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## Homeless looking for solutions

by Suzanne van Maurik

On the street corner on Spring Garden Road there's an old lady with a face grooved with deep wrinkles asking for some change. She must have been really pretty when she was young though. Her hands are beginning to knot and curl inwards with rheumatism, and she's not wearing any gloves. It just started to snow again too.

I think it is fair to say that we have all seen this lady in various incarnations at some point, asking for a moment of our time and some spare change on the streets of Halifax. As students, we also know, often first hand, how hard it is to get good affordable housing around here. Life is really expensive.

In order to deal with the problem of homelessness however, passing the buck of blame around or taking it out on scapegoats will not help the people stuck on streets iced over by old man winter. Recent objections made by a Spring Garden Road bar to a soup kitchen being too close to his business sparked widespread protests. It seems to be a clear-cut case: rich people are objecting to the specter of poverty right on their doorsteps, as this will be bad for business. The soup kitchen, and its hungry followers should therefore be moved to Gottingen Street. This is unacceptable according to the protesters, since homeless people have as much right to be on the streets of Halifax, and get a decent meal as anyone else, end of story. Or is there more to this problem?

Bernard Smith, head of the Spring Garden Area Business Association believes there is. According to Smith, "homelessness is a problem that should be solved as a community." It is after all easy to point the finger at people who depend on pedestrian

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From Juan to Charter Night, the good times never ended at SMU. Does anyone remember any of this? Really? Cheers to everyone who made it through this year.

## SMU support staff contemplate strike

by Richard Woodbury

Support staff at Saint Mary's University are taking preliminary steps that could eventually lead to a strike.

The 162 members, who take the form of lab technicians, secretaries, clerks, and many more, will be taking a strike vote in mid-April.

The university and the union are in the midst of conciliation talks and will be heading back to the bargaining table near the end of the month. Currently at stake are four main issues: pay, parking, harassment, and job evaluation.

The staff union is seeking salary increases of about six percent a year over three years. The university is proposing a raise of under three percent a year. One union member who spoke on condition of anonymity described the university's financial package offer as being "insulting."

Last summer, university faculty renewed their contract,

which saw them getting a raise of 16.1% over three years. Many support staff members feel that their demands are not excessive given what the faculty received.

"I don't think that's too much to ask for or to expect," said secretary Kristin Smith, who has worked at SMU for just over a year.

"There has been pretty much no growth in (support staff) members, despite increases in enrolment," said local union president Ken Clare. "People are taking on more things".

Already a problem amongst students, parking has become an issue amongst the staff as well. Support staff are paying the same price as faculty for parking, but are competing for spaces with students.

"There are not enough spaces for you (the students) or us," says Clare.

The issue of harassment is a major concern for support

staff. Clare is quick to point out that there are "pockets of harassment in the university. We are seeking contract language that says that harassment is not allowed as well as appropriate policies to deal with it."

It is also felt that the current policy for job evaluation needs to be modified. This is the process by which staff members have their jobs rated and fitted into the university's salary structure. Clare says it just doesn't work.

"Staff members hate it.

They feel that it is manipulated to keep everyone's salaries rock bottom," he said. The union is seeking a reorganization of the system that would have employee participation in evaluations at every step, as well as a neutral adjudicator for if there is a disagreement amongst evaluation committee members.

University Vice President of Administration, Gabrielle Morrison, who is also serving as chief negotiator for the university during bargaining talks was unable to comment on the specifics of the contract talks, but stressed that the university is committed to finding an agreement.

"We'll work diligently to find a negotiated settlement," Morrison said.

Conciliation talks are set to resume on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Yesterday marks the 10th anniversary of the beginning of a genocide. In 1994 Rwanda saw the beginning of a massive attempt at ethnic cleansing as 800,000 people were killed in less than 100 days. It was an attempt by radical members of the Hutu majority to incite others to exterminate moderate Hutus and minority Tutsis.

Despite internal knowledge of the event from a Canadian peacekeeper, Romeo Dallaire, the international community did little to stop the atrocities. Dallaire made multiple requests for support, and even hard evidence of the build up of arms was not well received. This is a time to remember the failure of the international community to act, and also a time to work to prevent events like this in the future.

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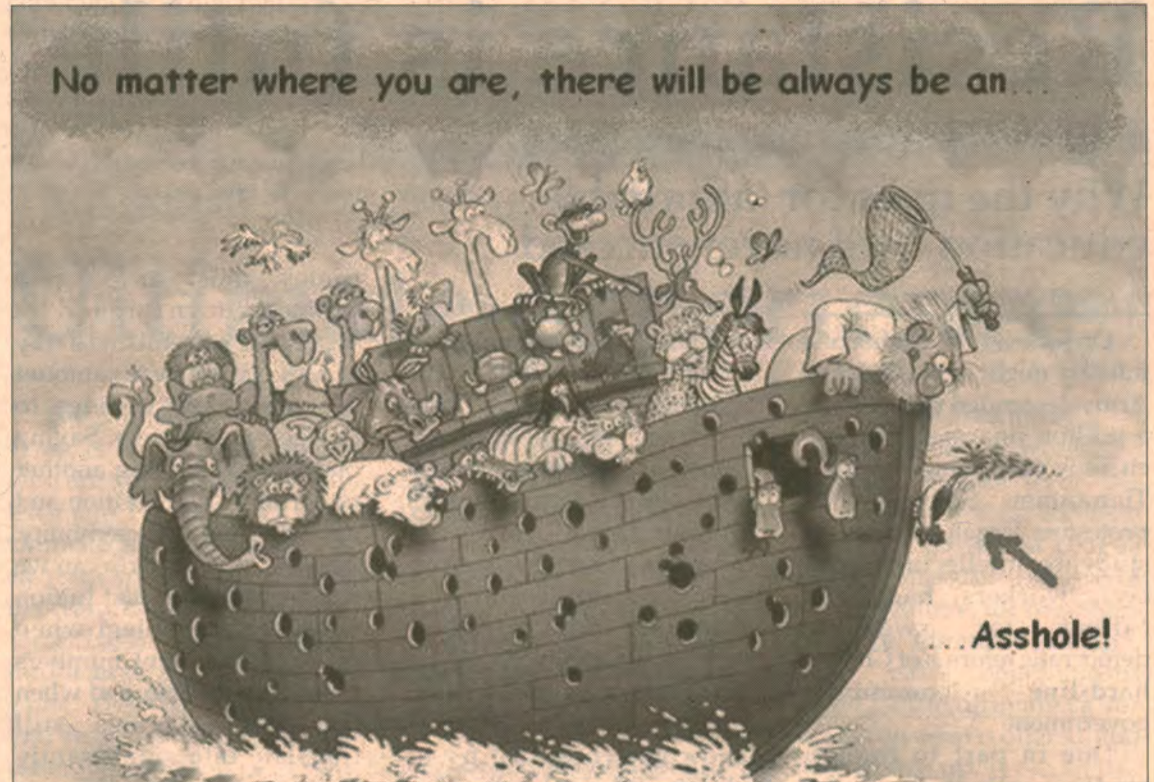
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### Reflections

The 2003-2004 academic year has been easily the most interesting and trying year throughout my time here at Saint Mary's. Starting off with broken ribs in September set the pace for what quickly became the headache of my lifetime. Making my way up the Journal ladder on the production side may not have prepared me for the position I accepted and if I could go back I would do things very differently. I try not to dwell on the past though and learn from my experiences to make wiser choices in the future. One thing I would not change is the staff I was fortunate to work with. Working with people who make you smile and keep your spirits up is essential for staying sane. I can not express the amount of gratitude and support I received from my staff this year and I have to say that without them I believe I would have given up very early in the year.

It would take a long time for me to explain how difficult this job actually is and I definitely can not expect the readers to understand. I learned a lot this year. The most important thing I learned is that you will never be able to please everyone, so stop trying so hard. This is something I will remember for life. I have



always tried to please everyone around me and before I was put in the "public eye" I was able to accomplish that. In the early days of my position, I had thin skin and really took everything to heart. My friends and co-workers would constantly tell me to thicken my skin and that took all year to do. I would definitely recommend any perfectionist to run a paper for a year and by the end their imperfections will not haunt their lives.

This experience has changed me in so many ways. I used to look for the good in people and now I compliment that with looking for the good in the situations I face.

Personal issues made me realize how short life really is and so now I am viewing my behaviours and the behaviours of those around me in a more positive attitude. I often question myself, "how could this situation be handled more appropriately?" It sounds corny and I am sure there is a number of people out there thinking "bull" and you are entitled to your own opinion. This year has put me to the test and I doubt I scored high but I will be ready for next time.

I want to thank everyone who has helped the Journal this year. Our faithful proofreaders and volunteer

writers, our supporters, and all those readers who have kept me on my toes this year. Although this is the end for my stay at Saint Mary's, I look forward to enjoying the paper next year with a potentially amazing staff to keep The Journal going for our readers.

I want to leave you with a quote that I read this year and will remember for a long time. To all, good luck and goodbye.

LMN

"The ultimate measure of man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and confidence, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear Editor,

I would like to address the Charter Day Awards ceremony held annually by SMUSA. For those who do not know, this ceremony is held to recognize those students who get involved and make outstanding contributions to student activities and government. These students are supposed to be individuals who, having an interest in being involved in student life at SMU, take some time from their academic and personal lives to make an impact. Non-students who have made significant contributions to student affairs at the university are also recognized.

This year's choice of recipients for some of the awards left me, one of the guests, disappointed. I feel that there were students who have made above average contributions to SMU student life who were either given no recognition at all or were not given significant recognition for their contributions. For example, I feel that Craig MacDonald definitely

deserved a more recognition than a Certificate of Merit, something which he shared with about ten other recipients. Craig has made outstanding contributions to SMUSA not only in this past year but in previous years as well. He has organized numerous events, which have increased SMUSA's social activities, and he has donated the money from these events to various charities, something which I am unaware of other students doing. Perhaps an award like the Rev. J.J. Hennessey, S.J.

Medalion could have been awarded to Craig for his huge impact on student life this year.

I also feel that members of the SMUSA executive should not be given awards at this ceremony. They wanted to hold their elected positions, and certainly do not go unnoticed as they are distinguished and recognized through their title and position and receive a generous salary for their work. Charter Day is a time to recognize and distinguish

students whose contributions are unnoticed throughout the year. I'm sure that the members of the executive should not mind giving up an hour of fame.

I have enjoyed attending the Charter Day awards ceremonies for the past four years. In fact I have been a past recipient of an award. However, I feel that there need to be some amendments to the decisions made in selecting the winners of these very significant awards.

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# News

## Resistance is futile

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### Why the fight for 'affordable education' will never succeed

by Jeffrey Warford

On June 4, 1989, the horrific military might of the People's Army descended upon nearly a million unarmed Chinese citizens occupying Beijing's Tiananmen Square. The protesters, largely made up of students, intellectuals, and civic workers, had been calling for sweeping democratic reforms of China's hard-line communist government.

Due in part to foreign media attention, the government grudgingly tolerated the increasingly popular movement for nearly two months. But on June 4, the protest had reached critical mass, and had to be put down. Thousands died in the resulting massacre, which shattered the backbone of the dissenters' movement and drove the fearful survivors deep underground. To this day in China, the Tiananmen incident is mentioned only in hushed tones, if it is even mentioned at all.

Fifteen years later, it seems that student organizers in this country have largely ignored the lessons learned from Tiananmen, the largest and most infamous of all student actions. Perhaps one of the more poignant lessons of the Tiananmen massacre is that when people converge en masse to speak with a singular voice, they cannot be ignored - not by the general populace, not by the world media, and not even by a ruthless, tyrannical government. But when Canadian students speak out, our voice is fractured and weak. We cannot claim to stand in unison when an event billed as a "Tuition Day of Action"

produces barely 100 protesters out of more than 30 000 local students, as it did this past February 4 in Halifax. National student lobby groups like CASA and the CFS orchestrate national media campaigns year after year in which grandiose and dire claims are made regarding student debt levels. They churn out press releases like they're going out of style, and hold conferences that try to educate and involve, but also consistently fail to motivate.

In this era of cynicism and disillusionment, it would be hard to find a student who honestly believes that they are getting a bargain for their tuition dollars. This is especially true for international students, who pay exorbitant 'differential fees' for the privilege of attending a Canadian university. Originally, the differential fees were meant to offset the additional cost of educating foreign students, since the government is unable to subsidize them as they do domestic students. The amount of this fee on a per credit basis was at first roughly equal to the cost of the credit itself, meaning that an international student paid about twice as much to attend SMU than a domestic student.

It would logically follow then that as government support for Canadian post-secondary students has dried up over the past ten years or so, the fees paid by international students should have remained the same, since they were not affected by the subsidies to begin with. That has not been the case, however. Today, international students still pay twice as much as Canadians, even though there is no longer any support for such a large fee in the numbers. This situation has led some to accuse the university of exploiting international students as "cash cows." And yet while we complain loudly to each other and to the government about this and other tuition

issues, most of us will probably turn around in September and still find a way to fork out whatever amount the university decides to charge for that year. Saying one thing and doing another undermines our position and detracts from our credibility. Besides, how on earth can we reasonably claim that tuition costs are a problem when overall enrollment numbers are still on the rise, and when university degrees still translate into significantly increased salaries upon graduation?

A strong case could be put forward that we, the students, are entirely to blame for the current state of post-secondary education in this country. We can jump up and down, frantically waving our arms while pointing insistently at ever-diminishing levels of government funding, and we can make eloquent pleas to our political leaders with letter-writing campaigns and collect truckloads of signatures for petitions. We can half-heartedly march every February towards an empty Government House here in Halifax, just to listen to our anguished cries of debilitating debt load rebound from the immaculate walls. But when it comes down to it, the sad truth is that we have allowed this to happen, and continue to allow it to happen each and every year that we pay our tuition fees.

It seems university students often forget that universities are more akin to large corporations than public institutions, and as such, the well-established rules of supply and demand are in effect. Capitalism tells us that as long as enrollment numbers keep going up, a profit-driven organization is perfectly justified in setting the price of their product as high as the market will bear. Even at present levels, tuition still has a long way to go before enrollment figures start to suffer, thanks to the relative abundance of student loans. Like it or not, students are just

a dollar figure in the revenue stream to any university's Board of Governors. The significant thing for us as students to realize is that since revenue is the lifeblood of a corporation, Saint Mary's would immediately cease to function without us. If students are truly interested in effecting change, this is the avenue that needs to be explored.

Like the students at Tiananmen, we need to be prepared to lose our chance at enjoying the very thing for which we are fighting. In their case, it was life itself that was at risk, so that they might

enjoy a better life in a free, democratic society; in ours, to enjoy lower tuition costs, we need to be prepared to walk away from university life if we really, truly, absolutely feel that we are not getting our money's worth. Otherwise, all of our media relations and government lobbying efforts are nothing more than toothless posturing. Lower tuition is a goal that is certainly much more reasonable than complete political reform, and this is a fight in which no one will be asked to lay down in front of a tank.

## The E-spot

by Cindy Cook, Employment Centre staff

With so many students applying for jobs this time of year, I have been talking a lot about the importance of submitting a cover letter along with a resume. Some of you are reluctant. As students who are exhausted with researching and writing, you can't imagine putting so much work into applying for a job and having that effort not result in an interview. The thought of researching and writing a letter that is specific to every single company may be overwhelming. But think of it this way, bailing on the cover letter is like skipping a section of your final exam - you will lose points for sure.

When I was in your shoes, I had one letter for every job and I cut and paste where applicable. To sound smart, I would elaborate with ridiculous sentences. For example, "I met the particular needs of clients and completed financial transactions at the point of sale." Translates to - I took their order and I took their cash. Ironically, in the same paragraph, I also said that I was an effective communicator. If you are

doing what I did, your letter is confusing and an employer probably does not have time to decode your sentences. Not so smart! Lesson here - *plain English is fine.*

An effective cover letter starts with research. Suck it up and do it. You are looking for a company's current needs. Read their website. What is the company currently passionate about? What are they hoping to accomplish

over the next year? Why are they hiring? Or, if they are not advertising, what is their potential to hire? Your letter should demonstrate your understanding of their current issues. Why is this so important? Consider the hypothetical - the hiring manager is under pressure to hire the right people. His/her staff is overworked and frustrated, and it is critical they have a smooth transition into their next project. He is busy, and the hiring process is time consuming and costly. He scans cover letters, bla, bla, bla, bla, bla, bla. I am this, I am that, I am great, I I I, bla, bla, bla. Then he scans one and recognizes something, he slows down and pays attention. Instead of talking about herself right away, this candidate mentions the company's newest project and describes her understanding of why it is important. The

manager is relieved, and interested in what else she has to say because it met his needs. What follows is a description of her specific skills. This is an effective letter, and demonstrates

her communication skills. Your cover letter is important because it shows your written communication skills, your thought process(es), your approach, your efforts, and your common sense. It truly exposes you. You can get help with this; visit us in the Employment Centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Student Centre.

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# Sports Hall of Fame artifact still missing

by Jeffrey Warford

Father Hennesey's cane, once a trophy from a hotly contested football game between Dalhousie and Saint Mary's, has gone missing.

About a month ago, Athletics department staff discovered that the cane - which concealed a short sword - had been removed from its glass display case in the Sports Hall of Fame.

The cane originally belonged to Father Hennesey, widely regarded as a spiritual leader of sorts for SMU sports teams during his official involvement with the university. It came into his possession in 1962 as a result of a football wager between SMU and Dal.

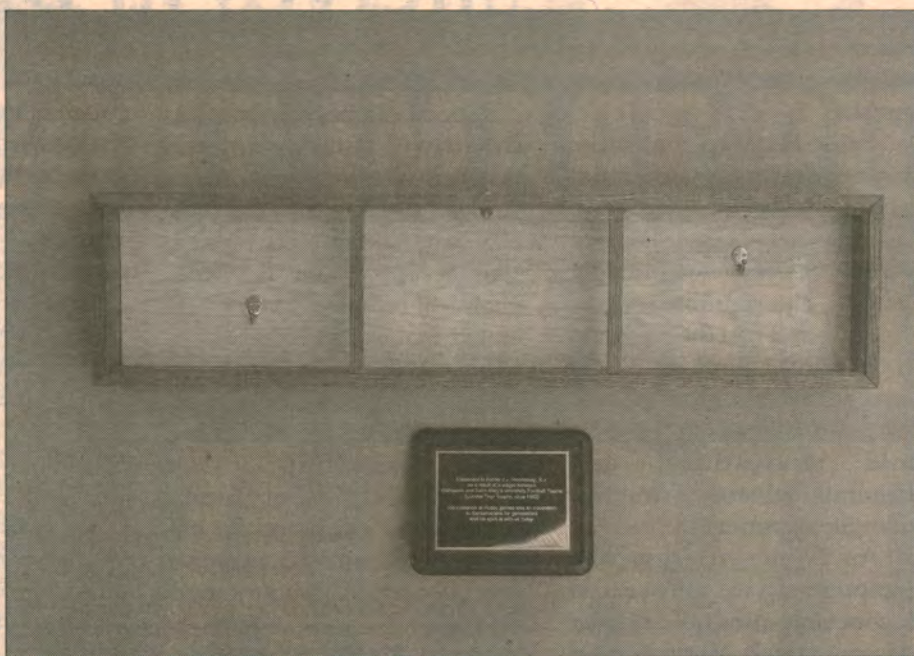
Hennesey was often seen patrolling the sidelines of various sporting events with his trademark cane,

sometimes retreating to a quiet area whenever the Huskies were in tough for private prayer.

Upon his death in 1982,

and ceremonies at the Hall of Fame," said Kathy Mullane, Manager of Facilities and Programming at the Tower.

Mullane said that one of



Hennesey's cane became the property of Bob Hayes, Athletics Director. Hayes eventually retired, and the cane wound up in the Sports Hall of Fame. Over the years, the cane became entrenched in ceremonial aspects of events at the hall.

"We used it to open events

the student employees at the Tower noticed the cane was missing at about 2pm in the afternoon on Sunday, February 29, during the final home basketball game of the season against UNB. Athletics staff members were "pretty sure" that the cane was still in the case on Friday.

While there were opposing teams in town that weekend, Mullane doesn't believe any of them were behind the theft.

"We noticed it was gone during the game on Sunday, so we don't think any visiting players were involved. It really could have been anyone

- that's why we tried to have an article in the Herald or the Daily News to get the word out."

Though the department is not currently offering a reward for the safe return of the cane, Mullane said that the idea had been put forward.

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## Homeless

traffic for their livelihoods. Would those protesters be as apt to get into action when that same soup kitchen is planted firmly in front of their homes?

The fact remains though that many homeless people need help, especially in the winter months. Smith has tried to give aid in ways that may be more useful in the end than just a soup kitchen. A soup kitchen is only temporary relief, and relocating that soup kitchen to Gottingen Street would only relocate the problem as well. Instead, Smith and his association's security guards give out laminated lists of numbers to call, from sexual assault centers to the Metro Food bank. He also knows most panhandlers by name, and has found out that many

have a history of mental illness, or domestic difficulties. But most significantly, Smith is attempting to get enough money and manpower together to be able to build a 23-unit facility to house the homeless, to help them help themselves. He has even asked the government to get more involved in this situation, and approached two groups to sponsor the facility.

Housing would do more to solve the problem of homelessness than a soup-kitchen. It should be remembered however that many of these actions are certainly not in his job-description. It seems that he is just trying to roll with the punches, and solve this problem instead of relocating it, without pointing fingers.

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# Business

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Commerce Society Business Dinner

by Ian Burns

March 24<sup>th</sup> marked the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Saint Mary's University Commerce Society Business Dinner. I went into this dinner not quite knowing what to expect. I quickly found my seat and started making small talk as the students and guests that I shared my table with started arriving.

I was caught slightly off guard as everyone at my table started to exchange business cards. However I quickly regained my composure as I explained with an embarrassed look on my face that I must have left my business cards in my other suit. I don't think anyone suspected that I did not have business cards or even a second suit for that matter.

As I sat down I noticed that the table was already set with baby spinach salad with mandarin oranges and trimmed with the finest maroon table cloth I have ever



seen. Dr. Colin Dodds made the opening remarks to officially start off the dinner, followed by grace which was done by Father Con Mulvihill.

This led us into our main course and allowed for more discussion at our table. Topics ranged from school to business to politics and before I knew it, my baked pommary mustard crusted salmon fillet was nearly gone and

introductions were being made for the evenings guest speaker.

Tyler Hayden made the keynote address as most people were wrapping up their dinner. he gave a very energetic and entertaining address and had the attention of everyone in attendance. Tyler bounced around stage as he told motivational and inspirational stories from his own life experiences.

As Tyler's address was wrapping up we were served a chocolate mousse cake for dessert which was followed by coffee and tea. This seemed to signal that the end was near.

As people were enjoying their dessert, the presentation of awards took place at the front of the room followed by the closing remarks for the evening. Although the dinner was officially over, conversations at many tables continued on for some time.

If you were there this year you already know that the Business Dinner is worth the price of admission, and if you weren't there, I highly recommend that you shell out \$20 and grab a plate next time around.

## Dasani bottled water taken off shelves in Britain

by Ian Burns

Coca-Cola has announced that it will withdrawing its bottled water Dasani in Britain after it was found that the water contained higher than acceptable levels of the chemical bromate. Coca-Cola stated that the withdrawal of the water was only a precautionary measure and that only Dasani water in Britain was affected.

The withdrawal of Dasani water was expected to be between 80 and 85 percent complete within 24 hours after it began.

The Food Standards Agency said that there was no immediate health risk and that Coca-Cola's decision to stop distributing the water in Britain was "sensible". The agency also said that bromate can cause an increased risk of cancer from long-term

process used by Coca-Cola that is meant to add calcium to its bottled water, a process that was necessary to meet the United Kingdom's requirement of adding Calcium to all bottled water. Calcium is not added to bottled water distributed in North America, and tests performed by an independent lab showed no detectable levels of Bromate in Dasani bottled water.

This is just one incident in a slew of bad publicity suffered by Dasani after British newspapers discovered that the water was simply purified and treated tap water. This is something that Coca-Cola has always acknowledged in its advertisements, however Britain's Foods Standards Agency is investigating whether or not Coca-Cola should be allowed to use the word "pure" when describing its bottled water.



After Coca-Cola made the announcement

exposure to the chemical.

Coca-Cola introduced its Dasani water in Britain last month, the high levels of bromate were attributed to a

that it would be withdrawing its Dasani water in Britain, stocks in the company fell 15 cents on the New York Stock Exchange.

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# Common tax mistakes

by Ian Burns

Filing taxes can be a long and complicated process. In the U.S. it is estimated that the standard 1040 form takes approximately 10 hours to complete. Given the lengthiness of the form, it is no wonder that the IRS finds millions of mistakes in tax returns every year. According to money.cnn.com, here are the top ten tax blunders made last year.

1. Wrong social security numbers. It may seem kind of

your taxes for the year it may be tempting to put them away and forget about the whole ugly mess. But it is important to look over past returns, these returns may entitle you to carryovers and you may miss out on some extra cash.

8. Unclaimed child-care credit. Many people simply forget that their children may make them eligible for a tax return.

9. Mortgage interest deductions. Some people just



obvious, but more than 1.16 million people either incorrectly report their own social security number, the social security number of their spouse or other dependants.

2. Unsigned returns. Just like a cheque, you have to sign your tax return in order for it to be complete. Any unsigned returns are considered invalid and are returned to the taxpayer. However, any payments sent in with an unsigned return are considered valid and will be accepted.

3. Math errors. Of the total 4.2 million mistakes reported by the IRS, more than 330 000 miscalculated the amount for their refunds or balance due. Nearly as many miscalculated their taxable income. Other common miscalculations include the amount of total exemptions and total income.

4. Wrong tax table. Many of the errors in calculating the amount of tax owed were not because of miscalculations but rather for not being able to properly read the very fine print on the tax tables.

5. Earned Income Credit. This tax break is often overlooked and left on the table because individuals do not know what qualification they must meet in order to be eligible. This tax break is designed to assist low income workers who may or may not have children.

6. Missing documents. When all your paperwork from the last 365 days is sprawled across the living room table, it's easy to miss a sheet or two when stuffing all those papers into an envelope.

7. Credit from past years. When you finally wrap up

forget that they have a house, and that if it is mortgaged some payments could be written off. This is especially true if your house has been refinanced, which is very possible given the falling interest rates of the last couple of years.

10. Unnecessary payments. Because of the complicated nature of many tax forms, it is not uncommon for individuals to mistakenly make a payment where no payment is due. In these cases, if you have any doubt about whether or not you should make a payment, be sure to contact a professional or use tax assisting software.

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# Weird money

by Ian Burns

If you think that because you have barely managed a single grade higher than a C you have no chance of getting a scholarship, think again. There are plenty of scholarships out there waiting for you if you meet just a few simple qualifications.

One student at Juniata College in Pennsylvania has been quite successful at getting free money for school. Aside from the scholarship she receives for good grades, and the Amaricorp scholarship for volunteer work, this zoology student also receives \$1000 for being left handed.

The scholarship is Juniata's Buckley Scholarship and was a gift from Mary Francis Buckley. Ms. Buckley is a southpaw alumna who met her husband while attending Juniata college in the 1920's. Ms. Buckley also met her husband at the college when she was paired with him during a tennis match because they were both left-handed.

When Ms. Buckley's husband passed away, she decided to donate a scholarship to the college in memory of her late lefty husband.

Sometimes receiving a scholarship is as easy as having the right name, as is the case of Bernard and Alice Zolp. Bernard and Alice sent four of their kids to Loyola college in the 1980's, and currently their grandson is enrolled in the university as

well, all thanks to the universities Zolp scholarship.

The scholarship provides full tuition for four years to any Catholic student whose last name is Zolp. The last name must appear on the students birth certificate in order to be eligible for the grant. The Zolp scholarship was founded by Father Zolp, a Catholic priest who attended Loyola.

If you're not lucky enough to be a young Catholic freshman with the beautiful name Zolp, maybe you could try your hand at crafting stylish garments from wool. In the U.S. the National Make it Yourself From Wool competition, founded in Utah in 1947, offers students \$1000 for designing clothes made from wool.

Not too good with a needle and thread? Don't worry, you can enter the Duck Brand Duct Tape "Stuck at the prom" contest. In this contest students must attend their high school prom in attire made entirely out of duct tape in order to receive a scholarship of up to \$2500. Duct tape comes in a variety of fluorescent and natural colors and students can enter in three different divisions: Traditional prom attire, theme/costume wear or just plain silver.

If you're not a fan of shiny suits but you are unusually tall you may want to check out Tall Clubs International. The Club offers up to \$1000 for

females who are at least 5'10" or males at least 6'2".

Perhaps you're planning on studying languages, or you just love Star Trek. In either case you may wish to enter the Klingon Language Institutes \$500 scholarship contest. The contest awards one graduate and one undergraduate majoring in languages.

But if you dread spending your university years being known as the person who won a scholarship from Captain Kirk, you might want to check out the slightly less embarrassing Chick and Sophie Memorial Duck Calling Contest. This contest awards \$1500 to any student who is proficient at four specific duck calls: hailing, feeding, mating and comeback calls.

If you decide to attend Hood College in Frederick Md., it pays to follow in your parents footsteps. Hood college has a heritage scholarship that allows freshmen to pay the same first year tuition as their parents or grandparents did. For freshmen Rebecca Dupont, this means instead of paying \$19,940 for her first year she will pay \$350 just like her grandmother did in 1948.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Jersey Girl a welcome departure

by Wes Wrightson

"Bennifer" has actually made a good film. That's right, the *Gigli*-mess that was, starring Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, have re-teamed in a new vehicle that hits all the right notes and heartfelt strings. *Jersey Girl* is a new film written and directed by Kevin Smith, who is best known as the director who brought us the Jersey Trilogy: *Clerks*, *Mallrats*, and *Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back*. In his latest film, he draws us away from the "dick-and-fart joke" territory that illustrated his previous entries. Long gone are the drug-induced

characters of Jay and corpulent Silent Bob, along with many of the characters in his other previous films, *Chasing Amy* and *Dogma*. It is in *Jersey Girl* that Kevin Smith, the director and writer, grows up and shows the audience a side of himself we haven't yet seen; the trials and tribulations of fatherhood as a single parent.

The film stars Ben Affleck, Liv Tyler, George Carlin, and Jennifer Lopez in a tale of redemption of the human spirit, and of the joys associated with fatherhood and falling in love. The film

takes place in the mid-1990s, in Manhattan, where we see Affleck playing a public relations whiz named Ollie Trinke. Trinke meets and falls in love with a beautiful woman named Gertrude (Lopez), and they eventually marry.

Gertrude dies of complications while giving birth to the couple's baby girl. Ollie is completely unprepared to deal with being a single parent so he moves in with his father (wonderfully and subtly played by George Carlin) in New Jersey. Ollie then proceeds to lose his P.R. job because of the pressures his job and parenting places upon him.

Jumping ahead seven years, we cut to Ollie working with his father for the Streets and Sanitation Department in

their town. Ollie's daughter, Gertie (named for the deceased Gertrude) is such an intelligent and sweet girl who stuns you the second she appears on-screen. Ollie then meets Maya (Tyler in her best performance as a romantic lead to date), a video store clerk who jump-starts Ollie's love life. The rest of the film sways from Ollie's attempts to obtain more P.R. work in New York, and the relationship between him and Maya. Gertie likes Maya, Bart

(Carlin) likes her, and Ollie is enamored with her but he still cannot get over his past love.

This film is completely outside of the Jay and Silent Bob world, and that is why it should stand on its own. I can only compare this film with *School of Rock*, in that it looked like it might be crap on paper, but after viewing it, and taking it all in, it comes out on top as a great feel-good film. *Jersey Girl* is that kind of film.



## Walking Tall Falters

by Wes Wrightson

*The Scorpion King* was a weak film on many levels. *The Rundown* was a pretty dynamic film because of the on-screen chemistry between the three main characters. *Walking Tall* is a short mess of a film that fails to identify and clarify many elements within the plot. Gaping holes aside, the film only runs an hour and twenty-five minutes, which is pretty paltry for an action film that stresses dramatic character development.

*Walking Tall* is another reread in this current wave of remake films. Whereas films like *Dawn of the Dead* will go on and spawn sequels that may or may not echo the origin sequels, this film will stay where it is. The original 1970s film spawned two sequels and a short-lived television series. The original starred Joe Don Baker and the sequels, Dan Severnson. In this film, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson plays Chris Vaughn, who is a retired soldier trying to make a new life for himself in his old town. He soon discovers that his wealthy high school rival, Jay Hamilton (Neal McDonough), has started to monopolize the town and the way it runs. He has closed the lumber mill that

used to be the town's main source of income—basically he has turned every decent job into his own criminal advances and gains. It is now rife with drugs, crime, and violence. Soon, Chris enlists the help of one of his old friends, Ray (played by Johnny Knoxville), and is eventually elected the mayor of the town. He shuts down Hamilton's operations, but through his actions he places his family, and his own life, in danger. Did I mention that he does all this with a plain two-by-four? Not bloody likely, eh? That's what I mean. In today's society, no God-fearing criminal gangster leader will be taken down by an ethical everyman and a long stick of wood. That is why this film does not work.

The film is set in beautiful Washington State, but actually filmed in a town in British Columbia called Squamish. It's a nice place, and has that forest feel to it. It is totally undeserving of being represented in a film like this. You could probably substitute Steven Seagal for the Rock, and call this by a different name. It would go straight to video. It is only because of its main star that it is being released theatrically.

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# Psychic heat from Candali

by Richard Woodbury

It was near the end of 2000 when Halifax alternative rock band Fair Kero was nearing the end of their career. It was during the group's last two shows that the music began to take on a different direction. Stretching from their usual routine, the shows began to be filled with solos and jams. Although Fair Kero dissolved, it was from those ashes that another band rose.

Fast forward to October 2001, when Candali was created. Loosely translated

from Tibetan, Candali is a psychic heat created during the transformation of negative energy into positive energy. This word appears to well define the metamorphosis of Fair Kero into



debut album, *Supersensory*, which was released in January.

*Supersensory* is an eclectic album which incorporates elements of jazz, funk, and rock to create a refreshingly original sound which does not really fall into any genre. "Musically, the album is a

roadmap of what Candali is. It really covers the whole spectrum of our life as a band," says Torbert. "This

album documents us from 0 to 2003." The CD is available at Sam the Record Man, CD Plus, as well as No Records.

The album was recorded in the fall of 2003 at Soundmarket Studios. During this time, if the band wasn't in the studio recording, they were on stage playing to finance the recording.

Although the band was relatively new to the recording studio, this lack of experience was compensated for by hard work. "Although we didn't have trained ears, we made up for it through all-nighters," says Torbert.

Ideas for a future album are in the works, and Torbert says that "it will be a lot more evolved, and cohesive. It will

be more existential, into philosophy, and there will be lyrical growth in the material."

Check out [www.candali.com](http://www.candali.com) to find out the latest news about the band or to find out when they will be hitting a stage near you.



## CIS Society

The CIS Society recently hosted its first of many activities that will be offered to those computer geeks who enjoy playing against each other via the Internet. The Executive Board of the CIS Society would like to thank all those who showed up for our LAN Party, and to those who could not make it because of poor weather – we live in Nova Scotia, so it is one of those things we have to deal with. See you next time!



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actually stopped listening to jazz for a couple of years," confesses Amirault. "So many players listen to the same jazz music that a lot of jazz ends up with a sameness; it's influenced by the same music. I went out and bought every Radiohead album I could find, got into electronica, Bjork, classical piano. My influences come from many sources. I'm not a traditional jazz piano player. I try to be as fresh as I can, not predictable, to be in the moment."

And Amirault's he has been awarded several grants from both the Canada Council and the Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, won the Montreal

International Jazz Festival Competition, and received a Juno for his collaboration with saxophonist Francois Carrier.

"His approach is fresh and pure, unhindered by clichés or stylistic baggage, and his playing is remarkable, too, for its patience and respect for the sound of a piano," says Peter Hum of The Ottawa Citizen. "His ballad was a masterstroke. Jazz musicians have no higher aspiration than to play so musically and personally."

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# The hymen chronicles

by Anna Boudreau

The year is coming to an end and after a short hiatus I am back to share with you a concern of a fellow SMUdent. A girl emailed me her concern that her long-term boyfriend was losing interest. I think this happens a lot in relationships and too many end because of it. This is my send off to summer in hopes that anyone in a relationship that has seemed to plateau can regain the spark it deserves.

## Anna's five tips to being irresistible

1 - Be spontaneous. Let him know that anywhere, anytime is alright with you. You can work out the details later.

2 - Give him detailed love notes in odd places. Whisper sexy things to him in public. No one will know, but he will perk up in no time.

3 - Wear sexy nighties. Girls, please put away the flannels and tube socks. Surprise him with a sexy nighty and you will see results.

4 - Go to Venus Envy, they have it all.

5 - Finally, confidence, confidence, confidence. Take control of your intimate time together. Confidence is the definition of sexy.

I hope this helps. Let him know that you want him and the spark will come back.

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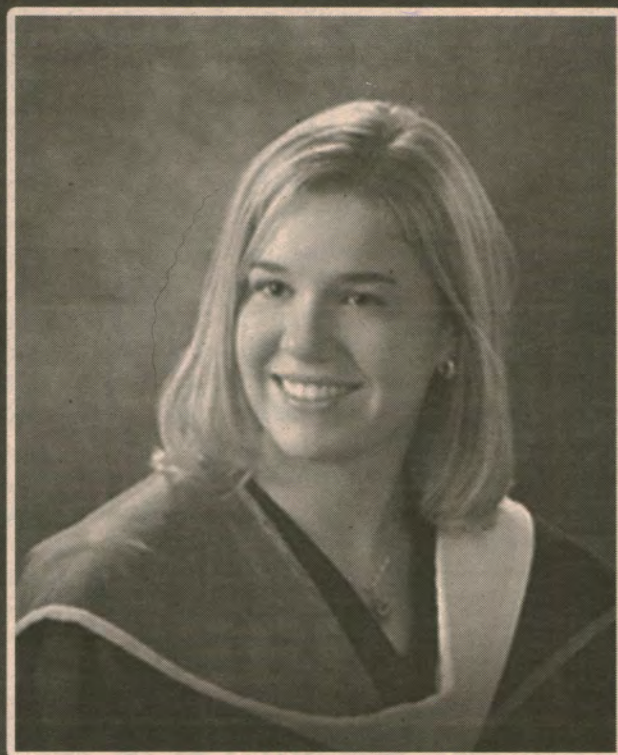
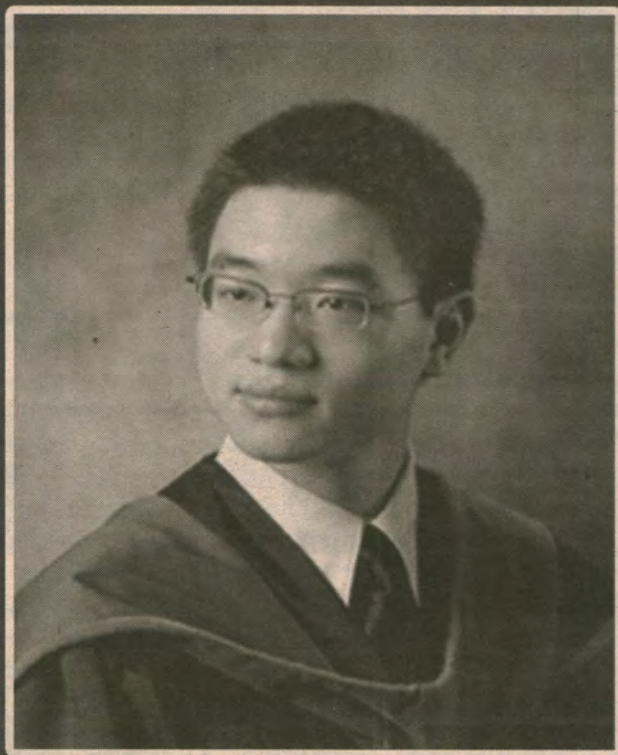
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# Sports

## Canada and USA fight

For women's hockey supremacy in Halifax

by Wild Bill Hughes

If you watch hockey for the bone crushing hits, the trash talking after the whistle, the constant pushing and shoving, the intimidation, the cheap shots or the fights, then you will have no interest in the world women's hockey championships. But

conversely, if you enjoy the skilled aspects of the sport, then you will thoroughly appreciate the women's game.

The world women's hockey championships opened at the Halifax Metro Centre and the Dartmouth Sportsplex on Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup>. Canada's opening game against the Chinese concluded in a predictable 11-0 romp. Their opening game blowout over the Chinese was followed up by another expected 13-0 trouncing of an inferior German squad.

The two lopsided victories gave Canada first place in the opening round in Pool 'A' and a date with their rival and Pool 'B' winner USA in the first game of the second round. Moving on along with Team Canada to the second round to form Group 1 was Team USA, and Team Sweden. Group 2 comprised Team Finland, Team Russia and Team Germany. There were no surprises as the

remaining three countries (China, Switzerland and Japan) all perennial doormats, were relegated to Pool 'C' and eliminated from medal contention after the first round of play. The second round would determine the medal games, as the bronze



game would be played by the third place team in Group 1 versus the first place team in Group 2. The gold would place the top two teams from Group 1 in the final after the second round had concluded.

The Saturday ride em' cowboy afternoon affair opened the second round by pitting the world's two top clubs head to head for the first time since the USA defeated Canada 3-1 for a rare tournament conquest at the Four Nations Cup last November in Sweden. The two team's history goes back to the very beginning as Canada has defeated the USA in all seven previous world championship finals, although their all time record

is much closer at 31-23-0. The two superior nations have split their two gold medal showdowns at the Olympics, with the most recent being Canada's triumph in Salt Lake City.

En route to their seven world championships, Canada has gone a perfect 37-0. That was until this Saturday afternoon at Metro Centre. The game proved to mark the day where the USA would place the first blemish on Canada's otherwise pristine record as a strong third period would not be enough to overcome Team USA's 3-1 stranglehold over the Canucks.

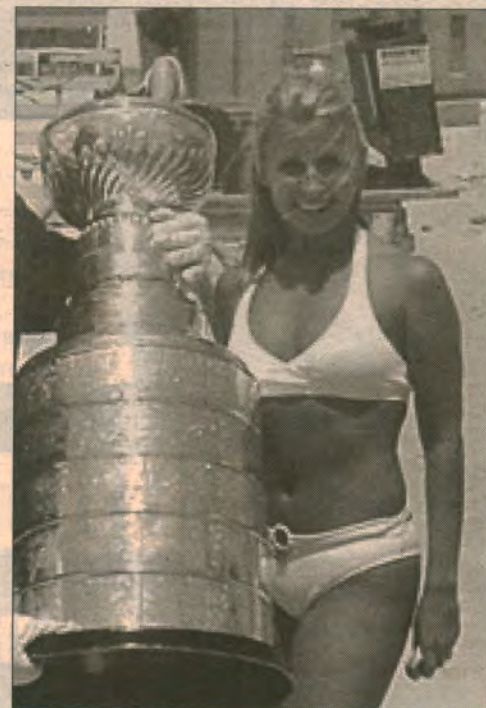
The USA built their lead early in the first thirty minutes of the game and some outstanding netminding from Pam Dreyer enabled the Americans to hang on for the 3-1 victory. The game was characterized by a strong American start that saw them score the opening goal before Canada tied the game at one midway through the first. An American outburst in the next twenty minutes put the USA up two as they dominated territorially and outshot Canada 16-6. The tide then shifted but Canada was unable to bury the puck behind the outstanding play of Dreyer as they outshot the USA 21-8 in the final thirty minutes of action.

The rather meaningless game was enviably only a precursor to this past Tuesday nights final where both clubs

## Cherry Pickin'

by Steve Clow

More and more high schoolers are perfecting their jump shots instead of their SAT scores these days. First it was Shawn Kemp, then Kevin Garnett and Kobe Bryant, and most recently the man-child known as LeBron James was added to the list of high school phenoms to forego college and enter the pro ranks. This year's edition of high school to pro athlete comes to us in a different form; this time around it's female high schooler Candace Parker, who is making all the waves. The two-time Ms. Basketball Illinois has amazed on lookers with her 22.3 points, 15 rebounds and four assists per game averages over the past two seasons. Just this past week the phenom from Naperville Central High turned the high school hoops world upside down by becoming the first female ever to win the McDonald's High School All-American Slam Dunk Contest. Former winners of the event include current NBA stars Darius Miles and Vince Carter. Out with the old. Acadia



University Athletic Director Dan McNally made two huge statements recently when he decided not to renew the contracts of his two basketball head coaches. Laura Sanders, the women's coach, has been at her post for nineteen years, while the men's coach Dave Nutbrown has endured

would meet against to decide women's hockey supremacy.

After the loss to the American's, Team Canada recovered from a lacklustre first period and rebounded to down Team Sweden 7-1. The victory guaranteed their position in the championship game. Team USA reached the final by remaining undefeated by downing Team Finland.

The two clubs would then meet again in front of a sold out Metro Centre for the second time in only four days. Team Finland would take on Team Sweden in the bronze medal game.

Would Canada win its eight world title on home ice in Halifax or would Team USA take the silver dish and make history? Stay tuned.

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consistently seen in the stands at many conference games that don't involve his team, while maintaining a reputation as a fierce coach and competitor on the court. McNally has stirred up some controversy in his time at Acadia as just last year he chose not to renew the contract of Sonny Wolfe, the school's head football coach for the previous nineteen years. Wolfe found work elsewhere and should he want to,

This year's edition of the Master's Tournament will take place at Augusta



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National golf course and will have a certain Canadian flavor to it. The tournament begins this Thursday and will wrap up on Sunday with the annual Champions Dinner. As is customary, the previous year's winner will set the menu for said dinner. Defending champion Mike Weir will be putting Keith's India Pale Ale on tap this year to wash down his choice of Canadian

delicacies. Weir became the first Canadian ever to win the Master's Tournament last year and with the victory all but assured himself of taking home Canadian Athlete of the Year honors.

The playoffs are finally set

for the NHL and while spectators have been busy bashing the game lately, we have some very intriguing first round match ups in both conferences. While five of six Canadian teams managed to make into the playoffs, no more than three of those teams will remain after the first round. However, for sure two of those squads will still be

alive as Vancouver will battle Calgary out west and Ottawa will take on their archrival Toronto in the east. Montreal is the other Canadian club with a chance at Lord Stanley's mug, but will have to get by the gritty Boston Bruins once again in the first round. The defending champion New Jersey Devils drew a tough first round

opponent in the Philadelphia Flyers, while the always-tough Colorado Avalanche take on the Dallas Stars. This could be anyone's year as the race for the silver cup is as wide open as ever. In parting I offer a Vancouver versus Toronto final with the Canucks coming out on top.

## Ultimate experience

The Saint Mary's Ultimate Team is looking for people who are interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee next year. Ultimate is a non-contact, co-ed team sport that combines the features and strategies of soccer, basketball, and football into a high-paced, exciting game. This year was SMUT's first year in existence, and the team played in two tournaments, one in October at Mount Allison and the latest one this past weekend, in a snowy tournament hosted by Dalhousie University.

Despite having played few games together, the team had a strong showing in both tournaments. With an organized team for next year, Saint Mary's may continue to show that its students can toss a disc with some skill. As many of the players are graduating this year, it is

important that the team be organized for next year, so the sport of Ultimate Frisbee can continue to grow at SMU. If you are interested in joining SMUT, the team needs both a Captain and an Executive to continue its club and society status. There will be a general meeting in the coming weeks, so email [saintmarys\\_ultimate@hotmail.com](mailto:saintmarys_ultimate@hotmail.com) for more information, as the date and time of the meeting

are yet to be determined.

For anyone interested in playing Frisbee over the summer, the Halifax Ultimate Frisbee Recreational League (HURL) offers three leagues of various calibre, for beginners to more advanced players. You can check out [www.halifaxultimate.ca](http://www.halifaxultimate.ca) for details on what is offered, and how to sign up.



Nutbrown could no doubt hook on somewhere else, but those are sure things. What is not is the message that AD McNally is trying to send to the rest of the conference concerning Acadia athletics.

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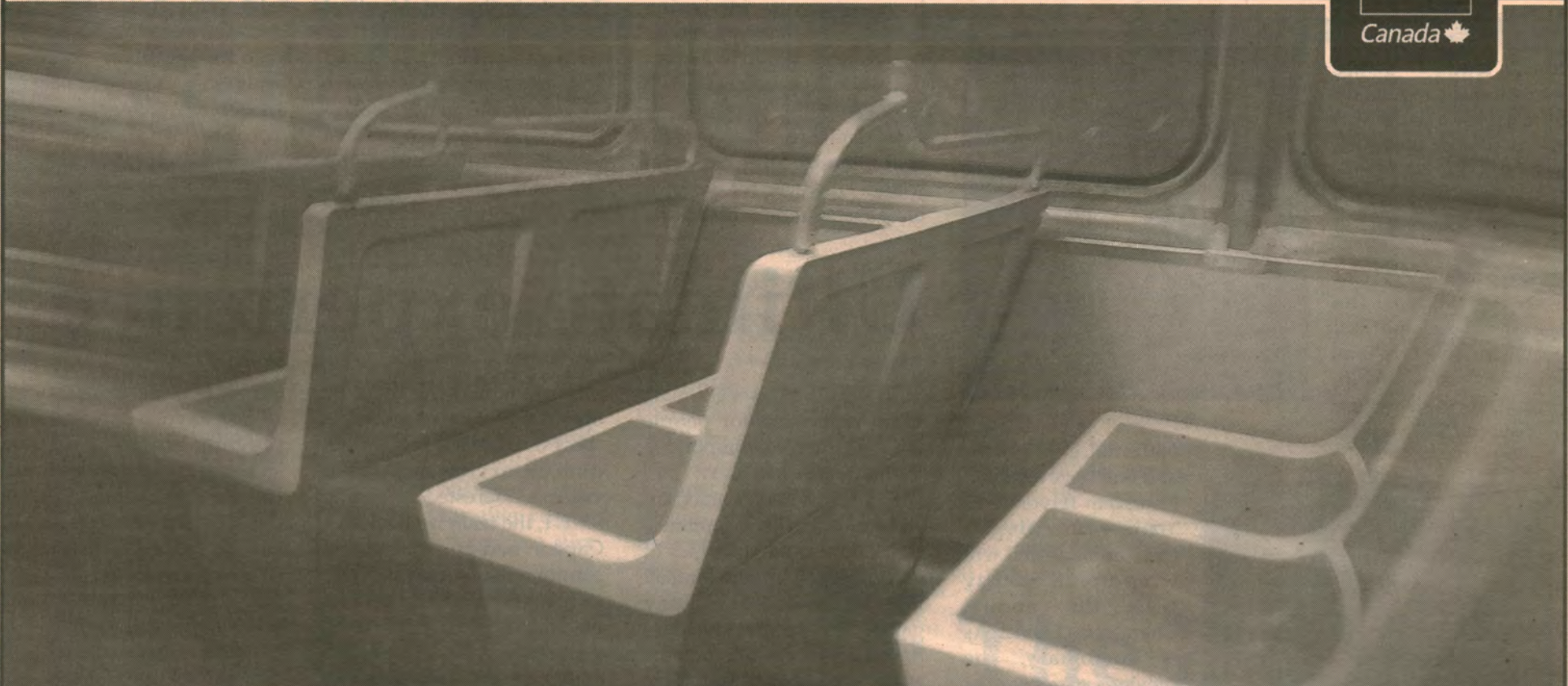
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No clue, no idea, Steven Deville, Reform

**Who are the current leaders of Canada, England and Russia?**

**Answers:** Paul Martin, Tony Blair, and Vladimir Putin Remarkably only 38% of the Tigers got this question correct, although Martin was recently sworn in upon the resignation of Jean Chretien, Blair has been a major force in the war in Iraq, and Putin was re-elected only three weeks ago.

**Noteworthy responses:** Chretien, Queen Elizabeth II, Boris Yelsin, Boris Yelta, Boris Yeltzoff

**What came first, the war that took place from 1914-1918 or WWI?**

**Answer:** They are the same war genius. Shockingly only 48% saw through this brilliant trick question.

**When was Halifax founded?**

**Answer:** 1749 A jaw dropping 14% of Dalhousie respondents answered correctly, even though Dal is located in the heart of Halifax.

**Noteworthy responses:** 1983, 1811, 1725, 1818

**Who wrote the first English novel?**

**Answer:** Daniel Defoe (Robinson Crusoe-1719) The English students must have been at a secret get-away because only 2% got this question correct.

**Noteworthy responses:** God (this guy wasn't kidding), Johnny (aka Mr. Bean), Robbie MacPhail

**Who is Daniel Defoe?**

**Answer:** (All we asked for was) an Author (Robinson Crusoe & Moll Flanders) I thought the first question may jog their memory, but only 6% knew this famous author.

**Noteworthy responses:**

Willem Dafoe's son (I love The Boondock Saints as much as the next guy but come on!), Heather's uncle, Boston Bruins Goaltender (that's Byron Dafoe, and he plays for Atlanta. Glad we avoided the sports questions), Famous Movie Star, Comedian

**What does J-Lo Stand for?**

**Answer:** Jennifer Lopez. Why not throw them a bone. Academics everywhere get a dull pain in their chest because 88% of respondents answered correctly.

**Who is Ralph Goodale?**

**Answer:** Liberal Party member and Finance Minister Was the budget on every possible Canadian news broadcast and on the cover of every local and national newspaper only two weeks ago or am I delusional? Hint, he read the thing. Still only 14% knew of this man and we even accepted "Politician."

**Noteworthy responses:** Artist, Man with Beer, Comedian, US Secretary of State, "Loves the Cock."

**What does Dal stand for?**

**Answer:** Dalhousie Again, tried to restore a little faith in humankind and it worked with a whopping 92% of correct answers.

**Noteworthy responses:** Short for Dalhousie (good thinkin'), Designated alcoholics.

**Did you vote in the last provincial election?**

**Answer:** Yes/No/Would even accept "can't recall it was so long ago" (August). Only 36% answered yes. This is well below the 65% of eligible voters that did partake. Is Dalhousie politically inclined?

**When is the next federal election?**

**Answer:** Has yet to be called Not surprising

considering the previous question's results that only 18% caught this trick question.

**Who is Margaret Thatcher?**

**Answer:** Former Prime Minister of Britain 34% correct. See two previous.

**Noteworthy responses:** Poet, Writer, Political Lady, Novelist, "I nailed her", and the wife of a Prime Minister.

**What is your middle name?**

**Answer:** Can't go wrong. I was hoping for at least 90% correct responses. And I got it, 92% (This assured we had an equal male to female ratio)

**Do you read the Gazette?**

**Answer:** Yes/No/"I think it's run by pretentious assholes." Wow, must say I didn't see this one coming 84% do read The Gazette, but it then begs the question. Is their anything informative worth reading? Because these results suggest otherwise.

**Noteworthy responses:** "When I am drunk" (that explains a lot), Ezgi (what? No comment), "I have a feeling this is a comeback to the 'Talking to Huskies thing.' Well played." Ah yes, well played indeed my friend.

To their credit, 70% knew that the official language in Brazil was Portuguese and not Spanish or Brazilian (that's a resident of Brazil or a wax) as some thought. A testimate to the History program at Dal is that 92% knew that the world is made up of 7 continents, but quite honestly, that's not much of an accomplishment. Likewise with the 70% of those who knew that Toronto was the capital of the country's most populated province and that it was not Ottawa, Victoria or Quebec City as some offered. 60% knew that the mayor of Halifax is Peter Kelly and in the wake of his presence during our natural disasters and being on the cover of

Macleans a couple of months back, I would certainly hope so. 58% knew that in Chemistry 'Au' stands for Gold, although some though "Aurum" (Is that short for Amber Rum?), Bomb, Iron, Silver and Aluminium. Congrats as well to those 54% that knew that Sir John A. Macdonald was the first Prime Minister of Canada. In the good words of Will Ferrell "simply stunning."

Well folks, there you have it. It seems as though our friends up at Dal are not quite as smart as they think they are. And in conducting this task we also completed an informal study on plagiarism, because unfortunately most people were cheating, or

putting their minds and knowledge together. But Tigers don't lose hope just yet, because in the same Gazette issue as "Talking to Huskies", it was revealed that your tuition is going up 13% next year. It will then exceed \$7000 and your TA's are pushing for better pay. One can only hope that this money is put to good use. May I politely suggest a few courses in the art of common knowledge or perhaps a course on the importance of reading the newspaper?

It has been fun,

Sincerely,

Bill Hughes  
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# Talking to Tigers



This past Thursday evening as I enjoyed a few brew with some friends, I, a Saint Mary's University Journal Staffer picked up a copy of the Dalhousie Student newspaper, *The Gazette*. As I turned the pages of this gospel like publication, I reached a page entitled "Talking to Huskies." This feature was prefaced with the following comments steeped in the brilliant sarcasm that could

only be supplied by our intellectually superior friends at Dalhousie University.

"The year wouldn't be complete without a trip down to see our friends at Saint Mary's University. Armed only with a pad of paper, a pen and questions from a junior high social studies lesson we made our way over to the SMU campus to see what the great minds of tomorrow are up to. [Readers beware: Some

of the following answers are so devoid of intelligence, you may puke.] Enjoy."

One could only wonder if this defamatory concept was taken from the same level of intellect as that of the "junior high" level questions themselves? Needless to say that the point was that the responses that *The Gazette* received to their eight questions were far from flattering, but that prompted a few questions of my own. How many students did they ask? Where did they approach these Students? And the like. So I thought, why not give the students of Saint Mary's the opportunity to talk to Tigers. Heck, the title even has a ring to it. So, with the accompaniment of an unbiased student from a school other than SMU, we took to the Dalhousie Campus with fifty typed questionnaires, each comprising twenty questions and hoped that the Tigers would be accommodating. We chose not too select questions from a junior high level social studies class, but rather than insult their intelligence, combined some of the questions asked of SMU

students and also added in a few other "brain teasers" of our own. I'll avoid attaching a disclaimer but the results were not good.

We looked to find participants at Dal where some of their finer intellectuals may be found working on their craft, and therefore over thirty of the fifty studies were approached in the foyer of the Killam library. The students were approached by my friend and offered the voluntary study, with an unlimited amount of time to complete. They were left with the paper and pen, most often times with friends, but in hindsight, they likely wished they had respectfully declined, although very few did.



The results were as follows:

**Who is the leader of the Opposition party in parliament?**

**Answer:** Stephen HarperStunningly only 36% of Dal Student respondents got this one correct, although Harper was elected the leader of the party at the highly publicized Conservative convention less than three weeks ago. The answer was also in the current *Gazette* issue, which many claimed to have read.

**Noteworthy responses:**

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