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A STAR IS BORN Glavic Shines As Huskies Head To Playoffs

BY DANNY CAREW

Last Friday, in front of a crowd of 1,980 at Husky stadium on a nationally televised stage (the Score), the Saint Mary's Huskies steamrolled the Saint Francis Xavier X-Men 32-0. The win gives the Huskies a 3-4 record to wrap up the regular season, and coincidentally, the Huskies will now host the X-Men this upcoming Saturday in the AUFC semifinal.

Before the game on Friday, I had a chance to talk to coach Steve Sumarah in his office. There was a lot of buzz around SMU football this past week, as Sumarah named Erik Glavic his starting QB, meaning that 5th year veteran QB Billy Robinson was relegated to the bench. The move wasn't a shocker because whenever Glavic has played this year, he's played tremendously well, including his game ending effort last week against Concordia, in which he almost led SMU to an overtime victory. Still, even though he named Glavic the starter, I felt the need to question exactly why he chose Glavic over Robinson. Steve replied, "To be honest, Billy is the more polished football player, but when Erik is in the huddle, the team responds more favorably to him." I understood exactly what he meant, even though I had never seen Glavic play up to this point. We continued to chat about various aspects of the team, and Steve told me that "this is the best special teams we've ever had." Finally I asked him if we might see Billy get some action tonight - Sumarah replied that he hoped he'd be able to incorporate Robinson into the game. Our conversation foreshadowed what was about to occur under the Friday night lights.

The game started off with SMU receiving the kickoff. Kickoff return man Tyrone Roue hit the sidelines and burned it back for 60 yards. Erik managed to gain a few first downs through the air and with his legs - marching the ball to the one yard line only to be stopped by the X-Men defense, who refused to allow SMU to cross the plain on 3rd on 1. However, the Husky defense returned the favor by holding the X-men offense to no gain. The X-men were forced to concede a safety, making the score 2-0 SMU.

After receiving the kickoff on the safety, Glavic went back to work. With a few key runs by SMU runningback Jacques-Olivier Lumbala, and a nice sideline catch by Aaron Racioppa, Glavic had the

team poised to punch in the first SMU touchdown of the night, but on the next snap he handed off the ball and went down with an injury. The injury was just a stinger to his shoulder, nothing serious, but it meant that it was time for Billy Robinson to step into action. Billy preceded to throw a 22 yard strike to Joseph Doherty, increasing the count to 9-0 SMU.

On the ensuing kickoff, Steve Sumarah found it necessary to test out a vital part of his special teams - his onside kick unit. Justin Palardy kicked it perfectly. The kick went the required 10 yards and SMU recovered it. SMU took the favorable field position and capped off the drive with a 1-yard keeper by Erik Glavic after his return to action, raising the Husky lead to 16-0.

Just before the end of the first half, Glavic yet again marched the team down the field, and Lumbala rumbled into the endzone giving SMU a 23-0 lead at the break.

The second half was relatively quiet as SMU was stingy on defense, not allowing anything on the ground. SMU later recorded another safety to make it 25-0 in the fourth quarter. The final touchdown of the night was by far the play of the game. Erik Glavic dropped back to pass but no one was open. Erik scampered around the defense for a good ten seconds, then orchestrated his receiver to follow his lead. Glavic was inches away from being tackled by X defenders before floating a pass to Aaron Tufford in the endzone, making the score 32-0. The Huskies were led in receiving by Ryeann Warthburn, who hauled in 7 catches for 129 yards on the night. Jacques-Olivier Lumbala recorded 128 yards on the ground, and Erik Glavic was 12-18 passing for 214 yards, also managing 57 yards rushing on the night.

The game was a blowout and coach Sumarah was pleased with his team's effort: "Our defense did an outstanding job. They had no chance to move on the ground, plus our special teams played fantastic." I had a chance to ask Erik Glavic about any impressions he had on his first career start: "Everyone was jacked up. We don't like X and they don't like us. This game was on national T.V... coast to coast. It was awesome."

The regular season is over. The win-loss record has no bearing from here on out. It's playoff time, and if the Huskies can match the intensity that they played with on Friday, the AUFC Championship will be just within reach.



CANADIANS PROTEST MISSION IN AFGHANISTAN

BY KRISTIAN BERTIN

On Saturday, October 28th over 200 Haligonians took to the street to protest Canada's military presence in Afghanistan, calling on Harper's government to bring troops home after years of bloodshed.

The nation-wide day of solidarity against war was planned by the Canadian Peace Alliance, the Canadian Labour Congress, the Canadian Islamic congress, and Ehec a la Guerre.

The event was supported by numerous other groups, both national and local as well, including Halifax's own S.C.A.W (Student Coalition Against War), Nova Scotia Young Democrats, Halifax/Dartmouth District Labour Council, and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers Atlantic Region. In attendance were several activists, families and seniors. Student presence among the protest was abundant, as many students from SMU, DAL, Mount Allison and NSCAD attended the peaceful gathering.

The event took place simultaneously in several major cities all over Canada, from Vancouver to Toronto to Halifax. Around 500 people demonstrated in downtown Montreal, while several hundred protesters gathered outside the US Consulate in Toronto.

Antigonish saw approximately 60 people take to the streets after a rally held in front of town hall. The group then marched to Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay's office to protest.

Halifax's demonstration began at the Grand Parade Square, where protesters rallied together prior to the march. The crowd, escorted by Halifax Regional Police, marched through Halifax's commercial downtown area in the freezing wind to display their outrage at the situation. They brandished several signs with anti-war slogans including: "A Better World is Possible", "War is Not the Way", "No Blood For Oil", "Bush's Foreign Policy Is a Bomb", and "War IS Terrorism".

The event marked the fifth anniversary of NATO-led military presence in Afghanistan. The protestors came together to stop Canadian forces from supporting a new afghan government made up of "drug barons, warlords and former Taliban commanders, some of the worst human rights abusers." They assert that reconstruction is at a standstill, and opium production is on the rise, with only ten cents from every government dollar spent on the war going towards aid. They also claim that the military supports US forces and local Afghan militias responsible for human rights abuses against civilians, including "rape, extrajudicial killings, kidnapping, torture and arbitrary arrests". The organizers also assert that Harper's support of Bush with his "pro-cuts, pro-corporate agenda" has funneled billions of dollars away from Canadian social programming for healthcare, childcare, education and the environment.

\$440 tuition relief for Nova Scotians only

BY OLIVIER JARDA

Education Minister Karen Casey announced on Friday that over 23,000 Nova Scotian university students will get a \$440 tuition rebate in January. The tuition reduction will only be for Nova Scotian students who stayed in their home province to attend university. Students from other provinces or other countries will get no reduction.

At \$6,571, Nova Scotia has the highest average tuition in the country, \$2,224 more than the national average. Premier Rodney MacDonald has promised to lower Nova Scotia's tuition to the national average by 2010.

The decision comes after the last year's news that \$28.8 million in federal funding would be doled out over the next two years, a product of the minority Liberal budget in 2005. The provincial NDP and the Liberals supported the decision, which stems from a bill introduced by NDP leader Darrell Dexter last year.

In addition to the tuition reduction, \$6.1 million will go to needs-based grants for low-income students and \$3.6 million will go to apprenticeship training in the next two years.

The Department of Education met with various stakeholders in the past year, including student leaders, to find out the best way to spend the federal money.

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ONLINE PROFESSOR REVIEWS

SMUSA launches online
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Frequently asked Questions

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PPCCC's Annual Auction

Point Pleasant Child Care Centre will be holding their annual auction on Saturday, November 4th at the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery. Viewing starts at 6:30pm and Auction starts at 7pm.

Cash Bar provided.

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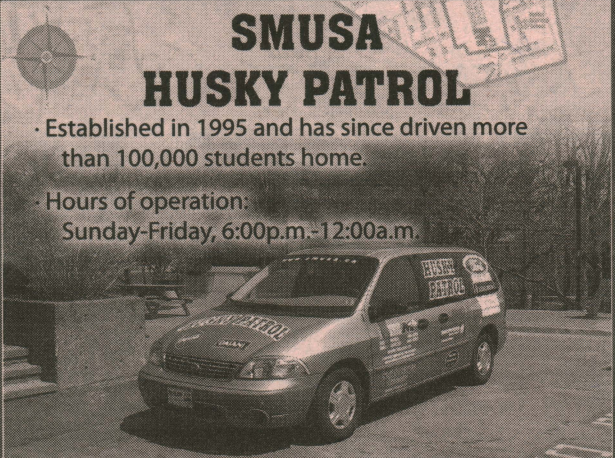
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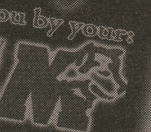
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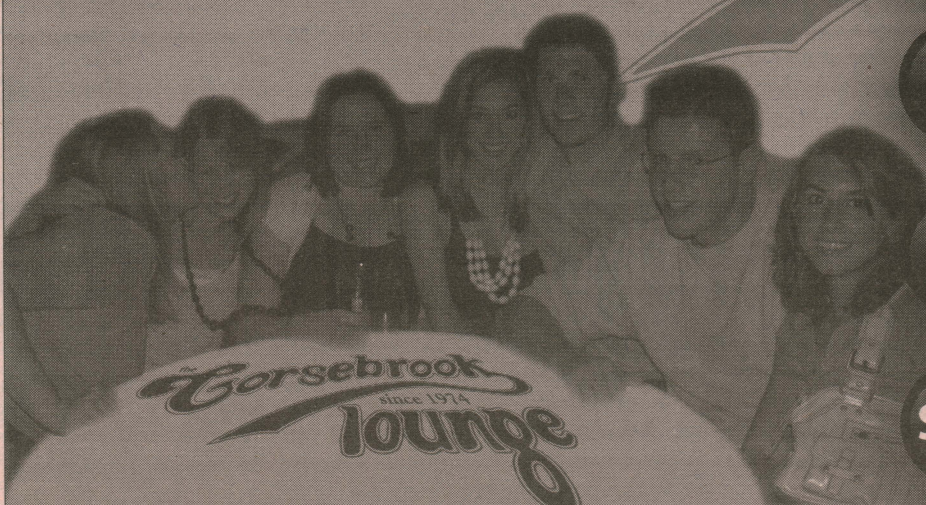
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NEWS

Conservatives Recommend Requiring ID at Voting Booths

BY CHRIS HATTIE

There has been much talk in recent years about various forms of electoral reform. The federal government adopted a publicly funded election system a few years ago, the current government has tabled legislation that would set fixed election dates (except when the government is defeated by a vote of non-confidence), and there has been countless debate over the merits of adopting a system of proportional representation. However, last week the conservatives added another dimension to this debate by proposing that Canadians be forced to show identification before being allowed to vote.

The proposal would make it so individuals have to show their provincial health card, driver's license, or ID card before being allowed to vote. Although Tory house leader Rob Nicholson admits, "Electoral fraud largely remains an exception, but that doesn't mean we can't improve the system," the bill is seen as a step towards farther reducing

voter fraud, and is expected to pass in time for the next election, as all parties have agreed to support it. However before this bill becomes law, there are some issues that should be examined.

First, by relying on provincial identification, it is possible that inconsistencies could exist from province to province. This includes variations in the cost and ease of obtaining identification. This increases the chance that individuals without a fixed address, who currently have difficulty exercising their franchise, would be even less likely to be allowed to cast a ballot. Due to this concern, it would be possible to use this issue as another reason for supporting a national identification system, something that is being seriously considered as part of our anti-terrorism and border management problems. There is substantial opposition to a national identification system, mainly in relation to its effects on privacy rights and the cost of implementation.

Another concern with requiring

identification at voting booths is that it simply would not eliminate all voter fraud. When you vote in a SMUSA election, there is a system in place to make sure that individuals do not vote at multiple polling stations. Such a system does not exist during federal elections. Someone registered to vote in Halifax West, but who also has a permanent address in Halifax, could easily vote in both ridings, even if identification is required.

No matter what your political stripe, it is universally agreed that voter fraud undermines our democratic system, and jeopardizes the fairness of elections. Requiring identification at voting booths is an effective and easy way to eliminate a large percent of the voter fraud that occurs in our country; however, it is not a flawless proposal. It is of the utmost importance that any changes made to the electoral system does not endanger the accessibility, privacy, and integrity of the democratic process.

Parliament Committee Wants to Extend Anti-Terrorism Act, Judge Rules to Quash It

BY JAMES O'BRIEN

On Oct. 23, 2006, a Parliamentary Committee with a Liberal and Conservative MP majority issued a report that recommended extending two measures of the Anti-terrorism Act until 2011.

The measures involve suspending habeus corpus, allowing police to arrest without charge, anyone suspected to have involvement in a possible terrorist act. No evidence is needed, only a judge's agreement that the suspect has involvement in a terrorist act. If a judge shares concern, the suspect can be jailed without trial or formal charges for up to a year. Within a year's time, authorities must show that the suspect still possesses a threat or has involvement, if authorities can convince a judge, suspect can be held for another year.

On December 18, 2001, The Anti-Terrorism Act became part of the Criminal Code of Canada (bills C-36 and C-42). The aim of the Act was to modify the Criminal Code to "disable and dismantle the activities of terrorists groups and those who support them." The Act gave

police greater authority, including the measures recommended by said Committee.

Justice Minister (2001), Anne McLellan, said the bills main objectives were to suppress terrorist groups, provide police with new investigative tools, and toughen prison sentences for said terrorists. Major provisions within the Act will expire unless renewed by January 2007.

This week, Justice Douglas Rutherford of the Ontario Superior Court dismissed the Motive Clause in the Anti-Terrorism Act because it violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The case in which the judge ruled was on Mohammed Mormin Khawaja, the first person charged under the Anti-Terrorism Act, accused of plotting to blow up the country's electricity supply network, trains, pubs and nightclubs. The Motive Clause deals with the ideological, religious or political motivation for illegal acts, which can be used against the suspect at trial. Rutherford ruled on a constitutional challenge brought by Greenspon, Khawaja's lawyer.

"I don't see how the government still intends to proceed on

charges, when the definition of terrorist activity has been found to be in violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms." Greenspon added outside court, "you don't pass legislation in response to crisis. Legislation has got to be better based than that; and if it's not and you pass legislation as a result of showing people that you're doing something in response to political crisis, then it's going to come back to haunt you."

In Rutherford's written decision, he struck down the Motive Clause because it attacked "an essential element that is not only novel in Canadian law, but the impact of which constitutes an infringement of certain fundamental freedoms [...] those of religion, thought, belief, opinion, expression and association [which] cannot be justified in a free and democratic society."

"I don't want people to think the act itself is without force. It is still very much in force. This is only one element of it." quoted MP Mark Holland, who sits on the Committee reviewing the Anti-Terrorism Act.

PRESS RELEASE SMUSA Launches Online Professor Review

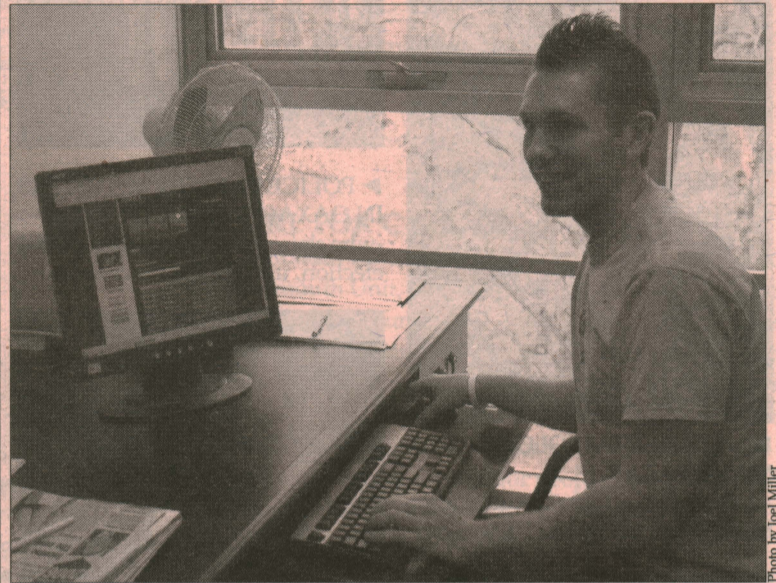


Photo by Joel Miller

A new era has begun at Saint Mary's University as students will now be able to evaluate professors and courses online. Gone are the days where end of semester evaluation forms are filled out in class and results are never made public.

"We've worked hard with our web developer to launch our own and unique online review," says VP Academic, Mitch Gillingwater. "These questions were selected by the Senate Student Caucus from the new Saint Mary's University Instruction and Course Evaluation Forms. This more concise evaluation offers students with credible information regarding courses and teaching quality at Saint Mary's University".

This new service provided by the Students' Association is meant to give students a chance to give constructive feedback at the end of each semester; while providing every student with the most up to date information on courses and professors during each registration process.

"Our goal is to make sure every student can match their learning styles to the teaching styles of professors here at Saint Mary's," Gillingwater added, "I believe that each course taken at university is an investment, and as such we should be able to evaluate which courses will best add to our university experience prior to registering".

In addition to the evaluation form that is now online, students can also leave general comments about their experience in each of their classes. All comments will be screened by SMUSA prior to public release to ensure that this online review is viewed as both professional and worthwhile to the Saint Mary's community.

To post a review of your courses this fall semester, please visit www.smusa.ca/professorhome.asp and follow the simple registration instructions. Students are the biggest stakeholders at Saint Mary's, so make your voice heard and evaluate your courses using the SMUSA Online Professor Review.

Out-of-Province and International Students Left Out of Equation

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Saint Mary's University Student Association President Zach Churchill said, "I think it's a good thing. The government has recognized that students need help in paying for education." However, he added, "I would have liked to see more focus on targeted funding to ensure that students that need financial help the most get it."

Although the announcement may have irked those lobbying for more low-income grants, the fact that the tuition reduction has left out-of-province students and international students has caused a stir. Said Churchill, "If the government wants to insure that Nova Scotia remains a net importer of students, and wants to continue to bring new

talent to the province, we need to ensure that education is accessible to all who want to pursue it here."

Nova Scotia's Conservative government isn't the only one favouring students who choose to study at home. On October 6th, shortly after winning a provincial election, New Brunswick's Liberal Premier Shawn Graham announced that students from NB who stayed in the province to pursue post-secondary education would receive a \$2000 tuition reduction for their first year in university.

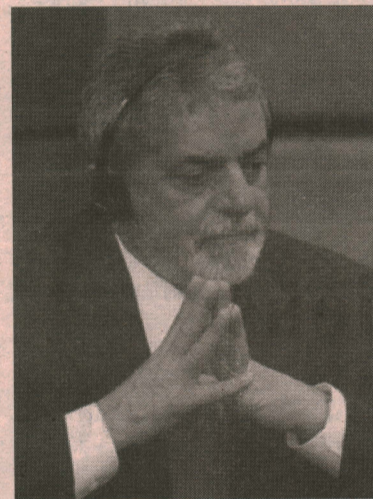
For Saint Mary's students, January's \$440 reduction will not be enough to cover one 3 credit-hour course, which is roughly \$550. The reduction will be just enough to cover the campus renewal fee, the U Pass, and one secondhand schoolbook.

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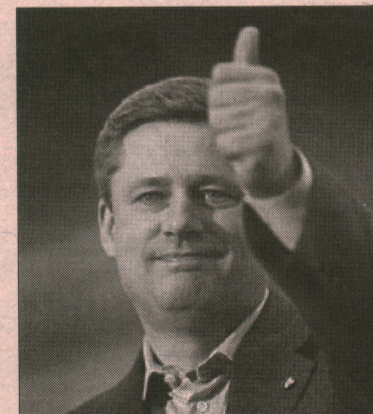
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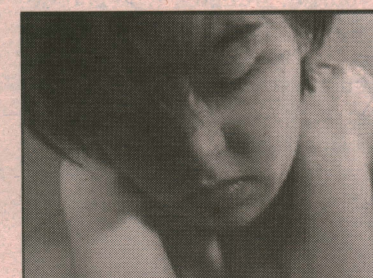
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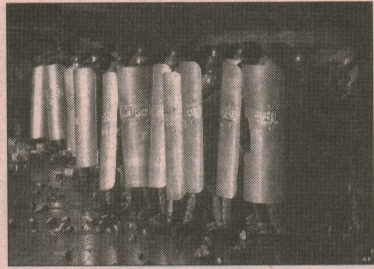
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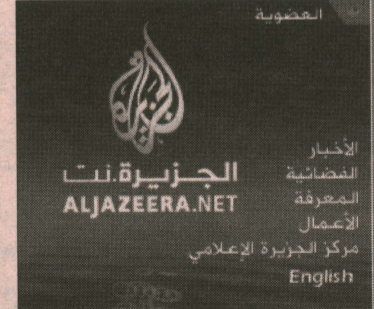
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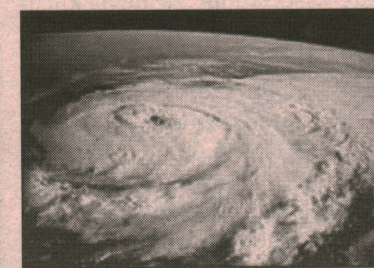
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BY JAMES C. O'BRIEN AND LINDSEY BERNARD

'Huffing' is common slang for inhaling chemical fumes to get a narcotic effect. Such chemicals include lighter fluid, air fresheners, adhesives, paint and hair spray. 'Huffing' causes irreparable brain damage and damage to the central nervous system. Users are typified as young people who are underage who cannot buy alcohol or desperate addicts who do not have the money to buy anything else. One example of 'huffing' is in Labrador where a much publicized problem of youth inhaling gasoline from plastic bags. However that is not to typify 'huffing' as a 'bottom-rung' drug used by the impoverished and desperate. When questioned about unconventional recreational drugs, a large number of Saint Mary's students have mentioned 'whippits'. The unusual practice of using 'whippits' is not only common with the 'bottom rung'; it has

emerged in club culture and campuses. 'Whippits' are pressurized cannisters of nitrous oxide used for dispensing whipped cream (hence the name 'whippits'). They can be bought from any place that sells cans of whipped cream, including bong shops.

Whippits are taken orally by pushing lightly on the top of the can, so pressurized air comes out instead of whipped cream, which is then inhaled. The effect is described as a 'magnified feeling' and with 'waves' of ultra sensitivity to light, touch and sound with a 'numbing' of sight and the passage of time. The feeling can be compared to other substances like marijuana or ecstasy.

One user who was interviewed said, "I was at a party and somebody said, 'Hey, do you want to do some nitrous?' I said 'sure.' We each inhaled some. In about fifteen seconds I had a euphoric feeling. Everything seemed to cloud over; a real great and fuzzy feeling. It

wore off in about two minutes, I think. I wasn't exactly perceiving time! [Laughs]"

The high lasts from thirty seconds to two minutes. 'Whippits' cause brain damage, pains in the chest, muscles, joints, heart problems, severe depression, fatigue, loss of appetite, bronchial spasms, sores on the nose and mouth, nosebleeds, diarrhea, and bizarre or reckless behavior. Prolonged use can cause sudden death or suffocation.

The whippits scene makes it more of a party drug rather than a 'meditative' drug like salvia or even heroin whose effects discourage activity and socializing. People who take 'whippits' usually take it in conjunction with marijuana or alcohol to extend effects of said substances. General users appear to be "hard partiers" who aren't abnormally 'spacey' or 'violent' but "people looking for a good time".

US GOVERNMENT "CLARIFIES" GENEVA CONVENTIONS Removes habeas corpus -- the right to not be held without charge

BY JAMES O'BRIEN

"It is a rare occasion when a president can sign a bill he knows will save American lives," Bush said, before signing. "I have that privilege this morning."

October 17 2006—More than 100 protesters stood out in the rain protesting the controversial Military Commissions Act, which allows for previously unlawful practices in the detention, treatment and prosecution of "unlawful enemy combatants", as the bill stipulates, "[who are] engaged in hostilities against the United States". This means that even Canadian citizens can be tortured and held without question by the US government.

Under the Act, an "unlawful enemy combatant" is "a person who has engaged in hostilities or [...] has purposefully and materially supported hostilities against the United States" or anyone who "has been determined to be an unlawful enemy combatant by a Combatant Status Review Tribunal or another competent tribunal established under the authority of the President or the Secretary of Defense."

Within the Act, a tribunal is to be established to determine if a person is allowed prisoner-of-war status. The tribunal follows that defined under the Geneva Convention. "However, the rights guaranteed by the [...] Geneva Convention to lawful military combatants are expressly denied to unlawful military combatants for the purposes of this Act by Section 948b: Geneva Conventions Not Establishing Source of Rights- No alien unlawful

enemy combatant subject to trial by military commission under this chapter may invoke the Geneva Conventions as a source of rights." The Act alters the pre-existing law of habeas corpus (the right to not be held without charge) as stipulated in the Geneva Convention. To quote, "the accused shall be informed of the charges against him as soon as practicable."

In a Foreign Press Center Briefing, State Department Legal Advisor John B. Bellinger stated that the Geneva Convention "does not apply to the conflict with al-Qaida because [the Geneva Convention] says it applies only in cases of armed conflict not of an international nature. And the longstanding view then that that applies to civil wars, internal armed conflicts and since the conflict with al-Qaida is clearly taking place all over the world, in many different nations, it had been the President's conclusion that it was a conflict of an international character."

The Act was proposed in response to the Supreme Court's June 29th ruling that the trials and detaining of terror suspects at camps like Guantanamo Bay, by the Bush Administration violate the Geneva Convention (Hamdan v. Rumsfeld). Bellinger added, "the Supreme Court concluded nonetheless that this was a conflict not of an international character, because it wasn't between nations, but between one nation and a terrorist group and therefore" the Geneva Convention does apply. However, Bellinger noted that the Geneva Convention is "vague" and

that the Act "clarifies exactly what our requirements are. We were not reinterpreting the Geneva Conventions. We were providing clear guidance to those individuals in the U.S. Government, in our military, in our intelligence agencies as to what the terms in [the Geneva Convention] require"

When the Act was voted on in the Senate, amendments were proposed, which included a "sunset provision" of optional expiry after five years, an outlaw of 'specific' methods of "information extraction", including 'water-boarding' (simulated drowning) and an amendment by Arlen Specter and Patrick Leahy to preserved detainee's right to habeas corpus (to not be held without charge). All were proposed amendments were defeated.

"This is not just a bad bill, this is a dangerous bill" said Senator Leahy. Who accuses the Act as destroying "fundamental American values".

CBS Legal expert Andrew Cohen writes that the "suspension of the writ of habeas corpus [...] applies only to resident aliens within the United States as well as other foreign nationals captured here and abroad [...] it does not restrict the rights and freedoms and liberties of U.S. citizens anymore than they already have been restricted."

The bill passed the Senate, 65-34, on September 28, 2006. It passed in the House, 250-170-12, on September 29, 2006. President Bush signed the bill into law on October 17, 2006.

PERSPECTIVES

EDITORIAL

Tree Planting a Health Hazard?

BY OLIVIER JARDA

Late spring, 2006 – Somewhere near Hillsborough, NB, Irving soil – A crew of ten men take to the fields, tree planting guns in hand. After an hour-long commute, they begin planting at approximately 5:30AM. Throughout the day, the men will take a few short breaks to inhale their snacks and sandwiches. It is in their best interest to take quick rests, because they are only paid to plant. They trudge through uneven fields of dead trees, branches, mud and swamp. It takes them nine hours to plant over 2100 trees each. They drive away from the site, bringing along the dirt and the smell of the trenches they planted in. They also return with a new set of calluses, cuts and bruises, which remind them they'll be back for more in a few hours.

Every year, recruiters attend the summer job fairs on campus, in an attempt to convince students looking for summer employment that tree planting is worth it. The pay around the Maritimes can be around 6 to 7 cents per tree planted. In New Brunswick, tree planting behemoth JD Irving pays by the area covered and the quality of trees planted, which decreases the incentive for planters to bury trays and trays of trees in the woods and in swampy ground. Irving's formula ends up doling out roughly 6 cents per tree; however, if planters are dealt difficult terrain they aren't compensated, and must work harder and longer for equivalent pay.

By planting 2100 trees per day, planters make roughly \$130 (\$650 over a five-day week). \$50 of that money usually goes to renting a tree planting gun and paying for van gas, money you will get back if you work the entire season. Depending on where you plant in Canada, a planter can make less than \$100 a day to as much as \$500 a day. Only seasoned planters can usually attain the latter figure. It is not uncommon for a tree planter in Canada to average over \$250 a day.

All of these figures can help students decide whether or not tree planting is worthwhile. A student's cost-benefit analysis will often include wages, benefits, hours, intensity of the labour and working conditions. Although tree planting can be lucrative, it may come at a high cost, one that is seldom included in students' cost-benefit analyses.

There have been rising concerns that tree planting may be hazardous to your health. Many tree planters in Canada are potentially exposed to fertilizers and pesticides on the job. These chemicals are known to cause skin rashes and respiratory problems. Studies have shown that exposure to these chemicals can

also affect long-term health. According to a study by the Natural Resources Defense Council, a US environmental lobby group, exposure to pesticides can cause cancer.

However, limited research has been done on the effects of chemical exposure on tree planters; therefore, there is little information on the harm that can be caused by the levels of chemicals tree planters are exposed to.

That is why researchers at the University of British Columbia Centre for Health and Environment Research and the Forest Engineering Research Institute of Canada launched a study earlier this year to learn more on the potential hazards and health effects of tree planting.

"On many worksites, tree planters are required to add fertilizer to seedlings as they are planted," said study co-lead Hugh Davies, an assistant professor at the University of British Columbia's School of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene in a UBC press release. "These fertilizers may contain harmful substances such as heavy metals that can cause both acute and chronic health effects."

According to UBC's Centre for Health & Environment Research, the combination of a lack of hand washing, skin cuts and abrasions, not wearing gloves (often due to hot conditions), and long hours of aerobic exercise may place tree planters at a greater risk.

According to Ernst Stjernberg, also co-lead of the study, although anecdotal reports have provided researchers with many health complaints including skin rashes and respiratory problems, "No scientific studies have yet investigated the links between fertilizers and health effects in tree planters, and few studies have dealt with their pesticide exposure."

The project is attempting to determine the levels of chemicals tree planters may be exposed to in the workplace by placing personal air samplers on planters, to monitor the level of toxins in the air they come in contact with. Blood samples and skin tests are also being taken. This summer, fieldwork began in BC and Alberta, and also take place during the 2007 spring planting season.

Many tree planters eagerly await the results of the study, so that they can know if planting is worth it in the long-term.

More information on the study can be found at www.cher.ubc.ca/treeplanter. If you are interested in tree planting, www.canadiantreeplanting.com is a comprehensive website providing helpful information as well as tree planter testimonials that may help you decide where to plant. If at all possible, I suggest you wait for the study.

OPINION

Is It Okay To Be Selfish Once And A While?

BY CHRISTINA COPP

I sit in front of my laptop, facing two term papers that need to be written, to my left is a novel I have to start and finish in three days. I'm surrounded by blank walls and packed boxes-school stresses along with the stress of moving, plus typical financial stresses associated with being a student. I'm avoiding a friend who needs to talk. This week alone I have a friend who found out her mom has cancer, one who found a person dead at the Nursing Home where she works, another friend who had emergency (though not life-threatening) surgery, and this friend I'm debating on calling, who, desperate over a

break-up, swallowed a handful of pills.

As a friend, I am needed by each one of these dear people whom I love. My stresses are far less important on a grander scale than what each of my friends are going through, but because of this I feel like I need to be there for each of them. I feel like I'm wearing thin. With their stresses added onto my own, I feel like I won't get done what I need to get done. Is it okay to want to feel selfish?

We live in a self-serving society. Even as we attend university-we are going to better ourselves. We shell out thousands of dollars to an institution just to feed our minds, when others don't have enough

to feed their bodies. Isn't that selfish?

My friend who swallowed the pills will be fine, she admits she didn't want to hurt herself, she was just sad and needed to cry out for attention. My selfish side is pissed off that I was worried about her, when I have other things on my plate. My non-selfish side feels bad for being mad, and not being more sensitive to her needs.

I'm sure we all feel this way once and a while, I think it's okay to be selfish, though there's a time and place for it. My problem is that I don't think there will ever be a time or place to be selfish, I have too much on my plate-wait, is it selfish for thinking that way?

NEWS TO MUSE

Celebrity Adoptions: Rational Self Interest, or Not?

BY ALICIA WALLACE

There has been a great deal of talk and speculation since Madonna took steps to adopt a 13 month old child from Malawi. The child's father, Yohane Banda, was in favor of the adoption, and wanted Madonna to take care of his child. In recent news, it has been said that Mr. Banda is illiterate and did not know what he was signing when he gave consent for the adoption. He, apparently, was told by the government that Madonna would simply give the child an education and take care of him; he did not know that David would no longer be his son. Earlier in the process, Banda spoke out against the human rights groups who were opposed to Madonna's adoption of this child, and more specifically, the way that it had been approved. Madonna and her husband, Guy Ritchie, had not satisfied the requirement of living in Malawi for 18 months before adopting a Malawian child. The child's father insisted that this was the best decision he could make for his child. Now, it seems that he was confused, and did not realize that the child would be taken away "for good" although he and Madonna had agreed upon visits as the child grew and matured. This turn of events is rather confusing, but does bring up a few rough spots that need to be smoothed over before the adoption can be legally finalized.

This entire scenario has sparked debate among people all over the world. Many people do not believe that a "white American" should be

able to adopt a "black child". For whatever reasons, some people believe that this can cause confusion for the child, or the child may become a "trophy" of sorts. This is especially the case with celebrities who wish to adopt African children. It was already suspected that Madonna was simply following in the footsteps of actress Angelina Jolie who recently adopted a second child, Zahara to join Maddox and Shiloh (her biological child). Is this becoming a trend? Is it a competition? "Who Wants to Be a Humanitarian?" Is a child of a different ethnicity becoming a fashion statement for celebrities? Some say that these underprivileged children are likened to the latest Prada accessories. Can this be true? Could these celebrities quite possibly be seeking more fame and gratification?

Continuing with the example of Madonna and her to-be-adoption, we can try to ascertain whether or not the celebrity is being a good-natured humanitarian trying to save the world in her own way. Consider Madonna, past and present. What has she not done? Madonna has reinvented herself time and time again. In the Guinness Book of World Records (2000) Madonna was recognized as the most successful female recording artist of all time with an estimated 120 million worldwide album sales. By 2005, she sold over 200 million albums internationally. This year, she gave the most successful concert by a female artist, and the 2007 Guinness Book of World Records names her as the highest earning female singer. Madonna has never

been one to hide what she is feeling, censor herself for the public, or to avoid snide remarks from critics. She has performed "Like a Virgin" on stage at the MTV awards in an untraditional wedding gown, posed nude for Playboy magazine, and held performances which the Pope urged Italians not to attend. Madonna has also released several controversial music videos which included Catholic symbols and the United States, produced a book called "Sex" with graphic photographs of herself, and had a music video revoked for its strong antiwar message. Yes, this has become a mini-biography; even so, I implore you to consider the information. Is Madonna, of all celebrities, in need of fame, fortune, or attention? Is she one to seek the approval of the general public? Does she compete with others, or does she do as she wishes, when she wishes?

Since Madonna has gone public with her adoption of the Malawian boy, other celebrities (including Britney Spears) have allegedly expressed interest. So, what is the verdict? Are celebrities now onto the latest trend in fashion, or have they finally decided to give back to the world that has so readily accepted them? Are they all becoming humanitarians? There is no straight answer. Different people do the same thing for different reasons. Although it is hard to believe, celebrities are people. "Rational self interest" is usually the reasoning and the cause for our actions, but sometimes – just sometimes – people actually care about others, and the world as a whole.

Did You Know That You Are Judged By Your Choice of Seating?

BY: ALICIA WALLACE

In the third week of classes for the fall semester, in my introductory political science course, a young lady seated in the second row made an uninformed comment. She said, "People who sit in the back just don't want to learn." I was surprised when most students just sat back, quite unconcerned. Even those seated at the back of the room made very little effort to defend themselves. Only when blatantly asked by the professor, a young man said, "I'm just sitting here because it is closer to the door, so when class is done, I can leave." The young lady then said that this "proved her point". I may meet great opposition, but I beg to differ.

Quite a few factors weigh in on students' seat choices. These factors range from visual and/or hearing impairments to the need to be near a door in order to dash across campus to the next class in less than 15 minutes. Also, consider that, in this particular class, like many others, there are as many students as there are chairs, and the seats fill up very quickly. I make it a point to arrive to all of my classes at least 10 minutes early, and even so, when I get to political science there are usually less than 8 seats to choose from.

There are times when there are circumstances beyond one's control, resulting in tardiness. It is impolite and distracting to walk straight to the front of the room, or to take a seat in the middle of the room. Most people would prefer to select a seat along the perimeter of the room, drawing as little attention to themselves as possible. Students using laptops for note-taking may

prefer to be nearer to an available source of power. Left-handed students may simply choose one of the few seats designed for a left-handed student. There are some students who choose to sit in plain sight of the professor - near to the front of the room - because they feel that it is less likely that they would be questioned or "picked on", or they simply believe that the professor will favor them, or at least remember their faces. In some parts of the world, the seats in the front of the classroom (in high schools) are reserved for "chatterboxes", students with special needs, and student who perform poorly. Students suffering from hyperopia (farsightedness) are likely to sit fairly far away from visual aids (such as projector screen and dry-erase boards) for easier viewing. Lighting, the location of air conditioning vents, fans, windows, and the positioning of visual aids could also be determining factors.

To state that all students seated at the back of a classroom are uninterested, lazy, or not willing to learn is beyond unfair and foolish. While attending university, we will all learn and experience new things. We will meet opposition. We will be proven wrong, and we will be proven to be correct. At some point, we will have to stand up for what we believe in. Throughout all of this, we must remember that no opinion is incorrect, but no opinion can stand alone as a fact.

I think we ought always to entertain our opinions with some measure of doubt. I shouldn't wish people dogmatically to believe any philosophy, not even mine.

- Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

In February 2006 Dr. Peter March, Philosophy Department, posted controversial drawings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) on his office door. The University immediately directed Dr. March to remove these cartoons and they were removed.

Following the posting of the drawings, a number of us, as students of the University, complained that these actions constituted harassment and discrimination towards Muslim students.

On October 19, 2006, all of us, as the student complainants, unanimously decided that we will refrain from proceeding any further with the internal/formal process under which these complaints have been managed to date.

Ms. Shaheen Sajan and Ms. Nour Afani, speaking on behalf of all the complainants, feel that the

PRESS RELEASE

Student Take Proactive measures to promote Islam Awareness

formal complaint process, which was administered via the University's Conflict Resolution Office, succeeded in raising a number of important points relevant to academic life and that the University will undoubtedly continue to discuss and resolve many of these important issues in the future.

We as students recognize that the University has continually worked very hard to ensure procedural fairness to all parties; however, given that formal processes are inevitably longer and more complex in nature, we feel at this time that our interests are better served by embarking on a different path through a series of initiatives that are educational, pro-active, collaborative and solution focused. These initiatives are fully supported by the University through the combined efforts of the

Saint Mary's University Student's Union Association (SMUSA), the Conflict Resolution Office and externally, the Centre for Islamic Development.

The student complainants, SMUSA, and the Conflict Resolution Office collectively agree that these newly developed initiatives will focus on areas of harassment and discrimination, reflection on the fundamental principle of academic freedom and its relationship to other basic rights and freedoms, as well as a series of awareness sessions and events that highlight issues associated with Islam and "Islamophobia" which are scheduled to begin in November, 2006.

For those wishing to obtain a detailed schedule of events regarding the awareness sessions, please contact Mr. Ahmed Mostafa at (902) 440-2991.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

This is in response to Amanda Wenek's interesting article on "The Phenomenon of a Pro-Ed Lifestyle". It drew me in because I've been on these "Pro-ED" websites. Last year I had lost a lot of weight and became obsessed with keeping it off. I had a BMI (body mass index) of 15.5 (healthy is 18+). I had heard of these sites after learning a young celebrity on the show "Reba" had been on those sites when she was diagnosed with an eating disorder. I think that most of these sites are absolute garbage. I do think that the girls who call themselves Ana (on many of these sites they believe there is a difference between Ana and Anorexia-to them, someone who is 200lbs can be Ana if they begin to starve themselves). There is one that I still go on, that promotes a healthy lifestyle when you have an ED, they don't promote starving; nutrition is key.

The thing is, I don't have an eating disorder, but I do think I

just have disordered eating. I'm thin, but certainly not too thin, but I think about calories all that time. I worry about what I put in my body, and how I can burn it off. When I was too thin, I felt weak all the time, I was depressed and tired, the only thing that made me happy was all the comments I got on how thin I was. I loved that my hipbones stuck out. Admittedly I would love to be that weight again, even though I didn't feel well, and that's the problem. I know most of you reading that will think "this girl is crazy" but that's something I can't help. I think that visiting these sites are what got me obsessed in the first place; I didn't know what a calorie was until I visited them.

"When seeing this, one has got to wonder how it got into these girls' heads that emaciation equals perfection" Wenek wrote, and I would say the more I visited them, the more I thought thin was the way to be. I also didn't really know what bingeing was until these sites, and I do now, and have done it,

then try to eat basically nothing the next day to compensate for the previous days calories.

I liked Wenek's piece because it wasn't placing judgment, it was just showing her shock that these types of sites exist. She is right about pro-ED websites, most of them have girls who are 5'5 and 90lbs, and they have "Fat Cow" or "Lovely Bones" as screen names, it's very sad, but it is a reality. They do look to celebrities such as Mary Kate Olsen, Kate Bosworth or Micha Barton as their "thinspiration", and honestly so do I, I don't think they look disgusting, and while the logical part of my brain thinks "that's wrong" the other part of me, the self-obsessed part, I wonder what they do to look like that. I worry that I won't ever be able to eat a normal meal without thinking "how many calories? How much fat is in this?". These sites definitely changed my thinking, and not in a good way.

Christina Copp

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- ▲ "Gerting" a beer
- ▲ The Halloween party at the G-Brook
- ▲ Man Tanning
- ▲ An extra hour of sleep
- ▲ Facebook groups about almost anything
- ▲ Scarves
- ▲ Coming in 2nd with a 3 - 4 record

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- ▼ Smoking
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- ▼ Having Gert make you hurt
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WINTERSLEEP TAKE IT TO THE BIG LEAGUE

BY ALLYSON MARSH

After weeks of message boards buzzing with rumours Halifax's own Wintersleep has confirmed that they have signed to Labwork Music a subsidiary of EMI Music Canada. According to the press release announcing this union, "Labwork Music is Canada's newest music label & a brand new joint effort from Sonic Unyon Records & EMI Music Canada. The label was created to find & develop new Canadian talent and enjoys the resources of both major and independent record companies to help build these talents worldwide."

Bass player Jud Haynes has great things to say about this creative merge. "We had been talking to Labworks for over a year, the people that run it have been involved in the indie scene for well over a decade. All their experience building Sonic Unyon, good and bad, could only help a young band like ourselves. They've been down a lot of roads that we'll have to travel in the near future and their experience will hopefully help us to not make the mistakes we'd probably make on our own. Labworks is a great situation - an indie label much like arts and crafts or paper bag, with major label distribution."

Wintersleep is synonymous with Dependent Music, a collective started by band member Loel Campbell and Brian Borchardt. Both of Wintersleep's CDs were released on Dependent and the band will still be calling it home no matter what. Instead of leaving the Dependent name behind the band will be co-releasing their material under both labels. "The co-release format is something we're trying more with Dependent now, the fact is that with all the folks who run the label always on tour in its bands, teaming up with like-minded indie labels has helped to keep things moving without having to make any drastic changes. Jill Barber's new album is a co-release with Baudelaire Music (Tangiers, Jon Rae & The River), and Land of Talk's debut EP is going to be re-released soon as a co-release with another indie label as well. Their strength in numbers and teaming up with other indie labels is something that can only help us all."

The Halifax music scene has a great reputation for trash talking bands once they go big but Haynes isn't losing sleep at the thought

of what might be said about their signing to Labwork. "Of course folks will call us sell outs for doing this. But I can't really sit up all night worrying about those things though, Labworks is run by 3-5 people, including the two founders of Sonic Unyon who have been arguably Canada's most tried and true indie label for nearly 15 years. They're nice people that like our music - that's about all that mat-

Dependent Music is like a family or the mob, you don't really ever leave.

ters to me. I think most people will label us sellouts because they'll think we've left the Dependent flag behind, but that's not the case. Dependent music will remain as big a part of the band as it always has been." He goes on to joke, "Dependent Music is like a family or the mob, you don't really ever

leave."

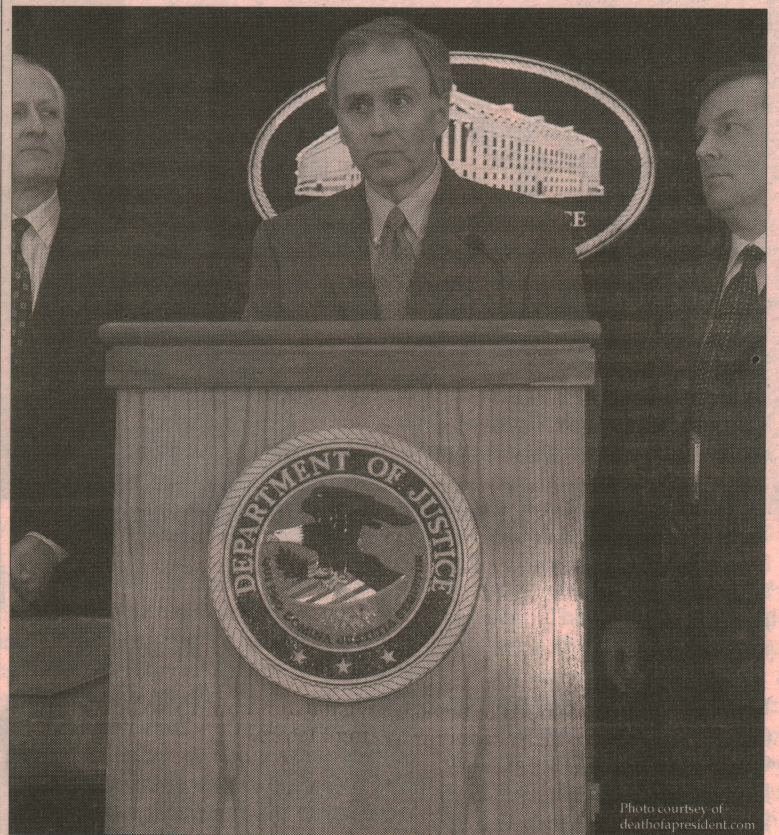
The band, who has spent more time on the road than not in this past year, will be going across country again in support of the rerelease of both their albums under the new label. They will be going coast to coast starting in Victoria, British Columbia, and ending December 29 in St. John's, Newfoundland. To give something new to old fans the re-release versions of their second CD "Untitled" will include two new songs and the entire Wintersleep video catalogue. Adding to their collection the band plans to shoot a video for the song Jaws of Life just after Christmas to coincide with the American release of their CDs.

Joining a new label has been one of many major feats Wintersleep has embarked upon this year. The band recently sold out a show at the Marquee as part of Halifax Pop Explosion, been showcased in Scotland, in Texas as part of SXSW, in Toronto during Canadian Music Week, been nominated for two East Coast Music awards and received a Juno nomination for their second album's artwork.



MOVIE REVIEW

DEATH OF A PRESIDENT



BY TREVOR MURPHY

New York Senator Hillary Clinton calls it "despicable." Others have called it "shocking," "disturbing," and "tasteless."

Death of a President is a fictional documentary about the assassination of George W. Bush. Set in the near future (2007), the current U.S. President arrives in Chicago for a speech on the state of the economy to the chagrin of ten thousand plus protesters - mainly anti-war protesters upset about the still on-going war in Iraq and the possibility of a war with North Korea. After his speech, during a meet and greet with the public, President Bush is shot and killed by a lone gunman with a sniper rifle from an adjacent building.

Masterfully crafted with a combination of staged scenes, real footage and CGI effects, this fake documentary unravels a CSI-like whodunit plot as the FBI seeks out its suspects.

As a drama, the movie is nothing stellar. Though the construction of the film - i.e. how they combined the fictional characters and staged interviews with existing footage - was highly compelling, the storyline could have been something from a Denzel Washington/Nick Cage action flick. The power and prowess of this movie is in its subject matter.

On the surface, this movie may seem like it's simply about the assassination of George W. Bush - it is called Death of a President. But it's not. Death of a President really has nothing to do with the murder of the president. This film is a biting statement of the reality of our social

situation and it is an extremely intelligent piece of art.

It brings to the forefront topics that have been beaten into our psyche so much over the past four years that we have systematically grown accustomed to drowning them out. War, Iraq, terrorism, Bush - this movie brings all these subjects back, and presents them not only in a wonderfully creative way, but in a way that will make people sit up and listen again when they hear these oh-so-familiar topics ringing through their radios or flowing from their TV sets.

On top of that, the film is a staunch critique of the notion of American justice. Throughout the investigation and interrogation of suspects, racism, ignorance, and over-confidence ride high. The story might be fake, but it all seems very real. It is hard not to believe the characters and their stories.

It's not that the murder of the President could happen, it's that the way in which the US administration and associates seek justice - whether it is municipally, nationally, or internationally - in an unfair, unjust way is happening. That's really what Death of a President is all about.

The movie is certainly "shocking" and "disturbing," but not because George W. Bush gets killed. It is a powerful social commentary that, although 100 per cent fictional, still rings 100 per cent true. Death of a President is quite possibly the best - and most important - political movie since Bowling for Columbine. And it's highly probable that Hillary Clinton hasn't seen that movie either.

Nova Scotia Music Awards

Plan to Honour the Best

BY ALLYSON MARSH

Next weekend Nova Scotia Music Week will hold their annual Nova Scotia Music Awards. Lots of great talent is being recognized this year, in case you haven't gotten the run down of this year's nominees here's your chance to see if your favorite has a chance of getting the respect they deserve.

MALE RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Classified - Boy-Cott In The Industry
JP Cormier - Volume Two, The Songs
Jesse Dangerously - Inter Alia
Jon McKiel - S/T
Old Man Luedecke - Hinterland

FEMALE RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Andrea Curry - If It Doesn't Break Me
Tanya Davis - Make A List
Jenn Grant - S/T
Mary Jane Lamond - Storas
Norma MacDonald - Nothing Is Where It Was

GROUP RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Barra MacNeils - All At Once
Blou - Pied-a-terre
Fax 4 - InkLined
In-Flight Safety - The Coast Is Clear
Jon Epworth & The Improvements- Wet On Wet

NEW ARTIST/GROUP RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Tanya Davis - Make A List
Down With The Butterfly - Rise
Flat Fifth - S/T
Jenn Grant - S/T
Jon McKiel - S/T

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

Charlie A'Court
Classified
JP Cormier
Jenn Grant
Joel Plaskett

SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR

Steven Bowers
Classified
Andrea Curry
In-Flight Safety
Joel Plaskett

VIDEO OF THE YEAR

Classified - No Mistakes/Problems
In-Flight Safety - Surround
The Museum Pieces - It Keeps Me Up
Spesh K - Knockin' 'Em Down
Wintersleep - Fog

ABORIGINAL RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Keith Dawson - Energy
Project A.D. - Together Alone
Urban surf Kings - Live In Hell

ALTERNATIVE RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Tanya Davis - Make A List
Down With The Butterfly - Rise
Jon Epworth - Wet On Wet
In-Flight Safety - The Coast Is Clear
Jon McKiel - S/T

CHILDREN'S RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Donna and Andy - Dinosaurs, Dragons and Me
The Wilderbeats - Second Nature
The Wilderbeats - Live in Concert

DJ OF THE YEAR

IV
Lex
Y-Rush

COUNTRY/BLEUGRASS RECORDING OF THE YEAR

David Blackmore - My Heart Is home
JD Clarke - All That Matters
Cas McCrea - Four Chords and The Truth
Southwind - That Beautiful Shore
The Grass - Mulgrave

FOLK/ROOTS RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Barra MacNeils - All At Once
JP Cormier Volume Two, The Songs

WILDERBEATS



IN-FLIGHT SAFETY



Mary Jane Lamond - Storas
Old Man Luedecke - Hinterland
Troy MacGillivray - Eleven

FRANCOPHONE RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Blou - Pied-a-terre
Jeanne (Doucet) Currie - Elle s'en Souvient
Jacobus et Maleco - Walla Walla

HIP-HOP RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Classified - Boy-Cott In The Industry
Fax 4 - Ink Lined
Howit Iz - Candour Loquacious
Jacobus et Maleco - Walla Walla
Jesse Dangerously - Inter Alia

INSPIRATIONAL RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Joyce Saunders - Thick Enough To Stand On
Southwind - That Beautiful Shore
The Contact - Paralyzed From The Soul Up
Through His Grace - Let The Rafters Ring
Through His Grace - Oh How The Angels Sang!

JAZZ/BLUES RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Flat Fifth - S/T
Little Derek and the Haemo Blues Band - The Red and White Album
Gordon Tucker and Laura Watson - Blue Notes
The Clas Larsson Quartet - Jazz at the Opera House

MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

Bruce Aitken
JP Cormier
Jamie Gatti
Troy MacGillivray
Jay Vautour

POP/ROCK RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Steven Bowers - Tired Light
Jenn Grant - S/T

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Mir - The Acoustic Album
Ian Sherwood - S/T
Sheva - S/T

URBAN RECORDING OF THE YEAR

Dammien Alexander - Beautifully
Andrew Duke - Consumer vs. User
Edo 'King' Matwawana & Afro Musica - Diaspora Touch

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

Classified - Boy-Cott In The Industry
Tanya Davis - Make A List
In-Flight Safety - The Coast Is Clear
Jon Epworth & The Improvements- Wet On Wet
Mary Jane Lamond - Storas

If you are interested in the other side of the music business the industry awards can be viewed online. There will be lots of festivities happening in Liverpool for Nova Scotia Music Week besides these awards. The full details of concerts, song writer circles, workshops and more are all outlined in the Music Week schedule are also available on the MIANS website, www.mians.ca.

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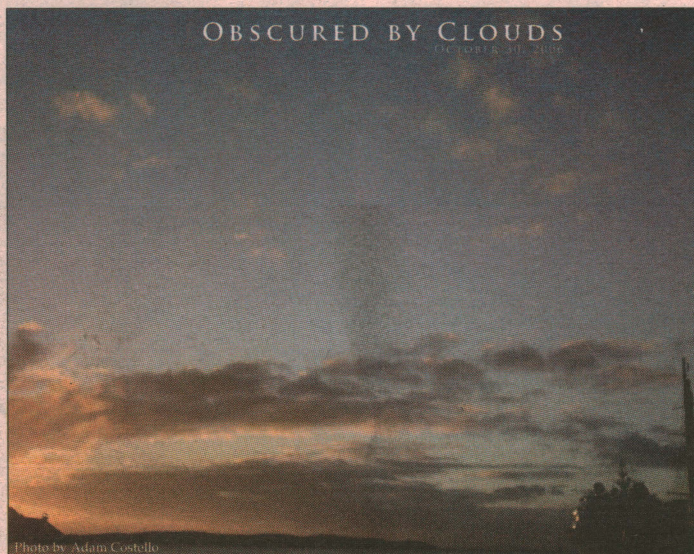


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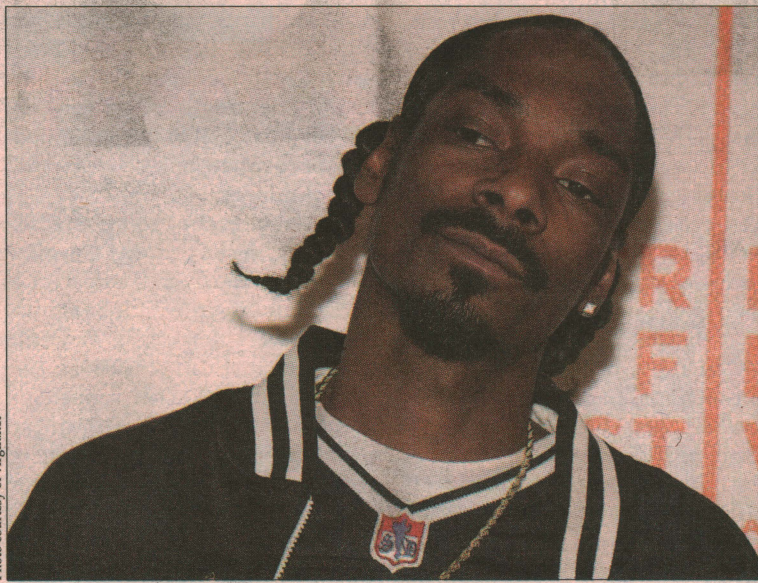


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BY ALLYSON MARSH

Rap icon Snoop Dogg just can't seem to stay out of trouble. Last Thursday at the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank California, police approached the rapper for parking illegally. While reason for such action is not apparent the police then decided to search Snoop Dogg's vehicle where they found both a hand gun and an unspecified amount of marijuana. Dogg was arrested but later let out on bail to face the courts in December.

This is the second time in a month that Snoop Dogg has been in trouble with the law. Just before a flight to New York in late September authorities found an almost two foot collapsible baton in Snoop's luggage. You have to ask

yourself why in a time when scissors aren't allowed on a flight the rapper would make such a risky decision to travel with a weapon on two different occasions.

Snoop Dogg has had a long history of legal trouble. Earlier this year at London's Heathrow Airport he and about thirty members of his entourage caused a scene when some members of the group were denied access to a British Airways VIP lounge. The situation ended with riot vans being called and six people including Snoop being arrested. Also due to this altercation Snoop Dogg was banned from flying British Airways.

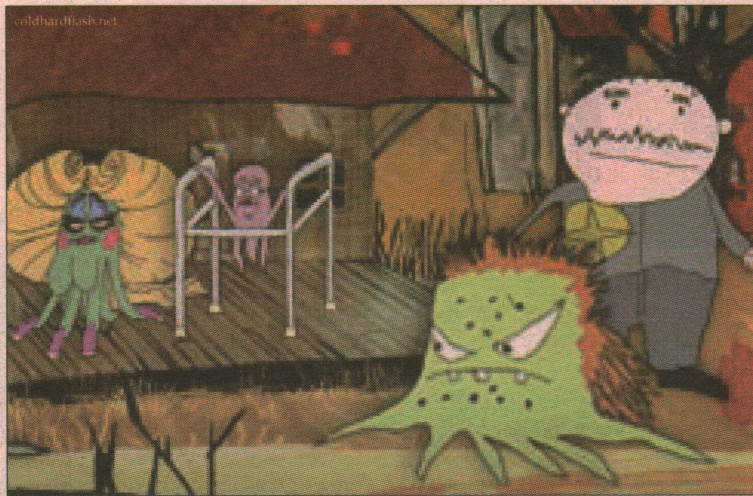
In the past Snoop Dogg has been charged with drug possession, weapon possession and in 1996 was acquitted of murder charges.

Teletoon's F-night: Part 2 12am-1am

BY RESSA PETERS

Space Ghost Coast to Coast (12am and 12.15 am.) Tired of "real" talk shows where the guests know what's going on, the host asks relevant questions and it takes place on earth? Yes? Then Space Ghost is for you! Every week Space Ghost interviews celebrities like Slash, William Shatner and The Ramones without the usual ass-kissing or project plugging. Instead, he mispronounces names, and spouts out confrontations, non sequiters, and awkward silences. On his satellite station he's joined by his house band Zorak and the Original Way-Outs and Moltar, who appears to be some sort of producer. The show, which debuted in 1994 went on to give birth to Aqua Teen Hunger Force, The Brak Show, and Harvey Birdman, which in turn spawned my next two features; Squidbillies and 12 oz mouse. If the questions and answers seem odd, it's because the interviews are pre-taped and then Space Ghosts questions and reactions are completely changed, bringing them to an absurd new level. Three volumes are available on DVD.

Squidbillies (12.30am) Now here's where they lose me, at this point in the evening, I just can't enjoy this or 12 oz. mouse as much as all the other shows. The animation is cruder and the plots are looser. In a mountain town in North Georgia, squid Early Cuyler lives with his sister Lil (who looks like a squid version of Hedwig and the Angry Inch), and illegitimate son Rusty. Other residents are a Sheriff who likes jazzercise, a giant snake and a guy named Dan Halen who looks a lot like a troll doll. Remember that Comedy Network show Kevin Spencer? It's a lot like that, only they're squids. They embody pretty much every hillbilly stereotype you can think of in a way that's not as endearing as My Name Is Earl, or as funny as Cletus and



Brandine on The Simpsons. Crude in more than one way.

12 oz. mouse (12.45am) If you thought the animation on Squidbillies was rough, 12 oz mouse will make it look as sophisticated and plot-heavy as Gargoyles. It looks like it's been drawn by a four year old with ADD and emotional problems. I apologise to any four-year-olds with ADD for that comparison. The main characters are all drawn poorly except for what looks like a textbook drawing of a chinchilla, but that assaults your other senses

by only emitting a high-pitched screech. The characters include a mouse; a shark; a peanut shaped policeman; several things that are mainly circles with eyes and arms; and a square with glasses. Apparently it's supposed to have some sort of a plot involving the mouse having a family in his past he's struggling to remember after being brainwashed, but to be honest I've never been able to sit through an entire episode to see. And if I can't sit through an 11 minute episode, it's pretty bad.

CD REVIEW

IRON MAIDEN STAYS ALIVE IN: A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

BY: ADAM COSTELLO

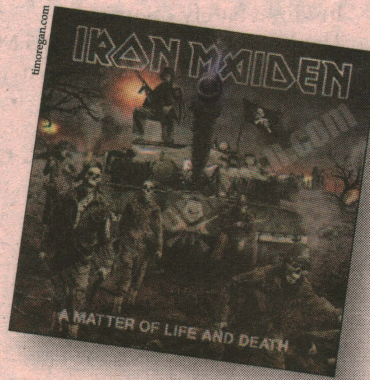
Legendary British metal band, Iron Maiden, have just released their 14th album titled "A Matter of Life and Death". Metal is in somewhat of a dark age, with most bands only gaining recognition in the underground. Mainstream metal has become almost non-existent and any new albums released by old legendary bands like Metallica and Megadeth are almost always scrutinized by old fans who believe the new material doesn't measure up to the golden era. While Metallica's newest release "St. Anger" was by far the worst they have ever released. The same can be said for Iron Maiden's last album, "Dance of Death". "St. Anger" was an attempt at being different, and blew, while "Dance of Death" was an attempt at staying generally the same, and it also blew. "A Matter of Life and Death", however, is different...and somehow manages not to blow.

I consider myself a die hard Iron Maiden fan, but I'm sure many of you who share this love with me may need a few open-minded listeners to start appreciating the new CD, as I did. While the album tends to carry Iron Maiden's traditional dark sided lyrical themes, it also serves up listeners with a lot of pro-

gressive elements. It derives many aspects from previous albums like the creative, long, mid-tempo melodies heard in "Seventh Son of a Seventh Son", as well as the general heavy and random themes that only Iron Maiden can turn angry, heard in albums like "Brave New World".

At first, the writing may seem rushed like "Dance of Death", but after a few listens, you start noticing the product is very refined and un-rushed. The production is also really surprising, because it was recorded in a completely live state to give listeners a pure "old school" sound; it's also pretty lyrically decent - unlike "Dance of Death". The arrangements are complex, the riffs are great and un-commercial and tracks like "Out of the Shadows" and "The Legacy" opt toward using solos, keyboards, and a common presence of acoustic guitars. Lead singer Bruce Dickinson may not be able to quite sing like he used to, but is still the master of his domain.

I know that some of you will be disappointed because there are no true "hits" on the album, but it makes up for it with a well rounded opposite of tracks seen on "Dance Of Death" - combining different aspects of their past with new progressive influences from their more



recent work.

Of course it's no "Powerslave" or "Number of the Beast", but like "Seventh Son of a Seventh Son", the band took some risks, changed the sound, and in the end a lot of the tracks will help continue Iron Maiden's legacy as being perhaps the greatest and most consistent metal band the world has ever seen.

If nothing else, the album is at least proof that Iron Maiden still knows how to surprise us with some great original music, which is far more than I can say about any other metal band around at the same time as Maiden. Metal bands from the golden era that Iron Maiden was instrumental in creating during the early eighties, have all sold out and become old men trying to re-capture days lost. For Iron Maiden - it's a matter of life and death, to no lose those days quite yet.

FEATURES

Heavenly Finish to SMUmazing Race

“Heaven’s Disease” pulls out come from behind SMUmazing Race Victory

BY ADAM LORDON

It was a true underdog story at the 2nd annual SMUmazing Race as Heaven’s Disease beat out 20 teams to become the 2006 SMUmazing Race champions. Their story is a compelling one, the last team to register, becomes the first to cross the finish line and not without bumps along the way. They were well back at the first pit-stop and finished on the brink of elimination at the second, finishing eighth out of ten that would be safe.

But that’s where their luck changed, as they leveraged themselves by successfully using one of this year’s twists, The Casino Taxi Free Ride, to finish the third leg in first. During that leg an ill team member had to drop out during, so they picked up an eliminated member of “Team Vegan and the Meat Eaters” to finish off the race and this combination proved to be a winning one, as they arrived just ahead of the 2nd and 3rd place finishers to win the race title and the \$1000 gift voucher from Travel Cuts.

This year’s race really leveled the playing field, integrating more challenges along the way, with a little something for everything. The ability to run long distances was still a huge factor; however that alone could not win the race. A keen sense of direction and the ability to communicate were important components to success. The adventure began on the front steps of MacNally, where last year’s race ended, and the excitement was in the air as the teams anxiously awaited their departure.

The first stop was just outside the Student Centre in front of the windows of Travel CUTS, the major sponsor of The SMUmazing Race again this year. With information provided to the racers before the start of the race, each team was required to answer questions about The Takeover - an amazing Spring Break trip to Cancun for over 350 Canadian University students! Cancun will be the place to be this Spring Break and space is limited - to learn more, head over to Travel CUTS in the Student Centre or log onto www.travelcuts.com to check out The Takeover.

Additional roadblocks along the way included a curling challenge at the Halifax Curling Club, a puzzle, a music scramble at Z103.5, eating nasty pizza with raw fish, locating a book at a library, a self guided museum tour of the Dartmouth Heritage Museum, sliding at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, solving a riddle, finding marbles buried in the ground, and cracking the code on a tough set of Halifax Trivia questions.

New twists such as an entire leg in Dartmouth, mandatory bus rides, the Yield, and Casino Taxi Free Ride made for some exciting moments as teams were thrown off their games and forced to get creative. The race became wide open after the defending champs, The Hussies, were eliminated in the 2nd leg after missing a roadblock and having to leave the pit-stop to go back and complete the task.

Teams were eliminated throughout the day at three pit-stops, located at Chebucto Landing, Ferry

Terminal Park in Dartmouth, and the North West Arm, leaving only five teams to compete in the final leg. Fifth place went to Team Ramrod who were at the top of the pack all day only to fall apart during the Halifax Trivia. Fourth place was Team Awesome, a group of guys from the cross country team, who lead most of the day but whose fatal flaw was misreading Saint Thomas Aquinas Church as Saint Thomas Anglican Church. The Purple Cobras finished in a close third, picking up a prize pack from Z103.5 and The West End Rattlers came in a tight second and will receive a prize pack from Coca Cola. First place winners Heaven’s Disease is comprised of Brad Furquhar, Jeff MacDonald, Chris Davis, Melissa Parnell, and substitute Ryan Stewart.

In closing, I would like to personally thank all those involved with the SMUmazing Race in any aspect. To the teams, thank you for participating and I hope you had an amazing experience. To Travel Cuts, our title sponsor, and to our other sponsors including Z103, Coke, and Casino Taxi, thank you for your support, the event couldn’t happen without you. To the volunteers, thank you for making the event run so smoothly. And finally to the organizing committee, Darrell, Shane, Shannon, Gina Beth, Meaghan, and Tasha, I cannot say enough, thank you for your hard work and dedication, we really put together a seriously SMUmazing event!

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Beth Israel Synagogue

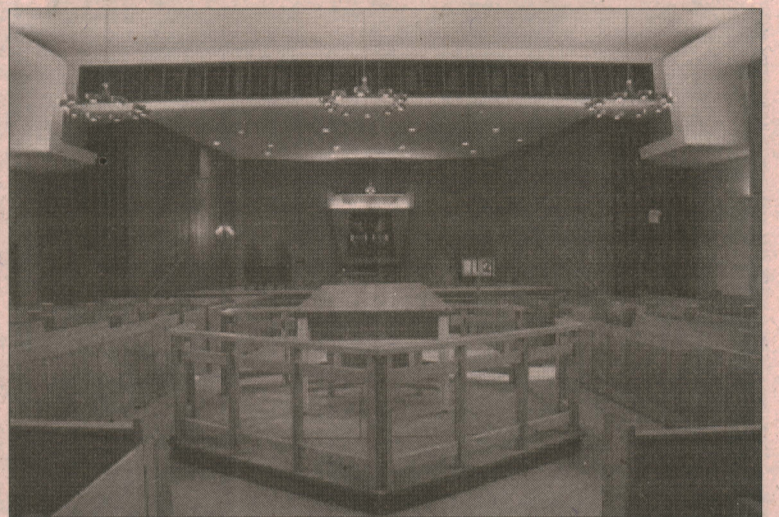


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BY ALEX COLGAN & CHRIS MUISE

This is the first installment of an ongoing series that will focus on the nature and impact of places of worship and religious communities within Halifax. It is a collaborative project between Alex Colgan of SMU and Chris Muise of King’s.

“Living a comprehensive Jewish life is a very big challenge,” Rabbi Grunstein said in his living room on a cloudy Sunday afternoon; with 613 Commandments in Mosaic Law, it’s no great wonder. He feels that perhaps the greatest challenge to Judaism in Halifax today is “keeping people involved in their heritage.” Luckily, orthodox Jews living in Halifax have the Beth Israel Synagogue to help them on their way.

Yehoshua Grunstein, a bespectacled rabbi of strong faith and convictions, has been serving at the Beth Israel Synagogue as rabbi for over three years now. Born in Cedarhurst, NY, he earned his ordination and a B.A. in Education in Israel. He now lives in Halifax with his wife Tali and two-year-old son Noam. Rabbi Grunstein delivered a powerful and moving sermon on Saturday morning that celebrated the new moon cycle. Grunstein compared the Jewish people with the moon, marveling at the tenacity and stamina of the Jews throughout history. While the moon gets smaller or bigger as the days pass, it remains nonetheless; so too, Grunstein said, do the Jewish people.

“Of all of the great religions and peoples and nations that lived throughout the generations, the Jewish nation is very unique in the sense that it has outlived so much and we’re still here to speak about it. It’s not unique, but it is amazing,” Grunstein said in an interview. He commented: “The Beth Israel Synagogue is proud to be an authentic synagogue of Judaeaica, in which we practice Judaism lock,

stock and barrel, without chiseling at even one commandment of our Book of Law.”

Saturday’s services also had liturgical songs and a reading of Genesis in Hebrew. A large Torah scroll (which bears the first five books of the Old Testament) is kept in an Ark (or compartment) at the focal point of the front of the synagogue, and this was respectfully brought out for the readings. Readings and songs were performed from siddurim (singular: siddur; prayer books) that provided English translations alongside Hebrew text. The Saturday service, being on the Shabbat (Sabbath), extended for approximately two hours and thirty minutes.

The synagogue itself is a large, solid building on Oxford St., which was established by the Halifax Jewish community in 1957. It boasts an impressive anteroom, a majestic sanctuary that can seat 600, a social hall, kosher kitchen, gift shop, Talmud Torah, and a Mikvah (a ritual bath used for purification ceremonies). Its cemetery at the corner of Connaught and Windsor bears ten victims of the Titanic disaster. The synagogue currently sustains approximately 150 Hali-gonian families and features “the only daily Minyan (a quorum of 10+ adult male Jews for the purpose of communal prayer) east of Montreal.”

The Beth Israel Synagogue takes an active role in the Jewish community and the world at large. It offers thrice-weekly Hebrew school for children up to Grade 7, and sponsors social, athletic and artistic youth programs. It is also involved with various charitable efforts in both local and global contexts. Upcoming events at the Beth Israel Synagogue include weekly Modern Hebrew classes, “Lunch & Learn,” and a new breakfast club series called “Brunch in the City,” which begins on October 29th. You can consult the Synagogue’s website, <http://www.thebethisrael.com>, for more information.

WHAT THE STUDENT WANTS THE STUDENT GETS SMUSA to host Cafe Santa Maria

BY: AMANDA WENEC

SMUSA is excited to announce that on Thursday November 15th they will be hosting the Cafe Santa Maria. This event is free of charge and is open to students, staff, faculty and the general public as a way to get input and ideas on what each group values at Saint Mary’s University. The purpose of the Cafe Santa Maria is aimed at improving the overall experience, both in the short and long term, for everyone attending Saint Mary’s. They’re looking for all groups to tell them what more they can offer and how they can collectively make Saint Mary’s and the Students’ Association even more attractive to current and future students.

When asked about what the Café hopes to achieve, VP Academic Mitch Gillingwater stated, “Essentially, our Café Santa Maria is meant to give students, faculty and other stakeholders in the university a chance to give their input on the direction they think SMUSA should head in, in the next few years...we’re trying to find out what’s important to students.” This Café is a perfect opportunity for students to see that SMUSA President Zach Churchill is actively trying to improve the Association

representing them, and their University as well.

Last week SMUSA held a “mini café” in which they invited external consultants to help them plan the November 15th production. Students, faculty, administration and a few community members joined

“WE’RE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT’S IMPORTANT TO STUDENTS”

them in discussing on how best to approach the café. They discussed logistics, questions to be asked and generally how to engage the Saint Mary’s community to come and make this a successful and entertaining event. Gillingwater was very pleased with the turnout, “Over forty people attended the planning session! And with the diverse group that’s helping plan and advertise the Café, we are very excited that we’ll have a full house on November 15th.”

Jen Schwartz, a Saint Mary’s student who attended the mini-café had very positive regard for the

endeavor, “We want this event to be something that people can look back on and reflect on as a positive experience during their time at Saint Mary’s”. When asked about what was discussed during the mini-café she said it was basically a trial-run to see what works best in

order to engage everyone in discussion, and they agreed on what they thought the “main pillars of our Saint Mary’s community exist upon: community, belonging and communication.” With recognizing these core aspects of the Saint Mary’s community, it will surely help The Student Associations focus when implementing any new programs and services.

There will be free lunch served to those who attend, offering a culturally diverse selection of dishes. The time and place of the Café Santa Maria have yet to be announced. Keep an eye out for advertisements in the near future.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the Cafe Santa Maria or attending feel free to contact SMUSA at 496-8700

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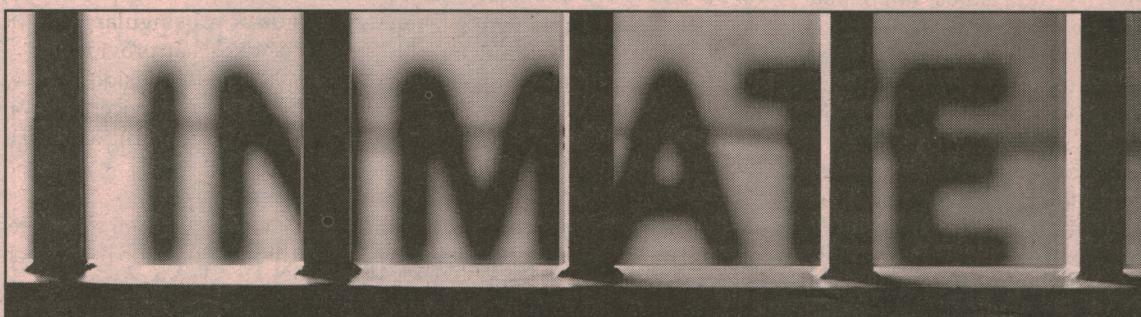
Q&A WITH OLIVIER & JOEL

Q: DO YOU THINK THERE SHOULD BE AN AGE RESTRICTION ON TRICK OR TREATING?

AND ARE YOU TRICK OR TREATING THIS YEAR?

 <p>JIMMY POULIOT LAW</p> <p>There definitely shouldn't be an age on trick or treating. I'm definitely going out this year.</p>	 <p>BRANDON HART 1ST YEAR ARTS</p> <p>I don't think there should be a restriction on trick or treating. If you want to go out, power to you, whatever you want to do.</p>	 <p>CHRISTINA PERROTTO 4TH YEAR PSYCHOLOGY</p> <p>There shouldn't be restrictions. I'm not going out because I have an exam, but I would, and I like candy so I should be.</p>
 <p>KRISTINA HUBLEY 1ST YEAR ARTS</p> <p>I'm not going because I have school. You're only as old as you feel, so if you want to go out, go ahead.</p>	 <p>JOSEPH CHUPITK 2ND YEAR ARTS</p> <p>There shouldn't be a restriction, but you should know when not to go out. Maturity should dictate that.</p>	 <p>RESSA PETERS 3RD YEAR ARTS</p> <p>I'm collecting for the food bank, so I'm kind of trick or treating but not really. I guess if you're out of high school it's kind of a social taboo to go.</p>

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The content in this column is directly copied from writing done on the back of yellow Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility inventory forms. Details of his crime are classified. These are his stories:

Today was a fairly quiet day at the old correctional facility, with the only eventful thing transpiring throughout the many lagging hours was finding out bail is going to cost me \$3000. I couldn't say it before today, that I really felt like I belonged in here. I was the outsider, the nice guy, the one guy out of a dozen that still heard whispers of hope within the depths of his un-washed ears. Until now I had managed to inhabit this humiliating life without feeling as if I was a criminal. Now it seems like I'll be looking at ten grand just for a good enough lawyer to get me out of this mess, let alone three just to live among people that wouldn't rob and murder a 72-year old woman. Now it feels like I have something in common with these guys, trying each day not to use that extension cord for anything other than electricity. At least my girlfriend and some friends from

high school claim to be trying to arrange a visit tomorrow, although I'm scared for them to even see this god awful place.

I'm filthy right now, having made a tight lipped deal with one of the more understanding guards. He said he'd allow me to skip mandatory showers unless "The Guvna" (this guy who yells at us until his face turns red) noticed I was excessively dirty. Because of this I've been trying to stay as sanitary as possible, developing maybe even a small case of obsessive compulsive disorder. The showering process is awful in here. If your asked to go in earlier in the morning the water is always ice cold, something the guards seem to find quite amusing. It's not like on TV where you have to constantly make sure the back door's locked. Actually the place keeps a pretty close eye on us, having installed soap ropes and open stalls years ago to combat such non-sense. Still it's just horrible, everything about it. Its another one of those things that throws me onto the same obscured level as some of these lunatics.

Will my life ever be simple

again? It feels like an anvil has been chained around my neck and I'm now forced to carry it around with me during every step. I keep having nightmares, worse every night. Some are just of normal everyday things that terrify me, like spiders or Madonna. Some though are dark, intricate puzzles that peer into my sub-conscience, shadows screaming in my face with promises of smouldering my soul until it perishes. Fun stuff those nightmares.

Oh fuck I think my pen's running out. I honestly do not believe I'd be anywhere near sane right now if it weren't for this little guy, whom I've named Jackson. That probably sounds lame to read, but when something has a name, it can be referred to as a somebody, and makes you feel a little less crazy when your talking to nobody. I should probably save the last of this ink so it at least seems full, maybe I can even swing a trade. I'm gonna have to find another one soon though or I won't be able to write anymore.

G SPOT

"Me and my bf have been together for about 6 months now, he is the first bf that I have had who is not circumcised, and when I go down on him it tastes kinda weird, where my old bf's didn't really have a taste. Is this normal? I did bring it up to him, and he said that he would get circumcised for me if I wanted him too. Should I ask him to do it? Is this taste normal?"

BY SS RANDY BLUE

Circumcision can be a really touchy subject when it comes to sexual health. There is a lot of controversy arising in the world today about whether or not the centuries old practice of circumcising should be abolished and whether the practice is humane. This does not, however, help the 25% of the world's male population who have already been "cut".

There are many belief systems in the world that deem circumcision to be a mandatory procedure in a newborn male's life. There are also many medical reasons that require a guy to be circumcised.

Getting to your question, if your boyfriend tastes weird "down there" then he might require more hygienic care. If this is the case simply get him to clean his penis and surrounding areas more frequently. If you don't want to tell him that it tastes weird than suggest that you both take a shower together and see to it that he gets the cleaning he requires. Be sure to pull back his foreskin to properly clean the head of his penis (germs and STI's like to hide here).

If the problem is something medical then be sure he sees a doctor about it. If you catch it soon enough you might be able to save him from an unnecessary and painful procedure. Having a circumcision later in life is much more difficult than when you are a newborn and the heal time is much longer. Also, if he does have to have a procedure, then be there for him so that he doesn't feel emasculated for losing a part of his "manhood". Once the penis has healed he may notice a difference in sexual response, 18% of men who have had adult circumcision reported having less response to soft touch to the head of their penis. The men still had the same level of arousal and performed the same as when they were "uncut".

Lastly, if you have a man that is willing to go through a procedure that will leave him with a penis that is unusable for more than a week and will cause a lot of "down there" pain just to please you and keep you happy then you have a keeper, find a rock sister and lock him in for life.

BUSINESS

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Shopping Our Way to the Unemployment Line: The Big-Box Impact

BY JACKIE HOWATT

Last week, on October 16, 2006, I read about the Wal-Mart Supercenter strike in Hialeah Gardens, Florida on businessweek.com. Coincidentally, my Retail Management class was simultaneously doing an in-depth assignment regarding big-box retailers and their detrimental sociological and economic affects. Like many, I've been aware of the negative impacts of power-retailers, like Wal-Mart. But with so much of it in the news lately, and even right now as I flip through this collection of Wal-Mart news articles compiled by my professor, it is literally making me sick to think about the future of retailing, and the monster we have all created.

When brainstorming this article, I couldn't find a concrete storyline, or a cohesive way in which to write it. I concluded, however, that my goal is simply to expose some of you to the political issues taking place right now regarding the unbelievable power that big-box retailers (namely Wal-Mart) inflict upon our economy, and our lives. Wal-Mart seems to be making headlines every day. I cannot possibly cover every damaging account, but I want to highlight some of the more notable instances that might make you think twice about this retail goliath (and others like it).

First, Wal-Mart has made an art of "squeezing" their suppliers and streamlining their inventory and channel distribution so perfectly that it is basically impossible to compete with their intelligence. This is a fundamental strategy in which their company is based on. It was a genius approach of retailing ten years ago, and they grew exponentially because of it. Their share price peaked in 2000 at \$70 (signonsandiego.com). Analysts believe that the popularity of Wal-Mart came at a time when the baby-boomer generation also peaked at retirement age. This extensive demographic found it convenient to buy almost every necessity under the sun, underneath one roof, and at a price that was compatible with their fixed income. But now that Wal-Mart has accumulated an established market-base, and as the severe decline in one of their largest target-markets (the baby-boomers) looms ahead, their operational strategies are severely impacting everyone - even you - the taxpayer.

The most prevalent and ongoing political issue regarding Wal-Mart is unionization, or the lack thereof. Simply put, Wal-Mart cannot "afford" to deal with a unionized workforce. By "afford" I don't mean that they literally cannot pay their employees a decent salary, because they can; Wal-Mart is the largest company in the world - period. They can't "afford" it because their platform is built on the lowest guaranteed prices. Unionization would cause wages to increase, therefore inflating product prices. Unionization is a major sore spot for Wal-Mart, and they have gen-

erated negative publicity because of their determination to avoid the subject altogether. A milestone example of this can be seen in the case of Wal-Mart store number 3643 in Jonquiere, Quebec in 2004/2005. The employees of this small town Wal-Mart location obtained union certification, but soon after they did, Wal-Mart shut its doors - for good. Wal-Mart claimed that the location wasn't making any money. This left 190 people unemployed, not to mention the physical concrete void they left standing in the middle of a small forestry town.

Refusing unionization and paying their employees minimal hourly wages with inadequate benefits is somewhat old news, but paints a picture of where the company and its employees stand. Making recent headlines, however, is that Wal-Mart is clamping down even harder on their operations with a new set of employee rules and restrictions just issued within the past few months. These new policies are a direct reaction to their stagnating same-store sales, and therefore, their need to cut costs across the board to remain profitable.

Several of the new policies are not sitting well with Wal-Mart employees, for example, pushing the part-time workforce from 20 percent to 40 percent, wage capping, strictly monitoring employee absences, and hiring "healthier" and subsequently younger employees (marketplace.publicradio.org). These procedures would be desirable for any cost-leader company, as implementing these strategies will "trim the fat" from the bottom line. However, because Wal-Mart already provides little compensation (or empathy) to their employees, the backlash was expected - and arguably justified.

A policy I found particularly grabbing was the "hiring and promoting a healthier staff" initiative. Even though this is bad news for those older Wal-Mart employees who face being shafted due to their ailments, Wal-Mart is actually performing a service to us taxpayers by applying this procedure. Just to shed some light on the ramifications that Wal-Mart's low

ports that, "If other large California retailers adopted Wal-Mart's wage and benefits standards, it would cost taxpayers an additional \$410 million a year in public assistance to employees". If Wal-Mart wants to hire healthier employees, it might lessen the impact on taxpayers, however, this faintly mitigates their burden on society, as their employees need to be subsidized in other ways due to insufficient wages.

The power that Wal-Mart bestows over its employees is dev-



astating. But it doesn't stop there. When a business becomes so pervasive and domineering as Wal-Mart has become, it sends a rippling affect throughout the community and the global economy as well. They wreak havoc on their suppliers and competitors wherever they go. It is almost impossible to compete with Wal-Mart, especially if a nearby business carries similar products or services, because they will consistently outdo any price point. A Wal-Mart supplier suffers greatly because their margins become almost non-existent due to Wal-Mart's "squeezing" affect, as mentioned earlier. Suppliers find themselves in a tangled web. Wal-Mart's business keeps manufacturing facilities at full capacity, which means consistent business, however, with little margin leeway and a full staff, it is hard to turn a profit.

"Therein lies the basic conundrum of doing business with the world's largest retailer. By selling a gallon of kosher dills for less than most grocers sell a quart, Wal-Mart may have provided a service for its customers. But what did it do for Vlasic? The pickle maker had spent decades convincing customers that they should pay a premium for its brand. Now Wal-Mart was practically giving them away. And the fevered buying spree that resulted distorted every aspect of Vlasic's operations, from farm field to factory to financial statement" (fastcompany.com).

Jim Wier, the owner of the Snapper lawn-equipment company, is otherwise famously known as "the man who said no to Wal-Mart". While Wal-Mart was pressuring his

company to supply more mowers, Mr. Wier was determined not to turn his decades-old company into a Wal-Mart pawn. "Why would you buy a walk-behind mower from Snapper that costs \$519? What could it possibly have to justify spending \$300 or \$400 more? That's the question that motivated Jim Wier to stop doing business with Wal-Mart. Wier is too judicious to describe it this way, but he looked into a future of supplying lawn mowers and snow blowers to Wal-Mart and saw a whirlpool of lower prices, collapsing profitability, offshore manufacturing, and the gradual but irresistible corrosion of the very qualities for which Snapper was known. Jim Wier looked into the future and saw a death spiral" (fastcompany.com).

Wal-Mart is so convenient for the end-consumer. We can't deny that. We've all shopped there at some point. But even though we've all heard bits and pieces of anti-Wal-Mart anecdotes, I think many of us choose not to look too far into it, for fear that we might feel compelled to "put ourselves out" a little bit, and to reconsider the convenience and gratification that Wal-Mart provides us. Like global warming, maybe if we ignore it and walk with our heads down, it'll go away. This is so not the case. Every dollar you spend is comparable to a vote. Do you believe in the Wal-

Mart "party"? Do you support their "platform", their "campaign", their values, their impacts, their actions? Would you vote for them?

Consolidation and acquisition is the most widespread fear among consumers in regards to big-boxes. With Wal-Mart providing everyday essential products (even groceries) at rock-bottom prices, and with Best Buy providing every gadget imaginable at rock-bottom prices, and with companies like Home Depot, Staples, Shoppers Drug Mart, and Costco following suit, will there be any room for competition (choice) in the future? Will we eventually be shopping at one giant Supercenter like mindless robots? Will any of us who will either work for a small company or start a small company ourselves stand a chance? "Are we shopping our way straight to the unemployment line?" (fastcompany.com).

We have to collectively understand the implications of walking into a Wal-Mart (or any big-box retailer) and purchasing toilet paper for the sake of saving fifty cents. The implications run far deeper than you think. Society has created a monster that feeds off of our physical and moral laziness. I'm not saying to never shop at a Wal-Mart again, but next time you find yourself walking into a big-boxed retailer, ask yourself, "is it worth it?"

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Place: TBA

Time: 6:00-9:00PM

Contact: chemsoc@smu.ca

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Date: November 17th, 2006

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The Saint Mary's University Film Society is busy organizing the second edition of the Halifax Student Film Festival. We are currently looking for submissions from students. If you are interested in submitting a film, you have until November 15th to do so. Entries are already pouring in from all of the post-secondary institutions in the HRM. For more information on how to enter, and for a copy of the rules and regulations, please email us.

Date: Thursday, November 23rd

Place: McNally Theatre Auditorium

Time: TBA

Contact: studentfilmfest@eastlink.ca

■ CURL FOR CANCER FUNSPIEL

The Dartmouth Curling Club and the Canadian Cancer Society, Dartmouth Unit, is hosting the third annual Dartmouth "Curl for Cancer" Funspiel. Only 20 teams can participate so register early. Registration fee is \$100 per team of 4. Pledge sheets issued upon registration. Deadline is October 31, 2006. Funds raised will support research on all types of cancer, offer credible information on cancer, treatment and risk reduction, and provide support for people living with cancer. Spectators are most welcome at this fun-filled event.

Date: Saturday, November 18th

Place: Dartmouth Curling Club, 35 Canal Street

Time: 12:30PM

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Left: SMUmazing Race participants faced-off. Right: Gorsebrook patrons dressed up for Saturday's Halloween Party (Photos by Joel Miller)



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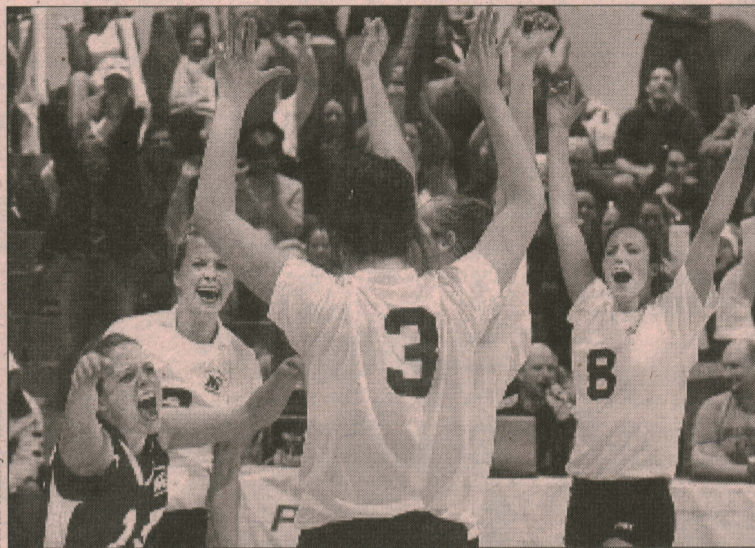
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SPORTS

CAN THEY DO IT AGAIN?

Men's Soccer and Women's Volleyball to Defend AUS Titles



Men's Unbeaten Streak Ends at 24, Women Face Showdown For Playoff Spot

BY NEIL JORDAN

The soccer schedule is winding down for the Huskies in the AUS this year, with the men and women still having one match left due to a cancellation at St.FX after the Norwalk incident. Last weekend, however, saw SMU take road trips to New Brunswick to face UNB and Moncton.

Saturday's competition was UNB, and the women had another good defensive game. They lacked that cutting edge, though, and it was in the penalty area that their downfall was initiated, falling 1-0 for their third consecutive loss by that scoreline. Midfielder Cleo Tetrault scored the lone goal of the match for UNB, while SMU will look back at their number of 1-0 losses this year and wonder just how different the season could have went. The men were up next, putting their 24-game unbeaten streak on the line. As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. The men lost 2-0 to UNB. Ironically, it was ex-Husky midfielder Alexander Devereaux who spearheaded UNB's win, netting two goals against his former school.

Sunday's matches took place in Moncton, with the ladies desperate for that much-needed win. Fortunately, the desperateness

paid off in the form of a 3-1 victory. Ashley Donald, Courtney MacGray and Heidi Pentz got on the scoresheet for the Huskies, with Sophie Goguen scoring Moncton's lone goal. While the women picked up a crucial four points, the men could not follow their lead as they were upset again, this time 3-0 against Moncton for their second straight loss. Taylor Crawford, Stephen Mombansu and Kevin Lavigne took advantage of a Husky side that looked out of sorts, which can only be considered normal after seeing such a long streak come to an end.

This week sees the final game of the season go for both sides, when the Huskies take a trip to St.FX to play their previously-cancelled match. For the women, a win would clinch the final playoff spot. More importantly, the X-Women have a game in hand on the Huskies, against lowly Moncton, meaning a win is that much more imperative to their chances. For the men, they have already clinched their spot in the playoffs, but must rally together and recover their form before heading into the playoffs - with a win over the X-Men being a huge step in the right direction. Furthermore, a win would see the Huskies overtake Dal in the standings to finish with 24 points on the season.

SMU Volleyball Poised For Repeat

BY ADAM COSTELLO

The Saint Mary's Huskies women's volleyball team won its first two matches of the season this past week, both 3-0 against Acadia and PEI. The SMU women won the conference championship last season and with Dalhousie in a rebuilding phase, they are poised to repeat the feat this year. Saint Mary's is loaded with veterans and will look to become the first back-to-back AUS winner since Moncton in 2001-02.

Saint Mary's earned its second conference title in three years last season, winning a grueling five-set final over rival Dalhousie. Almost their entire team is back on the court this season, led by captain Tara Matheson in the middle and Janesse Boudreau on the left side. Both were first-team all-stars last season and Boudreau was the playoff MVP. The Huskies will also count on Danielle Shortall, a former conference rookie of the year, and middle Alex Quinn, who's back after missing nearly all of last season with an ACL injury. About the only question mark for Saint Mary's is at the crucial position of setter, where fourth-year Steph Scollan, a backup last season, and newcomer Katelyn Cross of Truro will share the role this year.

Saint Mary's and Dal have split

the last four titles between them but the Tigers are now without graduating all-stars Jilliane Goulet, Stacey Power and Leah McInnis. The St. Francis Xavier X-Women, fifth-place finishers at 9-12 last season, are optimistic after adding some new and returning faces. At Acadia, a team that missed the playoffs at 6-15 last season, have added a couple of key transfers, including former Huskies setter Pam Rogers. The UNB Varsity Reds should also be a contender. Third-place finishers last season at 11-10, the V-Reds return a strong core that includes reigning conference MVP Melanie Doucette.

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THE JOURNAL'S WEEKLY

SPORTS ROLLBACK

SPLIT ON THE WEEK

The Saint Mary's Men's hockey team skated to a pair of overtime finishes at the Forum this past Wednesday against UdeM and the following Saturday against UNB. Back-up goalie Brandon Verge got the start for SMU in both games, losing in OT to UdeM in a game that saw Dan Rudisuela get the only goal for SMU in a 2-1 loss. The Huskies looked to rebound against UNB the following Saturday and managed to rustle up a 3-2 win after Mark Szott took an impeccable pass from Tyler Noye and scored the OT winner with under two minutes on the clock. On the women's side a victory was also lost in OT against UdeM last week, which was followed up with a 5-2 win against UNB the next night.

WOMEN'S RUGBY FINISHES UP

The Women's Rugby 2006 Atlantic University Sport championship game is taking place this weekend in Antigonish, NS. In the final, the UPEI Panthers will face the first place StFX X-Women Saturday afternoon at 2:30pm. StFX earned a bye to the final by finishing in first place this season, while the Panthers defeated the Saint Mary's Huskies 25-5 last weekend in semi-final play to earn a spot in the championship. Saint Mary's finished the season at 3-3.

CARDINALS/WORLD SERIES SUCK

Most Cardinals fans will freely admit that this is the worst Cardinal team of the decade, and it is unimaginable that THIS is the team that won the World Series. The Tigers toppled the evil Yankees, finished their Oakland sweep in storybook fashion and looked invincible ... then a solid week passed and completely killed their momentum. Meanwhile, the Cards nearly blew an insurmountable division lead, limped into the playoffs, barely finished off a depleted Mets team, and have now won the World Series - which isn't even the most interesting story of the playoffs. Most are talking about whether or not Kenny Rogers was telling the truth when he said the stain cameras caught on his hand, which looked like pine tar, was actually only dirt. Why Kenny, does video-tape show a virtually identical stain on your hand during your two previous postseason starts? Why can't baseball players just stop cheating already? Whatever the truth is, at least it gave us something to talk about during an otherwise dull postseason. Take a look at Rogers' combined pitching lines from this postseason compared to all of his other postseasons combined. His past postseasons: 20 1/3 IP, 32 H, 20 R, 18 ER, 16 BB, 15 K. This postseason: 24 IP, 9 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 9 BB, 19 K. Sick

MLB REACHES LABOUR AGREEMENT

Baseball players and owners proclaimed an unprecedented era of labour peace, finalizing a new five-year collective bargaining agreement last Tuesday night be-

fore Game 3 of the World Series. Lawyers struck the deal last weekend during negotiations in New York, then worked on putting it in writing. The agreement, which runs through the 2011 season, is subject to ratification by both sides. The deal continues, with minor modifications, existing luxury tax and revenue-sharing rules, provisions that funnelled money from large-market teams to their competitors. The payroll threshold for the luxury tax increases from US\$136.5 million this year to \$148 million next year, then goes up about five per cent annually. The minimum salary increases, from \$327,000 this year to \$380,000 next season, and amateur draft pick compensation for some free agents who sign with new teams, will be eliminated. Also, teams that reach targets for revenue-sharing will be rewarded under the new agreement, and those that fail will be penalized.

THE CFL - DISAPPOINTING YEAR SO FAR

Last season, everything in the CFL seemed to be going right. This season, however, has proven to be a much different story. It began with the inevitable end of the Ottawa Renegades franchise, forced to fold in the midst of continued dwindling popularity. The whole fiasco affected public perception deeply and destroyed the already balanced CFL schedule. Then the Board of Governors, in all their wisdom, dismissed Tom Wright from his responsibilities as CFL commissioner. Now with the season almost over, the quality of football has been lacking and no team has shown any extended period of consistency, making it hard to get enthusiastic about any of their chances. Dick Pound's recent remarks about the CFL made matters worse for the league, as the WADA president said last week that the league was a haven for performance-enhanced players. Good luck CFL, someone should make sure to have a coroner on standby.

SAKIC HITS MILESTONE

Colorado Avalanche forward Joe Sakic registered a goal and an assist against the Washington Capitals to surpass 1,500 points in his career last week. The former Hart and Conn Smythe Trophy winner, who has led the Avalanche to a pair of Stanley Cup titles over the course of his brilliant career, became only the 11th player in NHL history to reach 1,500 career points. If Sakic has an astounding season this year and puts up over a hundred points, he could conceivably move past Paul Coffey (1531), Ray Bourque (1579) and Phil Esposito (1590) into 8th spot all-time. Next he'd be chasing the great Mario Lemieux (1723) for 7th. Others on the list include Steve Yzerman (6th with 1755), Ron Francis (4th with 1798), Gordie Howe (3rd with 1850), Mark Messier (2nd with 1887) and of course, the guy nobody will ever catch, Wayne Gretzky, who amassed 2857 points during his NHL career. Sakic's teammate in Colorado, Pierre Turgeon, currently sits 27th on the all-time list.

25 YEAR DROUGHT ENDS FOR LEAFS DEFENCEMEN

Toronto Maple Leafs defencemen Tomas Kaberle, who had been the target of critics after 6-2 and 7-2 losses to Ottawa last week, silenced those critics by scoring three goals and an assist in regulation time against the Montreal Canadiens, and scoring on Toronto's first shot of a shootout - which Toronto eventually won. It was the first hat-trick by a Toronto defenceman since Borje Salming in October, 1981.

TRACY TO STAY IN CHAMP CAR

Paul Tracy announced last week that he will remain in Champ Car next season. Tracy's former teammate A.J. Allmendinger was fired by Forsythe Championship Racing early last week for making the jump to NASCAR. There had been some speculation that Tracy would also make the move to NASCAR after a turbulent season but he has decided to stay put. The Scarborough, Ontario native sits fifth in the Champ Car standings heading into the final race of the season in Mexico City on November 12.

FORMER CANADIAN CHAMPION FOUND MURDERED

Former world and Canadian heavyweight boxing champion, Trevor Berbick, was found dead in a church courtyard last Saturday with chop wounds to his head. His killer was caught on the weekend and has been identified as a man who was involved in a land dispute with Berbick in Jamaica. Berbick, who was 52 and beset by legal problems throughout his career, lost his world heavyweight title to a teenage Mike Tyson and was the last boxer to ever fight the great Muhammad Ali. He fought for Jamaica at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and became a landed Canadian immigrant in 1979 shortly after beginning his pro boxing career while living in Halifax.

LEGENDARY CELTICS COACH PASSES AWAY

Former Boston Celtic coach Red Auerbach has passed away at the age of 89. Auerbach led the Celtics to 16 championships under his guidance as coach, general manager, and team president. Auerbach was the first coach to start five black players, and he has the distinction of being the man who drafted Larry Bird. Auerbach was known for his trademark: cigar smoking, and over a million people visit his statue outside of the TD Bank North Garden. Auerbach will be deeply missed and the Celtics have dedicated the upcoming season in his honor.

MINOR LEAGUE VIOLENCE

Calgary Hockey is conducting a hearing concerning a mob-like brawl between two Junior B team's last weekend. The Northeast Association Canucks and the Northwest Association Bruins reportedly carried a nasty conclusion to Sunday's game into a narrow hallway outside the team's dressing rooms. Players, parents and fans engaged in the post-game fracas that left one of

the game's linesmen unconscious. The incident has led to immediate suspensions to numerous players, both team's coaches, and an ongoing police investigation. Some will receive a lifetime ban.

In other minor league violence last week, a father confronted a coach over his son's playing time during a game between 5 and 6 year olds in Philadelphia. A fist-fight ensued. There were screams of "Fight! Fight!" until the father pulled a handgun out, waved it about five feet from a group of kids and pointed it at the coach's head. Philadelphia has now joined the list of communities confronting a case of parental violence in youth sports. Ridiculous.

DID YOU KNOW?

- New England QB Tom Brady was drafted in the 18th round of the 1995 Major League Baseball Draft as a catcher by the Montreal Expos.
- O.J. Brigrance, a backup linebacker with the Baltimore Ravens in 2001, was the first player to win both a Grey Cup
- The Arizona Cardinals have the oldest lineage of any NFL team. The franchise started in 1920 as the Chicago Cardinals. They are also the worst team in history. The oldest professional franchise overall, however, is the CFL's Toronto Argonauts (1873).
- Tight end Tony Gonzalez (Chiefs) has caught a pass in 90 consecutive games.
- Wide receiver Hines Ward (Steelers) has caught a pass in 125 consecutive games.
- Kicker Matt Stover (Ravens) has made 30 field goals in a row -- the longest active streak in the NFL.
- Torry Holt (Rams) just became the fastest player in NFL history to reach 10,000 yards receiving (116 games).

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THE NFL IS COMING TO CANADA

In Perhaps More Ways Than One

BY ADAM COSTELLO

It was announced last week that two NFL regular-season games will be played each year in locations around Canada, Mexico and Europe starting in 2007. This continues the never ending ascent of American football, the highest grossing entertainment medium North America has to offer.

The plan, first announced last month, was approved last Tuesday at the recommendation of new commissioner Roger Goodell. It is to be set up so that teams will rotate over a sixteen-year period, with each team playing outside the country twice over that span, once as a visitor, the other as a home team.

In 2005, the NFL staged its first regular-season game outside the United States, when the Arizona Cardinals hosted the San Francisco 49ers in Mexico City. A crowd of 103,467 flocked to Azteca Stadium, the largest crowd for a regular-season game in NFL history.

The league has also played a few exhibition games overseas over the past two decades, with the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks scheduled to play a pre-season game next August in Beijing. NFL games have been regularly televised live in Mexico and Canada for years now, and more recently has entered European airwaves, actually gaining some notability in Britain.

While it's very kind of the NFL to give us Canadians a chance to watch such high level football games live in our own country - why not take it farther than that and do something that should have been considered long ago? Give Canada an NFL team.

Canada is the biggest market an NFL owner could ever dream of exploiting under the league's current circumstances; however, the NFL has always made the possibility of this happening seem like nothing more than a Canadian pipe dream. Also, with a new NFL franchise estimated to be worth around \$1-billion US these days, it is hard to imagine any wealthy Canadian stepping up to the plate and emptying that much from his pockets...Or is it?

Toronto Blue Jays CEO and president Paul Godfrey has been pursuing a franchise since 1988 and at a recent news conference, Larry Tanenbaum, minority owner of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, and Rogers Communications tycoon Ted Rogers, announced it was their objective to bring the NFL to Toronto. It has been reported that New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson even turned down a \$1-billion dollar offer from a Canadian consortium just this year, assumingly from the men fore-mentioned. Tanenbaum and Rogers have remained tight-lipped since that day, leaving others to speculate just how viable this newest chapter concerning the NFL in Canada really is.

Other than purchasing an existing team, another practical option for the group could be shelling out the cash for an expansion team. The NFL has reiterated on numerous occasions that the city of Los Angeles remains its only priority for an expansion team in the foreseeable future, but since Goodell took over

the reigns from Paul Tagliabue as NFL commissioner, there have been whispers that the NFL expanding into Canada is being re-evaluated with a more optimistic approach. If the NFL was successful in moving back to LA, that would leave an un-even amount of teams in each conference. The clear solution to this problem would be to expand into two cities, and the NFL has seemingly exhausted every other major U.S. market. In fact, when you think of how popular the NFL

would be up here, Toronto would likely stand as one of the top markets in the League if it were rewarded a team, opening the doors to flowing revenue from not just a new city, but an entire country.

It's hard to say whether the NFL could ever turn off its ego enough to expand into Canada in the first place, but some are convinced Toronto's best hope could lay in purchasing a neighbouring team just 130 kilometres to the west. Since the very wealthy Ralph Wilson has been the owner of the Buffalo Bills, the franchise has been a stabilizing entity in an otherwise struggling economy. There seems to be growing fear in Western New York that the team will be sold and moved once the 87-year-old Wilson passes away - especially because no other Buffalo business owners have stepped up and shown even moderate interest in purchasing the Bills once the team goes up for sale.

With the NFL continuing to avoid the issue in the media, debates over the city's chance of landing a team carry on, but whether Toronto could actually afford a franchise is still a big uncertainty.

Even if the league were to consider Toronto, the Rogers Centre is not up to NFL standards with its current seating capacity. The stadium can only hold roughly 55,000, significantly less than the 65,000 league requirement. Many believe that the NFL would require any prospective owner to pour hundreds of millions of dollars into a brand new stadium for Toronto even to be considered.

As for the stadium issues, Godfrey believes a Rogers-Tanenbaum ownership of the team can overcome any financial hurdle, let alone a few hundred million for a stadi-

um. Should Rogers and Tanenbaum land an NFL franchise for Toronto, the funding for a new stadium will, though, have to come entirely out of their own pockets. Toronto Mayor David Miller has made it clear that the city will not

traditional 'mob Football' and the extremely violent game known as 'ballown.' - Canadians had far more to do with the current format than anyone else. Canadian influences provided the mould that morphed American football into the hybrid be-

competitive and exciting product, not to mention an exponentially larger market. The CFL would probably survive as a league, but in Toronto and Hamilton the CFL would undoubtedly disappear. Maybe they could be relocated to the East Coast, allowing Halifax and Moncton to both get CFL teams? Maybe then we could even stop being sour and allow smaller American team markets to expand back into the CFL.

Now let's see, Maple Leafs is taken, Canucks is taken, Canadiens is taken, Blue Jays is taken. The Toronto Beavers? Nawww, too stereotypical. The Toronto Flying Geese? I guess that could work on a Mighty Ducks sort of level. The Toronto Lumberjacks? Sadly enough that is probably the front runner. Oh I know...the Toronto Roughriders! Or maybe we should just wait and see how



offer any public money for a team, or a new facility, and remains adamant on the area's loyalty to the CFL's Argonauts.

Ah yes the Argonauts, another gigantic hurdle. If the NFL comes to Toronto it is a fact, not a possibility, that the oldest professional football team of all time, the Toronto Argonauts, will eventually be forced out of town.

And let us not forget the other question mark, whether or not the NFL even wants us anywhere near their reputation or their revenue. Americans view the NFL as having god-like status within their culture, and if I understand how most Americans think, there is no way a team will be awarded to Toronto before more teams in the States, regardless of how big an un-tapped market we offer. Most Americans seem to believe football is their creation and that any NFL football team should reside only in their country.

Canada has had more influence on football's creation than anything about the United States. In actuality, football isn't American at all. It is really just a violent and mindless derivative of rugby and soccer, with heavy influence from Britain's

tween a running game and a kicking game that it is today.

Football has generally been ignored by the rest of the world thus far, for its overabundance of rules, slow, intermittent play and for most, it's lack of intellectual value - although if many of these people actually followed football they would see just how much intelligence is needed to play a game on that high a stage of media alertness. It doesn't seem like the NFL realizes it would be genius to bring American football to Canada, because generally we eat up the hype just as much as Americans do. In fact, it seems more Canadians are willing to pay over one hundred dollars for NFL Sunday ticket, when they could just watch the CFL for free on CBC.

Sooner or later the NFL will realize that allowing a Canadian franchise in the NFL is their most viable means to continuing league growth, and in the very near future, it is very conceivable that this will actually happen. My sympathy resides with the Canadian Football League, as it really does offer a fun and rugged product. But most Canadians will agree that the NFL brings to the table a much more

much of this has been embellishment by the media - and not get our hopes up quite yet.

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