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Journal a great asset, too bad students voted no

In response to Patrick Kitengie's article about increasing the student levy by \$2 to help support the Journal, I find it funny you chose the Journal as the medium to voice your concern. If you're so displeased with the Journal why did you bother to submitting an article o a paper you find lacks "professionalism", especially where your article lacks professionalism as the Students Association spells it Husky Patrol, not Huskie Patrol. Besides I'm sure you picked up a copy of the paper to find your article centered on page 3. As it relates to Husky Patrol drivers, unless you're proposing that drivers take the vans home with them overnight, taking a cab is the next best option. And I don't suppose you thought about all the other employees working late at night. What about the Gorsebrook staff, Tower staff, Info Desk staff, Campus Security? Why don't we pay for all their cabs home? The fact is the university provides a safe working environment for employees, but once services close for the night it's the student's responsibility to find a way home. That goes for any job. As it relates to The Journal, SMU students are currently pay the lowest levy for a school paper anywhere in Canada! The reason our paper lacks the look of the Coast or The Gazette is because it's so grossly under funded. Journal staff is working with computers and software dating back to 1998 and frequently their computers crash while editors are working on articles and sections of the paper. The Journal has the potential to look and read like other local papers, but not without help. from students. So before you criticize this paper and before you pick up the next copy to see in anyone responded to your article, which you probably will, you should be willing to pay into the time and effort it took to print the pages you're reading. (- Anonymous)

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Scissor race anyone?

Don't get me wrong, I do enjoy The Journal. I read it on breaks between classes and my friends and I read the G-Spot out loud and laugh at the questions. I enjoy doing the cross-word but call me crazy if it's too much to ask that the answers actually be printed in next week's edition. The cross-word a few weeks ago was very enjoyable with all the clues being song lyrics. My friends and I (who have very different musical tatstes) racked our brains and only came up with about half the answers. We didn't get "I feel alright/whenever I'm by your side" or whatever generic saccharine that was because who the hell doesn't sing that in more or less words? Do you know what other answers I couldn't get? 15-21 Across BECAUSE THERE WERE NO CLUES PRINTED! Oh, and another thing, on every game page you misspelled scissors. It has a C in it. This is not the first typo I've noticed, and I'm sure it won't

be the last. Way to go editing staff! And, let me get

this straight, you want me to give you another \$2 each semester so I can be frustrated and disa-

That's my article, hope you're not

- We're not offended at all, you're right - it's nuts no one noticed scissors was spelled wrong all along (if only we had more people available to proof read), and we'd happily print the answers if only we had more space, unfortunately we don't have money for more papges right now so a lot of things we'd like to get in the paper never seem to fit. Hopefully we'll have a website up and running soon and we could put extras, like crossword answers there.

ps. Chris says that's like the most famous Kinks song ever!

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NEWS

SMU Students Vote to Help the Underprivileged

BY ZACH CHURCHILL

The students of Saint Mary's University have recently demonstrated their good will by voting in favour of a five dollar per-student contribution (amounting to over \$42,000) that will be applied to a bursary fund for students from low-income backgrounds. The referendum question passed with a 77% majority.

"I am thrilled that our students have shown this high level of support for this worthy cause," said Zach Churchill, President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA). "Students from low-income backgrounds

face significant financial barriers when trying to attend university, and now the students of Saint Mary's have shown that it is a priority of theirs to help."

The Millennium Scholarship Foundation found that only 19% of students from low income backgrounds were able to attend college or university, and that 36% of individuals who complete high school, but did not pursue a post secondary education cited financial burdens as their number one reason. According to the Chronicle Herald, there are over 146,000 people in Nova Scotia who are considered poor.

The \$40,000 contribution by the students of Saint Mary's is hoped to be one of many. SMUSA is currently embarking on a yearlong fundraising campaign, in an attempt to garner \$300,000 to create a bursary fund for students from low-income backgrounds.

"We're just trying to do our part in making post secondary education more accessible, and it is my sincere hope that outside businesses, organizations, and individuals will follow the leadership that our students have taken in helping us create this fund."

PIG EGGS

BY SPENCER LEBLANC

Austrian scientists confirmed Friday that they have successfully modified pigs to lay eggs. Through a series of genetic mutations the scientists engineered the mammals to lay up to eight eggs at a time. Reports from the lab are said to estimate the average egg would be roughly the size of a grapefruit, weighing the same as pair of boots. The applications for this type of egg are said to be tremendous from a culinary point of view. A private group under the name Lundberg has funded the project, and is being investigated on previous accounts of promoting cruelty to animals. As every international health authority seems to shoot down the "pig egg" concept it is unlikely you will find them in your local grocery store. As a measure of safety I know I will be suspicious if my over-easy are suddenly taking up the whole plate.

Tuesday, May 16th, 2006 is Census Day

Be sure to count yourself in! Census data provide population estimates used to allocate transfer payments to provinces and to plan important public services including education and health care. This year, you can complete your questionnaire online at www.census2006.ca. For more information, call Pamela Gautreau, 902.426.4806.

Would you like to work at the Journal next year?

Journal Elections will be happening very soon... Positions up for grabs are: Editor-in-Chief, News Editor, Arts & Entertainment Editor, Sports Editor, Business Editor, and hopefully (depending on vote results) Science Editor, Society Page Editor...

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President Dodds has a new recruitment tactic URBAN ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN FOCUSES ON DODDS STREET CREDIBILITY.

Saint Mary's is going after the young, hip hop crowd with a new \$32 million advertising campaign. The campaign is an effort to show aspiring entrants how cool and urban University life really is, and unlike past campaigns, Dr. Dodds is getting up close and personal. With his face on every new poster, many are surprised to see the real J. Colin Dodds.

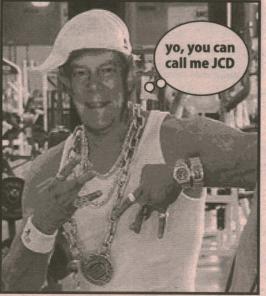
While many who had worked with Dr. Dodds had seen him as a refined, tweed-suit-wearing academic, his wife Carol is quick to point out what many never knew. "Sure he wears the suit and tie at the office," says Carol, "but that's not the man I married - We're talking about a man who's been straight pimpin' since the 80s."

The new advertising campaign comes at a time when St. Mary's is at its lowest "Cool" quotient since 1936. With most seats being filled by Alt-Country music loving, hockey playing, American

can Eagle wearing dorks. Dodds thinks it's high time the University starts bringing in "...da funk." Elements of his campaign consist of changing sponsors from Molson to Colt 45; a bigger, flashier Alumni ring; tighter, more revealing SMU clothing for the ladies; 50 Cent ring tones for every student cell phone.

The end of this academic school year will see the first phase of the

ad campaign, the posters. Bold in colour and in message, and the most striking feature is President Dodds himself, Colt 45 in hand, inviting the youth of the Nation to "Get on up in here!"



Whether this will result in an increase in enrolment has yet to be seen but Big Daddy Dodds would like to remain hopeful.

SALASSILASIA It's April A fools

Appointment of the VP Finance

A message from your SMUSA president Zach Morris

On March 3rd the Vice President Finance Appointment Board met to discuss the appointment of the VP Finance for the 2006 - 2007 Executive Term. The Appointment Board was notified by our current VP Finance, Leah Bilodeau, that she would be seeking re-appointment; it was therefore the first order of business of the Board to conduct an evaluation of Leah. The Board subsequently concluded that Leah had served her term in exemplary fashion; she had been diligent in all aspects of her job, had practiced fiscal responsibility to the highest degree, and had been a tremendous asset to the Association

With the results of Leah's evaluation and a consideration of her previous three

years of experience with the Association in the capacity of info desk attendant, SRC Secretary, and ARAP Clerk, it was unanimously decided by the VP Finance Appointment Board to make a recommendation to the SRC to re-appoint Leah Bilodeau as the Association's VP Finance for the 2006 - 2007 Executive term. On Sunday, March 5th a motion was introduced to the SRC to accept the recommendation of the VP Finance Appointment Board. The SRC debated and voted on the recommendation, and the motion passed with 7 to 4 majority vote with 1 abstention.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue please contact me (Zach Churchill) at 496-8701 or president@smusa.ca.

Graduates Meet your Hooding Candidate for the Arts/Graduate Studies Convocation!

Hello everyone, my name is Nathaniel Smith. I am 22 years old and my hometown is Halifax, Nova Scotia. This May, I will be graduating as your hooding candidate for the Arts/Graduate Studies Convocation with a B.A. (hons) History, Minor Irish Studies. In 2004, I ran for City Council in Halifax - District 15: Fairview-Clayton Park, I received 30% of the vote, coming in a close second to the long time incumbent councilor. I am involved in politics both at the municipal, provincial and federal level and hold various positions within the New Democratic Party of Nova Scotia and Canada. I am currently President of the Halifax West NDP Riding Association and Vice-President at Large of the Nova Scotia NDP. I am planning to do a M.A. in History next year. I have a twin brother and am regrettably 7th cousins to George W. Bush, through a common ancestor in Massachusetts from the 1760s.

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THE G-SPOT

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Q: I need a job. I love having sex, so I figure hey; I want to be a porn star. You would think there would be some kind of agency that would hire you for films, something like an employment agency. If there is such a thing I can't find it. Do you just have to know the right people?

Stephanie Foster:

I recommend some solemn self-reflection to start with. Do your research. As a porn star, you'll be having sex with numerous partners, and you may find many them to be quite unappealing. You'll be expected to do whatever sex acts are required by the director, a lot of which may be in spite of your preferences. In addition, who knows what kinds of STDs might be floating around a film set?

While I'm not out to sway you from becoming a porn star, I just want to indicate that there are two sides to this line of work. It isn't as enjoyable as you might imagine. Those magnificent sex scenes that you see in porn aren't shot in one constant take. There's frequent starting and stopping, you're being stared at by an entire production crew, there are scorching hot lights, and the majority of the time they have to overdub the instructions being barked out at the actors by the director. Further, it is uncommon to see a female achieve orgasm in porn movies. This alone indicates to

me that it's not a pleasant procedure. Yes, the compensation is decent enough for only a few hours of labor, but for myself, if I sought to make a living by having old men hump me for hours and hours, I'd find myself an ailing billionaire. The pay is better that way, too.

As an alternative, you might want to think about working at a strip club. Strippers can make outstanding amounts of cash, and they get to be extremely sexual, but they don't have to have sex unless they want to. What's more, finding employment as a stripper is a lot easier, and if you're sincere about wanting to audition for porn, stripping would be a great way to get noticed in the first place. Strip clubs are sort of a "minor league" for the porn trade.

Another plan is to make an amateur tape and put it up for sale on the internet. It's the best way to go if you mean to go at all – you get to choose your partner, you get to choose the pace, and you earn all the cash.

Finally, there is an abundance of "How to Get Paid for Sex" kind of books that sell online for hundreds of dollars. Don't waste your time and money. The bulk of these books just offer things like phone numbers for sperm banks. In theory, if you're a man, you sort of would be getting paid for sex in that case, but I have a feeling that that's not what most of the book's consumers had in mind.

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Remember the 5th of November

BY CHRIS CLEMENTS

The criticisms of this movie are abundant. The makers of the movie didn't "get" the comic. You can't understand what the masked character, V, is saying. All anyone can talk about is Natalie Portman having her head shaved. The Wachowski Brothers are hacks. The movie is too political. The movie is not political enough. Etc...

The criticisms aren't necessarily fair though. The fact that Natalie Portman's head shaving is a popular topic when reviewing the movie is not the fault of the movie; it's a fault of the critics.

Sure, The Wachowski Brothers are hacks, but a lot of people who use this argument haven't seen this new movie yet and are basing their opinion on movies like The Matrix trilogy, This movie is

not The Matrix, and ignoring one minor effect in one scene, bears no resemblance at all to Neo's trilogy.

It's true that at the beginning of the movie it is hard to understand what V is saying, but that's a combination of the disorienting effect of not seeing lips move, the fact that he is speaking very quickly, with an accent, and using all v-words. After that one scene it's no problem to understand him at all.

Whether the makers of the movie "got" the comic or not, the fact is that they understood the basic pro-personal-freedom and anti-fascism message it was meant to convey. Updating the movie slightly to fit more closely with modern themes (the comic was drawn in the early Eighties) should not be held against the film,

Coming this Summer: The Passion of the Christ 2: Jesus Strikes Back

BY NELSON MACDONALD

In a few weeks the first of this summer's potential blockbusters will hit the movie screens. The beginning of this phenomenon can be traced back to the 1975 summer release of Steven Spielberg's Jaws, which brought in a whopping \$260 million at the box office. In recent years, summer blockbusters have included: Spider-Man (2002), Finding Nemo (2003), The Day After Tomorrow (2004), and Star Wars: Episode III (2005). Not surprisingly, the 2006 summer movie schedule is shaping up pretty much like every other year. Releases include lots of remakes, sequels, prequels, and literary adaptations.

The blockbuster season gets underway May 5th with the release of M:I-3, the third installment of the Mission: Impossible series. Tom Cruise is back as Ethan Hunt and is joined by a cast featuring Philip Seymour Hoffman, Keri Russell, Billy Crudup, and Laurence Fishburne. In typical summer blockbuster fashion, the budget is reported to be \$150-million.

Also due out in May is Ron

Howard's adaptation of The DaVinci Code starring Tom Hanks and Audrey Tautou. If only half of the people who have read Dan Brown's best-selling novel go to see the film version, than it is guaranteed to be a blockbuster.

Coming out in June is the much anticipated Superman Returns with Bryan Singer, director of X-Men and X2, at the helm. It stars Kevin Spacey as Lex Luthor, Kate Bosworth as Lois Lane, and newcomer Brandon Routh as Superman.

On July 7th Johnny Depp, Keira Knightly, and Orlando Bloom are back in the sequel to the 2003 hit, Pirates of the Caribbean. Fans will be glad to know that the cast and crew are already busy working on Pirates of the Caribbean 3 which is due out for the summer of 2007.

Science-fiction fans can look forward to Richard Linklater's A Scanner Darkly, which is set in a futuristic America that has lost the war on drugs. The film stars Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey Jr., and Winona Ryder and features the same rotoscoping technique that

Linklater employed in his 2001 film Waking Life.

Due out August 4th is Mel Gibson's sequel to The Passion of the Christ. No, not really. I just needed an attention grabbing headline, BUT Gibson's Apocalyptico, about the decline of the Mayan kingdom, is coming out August 4th, and, like The Passion, will be subtitled.

All of the movies I mentioned are generating a lot of buzz. But Oliver Stone's World Trade Center will probably be the most talked about film of the summer, even though the tagline "a true story of courage and survival" hardly makes it sound like a controversial or thought provoking examination of 9/11.

Other films which could earn big money this summer include M. Night Shymalan's The Lady in the Water, the big screen version of Miami Vice starring Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx, and the remake of the 1970s disaster film The Poseidon Adventure.

You can check out trailers for these and all the other films due out this summer on IMDB. com or apple.com/trailers

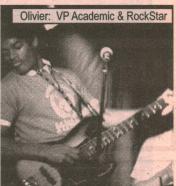
Turnstiles - Thirteen Telephone Towers

BY WILLIAM LLIB

The Turnstiles present a good listening experience for a night at home or blasting at a kegger with their debut album. These Moncton boys' up tempo pop styling's, aptly displayed on the first track, and generally creative story telling will keep you listening for what's next. But it is the variety of song styles that would keep a crowd satisfied. While staying the Turnstiles, they manage to make each song play out in its own genre, from south of the border to the glam rock relation of T Rex. And it is the competent guitar, bass, drums and piano that brings validity to each new sound. Some songs have rock and roll piano, then the next song has military drum beats.

I did feel however that their strong opening with Failure to Thrive was not matched by the somewhat shaky ending with Drive. And some of the production seemed a little muddled under many layers, but when their sound comes through there are plenty of nice harmonies and catchy riffs.

All and all I say these boys did a good job, I heard they had a heck of a time putting it together. So for a premier album I say Well Done Turnstiles, Well Done. Seriously, you should listen to these guys.



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sometimes changes like this are necessary to keep a story's message intact.

The movie is set in England, some time in the future. The world has been ravaged by wars, diseases and terrorism. In an effort to secure their safety, the citizens of the U.K. have allowed one party to seize undisputed control and given up personal freedoms. This effectively creates a police state where individuals are constantly under surveillance, everyone is subject to nightly curfews and the media can only broadcast approved stories. The government seems to be modeled on a cross between Hitler's Germany and the current American admin-

Standing up to the oppressive regime is one man who has seen the worst side of the

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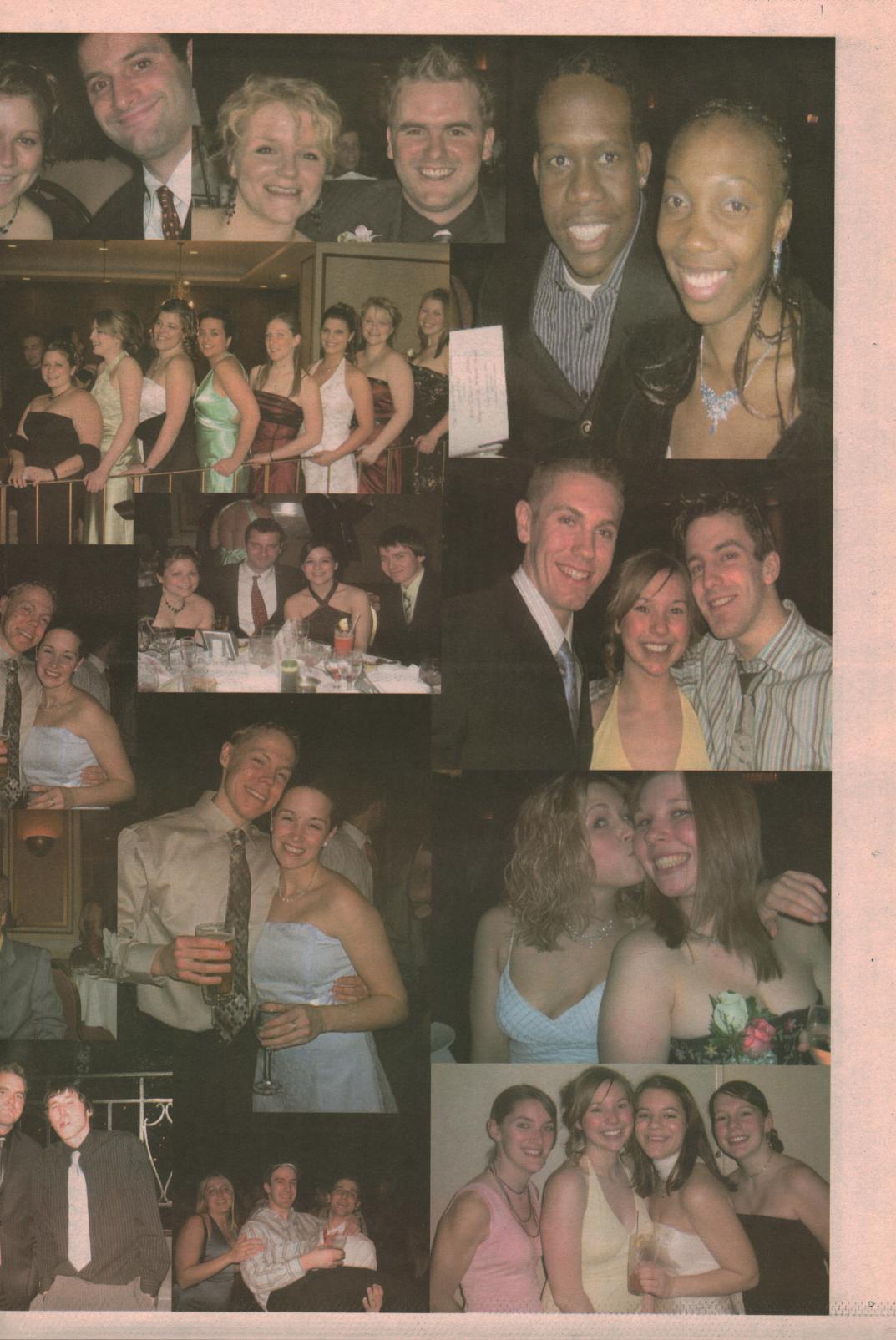
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government. Inspired by Guy Fawkes' 1605 "gunpowder plot" to blow up the British Houses of Parliament (hence the Fawkes mask he constantly wears) he attempts to lead the people in a revolution.

This movie works on a few levels: there is a lot of action to appease action fans and there are some important is-

sues being dealt with so fans of "deeper" movies should be happy as well. Don't be scared away by negative reviews, and don't be scared away by the fact that this is a big-budget movie. It's an entertaining, thought provoking movie which you'll likely enjoy – unless you're a fan of boring feel-good movies.





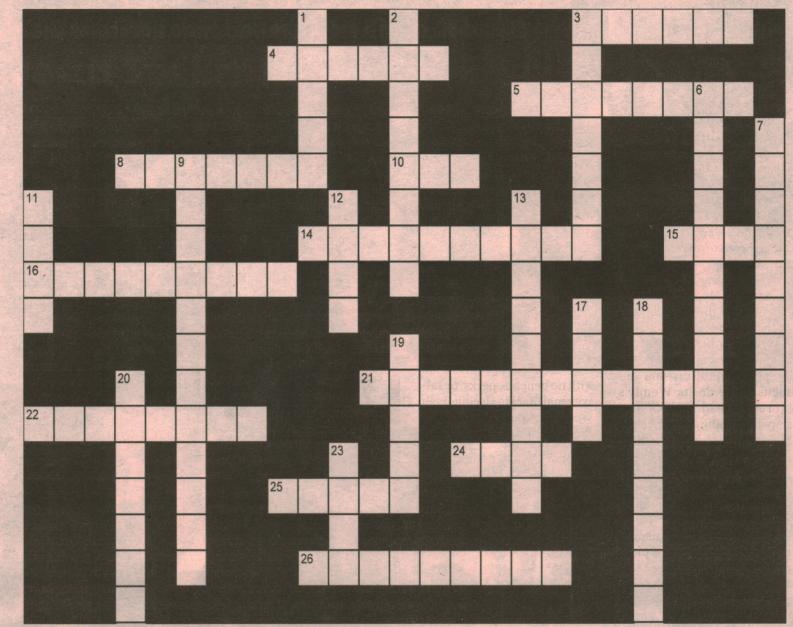
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- 4. The newer bridge
- 5. Frisbee sport
- 8. Famous Khan
- 10. Best way to cook food in summer (abrev.)
- 14. Beach sport
- 15. Summer sport that requires clubs
- 16. X-Man with claws
- 21. Local surfer's beach
- 22. The man of steel
- 24. Wrestler and superhero
- 25. Bohemian Rhapsody band
- 26. Holiday that ends summer (2 words)

DOWN

- 1. DaVinci Code star
- 2. Game played on a dia-
- 3. Great local kite hill
- 6. Coffee giant that just had an IPO (2 words)
- 7. Man celebrated on Novem-
- ber 5th (2 words) 9. Book of the dead
- 11. New Zealand's bird
- 12. Punks who will play Dartmouth in August
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THE ROCKERFELLER

1. What is the benefit of Tim Hortons going public? Why did they do it in the first place? Do you think this stock will perform well?

Jerry Maguire once said "SHOW ME THE MONEY", well that's exactly what the Tim Horton owners, Wendy's Corporation (as in the Fast Food Restaurant People), are doing. Tim Horton's in itself has been as the cash cow for Wendy's, and with increased competition between its two chains, it saw an opportunity to spin off of the division and focus more on its Wendy's stores instead. This is also notwithstanding the fact the market was ripe for such an IPO with very few other (major) IPO's occurring at this time. As for Tims' stock performance it should do fairly well, initially we are going to see a spike due to Canadian investors trying to get a piece of the pie. In the long term I think it will be a good buy, but I am cautiously waiting to see how successful its US expansion is before personally

buying any shares.

2. What do I need to do to become the next Rockerfeller? How do I apply? What are the benefits?

Lo and behold... I wonder who asked this Jackie? (the editor of this section). Yes, we are looking for someone to replace the graduating Rockerfeller. The qualification is the willingness to answer all the quirky (where else would you get a question about Valentines Day and business?) questions that are received each week. To apply to this job with no benefits, perks, or salary email Jackie (jacquelineh owatt@hotmail.com) or Kate (thejournal@gmail.com).

3. I still don't have a summer job lined up. Where can I go to find a summer job? Are there any local resources for students who want to start a summer business?

While this is a little late to be starting out, there are jobs still out there to be taken. For SMU students, go to the 4th floor of the Student Union Building and look for the Employment Benter, they will have a list of some of the jobs available in the market today. If you cannot find anything that suits your skills or taste (however, it might be a littler late to be picky), I would recommend to walk right into your favorite store with a resume and accompanied with professional attire, and ask to speak to the manager. For those wanting to start your own business, the SMUBDC on Barrington (between Saint Mary's Basilica and Pacifico) may be able to help you get a loan for your business, and if they can't they can surel point you in the right direction.



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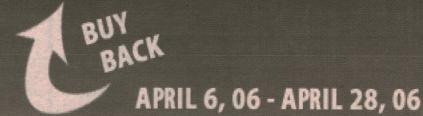
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SPURTS

The Proficiencies of a Back-Up

BY: ADAM COSTELLO

Saint Mary's goalie David Chant was a major award winner this year, including his winning last Wednesday of the Dr. Randy Gregg Award for excellence in athletics, academics and community involvement. Chant was also the 2006 recipient of the James Bayer Memorial Scholarship Award and 2005-06 recipient of the Godfrey Award. There is no doubt Chant played a huge role in the Huskies success this year and his off ice contributions to hockey and the community are commendable to say the least. It is with this article, however, that I would like to bring attention to another St. Mary's goalie, Cory Roberts.

This Friday, at a banquet honouring SMU athletes, there is an award decided upon by The Journal's "sports department." I found this concept kind of laughable because due to lack of funding I essentially am The Journal's "sports department." I was however honoured to be able to give credit where credit is due, with the award I am to present being the John Jones award. John Jones was an "unheralded" ice maker at SMU and the award is intended to recognize an "unsung hero" in SMU sports. Apparently I'm not allowed to make an overly informative speech at the banquet, so I will explain my decision in this article.

David Chant was SMU's number one man this hockey season, for he will be taking his leave after graduation this year. He played 18 games on the season, going 8-7-1 with a 2.65 goals against average and a save percentage of .916. With pretty good numbers and outstanding contributions off ice, it is justifiable Chant took home 3 major AUS awards this season. But what about Chants back-up?

Something must be said for the role of the back-up goalie, for in hockey, a team is only as good as its back-up. The goaltending position is probably the most difficult one a hockey player can choose, for there are only 2 spots to compete for on each team. The back-ups role is to rescue a team when their number one goes down to injury or isn't playing up to expectations, or to relieve the tension that goes along with the starter playing night in and night out. Not only did the St. Mary's back-up fulfill those requisitions this season, but he did so in commanding

Cory Roberts, who played incredible last year after Chant

was injured, this year started 12 games for the Huskies, just 6 fewer than Chant. While Chant posted an 8-7-1 record. Roberts managed to throw together a far better winning percentage during his playing opportunities, posting an 8-2-2 record. Chants save percentage was .916 on the year while Roberts held a percentage of .914, inferior by just 2 one-thousanths. Chants goals against average was 2.65, while Roberts managed a 2.50 GAA, even better than Chant. In the games I watched Roberts as the starting back-stop, it was evident he took his role very seriously, supporting his defensemen with a stick pat to the pants, even when a goal against looked to be the fault of a defensive breakdown, which there were many of this year. When a goal was his fault however, you could tell the only thing on his mind was not letting it happen again.

So why is David Chant being honoured within all facets of the sports world while Cory Roberts has yet to be even mentioned? Perhaps because Chant "finds time in a very busy schedule for volunteer work" or because he is a "Dean's List student and an Academic all-Canadian."

Cory, like many of us students at SMU, isn't a dean's list student and may not be able to always volunteer his time because for most people, life has to be lived. Roberts is on the other hand a top notch gaolie, and was just as effective if not more so than Chant during the Huskies season this year. It is for this reason that come Friday, Cory Roberts will be named the recipient of the "unsung hero" award. Maybe those university and AUS officials that decide the awards were too wrapped up in volunteer work and grades to notice Cory's actual dedication to the game of hockey itself, but I sure as hell noticed it. Next year the number one spot is his, and hopefully an AUS championship will be the final product.



Splitting the Uprights

BY: DANNY CAREW

Adam Vinateri has signed with the Indianapolis Colts, ending his career with the New England Patriots. Adam kicked a game winning field-goal in Super Bowl XXXVI against the St. Louis Rams, with no time left and he followed up on the feat two years later, as he hit another field-goal with only seconds left to beat the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl XXXVIII . Adam also added an insurance field-goal against the Philadelphia Eagles to help the Patriots win their third Super Bowl in four years. Those were the glory days and Patriot fans like myself, along with the past two sports editor's of The Journal, can't help but feel sad about seeing "Captain Clutch" kick for another team. However, Adam has done the right thing by signing with the Colts and this may be the only article you will read that commends the Vinateri's decision to explore another option.

First of all, The Patriots could have retained the rights to Adam if they chose to designate him as a 'franchise player' for the 2006 season. According to NFL.com: a franchise player happens when "Clubs retain exclusive negotiating rights to an exclusive franchise player, by committing to a minimum offer of the average of the top five salaries at the player's position as of the end of the restricted free agent signing period on April 21, or a 20 percent increase over his 2005 salary, or the average of the top five salaries at his position as of the endof last season -- whichever of the three is greater. Other clubs cannot negotiate with exclusive franchise players. No exclusive franchise players were named this year." The Patriots used the franchise tag on Adam the past two seasons, but this year they would have to have paid Adam 3 million dollars if they opted to franchise him. Coach Bill Belichick said "It just didn't feel like the right thing to do. We considered all our options and decided not to tag anybody."

In the NFL you're only as good as your last kick. Most fans hate their respective team's kicker because they miss kicks in key situations. However, in New England Adam was as consistent as they come. For his career, he is 263-for-321 on field goals while he has only missed seven of 374 extra points. That a combined 1,156 points Adam has put up for his team, making him as valuable as a kicker can be. Adam may not have the strongest leg in NFL, but he has always made the ones count the most. Before Adam made any of his game winning Super Bowl kicks, he made one the most difficult and memorable kicks in NFL history.

On January 19th 2002, the Patriots hosted the Oakland Raiders in the divisional playoffs. The Patriots play in Foxboro, Massachusetts and the weather is just as cold there as it is here in Halifax. The forecast for the weather called for blizzard like conditions. Throughout the game the Raiders and Patriots were gridlocked due the nasty wind and heavy snowfall. The field was a sheet of ice, and the football was frozen solid. The Patriots were down 13-10, and Vinateri had the chance of sending the Patriots into overtime by hitting a 45 yard field goal. A 45 yard field goal is no chip shot on a sunny day; Adam had a difficult task of hitting a field-goal in these conditions. The ball was snapped, Adam kicked it, it was going straight, and as it descended towards the goal post it just barely sailed through; it was good! The Patriots went into overtime and Adam hit a 23yd field-goal to seal the win. The Patriots went on to beat Pittsburgh in the next round, then went on to beat the Rams for the teams first ever Super Bowl victory. The rest is history.

Adam could do no wrong in New England. Fans donned his jersey for games. I can't think of another stadium in the NFL where fans chose to wear a kicker's jersey over a quarterback's, runningback's, or receiver's jersey. Adam was in commercials, he did autograph signings, you name it. Adam would miss an occasional field-goal, but nobody cared because he made the ones that counted the most. He was a model of consistency and his infamous kicks have already solidified his spot within the uprights of the Hall of Fame. Adam's awesome; the best in the business-Bar none.

The Patriots let Adam test the free agent market this off-season. It was rumored that Adam might be heading to Green Bay, but ended up signing with the Indianapolis Colts, one of the many teams he has devastated throughout his career. Adam received a 3.5 million dollar signing bonus, and his contract will pay him 2.5 million per year for up to six years. He joins a Colts team seemingly on the verge of winning a Super Bowl. Peyton Manning is too good not to win at least one and Adam may someday have a ring to match each finger on his right hand.

Adam took the money he deserved, he chose to kick for a team that plays in a dome (it is a lot easier to kick indoors). and he chose to play for one the best teams. Good call Adam. It's a severe blow to see Adam go, but fans can't always rely on a player to be loyal to their team. The NFL is a business. Take what you can get, while you can get it. Whenever I'm feeling a little low, I listen to Lionel Richie. One song in particular reminded me of Adam: "Thanks for the times that you've given me. The memories are all in my mind. And now that we've come to the end of our rainbow, there's something I must say out loud," before I continue on, Adam is not a lady, but he's "once, twice, three times, a Super Bowl Champion." Patriot fans would not be able to gloat as much as we do, if it hadn't been for Adam. Unfortunately, 2006 marks The Patriots and Vinateri splitting up, but nobody has split-up the uprights, like Adam did as a pat.

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The Department of Athletics & Recreation is looking for dynamic, organized, students who are passionate about their Huskies sport teams for the following positions:

• Huskies Mascot • Varsity Game Sport Marketing Assistants

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Other positions available in the Athletics & Recreation Department are:

- Tower Front Desk Staff
 Intramural Coordinators
- Weight Room Program Staff
 Squash Court Monitor

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Get involved with school spirit and spread it!

The Journal's: Top-Five Top-Three's

BY: ADAM COSTELLO

As you probably already know, this is the last issue of The Journal this year. With that in mind, a wrap up of sports stories that took place throughout the school year is in order. In the world of SMU sports, our only championship wins came from Men's Soccer and Women's Volleyball. Around the world of professional sports, there were numerous disappointments, as well as feel good stories across the board. To wrap up each of these categories, I figured rather than writing one last top ten article, I would instead write a series of top three instalments, meant as a means to overview all happenings within sports since September. This obviously brings us to the first and final instalment of,

The Journals Top-Five, Top-Three's:

Top 3 SMU Sports Performances

3. Track and Field

The SMU Track and Field team managed to put out a solid effort from day one, with rookies and veterans alike contributing to St. Mary's finishing 2nd in AUS rankings with 106.50 points, just behind Dalhousie's 111.50.

2. Women's Volleyball

The SMU women's Volleyball team dominated the opposition all year, losing just once in league action throughout the season, paving their way as the top seed heading into the playoffs. In the championship game, the Huskies came through in the clutch, finishing off a close game with the Dalhousie Tigers to become AUS champions.

1. Men's Soccer

The St. Mary's Men's Soccer team managed to go the entire season without a loss. That's 11 games the Huskies remained perfect, and as if that wasn't enough, they remained perfect throughout the playoffs on verge to attaining their 3rd consecutive championship after a 7-2 romp of Dal in the final. It was the first time an AUS team had won 3 strait since 1982-85.

Top 3 SMU Sports Disappointments

3. Men's Basketball

Only a disappointment because they were so close, but let it slip away in the final quarter, losing to a Cape Breton team that went on to the CIS final. Despite the untimely loss, they actually had quite an impressive season, with Forward Jerome Goodwin taking home AUS MVP honours while Mark Mclaughlin became the first SMU player to take home Rookie of the year honours since 97.

2. Men's Hockey

The Men's hockey team looked good at times this year, but failed to capitalize in the playoffs for a second consecutive year, losing to Acadia in consecutive games to get knocked out. With many of the teams top stars taking their leave after graduation, this may have been their last shot at a championship for a at least a few years.

1. Men's Football

You all know why this year was disappointing for the SMU football team. Sporting just a .500 record and missing out on the AUS championship for the first time since many of you can even remember, the Husky football team had their worst season since Blake Nill first took over as head coach from the late Larry Uteck. To make matters worse, Nill just recently decided to leave the St. Mary's.

Top 3 Greatest Sports Stories of the School Year

3. Canada Shines at Olympics

Canada took home a record 24 medals at this years Olympics in Turin, making it the most successful performance by Canada at any Olympic games in our countries history, especially considering they managed twentyone 4th and 5th place finishes on top of that.

2. Steelers Win Super Bowl as 6th seed.

They may have been the 6th seed, and may have had to go through 4 of the best teams in the league, but the Steelers proved they were for real this year, winning the Super Bowl that they were supposed to win last year when they were the number one seed. The Steelers were the first team to ever win the big game as a 6th seed.

1. Hockey Finally Returns

It was a long time coming, but NHL hockey finally returned last fall after a year long layoff. It made its return in a big way, sporting new rule changes to increase scoring and a new salary cap to provide long-term security to the league.

Top 3 Shittiest Stories of the School Year

3. Raptors may as well Not even have a GM

Not much explanation is needed for this entry. As if the Vince Carter trade wasn't bad enough, this year the Raps decided to trade Jalen Rose away for Antonio Davis, a player that already had his falling out in Toronto a few years ago. That part of the deal isn't even the stupid part either , for Toronto also parted ways with a first round pick just to get Rose out of town. Considering the Raptors reside in the toilet of the NBA every season, that pick could have been rather useful heading into the draft (maybe it even could have brought the next Villanueva to Toronto).

2. Gretzky Gambling? /Canada Comes up Short in Olympic Hockey

Okay, so we all know Gretzky's assistant coach was involved in the alleged illegal gambling ring, as was his wife Janet. The reason this story was so blown up by the media is because people believed Gretzky to be involved as well, but was he? Who the hell cares??? As long as he wasn't betting on hockey it's none of anyone's business. I mean if you had millions and millions of dollars wouldn't you gamble on sports? Leave the man alone. On top of all that, Gretzky was largely blamed for Canada's short comings in Olympic hockey.

Yes they sucked, and yes they should have played Spezza, Stall and Phaneuf instead of Draper, Bertuzzi and McCabe, but its not worth getting your panties in a bunch over, Canada owns hockey.

1. Maple Leafs Suck Balls

*Sigh, this story never gets old

eh? Not only will the Maple Leafs not make the playoffs this year, but they were too ignorant to realize it before the trade deadline struck. It's rumoured they had a deal in place that would have sent Ed Belfour to Edmonton in exchange for a number one pick. Apparently though, the deal fell through because management felt the Leafs still had a shot at the playoffs...My question to Leafs management: Have you actually watched your team of overpaid, underperforming old men with bad hips play at all this season?? For christ sake Ferguson, get your head outta yer Arse and wake up; Belfour is now done for the season and in turn, is done as a Leaf because of a back injury he recently suffered. And what about Antropov, Allison, McCabe, Tucker or even Sundin? Toronto could have gotten hooked up for any of these players but instead. chose to let their trade value age and dwindle even more than it already has. The Leafs could have been looking at up to 3 number one picks and a couple of high end prospects if they had finally just decided to enter the rebuilding process that should have been started years ago. But don't dismay Leaf fans! Who knows, maybe they will make big moves in the free agent market this summer. Maybe they'll even land a top free agent like Owen Nolan or Dave Andreychuk. Or even better, maybe they'll even bring Wendel Clark and Doug Gilmour out of retirement! Idiots. There are times when I reeeally hate being a Leafs fan.

Top 3 Jackasses in Sports Throughout the School Year

3. Mike Vanderjagt

I know he's pretty much the only well known Canadian in the NFL, but something about this guy just kinda bugs me. All that talk about how Peyton Manning and

Tony Dungy lacked competitive fire and what happened? Manning showed his competitive fire against the Steelers in the AFC Semi-final, mounting a comeback against the Steelers to get them within 3 points. Then, somehow, the Colts recovered the ball and managed to get within field goal range. Enter Vanderjagt, with an opportunity to finally back-up all his talk. All he has to do is make a kick that he has made hundreds of times throughout his career and show enough "competitive fire" to tie the game up and send it to overtime. He misses, Colts Lose. There's the door Mr. Vanderjagt.

2. Brett Hull

My god, who doesn't hate this guy? What is it with American hockey players and their inability to prevent themselves from being a tool. Oh wait, Hull is actually Canadian. Unlike Jeremy Roenick or Mike Modano, Hull can't rely on the "I'm American, so I'm allowed to be a big fuckin' jackass" excuse. Instead he is just a flat out self-indulged moron. Upon offering his delightfully brainless commentary throughout the entire lockout, once NHL play finally resumed, the poor baby decided to retire because he could no longer play at the skill level he expected of himself. To bad his arrogance didn't deteriorate during the lockout the same way his skill level did, that way we wouldn't have had to listen to his awful ESPN comments on a weekly basis.

1. Terrell Owens

Common guys, you knew this was coming. Nothing else really needs to be said about this illiterate joke of a human being, for the media has already ridiculed him too many times for Owens to count; which isn't saying much considering even 20-30 would be too high for a numerical counting range like T.O's. All I hope is that he and Vanderjagt have a lovely relationship playing together for the Cowboys next season. "Idiot Kicker" VS. A man who recently released a rap song that goes, and I quote (oh lord what an idiot this guy is): "I'm baaack and I'm better than ever. I'm baaack and I'm getting this cheddah."-- Round 1



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What has the Women's Centre done for you lately?

JENNIFER CRAWFORD (JENNIFER.CRAWFORD@SMU.CA)

The year is winding down, and so is the Women's Centre — it has been a busy, fantastic and inspiring year. All year, the Women's Centre worked hard to challenge commonly accepted gender structures, and to provide opportunity to engage in equality-seeking efforts (and moreover — to demonstrate why such efforts are crucial).

We have been busy bringing you events such as:

- A Women's Centre Open House
- Halifax's most successful Take Back the Night ever!
- Co-participation in Think Pink Thursday, a breast cancer fundraiser
- Toonies for TaTas, a fundraiser for breast cancer survivors in financial need
- A Shirt Design Contest, and the opportunity to win a \$50 gift certificate
- A recognition of Women's History Month, providing the campus community with an understanding of women's history at Saint Mary's University
- Volunteer Coordination for Titz'n'Glitz, a fundraiser for breast cancer survivors in financial need
- Informational materials regarding Women and HIV/AIDS for AIDS/HIV Awareness Week
- Co-organization of the December 6th Memorial Ceremony
- Facilitation of film screenings at the SMU Art Gallery: After the Montreal Massacre, as well as Searching for Angela Shelton

- Our first-ever essay contest, which gave you the chance to answer the question, What does it mean to be a feminist?
- The Vagina Monologues, which raised over \$2000 for Bryony House
- Co-organizing and hosting of the Halifax-wide International Women's Day Celebration, which raised over \$600 for the Single Parent Centre in Spryfield
- Bi-weekly Feminist Fridays
- Yoga for Women, with Angela Leonard
- Self-Defense for Women, with Alana Green

And even more! Our fundraising efforts this year exceeded \$4000; if we were to include our volunteer participation in Titz'n'Glitz, this number soars to over \$55,000. Not too shabby for a Centre with only one part-time employee and a budget of \$3500.

Equality-seeking work is often considered as an "extra," and rarely as a crucial service. But when we consider things such as this - that one out of two women will experience sexual assault or violence by men in their lifetime; that women are grossly underrepresented in our government; that women continue to make 71 cents on the male dollar - it is clear that our work is a vital service to not only Saint Mary's University, but to the Halifax community and larger Canadian community as well.

Commerce Society Update:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending the Business Dinner. The dinner was amazing and the best turnout of students so far. We would also like to thank anyone who helped out in some way whether it was making posters, advertising the event, making/cutting nametags, decorating, picking up random items it was greatly appreciated and we thank you for the success of the event. A reminder also that if you were eligible for the \$20.00 refund to go to the office with your ticket or your nametag and you will get your money back.

Social Event

The commerce society will be hosting a Topical party at Key Largos bar in Sackville on Friday March 31st 2006. The cost is \$3 if you are dressed according to the theme and \$6 if you not in costume. A bus will be coming by to us pick at 9:00pm sharp so you will need to be in the commerce lounge at 8:30pm in order to make sure that you do not miss the bus. The bus will be driving us to the bar and will be driving us back at 1:00am and dropping us back off at the school or maybe downtown we're not quite sure yet. There will be drink specials and this should be a really fun night! You do not need to be a member in order to attend this event so tell all your friends and bring as many people as you can. The more the merrier! Sign up sheets will be in the office on Thursday March 16, 2006.

Letters

If any member requires a letter stating proof of membership to the Commerce Society, please email Sarah at vpexternal@ssbcs.ca with your name and one will be supplied.

ACE Information

On Wednesday (29th) ACE will be holding a Financing Seminar from 7:30-9:30. There will be business owners there to answer your financing questions, and we will have a presentation on budgeting, how to get funding to start a small business, and information about credit lines. Free

admission and food at this event too!

So come on out throughout the week, enjoy some great informative discussion and presentations, and some great eats.

Executive Positions 2006-2007

As most of you are aware a few of our executive members are graduating this year so that means that we will need some new people to get involved and to take over some positions. We have not determind all positions but there will be a need for marketing director and social directors. If you are interested in taking an executive role with the Commerce Society please drop in the office or send an email to Jenna Doucet at vpinternal@ssbcs.ca

Commerce Rep

We would like to congratulate Chris MacDougall on being Commerce Rep at the SRC level for SMUSA for the 2006-2007 academic year.

I think that's it for now. Have a good week and if you have any concerns feel free to drop in the office or send an email!

Saint Mary's African Student's Society

There will be an election on Sunday April 2nd, for the various executive positions on the Saint Mary's African Student's Society

Offices/Positions Advertised

Applications are being accepted for the following available offices/positions:

- 1. President
- 2. Vice President
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Treasurer
- 5. Director of Social Events
- 6. Public Liaison Officer

The following criteria apply to all applicants. Applicant:

Must be a current and duly registered student of the Saint Mary's University;

Must present his/her candidature in writing with a resume attached including: name, phone number, email address;

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