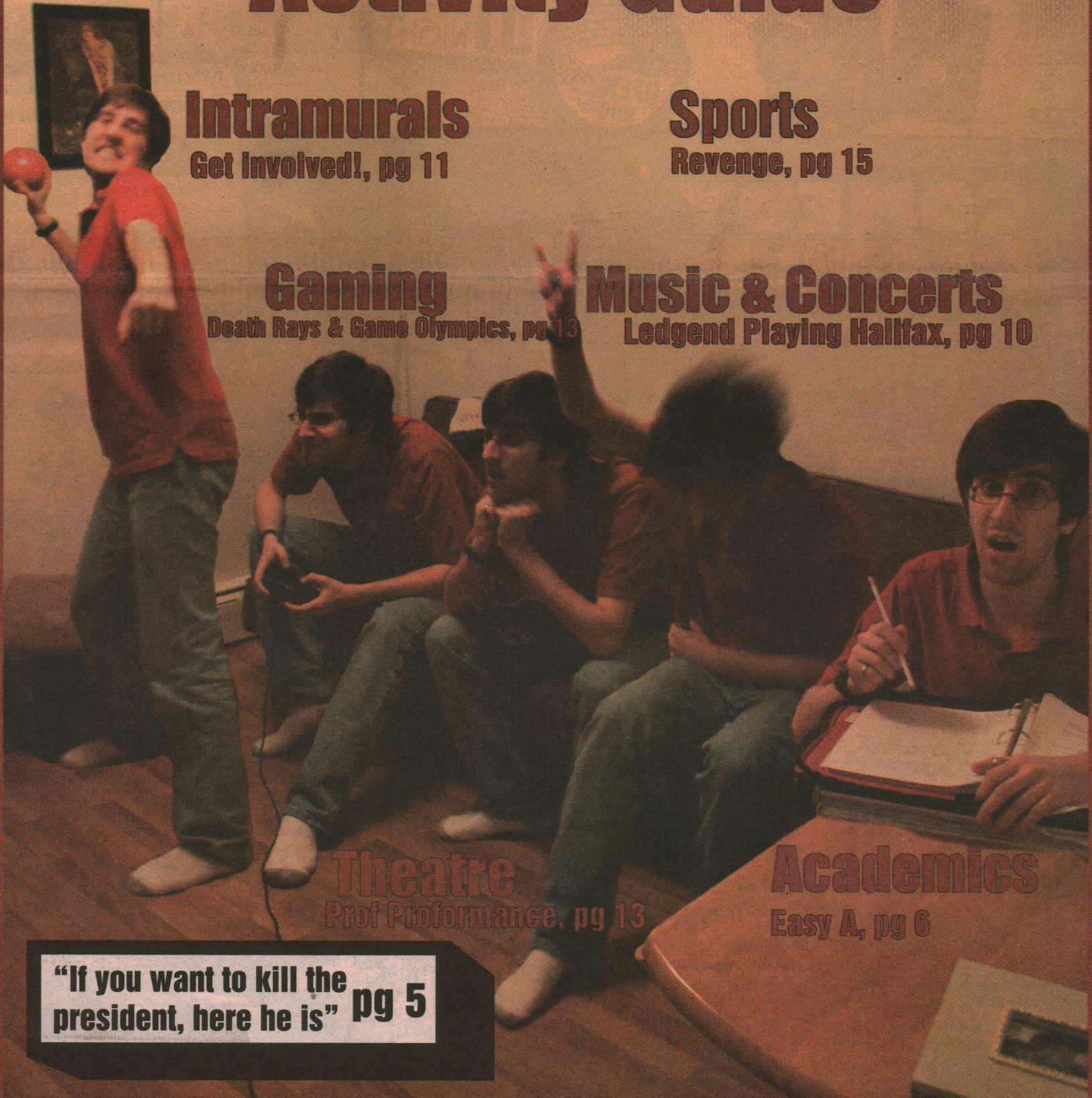




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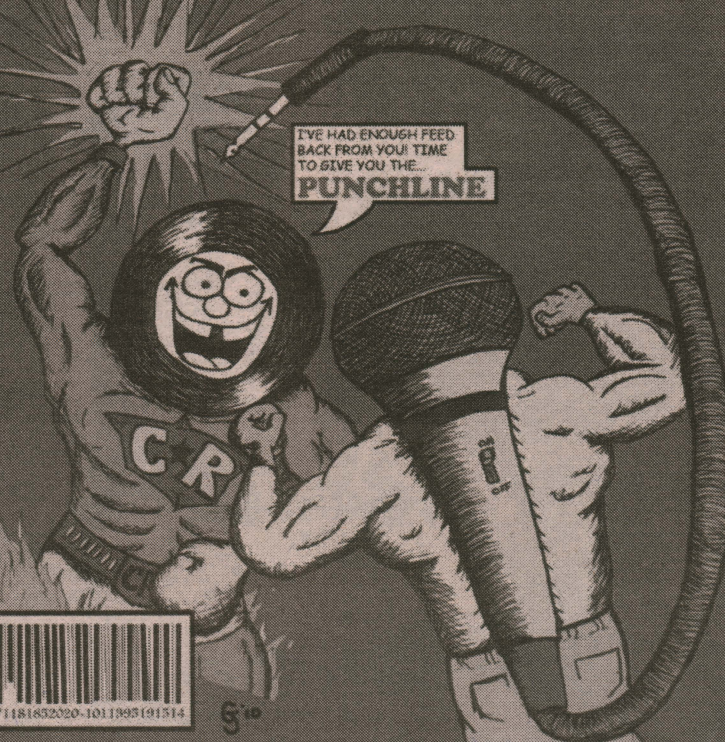
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Letter From The Editor

Dear readers,

As you can see in the soapbox, there has been feedback about one of my editors recent 'Student life' articles. I apologize about the delay in them appearing in print, it was in no way us here ignoring the feedback. The deadline for anything to make it into the paper is Friday. As such, submissions and comments we receive Saturday or later have to wait until the next issue.

The concern I heard was that Suvir was talking about underage drinking, being 17. To clarify, Suvir is from St. Maarten, where up until very recently the legal drinking age was 16. I apologize that the distinction wasn't made more clear.

Our footprint has expanded into the downtown core this year, and I am pleased to report that we already have response from our greater SMU community. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, even if you are not a student of St. Mary's.

Adam Faber,
 Editor-in-Chief

Green Tip of the Week

Whenever you're printing something, print on both sides of the paper. Many professors will accept papers or assignments printed like this, but check with them to make sure.

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SMU Soapbox

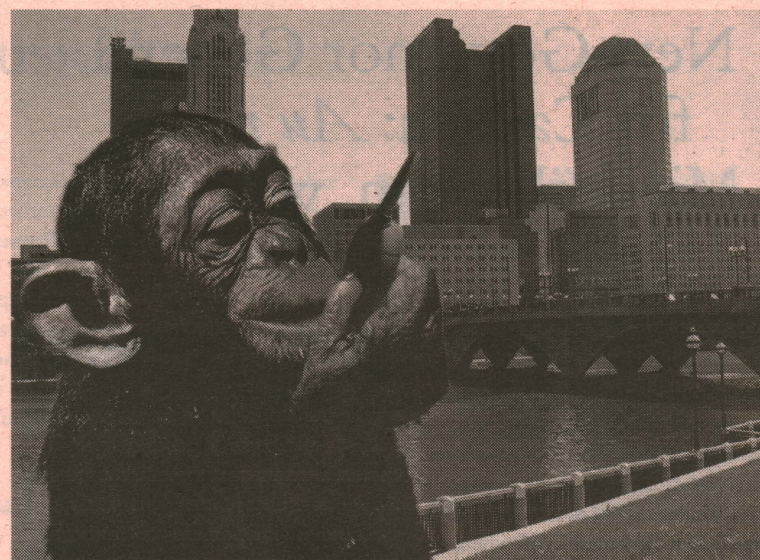
Call the SMU soapbox at 496-8201, and a monkey on a typewriter for an infinite amount of time will almost surely produce your rant.

Friday, September 24th, Snail Mail

Dear Mr Faber, my wife and I have lived here her for many years I am a graduate of SMU and we chose to live here because we enjoy the university atmosphere. One thing we could do without, however, is the litter that students (by and large) leave on the walk around our street. Food wrappers, paper pizza plates, plastic bottles, Ziploc bags, plastic bags, etc... I know it is not everyone, but I feel often students don't think that we are part of their neighborhood. Would they toss their litter on the football field on campus, etc.? Things get worse of Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday nights. Any thoughts?

Sunday, September 26th 10:46 PM

In response to Suvir's artice, I was offended at the way you portrayed a typical student. I don't think someone this immature should be offering advice about surviving university. If the Journal is your only outlet to



brag about your so-called social life, I feel sorry for you. I know the Journal is a little low on contributors but I wish they wouldn't resort to including a piece where the author is admitting underage drinking. Perhaps in Suvir's next installment he will smart enough to reveal is buyer of this alcohol. To the editors, watch what you include; this newspaper is delivered all over Halifax, don'cha know.

Sunday, September 26th 10:48 PM

Hi, this is in response your so called survival guide... besides being an obviously terrible example of

the community spirit in residence, Suvir fails to recognize the hard work of residence staff... and while this young, and I stress, YOUNG man would prefer alcoholism and superficial relationships, many people choose residence to expand their world view and create long-lasting bonds. It seems this article is really just a cry for attention, so perhaps Suvir should clean the beer bottles from his desk and get a life instead of Cirrhosis of the liver.

CASA was in town!!

Written by: Kerry O'Rourke

Students:

Hello and welcome from your SMUSA Board of Directors!

As the opportunity has presented itself we'd like to chat with you about a few things we've been doing lately.

Last Thursday CASA came to visit us from Ottawa. Don't know what CASA is? Let me explain!

CASA (Canadian Alliance of Student Associations) is a student oriented federal advocacy/policy & lobbying group. Essentially they seek to change those fine folks in Ottawa minds on a number of issues that are important to us as students. I'll give you an example. One of the things CASA does is to seek better repayment terms on our beloved Canada Student Loans (Don't remind me!). They don't always directly get any legislation changed but they do sneak into the minds of decision makers in Ottawa so as to improve student's lives, coast to coast.

Solely for your general knowledge, you should note, there are similar yet different groups on capital hill (Ottawa) trying to improve the lives of students too. By example to only name a few SMU & DAL are both member schools to CASA. THE MOUNT, however, pays their dues to

another group called CFS (Canadian federation of students). CASA only focuses on post-secondary education issues while CFA maintains a more broad scope of interests.

These kind of things always turn into a numbers game so as students lets study this one hard! As SMU students we pay \$65 a year each to SMUSA. Of that very same \$65, \$2.85 is sent to CASA. At a cost of \$1 we send CASA they've been able to provide a roughly \$2740 benefit to students. Quick math, that's over of savings \$5000 each! That's a total number

and the savings on things. We can continue to study up, though I want to keep this short!

Well that concludes last week another in the life of your elected officials (B.O.D)

Got questions/comments/concerns? We'd love to hear them! Rant rave and everything in between via The Journals Soapbox telephone line (902) - 496 - 8201 or you can easily get our contact information at SMUSA.ca



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The Journal: News

New Governor General for Canada: *Au revoir* Michaëlle Jean, welcome David Johnston.

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

October 1st marked the official installation of David Johnston as Canada's new Governor General. With much pomp and ceremony Canada's 28th Governor General was installed on Parliament Hill where he was greeted by Prime Minister Harper and his wife Laureen Harper.

The outgoing Governor General will be remembered for her role in the controversial prorogation of Parliament that kept the prime minister in power and saw the ill-fated coalition of his opponents dissolve nearly two years ago.

Michaëlle Jean will also be remembered for her warmth and charm.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff recently praised Jean for her ability to reach out to "men and women who just lost a loved one and make them feel that their government, their country cared about them. And I think anybody who saw her do that will never forget the quality of her compassion."

The new Governor General is widely regarded as an excellent choice, particularly from a political perspective. As an experience lawyer, David Johnston has been described as a down to earth intellectual who is very capable at bring people together.



Outgoing GG Michaëlle Jean

Yet, there are those that say Prime Minister Harper missed a golden opportunity to appoint Canada's first native governor general. Former national chief Phil Fontaine's name had been offered up as one who could have filled the position of Governor General.

Only time will tell if Canada's new Governor General is truly up to the rigors of the office which he now holds for the next five years.



New GG David Johnston

Doing Hard Time in Iranian Prison for.... Blogging

Written by: Shereen Marisol Meraji

Hossein Derakhshan will spend his 36th birthday in Iran's Evin Prison and possibly 19 more.

His crime: blogging.

Otherwise known by the Iranian government as, "propagating against the regime, propagation in favor of anti-revolutionary groups, insulting sanctities, and implementation and management of obscene web-sites." The Paris based organization "Reporters Without Borders" says the jail sentence given by an Iranian court this week is the longest ever imposed on a blogger in Iran.

Derakhshan blogged under the nickname Hoder and was referred to as "Blogfather," in the Persian language Web world. Derakhshan was born in Iran, but is a Canadian citizen. He started to blog in Farsi nearly a decade ago and encouraged Iranians to express themselves freely on the Web. He wrote a step-by-step guide to blogging in Farsi and inspired an online community of Iranians to speak out against the Islamic Republic.

But around 2006, Derakhshan became increasingly nationalistic in his writings, supporting President Mahmoud Ahmedinejad against threats from Washington. He blogged in support of Iran's right to a nuclear program and vehemently criticized the opposition movement he once championed. Derakhshan

moved back to Iran in 2008, but was arrested shortly after his return.

The arrest was puzzling considering Derakhshan's change of heart. Allegedly, Derakhshan was promised a safe entry into Iran by the Ministry of Intelligence and National Security, but then he was placed under arrest by the Revolutionary Guard. Some say Derakhshan is being used as a pawn in an internal battle for control, but because of the secrecy surrounding his case, this cannot be confirmed.

"The fact that he has this complicated story and made enemies out of former friends, surely doesn't help his situation," says Iranian-American journalist and blogger Cyrus Farivar. Farivar has been reporting on Derakhshan since his arrest in November 2008. "I mean if you look at the case of Maziar Bahari, Roxanna Saberi or more recently Sarah Shourd, these people who have been imprisoned in Iran, you had Secretary Clinton talking about Roxana Saberi, you had Newsweek fighting publicly for Maziar Bahari and people going to bat for these people. We haven't seen that with Hossein, so far."

Just yesterday, British Conservative Party politician David Lidington, who is a Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, made a YouTube appeal on behalf of Derakhshan.

But, this is a far cry from the

pressure Western leaders put on Iran to release freelance journalist, Roxana Saberi or Newsweek's Maziar Bahari.

Lidington's YouTube video has had just over 300 views.

"At the end of the day we're talking about words on a screen," says Farivar. "He didn't commit any violent crime; he didn't commit any serious offense. Anybody who believes in freedom of expression, especially on the Internet should support his case." Iran's Fars News Agency reported that Derakhshan can appeal the ruling.

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Legal Victory for Sex Trade Workers: Prostitution laws struck down

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

An Ontario court has thrown out key provisions of Canada's anti-prostitution laws in response to a constitutional challenge by a Toronto dominatrix and two prostitutes in 2009.

Ontario's Superior Court of Justice ruled Tuesday 28th that the Criminal Code provisions relating to prostitution contribute to the danger faced by sex-trade workers. The ruling effectively struck down laws against keeping a common bawdy house, communicating for the purposes of prostitution and living on the avails of the sex trade, arguing that these laws put sex workers in danger.

In her ruling, Justice Susan Himel said it now falls to Parliament to "fashion corrective action."

"It is my view that in the meantime these unconstitutional provisions

should be of no force and effect, particularly given the seriousness of the charter violations," Himel wrote.

"However, I also recognize that a consequence of this decision may be that unlicensed brothels may be operated, and in a way that may not be in the public interest", said judge Himel.

The Superior Court judgment is subject to a 30-day stay during which the law remains in place, and the federal government can seek an extension of the stay period.

This surprising ruling could potentially open up a very large can of worms in the form a heated public and legal debate about this and other related issues such as the decriminalization of marijuana.

Much has been said and written about the vast sums of money being spent by both Federal and Provincial

governments in the prosecution of sex trade workers and the users of so called soft drugs such as marijuana.

Some argue that legalizing, or rather decriminalizing, the sex trade (and marijuana) will lead to a breakdown of Canadian society and contribute to an increasing disregard for law and order. Supporters of decriminalization counter argue that despite several years of anti-prostitution and anti-drug campaigns costing multiple millions of dollars, both are more popular now than ever before.

Whatever your personal position or opinion on these controversial issues, one thing that we can all agree on is that Canada, as a nation, is being increasingly pushed to have an honest and open debate about not only its legal system, but more importantly is core values as a bilingual and multicultural nation in the 21st century.

What remains to be seen is just how progressive minded Canadians really are in the form of a national referendum vote on such matters. It would be interesting to find out what percentage of Canadians agree or agree with the decriminalization of both the sex trade and marijuana.

We here at the Journal certainly want to know your views and opinions on the matter. Send us an email at news.smu@gmail.com and let us know what you think.



The Journal: News

Ecuadorian Crisis Averted: Alleged attempted *coup d'état* ends with Military rescue

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

Ecuadorian President, Rafael Correa was rescued by Military troops on Thursday 30th from what he has described as a "perfectly coordinated conspiracy" to overthrow his administration. President Correa had been in a Hospital for several hours, where he alleges that members of the Nation Police Force were effectively holding him hostage.

This entire situation exploded when negotiations between President Correa and members of the Ecuadorian Police Force broke down. The police officers had begun protest action in response to proposed legislation that would reduce benefits such as bonus pay. Suddenly, and quite unexpectedly, the negotiations turned violent went protesting officers attacked President Correa with teargas and bottles of water.

A defiant President Correa is reported to have loosened his necktie and exposed his under shirt (possibly, to show that he was not wearing a bulletproof vest) and then said: "If you want to kill the president, here he is. Kill him, if you want to. Kill him if you are brave enough."

Military troops loyal to the president arrived at the hospital and rescued him Thursday evening. President Correa is reported to have said that there would be "a deep cleansing of the national police",



Ecuadorian Police protesting

and that he would "not forgive nor forget" what had happened.

Subsequently, the chief of the national police in Ecuador, Freddy Martinez, said Friday 1st that he was resigning effectively immediately.

Regional leaders (from Argentina, Peru, Chile, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Colombia) rushed to a conference in Buenos Aires where they issued a statement of support for Correa and condemned the actions of the rogue Ecuadorian police.

This latest outbreak of unrest in Ecuador is the most recent episode of a national history marked by violent sociopolitical unrest and instability.

In 1987, President Leon Febres Cordero was kidnapped and beaten

up by the army in protest at policies of privatization and public expenditure cuts. In 1997, President Abdala Bucaram, nicknamed "El Loco" ("the crazy one"), was declared mentally unfit to rule after a year in power.

In 2000, Jamil Mahuad (elected 1998) was forced to step down as president after two years following indigenous protests led by Lucio Gutierrez. In 2005, President Lucio Gutierrez was deposed after two years, following massive protests in response to his attempt to overhaul the Supreme Court.

Correa himself came to power through presidential elections held in 2006, promising constitutional reforms and a "citizen's revolution". Correa fulfilled these promises in September 2008 when approximately

65% of Ecuadoreans voted in favor of a referendum to approve a new constitution that set out comprehensive changes including increased state control over monetary and oil policy.

The new constitution contained a number of provisions aimed at the 38% of Ecuadorians who live below the poverty line. It guarantees free education up to and including university, increased spending on health, low-interest micro-loans, building materials for first-time homeowners and free seeds for growing crops.

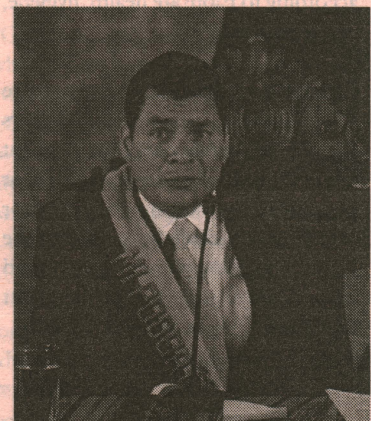
Correa was granted greater control over the central bank and army, and the right to stand for two more consecutive terms. In December

2008, Correa announced that Ecuador was officially defaulting on billions of dollars of foreign debt that it considered "illegitimate".

This radical shift in both socioeconomic and fiscal policy has not been well received by onlookers in Washington.

Correa added tension to already strained relations with the US in February of 2009 when he expelled two US diplomats, accusing them of meddling in the country's internal affairs - charges Washington rejected. Many observers view President Correa as a key figure in the growing tide of leftist social movements sweeping across Latin America, spearheaded by Venezuela's Hugo Chavez.

"If you want to kill the president, here he is. Kill him, if you want to. Kill him if you are brave enough."



Correa; "a deep cleansing of the national police"

Student Profile: We want to tell your story!

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

The Journal is currently being renovated, so to speak, and one of our new key focuses is you. That's right; we really want to get our SMU readership involved in contributing to the paper's content. So, in keeping with this new theme of student involvement, we will be starting a new student profile series.

If you know of a SMU student, past or present, whose story deserves to be told let us know about it. Right about now you're probably wondering who I know that would make a newsworthy story. Well, it's all up to you. What we at the Journal are interested in is whatever you're interested in. If you think a particular international student's story about how he got to SMU is interesting, let us know about.

Or if you think a SMU student with a physical challenge deserves special mention, let us know about it. Or if there's a SMU alumnus who's gone on to do something particularly noteworthy in their career, let us know about.

The idea here is to put the spotlight on a SMU student's story, who you our readership think we all could benefit from reading about. Please send your submissions to news.smu@gmail.com.

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The Journal: Features

Circumcision and other evils of religion

The Cranky Professor

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Only about one in five sets of parents who have their baby circumcised does so for religious reasons, or at least that's what Danae Elon reports in her documentary "It's a boy."

This information counts as a bit of vindication for religious people against atheists. Atheists are fond of the saying "For a bad person to do wrong it doesn't take much; for a good person to do wrong it takes religion." It turns out that not just religious nonsense can bring a parent to cut off a piece of their child's penis. This is some evidence that religious people are right on at least one matter and we atheists are wrong.

The chief reasons parents give, according to Elon, are health, hygiene, and appearance.

Parents circumcise their boys, we're told, because circumcision lowers the risk of penile cancer and might lower the risk of contracting HIV or other sexually transmitted viruses or organisms, including, perhaps, the human papillomavirus, which can cause cervical cancer. But the effect of circumcision is minimal.

Circumcision lowers the incidence of penile cancer only from three in a million to one in a million. Its effect on STDs is even smaller, if an effect exists at all. Circumcision is no substitute for a condom. Circumcision appears also to reduce urinary tract infections in babies and toddlers, and this effect might be significant. But even greater is the effect of changing the child's diaper.

Parents circumcise their boys because they believe a cut penis is easier to keep clean and fresh than an uncut one. What matters here, though, is bathing. An unwashed boy is an unwashed boy, foreskin intact or not. Finally, parents circumcise their boys because they prefer the look of a cut penis, or wish their child's penis to look like his father's penis or like the penises of the child's peers.

Against its potential, though rare, benefits, we must weigh the pain and harm circumcision can cause. Even a relatively safe surgical procedure brings risks of bleeding, infection, and damage. Indeed, the chance of bleeding, infection, and damage from circumcision greatly exceeds the reduced chance of penile cancer. In addition, circumcision might decrease sexual pleasure. It sometimes hurts

the child. It at least separates a baby from his parents for a while.

All in all, it seems a cruel and stupid thing to do, to circumcise a baby, and it must seem so even to parents who have their baby circumcised, as all the reasons against circumcision were available to them. And yet lots of people who have no religious reason for doing this cruel and stupid thing are happy to do it.

Many atheists, and many theists as well, claim that most people have a natural inclination to treat others decently. Because they're inclined toward decency, most people will think twice before performing any deeds they know will cause pain or grief. They need a strong reason to do something that will hurt others, and they'll hurt others only regretfully. Religious belief, though, atheists maintain, thwarts this natural inclination to treat others decently. It removes people's inhibition against cruelty. But the fact that parents circumcise their children for all sorts of bad reasons shows that not only religion can work against our inclination to be decent, even granting we have such an inclination.

It's not to the point that religion is

the worst of all the bad reasons, though it is. At least those who have their baby circumcised for health, hygiene, or appearance think they are benefiting their child, despite thinking this in face of contrary evidence. Now why would a religion demand circumcision? Whatever the religious rationale for mutilating a child's penis, it's a good bet that besides expressing a fear and loathing of sex, it's meant to put the child in his place before both adults and God.

The claim that religion is particularly good at making ordinary people act badly has always seemed dodgy. Examples meant to illustrate it—Rwanda, the Troubles, Israel-Palestine, the Balkans—have never been convincing, given the social, cultural, economic, and political factors involved in generating and sustaining these conflicts. Moreover, Stalinist Russia, Hitler's Germany, Cambodia during the Kymer Rouge, and Chile and Argentina in the 1970s and 80s provide clear examples of many ordinary people acting badly neither under duress nor out of religious conviction.

Religion can, certainly, be a force for evil, but, it seems, no more than just about anything else can. People have

various allegiances and ideals, not all of which are religious, and in the name of their allegiances and ideals they can be willing to do harm to others, sometimes great harm. And that's not even to speak of selfishness, greed, or simple indifference to others.

What of the more modest claim some atheists make, that religion is not a force for good? Here the argument is stronger. Whether a religion or a religious community is a force for good depends on what the religion enjoins the faithful to pursue. If they are enjoined to pursue peace, equality, justice, and decency—well, then, great. But, the atheist will remind us, since the ground of their being enjoined to pursue these things lies in interpretations of holy books, or in dreams or inspirations or authority, the commitment the faithful have to them is shallow and unsteady (as well as disreputable). Better that people form their conception of justice and their commitment to it through investigation and argument than through indoctrination and faith.

There are many excellent arguments against religion. The contention that religion is singularly good at promoting evil isn't among them.

It's About More than Having the Ends Justify your Means

Written by: James Urquhart

We are all familiar with the tired old blurb that appears on everyone's syllabus each and every semester: "whatever you do not plagiarize someone else's work". It is the cardinal sin of academia. This is what most people refer to when they use the term academic integrity, or some variation thereof. But I have learned in my many years of academia, and yes there have been many, that academic integrity extends beyond plagiarism, and should be seen as a very personal concept as well. What I mean here by this personal branch of academic integrity is being honest with yourself when it comes to your academic pursuits. In other words, do you go to school to get high marks by whatever means necessary, or do you truly believe that there is an intrinsic value to educational pursuits?

This concept can be viewed from many different angles. For one, do you avoid classes because they are difficult, or worst of all because your friends have told you to avoid them? As a student focused on working my way towards graduate school, and more specifically trying to obtain acceptance into the best graduate

school I possibly can, I certainly understand the need to achieve high marks. But the question I have always been very conscious of is "at what cost"? I have often considered not taking one class because it was too difficult, or consequently taking another, even though I had no interest in the subject matter, because it was pegged as a "bird course". And to say that I have never succumbed to temptation would be a lie on my part. But what I have learned from not taking certain difficult courses, and again by taking "bird courses" is that those feelings of regret I encounter when it is all said and done cannot be made to disappear by a simple A plus on my transcript. To say that an easy "A" does not bother you is simultaneously to admit that you have never considered the means to your end. And indeed this is a very serious question that must be considered. It is part of figuring out who you are as a person, and who it is you want to become.

Let us consider another angle. Say you have taken a class, thought it would be a cakewalk; however, you have come to realize that it is not as

easy as you had envisioned. There are two issues at play here. First, do you drop the class simply because it is not as easy as you thought. Pragmatically speaking the answer is simple: Dahhh! But then again you must ask yourself, what will a pragmatic solution to this dilemma cost you? What kind of invaluable material might you miss out on had you remained in the class? Sometimes by "sticking out" something that seems impossible at first, you will learn more in the end than you initially thought possible. Secondly, there are times when we come to think that a professor is being unfair in their marking scheme, when really it is we who are not being fair with the professor. In fact, I had the misfortune experiencing this very thing happen for myself. For the purposes of this discussion, let us call that unfortunate experience "taking class X". X was a difficult class; the material was difficult, but the professor marked the students fairly. After the first assignment was passed back, many students discovered that they had failed the assignment. This was of grave concern to the professor, because he was very worried that he had not been clear enough in

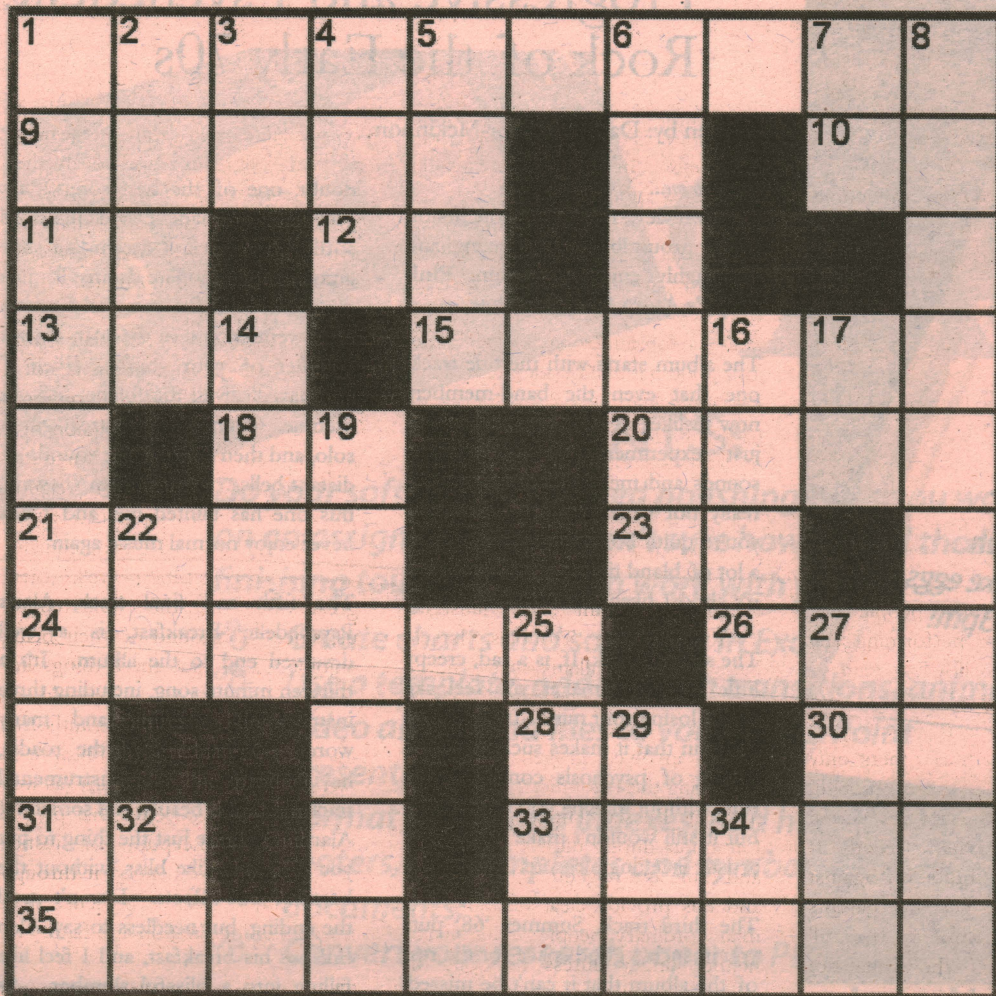
outlining the aforementioned assignment. Turns out that the majority of students, myself included, had not read the instructions, and this was the primary reason we had all done so poorly. But many students were not content with their marks nevertheless, and complained on the grounds that they had never received such a poor mark in their entire scholastic career. This was their argument; I kid you not, it revolved solely around the premise that they had never done poorly on any previous assignments. It is this type of fallacious argument that brings to the forefront the most serious issue I will deal with in this article. Of all the ways I have outlined, this complete lack of concern for personal academic integrity is by far the worst. In other cases there was at least pragmatic grounds to justify one's choices; however, with this latter example these individuals are left without any justification at all. Of all the experiences I have had at Saint Mary's, this is the first time I was found truly flabbergasted and without any explanation.

In this article, I hope to have brought to the forefront the issue of what I

call personal academic integrity. This is an important and worthwhile concept to consider. If one does not reflect on this issue, then they cannot say, at the end of the day, they are truly being honest with themselves. So the next time you think about dropping a class for the wrong reasons; consider taking a "bird" course or even consider challenging the grade you were assessed in a given class, stop and ask yourself, "am I really being fair to myself here"? "Can I honestly say that I will be happy with the decision that I am about to make"? If the answer to these questions is no, then you should perhaps reconsider your course of action.

The Journal: Features

Crossword



Across

1. Trousers of old
9. Winter will bring many
10. Cooler of the house
11. "She loves you __, __, __"
12. Police jargon for "Upon getting there"
13. Lifeguard lifesaving measure
15. Succession of light taps
18. Home of Summer
20. Jokes about my mom often suggests she's this
21. Age reversing oil
23. The smallest state
24. One who plays D&D, and pantomimes the action
26. RBC's cartoon mascot
28. Exclamation of pain
30. High school cameraman's club
31. Common video game money
33. Persian language
35. What did the espresso say to the tardy espresso?

Down

1. Study of minds
2. My Nan takes one every day
3. It means it, especially on a date
4. Can be as bad as one
5. Quickly acronym
6. Apparently there's a cult for blue ones, according to Eric Bloom
7. Doesn't have bearing
8. A spoof of many horror films
14. 26 across' cry
16. Slang for butt
17. .com's equivalent in Spain
19. X-Man who translates
22. Generic song syllable
25. High humour praise, in IM terms
27. Direction of the rising sun
32. Tinky-Winky's companion
34. 'S's neighbors

Answers

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 FROM: Lonnie Ratchford – Manager University Security

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Atom Heart Mother Progressive and Psychedelic Rock of the Early 70s

Written by: Daniel Trainor-Mckinnon

"Sing to me... Sing to me..."
In this review, I give my thoughts on a truly groundbreaking, relaxing, and thoroughly enjoyable album: **Pink Floyd's Atom Heart Mother**.

The album starts with the title track, one that even the band-members now dislike. It seems like they were just experimenting with strange sounds and melodies, and I find it's really not worth listening to unless you're quite bored already, and have a lot of bland time on your hands, as it's almost twenty-four minutes long.

The second track, *If*, is a sad, creepy little song that makes you feel like you're losing your mind. It's very well done, in that it makes such a visceral feeling of psychosis come to your ears, without making you violently ill, but it still wouldn't make my cut for artistic listening pleasure.

The third track, *Summer '68*, puts you in such a good space for the rest of the album that it can't be missed. It reminds me of early Floyd, because the lyrics and music are strange enough, but it mixes in some new Floyd, with the perfect vocals and harmonies. It's the real start of the album, in my opinion.

Track Four, *Fat Old Sun*, is without a

doubt, one of the best songs Pink Floyd has ever made. David Gilmour's softly sung lyrics, a dream-like slide guitar, and passionate drums; it's just the thing to make you feel back in the seventies, and in the soft, distant summer of your youth. Even if you haven't lived the former in your lifetime. It ends with a great guitar solo, and then fades to the sounds of distant bells... Mere "songs" beware, this one has tainted me, and I can never enjoy normal music again.

The fifth and final track, *Alan's Psychedelic Breakfast*, is a well deserved end to the album. It's a thirteen minute song, including three instrumental sections, and many words and from Alan, the roadie, having breakfast. The instrumental tracks are sheer beauty, and somehow, Alan's words are just the thing to put you in a drug-like bliss, without the harmful side-affects. I won't spoil the ending, but needless to say, Alan finishes his breakfast, and I feel like falling into a blissful slumber. As Rumi once said, "What more could human beings want?"

Pink Floyd deserves credit for making sounds as lovely as these, and I find that this album really is

"A silver sound from a time so strange..."

David Bowie – Station To Station (2010 Special Edition)

Written by: Kyle Trimper

It's the return of The Thin White Duke ... or at least the re-issue of him. Bowie obviously has nothing much to offer, however, there is much to take. That's why, after seven years without a new album, he casts this soulless piece of product on to the shelves of record stores worldwide.

However, most Bowie fans have the original album in one form or another, and *Station To Station* is not a good album for newcomers to start with. It's a stark, desolate record, despite the upbeat "Golden Years" and "TVC 15" being included. The

album is a paranoid, confused record reflecting Bowie's health and state of mind at the time.

Of course, the catch is the fancy extra stuff, like the live Nassau Coliseum '76 concert CD. One of the most sought-after concerts in Bowie's collection, this will be the hook that will boost record sales. Fans will buy this right up. Me? I'm just waiting for another **real** Bowie album, and hopefully something better than *Reality*.

STANDOUT TRACKS: Honestly, the whole album is a classic, but I'm not giving praise for songs that are thirty-five years old...

Okay, folks, I'm getting tired of stepping my way around great albums, mediocre records and product. I want to listen to a truly awful record; one that I can really sink my teeth into. I want you to nominate **the worst album ever!** Send your submissions to arts.smu@gmail.com, and I will try to track down these albums and review them. When I have enough, I will reveal the **Top Ten Worst Albums Ever** as nominated by readers and reviewed by me.

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SPOTLIGHT: Brandon Flowers – Flamingo (Deluxe Edition)

Written by: Kyle Trimper

&@*## it! Another purchase from HMV, another broken CD case on my hands. I'd like to meet the idiot who keeps damaging the merchandise before it even gets to the store. Now I've paid \$20 for a CD that won't stay in its case and will be rendered unplayable within a week.

Anyway, I'm supposed to be writing about The Killers frontman Brandon Flowers' new debut solo album. Sorry about that.

Flamingo starts out sounding just like another Killers album; that's not a bad thing (why reinvent the wheel when it already takes you where you want to go?), but it deflates expectations for any radical changes in style at this point. Now, I don't want to give the wrong impression: the first few songs are brilliant and they are in no way sub-par; it's just that they sound like Killers songs: synth-driven love songs set in Las Vegas. Of course, it's worked before, so why wouldn't it work again?

After four Killers-style songs, Flowers pulls a fast one on the listener. "Playing with Fire", a bluesy number with more spiritual subject matter than previous number, seems almost out of place at this point in the album.

The second half of the album starts out with the upbeat "Was It Something I Said?", a brilliantly bouncy song that shows that Flowers is now breaking out of the Killers mold. This might be my favourite song on the album, and it really should be released as a single at some point. This is followed by "Magdalena", a song very similar in style, and another single candidate. It is at this point that I realize that this album has completely won me over. I don't mind; I expected it.

And then we hit "Crossfire". You've probably heard "Crossfire", even if you don't even like Flowers or the Killers. It's a great song: there's not a whole lot more I can say about it.

"On The Floor" seems to be Flowers' attempt at writing a gospel hymn



complete with choir. I can't help comparing the performance to Johnny Cash. The musical resemblance is uncanny.

I have to admit that I balked when I saw the title "Swallow It" (dirty mind right here); however, it turns out to be another great "advice" song. The chorus is pretty catchy, but the section in which Flowers begins chanting his personal proverbs gets a little cringe-worthy.

For a few dollars more, the listener is treated to four bonus songs which are actually superior to some of the tracks on the actual album.

"The Clock Was Ticking" is a shamelessly country-styled song in which Flowers begins telling a story in a Ray Stevens-type rap, then conforming into a standard country ramble. "Jacksonville" features a percussion-driven tribal beat, while "I Came Here to Get over You" presents a driving rock beat reminiscent of R.E.M. and the spiritual "Right behind You" returns to the Killers sound that began the album.

Flamingo is notable for its emphasis on more spiritual lyrics and country-styled music. Flowers takes the best of The Killers and adds his own spin on things to create something new but recognizable. This album should please Killers fans and newcomers alike.

STANDOUT TRACKS: "Was It Something I Said?", "Magdalena", "Crossfire" "Swallow It", "The Clock Was Ticking", "I Came Here To Get Over You"

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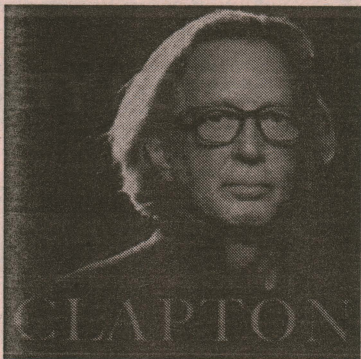
Written by: Kyle Trimper

Clapton is showing his age, and not just on the album cover. Another collection of old-style blues songs ... boring. Where is the Clapton who gave us "Layla", "Change the World", and "Tears in Heaven"?

Instead of trying more contemporary music, Clapton instead chooses to play the type of songs that were popular in the thirties. Now don't get me wrong: this album makes good background music if you're doing something else, but to sit and listen and take it seriously as an album is a hard task. I was practically bored out of my mind listening to this album.

The one track that caught my attention, though, is "Diamonds Made from Rain", a contemporary song that sounds like a Steve Winwood song. All in all, however, I would chalk this album up to another disappointment in a long line of boring albums from one of the greatest guitar players in the world.

STANDOUT TRACKS: "Diamonds Made from Rain"



Community production of Hamlet opens tonight!

Written by: Kyle Trimper

Halifax-based theatre company Perchance Productions will be presenting William Shakespeare's classic play Hamlet at the Bus Stop Theatre, opening tonight and running until October 24. Performances will be on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00, and Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2:00.

Hamlet is one of the best-known of Shakespeare's plays, and has now become a classic. Most people have read the play, watched it performed in some manner or the other, or have heard the story through other means. Shakespeare's classic revenge tragedy, however, is being brought to life again in this company production that features King's College philosophy graduate Gregory Slack as Hamlet. The production also includes Bill Wood and Emily Shute as Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, Nancy Marshall (who also directs) as Queen Gertrude, and filmmaker and lecturer of English here at Saint Mary's University, Glenn Walton as King Claudius.

The production opens tonight and runs throughout almost the whole month, so make sure you check it out. Standard admission is \$25, but admission for students and seniors is only \$20. To get ticket information or make reservations, call (902) 293-8383

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UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS!

Written by: Kyle Trimper

Looking for great music in Halifax? Whether you're looking for a pub with great live music or a night out at a concert, Halifax is always bustling with music activities. So, here are only a few of the many events in the city in the next month that have fallen victim to my inclusion bias (of course)...

- London, Ontario-based rock band Decade of Sleep will be appearing at Gus' Pub on Agricola Street to promote their self-titled debut album on October 11. This album is not their first release, however, as they have released an EP of songs previously. Some of their songs can be heard on their MySpace page.

- Local Halifax jazz band David Mendel Group appears at Gatsby's on Spring Garden Rd. every Friday night from 9:30 pm to 1:30 am. Make sure you check them out! Also, go to their MySpace page to hear some of their songs as well.

- And last, but in no way least, Canadian music legend Bruce Cockburn will be appearing at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium on October 20. Cockburn has been one of Canada's most popular musicians for forty years, and is best known for his songs "Lovers In a Dangerous Time", "Wondering Where the Lions Are", and "If I Had a Rocket Launcher". Get your tickets before they're gone!

If you know of a music event coming up in Halifax, let us know! Email us at arts.smu@gmail.com, and we will be more than happy to announce your event!

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The Journal: Student Life

Thanksgiving

Written by: Suvir Pursnani

As we all know, Thanksgiving falls on this coming Monday. A time for thanks and a time for family. Many Canadian students will be heading back home this weekend to celebrate the holiday with their family and friends. The rest of us, well, we have each other (smiley face). I never really celebrated the holiday back where I'm from. Coming here though has made me realize the significance of the holiday. It is a time to reflect. Give thanks for the things that we have, the things we are grateful for. For starters, I am grateful to be here at SMU doing what I love. Hopefully you all reading can say the same. Going to university is a big accomplishment in my books. Also, on behalf of the students living on rez, they would like to thank residence life for a great first few weeks...and the new toilets too!

I suggest everyone to take this long weekend to relax. Not too much though, last year I took advantage of the holiday to catch up on school work. I probably only did that because the weather was bad if I remember it correctly. If you're up to date on

work, I do recommend getting out. An event to keep an eye on is the Thanksgiving dinner for international students. Tickets are for free and can be picked up at the international centre in the SUB. Being an international student, I know it sucks that we can't go home as easily as other students. This feeling really kicked in when I was left to an empty floor come thanksgiving weekend. The only reason I survived that depressing weekend is because of the one other friend who stayed behind with me. I had a great weekend third-wheeling with him and his girlfriend. If you live in Rice or have your own apartment, get some friends over for thanksgiving dinner. You're bound to have a good time. All that I can say is keep your friends close. It is in fact a time for family, regardless of blood relations.

I would like to think that Saint Mary's as a whole is a close knit family. Not too big, but not too small either. It's a great place to be, and I'm glad to be here. Hope everyone has a great weekend. Happy Thanksgiving!

Intramurals – Get Involved!

Written by: Suvir Pursnani

This past Friday my curiosity led me to the second floor of the tower. I never really knew too much about intramurals. I used to play a lot of sports before university, but my shyness got the better of me here. The whole idea of playing a sport with a bunch of random people was a little overwhelming first year. However, the people over at the intramural office wants to let everyone know that a little bit of shyness shouldn't get in the way of having a whole lot of fun. I agree.

About two thousand students take part in intramural games throughout the whole year. A thousand in the fall and another thousand in the winter. Of course a lot of students keep playing year round but regardless this is still a big number. Not a big enough number for Ms. Sandra Jamieson though, the coordinator of programs over at the intramural office. She's kind of the Big Kahuna down there. According to Ms. Jamieson, her end game is to get everyone involved. She believes that the intramurals offered here at SMU are great for a number of reasons. She also believes that the word about intramurals and the services they offer hasn't gotten around enough at SMU. Suvir to the rescue! Hopefully by the end of this article you'll be convinced to pick up a sport.

Our school, in fact, is heavily based around sports, as can be seen by the layout of our campus. Embrace this. The opportunity for being part of something like this isn't going to last. You're going to blink and next thing you know you're working a nine

to five, picking up your kids from daycare, and falling asleep to evening sitcoms. The last part only comes into play if your spouse declines some after-hour fun when the kids go to sleep. That means nine times out of ten, you'll be sitting on the couch watching crappy TV.

Joining the intramurals at Saint Mary's is easy. First you've got to figure out if you want to join as a team or rock it solo. Joining a league as a team is definitely more fulfilling. Kicking ass together with some of your closest friends is probably one of the most satisfying feelings in the world. If you have some lame friends though, that's not a problem. Going solo is a great way to meet new people and make new friends, after all that's one of the main aspects of being in university. They offer a great variety of sports to choose from too. For the sake of good journalism and getting the word out there, I've listed them all here. Most of the games are co-ed and you even have the choice between recreational and competitive when it comes to the more popular sports. I was surprised to see a few sports up there. Golf, dodgeball, Ultimate Frisbee, and broomball? Ms. Jamieson wants to make it clear that intramurals are all about the students. These games were added by suggestions, so one can see how it reflects their openness. If you want more info on the games and how to join, head on over to www.smu.ca/athletics.

I even got a piece of the action. An and full-time SMU student, Mo, took me next door to the Alumni Arena

to witness one of the first games in recreational hockey. Believe it or not, that was my first time ever in an ice rink arena. I've been here more than a year and that was the first time I stepped foot into that place. Let me say right off the bat that I love hockey. It was great to see my first hockey game, even if it was the 'Mustard Inspectors' versus '10 Guys One Puck'. I don't know how the game ended, but in the first few minutes 10 Guys One Puck was leading 2-0. With a name like that, you're guaranteed a win, right? The best part was that everything went as planned. I don't know why, but I was doubtful about the organization of intramurals. I was wrong though. The players knew what they were doing, the refs knew what they were doing, the coordinator knew what he was doing, and Mo knew what they all were doing. They really are organized there at the intramural office.

"Get involved!" says Ms. Jamieson when asked if she had any final words. "Get involved in everything; In sports and in school. The experience is what counts." I couldn't have said it better myself. They run some great programs over at the tower and it's well worth a check out. Whether you're looking to get involved competitively or just for laughs, I'm sure there's something for you in SMU intramurals. We're all adults here, no one's going to rip your head off because you can't pass a ball properly. So long as you're willing to get out there and have some fun, I definitely recommend joining.

Intramurals Sports

Fall Intramural Sports

- Co-ed Competitive Soccer
- Co-ed Recreational Soccer
- Co-ed Flag Football
- Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee
- Co-ed Softball
- Golf Tournament
- Badminton League
- Competitive Ice Hockey
- Recreational Ice Hockey
- Co-ed Dodgeball

Winter Intramural Sports

- Broomball Co-ed Tournament
- Co-ed Indoor Competitive Soccer
- Co-ed Indoor Recreational Soccer
- Co-ed Basketball
- Mens Recreational Basketball
- Men's Competitive Basketball
- Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
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Save the Bookmarks!

Written by: Angela Lindsey

Around since 2006, **Xmarks**, formerly **Foxmarks** (www.xmarks.com) has been a staple for many internet users, allowing for synchronization of bookmarks between computers through their server. Unfortunately, they have run into financial trouble lately. Despite their search for a buyer for the company, they have not yet found a solution. On September 27, Todd Agulnick, Co-Founder and CTO of Xmarks, Inc. announced that the site would be shut down instead of charging their users a premium fee in order to balance the costs of their servers.

This led to an outcry from the public – many users couldn't imagine going without this utility and have offered to pay for the service. The company, surprised by the feedback and interest this has generated, has set up a Pledgebank page where users can register their interest in paying

at least \$10 per year for Xmarks. If this is something you are interested in, please visit their page (www.pledgebank.com/XmarksPremium) and make a note of your interest. However, this is not a guarantee – the company is still working on the financial details and seeing if this service can be saved.

If you can't afford the premium fee, or the premium service does not work out in the end, you will most likely need an alternative to this wonderful service. On campus, we can't save our bookmarks permanently in our browser, and we can't bring them to our personal computers for use without going through the process of exporting/importing or e-mailing individual links to ourselves. This is a very tedious process, and there are easier ways to do this! Here are some options you have for transporting your bookmarks from one computer

to another.

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One of the most popular "social bookmarking" sites on the Internet, Delicious has made a name for itself by giving users their own place to store every bookmark they may want, designate tags for easy searching, and share these bookmarks with anyone, anywhere, from anywhere. This is exceptionally helpful in the case of a student, who likely has personal bookmarks (websites you read often or blogs) and education-related bookmarks (websites for online content for your classes, SMUport, research). Simply tag your school ones with "school", or even the name of your class, and you can sort them easily. Additionally, if you have the other members of a group project as contents, you can "share" links with them, instead of having to send an e-mail.

Something else interesting to note about this is that Delicious keeps track of the most popular links on their front page, so you can see what other users are bookmarking and perhaps find something that you will be interested in!

Google Bookmarks (www.google.com/bookmarks)

If you have a Google account (Gmail, Google Reader, Google Analytics, etc.), then you have access to Google Bookmarks. Similar to the tags feature on Delicious, this site allows you create lists of bookmarks to keep them separated. You also have the option of setting your bookmarks lists to private or public, so you can bookmark more personal sites without fear of them being shared with the world.

With Google Bookmarks, you can

view public lists that have been created by users all over the world, and search for a particular keyword amongst those lists. This is good if you're doing research on a specific topic, but don't know where to begin. Google Bookmarks also has the option to import and export bookmarks, making it easy to save links more permanently into your browser if you wanted to.

These are the two most popular of the bookmarking sites on the web, but there are hundreds of others that are available. I would suggest trying a few, and seeing which works best for your lifestyle. If you've tried a bookmarking site that isn't listed here, e-mail Lindsey.angela@gmail.com with the information and URL and let me know why you're a fan of that particular site!

Week in Tech: September 25 – October 1

Written by: Angela Lindsey

Technology blog network **TechCrunch**, founded in 2005 by Michael Arrington, has been acquired by AOL for an undisclosed sum, though CNBC's Julia Boorstin says that the price is "about 40 million". At AOL, be joining a successful technology news publishing outlet that includes **Engadget**, **Switched**, **TUAW** (The Unofficial Apple Weblog), and **Download Squad**. Michael Arrington will be staying a part of TechCrunch for at least three years as a part of this deal.

Google Street View has now been extended to Antarctica, meaning that this service is now available on all seven continents. This does not cover the entire expanse of the continent, but rather an area called Half Moon Island. The cursor changes to a penguin while you're exploring this area, which is a subtle but creative touch added to this site.

The **Nintendo 3DS** has been given a definite release date in Japan of February 26, 2011. The official date for the European and North American release hasn't been given yet, but it has been said that we should be seeing this in March. The price in Japan is set at ¥25,000, or about \$298USD, and it will be available in Aqua Blue or Cosmo Black. This new system features "Mii Studio" software which captures a photo of your face and automatically generates your Mii based on your appearance. Video game site **IGN** claimed last week that this device will contain two 266MHz ARM11 CPUs, a 133MHz CPU, 4MB dedicated VRAM, 64MB RAM and 1.5GB flash storage. It has been confirmed that the 3DS will

support Wi-Fi but Nintendo has not spoke yet about whether it will contain a 3G modem. **Nintendo** and partner **Fuji TV** have announced that 3D streaming video will be offered to the device, and Nintendo plans to launch an app store similar to the iPhone version which will vend classic Game Boy and Game Boy Advance titles.

Facebook Places has debuted in Canada after its launch last month in the United States. This feature allows you to "check in" wherever you are through either Facebook's **iPhone** app or their touch site. In addition to the check-in functionality, you can also tag others who are at that location with you. Please note that your check-ins will be set by default to show on your profile, as well as on the feed for that specific place, so if you would like this information to be kept private, you will need to change these settings manually. To do this, just visit your account's privacy settings. The other two settings you may wish to change are the "Things others share" section, which allows you to opt out of being tagged by others without your permission, as well as the "People here now" feature, which allows other people in your location to see you. **Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg** has said that this feature isn't about telling the world where you are, but rather finding places and sharing then with your friends.

Star Wars fans will be happy to hear that the movies are set to be re-released in 3D starting in 2012. They plan to start with Episode 1, and release a new movie (in numerical order) every year after that. **George**

Lucas was moved to the decision to green-light this process after seeing **Avatar**, and after realizing that by the time the movies hit theatres and homes, there will be enough capable screens to watch them on.

The **Vdara hotel** in Las Vegas, Nevada has earned the nickname "the Vdara Death Ray" thanks to a design flaw that causes the sun's reflection off of the building's face to focus on the pool area, scorching guests. The building is a curved reflective surface, and causes up to a 20-degree boost in temperature over this area. This phenomenon has melted plastic bags that were poolside and even burned the hair of one guest, lawyer Bill Pintas.

Amazon has debuted **Kindle for the Web**, which is exactly what it sounds like – a web-based version of their Kindle software. This allows samples of books to be read from your browser, with no download required. Bloggers and website publishers who participate in the Amazon Associates Program can embed samples of Kindle books into their website, and receive referral fees from Amazon for completed book purchases from these links.

EA Games has released the first premium app for the **Amazon Kindle**. The app, **Scrabble**, was released thanks to the **KDK** (Kindle Development Kit). This game costs around \$5, and allows you to play against either a friend or the Kindle itself, though it lacks any wireless multiplayer function.

Videogame company **Valve** has

issued a press release about the latest **Team Fortress 2** update. This update includes 65 new items, including the introduction of five new Class Weapon Kits, 18 new hats, and duelling pistols. This update will also introduce the Mann-Conomy initiative, allowing **BLU** (Builders League United) and **RED** (Reliable Excavation Demolition) mercenaries to trade items with each other. This also allows players to purchase unlockable items using their "Steam Wallet" from the Mann Co. Store. Read more details about this update at www.teamfortress.com.

This week seems to have been the week of the tablet – **BlackBerry** maker **RIM** has announced a seven-inch tablet called the **Playbook**, **Dell** will be launching its 7-inch tablet within the "next few weeks", and **Sharp** has announced a 5.5-inch and an 10.8-inch e-reading tablet known as the **Galapagos**. These products are no doubt at least partially in response to the popularity of the **Apple iPad**, and it will be interesting to see just how many more tablets are released in 2011.

Despite supposed delays in shipping, the **Apple TV** began shipping on time, to the delight of those who purchased this item. The device has already been jailbroken, using a tool known as **SHAtter**. The **Apple Remote** app version 2.0 has been updated to support the Apple TV, as well.

The **World Cyber Games** have begun! The tenth anniversary of this event began September 30th. We will be providing more information once

the competition ends on October 3rd, but in the meantime, watch live coverage and read more about this at their website: www.wcg.com.



The Journal: Business & Tech

This Week's New Games

Written by: Angela Lindsey

Be on the lookout for these new games this week!

10/03/10 - Wii Party (Wii - Nintendo)

10/04/10 - Pokemon Ranger: Guardian Signs (DS - Nintendo)

10/04/10 - Shantae: Risky's Revenge (DS - WayForward Technologies)

10/05/10 - Castlevania: Lords of Shadow (PS3/Xbox 360 - Konami)

10/05/10 - Ben 10: Ultimate Alien (PS2/Wii/PSP/DS/Xbox 360/PS3 - D3)

10/05/10 - John Daly's ProStroke Golf (PS3/Xbox 360 - O-Games)

10/05/10 - NBA Jam (Wii - EA)

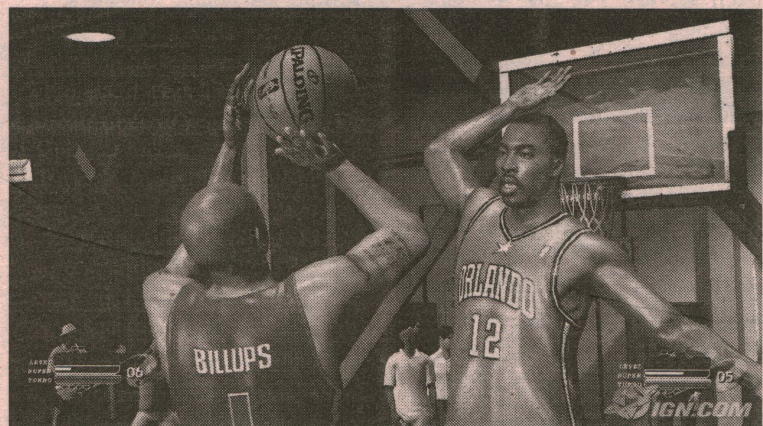
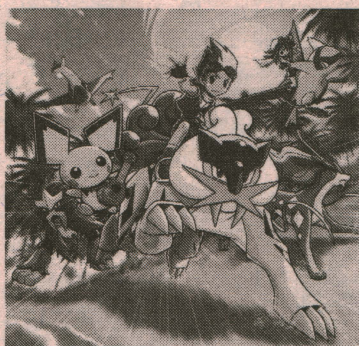
10/05/10 - NBA 2K11 (Xbox 360/PS3/PC/PS2/PSP/Wii - Take 2 Interactive)

10/05/10 - Def Jam Rapstar (Xbox 360/Wii/PS3 - Konami)

10/05/10 - Final Fantasy: The 4 Heroes of Light (DS - Square Enix)

10/05/10 - Enslaved: Odyssey to the West (PS3/Xbox 360 - Namco Bandai)

10/06/10 - Comic Jumper (Xbox 360 - Twisted Pixel Games)



A noticeable Musical note!

Written by: Kerry O'Rourke

The best-selling author of "The Top 100 Canadian Albums" is set to release a new book at a bookstore near you shortly! Bob Mersereau's new book is titled "the top 100 Canadian Singles".

Well those are the facts now lets get on with the review!

I'm a finance major and have been told "full disclosure" is always necessary. So, just as this book was written by ranking each song by one by one, my opinion may be as arbitrary as the next person's definition of "the best songs". Is it fair to say everyone listening to any song, finds their own personal connection with it?

Regardless if these songs are or aren't your cup of tea, no problem! However the books hit list is 100 songs strong, hence I'm sure some of these tunes you've heard before and enjoyed before!

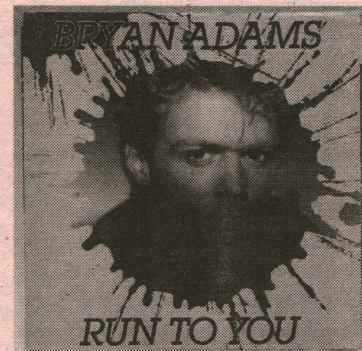
Certainly in attendance but not limited to in this book are the usual suspects you'd expect. I'm talking about the guess who's, Bryan Adam's, Neil Young's, and CELINE DION'S (go & listen to "My Heart Will Go On" - lol!) of this world!

When I picked up this book title I really didn't think much to myself. I was merely looking to check out "the top Canadian singles" in print. However, as the books pages and content suggest, its version of "the best CDN singles", which is certainly

respectable; it also made me realize another point of interest. As we are generally younger ladies & gentleman at SMU, we didn't live through nor experience the 19 -'50's, '60's, '70's. As such my memory generally brings songs in my life -time to the front of the line when I'm listening to my iTunes.

I didn't know nor had I ever listened to Paul Anka's material (Who?). YouTube, the name if you need a quick sound check! Personally I'm glad I didn't know his stuff and still don't. I'll do my research later! All I shall respectfully say is this: Canadian culture was certainly different back then (1950's). As such his material may have been relevant at some point in the past. However, given the other Canadian talent that's (i.e. popular music) come along since, I'd prefer to listen to their material.

"As Canadian we've been pumping out musical icons for decades!"



So, the morale of the story is that we, as Canadian we've been pumping out musical icons for decades! GO CANADA GO!

I'll keep this short so as to avoid spoiling it for you. However if you like songs anywhere from MEN WITHOUT HATS - SAFETY DANCE to NEIL YOUNG - HEART OF GOLD you should take a few minutes to check this book out!

Lastly, They say you should never give away the ending to a book and/or movie. So I'll give you the first and second last track listed in the book in the #1 (American Woman/ No Sugar Tonight - The Guess Who) & #99 (Run To You - Bryan Adam's). The rest of the books song suggestions are located in between first and second last. Now do your duty & get out to pick up a copy off a bookshelf near you!

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The Journal: Sports

SMU Women's Basketball Season Preview 2010/2011

Written by: James Urquhart

Of all the sports teams to watch on campus this season, the women's basketball program should be near the top of your list. They have made significant improvements over my years here at Saint Mary's, and this year they are poised to perhaps put the best group of ladies we have seen in a long time on the floor. So let's get excited, because this year is set to be a very good one for the women's basketball team here at Saint Mary's.

In advance of this season preview I would like to thank Coach Munro for taking time out of his busy, and I do mean busy schedule, to talk with me. As this issue is set to go to press, the women will have played two exhibition games on Friday the thirtieth of September and Saturday October second. I am happy to report that Saint Mary's won their first game against Laurier by a score of seventy-seven to sixty-four. Unfortunately I cannot provide the score for the second game against Guelph because this issue will have already gone to production.

Journal: What are your personal goals for this season?

Coach Munro: It is always the goal

to win the AUS championship, and then proceed on to the national championship. If you have already abandoned these goals at the beginning of the season you should pack it up and go home. However, to reach the lofty goals that we set for ourselves there are specific things we will need to do along the way. For one, I want to see a continual progression throughout the year, and I want to see the girls continue to work hard and strive to get better. We looked good for stretches in last night's game (September thirtieth), and all in all I was pretty satisfied with our effort, given the fact that this was our first chance to bring everything we have been working on together at one time. We did a lot of things well, but there is always room for improvement. A coaches' dream is to see his team put forward their best effort for four full quarters. This is what we will be working towards this season.

Journal: What are the key components to a successful campaign? What are some specific improvements you want to see from last year?

Coach Munro: Like any other program we want to play our best defensive basketball night in and

night out. Defense is a staple of basketball at Saint Mary's, and especially for the women. When we play at our best, I think that we are one of the best, if not the best defensive teams in our conference. And we will need to play that brand of stingy defense because our conference has some really adept offence teams. Along the same lines we need to rebound the ball better. We have made the necessary offseason acquisitions, and have dramatically improved in this area. But we are still far from where we need to be with regards to rebounding. I need all the girls on my roster willing to compete hard for every rebound. Obviously offense is important as well, but I am confident that we will put a good offensive product on the floor nightly. Then again everyone is going to have an off night here and there, and it just resonates with the fact that we cannot take any nights off from playing hard nose defensive basketball.

Journal: Who are the players to watch this year coach?

Coach Munro: Well it goes without saying that Justine Cooley is a major part of our team's chances this

season. Take for example her contributions last night: She had twenty-eight points and six assists in only twenty-seven minutes of floor time. She is truly a special player, and I really feel that she is a legitimate All-Canadian candidate. Suzanne Canvin, transfer from CBU, is a key acquisition we made this offseason. She will be key down low, and especially on the glass. She has led the AUS in rebounding the last two seasons, and I look to her to continue the trend. We are also expecting big things out of Robbi Daley and Rebecca Nuttall. For both of these girls it is their second year, so they will both play key roles offensively and defensively this season. Finally, we have a big time rookie in Julie Hatcher. I expect a big progression from her over the course of the season.

Journal: How does the team look in terms of their chances at the AUS and the national titles?

Coach Munro: The AUS is going to be one of the most competitive conferences this year. There are five teams that have a legitimate chance at capturing the title, and on a nightly basis, anyone is competitive in our

conference. We certainly want to finish in the upper portion of the conference; I think it goes without saying that playoff positioning is key to making a title run. I think that we can certainly win the AUS title, but it is going to require that we continue to all the little things throughout the season: As far as the CIS is concern, with the departure of Simon Fraser to the NCAA, there is certainly the possibility for more parity across the league. I think we have a real chance and I think we can compete with any team in the country. Look towards our games on the weekend of the twenty-second and twenty-third against Windsor and Western; those games should really show how we stack up against the CIS, as these are two of the countries' top teams.

So there you have it, we are in for a great season of ladies hoops. Come out as much as you can and show your Husky pride. And once again remember all Huskies home games are an automatic two for one, so come out and double your pleasure.

SMU Men's Basketball Season Preview 2010/2011

Written by: James Urquhart

Well hoops fans, it is about that time of year again. It is time to welcome the varsity basketball programs back for another year of exciting, fast paced, buzzer beating fun. This year the Huskies have a lot of new faces. But do not let this fool you, the basketball program is stronger than ever and ready for another run at AUS and CIS glory.

In anticipation of the upcoming season I had the pleasure of speaking with coach Ross Quackenbush. He graciously agreed to answer my questions with regards to the upcoming season.

Journal: What are your personal expectations for this season?

Coach Quackenbush: Well, the goal is the same that it is every season; we want to win an AUS championship, and follow that up with a national championship. I think that we have a really good team this year, and the sky is the limit. Of course along the way there are some improvements that need to be made. The only way we are going to reach the goals that we set for ourselves is to practice hard, ensure that our work ethic stays high and we must remain motivated for the entire season. We still want to take it one game at a time, and win as

many games as possible. If everything works out, we should be where we want to be at the end of the season. **Journal:** What do you think are the keys to a successful season?

Coach Quackenbush: The keys to this season are very much the same as they are each and every season. First, we want to focus on defense. After all, as the saying goes defense wins championships, and that is just what we want to do. Good defense starts with the fundamentals; the little things. You will never be able to compete at a high level until you have a solid foundation. It is all about establishing solid "groundwork" with the new guys, and developing the "groundwork" that has already been instantiated in the guys who are returning. It is very important to bring the new guys up to speed on what we are trying to do here, so that we can function as a cohesive unit. Aside from defense, rebounding is key. Rebounding is especially key given the brand of rough, blue-collar basketball we play in the AUS conference. If guys are not following their shots, as well as their man's shots, we will be outrebounded all season long. Of course if you cannot put the ball in the basket you simply will not win any games. I am a big fan of motion

offense, so that is what we are going to play in the majority of our offensive sets. It is great because it induces an exciting style and it makes us really hard to defend. I personally think that this "read and react" type of offense works better in the scheme of what we are trying to do than other forms of set offense. We want to improve our offense over the course of the season; continual progression if you will. We are also going to try and press more this year. We have a deep team and this allows us bring in new guys frequently, so that we can continually press our opponents.

Journal: How is the team looking this year? Who are some returning players and some new guys to look out for?

Coach Quackenbush: The team looks really good this year. Their work ethic in the preseason has been phenomenal. We have a real good team "culture" as I like to call it. Not only can these guys really play ball, they are all also really good kids who have good heads on their shoulders. It makes my job much easier and enjoyable. As I said, we have a good team one through thirteen, and I feel confident with anyone out on the floor. As far as players to watch, Joey Haywood is always a player to watch.

He is bigger, faster, smarter, and his shot has improved since last year. We will once again look to him to put up some big numbers this season. Simon Marr is another returner to keep your eye on. We will once again look to find him in the low post, but we also want him to be a threat from range as well. As far as new players, keep your eyes on Jerome Smith. He is a transfer from Mowhawk College in Hamilton, and he can really play. Aside from being a phenomenal slasher, he has unbelievable range. Every one on the team has improved from last year, and the guys we have brought in will be a great compliment to the talent we already had.

Journal: With this being said, Could Saint Mary's make a legitimate run at the AUS title, and potentially the CIS crown?

Coach Quackenbush: Like I have said we have lots of talent this year. Looking around the league, we will face some stern competition. St. FX. and C.B.U. are always talented, and have returned the majority of their players. But we played them pretty tight last year, and with the exception of a few hiccups, I think we did a good job against them. Dal also looks good, but they are a young team.

With the players we have brought in and the improvements that we have made in the off-season, I really think we can win the AUS championship this year. The CIS as a whole is a tough task, and I think that there are about twenty teams that have a legitimate chance to win the national title this year. That being said, if we play at our best, we can compete with any team in the country on any given day. So I would have to say that our prospects for the season are good, and I think that Saint Mary's basketball fans are in for a real treat.

So there it is folks, your season preview for our gentleman Huskies. Our boys are looking good this season, and will make us proud. Get out as often as you can and support the men and women's basketball teams. Just think, they both play on the same day, so it is like a two for one (and even better sports games are free for SMU students)! So let's all get out to the tower on the sixteenth of October and cheer on our boys as they take on Lakehead University.

The Journal: Sports

Revenge is a Dish Best Served cold and in Large Quantities

Written by: James Urquhart

Do you remember when you were a child and your mother served you vegetables that you absolutely hated (i.e. brussel sprouts, asparagus and the like)? Well let us use this as a metaphor to describe what happened at Husky stadium last Friday night when Acadia paid a visit to Saint Mary's (in retrospect personnel probably should have sent a memo saying that half the team was sick). Saint Mary's was serving up all kinds of brussel sprouts, broccoli, asparagus and other vegetables that are commonly meet by a less than favorable response by six year olds, and Acadia could not seem to get enough. The end result: Saint Mary's walking away with their first victory of the season, while Acadia walked away with a bruised ego and a bad case of indigestion (metaphorically speaking, although the way they played perhaps the latter fact is up for debate).

This was one of the most lopsided victories in recent memory, and there is a lot of praise to be handed out. First, this was the coming out party for our new, and I must say very mobile, quarterback Micah Brown. He did not put up monster like numbers, but he made the important plays when they were necessary, and sliced through the Acadia offense line on a regular basis. The running game was unbelievable, as it always is. Again, I am almost certain that Acadia left their offense line back in Wolfville, not that it would have mattered the way Leger and Jones were running. The receiving core was solid when they needed to be, picking up some big first downs, as well as a

touchdown. The defense played their undisputed best game of the season, giving up only a single field goal the entire game. Way to go boys, that is the hard nose defensive brand of football we are accustomed to seeing here at Saint Mary's. And last, but certainly not least, a special mention must be given to Jahmeek Taylor, who had an unbelievable game. He returned the ball eleven times, including an 83-yard punt return touchdown, to finish with 188 return yards. This is the kind of game changing plays that Huskies special teams are known for, and hopefully this type of play will continue throughout the season.

Despite the excellent football put on last night, the stadium was not as full as I am used to seeing at Saint Mary's. It annoys be a little that some fans have given up on football just because we got off to a less than desirable start. Hopefully this lopsided victory will help to persuade students to make their way out to the next game on October fifteen, when the Huskies take on our other provincial rivals from Antigonish. For those of you who did come out and show your support, I am sure that it was much appreciated by the Huskies who seemed to feed of the crowd's energy all night. Saint Mary's fans have long since proved that it is not all about the numbers you bring, it about what you do with them. So get excited about the rest of the season and get out to support the team. Before you know it snow will be on the ground and we will all be complaining that football season is over!

Sports Results for September 25th through October 1st

Football:

Week Three (September 25th): Saint Mary's @ Mount Allison (Game played in Moncton)
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Week Four (October 1st): Acadia @ Saint Mary's
10 45

Men's Soccer (Currently ranked 8th in the CIS):

Week Three:

(September 25th): Saint Mary's @ Cape Breton
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(September 26th): Saint Mary's @ St. F.X.
2 3

Women's Soccer:

Week Three:

(September 25th): Saint Mary's @ Cape Breton
3 1

(September 26th): Saint Mary's @ St. F.X.
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Women's Rugby:

(September 25th): Acadia @ Saint Mary's
10 5

Women's Basketball:

(September 30th): Laurier @ Saint Mary's
64 77

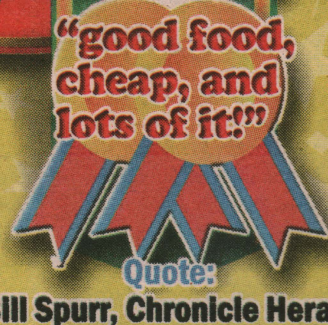


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