders that

fed on the blood from other resources. This is not the first case of animals using particular scents to attract other animals. European starlings and male fruit flies behave in a similar manner. Many perfume, shaving cream and chewing gum advertisements use the human smell as a mechanism to attract the opposite sex. It is interesting to see that although animals are not as smart as humans, we have similar behavior patterns.

## Party Halifax: Your Halifax Party Connection

JASON MACDONALD  
Sports Editor

A fellow Huskie has started up a new website which provides detailed information on the Halifax party scene well into the new year.

If ever you are stuck for plans or looking for a new way to spend your night off check out [www.partyhalifax.com](http://www.partyhalifax.com). The website provides detailed event listings for many bars in the downtown area including the Split Crow, Snau Bar, the Toothy Moose, Oasis, The Halifax Alehouse, Bubba Rays and many more.

The website also provides information about special events happening in Halifax, including concerts and shows, like David Copperfield at the Metro Centre. Also featured on the website are specials at select downtown establishments and a feature that allows users to create and submit their own events that can be seen by others.

The site has links to various sponsors and sites with lots of information and a function that allows users to search event listings for a specific event or filter results by type, i.e. con-

cert, drink specials etc.

The site has an overall sleek design with a simple black and red colour scheme and easily accessible buttons that link to clearly and logically laid out sub-menus. In addition to the website's calendar listing of events, PartyHalifax.com uses Twitter, Facebook, a Blackberry Messenger Group, RSS feed and a newsletter to keep followers abreast of any of the events they would like to follow as well as details on updates or changes to event line-ups.

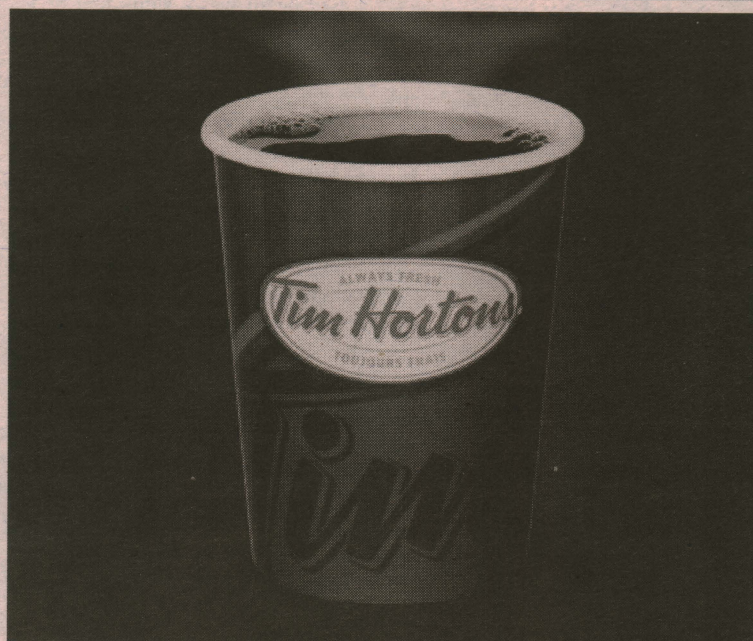
Another very cool feature of PartyHalifax.com is the way that the bar specials are presented. Clicking on a bar's icon does not link to that establishment's own website. Instead it brings up an in-window pop-up that presents all of the information in the same manner as a real life poster would, which keeps the user from having to navigate the individual websites trying to find the information that they are looking for.

PartyHalifax.com is an awesome website that brings all the events in Halifax that most university aged people would be interested in to one place and then uses every possible means to get the information out there to the masses.

## My Frequent Purchases of XL French Vanilla...

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... have contributed to Tim Horton's revenue increase of 10% in Manitoba, Quebec, and the Maritimes. Last week, Tim's had a high third quarter revenue. Overall earnings did fall, compared to last year's third quarter. The revenue derived from the franchised stores totaled 563.6 million, which is up by 10.7% from last year. Canadian stores contribute largely to the revenues of the company. The price of the medium and large coffees will increase to five and seven cents more respectively. This increase will take effect early in November.



Increased prices for coffee beans, a higher operational cost in some provinces mean Tim Horton's has had to increase prices. The company also had to pay high legal costs associated with converting the company to a Canadian legal entity because it was originally incorporated in Delaware. The company paid out \$23.1 million in legal costs, which cased profits to fall 22.3%. Tim Horton's had formerly been a subsidiary of the Wendy's fast-food company.

## Words From the ACE Society

STEPHEN SMITH  
Ace Society

Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE) SMU is largely comprised of people who are simultaneously university students and entrepreneurs, so our financial situations essentially force us to recognize the wonderful ramen goodness that is Mr. Noodles. We'd like to offer a suggestion for your next meal: While the water is boiling, crack an egg or two into the water and stir well. After the noodles are done, drain the water, add some cheese and ketchup, and enjoy your quick and easy ramen scrambled eggs!

An old saying goes, "Good things come to those who wait." Some of the keener folk at ACE SMU would proclaim that the only things left to those who wait are those things left behind by those who hurried. So strike a balance between the two, and visit your local supermarket late in the evening - the deli and bakery sections are sure to be rife with discounted merchandise that needs to either be sold by closing time or discarded. Sandwiches and bread are all to be had for a fraction of the original price. Stop by and pick up tomorrow's lunch, perhaps.



HEADLINES THAT MAKE YOU SAY... "WHAT, ARE YOU KIDDING ME?"

### SEIZING THE POWER

Hydro-Quebec is looking to purchase New Brunswick Power, Emera, and its subsidiary, Nova Scotia may be part of the deal as well. If this deal is successful, Hydro-Quebec will have a huge advantage on the supply of power to customers in the Atlantic Provinces as well as customers in the United States. The agreement will free NB Power of its \$4.75 billion dollar debt and offer Hydro Quebec more of the company's assets such as transmission lines, offices, and the Point Lepreau nuclear power plant.

The governments of Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia are opposed to this buy-out because it will give Hydro-Quebec a bittersweet monopoly that can hurt future developmental power here in the Maritimes. Bill Estabrooks, Nova Scotia's Energy Minister, is concerned about the negative effect the deal will have on Atlantic companies selling power to the United States. It is uncertain as to when New Brunswick will sign the deal, but the power rates will be frozen for its 370,000 residents for five years.

### TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

Russia is planning on building a nuclear-powered spaceship for missions to Mars and other planets. Anatoly Perminov proposed the idea at a government meeting, but did not indicate the reason for the idea. Maybe he's thinking of starting his own Air Planet airline company. The challenge of bringing this project into existence is attracting Perminov to the task. The government also thinks, it will also enhance the Russian technology sector and place them high on the world list of cutting edge technology. The design is set to be ready by 2012, but will take nine years to build. The projected budget for the spaceship is 17 billion rubles (\$628,320,000 CAD). This hefty price tag is not deterring the President of Russia, Dmitry Medvedev. He is 100% in agreement with the project and is

urging the government to find the money.

### TAKING HIGH DEFINITION TV TO ANOTHER LEVEL

Engineers are focusing their attention on the unique eyes of the Mantis Shrimp of the Great Barrier Reef in Australia in hopes of creating the future of optical digital media. The Mantis Shrimp has the most complex eyes of any creature ever discovered by man. This shrimp has 12 different eye cells for color perception, while humans only have three. The eyes of the Mantis Shrimp are able to move independently of each other. Each eye is able to see different depths as well. This shrimp can also detect polarized light. No other animal's eyes can do this. I'm looking forward to testing out this new technology. It sound very interesting and I'm sure it will hold lots of surprises.

### CAPE BRETON HAY-DAY

A hay farm owner in Dutch Brook, N.S. is offering a reward to anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of ninety-one bales of hay. The hay was stolen from his field in Frenchvale. It was not difficult for Robert Richards to notice that his hay was missing because there were only nine bales left. Each hay bale weighs 272 kilograms each.

Richards estimates that it took fifteen trucks to load all the hay at once. The field is isolated, so it would have been easy to see the perpetrators loading their trucks. By some miracle they removed the hay without being seen or caught by the farmer. With the level of thievery involved, Richards is convinced that someone knows something, but will not speak up. The hay is worth \$3,000. Richards is planning on buying more hay and/or selling cattle to compensate for the loss.

## SPORTS

JASON MACDONALD  
Sports Editor

## Volleyball Team Take Record to 2-0

JASON MACDONALD  
Sports Editor

The women's volleyball team was in action last Friday afternoon at The Tower and put on a good show for the 54 people who came out to watch them play. In the first home match of the season the women took on the Dalhousie Tigers. The Huskies finished in 3rd place last season and have consistently been in the top 3 since 2004-2005. The Tigers on the other hand have been losing ground in the past years and haven't had a top 5 finish since 2005-2006 when they were 2nd in the AUS, behind SMU.

The Huskies took the match 3 games to 1, leading each game and only giving up the lead in the second and fourth games. The 2nd game was the only game the women lost, they managed to regain the lead in the fourth and went on to defeat Dal 25-20.

Leading the scoring for the Hus-

kies was Elizabeth Couslich, a 3rd year player with 17 kills. Also at the top of the leader board was Allison Beaver with 14 kills and Bryanne Hogue with 11. Rookie player Justine Moore also managed to mark her place on the team, posting 10 points.

Women's volleyball is an extremely intense sport with players frequently laying out full-length on the court to keep balls in play and blocking balls above head height to keep the other team from scoring. Though the fan base is small they are a dedicated crew who cheer on these fantastic athletes both at home and away. More Santamarians should become a part of this following, cheering for football is great, but there are other successful teams at this university and they deserve as much recognition for their efforts as the football team.

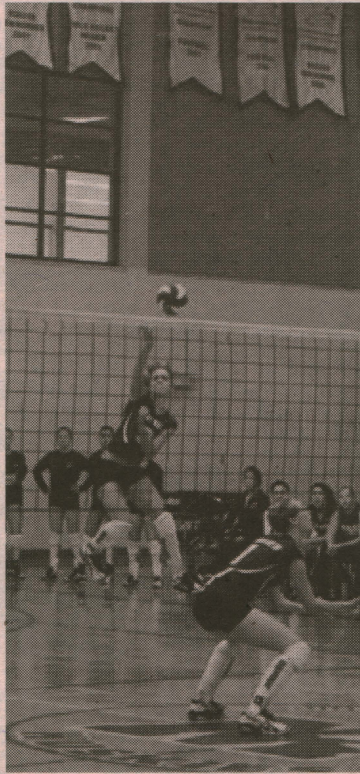


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## Huskies Football Maintain 1st Place in AUS.

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Sports Editor

Friday night marked the last home game of the 2009 season and through superior play the Huskies downed the Acadia Axemen 21-7 before a crowd of 1802 fans at Huskies Stadium.

Scoring was controlled by the Huskies the entire game, with Palardy leading scoring for the Huskies. Of the Huskies 21 points, 13 were scored by Palardy, he kicked four complete field goals and 1 PAT (conversion) kick. This game helped push Palardy into first place for the most points scored in a season in the AUS. He is only 2 field goals from the Nation-

Record in a season, and closer to the all-time CIS scoring record of 70.

Tristan Jones scored the Huskies only touch-down on a 2 yard run in early in the 2nd quarter. Another Huskies player who set a personal record during the game was Carl Hardwick who made his 100th reception.

Jack Creighton played an exceptional game in his 1st season as starting quarter-back. He completed 19 of 26 passes for 219 yards and only one pass was intercepted. Huskies 2nd string QB Mack Blewett also got some time on the field, throwing 4 passes, with 1 completion.

A clear mark of the Huskies dominance in the AUS is the offensive yards that they have posted: 3510 of-

fensive yards compared to 2323 yards from all opponents for the season.

The Huskies have this week off, a well earned rest, coming off a seven game winning streak; the Huskies will take on the winner of the AUS semi-final championship (played between St. FX and Acadia next weekend) at the Loney Bowl on November 14th at Huskies Stadium.

The CIS Semi-Final game will also be played at Huskies Stadium this year, it will feature a match-up between the AUS and Canada West conference leaders in a game to determine who will advance to the country's most prestigious university football game, the Vanier Cup, played at Universite de Laval November 28th.

## Cross-Country AUS Championships a Sprint to the Finish

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Sports Editor

The AUS Cross-Country Championships were hosted by SMU on Saturday and took place on a 2.5 km winding course laid out through the south end of Point Pleasant Park. Conditions were cool and breezy but that did not deter the runners from giving it their all, resulting in at least 2 runners having to be helped away from the finish line.

The first race to post was the women's 5 km, starting at 12 noon. The Overall Winner of the women's 5k event was Saint Mary's veteran runner Ashley Ryer, completing the race in 17:54. Ryer was 20 seconds ahead of Dal's Carline Schlosser and was the top finishing female Huskie. Other SMU runners were Denise Harrietha who finished in a time of 23:06, Lauren Keyes and Katie Myatt who finished in 27:00 and 27:27 respectively. St. FX topped the women's team standings with 25 points Dalhousie was a close 2nd with 32, the next closest was Memorial with 83 points.

The next race was highly anticipated and would determine the dominance of one team or another. The men's 10 km race began at 12:45 and right off

the starting gun there was a group of 5 clear leaders who maintained their lead through-out the race. At the head of that pack was 4th year Dal runner Russell Christie who lead the entire race and finished in first place in a time of 32:17, behind Christie were David Gerych, Petr Doubravsky, Lee McCarron, and Brent Addison, all from St. FX and rookie Dal runner Jason Wilson.

The top finishing SMU male was Brad Orchard, crossing the finish line in a time of 34:49 only 1:22 off the time of the lead pack. Other Huskies David Knowland, Tyson Churchill, Brad Palmer, Jeremy Chabot and Corwin Trotter finished towards the end of the field but were grouped together in a tight pack with less than 2 minutes separating Knowland from Trotter. Leading the Men's team standings was St. FX with 21 points, followed by Dalhousie with 36 and Memorial with 86, SMU rounded

out the standings with 100 points.

The next hurdle for these runners will be the CIS championships to be held at Queen's University in Kingston Ontario next weekend. We wish all the AUS runners good luck!

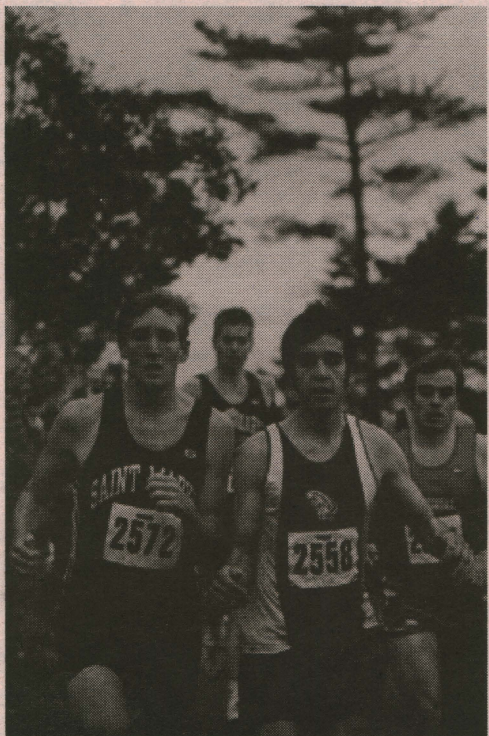


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SPORTS  
in a minute

**Women's Basketball;** The women's basketball team closed out their pre-season push with a win and a loss against NCAA teams University of Massachusetts-Lowell and Merrimack College this weekend. The women have a 5-2 pre-season record and look to push their wins further this weekend when they travel to CBU to take on the 2008-2009 AUS Champion Capers. The Capers have been in the top 3 since 2004-2005 and have won 3 conference titles since 2003-2004 (Memorial have won the other 3). The women's first home game takes place November 11th at 7pm when The Dalhousie Tigers come to visit.

**Men's Basketball;** The men's basketball team also finished up their pre-season play this weekend with a home series against York University, Royal Military College of Canada and St. FX, the 2008-2009 AUS champs. The men won two of the three games and actually beat the RMC Paladins by a margin of 48 points. This weekend marked the men's first win in exhibition play since their October 16th defeat of UNB. The men's regular season play kicks off November 6th / 7th with a trip to CBU to face the Capers, who have averaged 2nd place finishes in the last 5 seasons. The men look for great successes this season to help them win a 15th AUS title which will take them to the CIS championships in March.

**Men's Hockey;** The Huskies are currently 2nd in the AUS, 5th in the CIS rankings and were set to take on the UNB Varsity Reds on Halloween night but the game was postponed due to illness.

**Women's Hockey;** The women's hockey team is off to a blazing hot start this season, going 5-1 in their first 6 games the women have already almost matched their win record from last season. Coach Lisa Jordan must be pleased with the leaps and bounds that have been made by her team. The women currently lead the AUS and are followed by St. FX and Dalhousie in a tie for 3rd with Moncton, UPEI, and STU. The Huskies have 2 conference titles under their belts and in the last 5 years have been top two or three, with the exception of the 2008-2009 season where they finished 5th.

**Women's Rugby;** The tough as nails women's rugby team took on the St. FX X-Women for the 3rd time this season in the AUS championships on Saturday and were handed their 3rd loss at the hands of X. The X-Women walked away from Saturday's game as 12 time AUS champions, (the X-Women have won EVERY AUS championship banner for women's rugby). Despite losing this game the Huskies still had great success this season and with continued determination and grit may one day pry the AUS banner from the grip of St.FX.

**Women's Soccer;** The Huskies have been held out of the AUS championships for the only the second season since 2004. Under the new direction of Mark Sweetapple the Huskies went 4-7-2 which was just not quite enough to land them a play-off berth. We look forward to seeing the women's soccer team in action next fall. We wish you the best of luck until then ladies.



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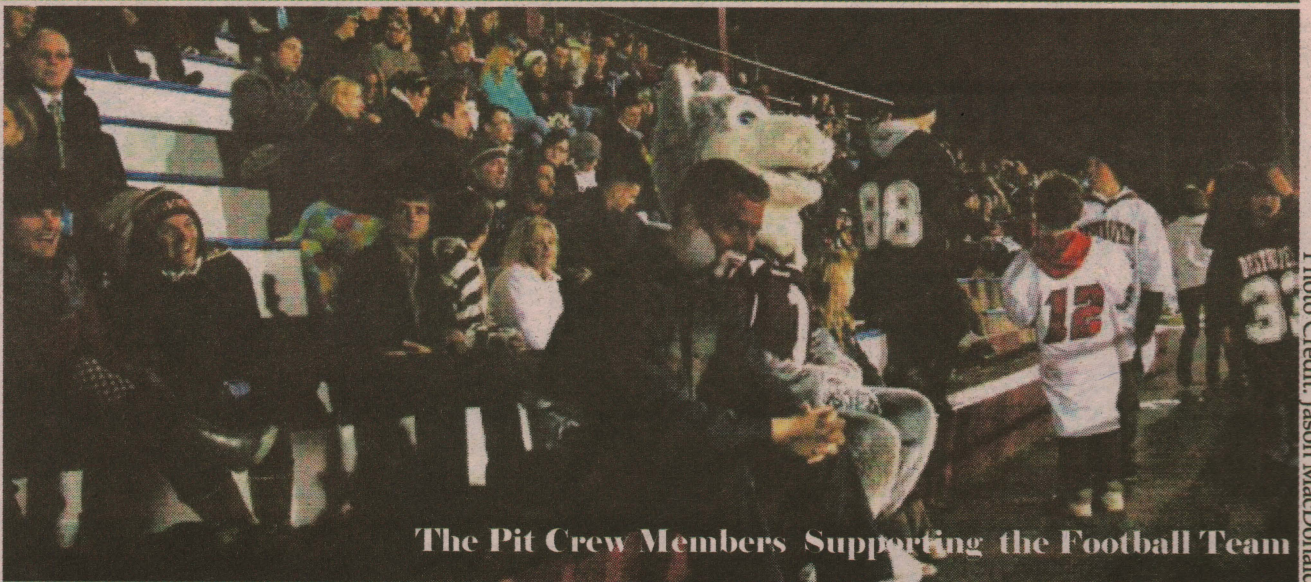


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To the customer who ordered a Large Meatball Sub at Quiznos on Saturday and thinks he can be a douche to me just because it took me two seconds longer to give him back his change. FOR GOD'S SAKE DON'T GIVE ME F\*\*\*ING ATTITUDE WHILE I'M TRYING MY BEST TO SERVE YOU! It wasn't even rush hour.

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