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SMU named Distinguished Delegation at the 2013 National Model United Nations

Congratulations to the 2013 Saint Mary's University Model UN Delegation!

Representing the Kingdom of Sweden, the Saint Mary's Model UN delegation won a Distinguished Delegation Award at the 2013 National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference held in New York, March 17-21. Just over 200 universities participated in the 2013 NMUN conference with 20 receiving Outstanding Delegation; 27 earning Distinguished Delegation; and 30 receiving Honorable Mention. Saint Mary's was one of three universities (University of Montreal and University of British

Columbia) from Canada earning a Distinguished Delegation Award, and one of only five Canadian universities earning a delegation award. In addition, two members of the Saint Mary's delegation, Jarrad Sitland and Laird Smith, received an Outstanding Delegate Award for their joint performance in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). This award is a peer-to-peer award voted on by delegates representing the 155 countries in the IAEA.

Only two other delegations (University of Montreal, Faculty of Law representing China and Universidad San Francisco de Quito representing France)

earned this distinction in the IAEA. Finally, the following Saint Mary's Delegates won in the category of Outstanding Position Paper for their preparatory work prior to the conference: Kathleen O'Brien and Kaitlyn Sobey for their contribution to the General Assembly First Committee; Fred Okello for his work in the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34); and Jarrad Sitland and Laird Smith for their position paper in the IAEA. With some 5,000 delegates participating in two consecutive conferences, NMUN is one of the largest university level model UN simulations in the world.

Top Athletes Honoured

Colley and Bloodoff named Saint Mary's Athletes of the Year

28 March, 2013

Justine Colley a fourth-year guard led the Atlantic conference and the nation in scoring for the third consecutive season. Her average of 28.2 points per contest was 7.7 points per game more than any other player in the country and her CIS-leading 565 total points scored established a new AUS single-

season mark.

A first-team AUS all-star in each of her four seasons with the Huskies, she also led the country in steals (78), field-goals made (194) and free-throws made (141). Her 4.2 assists per game and 3.9 steals per game led the Atlantic conference and her 7.5 rebounds per game average ranked seventh

in the AUS.

In just four seasons with the Huskies, she has already set a new Saint Mary's school record for career points scored and with 1,961 career points, she now ranks third on the AUS all-time scoring list. "Justine has had a tremendous, record-breaking season for the

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Student Leaders Recognized

Career Services and the Saint Mary's University Students Association were proud to announce the first five recipients of the newly created Student Leadership Recognition Award as the winter semester draws to a close.

The award formally recognizes students that possess, display, and apply leadership qualities and skills within the classroom, the Saint Mary's University community, and beyond.

The inaugural Student Leadership Recognition Award recipients are at various points in their academic careers and study a diverse range of topics, but all have shown tremendous leadership deserving of this recognition.

Lucy Hulford is a fourth year Sociology and Criminology student who has been actively involved on campus as a student, employee, volunteer

and organizer. She has provided guidance and information to students through her roles as a residence assistant and vice-president of the 2013 grad class. "Over the past four years I have come to believe that the real strength in true leadership lies in the individual's ability to engage others in their community and help them become actively involved," Lucy says.

Victoria Blue is a second year undergraduate student at the Sobey School of Business. A member of Enactus, she and a fellow member launched Our Eco Footprint this year to reduce the ecological footprint of the University. The project ignited Victoria's passion for social activism and has given her the opportunity to work with Facilities Management this summer to

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies third at nationals

Robert Murray
— Special to The Journal

It wasn't the colour the Huskies wanted. In the end, however, their bid to become the first Atlantic University Sport (AUS) team to win the Bronze Baby Trophy saw them accomplish several other milestones along the way.

After an 18-2 season and AUS Championship victory, the Saint Mary's Huskies advanced to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Championships at the University of Regina. Their first matchup, against the University of Fraser Valley Cascades (UFV) should have been an easy game for the Huskies. Instead, the Huskies barely survived a

fourth quarter comeback by the Cascades. Outscored 23-14 in the final frame, the Huskies won 62-57 after being up by fourteen points after three quarters.

The win sent the Huskies into Saturday's semi-final game against the Canada West Champions and hosts, University of Regina Cougars. In an ironic battle of team names, the Cougars came out victorious by a score of 78-49. The Cougars dominated the Huskies for four quarters, including the final frame where the Huskies were outscored 21-6.

The loss sent the Huskies into a bronze medal match with the Canada West runner-ups from the University of Calgary. After

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Good luck on your exams and have a happy summer!

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Letter from the Editor

It's been quite the year. I like to think it's been a good one. My first year with The Journal and working in student journalism has been incredible, and I owe you all a big thank you. From municipal elections to Nintendo Zappers, into Data Caves and the ECMA's, sports wins and theatre reviews, The Journal has been a constant source of news and information for SMU students, and a publication that I think this campus can take pride in. It's your paper, SMUdents, and I have been so honoured to be responsible with bringing it to you. This has been a truly rewarding experience, even through the challenges.

Thank you for your support of this paper, and I hope you don't forget us over the summer. We're starting our hiring process, so if you're interested in working for The Journal, send a resume and cover letter along with a writing

sample to editor.thejournal@smu.ca, I'd love to hire a full compliment of staff for next year, and I like to think it's a great place to work, full of cool opportunities: learning, meeting cool people, checking out cool events, and even some conferences. You KNOW you want to apply!!

The office will still be open until the end of the year while we get set up for next year and clean up from this one, so please email me to set up an appointment if you have any questions or want to meet up. I'd LOVE to chat - it's lonely up there!

Have a great summer, whether you'll be back here doing school, out there working or moving onto bigger and better things. Congrats to all of you graduates - don't forget to check out www.thesmujournal.ca every so often to catch up with your alma mater!

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Why I don't want to road trip with DSU executives

By: Adam Faber

When you go on a group trip with your school buddies, you have to be careful. Some people don't travel well with others. Saint Mary's has been one of the student bodies on one heck of a long trip with a pack of other schools, including Dalhousie. It's not a beer-soaked bus ride to Quebec and their lower legal drinking age, however, it's a journey to Ottawa to lobby federally on university issues. Dalhousie, who was one of the first Universities to jump on board and chip in for the travel, but now they want to go home because they don't get to drive the car enough.

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is the theoretical Toyota Corolla all the student associations have piled into, there are 25 of them in all... Maybe some of them are in the trunk, my metaphor isn't perfect. They head down to talk to big uncle Fed and see if they can get their allowance increased, or whatever else is on their mind as a group. Dalhousie doesn't seem to want to make the trip anymore, because chipping for gas is expensive. Besides, they'd rather take their smart car to the cousins in Halifax instead, the provincial and municipal governments.

"Nah," says Dal. "I'll take my own car. I'm making a New Year's resolution to do all my own travel." Which might work out for them, as long as the turnover isn't too high, and the student doesn't get too bogged down by his or her studies. That was the cool thing about the imaginary traveling road trip buddies: they could take turns driving, while one ate, another napped, someone else did some homework on their iPhone, and others were making out in the trunk. Many hands make light work, and students have a lot of

things to do, what with going to school and all. While everyone was together they traded ideas, and compared notes. Dalhousie may look all grown up driving around Halifax in his little smart car, but he'll never make it to Ottawa as a one-man convoy.

But who cares, right? Everyone else is still making the trip to see uncle Fed, and if he makes a decision it affects everyone all the same. Dalhousie saves on his share of the travel costs, and gets the benefit. Except he's not the only one waffling. Wilfrid (Laurier University) is only paying half his share now, because he's not so sure he wants to go to Ottawa either, claiming that not enough gets done, and uncle Fed is a jerk and doesn't really listen to them anyway. Fraser (Valley University) has been holding out, counting the pennies, and hemming and hawing about costs as well.

Hopefully uncle Fed doesn't get all whiny that the nieces and nephews aren't visiting as much anymore, because he's been putting less money in our birthday cards anyway these days, he might stop paying attention altogether. University issues are handled at all three levels, federally, provincially, and municipally. Even if he's a jerk, uncle Fed is going to be there, like it or not.

Don't worry about it, guys. We'll say hello to uncle Fed for you, and bring up all those irritating things he does that we wish he would stop. We'll send along any messages, like when Fed asked our opinion on Copyright reform. But could you try and decide whether or not you'll be coming with us, and stop being so wishy-washy? We always have the best talks when we're all in the car together at 2AM, and we want to know how much food to pack. Why'd you guys have to make it so complicated? You used to be cool, man.

A Happy Mistake: The Beauty of Science

By Devan Clark

We're almost half-way through the second decade of the 21st century and still there is a pernicious belief that evolution and atheism have nothing to offer the world other than brutality. There is a strongly held opinion among many people that science, by its very methods, is so empirical as to take morals and beauty out of the natural world. But if one really looks at science and the basic tenets that it espouses in its various fields they will be able to see and understand some of the most beautiful things in the universe.

To someone like me - a person who believes in the power of critical thinking and the acquisition of knowledge through the scientific process - the question of, "What is the purpose of life?" is highly inconsequential. To myself, and many others, the answer is, "There is no purpose," and while this may seem nihilistic it certainly needn't be the case. The lack of a purpose makes this happy accident we call life all the more worth living. Imagine a parent giving you a compliment on how nice you look because they feel obligated to do so - sure it's nice to hear, but it is completely different than having a random stranger tell you that your hair is nice or that you look very well dressed. It is these sorts of things which elevate the human spirit, and it is in this sense - that of the happy accident or the unforeseen compliment - that the meaninglessness of life is something to be cherished rather than denigrated.

Life's meaninglessness in general is not to say that an individual person's life must lack meaning or purpose. The atheist, for example, sees that life was the accident of having the right amount of organic chemicals in the right time and place and takes great solace in this fact. By and large human beings make up their own meanings for their own lives; for some people this means going to a holy book and believing the words and ideas it champions. For others, the meaning of life and the rules by which they live their lives are taken from cultural and societal values or the great thinkers and philosophers throughout the ages; either way a scientific viewpoint doesn't make individual lives meaningless.

In understanding the inconsequentiality of existence we can truly see the beauty of science and its affiliation with the natural world. For example, understanding how the invertebrate eye has

developed shows how something so seemingly natural and underappreciated is so full of complexity and wonder. If we are to believe modern evolutionary biologists - and why shouldn't we believe people whose theories are based off of rigorously putting evidence through the trials and tribulations inherent in the scientific process - the invertebrate eye began its evolution circa 600 million years ago as a simple sensor of light, only being able to tell the difference between light and shadow. Through the passing on of genes which express this 'sensor' and over a period of time that the human brain has a hard time fully understanding (read: millions of years) the 'eye' moved from a group of light sensing

cells to a concave depression that made the simple shadows sharper to an eye with a lens and an aperture and retinas and cones and rods that is one of the most amazing things in the natural world. Obviously

"The lack of a purpose makes this happy accident we call life all the more worth living."

this is a simplification of the majesty of natural selection and the evidence is readily available from people such as Charles Darwin, Richard Dawkins, and David Attenborough who know far more than I, but surely this shows that science is far from ridding the world of beauty - it is taking the mundane, as well as the obviously magnificent, and building it into something so much more impressive.

The universe is beautiful. Science helps us understand the poetry going on before our eyes in actual terms based off evidence which has been tested and 'proven,' a complicated term by which I mean: something that has fallen into congruence with theories after multiple experiments by multiple entities, but which, over time, can be amended and made truer in light of better evidence. The scientific viewpoint opens up the whole universe as something that demands to be understood. It is through this understanding that we can see how marvelous reality is. Science shows us that from the largest quasar dancing and blinking its great lightshow in the depths of space to the Philippine tarsier (one of the smallest primates on Earth) to the utter minutia that is a quark 'popping' in and out of existence - that the universe is beautiful.

Richard Dawkins, a name bound to cause sighs of derision from many readers, once said that, "Science is the poetry of reality." Perhaps it would have been more apt for him to have said, "Beauty is science, and science is the poetry of life."

Student Leaders...

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develop a Waste Management Business Plan for the University. "I've learned that leadership takes passion, focus and dedication. It also calls us to use our skills and talents in service to our communities," Victoria says. **Curtis Boucher** is a second year student studying Management/Philosophy and is the president of SMUQ, Saint Mary's LGBTQ society. SMUQ enjoyed their best year on record, organizing a number of successful events, including the University's first Pride Week. Curtis and his team's efforts were recognized as Society of the Year at the recent Charter Day awards. Curtis is excited to lead the society to even greater accomplishments next year.

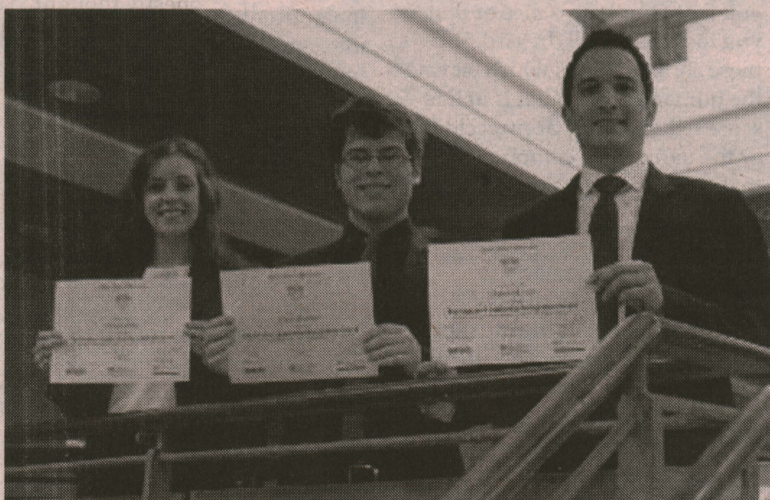
Eleizer Marval is completing his fourth year in Accounting/Financing and received recognition for his dedicated involvement

in encouraging fellow students to volunteer in their local and international communities. Eleizer led the largest international volunteer build trip to Punta Gorda, Florida, where 50 volunteer students helped to build five homes. During his two-year tenure on the executive of the SMU Habitat Society, the group raised over \$30,000 from a variety of fundraising initiatives.

Georgina Alonso is an International Development Studies (IDS) graduate student. She is actively involved in the IDS Graduate Society, and as its treasurer has helped organize numerous successful events and made the society an enjoyable space for learning outside of the classroom. "To me, leadership is about identifying where you are needed and making a genuine effort to contribute what you can," says Georgina.



Lucy Hulford



Victoria Blue, Curtis Boucher, and Eleizer Marval



Georgina Alonso

Gender identity bill passes third reading in House of Commons

MHA pushes for similar legislation in Newfoundland and Labrador

Devin Drover — The Muse (Memorial University)

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — A recently passed bill in the House of Commons will make discrimination on the grounds of gender identity prohibited, a move that is being celebrated by many.

On March 20, the Canadian House of Commons passed Bill C-279, an act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code (Gender Identity).

The bill would add gender identity as prohibited grounds for discrimination within the Human Rights Act. Furthermore, amendments to the Criminal Code would outlaw hate speech advocating the genocide of groups distinguished by gender.

The vote for what Conservative MP Rob Anders has in the past controversially labeled the "Bathroom Bill," came down to 149-137, with 18 Tories joining members of the NDP, Liberals and the Bloc Quebecois to pass the legislation.

The passing of this bill has been labeled a landmark in transgender rights by a number of LGBT and Pride groups across Canada, including Memorial University's

LGBT Society.

"[Bill C-279] is a great step forward in the equalization of rights for our trans brothers and sisters in the LGBT community. We're even more pleased to hear that there were senior cabinet members including John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Jim Flaherty, Finance Minister, who voted in favor of the motion," said Noah Davis Power, director of external affairs for MUN LGBT.

However, Davis Power says that the bill is far from perfect.

"Unfortunately, the bill was amended from its original form by removing 'gender expression,'" said Davis Power. "This just shows we still have some distance left to go before trans folk are expressly protected under the law and even more miles before they are accepted by society as a whole."

Gerry Rogers, MHA for St. John's Centre, have been a consistent advocate for gender identity and expression concerns within the provincial legislative. Just a day after the passing of the federal bill, Rogers proposed similar amendments at the provincial level.

However, according to Minister of Justice Darin King, such change

is not necessary.

"As I have said many times [to Rogers], our current legislation around the provision of human rights for people in Newfoundland and Labrador provides for that same security and protection that the member is advocating for," said King.

"Currently, our legislation does not prohibit the protection of the individuals that the federal government referenced in their legislation last night, and I will continue to monitor that."

However, many members of the LGTB community — including Davis Power — encourage Rogers to take a further step in her proposal and put forward a private members bill.

"We are all excited to hear when Gerry puts forward the motion, and are glad to have her fighting in our corner," said Davis Power.

With the release of the budget, it will remain uncertain when and if Rogers will propose such a motion. However, if so, Newfoundland and Labrador will be joining the Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Ontario, and soon Quebec, in adopting similar amendments.

StudentsNS seeking student input

By: Adam Faber

The provincial advocacy group that represents Saint Mary's students is looking for feedback from its members.

StudentsNS provides representation and policy alternatives to different levels of government regarding student concerns, and has recently turned their researchers' attention to drafting some policy documents they're planning on presenting to decision makers.

"I know the timing isn't ideal this year, but we'd still like to hear from as many members as possible," said Jonathan Williams, Executive Director of StudentsNS.

On the group's website, a preliminary version of two reports have been posted, in the hopes that member students will take a look and provide any feedback before the board approves them and moves forward, taking them to government.

The papers, which deal with student issues from economic issues to demographics, from call attention to problematic government decisions, while at the same time suggesting alternatives. Through funding provided by member student bodies, staff is able to commit man-hours to research that

will back up the document's conclusions.

"I don't want to make too big a deal of it, but one of our researchers has his PHD," said Williams. Saint Mary's University is only one of a number of member universities who chip in to fund the group. During the last SMUSA election, the student body was asked if they wanted to upgrade their partial StudentNS membership to a full membership, which meant more funding provided from students.

"Saint Mary's becoming a full member made a huge difference for us," said Williams.

"Without the funding provided there would have been staffing reductions, which would have impacted our operations."

The move to full membership means that SMUSA representatives are able to cast votes at StudentsNS meetings, which will help decide the direction and focus of the student advocacy group. Until April 17th, however, it won't be limited to SMUSA execs. Students who want to have a presence in the next board meeting can go to studentsns.ca and take a look at the advocacy documents and provide feedback.

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Abolition still relevant 150 years later, says Angela Davis



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Aissa Boodhoo-Leegsma — The Silhouette (McMaster University)

HAMILTON (CUP) — She is a woman known for her remarkable fight against racial injustice and advocacy for political prisoners. While Angela Davis now speaks about her past reflexively, it was her discussion of abolition and its connection to current disparities that drew 800 people to a lecture in Hamilton on March 27.

Davis was invited to mark the opening of the McMaster Centre for Scholarship in the Public Interest. Henry Giroux, the centre's director, emphasized Davis' great commitment to engaged education.

"We invited Angela Davis here tonight because she has struggled greatly and with great dignity for decades to demonstrate that education is a form of political intervention," said Giroux. "She has worked in difficult and shifting circumstances to remind us of the power of education as a central element of inspired self-government."

Davis spoke for close to an hour, first sharing her own personal story. She described how she had an early exposure to activism.

She briefly discussed her now infamous early teaching career, which got her fired from UCLA, first because of her support for communism, then later for speaking out on behalf of political prisoners. Davis was later wrongfully jailed for her supposed connections with a murder plot.

She argued that the prison-

industrial complex, a notion that was central to both her own personal experience and her talk, was first exemplified in slavery in the U.S.

The talk itself was meant to mark the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. But Davis' aim was less commemorative and more critical of the underlying implications of the purported 'end to slavery' and its continued relevance.

"If slavery had been abolished... there would be no second-class citizenship."

"The civil rights movement was only necessary because the slave trade had not been fully abolished," she said. "As a matter of fact, what we call the civil rights movement, we should call the 20th century abolition rights movement. Because it was about abolishing the vestiges of slavery. If slavery had been abolished ... there would be no second-class citizenship."

Davis argued that slavery was neither abolished nor antiquated. She noted how the actions of the civil rights movement were framed in a narrative that attempts to showcase the U.S. as a model of democracy.

However, she asserted that the civil rights movement has been narrowly defined and restricted to instances like M.L.K.'s "I Have A Dream" speech, while suppressing activities of groups like the Black Panthers. But overall, she proclaimed that the emphasis on a continued need and struggle for freedom was integral.

While Davis spoke knowledgeably about the pre- and post-Civil War period,

she especially captured the audience's attention when she drew contemporary connections to slavery and the civil rights movement.

She used examples such as the Freedom from Apartheid Movement in South Africa, the Dalit Panthers in India and the Palestinian Freedom Riders as global movements that were inspired by the black freedom struggle.

Davis acknowledged that the current era is full of struggles that require social critique and discussion, similar to the dialogue that surrounded the civil rights movement. She urged that ideas should be fostered in the academy yet nurtured and used in practice on social issues.

She dismissed the notion that there is a "post-racial society" and the excision of poor people from public and academic consciousness. Davis stressed that critical education was key to questioning, addressing and restructuring oppressive social systems.

"The challenges of scholarship and activism are vast today ... what is most important about this era is the consciousness and interconnectedness of various struggles. We can no longer focus on a single issue."

Julia Empey, a third-year student in English and history with a minor in religious studies, came out of the event appreciating the magnitude of Davis as a speaker. Empey also noted that the gap between scholarship and activism was still present at McMaster.

"There is a desire to see it happen in some pockets of students ... but to have that image realized is going to take a lot of work. How do we put these ideas in action? We've been told we've been given practical tools [through our education]. But we haven't been taught how to use them."

Davis concluded her talk by using part of a lesser-known speech from M.L.K., stating that, "most of what you know about M.L.K. is, he had a dream, right? And I'm actually kind of tired of that dream."

Instead, Davis spoke about King's desire to question, to urge broader restructuring and critical consciousness.

Why monsters and slashers all vote Tory

Kyle Leitch — The Carillon (University of Regina)

REGINA (CUP) — While paying due attention in film class last week, a professor raised an interesting concept that I thought I would share with you all. Over the course of the lecture, aforementioned professor suggested that horror films, and more specifically, the slasher films of the 1970s and '80s were representations of Conservative political policies, albeit cartoonishly over-exaggerated ones.

As I have been known to do when someone challenges my firmly established paradigms, I scoffed, "Surely, you jest!" Perhaps the professor didn't hear me, because the lesson moved on without the slightest pause to acknowledge what was a well-phrased query. "Surely, he jests?" I asked my neighbour.

"Fuck off," my neighbour responded, going back to the doodles adorning every margin of every page of his notebook.

"It's okay," I nodded. "Surely, he jests." But still, I couldn't get the nagging idea out of my head. The night after that fateful lecture, I sequestered myself in my living room — beside me, a veritable cornucopia of bloodlust. Jason Voorhees, Freddy Krueger, Michael Myers and Tommy "Leatherface" Hewitt would be my only company that cold night in this foul year of the Common Era, 2013.

First on the docket was Jason. Surely Friday the 13th wouldn't let me down. Okay, things are looking good: teenagers getting high and screwing. Jason putting the machete to them, and — wait. Hold on: teenagers. Drugs. Sex. Oh no. I ejected the DVD getting slightly more panicked now.

Nightmare on Elm Street? Freddy killed without discrimination, right? He got

you in your dreams, right?! Teenagers. Drugs. Sex. Abortions. Oh, fuck.

Mike? Leatherface? Teenagers. Drugs. Sex. Oh fuckety fuckety fuck! This is bad. This is really, really bad. How could I have not noticed the patterns? They had been in place since before the turn of the century! These movie monsters are the metaphorical archangels sent by Conservative politicians to punish the things that they hate most.

Think about your favourite slasher movie. Now, think about your favourite kill — you sick bastard. Now, think about the victim. Think about what they were engaged in immediately before their intestinal tracts were used to string up the light fixtures. I guarantee you they were either having intercourse out of wedlock, were abusing a controlled substance, or were discussing something guaranteed to piss off your local Conservative MPs. Ask yourself what a Conservative MP hates more than teenagers, drugs, sex and abortions?

And, suddenly, it hit me. This is how the Conservatives have been exerting their power in Canadian politics for so long. They get into power, and then they use their cronies summoned literally from the very depths of hell to murder their competition in cold blood. All I'm saying is, who's heard from Joe Clark, lately?

Jason, Freddy, Michael, Leatherface — I expected more from you. I honestly thought you killed regardless of political affiliation. I can assure you, gentlemen, that whatever the Conservatives are paying you, we, as a collective body could easily double it to stop your mercenary work for the Conservatives, and make a few more sequels each. Shall we set the first shooting day, say, March 21, 2013? I'm not angry. Honest.

Province to Make Healthy Eating Easier

Saint Mary's University received \$15,000 from the provincial government recently for education efforts that will help improve the eating habits within the Saint Mary's community.

The funding was made available through the Department of Health's THRIVE Strategy, building on the government's existing healthy eating initiatives in place in public schools and regulated child-care settings.

"By working with our partners, we are expanding those policies to a wider range of public settings,"

Premier Darrel Dexter said during an official announcement.

The Saint Mary's funding will be used to focus on healthy eating education, and tools to improve community awareness of the different ways to make healthy eating choices.

The funds will support initiatives such as developing tools for a nutrition manual, tips of the day, fact/recipe sheets, nutrition contests, and student and staff featured recipes, as well as linking to on-line tools such as EatTrack

from the Dieticians of Canada.

Other activities will include: Monthly education sessions until June on a variety of topics identified from the surveys. A new campaign called "Rethink Your Relationship with Food". Information sheets on topics such as lactose/dairy free products, healthy celebrations and how to build a healthy menu. The programing is designed to positively influence students and adult health through smart food choices.

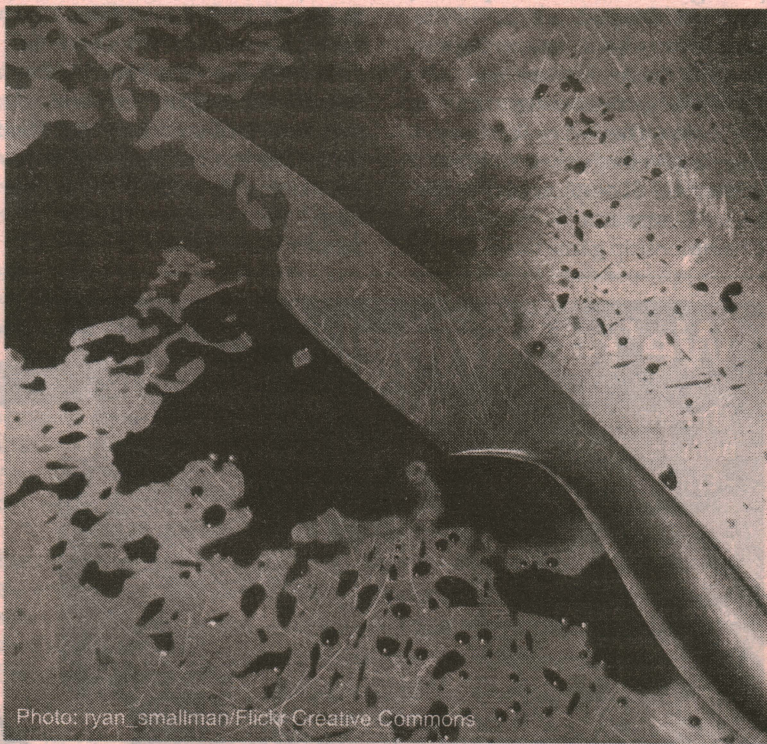


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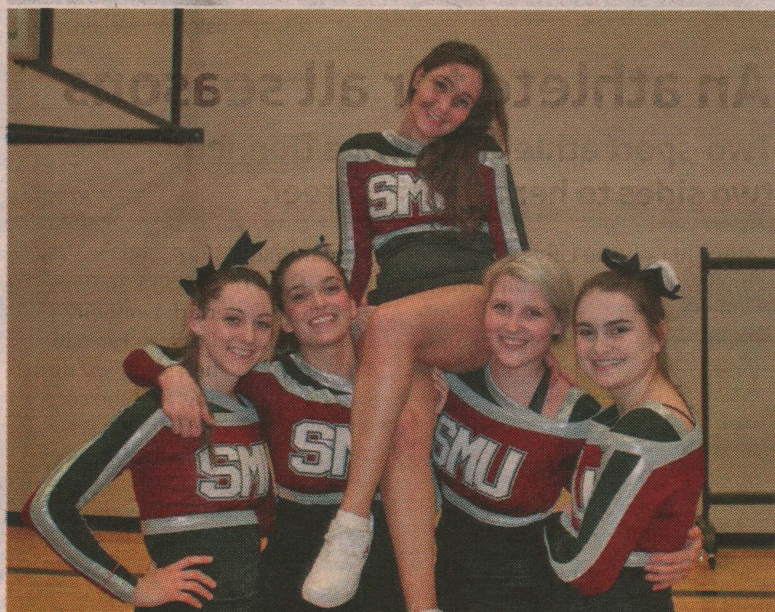
a hotly contested first half, the Huskies broke the game open in the third quarter and never looked back, taking the bronze medal by a score of 83-73. After two sub-par games, Justine Colley exploded for thirty-three points, eight steals and seven rebounds against the Dinos. Laura Langille, starting on the bench for the first time all weekend made the final game her statement game as well, scoring fourteen points and adding five rebounds.

The Huskies had their sights set firmly on being the team to dethrone the University of Windsor Lancers from the top of CIS Women's Basketball but were unable to do so. The Windsor Lancers exploited the Regina Cougars in the second quarter and held on for the 66-57 victory, claiming their third straight CIS Women's Basketball title.

The Saint Mary's Huskies didn't go home empty handed. In addition to their bronze medal,

the Huskies earned several major CIS Awards for their fantastic season. Head coach Scott Munro was the recipient of the Peter Ennis Award for being the top coach in the CIS. In only his fifth year as the bench boss, Munro is the first Huskies head coach to receive this honour.

Justine Colley was also recognized on several occasions for her season. She was named the winner of the Nan Copp Award as the CIS Player of the Year. She was also selected as a tournament all-star and was a first team All-Canadian. In addition to her accolades, Colley led the entire CIS in scoring, averaging 28.2 points-per-game, almost eight points more than her South End Halifax counterpart Keisha Brown from the Dalhousie Tigers. After treading around the .500 mark for the past few seasons, the Huskies run this year showed that they can compete with the best in the CIS.



Strong year for Cheerleaders

The SMU Cheerleading Team finished off 2013 strong after having a successful year by placing second at Cheer Expo Nationals this past month. They're support was felt at various Rugby, Football, Soccer, Hockey, and Volleyball games throughout the season. They were also busy cheering on the basketball team at the AUS Championships at the Metro Centre and the Women's Championship game hosted at

the University of New Brunswick. The cheerleading team also helped out in the community this season as they cheered on the sidelines at the Canadian Forces Mini Grey Cup and partnered with the Football in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade collecting dry food and donations for the Parker Street Food bank. The team is hosting an info session this Thursday in the Tower from 7-9 for next year's season. Stop by if interested. Go Huskies!



Photo: Michael Langlais

Super Auction Nets Huskies Big Scores

By: Cydney Proctor

The 15th Annual Huskies Super Auction took place March 20 in front of a sold-out crowd. The auction, one of the major fundraisers of the year for Husky varsity athletics and was a true celebration of much of SMU's athletic achievement over this last year.

With athletes and fans out in full force, Athletic Director Dr. David Murphy spoke to the room, thanking the staff of Athletics, Dr. Dodds, and reminding guests of the important milestones of the year for Saint Mary's University's athletes, including the fact that this year there were 57 Academic All-Canadian athletes, five Atlantic University Sport (AUS) MVPs, three Canadian Intersport (CIS) Players of the Year, and eight AUS All-Stars, and eight CIS All-Stars. "All of our teams made play offs this year," exclaimed Dr. Murphy, "and all but one team played for AUS Championships. It has been a

great year at Saint Mary's!"

In addition to Dr. Murphy, CIS Men's Hockey Player of the Year Lucas Bloodoff added, "The support from people in this room has been incredible - we wanted nothing more than to bring that gold medal home from Regina. The Leadership from Dr. Murphy and Dr. Dodds has been second-to-none. We rallied around the speech [given by Dr. Murphy before the left for Nationals], and totally identified with his story about the "Brand of Brothers" ...it just goes to show the level of leadership we have here at Saint Mary's University."

Justine Cooley also spoke about the value of the scholarships that are given to varsity athletes so they can continue to excel at both their academics and their sport. Cooley was the first person to have been named both an AUS All-Star and CIS Player of the Year. "We can't be like other students, so it means a lot that you all believe in us."

Among the big ticket items

handed out was a SMUfit and Summit Spa make over, a Bourbon tasting and house concert with Sue Uteck, former District Councillor, Metro Centre skybox tickets to Moosehead Playoffs and dinner for eight, in addition to dozens of silent auction items.

"SMU seems to have a larger following of Alumni, than say, Acadia," said Ray Hiltchie, a SMU graduate of 1974. "The first thing I do when I get the paper on Monday morning is check on how Saint Mary's did on the weekend." Mr. Hiltchie says that what sets Saint Mary's apart from other universities of similar size is the life style, of which athletics is a major part. "We have committed alumni," according to Hiltchie, "we have enough exposure to be able to pay follow things." Hiltchie, turning to a room full of largely SMU Alumni and added, "though, you can see - the room is aging, I think the university needs to do a better job of reaching out to younger alumni."

Top Athletes...

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Huskies," said her coach "Scoring is only part of the package however, as she has an impact on the game every time she plays, in so many other areas. Colley was also named the AUS and CIS women's basketball player of the year.

Lucas Bloodoff, a forward in his third year with the Huskies, led the Atlantic conference in scoring this season with 38 points in 28 games played. He was named a first team all-star, netted a league-high 20 goals and added 18 assists this year. His totals included three game-winning markers and a CIS-leading 12 power-play goals. Bloodoff was named CIS Player of the Year in Saskatoon.

He becomes the seventh Saint Mary's player to claim the Kelly Trophy since 1979-80 and the fourth league MVP from the Huskies program in the past seven seasons.

In three seasons of university hockey, this former player with the WHL's Kelowna Rockets, has

accumulated 76 career points in 82 career regular season games played.

"At 6-foot-2, 230 lbs., he is a pro-level conditioned athlete who has gained a reputation as a punishing fore-checker and extremely hard to play against," said Saint Mary's head coach Trevor Stienburg. "Whether at practice, in the gym, or during a game, the expectations on Lucas have been extremely high and he has delivered on those expectations. Lucas is a natural leader who brings the most out in his teammates and those around him. After 16 years of coaching at this level his commitment to his team and teammates is second to none and he has made our team, department and school a better place with his personality, professionalism and passion."

Other winners were:

Female Rookie: Sienna Cooke, Hockey
Male Rookie: Kevin Thomas, Basketball

President's (Female): Mandy Avery - Field Hockey

President's (Male): Matthew Albright - Football

Team MVP's

Cross Country: Julie Hopper, Alex Lavoie-Gilbert

Rugby: Jean Baker

Field Hockey: Mandy Avery

Soccer: Michelle Yates, Derek Gaudet

Football: Brett Lauther

Track & Field: Anissa Owen, Jake Wing

Volleyball: Ariel Smith

Women's Hockey: Sienna Cooke

Men's Basketball: Harry Ezenibe

Women's Basketball: Justine Colley

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Stienburg Proud of Husky Hockey Team

By Mark Moffatt

The Saint Mary's Huskies Men's hockey team came just one win short of the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Championship with their 2-0 loss to the UNB Varsity Reds on March 17th, but that has not dampened Head Coach Trevor Stienburg's feelings about how his team performed this season.

"Most picked us for the bottom half of the standings" Stienburg said in an interview. "To finish second was good in our eyes. To get to finals, I take out that we competed beyond expectations. We had our A-game, our A-attitude. We were in the zone, so to speak." Stienburg also felt the transition from losing in the Atlantic University Sport final to competing in the CIS championship was smooth. "As long as there was a ray of hope," said Stienburg, "we competed. We lost to the best. To give them games, it was not expected. Every game we played, we got confidence. UNB were not God by any means. We can beat anyone with our A-game."

Stienburg said the quality of the teams at the tournament

and some Huskies weaknesses certainly contributed to their loss. "They [UNB Varsity Reds and the University of Alberta Golden Bears] are the two best teams in Canada. I don't teach smarts, I teach hard work. We were looking to maximize our strengths and minimize our weaknesses. We lacked goal scoring in the final, which was obvious in the 2-0 score. We blocked shots and played man to man. Those are our strengths. Once again, our lack of goals really hurt us."

During the AUS regular season, Saint Mary's finished second in total goals scored with 109. The Huskies have four players in the top ten goal scorers in the Atlantic Conference: league leading scorer and CIS MVP Lucas Bloodoff with 20 goals; Shawn O'Donnell, 14; Stephen Johnston, 11; and Cory Tanaka, also 11. These four men combined, scored 51.37% of Saint Mary's goals during the regular season.

Stienburg, the CIS Coach of the Year, feels that the Husky second-place finish doesn't make his men neither 'first loser,' nor 'second-best in Canada.' "I don't feel either way. The question I ask is did I and my

players put our best foot forward? Could I have done something different? Everyone brought their A-game. I am satisfied with that; we put up a good fight. We wanted to win, we don't have that 'what if' feeling; I can live with it, I can sleep with it. We left everything on the ice, we gave everything. All the players can sleep."

On what Stienburg will do to prepare for next season, he says not to expect any changes to his plan for the off-season. "I have never changed what I have done in 16 years being here. I recruit year round. We get the best we can with our resources, the best quality people that I can, good kids. I want to put together the same effort in the team every year."

Overall, Stienburg feels this year has been good not only for his team, but for the rest of Saint Mary's as well. "It has been good for whole [Athletics] Department. It was a lot of what SMU should be proud of. It is not all about finishing first every time. That's just egotistical. You have to just leave it all out there and that's what it's all about. It was a pretty good effort, department wide this year."



Photo illustration: Kai Jacobson

An athlete for all seasons

Two-sport athlete Christina Donnelly has got two sides to her athletic career.

Colin Chia — The Ubysey (University of British Columbia) VANCOUVER (CUP) — Student-athletes have a lot on their plates, having to balance academics with highly competitive sports. It can be an overwhelming task, but it's a challenge that Christina Donnelly faces head-on. Not only does she play on the University of British Columbia (UBC) Thunderbirds women's soccer team — she also competes on the alpine skiing team, making her the one of few athletes at UBC who plays two varsity sports.

Growing up in Ottawa, Donnelly played soccer during the summer, and come the winter she would ski at Mont Ste. Marie, a ski resort one hour north of the city.

"You can't really play soccer outside [in winter], so it kind of gave me an opportunity to ski as well. My main sport growing up was skiing; my parents skied a lot and my dad's actually a coach," said Donnelly.

"[The sports] kind of help each other, because when I'm playing soccer I miss skiing, and when I'm skiing I miss soccer."

Donnelly did quit skiing for a couple of years at one point to focus on soccer, but she found that she missed skiing. With the encouragement of her father, she decided to get back on the slopes.

"UBC ended up just being the right fit of soccer level and ski level, and I wanted to find a school where I could do both. So that's one of the reasons I came here."

The differences between the two sports — soccer's emphasis

on stamina, skiing's reliance on strength — do pose a challenge when they overlap; Donnelly finds her speed deteriorates in late autumn when she's strength training for skiing and the soccer season is still in progress. At the same time, however, it does complement the midfielder's physical style of play on the soccer pitch.

"In terms of agility and endurance, my soccer really helps my skiing, and just my fitness level is higher, just from doing both," said Donnelly.

"They do help each other, but they also hinder each other when I'm training different energy systems."

Although the competition seasons for alpine skiing and soccer don't conflict, Donnelly has had to miss several exhibition soccer matches this semester. Although it's only preseason preparation, it obviously doesn't please new UBC soccer coach Andrea Neil.

"She hasn't been too happy with me that I've been missing so much, but ski season is over, so now I can focus back on soccer," she said.

She has one more year of Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) eligibility, but after graduation, Donnelly doesn't plan to rest: she intends to stay involved with both sports. Off the pitch, she wants to stay involved with the UBC women's soccer alumni, and on the slopes, she hopes to take up a coaching position with a ski team in the area.

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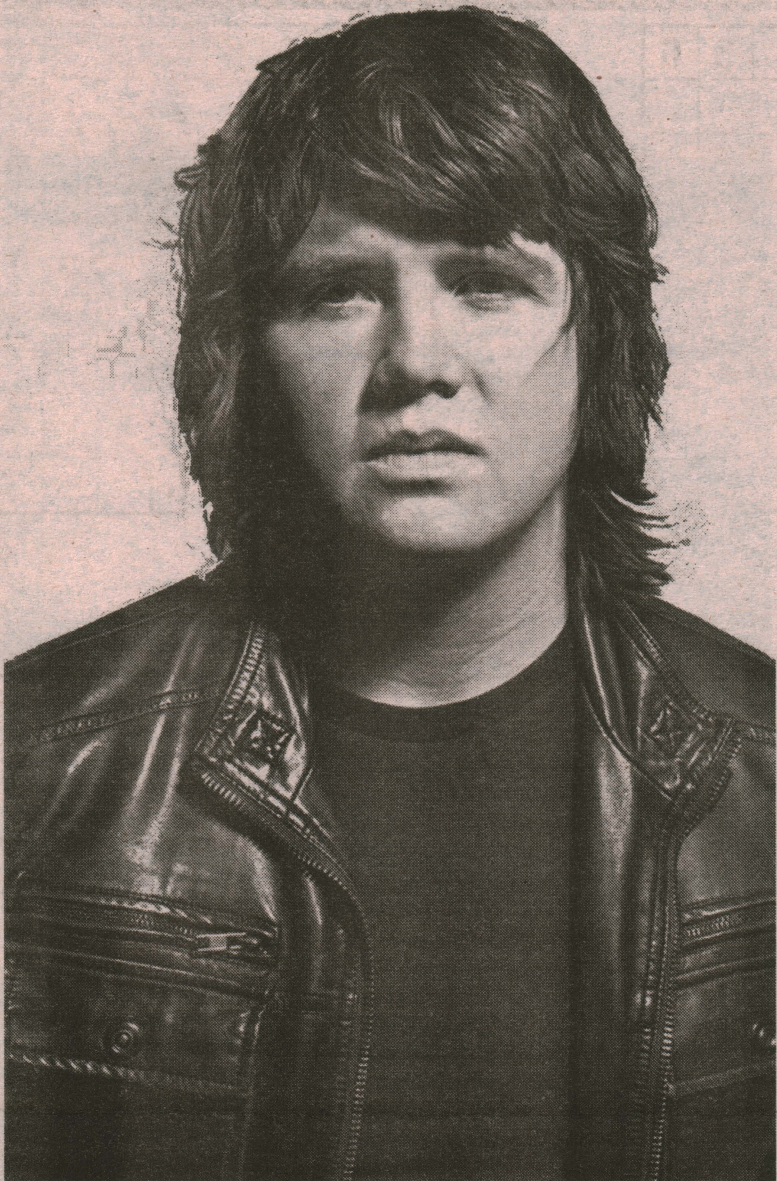


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Matt Mays and El Torpedo Guitarist Found Dead

By: Connor Donald

The East Coast Music world suffered a heartbreaking loss last weekend when Cape Breton guitarist and member of Matt Mays and El Torpedo, Jay Smith, was found dead in his Edmonton, Alberta hotel room. The cause of death is currently unknown, but an autopsy to be done in the coming weeks will reveal further details. Jay was 34 years old.

Jay Smith had a decorated career as a lead member of his own band at the start of his career, as a solo artist in the mid 2000's and as a backing guitar player for Matt Mays in recent years. Smith was born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and began his rise onto the East Coast Music scene in 1999 with his own band called, Rock Ranger. Soon after Rock Ranger's break up, in 2009, Jay Smith joined El Torpedo, Matt Mays' back-up band. In 2009, Smith took home an East Coast Music Award for his work co-writing Gordie Sampson's song We are Young and So is the Night. In 2011, he released a self-titled debut album.

Smith admits that he is a strong influence for, "basically turning [El Torpedo] into a rock band." The recognizable shift in sound

began with the 2008 release of Terminal Romance which was Smith's debut with El Torpedo and was nominated for a Juno Award. Smith continued his work on the highly successful, recent East Coast Music Award winning, Coyote. Smith was very happy to perform alongside Matt Mays and he said that there was less pressure on him then as a solo artist or lead member of a band and that, "I still sing and play all night. I still get to do what I love to do."

His passion for music, amazing talent as a guitar player, outgoing personality and contributions to the East Coast Music Community will be missed greatly by the East Coast Music Community, family and friends. In appreciation for all his efforts a charity benefit show was put on at Casino Nova Scotia on Sunday, April 7 which featured two songwriter's circles with Carmen Townsend, Matt Minglewood, Bruce Guthro, Carleton Stone, Matt Anderson and Thom Swift. A rock stage later the same day featured The Meds, In-Flight Safety, The Stanfields, Joel Plaskett and Matt Mays. A silent auction took place all day as well. All proceeds from the show go towards a trust to benefit Jay's two children.



Theatre Review

Legally Blonde is Shamelessly Fabulous

By Cydney Proctor & Michael Langlais

When an entire sold-out theatre coos and squeals when a dog is walked out of a trailer and happily trots across stage surrounded by pink 4" heels, you must be at Neptune Theatre's production of Legally Blonde: The Musical.

Tall heels, even taller hair and a whole lot of pink marked the Opening Night of the last show on the Fountain Hall stage, marking the beginning of the end of their very successful 50th season.

Now, if you've seen the 2001 film (and it's unfortunate sequel in 2003), the plot of the musical follows closely, with the major exception of an imaginary Greek Chorus consisting fellow Delta Nu's (Elle's sorority sisters) which ties together the narration, provides inner dialogue and contributes significantly to plot progression, not to mention showcasing the outstanding energy of the ensemble.

The film works hard to shed light on the hardship of the blonde in mainstream culture, which may be lost on the non-blondes among us, and the musical follows suit, while working on the pointed message of female empowerment in a largely male dominated field

- the study of law - especially in the backdrop of Harvard Law itself. The productions leave-it-all-on-the-stage number, "Legally Blonde," belted out by Halifax native Lindsey Frazier is a show stopper and delivers the message, before we see Elle find a way to balance her budding law career with dating the most dashing man at all of Harvard Law - of course.

The cast exemplifies all of their stereotypes - bouncy sorority girls, tight assed law students, skeezy professors, and east coast Kennedy-wannabes (Warner, the man Elle follows to Harvard breaks up with her for being too much of a "Marilyn" and not enough of a "Jackie." Case and point). While each character comically magnifies their respective stereotypes, it plays with their personalities and pokes fun at how we perceive them while digging a bit deeper into the quirks that make them tick. It's these quirks that make the show excel, with an impressive variety of choreography will delight and surprise the audience with wry references to popular culture while highlighting wonderfully quirky characters. The superbly designed and extremely dynamic set seamlessly changes with every number, and provides

both an immersive backdrop and occasionally humorous commentary to the show.

The cast is a melange of seasoned Neptune vets, from shady Professor Callahan (played by W Joseph Matheson) to director George Pothitos who directed many of Neptune's 50th Season productions, to those making their Halifax debut. The Neptune newbies hold their own, while the familiar faces to regular theatre goers force the plot along, showing off some of the amazing exuberance that Halifax theatre always has to offer. "It's so much fun," said Mary Antonini, who plays one of Elle's best friends Pilar and fills out the ensemble, "the girls, we're not really like that in real life, so it's fun to play the role on stage - let our girly side out."

As the 50th season draws to a close, the word around Neptune is that it's been a great one. "It's been a great year to bring people to the theatre, who might not usually come," said a lighting technician. "It's been a year of cool, accessible theatre, and I think that Neptune did it well and that Halifax really responded to it."

Legally Blonde runs until May 26; contact the Box Office for more information.

Summer Concert Scene Heating Up

By: Connor Donald

An already busy year for music in Halifax and the East Coast is continuing to heat up as Summer quickly approaches. Some big name groups are setting their targets on the East Coast of Canada and some big shows have already been set. With a mere couple months left until Summer truly begins I give you a run down of the shows and festivals that you should check out!

5. KISS with Shinedown- August 1 @ Metro Centre

One of the most exciting and entertaining classic rock groups in the world KISS is coming to Halifax and Saint John this summer. KISS brings their high energy, hard rocking music back to Halifax for the first time since 2009 when they headlined a show

on The Commons. KISS is touring in support of their latest album Monster released on October 9, 2012, which features the singles "Hell or Hallelujah" and "Long Way Down."

KISS is also welcoming special guests Shinedown to the stage this time around. Shinedown's lead singer is, in the last year, coming off a successful stint in rehab where he got over alcohol and heavy drug addictions losing over 75 pounds. Now back on track Shinedown, famously known for songs like "45", "Bully", "Sound of Madness" and "Second Chance", will come out with their hard rocking and true to life lyrics. Are you ready to "Rock and Roll All Night"?

4. Cavendish Music Festival with Dixie Chicks and Kenny

Chesney- July 5-7 @ Cavendish Beach, Prince Edward Island For country music fans the Cavendish Music Festival yet again returns with a strong line up which includes, most notably, The Dixie Chicks Sunday night and Kenny Chesney on Saturday night. Friday night welcomes Dwight Yoakam to the headlining stage who is currently touring in support of his newest single, "A Heart Like Mine" and bringing back some of his greatest hits. Carolyn Dawn Johnson and Shooter Jennings will also perform that night.

Kenny Chesney is set to headline on Saturday night after having, both, the Biggest Stadium Tour of the Year and Highest Grossing Tour of the Summer. He's recorded 15 albums in his

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THE MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION DEBATE: HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Political Science Society recently hosted a Marijuana Legalization Debate with four community members: Dr Robert Strang, Chief Public Health Officer for NS; Mr Cameron MacKeen, Barrister and Solicitor for NS Legal Aid; Superintendent Don MacLean of the HRPD, and Mr. Chris Enns, VP of the Halifax Compassion Club.

Through the course of the debate, Mr Enns suggested that access to marijuana for medical purposes is a constitutional right, and that people "should be looking for outright repeal of all regulations" related to controlled substances. He went on to say that should persons not be allowed access to [medical] marijuana that the Canadian Government would be "looking at genocide."

Mr Enns went on to clarify that he believes that there is no such thing as recreational drug use, and every person who uses marijuana benefits medically from their experiences.



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busy musical career, 14 of which became certified Gold or higher. Chesney will be joined by a lineup which includes: Little Big Town and Michelle Wright.

The main headliner of the weekend is country legends, The Dixie Chicks on Sunday night. With 13 Grammy Award wins since forming in 1989; there commercial success and growth began in 1998 with hits like, "There's You're Trouble" and "Wide Open Spaces". The Dixie Chicks will bring a force of hits spanning their career Sunday night alongside a dazzling list of performers including: Emerson Drive, Jason Blaine and The Abrams Brothers.

3. 2013 Toyota Salmon Festival Concert with The Eagles, Tragically Hip and Johnny Reid- July 13 @ Grand Falls-Windsor, NL
For those willing to take a trip to Newfoundland and love Classic and Folk rock the Toyota Salmon Festival Concert guarantees a great show. The legendary Eagles will headline the night bringing their immense list of classic hits like: "Hotel California", "Peaceful Easy Feeling", "Take it to the Limit" and "Life in the Fast Lane". Joining them will be Canadian music heroes, Tragically Hip, touring in

support of their latest album Now For Plan A. The night will also feature two more great Canadian folk-rock artists, Blue Rodeo and Matt Minglewood. Well Johnny Reid is also set to join the day long event of music stars.

2. Rush- July 12 & 14 @ Metro Centre Halifax
For the first time in 25 years, Rush returns to Halifax presenting the Clockwork Angels Tour which features a live orchestra on stage. Showing no signs of slowing down Rush will perform with no opening group for three hours presenting hits like "YYZ", "Tom Sawyer" and "Far Cry". Rush, elected to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame this year, brings their highly praised new album and tour to Halifax for an already sold out show on July 12 and a limited number of tickets left for the July 14 show. Rush promises they are not slowing down and bring everything to every show.

1. Osheaga Festival- August 2-4 @ Jean-Drapeau Park Montreal, QC
One of the biggest music festivals in Canada is Osheaga in Montreal, Quebec. Despite the ten hour road trip or short flight this festival is well worth the trip. Osheaga is a festival

headlined by high-profile concerts, but it also features other things like art shows. It presents music of many different genres and welcomes people of all age groups and music likings. The Cure, Mumford and Sons, Phoenix, Vampire Weekend and The Lumineers are among the headliners this year. Kendrick Lamar, Yelawolf and Big Boi are among hip-hop artists making appearances this year. Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, Two Door Cinema Club, Flogging Molly and Jimmy Eat World are all also set to appear. Get a group of friends together, get a car, book a hotel and prepare for an unforgettable weekend of concerts, art and parties!

The summer is only starting and the concerts are beginning to be rolled out on a very busy red carpet. Billy Talent, Great Big Sea, Opeth, Matt Mays, Rose Cousins among many other names are already set to perform this spring in Halifax. The Halifax Pop Explosion band deadline is fast approaching leading to a hopeful announcement of groups performing in the coming months. It is going to be an exciting summer and these five shows are, but a small number of the many shows announced or going to be announced for this summer. Prepare for a fun and hot season of concerts!

When two won't do Polyamory doesn't have to be a relationship death sentence

Ben Last & Natalie Corbo — Capilano
Courier (Capilano University)

NORTH VANCOUVER (CUP) "Why is it acceptable in our society to love more than one sport with a passion? Read different books? Why is it acceptable to love more than one child?" writes Kendra Holliday, the leader of sex-positive website The Beautiful Kind. "Yet it's not okay to love more than one person romantically at a time."

Monogamy is by far the most common and accepted relationship in North America. It's dominantly portrayed in media, and is also the only legally recognized type of relationship.

Although monogamy is arguably the default status of most relationships, it is not the only type of loving, committed, romantic relationship that exists. Among these types of relationships are polygamy, the practice of having multiple wives; polyandry, which means having multiple husbands; polyamory, referring to being in multiple relationships; and open or monogamish (a term coined by Savage Love columnist Dan Savage) relationships, which involve having sexual relations outside the primary relationship.

Ryan* has been in polyamorous relationships since 2006, and explains that he had a lot of trouble in monogamous relationships in the past because he always ended up cheating. He is now in a happy, co-parenting relationship with his daughter's mother.

"It's still a very close and caring relationship, but not one that has a sexual aspect to it, but still a very intimate relationship." Beyond that, "there is someone else who I am dating, and people who I see three or so times per week, and then there's also a few other long-term very-casual people in my life," Ryan explains. "It is very realistic, it is very doable, [and] it can be a completely satisfying way to live."

For Ryan, the idea of an open, polyamorous relationship makes more sense than monogamy, but because of monogamy being the societal default, it hasn't always been the obvious choice. He was raised in Abbotsford, B.C., and growing up his only exposure to any alternative to monogamy was Mormon polygamy. He explains that reading *The Ethical Slut* was a real breakthrough, and he was liberated with the realization that, "I don't have to end one relationship to start another."

Bob Muckle, a professor of anthropology at Capilano University, explains that monogamy is actually not a "natural" evolutionary trait.

"There are 300 species of primates and only a few that are monogamous," Muckle explains. "Increasing research shows primates may have one primary relationship and then

have relationships outside of that," much like polyamorous relationships in humans.

Nearly everything is adaptive in some way, and Muckle outlines how polyamorous relationships adapt in primates. "Sometimes, [having more than one mate] ensures the balancing of an imbalance of females/males. Meaning, if you have more young females than young males, it would be beneficial for males to have more than one female partner [to preserve good relations in the group]."

In the same way, monogamy must have been adaptive for some societies. There isn't hard evidence to date precisely when monogamy started, but according to Muckle, "We start seeing settlements hundreds of thousands of years ago with 30 to 50 people living in small huts. They're mostly pair-bonded and relatively monogamous, along the lines of serial-monogamy, meaning you're faithful for a short amount of time and then move on. When you start getting leadership and status [becomes] important, and you start getting agriculture and roles of men and women, that's when you're going to start getting monogamy."

Contributing to the development of monogamy is a combination of cultural, societal, economical and political reasons. In our culture where monogamy is practiced, polygamy is equally challenged culturally, socially, economically and politically. As popular sex columnist Dan Savage has asserted, people who have experimented with non-monogamy and failed also perpetuate the idea that there is something wrong with it.

"Why do most people assume that all non-monogamous relationships are destined to fail? Because we only hear about the ones that do," Savage wrote in a January 2012 column. "We rarely hear from happy couples who aren't monogamous, because they don't want to be perceived as dangerous sex maniacs who are destined to divorce."

Although polygamy certainly has negative associations with patriarchy and force, primarily in a religious context, Marnie argues that this is true of monogamy in

some cultures.

"I grew up in Indian culture and it's very patriarchal, and it's all about monogamy and marriage is very highly valued, so the person you date is the person you're going to marry and I found that really oppressive." Marnie has never had the desire to be in a monogamous relationship, and is currently with a primary partner she has been dating for a year and a half.

Marnie's open relationship is honest and communicative, and they always tell each other about other people, though not all of those relationships are equal. "Obviously we're each other's primary partners and so the emotional connection there is not comparable with what I have with anyone else."

For Marnie, there's also a political aspect involved in that she wants to break away from the idea of owning people or owing people — an aspect that might be found in traditional relationships. "We wanted to feel the type of intimacy and connection that didn't necessarily involve that part of owning or owing each other things," she says of her relationship with her primary partner.

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"[My friends] are all really, really supportive, but I do have some friends that have a difficult time accepting how I can be with more than one person. They support my general happiness but they have trouble getting over, if you're with one person you should always be with one person. You kind of just don't talk about it."

Although Ryan mostly associates with people who are similarly open-minded about romantic relationships, he talks less to his family about his relationships.

Bette* had a "don't ask, don't tell" policy when she dated someone polyamorous. She found her relationship to be a challenging, yet positive experience.

"I knew he was sleeping with other people. It didn't bother me in the slightest because it wasn't serious." However, "later on in the relationship it did start to bother me because he started to talk about other girls. I didn't want to hear that, you know?"

Being Bette's first open relationship, "there were a lot of psychological aspects to it that I hadn't considered until I got into it."

Bette stresses communication in monogamish relationships is key.

"Some people want to know everything, some not. You have to talk to each other and find out [if] what you're doing is cool."

She constantly tread between the fine lines of how much information she wanted to know, and how much information was too much. Bette says if their relationship's rules and boundaries had been clear, the relationship probably would

have ended much earlier because of the difference in relationships they wanted. As for couples experimenting with a monogamish relationship, Bette advises, "Maybe it'll work because you want to be sexually liberated and so does your partner, and it'll just make sense. On the other hand, maybe you'll discover you're not the kind of person for this relationship, this is why, and this is what you need out of your partner."

Ryan and Marnie both agree that open communication is paramount for open relationships. Ryan's first open relationship "was not as positive of an experience ... I quickly learned that a 'don't ask don't tell' policy doesn't work."

In a blog post, Kendra Holliday

talks about how great her polyamorous relationship has been, but also how it had a rocky start.

"Before I knew of polyamory, I thought I was defective and unfit to be in a relationship. After years of disappointing my partners, a series of men who enjoyed playing with the girlfriends I brought home, but freaked at the mere mention of 'another sausage in the room,' I resigned myself to remaining single."

Now, Holliday is in a loving five-year-long relationship which she describes as, "The perfect relationship — for us, anyway," says Holliday. "We don't fight. We have amazing chemistry ... we [also] enjoy an incredibly satisfying sex life."

Even with sharing him amongst other women, "Matthew does a stellar job of fulfilling my emotional and physical needs. I feel secure with him in a way that was lacking with past relationships."

Holliday has come across skeptics. "[Once they learn] the unusual details of our relationship dynamic, sometimes ... [they] believe our relationship is not serious. On the contrary, it is very serious. I hope he's there with me when it is my time to die."

Despite an overwhelming feeling that monogamy wasn't right for them, neither Ryan nor Marnie are expressly anti-monogamy.

"I wouldn't say that one is more natural than the other or that monogamy is totally a socially constructed trap or anything like that," says Ryan. "[However] I think there are potentially a lot of people who are monogamous because that's the default and that's what expected of them, and they don't see any representations of any other way to do it, either within their communities or on television or in movies — there [are] not a lot of positive portrayals of functional open relationships, and when there are, they're kind of these things that are doomed to fail."

Marnie agrees that monogamy can certainly be what satisfies some people, but believes that the different types of relationships diverge in their goals.

"I think [monogamy] displays a lot of insecurity. I think if you're in an open relationship there's a lot more trust in that, than you would find in monogamy. I think the goal in openness is about the other person, and it's just this mutual sort of self-growth. I don't feel that about monogamy, monogamy is all about constant compromise."

"I'm not advocating for it," Marnie says of open relationships. "[But] I think I just want people who are in monogamous relationships to question the relationships they're in."

"The names of Bette, Marnie and Ryan have been changed at their request, to protect their identities."



Student cost increases outpace inflation

By: Adam Faber

It's common wisdom that everything gets more expensive, but student costs for the average SMU student continue to rise faster than the mathematical average.

Anyone studying at Saint Mary's has certain costs that have to be taken into account when studying, whether they be an Canadian student or an international. Trends across ten years of data show that many bills associated with student life have been increasing faster than the rate of inflation, and even the tuition freeze that was canceled in 2011 wasn't enough to bring educational costs on par with the average rate of increase across consumer goods.

StudentsNS, SMU's provincial student lobby group, is unimpressed with how universities handle school cost increases beyond the rate of inflation.

"According to the memorandum of understanding between the province and universities, in order to introduce an ancillary fee or have an increase beyond the rate of inflation, [universities] need to host a consultation with students," said Jonathan Williams, the Executive Director of StudentsNS. "The problem with that is there is no definition of what a consultation is. I've heard it argued at some institutions because there are students present at the board of governors meetings that counts as consultation." In addition to not defining a consultation,

there is frequently no mechanism for students to approve, reject, or modify any of the newly introduced costs.

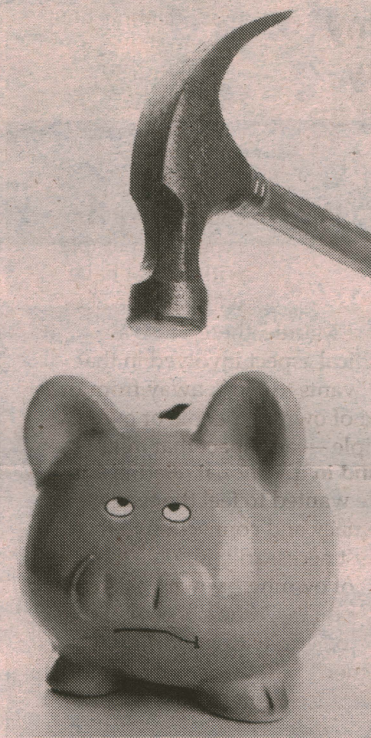
Such is the case for the new athletic fee paying for renovations to the Homburg Centre. In February a 'town hall' held, detailing the facility's facelift, along with information regarding the new fee's structure; \$5 per half-credit course is being added this fall, rising to \$20 per half-credit course by 2015. In response to underdefined 'consultations', StudentsNS has moved to boycott any event that could be considered a consultation around new fees, unless they receive written assurance that the event will not be considered one.

It's not just direct education costs that have been outpacing inflation, however. The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) was used to measure the average cost of an apartment in the Halifax area, and information taken from SMU's annual academic calendar were used to measure the costs of residence and a meal plan. In the cases of residence, meal plans, and average apartment prices in Halifax the rate of inflation was exceeded as well. What this amounts to is even the secondary cost associated with higher learning getting pricier faster than things in general.

Costs outpacing inflation is a possible contributor to an increasing debt load among students. According to statistics provided by the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

(CASA), 58% of Canadian university students graduate with debt, averaging \$26,680 per borrower. That is a national average, there are also numbers available provincially, which weren't promising. The highest average debt was in Nova Scotia, at \$30,128 per student.

In the past tuition was one of the slower costs to increase, but now the Memorandum of Understanding struck between the province and universities has allowed tuition increases of up to 3% in order to offset reduced government funding, making it unlikely that inflation situation will reverse, at least in the near future without significant action.



Are student lobbyists real-life Batman villains?

By: Adam Faber

Maybe it's because I've been putting off studying for exams, but a marathon viewing of the Batman movies has made me realize there are some parallels between the many characters who are capturing my attention on the silver screen. My textbooks, on the other hand, stay out of sight in my locker, recently nicknamed the Arkham Asylum of my education. Batman is obviously my tuition fees, because the current cost of schooling isn't the hero I need, but the one I'm told I deserve, and every time I look this 'Dark Knight' seems to rise again. This begs the question, the real question I should be looking into (not 'how do I differentiate complex equations for my calculus final tomorrow'): who plays the bad guys?

The Joker – Canadian Federation of Students

As far as TV shows and the movies are concerned, this is the one who certainly spends the most time in the spotlight. A charismatic organizer, The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is a federal student advocacy group who has a flair for the dramatic. Well versed on how to get on the six o'clock news, they have organized protests, social media campaigns, and outreach programs. The ultimate goal of CFS is to make education accessible for all, something which some don't see as possible. Their antics, such as a massive 'day of action' protest held each year, sure do get a lot of attention, however. That being said, schools trying to get out of the group in the past have faced technical hurdles and even legal resistance (Cape Breton University, Kwanten Polytechnic, and Concorida, to name a few who have had troubles leaving) making a foe out of who was once an ally. Some men just want to watch the world burn, I guess.

Mr. Freeze – Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

Arnold Shwartzegger is a heavy hitter in a number of respects, but he doesn't seem to get a lot of positive attention when playing the role of the guy who wants things to stop moving. Luck hasn't been on his side these days, that's for sure. His diabolical freeze ray locked Nova Scotian tuition fees in stasis for a few years (he had help from the other supervillains), but it's thawing out now, and things are on the move again. Curse you, caped crusader! It's really too bad, as a megalomaniac he achieves some impressive things, but students often don't know who he is. He's had success lobbying Stephen Harper more often than the others, perhaps because they're both frozen on the inside, who knows? Maybe he's not as warm and cuddly as the others, but once

you get to know him you realize he really just wants to bring things back to the way they were, before those terrible funding cuts (and that awful movie) in the 90s. 'Ice' to meet you!

The Riddler – StudentsNS

There are a lot of questions floating about, and this is a group not afraid to ask them all. StudentsNS is a provincial advocacy group representing student interests across the province, and they like to do research. For example, if post-secondary education is closely tied to the success of the workforce, why not tie economic successes to tuition costs? Riddle me that! Through a team of policy reachers they are producing suggested policy documents on an ongoing basis.

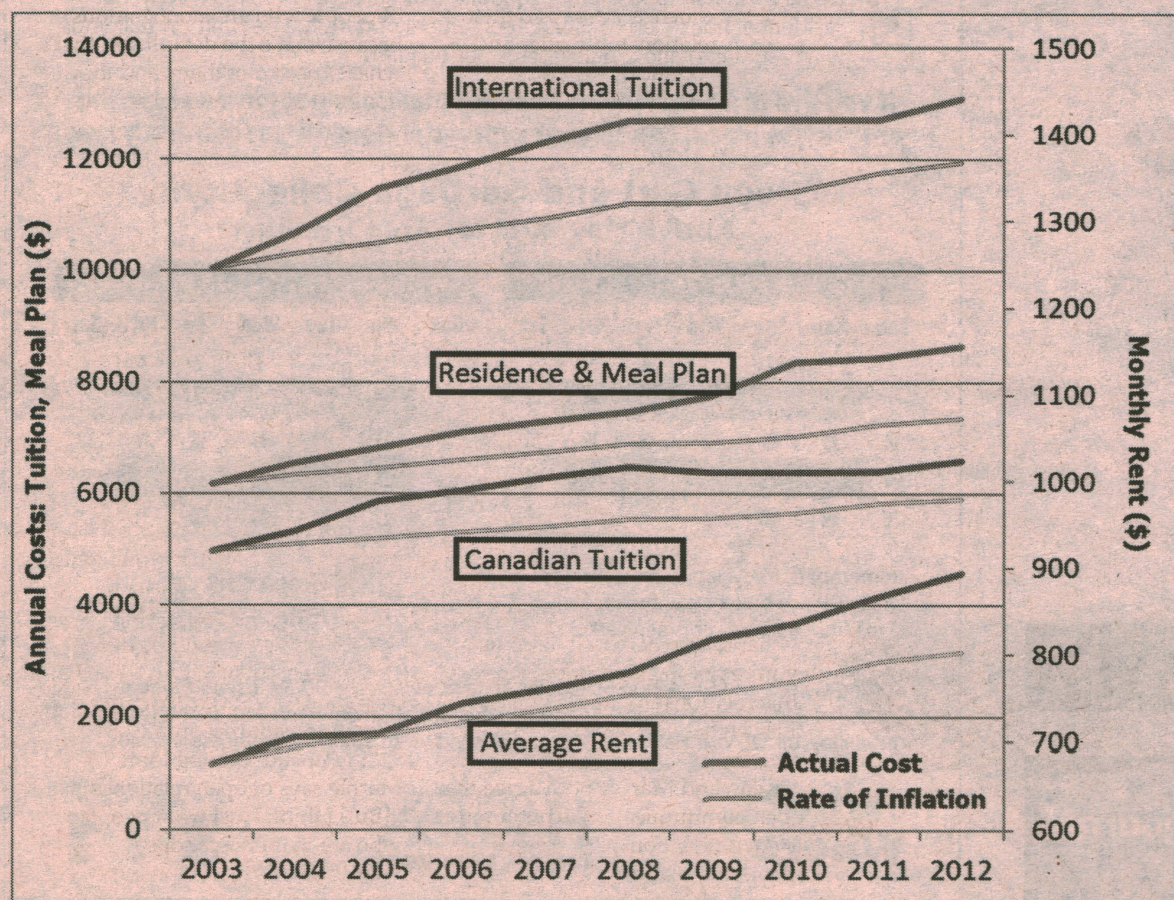
Two-Face – The Government

Before his terribly disfiguring accident (which I assume happened the day after the election was won), Two-Face was a loved man... Now, nobody's ever really sure if he's a friend or foe. The Canadian government at all levels have done both good and bad as far as students are concerned, torn between both sides of the issues time and time again. Handsome and charismatic one one side, ol' Harvey lauds our enthusiasm and encourages us to vote and get involved. The ugly half, however, doesn't listen to us, does his own thing and leaves us all out in the cold. It's tempting to assume he's simply flipping a toonie for each decision being made: Making improvements to the student loan program? Heads. Cutbacks to university funding? Tails. Changing to copyright law to be more student-friendly? Heads. Maybe the best thing to do going forward is to slip him a trick coin.

The Gotham Police – Saint Mary's University

The real goal of law enforcement is to keep the city running smoothly, and they work hard and generally do a good job. Somewhere within that organization, however, is a jerk by the name of Commissioner Gordon. Maybe he had no other choice, funding cuts are getting worse, and there isn't enough manpower to keep the streets safe. If something isn't done, the whole city could go up in flames! Either way, he takes the easy way out: he turns on that damn Bat Signal. This summons a cape-wearing fee hike, who kicks everyone in the face with higher costs and impresses everyone with crazy inventions created by a millionaire. Locking the troublemakers in Arkham Asylum, he gives a platinum smile and disappears in a puff of smoke and an expensive car. It doesn't solve anything in the long term, however. Everyone knows the asylum is about as airtight as Swiss Cheese, and just like those calculus textbooks I've been ignoring, they'll get back out again sooner or later.

Student Costs: Actual vs. Inflation



Actual costs are plotted, with what those costs would be if they followed inflation marked below. Sources: SMU Academic Calendars, CMHC, Statistics Canada

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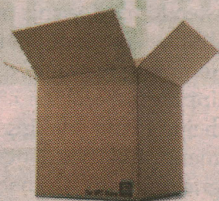
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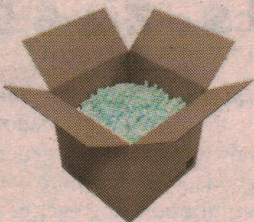


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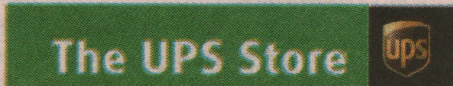
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- Ensure you're recycling properly by following HRM's sorting guides for 'What Goes Where' and 'How to Prepare It.'
- Ensure you know your collection day and week—your April & May 2013 schedule is below.
- Materials must be curbside by 7:00 am to ensure collection.
- Place garbage in a secure garbage bag or container—scattered garbage is the householder's responsibility.
- Observe limits: up to 6 bags/containers of garbage and 1 bulky item per residential house; up to 5 bags/containers of garbage per unit (in buildings with 2-6 units) and 2 bulky items per building.

If you live in an apartment building that does not have a recycling program in place, talk to your superintendent—it's required by law.

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Green Cart Collection
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