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Record Turn-Out For Candidates

Presidents Sit And Wait

by Paul Fitzgerald

Metro's seven university presidents are getting anxious to hear whether or not the provincial government will accept their Consortium Plan that they submitted last December.

The Consortium Plan, which is a cost savings approach in which all seven universities share programs and services, was a project the presidents grabbed onto one year ago in order to avoid the government making cutback decisions themselves. The presidents of all Metro universities have been working diligently on their plan in order to avoid either closures of programs or an amalgamation of all post-secondary institutions.

Saint Mary's President, Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, says that, "I would rather have an answer than just waiting." He adds, "This sort of contributes to the uneasiness on campus. I hoped that the Minster [John MacEachern] would have gotten back to the presidents."

Dr. Ozmon indicates that he will be meeting with the Minster of Education, John MacEachern, on February 6, and anticipates that during that meeting there will be some feedback.

Since students, faculty, and staff have been back on campus this semester, many have been concerned that the provincial government's delay could mean that the Consortium Plan had been rejected. However, Dr. Ozmon says that, "I am sure that they [government] have a lot on their plate right now... we [presidents] have been keeping the government informed throughout the entire process."

by Kate O'Rourke

An extraordinary number of candidates are running for executive positions in this year's Saint Mary's University Student Association (SMUSA) Executive elections, and people are wondering why.

The executive elections involve candidates for three positions, President, Vice President of Administration, and Vice President of Student Affairs. In total, 18 candidates are running for the positions, and around campus students are expressing surprise over the high numbers. "I can't believe so many people are running, this has got to be one of the highest turnouts ever," says one student.

Boris Mirtchev, President of SMUSA, says that, "I think it's the most [candidates] we've ever had." He says that he is unsure why so many people are running this year, saying that, "I'm not sure if it is because SMUSA has done such a good job in the past year that people want to get involved, or because we've done a bad job and they want to get involved to change things."

Mirtchev does feel however, that having a large number of people running is good. "I think it is positive to have so many people running," he says, but adds that, "whoever wins will have to deserve to win because the vote will be split among so many candidates. It will be a close race."

Students around the campus are generally in agreement with Mirtchev on this point. "I think it's great to see so many people running, but it's going to make it hard for anyone to get a clear victory," expresses one student.

Historically, the number of

students voting in the SMUSA Executive elections has been very low. Mirtchev says that, "I think the highest it's ever been is around 13%, that was in last year's Executive elections." He hopes that the large number of candidates will encourage a greater number of people to

vote, pointing out that, "they say that the greatest [incentive for voter turnout] is word of mouth. With so many people running I hope that it will spread the word and more people will come out and vote."

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ROLANDO INZUNZA/JOURNAL

THIS PAST THURSDAY IN THE GORSEBROOK LEONA BURKEY AND KEVIN BOHAYCHUCK GOT TO SHOW OFF THEIR STUFF WHEN THEY OPENED FOR SANDBOX. THE DUO ARE REGULARS FOR OPEN MIKE AND ARE BEGINNING TO GET A FOLLOWING ON CAMPUS.

Academic Regulations Get Overhauled

by Elizabeth McCarthy

The all-important guidelines which concern the scholarly careers of all students who study at this university have recieved some major changes.

The amendments to the Academic Regulations are the result of a three-year task force project, led by Geraldine Thomas of the Modern Languages department, and which consisted of members of faculty

and administration. Representatives of the student population were also a part of project.

Director of Student Services Keith Hotchkiss also served on the task force, and he explained some of the reasons for the changes and outlined a few of the more significant ones. "We asked all of the universities in Canada to submit their academic regulations, and we got quite a response...[the survey] was sort of to bring us into the 1990's and see if we were lagging behind in a consistent way

with other institutions."

This attitude is probably reflected most in the changes to the academic distinctions for the undergraduate degree and diploma programs.

The highest distinction, *summa cum laude*, will remain between the Quality Point Average (QPA) range of 3.91-4.00. However, the distinction *magna cum laude*, which used to have a QPA range of 3.76-3.90, now has a range that starts at 3.81. The last distinction, *cum laude*,

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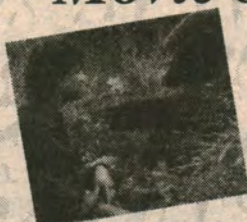
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MORE Than You'd Expect

SMU Alumni: Working For Change

by Andrea Wrin

The members of the Student Alumni Association (SAA) at Saint Mary's are heading into the new year with open minds and an eagerness to improve the association.

The SAA is an organization designed to promote school spirit and increase student participation in both school and community based events.

This month, four executive SAA members headed off to Sir Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, to attend a national Student Alumni conference. The Saint Mary's am-

bassadors have just recently returned, and have armed themselves with new ideas designed to improve the association.

Says Vice President of Administration, Chris Matheson, "we learned a lot about team building which is very important in helping us run a good program for the association."

According to Matheson the conference, which is held annually, is designed to promote the "exchanging of ideas with other associations... those ideas will provide a better program."

During the three-day conference, the ambassadors attended sessions and workshops

which promoted team building. Matheson feels that these techniques are important for building a team atmosphere. "A team can do more than any one person... [and] these techniques help strengthen our team," he says. The information gained at each annual conference is passed down each year to new executive members, who continually strengthen the student alumni program.

For the second semester the SAA hopes to, "increase membership and to gain new ideas for the association," says Matheson, adding that, "the new team building techniques

will enable us to serve members better." Students are encouraged to attend the SAA's open house on February 6, from ten to three. The open house enables students to see and learn more about the association.

This semester, the SAA is providing events which serve the local community, staff and students. Since December, the Saint Mary's ambassadors have participated in the Christmas Daddies telethon and raised money for the Alzheimers association. These community-based events help promote the spirit of Saint Mary's. However, this semester the SAA is fo-

cused on "events to make the group more cohesive," according to Matheson. There will be more activities designed to reward the members for all their hard work.

Such activities include a bowling and pizza party, which is funded by the members who worked late hours at the Gorsebrook lounge doing a coat check. Other events, including a coffee crawl and sledding party, are designed to strengthen ties between the members and the association. The SAA works hard to make their association both fun and productive.

Regulations Get Overhauled

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formerly had a QPA range of 3.50- 3.75. It now ranges from 3.67 to 3.80.

These changes will apply to students graduating this coming May-something that many students might not yet be aware of. The obvious potential conflict with these regulation changes is the possibility that students will be "bumped down" a distinction, or even excluded altogether from a distinction that they had anticipated receiving. In response to this, Hotchkiss says that, "if you're looking for a job, and you've got a 3.55...I don't think that having a 3.76 [instead] is going to make a big difference."

It may not be as easy that for students planning to attend graduate school or other special post-graduate institutions, however.

Other regulation changes that have been made will come into effect next fall and will ap-

pear in the 1996-97 calendar. The changes will cover many areas, including a tightening up of the academic probation rules, making it harder for students to return on probationary status for an immediately following year; the ability for students who have previously graduated within a particular faculty to return and do another degree in the same faculty; new rules for transfer students; and amendments regarding course load approvals designed to reduce paperwork and time.

Many of the changes, according to Hotchkiss, are in place simply to clarify existing regulations and to further assist students in their understanding of them. Even so, students are ultimately responsible for their knowledge of all academic regulations and how they pertain to them. Students should take extra care to learn the new regulations as they appear in next year's calendar and to contact their advisors or registrar if problems arise.

Corporations Not Paying Their Fair Share

by The Journal Staff

More myths have been spun around the issue of government debts and deficits than around any other matter of public policy. We have been lead to believe that Canada has sunk deeply and dangerously into debt because "we have been living beyond our means."

It should be kept in mind that debt cannot be properly calculated without also looking at assets; and, according to the National Accounts, every dollar of government debt is offset by 95 cents of government assets, such as the value of public buildings, Crown corporations, land and other resources. These enormous government assets, however, are not taken into account by those who rant about the government's debt.

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that the World Bank has estimated that they are worth \$960,000 for every man, woman and child in this country - a figure that also helps put our \$24 000-per-person public debt in a useful perspective.

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breaks during the 1980s, a period in which they laid off 12,000 employees.

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Canada is one of the few countries that doesn't have wealth or inheritance taxes. If we did have such taxes, and levied them at the average rate of other countries, they would bring in an estimated additional tax revenue of \$15-billion a year.

Candidates

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When asked for a comment, Norman Gallant, General Manager for SMUSA, said that he would not go on the record about the elections. He says that, "I'm supposed to refer everything to Boris (Mirtchev) because he's the official spokes-

person for the company (SMUSA)."

The voting for the Executive elections takes place on February 6 and 7. There are polling stations in the Student Union Building (SUB), the Patrick Power Library, the Tower, Loyola Collonade, Loyola/McNally catwalk.

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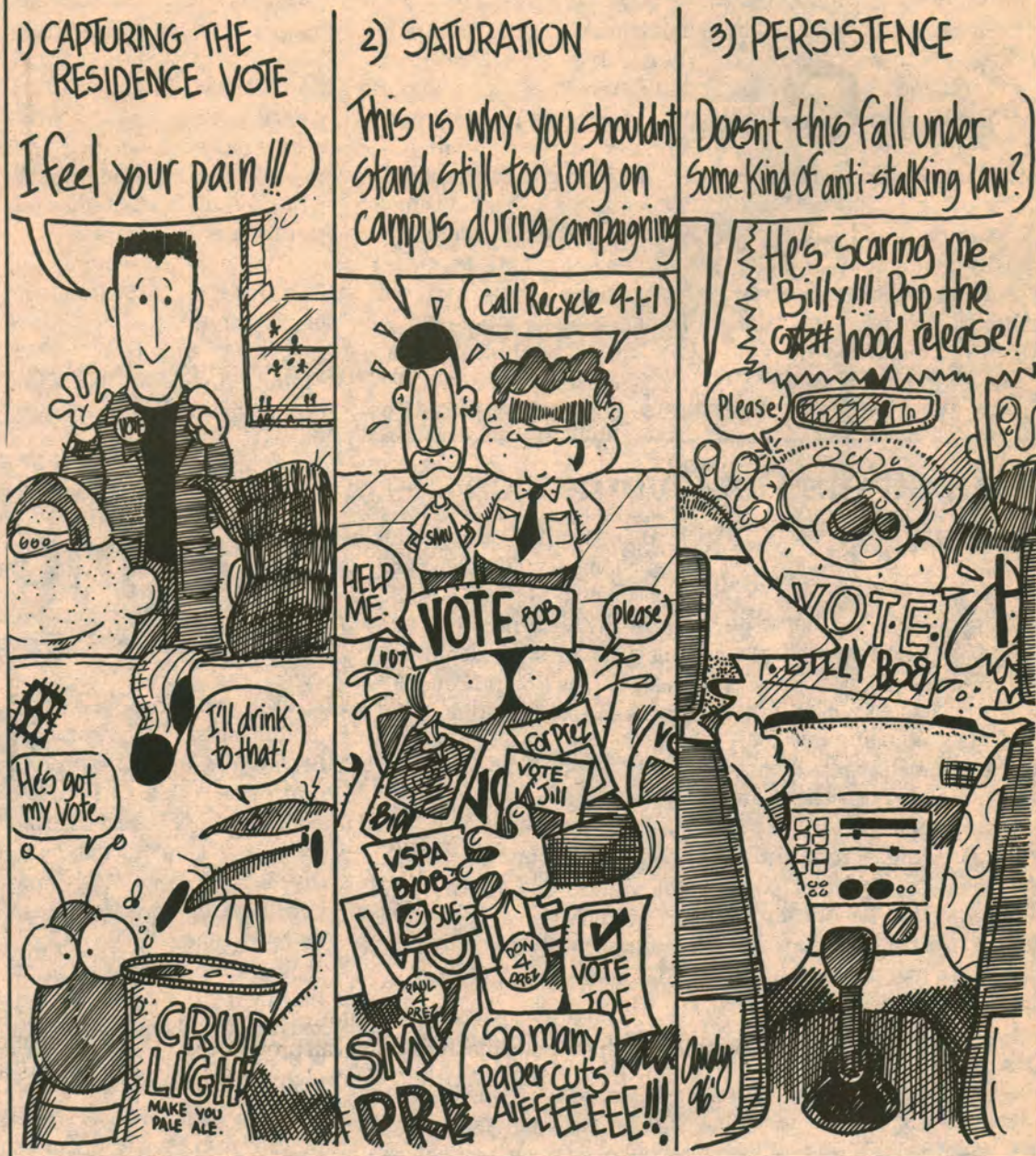
While I only had time to catch glimpses of the Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers battle it out in Phoenix for Super Bowl 1996, I could hear the words being echoed from one of my former History professors, Burkhard Kiesekamp. "The more Canadians try to be unlike the Americans, they instead found themselves becoming just like them," he would say in a high pitched voice while holding his hands tightly together. Almost like a Sunday afternoon television evangelist, he would spend an hour and fifteen minutes, two days a week, repeating how Canada has been molded by the American way of life, and how the nation has become more American than America. His course, *Canadian Government: From Confederation to Present*, was based on one theme: the irony of Canadian history. He would dabble in bits and pieces from the Bible in order to illustrate the ideologies shared by those who have created the Canadian system, throw out dates of elections, protest movements such as union strikes and provincial dissatisfaction, and point out how most Canadian towns and cities along with the railroads were built within three-hundred miles from the border, all in a bid to emphasize that Canada is really America. No matter what mechanisms the Canadian government implemented into the Constitution, whether it be the form of government, known as Federalism, or the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, they were originally American ideas. The Canadian government, throughout the past 100 years, has adopted these features of American politics and civil life, altered them, and anticipated that they would therefore create a system far greater than the United States. However, as Kiesekamp would say, "no matter what Canada did in order to become different than the U.S., they still ended up with similarities." Illustrating the point of Canadians being more American than America can be done simply by pointing out the fact that millions of people stopped their lives last Sunday night in order to indulge in the American way of life; that freer and more glorified aspect that draws so many Canucks to their southern neighbor. Football is one aspect of how the close proximity of the U.S. has virtually ended the interest Canadians have in their own leagues, and as far as most of the population (30-million) is concerned, the country no longer even has a league to spare. While Canada originally adopted the game from the U.S., the closeness of the U.S. presence has always been felt. Presently, both the Canadian Football League, and even the Canadian University Football League, have difficulty in getting fan support. Why? Because you can sit at home like an American, eat pizza, drink beer, leave on the answering machine and shout when your favorite Yankee team scores a touchdown. In fact, someone could arrange to have two Canadian football teams compete right in someone's own backyard, and if there is an American game on the television at the same time, courtesy of Fox or NBC, then there's not a hope in hell it will be noticed. There's more hype in the U.S., more glamour, more charisma in the game, and you won't find this in Canada. The only thing worth finding at a football arena these days are Monster Truck events or country music sing alongs with old people line dancing. Just take a look at the Grey Cup. I'm sure there were more Canadians spending most of their time just avoiding the event than actually watching it.

While Canadians pat themselves on the back for having this greater way of life, just remember that it's an American way of life.

And for Kiesekamp, if you want to call me to tell me that I've written something wrong about your course, I'll be too busy to take any calls... the American Election process is now getting under way. Vote for Bob Dole.

P.F.

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Women's Issues Are Neglected

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the editorial in last week's newspaper, concerning the representation of women on Student Council. It appears that women's issues are not sufficiently dealt with at this university. The present Student Council only has one woman on it. It is too much to expect one woman to represent the concerns of half the population of this campus. She (Libby Biason) is also responsible for the duties of her position - V.P. Administration.

There is a multitude of issues women have presented the current government with, including tampons in the washrooms, safety on campus, and single parent student loan cuts. This is a small sample of the issues that need to be addressed. If there was a women's representative position on Council, there would be a greater chance of success in dealing with such problems. But, there's not. With the upcoming elections, I think women on this campus should get out and vote to ensure their voices are heard.

Thank-You
Lesa Doucette

No Need For A Women's Rep.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to the article entitled "It's Not That Women Aren't Winning, It's That They're Not Running." In the second last paragraph P.F. states: "According to some Political Science and Sociology Academics at St. Mary's, a Women's Representative may in fact cater to women who are mainly white" These academics are automatically assuming that if there was a woman representative on council that she would be Caucasian. Hello? Are we in the 90's here? Have any of you people bothered to take a look around campus? There are many women attending St. Mary's University that are of diverse cultural background. I have met many women in my classes who are from Africa, Asia, the Caribbean etc., and I am absolutely positive that if any woman chose to run for Council she

would have an equal chance of winning. Besides, the suggested position is called (Just in case you academics out there forgot) Women's Representative on Council, and I believe that means any women regardless of her cultural background.

Being a woman myself, I don't see the need for such a position anyway. I mean if I wanted a position on Council I wouldn't want it to be made only for women because that's saying that if I ran against men I wouldn't win. I don't want a position on Council simply because I have the correct genitalia. Sorry, I'd want to win because I have what it takes to beat out the competition. Libby is also implying that the men involved in SMUSA don't consider women issues. I don't believe this for a minute. I've been at this university long enough to see that women play a strong role at Saint. Mary's. I am insulted that Libby Biason even suggested to have such a special position created.

Krista Tannahill

Letters, letters

Letters to the Editor must be received by the Friday before publication. Letters should be typed and not exceed 300 words. The Journal reserves the right to edit letters for brevity and clarity. All letters must be accompanied by a student number, name, and contact number.

And The Candidates Are...

President

Paul Fitzgerald



Paul Fitzgerald has done a lot in his three years at Saint Mary's. In addition to studying in two Major areas (political science and sociology), he has worked diligently as the Editor of *The Journal*. His efforts have not gone unnoticed. In 1993/94, Paul was recognized by SMUSA as the Frosh Of The Year. In 1994/95, he was given the Award for Distinction And Appreciation. As Editor, Paul is exposed to the issues that face students every day, and he is concerned about the future of Saint Mary's. He knows what needs to be done to preserve and enhance the quality and feasibility of both education and student life at Saint Mary's. As your President, Paul Fitzgerald will: make students the first and foremost concern when

dealing with both cutbacks in government funding, and with the pending reform of SMU; advocate for greater student employment; respond to the voice of students concerning residence food services; ensure that the availability of student loans is maximized for all students; address all concerns voiced by international students; improve campus safety; work towards enhancing and revising the Student's Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS); and finally, improving Radio Saint Mary's- CFSM.

Vote Fitzgerald

Andre LeBlanc

My name is Andre LeBlanc. I am running for SMUSA president with the hope that next year I can provide the representation that Saint Mary's students deserve from their students' council.

I have been attending Saint Mary's University for five years. Over this time, I have graduated with a B.A., been a Residence Assistant, and have become very aware of the student needs that SMUSA should satisfy. However, throughout these years, I have seen a decrease in the activities provided by SMUSA and an increase in the conflict between SMUSA and various university organizations. I now want to make some changes so that the students can again have their concerns heard and

addressed. In order to provide these changes, you the students must be willing to vote for someone with a new outlook and a clean slate. So "COME CLEAN" and vote Andre LeBlanc.

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David "Smiley" MacDonald



If I am elected as President of SMUSA I plan on having bungee jumping off Loyola during the warmer months. I wish. But what I will do is tackle many important issues that will face the student body in the upcoming year. I will take an active role in the amalgamation process. This is an important issue. Why should we be forced to attend classes at Dal. Tuition is another issue that concerns us all. I will take an active role in fighting exorbitant tuition costs. Also, after living in residence for two years I have noticed that the food prices in the cafeteria have risen each year. This year the food prices are ridiculous. For the price you pay, you would think that you are receiving a five star meal, but it is not even a one star meal. I have been active in

many SMU societies. During this time I talked with many students and found out what they wanted to get from SMUSA. In addition to the issues mentioned we want a students union that is approachable and will lobby for the best interests of the student body. These issues are what I will strive for.

Shane MacKay



Shane M. Mackay, B.Comm (FIN,MGT,HRM)

Summary of major experiences:

Graduated May 1996 with Bachelor Of Commerce Degree

Majors - Finance, Management, Human Resource Management And Industrial Relations

Presently enrolled in Bachelor of Arts Degree Program

Major - Economics

-Residence Assistant 1993-1995

-Campus Security 1992-Present

- Security Executive Sept. 1995 - Present

-Served on various Residence Committees

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-Worked in Trinidad at The National Commercial Bank

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From the start of my University Career at Saint Mary's in 1992, I became involved in student societies and committees. This involvement has only increased over the past 4 years expanding my role from student to student/volunteer/employee.

Different groups of students have different concerns about all aspects of university life. As an international student who has lived both on and off campus, I can draw from my experiences to better serve and represent you to the administration, government and other organizations, in addressing your concerns and ideas.

To accomplish my goal of better representing the students of Saint Mary's, I look forward to your continued support.

Sean Murphy



I am a third year Arts student. Since 1992, I have lived both on and off campus and have been involved in many extra-curricular activities in and around school. I feel that with the experience I have obtained over my three years, I have an understanding of some of the major problems students are facing and will be able to address these problems if elected.

I have worked in the following areas:

Vice-President of the Graduation Class of "96", Executive member of the Off-Campus Society 95/96, liquor services for SMUSA 95/96, one of the organizers for the first ever Inter-University Intramural Hockey Challenge 1996, Residence Assistant for Loyola 94/95, served in sexual assault workshops 94/95, member of the infamous "Dogpound".

If elected, I will work closely with the administration and represent students to the best of my ability in discussions regarding tuition hikes, consortium plans, Marriot contracts and any other issues that should arise.

With my past experiences, enthusiasm, leadership abilities and personable manner, I feel that I could offer a great deal to both the administration and students of Saint Mary's University. Vote Murphy for President!

Chris Pilkey



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Leslie Reid
3rd year Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)

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-increasing student awareness of structural changes in post secondary education: rationalization, block

funding, student loans

-recognizing the concerns of the growing mature student population
-increasing the voice of underrepresented student bodies: women, students with children, off-campus students, gay and lesbian students, disabled students
-Promoting alternative activities and associations for students outside the traditional student body

The next year will be one of transition that will serve as a model for other Canadian universities. Saint Mary's is not only faced with the challenge of adapting to major administrative change, but also to a changing student body. This transition period provides an excellent opportunity to open student council's doors to envelop representation from unique cultures on and off campus and lead us into a new concept of university life.

Chris Webb



With the threat of rationalization it is important to have a President who knows the issues and has the experience to represent students. I have been a student leader for many years, as president of my high school student council and the *Nova Scotia Secondary School Students Association*, and in 1995-96 as *SMUSA Director of External Affairs* and *President of the Students' Union of Nova Scotia*.

As the SMUSA External Affairs Director, I worked to make SMU students aware of the effects of rationalization on Saint Mary's. As SUNS President I brought the concerns of SMU students to the attention of the Education Minister, Leaders of the Opposition Parties

in the Legislature, and M.P.'s. I have campaigned with single-parent students for fair treatment by NS Student Aid. I worked closely with the NS Council on Higher Education, and NS Links which provides jobs for students.

As SMUSA President, I intend to push for SMU to house the provincial Business School. I will give the SRC direction on rationalization, food service, and to ensure that SMU students are properly represented. I am concerned about the future for all students and believe that the next SMUSA president must be a *proven leader*.

V.P. Student Affairs

Corey Bell



Dear Fellow students,

My name is Corey Bell. I am a third year political science student. This year I am seeking the position of Vice-President student affairs. The 1996-97 academic year will be one of the most challenging and difficult that our Saint Mary's University community has had to face. This is due to the upcoming budget cuts, financial restraints, and proposed amalgamation of the universities. This past year I served as one of your student senators on the university senate where we have dealt continuously with these issues. As your Vice-President I will work hard to make sure that students are properly represented when these important decisions are being

made. At the same time it is important to remember that there is a lot more to university than just academics. If elected I plan on spending a great deal of time improving student activities which enhance the social aspect of student life. I would love to hear any ideas and suggestions you might have. I hope to see you at the polls.

John Francis



The Vice president student affairs has the following responsibilities:

-Communicating information about all events on campus to fellow students
-Planning and organizing Frosh week and winter carnival
-Maintaining close ties with the societies, and helping the societies to the best of his/her ability

As vice president student affairs I want to use all mediums to communicate information about events to both on campus and off campus students. The students have to be informed. I want to plan a Frosh week that will provide more enjoyment for the frosh, and increased involvement for the returning students. A winter carnival that will rock the school. Beating those winter blues out of students. I also want to make the pub the best place to be on a Thursday night. I want to help the societies take an active role in school life. Giving them the opportunities to welcome students in a new capacity. I want to accommodate the international students making them feel at home.

Basically, I want to promote school spirit, and lift St. Mary's to a new level it has not seen before.

Jack Odinga



Jack Odinga full-time 4th. year commerce, Accounting and Finance major.

An international student from Kenya, East Africa. In my four years at Saint Mary's I have had a chance to integrate within the SMU community. One of the things that struck me upon my arrival was the overwhelming hospitality from new and returning students, something that has not stopped since then.

Should I be elected as V.P.S.A., it will be an opportunity to show my appreciation and heartfelt gratitude by devoting myself to the betterment of student life on and off campus. I would like to ensure that students are exposed to options available after University. I believe

that anyone taking on a leadership position should not only consider the present but also forecast for the future, otherwise the present is meaningless.

My interaction with students has been through residence life (Loyola and Rice) and also working for Marriot. I am also actively involved with the African Society at SMU both as a member and also as an executive (1993-95). Off-campus I am a member of the Kenyan Students association in which I was the Vice-president (94-95).

Trevor O'Brien



As a student of Saint Mary's University I have been very familiar with our community. I have been active in various activities on campus such as:

- 93-94 Residence "Green Shirt"
- Member of the Residence Society
- Member of the Commerce Society
- 94-95 Residence Assistant in Loyola Residence
- Member of University Security
- Member of the Residence Society
- Member of the Commerce Society
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- 95-96 Residence Representative for SMUSA

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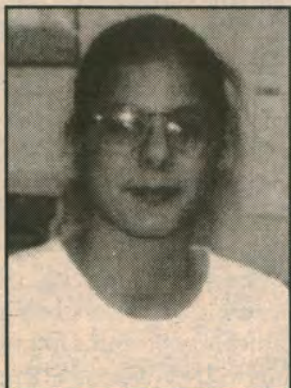
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As the Residence Rep, along with fellow students, we have been effective in addressing issues such as Marriott pricing and the cleanliness of certain floors in residence. These are important issues because they are some of the ones that affect fellow students who are my main priority. I have organized activities for the residence students to help promote a unity amongst the students because we the students should be exposed to everything and all that university has to offer. The position of VPSA would enable me to do more for our students and be a more effective voice for students. Every student should be listened to equally and have their concerns addressed.

Sharon Pottie



Fellow Students,
My campaign slogan is "I'll be there for you," and if I am elected into office, I will go out of my way to do just that. I would like to stress that I will be there for both on and off campus students. I will be there for all the societies and I will do my best to help them out. Last year's Frosh week was tremendous. Being on the Orientation Committee, I got to talk to many first year students. Next year, I hope to be able to implicate some of their ideas so that Frosh Week will be better than ever. Finally, Next year I would like to see much more done for our Winter Carnival. Good luck to all of the candidates!

V.P. Administration

Mohammad Ali



I'm a third year student in commerce faculty, majoring in Accounting and Finance, with minors in economics. The reason that I'm running for this position is that I know that I can represent my fellow student the best way possible.

Working as the SMUSA's staff, as a treasurer of ISC (International Student Club) at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), an assistant head proctor in my High School, and doing volunteer work has given me experience in working with people. Furthermore, having the chance to live in four countries with very different cultures has given me the ability to understand and get along easily with others.

I'm a dedicated person, and I take every thing in my life very seriously; I guess the fact of me being on the dean's list here at SMU and at IUP, and the fact that I have also been nominated as employee of the month by SMUSA proves it. I have been working with SMUSA for about a year now, and I'm quite familiar with their processes and the present staff.

In summary, these qualities would allow me to offer first class service to everyone.

Adrian McCardle

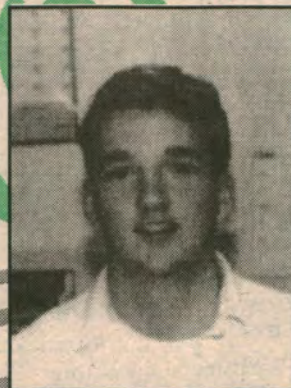


I am a 3rd year Geography major. I was involved with council this year as the arts representative. This position gave me the an introduction to many of the important issues which are facing the student population as well as an opportunity to see how student council works at St. Mary's. Living in residence as well as off campus I have been involved with many societies and organizations which has given me a better understanding of problems that are facing our students. My experience includes: V.P. Off Campus Society, Sexual Harassment Committee, Political Action Committee, Residence Society, Residence Buddy Program, Arts rep on SRC and I

am the founding member of the Dog Pound (Hill Sliders).

The position of V.P. Administration is to handle many of the day to day operations of S.M.U.S.A. and it's staff as well as chair the Entertainment committee. My experience has given me organizational and communicative skills which are needed for the job. Aside from the regular duties of V.P. Admin, I will be first and foremost your representative. I am committed to increasing the student's voice on issues such as tuition hikes, food services and amalgamation of the metro universities.

Colin Gillis



For those of you who don't know me or those who know me as Doogie, my name is Colin Gillis. I am a third year Commerce student with a double major in Marketing and Human Resource Management. For three years at Saint Mary's I have worked at Marriott and the Physical Plant. I am currently employed at SMUSA Liquor Services and the Tower. These positions have provided me with valuable knowledge of how S.M.U. operates, I know what the issues are that face students on a daily basis, and I am prepared to address each concern immediately.

In the coming year, I want to improve the University for all students, faculty and surrounding community, academically and socially. I intend to work along with the President and Vice President of Student Affairs to improve food service and residence life. I would like to make more academic advisement available and improve the professors' evaluation process.

I will keep myself and fellow students informed on future budget cuts and how they will affect us here at Saint Mary's. Whether I am elected or not, I will be actively involved with Saint Mary's to do all I can to improve our University.

Vijay Nair



Hello Ladies and Gentlemen of Saint Mary's University. My name is Vijay Nair. My major is B.A. in Sociology.

To give you a brief description of myself, I was born in India, raised in the Persian Gulf, Graduated from a boarding school in England, U.K. and transferred to Saint Mary's University from a college in New Jersey, U.S. By my experience, of travelling to several countries and being in the educational institutions in the Persian Gulf, U.K. and U.S., I have been able to interact with different types of people. While I was studying in the Persian Gulf, U.K. and the U.S., the society has had some influence on me, such as responsibility, duty, culture, tradition, and discipline.

I wasn't surprized when I came to Canada that seeing its multiethnicity in a multicultural society. I am now a Canadian citizen and I love this country more than any other country in the world.

Becky Oates



Reasons and Goals;

I feel that now is the time to bring a new perspective to SMUSA, and I am confident in knowing that I am the right choice for this job. From my past two years with directly working on the Student Representative Council as Chairperson, and Minutes Secretary, I have gained essential experience and possess an immense understanding of how SMUSA is operated and managed. With this knowledge, I am certain that I can apply my learned skills and use them to my advantage to improve the Student's Association to promise that it will be a successful and prosperous incorporation for the students. As the VP Admin, I would ensure that all student issues and

departments are managed to the best of their potential, and in the fairest and cleanest ways possible. I would keep my door open to freshmen, graduates, off-campus, residence, and all other students to guarantee that their suggestions and concerns are promptly and respectfully treated. I KNOW that I am the best choice for VP Admin, and I trust that the students will think likewise.

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RANTING & RAVING

by Andrew Bowers

Peanuts Envy: You really have to pity Charlie Brown. The kid is ten and already in the late stages of male pattern baldness. He's not just a member of the hair club for men, he's the poster child. That alone is enough trauma to drive anybody to drink. The only problem is he's not old enough to get loaded. Aside from that Charlie's had a lot of tough luck in such a short life. I used to think he just needed to get laid, but soon realized that most states have laws regarding such acts. How many times do you think he's been arrested for stalking that Little Red Headed Girl? Enough to make an episode of America's Most Wanted I'll bet. To make matters worse he can't fly a kite to save his life. He must be in Guinness for the record of having a kite eaten by a tree. If Charlie Brown was Ben Franklin we'd still be doing homework by candlelight. I'd say he'll grow up to be either one of two occupations: Mailman (for when he finally snaps) or a punter for the Dallas Cowboys (ask Lucy). It's not all his fault you know, why don't his parents buy him a new shirt? To be fair, Mr. Brown isn't the only dysfunctional tyke in the land of mumbling adults. Actually any kid would go loony if anytime you asked for guidance you got a response, along the lines of WA-wa-wa-wa-wa-wa-wa. It was like Charles Schultz severed the vocal chords of any adult in town. Soon they're roaming around with a Bargain Harold voice box amplifier dispensing wisdom to developing children, but ended up sounding like Bob Saget whining through a broken kazoo. Then There's Peppermint Patty. What parent names their kid after an after dinner candy. It must have been a long and hard labor to deserve that curse. If you think about it, what fun would it be to be named after a %\$*% candy bar. "Big Turk"? Yeah if I was a porno star. I could fathom Sweet Marie. Oh Henry or even go out on a limb and accept Almond Joy. But for every decent bar name dispensed, you'd end up with tykes wandering around the pre-school getting the stuffing knocked out of them because their parental unit named them "Mounds" or "Juicy Fruit" Me, I'm going to name my children after respectable luncheon meats. Was it just me or did I note the lesbian tones of the relationship between Peppermint Patty and her subservient Marcy? Marcy used to call Patty "sir" all the time. Was this some sort of domination role reversal? Look at the facts. Peppermint wore the sandals in that relationship. She was the more adventurous of the two. How many times in a Sunday cartoon could you witness her trying to body pierce certain area of her body by falling asleep in an open binder. Accident or cheap thrills? You be the judge. I'm not saying all the Peanuts gang were dysfunctional. I mean you had a nice family pet, who thought he was a World War I fighting ace (to many bad cans of Alpo perhaps.) A small yellow bird who was somehow named after a festival renowned for substance abuse. What was my point?

Rice Krispies: If you don't know what the heck they're made of, then I've got a perfect investment for you. It involved buying the rights to a couple of Pyramids over in Egypt. With the transferal of all your bank funds....

Thrills Gum: I could never figure it out as a kid. If I wanted to chew on something that tasted like Palmolive, I'd swear a blue streak in front of my mother not plunk down hard earned money for a box of Irish Spring tainted Chiclets. I did know kids that would consume them by the carton so that they could build up an immune system to the taste of soap. That way when their angered mom slapped a block of Zest down their throat, they'd smile while they gagged coming off as some sort of Anti-Christ. There was a price to pay for this gift... Where are they now? Support groups. Dependency meetings. My good friend Bob was hooked on Thrills. The last time I saw him he was up to eight bars of Coast a day. When he burps it's like being on the Lawrence Welk show.

Puck You: Well I have to say that the Americans have sank to new levels of stupidity. How hard is it to watch a black puck glide and bounce off a white surface? Is the attention span of your average American that short? Is the answer for improved rating some kind of glowing force field? Why stop at hockey? There are actually other events that would require this technology much more than hockey. Like golf. Lets liven it up kids! Besides how many times does a camera man loose a golf ball when it gets up into the stratosphere? Better yet why not use it on all the audience members of The Price is Right. Whenever the announcer cries out the name of the next contestant, the camera can never seem to instantly find the newest screaming Bob Barker freak.

Quiz: Your stranded on a desert island with Richard Simmons, Kathy Lee Gifford (without Regis or Cody) and Bob Saget. How long will it take before you implode from annoyance?

Sometimes: I wish I was Dame Edna.

Kids: Don't Try This At Home

by Kate O'Rourke

Blood Ritual
Frances Gordon
c. 1994 Bridget Wood

This is an excellent vampire novel of a different sort.

In *Blood Ritual*, Frances Gordon re-explores the popular historical figure of Elizabeth Bathory through the eyes of her descendant, Catherine. Bathory, for those of you who don't know, was a Countess in sixteenth century Hungary whose cruelties were well documented. Gordon takes a novel approach to telling the story, having much of it seen through the eyes of Catherine by means which are best left untold (wouldn't want to spoil the book for you).

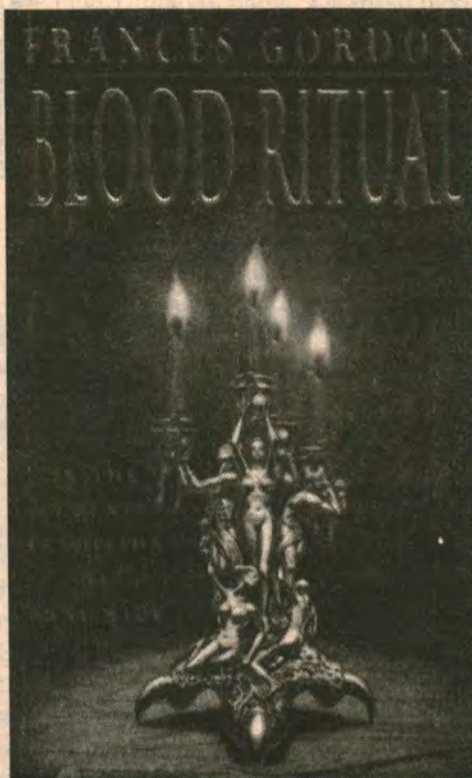
Bathory was not a vampire in the traditional sense, that of the fanged immortals, but she had a truly evil affinity for torture, cruelty, and blood. In her blood lust she is indeed vampiric. In fact, those of you who dislike the Ricean vampiric heroes will delight in the positively macabre evilness of Gordon's Bathory. But beware - this novel can get graphic, so if you don't have a strong stomach, don't read it!

I must say, that although I, like most vampire enthusiasts, regard Anne Rice as the best vampire novelest around, it was refreshing to come across a vampire-like villainess portrayed so vividly as a truly evil person. Gordon has endowed

home [or anywhere else]). The woman has no remorse and is self-centered to the point of utter cruelty to all others. Its a great read for those days when the world seems to be totally against you and you're just in a really crappy mood. Socially acceptable vicarious stress relief. Of course, some people would go out and pound on a tree, punching bag, or something of the sort; being a rather lazy person, I found this novel to be very effective in cheering me up.

There are several interesting sub-plots here, one with Catherine's family (by far the most interesting), one involving Michael Devlin, one with Sister Hilary, and one involving both of the latter. Three guesses as to what that last sub-plot is about, and the first two don't count. I particularly enjoyed the family sub-plot as it presented a different interpretation of the vampire coven... very refreshing. I could have done without the predictable sexual tension/love interest theme, but it doesn't really detract too much from the action of the book.

All of the characters here are lively and vivid, making for an almost compulsive read. The book is 498 pages, but I finished it in two days - you just can't put it down.



Bathory with one of the most demonic personalities possible, a sort of vampiric mix of Jeffery Dahmer and Adolf Hitler. Of course, in a fictional character this is acceptable, whereas in real life, obviously, it is not (Disclaimer: kids, do not try this at

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Margaret In The Highlands

by Tara Timmons

Seeing as this movie was based on the short story by Sheldon Currie, I was prepared for the worst, but fortunately I didn't get it. The movie begins with a young Margaret Curry not actually having sex with a boy, but a little boy thinking he 'did it'. It's quite an amusing beginning for a confusing movie.

The story develops nicely and you get to see what a snotty child Margaret becomes. She meets the so called man of her dreams, Neil McNeil (Clive

Russell), and she hears the lovely cat squealing sound of the bag pipes for the first time.

Russell does a wonderful job, with his Scottish accent and his bag pipe playing. I am one of those people who loves a piece played on the pipes; it brings a bit of atmosphere and history back into our lives.

The scenery at the beginning of the movie was absolutely breath taking. It shows a lot of what our beautiful province looks like to others, and no, it isn't one of those movies that tries to focus everything on the

scenery. A lot of the houses used for the movie are actually standing in Glace Bay, and along with actual footage of the mine, it makes the movie more 'real'.

In the movie Helena Bonham Carter (Hamlet, Room With A View), does an amazing job acting as a lonely young woman in need of some love from her family. Her mother, Kate Nelligan (The Prince of Tides, and Wolf), plays the character very well, convincingly showing a great deal of spite towards Margaret.

During Margaret's Museum the old Gaelic language is brought back and taught to Margaret by Neil and the town's old men, while they sit around talking and drinking moonshine. I liked that touch especially; it feels good to hear someone talking the way my grandmother used to talk.

Kenneth Welsh (Legends of The Fall, and Crocodile Dundee 2), is Angus, Margaret's uncle and one of the town's many mine workers. Welsh plays his

character very well, putting a little love into the film.

Right about now I would love to ruin the end of the movie for you. but that would be too much fun. So, in short, I am advising anyone who doesn't mind a little swearing, and who might want to see a good movie, to go out and watch this. I'll give you a hint to make you wonder about the ending: Margaret has a lovely Miner's Museum.

A Different Stream

by M. Gallant and M. Cowper

The subject of this review is Christopher Hampton's Carrington, a film was inspired by the 1967 biography "Lytton Strachey" by Michael Holroyd. This biography was considered one of the top ten best books of the year by the New York Times. The film revolves around the famous Bloomsbury group and stars Emma Thompson as the talented painter Dora Carrington and Jonathan Pryce as Lytton Strachey, the prominent English biographical author. It is set

in the first decades of this century. The Bloomsbury Group were non-conformist artists and philosophers, who went against the customs of society at that time, by practicing promiscuous and gay relationships. This movie describes the life of Dora Carrington and her very strange relationship with Strachey. It is divided into six parts, each one introducing a new character and a new lover for Carrington. The characters in this movie were well portrayed as higher class people with no daily routine. This is what made Carrington's free

spirit shine through. The other characters supported her role as the centre of the group, and as they eventually moved on with their lives, they all took a piece of Dora Carrington, until she had nothing left for herself. This movie is recommended for people who are interested in the arts, as this movie documents the growth of a great artist of the twentieth century. This movie does have excellent scenery, and the actors supporting Thompson, did so in such a way, that she portrayed the character superbly.

Creative Corner

New Jesus
by James B. Dunphy

He had witnessed holy murder
by a god who was unwanted
on a hillside near a meadow
where bleeding children stagger
But the silence of the angels
carried him away.

His desire ran decrepit
in the wretched age of virtue
so he sought out bloody wisdom
on the words of speechless leaders
But the silence of the angels
carried him away.

His body lay defeated
in the ruins of vast forgiveness
so he rode a golden pony
on the hopes of times forgotten
where the silence of the an-

gels
carried him away

Family
by Angela Goguen

Criss-cross aces in the sun
babe in mother's arms, life
just begun
wet grass beneath her feet
where the sky and earth
meet
together they are one.

Cool wind blow the clouds
away
making a path for another
day
the creator parting the sand
giving home to his created
man
to live and die.

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Streak Ends At Two

by Paul Meek

Last Tuesday saw the Huskies host their first home game in two months to St.F.X. in front of an almost packed house at the Tower. The first half was a real treat for the fans as Medford got them going with one of his trademark 'Monster Dunks' and Jordan had us biting our nails as he sank one of his patented 3-pointers as the 30 second shot clock wound down to almost nothing. The big story of the first half though, was Merrick Palmer of X who was on fire with 25 points. At the end of 20 minutes the Huskies were down 48-38.

Coach Quackenbush must have said something to make the team play better because into the second half the Dogs were on a tear. McCormack was hitting almost everything he threw up, including a three-pointer that went over the rafters and then went in the net. Okay, it didn't go that high, but it was up there for a while. The thing that really seemed to work was a constant rotation of players and not letting anyone get too tired. The Huskies were able to tie the game with 4:36 remaining on a Chris Lawrence lay up that couldn't decide to go down or not, but eventually fell through. The game was exciting right to the very end as the Huskies were up by a point

and committed a shot clock violation late in the game. Then in the dying seconds of the game X was awarded an extra second on the game clock by the referees, which did not go over well with Quack or the fans but even with three seconds to play, SMU was able to hold off the bad guys and record their first home win with a 77-76 final score. In the locker room the team credited the win to consistent hard work, in practice, and in the game.

On Saturday, the team was on the Island to play the Panthers in hopes of winning their third game in a row. It seems that the home team had other plans. The Huskies were held to only 64 points in the entire game with 18 coming from Medford in support of the cause. UPEI was led by Doug Newsoms' 25 points which helped the team to a 75-64 victory and stopped the Huskies win streak at two games.

The Huskies have eleven games left this year which includes a five-game homestand that starts tonight against the Tigers and continues this weekend with two games against Memorial. The Huskies will be ready to play and rumour has it that the "Crazy Man" will be making his 1996 debut tonight so come on out, and arrive early so that the Dal fans have nowhere to sit.



CONGRADULATIONS TO THE LADY HUSKIES WHO TRAVELED TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND THIS PAST WEEK AND CAME AWAY WITH AN 81-78 VICTORY

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Huskies Capture Second

by Karen Sloan

The Saint Mary's Women's Volleyball team is well on their way to their best season record in their seven-year history. With only two weeks and three matches left in season the Huskies only expect to add to the win column of their 10-3 record.

The results of last week's matches proved that the Huskies are a dominant force in the

AUAA conference and have no intention of going away.

Wednesday night's action saw SMU give Acadia a sound thrashing in a match lasting less than 50 minutes. It was as though the Huskies had just begun to warm up when the match was over. Leading the way for the Huskies were Jocelyn Wade, with 6 kills and 4 digs, Dana Olsen, with 8 kills, and Dawn Tingley - who won Player of the Game for a terrific all round match. The team effort, however, was what brought the Huskies a 15-9, 15-3, 15-1 victory over the Axettes.

On Friday afternoon the Huskies were off to P.E.I. to take on the Panthers in back-to-back matches. Once again, the women overpowered their op-

ponent and quickly put an end to Friday's match 15-9, 15-2, 15-3. Olsen and Wade continued their front row domination, accumulating over 20 kills each. Olsen won Player of the Game honors.

Saturday's match was much the same as Friday's, however this time it was Tingley's time to turn it on for the Huskies. Matching her defensive energy with her front row domination, Tingley earned herself Player of the Game. The Huskies took the match from the Panthers 15-10, 15-8, 15-4.

The Volleyball Huskies are currently holding second place in the AUAA. Come out and support SMU take on the 3rd place Muncton Blue Eagles this Saturday at 2pm in the Tower.

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Intramural Corner

MEN'S COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL

Men's Competitive Basketball is underway and already many teams have decided the champions. Although the cocky "Who's Playing for Second", led by Daniel Williams and the 3pt King Hemmings, seem to have it all rapped up, you never know and teams shouldn't give up. The rest of the league seems to be up for grabs. The Mustangs look impressive with a mixture of football and walk-ons, and may be tough to beat down the stretch. Slam Drunks with a record of 0-2 lost a squeaker to IMORD, but with several games left, Slam Drunks have time to make it up. The Huskies, Who Shoot's Two's and Ruff E' Nuff seem to have the talent but could use some practice in order to get some skill in sync. Look for these teams to have an impact in the standings later on.

COED VOLLEYBALL

Recreational - Division A: The Pathetic Setters continued to impress, moving their record to 5-1 with two easy victories. The All-Canadian

Surf Club ran both matches to move into a tie for first place. The Apocalyptic Weapons ran their record to 3-3 winning one match and losing one during Sunday's play. The 176ers lost both of their matches, dropping them from the playoff picture for the moment. In other play, the 12'ers continued their losing streak, dropping to 0-6. Division B: Sunday, Block Your Balls continued their winning ways, running their record to 6-0. The Foul Tempered Rodents continue to overcome their 3 losses, improving their record to 3-3, with 2 impressive victories. The Harbor Side Spikers benefitted from a default win to move their record to 3-3. The Beer Nuts suffered two defeats to fall to 2-4. The MBA's failed to show up for their matches and fell to 1-5.

Competitive: Seikush's Revenge improved their record to 3-3 surprising Oriental Power and Meet You at the Gorsebrook with two hard fought victorious matches. Oriental Power defeated Meet You at the Gorsebrook in one of the longest and toughest fought matches of the year.

Huskies Unlucky On Road

by Derek Voycey

Despite the fact that the Huskies have dropped the last three games in a row, the team is in a good position to finish in third place, ahead of the Dalhousie Tigers. As it stands the Tigers are two points ahead of the Huskies, but SMU has a game in hand. With four home games remaining, the Huskies are ready to steal their way into 3rd place which would put them into first round playoff action against StFx. rather than the Acadia Axemen.

The bottom line though is that the Huskies are going to have to start winning, something that has not come easily for them lately. Last Wednesday the Huskies traveled to Acadia. The Axemen proved to be rotten hosts as they handed the Huskies an 8-2 loss. Saint Mary's never seemed to be in the game and even seemed lack-luster when McCabe and then MacIntyre scored their goals. In all, the team played a sound game but just didn't have any jump.

Friday, the Huskies journeyed to UNB. What they didn't realize was that not only were the boys going to be playing a nationally ranked team,

but also an inexperienced referee. Just 18 seconds into the game, SMU was called for two penalties on one play and it was all downhill from there. By the end of the second period the ref had handed out 91 minutes in penalties. Of those 91, the Huskies were given 83 minutes while UNB received just 8 minutes. The game got so out of control that coach Boutilier threatened to pull his team out of the game after the second period. The boys in maroon did play the third period and in the end were beaten 13-6. UNB was able to tally 10 power play goals, 6 of which were scored

while the Huskies were two men short. When asked about the game, player Paul McCallion said, "We weren't disappointed with the way we played, in the little time that the game was at even strength we outscored them 5-2".

Saturday the Huskies continued their road trip against the Tommies of St. Thomas. On this afternoon the boys were able to put together a solid performance. All aspects of their game were clicking but their hard effort was taken from them when the Tommies scored with 41 seconds remaining in the third period to win 3-2.

Wrestling Notes

SMU student, Kim Ferris managed to win the Nova Scotia Wrestling open on the weekend of Jan. 20, 1996. She had a perfect 3 and 0 record in the tournament and was voted the female outstanding wrestler of the tournament. To date Kim is undefeated also having won the 1995 Eastern Canadian Wrestling Championships this past December at UNB. These tournaments are stepping stones to the Atlantic Open

which is this February 16-17, 1996 in Stephenville, NFLD and from there to the 1996 Canadian Wrestling Championships at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. From these National Championships a Women's National Team will be selected to represent Canada at the World Championships this September in Sofia, Bulgaria, and Kim Ferris has a good chance of making the team. Good Luck Kim.

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