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## Saint Mary's Defeats Concordia Glavic Wreaks Havoc on Stingers' Defense

DANNY CAREW

"Put out the hustle... we're #1" was the chant echoed by the Concordia Stingers as they huddled up before their match against the Saint Mary's Huskies this past Saturday. What the Stingers failed to realize is that we have the #1 hustler in the form of a lean, mean game winning machine- SMU quarterback Eric Glavic delivered yet another highlight reel performance as our Huskies came back from a 14 point deficit in the first quarter to swat the Stingers by a score of 34-21.

SMU received the ball to start the game. The offence opened up the game as Eric Glavic attempted a swing pass to Aaron Racioppa, however the ball was thrown behind him resulting in a loss of 16 yards on the play. SMU was forced to punt the ball and Concordia returned the ball to the Huskies 16 yard line. Concordia ran the ball in on a Cedric Ferdinand touchdown to make the score 7-0 Concordia.

On the next series SMU failed to generate offensive yards after runningback Jacques Lumbala was unable to find the open holes necessary to establish the ground game. A poor punt by Justin Palardy gave the Stingers favorable field position. Concordia capitalized as QB Robert Mackay connected with Curtis Gates on a 32 yard touchdown, increasing the Concordia lead to 14-0 with 6:16 left in the first quarter.

The next series saw a strange exchange between both teams. Eric Glavic tried to test the deep ball with a play action pass to Shawn White. White beat his man downfield but the ball was under thrown resulting in an interception. On the very next play, Saint Mary's defensive back Tyrone Roue intercepted



Glavic leads the charge

Photo Courtesy of Sarah Horne

a pass but the pick was called back because SMU was flagged for roughing the passer. The play seemed to ignite the Huskies. The "dogs on defense" began to mark their territory. The Huskies D wasn't about to let the Stingers fly through the doghouse. St. Mary's had the momentum, and the offence began to march down the field.

SMU had the ball to start the second quarter and Eric began to look for the sure handed Ryeen Warburton to start the drive. On one play, Ryeen caught a pass, fumbled then recovered the ball. Saint Mary's was now in the redzone. Eric dropped back to

pass, he saw that no one was open, and as he was being chased by two Concordia defenders, Eric gave himself the green light as he kept the ball and ducked and dodged his way into the endzone. SMU cut the lead to 14-7.

The SMU defense pulled the plug on the Concordia offence, as they were unable to generate any power. The Stingers ran the ball for the first two series, however SMU defenders Brent Shabley and Andrew Paopao broke through Concordia's offense line causing the Stingers to go three and out for the rest of the half. Eric and "the Air Force One" offence aired it

out the rest of the half as Eric landed two more missiles to receivers Ryeen Warburton and Valentino Swasey to cap off 21 unanswered points to increase the SMU lead to 21-14 at half.

SMU coasted in the second half, with Eric capping off the "gunshow," by hitting Carl Hardwick for a 39 yard touchdown. Justin Palardy added two more field goals to preserve the Huskies win. Glavic was 21-32 passing for 264 yards and three touchdowns. Eric led all SMU rushers with 82 yards on 12 carries. Jacques Lumbala was held to 48 yards on 21 carries against a stingy Stinger run defense.

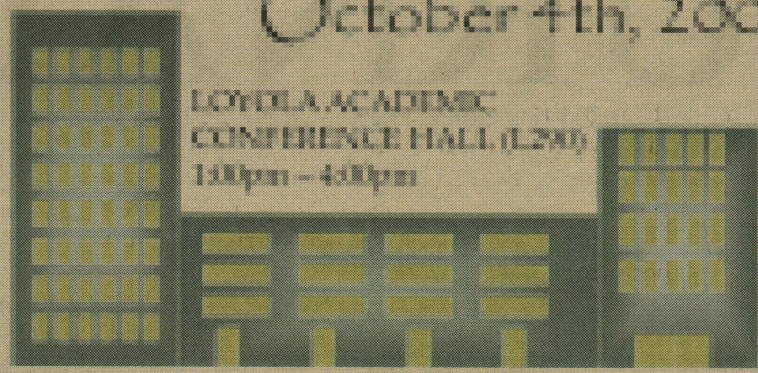
Carl Hardwick was the top receiver with six catches for 77 yards. The SMU offense generated 455 yards, while the defense had five sacks.

The win gives the Huskies a 3-0 record. The Huskies should move up in the Top 10 rankings as the Stingers were ranked 6<sup>th</sup> and SMU 7<sup>th</sup>. The last time the Huskies started the season 3-0 was in 2003. Last year the Huskies started the season 0-3. The Huskies will travel to Wolfville on Saturday to face the Acadia Axemen. The Huskies will be hyped for revenge as the Axemen chopped down the Huskies in last year's AUFC championship.



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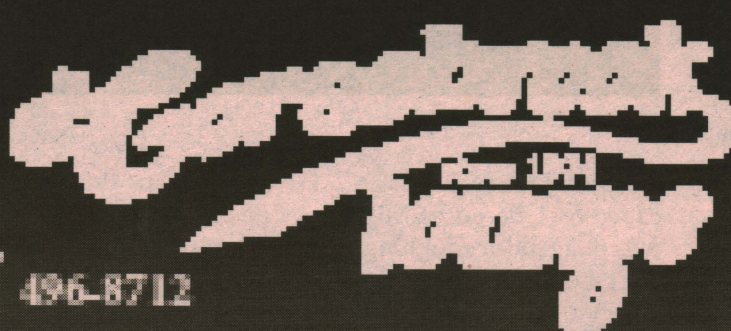
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# PERSPECTIVES

## Letter From The Editor: Random Acts of Violence

AMANDA WENEK

How do you feel to be living in the city known for having the most violence per capita in Canada? I know I don't feel very safe. Cops are giving their best effort to decrease the violence that occurs downtown; installing video cameras, hiring more police officers in order to provide higher numbers patrolling the streets, even questioning whether bars should be closing earlier in the night. But downtown isn't the only place to worry about. Domestic violence, burglaries, and random acts of violence perpetrated by strangers; this can all occur on your very own property.

It seems a common attitude to think "Oh that won't happen to me", or "This won't happen to anyone I know", and this attitude sometimes results in reckless behavior such as walking home alone through the Halifax Commons at 3am. I am the first to admit I'm guilty of such self-endangering behavior. But until people grasp the gravity

of the situation that attitude will never change, and it unfortunately seems that it might mean learning first hand before one can really understand.

There are many stereotypes about the North End. That it is a "sketchy" area, and that a lot of drug and gang related incidents occur there. I lived there last year and I loved it. I met some of the most amazing people with the greatest view of life. I learned first hand that those are just stereotypes based on a select few that unfortunately get generalized to an entire area.

But I think it's important to talk about the often overlooked (at least in regards to the prevalence of violence) South End. A lot of Saint Mary's students live in this area and it has been plagued with violence over the years. There were Saint Mary's students who were mugged while crossing the bridge on Young Street last year, a violent "bottling" attack right in front of The Tower two years ago, a mugging of SMU students

three weeks ago, just to name a few. Saint Mary's attempted to create a safe haven in providing a "Walk" program. Volunteers would walk fellow students home if they felt unsafe to go alone. But this program folded due to a lack of participation. It seems more and more people would rather take the risk and walk home alone at night, perhaps because they assume they live in a safe area? Or they think that it "won't happen to them"?

The South end is abundant with students, some of whom are ignorant, spoiled, and disrespectful- the type you can find in any city, any neighbourhood. Perhaps they are in school simply for the sake of doing something with their days, or for the joy of partying and the perks of living off campus; nothing to do with getting an education and a sleep-filled night. It's these kids who seem to be more likely to seek trouble.

It was only this year that I experienced the violence Halifax seems to be increasingly known for. This surprised me. I am

by no means naïve, but I assumed that if I made it through a year walking alone through the Commons at night with no incident I had gotten through the worst of it. It's easy to think these random acts of violence occur in the "dangerous" areas of town, but I would never have guessed it goes on at the corner of the MLP Constituency Office, (on Inglis Street).

As far as solutions go, the most obvious is a complete attitude change in these people who perpetrate violence. Those fundamental morals and values, the sense of right and wrong we learn as children need to be internalized, and reinforced through education. But since violence and anger have plagued our history and exist in our human nature, it seems natural that some people just don't "get it", and thereby doesn't seem feasible that we can foster the right attitude in every single human being.

One solution Halifax is considering comes in the form of The Guardian Angels. This is an unarmed

citizen-patrol group who "use physical interventions to break up fights and disputes, and will make citizens' arrests when crimes have been committed and detain suspects until the police have arrived." Founder Curtis Sliwa and other members will be visiting Halifax in late October to see if there is interest in setting up a Halifax chapter.

Sliwa has received dozens of e-mails in the last year from Halifax residents looking for him to expand here. What caught Silva's attention was the August 27 attack by a trio of teenage girls on a woman crossing the Halifax Common.

"Random, violent attacks, that's *Clockwork Orange*," Sliwa said. These random, violent acts riddle the streets of Halifax and someone needs to do something to change that - perhaps The Guardian Angels are the answer Halifax is longing for?

## Zionism or Judaism?

BILL CHERNIN

I attended the lecture given by Yakov Rabkin on the topic of opposition to Zionism from within Judaism on Tuesday night. His idea that some many Jews have some part of their personal identity built around a notion of a "virtual Israel" (an Israel not as it exists, but rather a perfect, flawless, and rarely wrong Israel - an ideal) is very interesting and has merit.

I believe what Rabkin said is that these people are very opposed to criticism of their ideal because it becomes a criticism indirectly of themselves since their "virtual Israel" is a part of their identity. This surely applies to many Palestinians and their supporters as well, who have some part of their personal identity built around a virtual Palestine (a Palestine that does not exist, but rather a completely blameless, innocent, and victimized Palestine - an ideal).

These people too are very opposed to criticism of their ideal because it becomes a criticism indirectly of themselves.

The power of the mingling of these "virtual" countries with personal identities might be more evident in the case of Palestinian supporters, if we consider that their identity includes a notion of being a "refugee," yet they live in Canada, are getting expensive educations, and in many cases, are neither Palestinian nor have any personal connection to the Middle East.

It's very hard for people to be honest with themselves to begin with, and if so many people have made the "virtual" Palestine and the "virtual" Israel a part of their identities, perhaps that's why so many people, professors and otherwise, are having such a difficult job being honest and open with themselves and others about this conflict.

**ATTENTION SENIOR CLASS**  
The Election of Officers and an information session about Grad/Senior Class will be held next Monday, Oct 1 at 5:30 in the Sobey's Building, 4th floor Lounge

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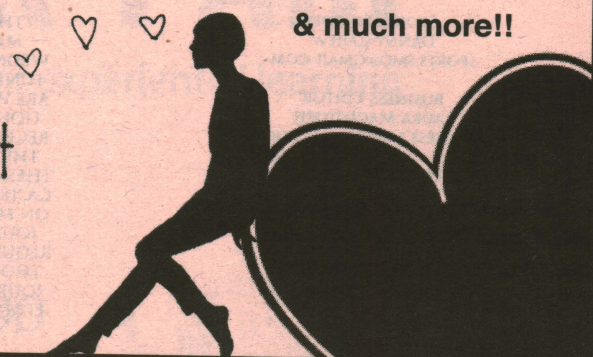
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# Letter to the Editor: Stop Hurting SMU

Journal Staff,

Please wake up and put out a decent paper, the spelling mistakes and formatting is killing me, let alone content. I remember when the Journal was good and I actually enjoyed reading the whole thing, now there are only two sections I care to browse; perspectives and the gspot. You are making this paper too serious, sure you need to put the "news" in newspaper but give me a break. You people are not writing for a daily publication so give up the dream. Most of the subject matter that you write on is a week old and most people stopped caring about whatever you are writing about the day it happened. I can see the coverage of university related topics or things that pertain to student life, but if I want to hear about the Patriots I will open a real paper.

Now since I've got that off my chest I have a few more bones to pick so you may want to get yourself a coffee, but you will proba-

bly stop reading sometime soon which only proves how pompous you are. All I have to say is: why? Why do you hurt? It is pretty transparent to the student body that the last paper was a thin veiling of animosity towards our Student Executives, provided you are getting booted out of your current offices in December, (And you wonder why this is so with the paper you put out). Cry me a river, it is no secret that you don't make proper use of the office space, so my advice to the Editor-in-Chief, if you don't use it, you lose it, so better luck next time I suppose. Be thankful that they don't put you in a janitor's closet like they did to poor SMUDS. I guess you will have to face the harsh reality that there are more important organizations that actually do things other than bitch and moan for the sake of it, that actually need more office space to work.

Now getting back to the last issue put out and the whole story surrounding the change in SMUSA's look;

and oh boy, where to begin. Before I start ripping into that paper, I just want to ask the Editor how exactly does she sleep at night? You are getting paid to do this job... surprisingly, and you publish something that allows me to now understand how the first person came about using paper to wipe their ass. I would be embarrassed to tears if I were in your shoes, the position that once was respectable when Olivier was involved, now has been reduced to a campus joke (For crying out loud this paper represents SMU and is put around the city in coffee shops, at least try next time you put the paper out). It looks like the whole operation is falling apart faster than a Chinese motorcycle since Olivier left. Anyway, getting back to the paper that was put out last week. The only good thing I can say about it is that I could read it on my kitchen table across the room, great choice about the size of font, it almost masked the fact you had nothing in it.

The content of the main story was pathetic, it just was the nit picking over stupid shit that no one cares about, however highly important for The Journal's crusade against the big bad Student Executive. First off, I just want to know how many seconds a day the author of the article spends in Reality, because if they think sinking \$3000 into developing a logo that will last for at least the next ten years is a bad investment, they must be daft. Now I don't disagree with everything they said in that article, I too wrinkled my nose and said "why the \*expletive\* orange?" but then I shrugged and stopped giving a shit. I really didn't like the song and dance that I was put through reading this, not to mention the author's inability to come to terms with democracy and executive decision making as a leader. Looking at how quick they were to criticize so from the outside I am willing to wager that they have never held a real position of leadership and should get some life

experience.

I also want to say to the author that asking ten of your friends and having eight of them say no does not count as a real poll. There is nothing that I dislike more than half-assed statistics that are thrown around to put a bad spin on a topic, god forbid that effort is put in, but this is The Journal we are talking about. Needless to say, all the points that were illustrated to the readership came across as lame and trivial.

Well I would love to point out more things on how flawed your paper is, but I am getting pretty \*expletive\* hungry and will spare that guy who wrote about SMU's ad campaign my criticism on how he gives way too much of a shit about posters and seems to think people share his concern. So I am done with this email, and hope that this will energize people into doing their job, lucky for me I don't have my hopes high if the staff happens to disappoint with the new issue this week.

## I don't have a girlfriend but I know a woman that would be pissed I said that.

MIKE SOAPDISH

Well with the smell of autumn settling in our noses and the chilling of the air, there is a distinct aroma that hangs about; the all too familiar back to school romance. For some this is a simple case of boy meets girl, boy and girl date, boy and girl fall in love. (Feel free to insert the proper genders to fit the scenario for the gay or lesbian alternative.) For those that have it worked out in a straightforward manner you can stop reading

this right now and do something productive, like homework. The remainder of the audience that, like me, finds things a little more complicated should be able to identify. We have all had that relationship limbo where there is so much miscommunication that it turns into an ugly situation where the bomb squad needs to be pulled in to disarm it.

Sometimes one person in a relationship tends to stake a claim very early on, to the point of

being premature. I tend to find females become much more openly territorial than males over a hopeful partner through brooding cattiness. The danger that lies in this situation is what the unsuspecting party decides to do. Really, that second party is kind of screwed. Life for this person becomes much like stumbling unknowingly through a minefield as they normally go about their business. If this is the case there will be an instance where they think opportunity

is fair game and are not infringing on anyone by going for it, but they sure as hell will hear about it the next day. Sometimes, this honest mistake is built up to epic proportions in the arena of friends and acquaintances to the point it rivals high school immaturity levels.

It is such drama when people don't know the rules to the dating game. Dating is like shopping for shoes, you don't just go with the first pair you see unless you are overcome with a Carrie Bradshaw-sized shoegasm. What I am getting at is, it is a time intensive process to peel back layers of a person to see if you like them. So unless you like what you see from the get go and make some sort of connection/commitment right away, all bets are off. This is not to say you don't owe the person you are seeing anything because you do, it isn't just a relationship that is solely on their terms. You owe them communication. This will save you angry emails, harsh phone calls, and drinks thrown in your face.

Don't be worried about hurting feelings by explaining intentions in a tactful way. Honestly, it is better to say that you may not be that into someone when you discover this than for them to see you dabble in

another dating relationship. It is best to clear the air and say from the starting blocks that you want something light and open, and avoid the speculation of being a philanderer, if that person is not down with what you want then both of you should waste no time in finding someone who wants what you want.

Stick to your guns with how you feel, you should never feel guilty for the emotions or, I should say, lack of emotion you may have. The best-case scenario of voicing how you feel, if you aren't feeling the vibe of what you two have going, is that you become friends and get along great. The flipside of the coin is that you get branded a jerk for being selective of people who you might start a resource-intensive, long term relationship with, which in my eyes is really a win-win situation. I mean, if that is what puts you in hell these days I'll save you a seat in the cafeteria.

*"Internal flaws strengthen competitors. If employees are confused and annoyed by the dealings of a senior executive, it paves the way for competitors to steal away constituents."*  
- Sun Tsu "Art of War"

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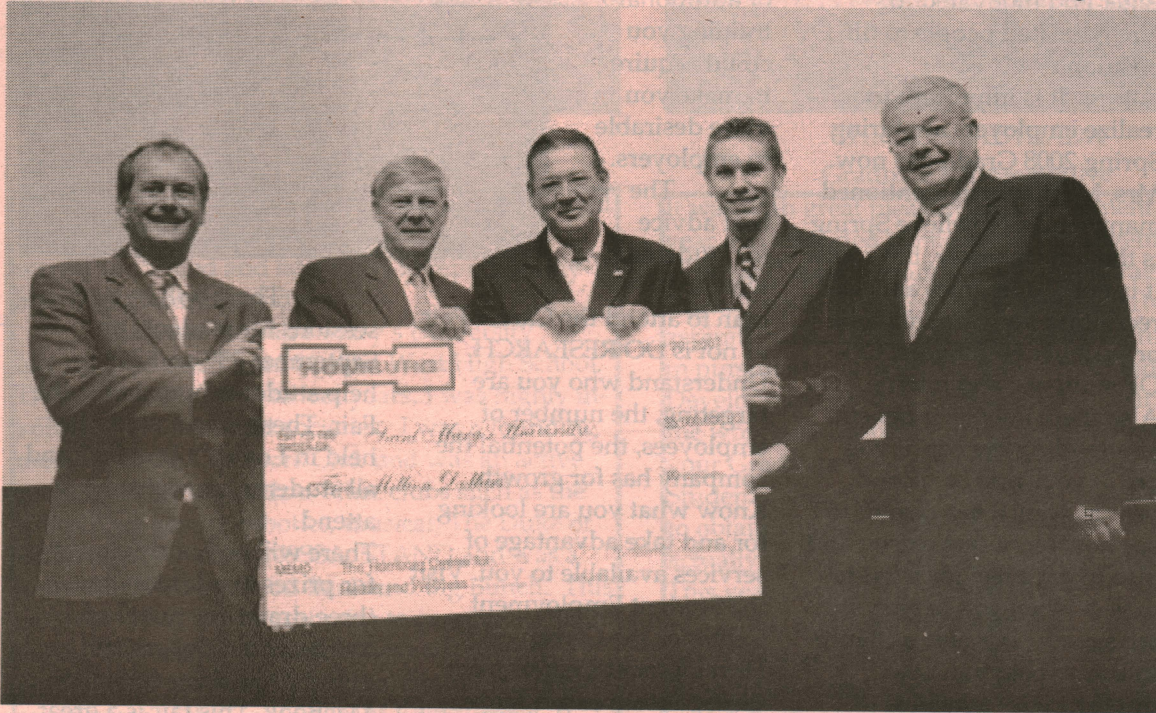
*The Journal would like to apologize for the delay in last week's paper, as well as the presentation. We appreciate your continued support and feedback.*



# NEWS

## Homburg Surprise Announcement

### A Generous Gift to Saint Mary's University



Paul D. Sobey, President Dodds, Dr. Homburg, SMUSA President Mitch Gillingwater, and Paul J. Dyer

#### KIM DARES

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Richard Homburg announced a gift to Saint Mary's unlike any the University has received in its 205 year history. Homburg Canada Inc. announced a gift of 5 million dollars to the Saint Mary's University *Hearts & Minds* Capital Campaign.

The money donated by Dr. Homburg and Homburg Inc. will be used to finance The Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness. This center will include the Tower, as well as two new structures, The Dauphinee Arena and a building to connect the two. Health and wellness are very important issues to Dr. Homburg. At the presentation he said "If you are not fit, it's very hard to make money." A few years ago Dr. Homburg ended up paralyzed from the neck down following an illness with the prognosis he would never walk again. But he is now back in shape and enjoys playing sports, especially golf. He believes his recovery is a result of his fitness level prior to his illness, that left him better prepared to fight it.

Dr. Homburg is a fine example of what a lot of hard work and determination can do for a person. Born and raised in the Netherlands, he dropped out of school in the seventh grade and began working at a bakery.

Paul Sobey (Chair of the *Hearts & Minds* Capital Campaign) described Dr. Homburg as a successful entrepreneur and leader with a can-do attitude. Just listening to him speak you can completely understand how he became so successful. When talking to reporters Dr. Homburg said that he makes his own dreams and that to be successful "you've got to be a dreamer." Sound advice from a man who started buying up residential real estate in

Stellarton NS in 1972 and now owns property around the globe. He also serves as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Homburg Investment Inc. and The Homburg Uni Corp. Group. Dr. Homburg was also given an Honorary Doctorate of Commerce Degree in 2004 by Saint Mary's in recognition of all he has done for the University and all he has accomplished.

This is not the first generous gift Dr. Homburg has given to Saint Mary's. In 2004 he established the Homburg International Mobility Awards, committing 1.5 million dollars to the program. These awards allow students to travel to partner universities around the globe and to gain a global perspective. He expressed the belief SMU students are lucky to be learning in such an international environment here on campus. The Mobility Awards offer students wonderful opportunities to experience new things and to become global citizens.

The presentation was opened by SMUSA President Mitch Gillingwater who said Dr. Homburg is "a great friend and inspiration" to Saint Mary's students. He also expressed profound gratitude on behalf of the student population at SMU.

Then the announcement everyone was waiting for. Homburg Canada Inc.'s donation to Saint Mary's *Hearts & Minds* Campaign of 5 million dollars. This announcement drew a standing ovation from everyone in attendance. Alumni, faculty, current students as well as many dignitaries were in attendance for the announcement which was also covered by members of the mass media.

At the campaigns launch just one year ago the total sat at 24 million dollars, now that total has reached an impressive 32 million. The

motto of the campaign "Reach Minds & Touch Hearts" really sums up why it is such an important campaign. In addition to improving the campus itself the funds are also used for scholarships and bursaries to help make the Saint Mary's experience more accessible to students.

President Colin J. Dodds expressed sincere thanks on behalf of the university community, and said we are lucky to count Dr. Homburg as a friend and esteemed Alumni of Saint Mary's "with the generous support of people like Dr. Homburg SMU will be able to realize its ability to help students become great citizens of the world." Dr. Dodds also said that his relationship with our University has been taken to a higher plain with what is now a 6.8 million dollar commitment.

As a show of Saint Mary's appreciation for this generosity Dr. Homburg was presented with a soccer ball signed by both the Men's and Ladies teams, and also a football signed by the Huskies Varsity team. Also Dr. Dodds presented him with two lifelong passes to the centre. Mitch Gillingwater also presented Dr. Homburg with a SMU necktie as he is well known for his tie collection, and he immediately pulled off his own tie and gave it to Mitch as a trade.

It was such a proud moment in Saint Mary's history. This institution is truly one to believe in, to appreciate. With such a diverse campus community and alumni around the world it truly is a vibrant and exciting place to learn and grow. From the first day new students step foot on campus they join a community filled with opportunity and amazing people like Dr. Homburg working to make the world a better place.



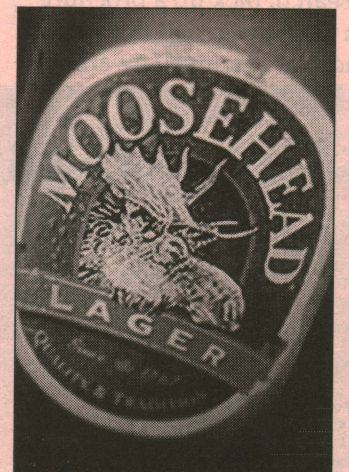
## NEWSFEED



**OJ BACK IN TROUBLE**  
Former NFL player OJ Simpson, who was found not guilty of 2 murders in 1996, has been arrested again. This time for allegedly stealing sports memorabilia from a Las Vegas hotel room. He was released on \$125,000 bail.



**FIRE AT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT**  
No radioactive material was leaked following a fire at a Japanese Nuclear Power Plant. The Plant was damaged in a July earthquake.



**MOOSEHEAD BEER STOLEN**  
Over 114,000 cans and bottles of Moosehead were stolen when two tractor trailers carrying the beer were stolen from an Ontario transport company's facility.



**PLANE CRASHES IN TENNESSEE PARKING LOT**  
A small plane carrying 4 people came down on an unoccupied car in a Tennessee parking lot, all the passengers survived with non-life threatening injuries.



**IRAN'S PRESIDENT DENIED ACCESS TO GROUND ZERO**  
Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's has been denied permission to visit the World Trade Center site by New York City Officials.



**SEVEN KILLED IN BEIRUT BOMBING**  
A bombing on a main street in Beirut killed 7 people, and injured 22. One of those killed was Antoine Ghanem, a prominent anti-Syrian legislator, the 8th to be killed since 2005.



# Halifax Career Fair: Connections For Your Future

KIM DARES

Regardless of your year of study, the Halifax Career Fair is something you should make time for. Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 117 companies from all sectors will be gathered at the Dartmouth Sportsplex, looking to hire or connect with people like you. Even if your graduation date is years away, this fair could be your key to the perfect part-time or summer employment.

The Fair is in its tenth year and is a partnership between SMU, DAL and MSVU. There will be free bussing from the Universities to the fair, also there will be free parking available. Make sure you have your student ID with you as you will need it for admission to the Fair.

Mary Ellen MacEachern of the Student Employment Center (located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Student Center) offered some advice for students planning to attend. Be Prepared. Do your research, pick up a brochure on the Fair or visit the website and make yourself aware

of what companies will be there and the ones of interest to you. The better prepared students who have done their research are more likely to be successful in making connections than those who have not.

Mrs. MacEachern also said to make sure you follow up and connections you may have made. Take business cards from the those you talk to. Make notes on the back of the card as to what the important points in the meeting were. Then make sure you contact those you met with to say thank you and make any further inquiries. This follow up is critical, it shows you are thorough and taking your future seriously.

It is recommended students set aside a large portion of their day to attend the Fair and also to talk to Employers that may not appear to be in your field but could still present you with great career opportunities. An example would be talking to an Oil and Gas Company (Irving Oil, Imperial Oil will both be present) if you

are looking for a career in marketing. Mrs. MacEachern pointed out that students are lucky right now as the demographics are in your favour. Companies are eager and motivated to hire educated people to fill positions.

It is important to realize employers are hiring Spring 2008 Graduates now. Mrs. MacEachern mentioned many students believe Spring is the time to apply, but sadly it is not. Companies are also recruiting now for part-time or summer employees, CO-OP students, and interns. Also there are many benefits to attending the Fair if you are in your first or second year as well, it is a chance to see how recruiters recruit and also to get a feel for what to expect when you begin your job search. It is also a chance to learn about valuable opportunities available to students such as scholarships or bursaries.

Students should start looking for career opportunities DAY 1, of their first year of university. You may land a summer job that

is a preview of your future career, or learn of courses you need to get a specific job, or additional training you could acquire to make you more desirable to employers.

The best advice for students, whether you plan to attend the Career Fair or not is DO RESEARCH. Understand who you are targeting, the number of employees, the potential the company has for growth. Know what you are looking for and take advantage of services available to you. Visit the Student Employment Center or the Career Development Center to get career advice or guidance. And make sure your Resume, Cover letter, and Application are PERFECT. You don't want to stand out for poor grammar or a spelling mistake, but for your stellar credentials.



There will be two sessions for students on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to help students prepare for the Fair. These sessions will be held in Loyola 171 at 5:15 and all students are welcome to attend.

There will be hourly draws for prizes in addition to three draws for prizes of five hundred dollars and a grand prize draw for a new MacBook. This fair is a great opportunity for all students and it would definitely be worth your while to check it out. For more information visit [www.halifaxcareerfairs.com](http://www.halifaxcareerfairs.com).

## Khandro Rinpoche Speaks at Saint Mary's

JESSICA WOODMAN

"If you want to be kind to yourself, then you must start by being kind to others." This was stated by the Venerable Khandro Rinpoche during her public talk "Compassion in Challenging Times." Khandro Rinpoche is a Buddhist Nun from Tibet and she spoke on Sept. 12 at Saint Mary's University. She came to discuss the ability of every person, Buddhist or not, to cultivate the essential quality of compassion.

While meditation and thought is important, the actual act of meditation is to be a means to an end. It is to train the mind and body to begin reflection. The process of reflection and learning about ourselves is the most important thing. Some people brag and look down on others because they spend so much time in meditation. However, Rinpoche suggests that everything we do in daily life must be examined. Ask yourself: Why do I live the way I do? Ten years of meditation will accomplish nothing if this reflection is not being done.

Right from the beginning, Rinpoche humbly explains that she is here to discuss compassion, but not to gather worshippers. While it can be helpful to find inspiration in the teachers of Buddhism, it is not absolutely necessary. If you find it helpful to obtain inspiration to continue reflection from others, do so. Idolatrous worshipping of others is misguided. Rinpoche says "I am only a hammer and nail, when building the house" or a means to an end for you to find your way. The priority is to try to become "enlightened" and this means developing compassion and loving kindness for others. Practicing loving kindness does not require great amounts of effort, time, or practice. Rinpoche says that it is not something that needs to be related to intense religious instruction, or even to spirituality. It is something that everyone can cultivate. Yet, Rinpoche states that compassion is absolutely essential to begin to build inner peace and peace among people.

All human beings must acknowledge the web

of interconnectedness that we all live under. She states that we are all dependant on each other and encourages everyone to reflect on this interdependence. Ask yourself: How much do you receive every day? Why do you need these things? Do you account for who has given these things to you? Do you know what sacrifice were made for you? Do you need those things? Why do you think you need them? Can we begin to show the tenderness of love? Humans live in an ecological interdependency and Rinpoche states that it takes time and thought to learn to pay back to others. We cannot survive without our connection to the other human beings around us and often overlook the sacrifices that others make for us.

Rinpoche suggests, in her gentle way, to turn off the noise and bustle of life. To seek solitude. She suggests taking this time to cultivate the quality of joyfulness. Most importantly, in order to learn joy we must learn to have compassion.

Compassion for

others involves looking at the inherent potential inside every person. This means examining how we use our money, body, self, and brain. Do we really feel compassion for others? Are we showing each person that we come across compassion? These things are completely ours and yet by acting out of compassion, we can think of new ways to live.

Rinpoche said, "If you want to be kind to yourself, then you must start by being kind to others." This statement shows the Buddhist ideology about the interconnectedness of life on



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this planet. This is one of the reasons why there is so little peace and calmness in our lives today. In order to create peace in the world, we may have to change how we live and start living with compassion.

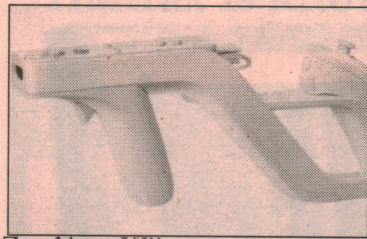
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# BUSINESS

## Tech at A Glance

ALEKS STARK



### Zap Your Wii

Nintendo recently announced the latest add-on to their hugely successful Wii gaming system. The "Wii Zapper" (unofficial name) is essentially a piece of plastic that fits the WiiMote in the front, and the Nunchuk in the rear, turning the unit into a wireless gaming rifle. It will be released in late November. It comes packaged with "Link's Crossbow Training", set in the world of the popular title "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess". Other games that are already Wii Zapper enabled include EA's "Medal of Honor: Heroes," Sega's "Ghost Squad" and Capcom's "Resident Evil: The Umbrella Chronicles."

serious science fiction fan will be familiar with the concept of drugs being administered through patches placed on the skin. Well scientists at technology giant Hewlett-Packard have announced a patent for exactly that. Unlike current 'patch' systems (birth control, nicotine etc) this one contains up to 90,000 microneedles per square inch, microprocessors and a thermal unit. When the microprocessors detect the right conditions, they heat the drug which is then pumped through the needles. This allows drugs to be administered over time, or in response to changing patient conditions.

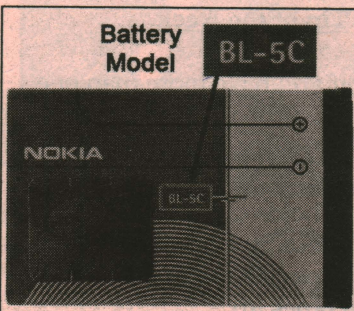
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### Facebook Breastfeeding Ban

I learned a new word this week: Lactivist. It means one who actively supports the act of breastfeeding children. These past few weeks, Facebook-addicted lactivists have been up in arms over Facebook's photo policy. It seems the Facebook administrators have been deleting pictures of nursing babies from profiles and groups. They considered the pictures "obscene content" and have closed the accounts of several mothers who posted them. When asked why the pictures and accounts were deleted, one employee responded that any picture showing a nipple violated the Terms of Use policy. In response, a Facebook group entitled "Hey, Facebook, breastfeeding is not obscene!" has grown to an impressive 13 000 members (and rising). The opening paragraph asks: "We're wondering: what about a baby breastfeeding is obscene? Especially in comparison to MANY other pictures posted all over Facebook that really are obscene."

In a related note, the group "anonymous nude shots - girls only" is running just fine.

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### Are your ears burning?

Check your phone. No seriously, look at your phone. Cell phone maker Nokia has announced a massive battery recall. There have been over 100 reported cases of one particular battery overheating. The recall applies only to the Nokia-branded BL-5C battery. Every other model is considered safe by Nokia. Despite the overheating there have been no recorded cases of injury or property damage. That's a nice change from the last major round of battery recalls



Trust me, you won't feel a thing

Once again real life is following science fiction. Any

## THE GOOGLE FRONTIER



LAURA MACINTOSH

Google, the company we all know and love as our favorite search engine appears not to be happy enough with taking over the planet. Now they want the universe! Google's latest project will launch them into outer space. Space exploration is the aim of their newest game, with the announcement of the *Google Lunar X Prize*.

In an attempt to bring private companies into the world of space exploration, Dr. Peter Diamandis (Chairman and CEO of the X Prize Foundation) and his team have created a contest with a \$30 million US purse. The group wants entrepreneurs, astrophysicists, and engineers alike to create more affordable space technology. Teams are to build robotic rovers to roam the moon and collect images, video, and other forms of data. The robot has to survive 500 meters of roaming the lunar surface and beaming back information before it succumbs to the treacherous lunar lifestyle.

The first private group to successfully complete this task by December 2012 will receive \$20 million. If the task isn't

completed by then, the prize will drop to \$5 million until December 2014. \$5 million will be in cash incentives and bonuses in the next five years. The second place prize will go to a robot that transmits all the data but doesn't have to complete the 500 meter task.

The overall goals, as stated by Google, are to decrease the cost of space exploration and to better the marketing of science and mathematics.

Apparently Google co-founder Larry Page feels that the sciences aren't marketed well enough. True sciences and mathematics are more concerned with creating medical miracles, calculating the speed at which your astrobots won't blow up, and healing the human mind than making pretty poster boards to attract ten year old kids to science. That's the purpose in education. Biology classes where you dissect pigs and chemistry class where you mix water with potassium; that's where kids become interested in science. To suggest science needs a new marketing plan...it really seems everything relates back to business.

By bringing in private business the group hopes to create new materials and

methods to bring down the cost of space exploration and further our technological understanding beyond aerospace dynamics. Taking the space challenge out of government hands is indeed a noble idea; and if accomplished will be the business world's most historical feat of space exploration.

The initial launch conference to unveil the Lunar X Prize occurred September 13<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles, California with notable guests on hand to support the idea. These guests include filmmaker James Cameron as well as original lunar lander Buzz Aldrin.

It should be an interesting few years, watching what new technology comes out of this contest. To build a machine able to withstand either immense cold or heat, depending on the side of the moon the robot lands, which requires only a gravitational force one sixth that of earth's to keep grounded and has the capabilities to signal back data, video, and photographic feed is certainly a challenge. It is, however, a challenge many private companies are willing to invest in.

## Saint Mary's University Self Employment Centre

The Saint Mary's University Self-Employment Centre, launched in November, 2005, offers students the opportunity to increase their awareness of entrepreneurship as a career option as well as assistance with starting or expanding their own business. The Self-Employment Centre provides business advice, technical expertise, seminars, and networking opportunities to those students looking to expand their knowledge of entrepreneurship.

The Self Employment Centre encourages students from all disciplines to learn about the entrepreneurial process through one-on-one counseling sessions provided by knowledgeable, full-time staff, or by attending the many interactive workshops on topics affecting small businesses provided by the Centre. Staff are available to provide students with the tools and training necessary for the creation of sustainable full- or part-time businesses

to ensure that students consider self-employment later in life.

Workshops offered include Marketing on a Shoestring, Opportunity Identification, Access to Capital, Networking for Success, and more. All workshops and seminars are free to students of Saint Mary's University. Students are invited to phone or drop by the Self-Employment Centre to ask about what workshops are offered.

On October 16 the Self-Employment Centre will host a **focus group** for student business owners. Participants will be provided a venue to discuss training and/or skills necessary for business start-ups and growth, with attending student business owners receiving \$20 in exchange for sharing their views and needs. Only seven places are available, so those student business owners wishing to attend should register as soon as possible. To be eligible for

the focus group, you must be a Saint Mary's student who is a business owner or self-employed.

The Self-Employment Centre enjoys a relationship with the ACE SMU Society, working with ACE to promote entrepreneurial thinking at Saint Mary's University. The ACE SMU team develops projects, many of which are sustainable, throughout the academic year, and showcases them at regional and national competitions. Students acquire new and useful skills through invaluable, hands on experience, gaining increased confidence and making a difference in their community. Students with a passion for social entrepreneurship and exciting projects are encouraged to sign up for the ACE SMU team- those interested should contact Jason Turner at (902) 429-1782, or at [jason.turner@smu.ca](mailto:jason.turner@smu.ca).

**ATTENTION SENIOR CLASS**  
The Election of Officers and an information session about Grad/Senior Class will be held next Monday, Oct 1 at 5:30 in the Sobey's Building, 4th floor Lounge



## How To Choose A Laptop

ADRIAN ANDRE

It's the beginning of the school year and a lot of new and returning students are thinking about investing in a new computer. So what should you really look out for when you're getting a new laptop?

Getting a computer with 2GB of RAM will guarantee that your computer will execute tasks quickly for sure. The minimum amount of RAM recommend to get is 1GB. The more RAM you get the more it will cost, but it will pay off. The additional cost of adding 1 GB of RAM is about \$100.

A dual core processor is a must in today's computing world. The Intel Centrino Duo or Intel Centrino Duo 2 are two dual core processors offered by Intel. The Duo 2 is a 64 bit processor while the Duo is a 32 bit processor. Getting a Duo 2 is recommended but it's more expensive. The Intel Centrinos are also great on saving battery life on your laptop and produces less heat compared to other processors. It's also recommended getting a processor that is 1.7 GHz or more. AMD produces cheaper processors that work just as well the Intel Centrino. The most popular AMD used in notebooks is the AMD Athlon™ 64 X2 Dual-Core Processor. So you have an option of Intel or AMD, but remember 64 bit processors are better. The average price difference of AMD Athlon™ 64 X2 Dual-Core Processor

and an Intel Centrino Duo Core 2 processor is \$111.88, with the Intel costing more.

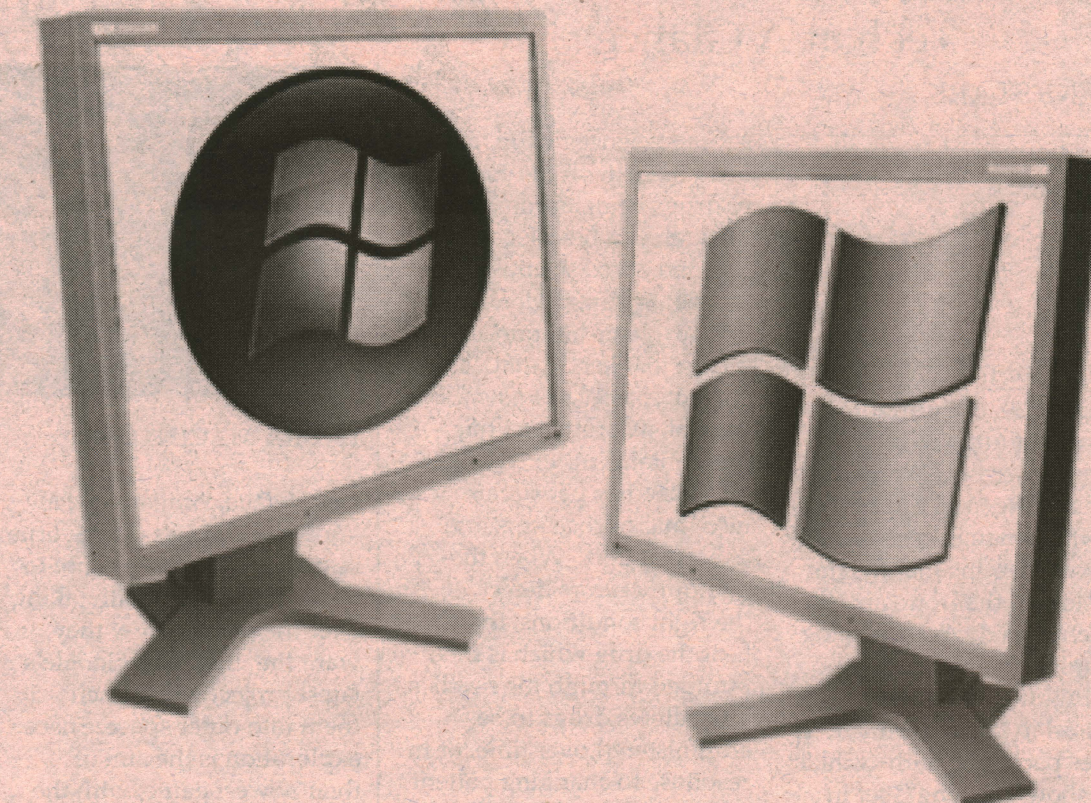
Gaming video cards are very expensive and can sometimes end up being the most expensive thing inside of your laptop. If you're getting a laptop to play games, research on the games you're going to play and see what you should get. For the ordinary user, the video card that comes with any laptop works just fine.

Most of today's wireless networks are B or G. You should always get a wireless card that is G because it can work on a B or G network.

The hard drive is where you store all your files and programs. For students, it's recommended getting a 100GB or more. The additional cost of 60 GB of hard drive storage is about \$45.

A good reason for getting a DVD drive over a CD drive is: most software programs are now so large that they are distributed on DVDs, since it only requires 1 DVD disk while it may require four to seven CD disks. DVD burners have become cheaper so try and get a drive with a DVD burner, you might need to make a DVD for some project or store data on it as a backup (like a backup of your hard drive in case your machine crashes). The additional cost of getting a DVD burner over a DVD player is about \$15.

The size of the screen



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is also very important. If you're planning to be walking around a lot with your laptop, you should get a smaller size, (10-13 inches). A screen of this size makes your laptop easier to carry around since your laptop will be lighter. If you're planning to watch a lot of movies and still need to carry around your laptop, you should get a 15-15.4" widescreen. If your laptop is going to act as a desktop replacement you should get 17-20 inches; but this will be the heaviest option.

If you're an ordinary user that doesn't need to use a program that was designed for Windows XP, you should go with Vista. Vista is still young so it still has a few bugs and issues but Microsoft

is working to get them under control; this can be seen in their announcement to release Vista's first service pack in early 2008, hopefully. If you're going to use programs that were designed for Windows XP and have not yet been updated for Vista, go with XP and later upgrade to Vista. Windows isn't the only Operating System out there; there are also Apple Mac, OS X Tiger and Linux to decide from, but it's also important to remember that most computer programs are designed to work with Windows.

Most laptop manufacturers give their consumers one year of warranty on the machine, but it's safe for students to get

additional warranty in the event that something goes wrong. The cost of additional 3 years warranty is about \$200.

With all these aspects checked out, you should have a comfortable system to get what you need done.

### Tip of the week

If you have more than one program or document open at the same time, an easy way to move between them is holding down ALT and pressing TAB. Each time you press tab a different window comes up.

If you have any Computer Questions, email at [Adrian.Andre@smu.ca](mailto:Adrian.Andre@smu.ca).

## Top Dollar: The Canadian Dollar Surpasses the American

LAURA MACINTOSH

September 20<sup>th</sup> was a historic day for Canadians and our southern siblings. You may be wondering what was so special about last Thursday; there were no major bombings, shootings, threats or any kind of violence for that matter. No, this was a day of victory for our side, the Canadian side. Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup> marked the day of reckoning for our economy, when the Canadian dollar topped that of our USA counterpart.

Our nations commodities have been building the dollar back for the last five years (after

an all time low of 61.76 US cents in 2002). It has only been recently that the Canadian currency appeared that it would overtake the American, thanks to some political implications. Traders around the world started to "dump the (US) dollar" after investigating the Federal Reserves newest take on interest rates early Thursday morning. It began in Europe, and suddenly our dollar was stronger than at any point in the last three decades. As the earth spun and the west began to awake, the frenzied traders of North America followed in suit, and our lucky Loonie topped out at 1.0002 USD before closing the

day at 99.81 cents.

Don't just thank the Americans for our soaring dollar; we've done some work as well. Crude oil prices being at an all time high has helped our economy, as well as growing demands for metals, grain, coal and other resources.

What does it mean? Well we have seen the negative effects of the high dollar on tourism this year. Tourism is down and local markets are feeling the blow. That's to be expected since Canada is no longer the cheap vacation destination. The other problem with the rising dollar is the great potential for loss of Canadian jobs.

Companies that trade goods and services with the USA will be loosing out big time; now it's just as cheap to keep the labour inside the USA.

On the bonus side, if the current dollar remains; Spring Break '08 will be on hell of a time for Canadian residents.



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# Mac My Words

LAURA MACINTOSH

Here's the story. I was trying to decide what to write about this week while I was getting my newest tattoo, and it hit me like the needle that was continuously stabbing my hip bone.

So as I was hanging out at The Altered Sheep with one of Halifax's best artists Damian Newhook; I started thinking about how far the tattooing industry has come in the past few years. Most of the thinking was to keep my mind off my fear of needles, but the train of thought led me to remember the once popular and now cancelled show called "Inked", the tale of Corey Harts tattoo parlor in the Palms Casino that was all the rage in 2005. Now of course we follow the artists of the "Ink" series; Miami Ink and L.A. Ink.

What have shows like these really done for the world of tattooing anyway? The obvious answers are media exposure and increased profits to the industry, but there's a whole lot more to the story.

First of all, hard core tattooing has always been around, will always be around and has nothing to do with television. Yes plenty more people are getting tattoos (like memorial tattoos or random butterfly things) however many of the people you see depicted on these shows are not the everyday "Oh I saw you on TV and thought it would be cool" kind of folks. The majority of what we see is larger, detailed pieces, and usually not the first piece of ink the body has seen. The "underground" world of

tattooing has always been alive and well, all over the world. What the TV shows bring is a level of social acceptance. Seeing people with full suits or sleeves is a common trend on shows like Miami Ink, and even my grandma watched that show. It's in human nature to fear what you don't know or understand (go Darwin) so now, with the spotlight on artists like Kat Von D, conservative people have opportunities to a) understand a little more and b) adjust to this whole other lifestyle they once thought were just a bunch of rowdy kids out to steal their wallets and spray paint walls.

Second, it's a great learning tool for those thinking about getting tattoos (or at least the current series are). You get to know what a good artist looks like in terms of colour vs. grey scale, line width, scripture, etc. Also, and I think most importantly, you get to see how a tattoo should be done; clean utensils and workstations, no hazardous material around, good communication between artist and artwork. These shows serve as a guide on what to expect and what to look for if you go get a tattoo; for the most part anyway.

Aside from making the world of tattooing seem a little shall we say over dramatic, shows that highlight the industry have been a benefit and the effects can even be seen here at home. Most artists, *more focused and talented* artists have been popping up all over, tattoo conventions are growing in numbers and magnitude and the general public has



an insiders guide so to speak. In a world where television shows are created to make money, the "Ink" series shows have not only done that, but have been an incredible marketing tool for the whole industry world wide.

Don't get too hung up on the details of the shows though, they are designed for entertainment purposes. "Inked" had the lovable but oh so disastrous helper Dizzle running about the shop, squirting ink at people and leaving the place so unhygienic it would fail health inspections. That's not a normal situation. Skateboard ramps and stripper poles are not found in typical tattoo shops.

Here are a few tips for anyone thinking about getting work done; from how to choose an artist to what to do while and after the work is done.

1) You CAN find a good local artist; you just need to look hard enough. Don't just walk into a shop and say "good enough"; do your homework. Many artists have online

portfolios on facebook or websites (example Inked at Altered Sheep facebook group); check them out before even going to shops. Then go meet artists and check out their portfolios in person.

2) Choose an artist that makes sense for your design. Don't get an artist that specializes in symbols to do your portrait, and don't get a grayscale artist to do your colour tattoo. 3) Choose a design and location that fits you now and will fit you 10 years from now. Getting the play boy bunny in hot pink on your cleavage is not a good idea.

4) Don't be drunk when you go for your tattoo. Besides the fact that most artists won't touch you because of clouded judgment; alcohol thins the bloodstream and can cause problems with your tattoo. Ink can much more easily enter the blood stream, and that's not a good thing for your health, blood poisoning can't be good.

5) Breathe! When you're getting tattooed, it is important to breathe

through any discomfort. First of all, lack of oxygen is bad for the blood, second it helps circulate natural chemicals like endorphins which help to dull the pain. 6) Don't submerge a new tattoo. Until about a month after you get a tattoo, you shouldn't submerge it in water. Avoid swimming pools and baths. 7) Protect ink from sun rays! Tattooed skin that gets burnt will fade and get blurry. If you burn bad enough to peel, you're effectively taking off a layer of dyed skin. This is obviously going to effect colour and clarity of the artwork. Always use sun protection on tattoos, no matter how long you've had them. This is where most people go horribly wrong and end up with messy looking tattoos.

Thanks to Damian out at The Altered Sheep for some great tips and for an awesome tattoo! Check out his work on facebook or give him a call at 405-4INK.

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# FEATURES

## Labatt Management Training Program

TOM WESTOLL

Been drinking a lot of beer? Hoping to put some of that "experience" into good use? Then you should mark today on your calendar as an opportunity to check out the Labatt Brewery management trainee information session. A mixer will follow, perhaps with some of the legendary brands offered by Labatt.

Labatt is a subsidiary of InBev a producer of many, many fine beers world wide such as Nova Scotia's own Alexander Keith's, as well as an impressive list of many of the world's best beer brands such as Stella Artois, Beck's, Brahma, Belle-Vue, Bohemia, Hoegaarden, Lowenbrau, Budweiser and Guinness. The information session tonight is intended at recruiting top university graduates and "immersing them into Labatt's corporate culture to learn about all aspects of the company's operations in various parts of North

America".

Ross Brittle was one of the first in a group of Canadian trainees to complete the Labatt Management Trainee Program in 2005-06 and is now employed with the Oland Brewery here in Halifax as a Management Systems Specialist. "Working for Labatt has certainly created some jealousy amongst my friends!" Ross joked, "but the real selling point was to the vast and diverse experience that was presented to me during the information sessions and interviews".

No doubt, working for a multi-national corporation in a management position is a big job and one that has had its share of demanding situations. "There were certainly some challenges along the way, we were required to travel a great deal and needed to be flexible with timing and locations which can be difficult, however seeing all

of Canada while working was an incredible experience. The first five months of training were also an extremely demanding time, the amount of information that was provided to us required constant attention and real discipline in order to capture and comprehend." Ross recalls. The upsides to his job far out weigh the negatives though, "The knowledge that I have gained outside of my education in engineering has been incredible but it is really the network of contacts that have proved so beneficial as I work in my current position as Management Systems Specialist in Halifax."

If working in management at a large multi national brewer sounds good to you, make sure you attend the information session from 6 to 7 pm tonight at the Great Hall on the Dalhousie University campus. The Great hall is located adjacent to Wickwire Field on South Street in Halifax.

MARK MERCER

*The Cranky Professor*

Multiculturalism is a wonderful thing, something to enjoy for its own sake and something to protect and extend. Diversity, on the other hand, is something to which we should be indifferent. It is not something that should matter to us one way or the other.

A multicultural society is one in which people are free and able to live as members of the cultures with which they identify. To be multicultural then, a society cannot place barriers between people and the ways of life they wish to live. It must be a society that respects wide freedoms of thought and expression and assembly, and it must respect freedom of movement, freedom of dress, and freedom of manners. But not only must a society, if it is to be multicultural, not interfere with people's choices of how to live; it must also help people to live the lives they choose. That is, it must provide plenty of public space in which people can come together, it must support media such as newspapers and television programs through which the people of a culture can talk to each other and to people outside their groups, it must support minority tastes in food, dress,

education, recreation, and the rest. Without such help, social, political, and economic pressures might well push a society toward cultural homogeneity.

Diversity, on the other hand, is about having in each public realm people from many of the different cultural groups present in the society at large. Diversity in the workplace then; consists in white, brown, and black people, men and women, straights and gays, atheists and Christians, people of Lebanese heritage and people of Ecuadorian heritage, old and young working together in the same building or factory. Diversity in the university or in the classroom consists in people of lots of different types and cultures learning together.

A commitment to multiculturalism comes directly as an expression of a commitment to two fundamental values. Those of us who value respect for individuals as individuals and who value decency must be strongly committed to multiculturalism. If we respect others, we will leave them free to pursue whatever way of life they will; if we are decent, we will happily contribute resources toward enabling each of us to live as he or she will.

## Private Woodlot Owner of The Year

GERRY WOODHANDS

This past weekend Nova Scotia's best woodlot owners were honoured by the province's Department of Natural Resources.

Three regional winners were crowned with a provincial private woodlot owner of the year being named as well. The provincial winner was Kevin and Susan Veinotte of Northfield, Lunenburg County whose woodlot features organic Christmas trees and horse and oxen logging.

The DNR hosted a field day at each of the woodlots, giving the public an opportunity to visit, take a self guided tour that had interpretive kiosks, chat with various people in the forestry industry. The field day also featured information booths, keynote speakers and presentations.

The Central Region P.W.O.T.Y. was Brian Brown owner of a lot on Windham Hill, near River Philip in

Cumberland County.

"It's a unique woodlot because of its location. It's in the Cobequid Mountains so the elevation is higher and the climate is a little harsher, but it displays a nice variety of Acadian forest species" says forest technician Jon Westoll. "It appears Mr. Brown is quite a steward of the forest, he has a very well managed woodlot and he applies the appropriate silvicultural methods for the topography and ecology of the area."

Mr. Brown uses a horse in some areas, skidding out yellow birch and spruce logs to a portable mill which will turn them into value added forest products, such as hard wood flooring and shingles.

He also has a 16 to 20 acre section of Norway Spruce, a fast growing variety, which was planted 21 years ago and is thriving in the hilly region. Mr. Brown oversees a maple syrup operation from his lot as well, with approximately 2,600 taps

on a downhill slope covered in Sugar Maples. During the spring sugar season, the taps empty into a gravity fed line down the hill to two shacks, one with modern holding tanks and the other with the boiler.



"You are constantly maintaining a sugar bush to produce the highest quality maple syrup. So a good woodlot owner like Brian is consistently removing stems and trees to provide room for the residual maples to expand their crowns, ultimately producing more maple syrup in the long run. This is a pretty healthy looking stand" says the forest tech and guide, Jon Westoll as he points out the patchwork of sap lines crisscrossing the land.

To learn more about what Nova Scotia's woodlot owners are up to, take a look at these websites: [www.gov.ns.ca/natr/extension/woya/](http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/extension/woya/) [www.woodlotinfoshop.ca](http://www.woodlotinfoshop.ca) [www.nswooa.blogspot.com](http://www.nswooa.blogspot.com)

## LET'S GET BAKED WITH MAT AND DAVE

### Five Layer Burrito

1 cup cooked red quinoa  
1 can of refried beans  
2 cooked sweet potatoes  
4 chopped plantain  
1 bunch of chopped boiled kale  
oil for frying  
1 large can of kidney beans  
1 bottle of chipotle sauce  
Lots of Lime  
2 avocados  
1 tomato  
cilantro  
garlic  
sour cream  
tortillas

Fry the kidney beans, refried beans, chipotle, and lime together and let simmer on low heat. In another frying pan heat a decent layer of oil and throw in the chopped plantain, with lots of lime and let it cook until it is soft. Mix up your avocados, garlic, cilantro, and a chopped tomato for your guacamole. Once you have these mixtures ready you're ready, assemble the burrito by dumping some kale, sweet potato, sour cream and quinoa with the plantain, beans, and guacamole in a tortilla. Yum.



Rob and Ian of Camouflage Nights

Courtesy of: Mat Dunlap



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DVD PREMIERE

# “This is What 110% Smells Like”

TOM WESTOLL

Beware, Halifax. BA Johnston is coming to town once again and this time he is bringing with him a piece of what could be future Canadian indie rock history.

BA Johnston, the one man band or as he prefers to be called, the one man song and dance routine, will be attending his own Halifax World Premiere of “This is What 110% Smells Like” a full on theatrical experience for fans that is being shown at Gus’ Pub in the north end on Friday, September 28.

The straight to DVD movie is a chronicle of an epic birthday bash weekend last January in which BA played to a sold out audience at Gus’ for two consecutive nights. Everything was video-taped and in the ensuing 7 months or so since then, the project has been in post production, something local producer and director Mat Dunlap says has almost killed him. “I’ve been sitting at my computer editing and syncing this for so long, so for it to be done, it’s an amazing feeling”.

BA concedes “like all

(my) merch, I had very little to do with it”. As I spoke to him from Sackville, New Brunswick where he was staying at Shotgun Jimmie’s house (of Shotgun & Jaybird) he mentions that the filming of the DVD “was spur of the moment, but for the people doing the real work, it was all part of a grand process”. He goes on to say that “there were big obstacles” in the filming and production process, “but I didn’t deal with them. As I am lazy”.

Anyone who has ever seen a BA Johnston show will know that all of his effort goes into the performance. He is a highlight reel of gags and hilariously catchy casio influenced songs that touch on a range of subject matter, from his hatred of squirrels to his love of his hometown Hamilton Tiger-Cats (who I might point out, are a woeful 2-10 at this point of the season).

This is What 110% Smells Like is the perfect addition to any fans catalogue of BA Johnston releases but it also serves as a wonderful introduction as to who in the hell this guy is. At an

advance screening of the movie, I overheard one person saying between fits of laughter that they couldn’t believe what they were witnessing, just before they pledged to witness his next live performance in person. For anyone who has not seen BA perform, this video is a must watch as it will bring you up to speed while simultaneously blowing your mind. The DVD features all kinds of bonus material, including his set from the first night (most of the actual film is from night #2), a commentary track, a cover of BA’s song “Love Killaz” by Brent Randall and his Pinecones that BA attempts to sing along to as well as what could be the highlight of the entire package, a BA Johnston drinking game to accompany the DVD. A bartender from Gus’ outlines the rules of the drinking game and a copy of the rules are included in the attractive packaging of the DVD. A word of warning for those who are going to attempt to play: you WILL get loaded at a very quick pace. But at least then you will feel like you were a part of the

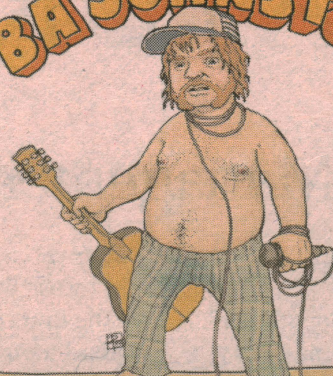
mostly inebriated crowd who was present for the filming in the first place.

When asked of the possibility for a sequel, BA replied in his usual business like manner, “if I sell enough, then yes, but I’d like it to be more of a movie, like *Trapped in the Closet* or something. Maybe an homage to R. Kelly”, in reference to the popular R’n’B singers’ recent “mega-production”, a song that is a movie. Otherwise, BA foresees a lot of touring in his future, something he must be used to as he has already

criss-crossed Canada at least 8 times. “Tour, tour, tour and then trucking school.” He replies to my question of what’s next for BA. “Then when one man bands get huge after I retire, a sad comeback tour a la Fat Elvis, then death.” It looks like he’s got the five to ten year plan laid out at least, so you better pick up a copy of this new DVD, which Halifax is privileged to be holding the World Premiere of, Friday at Gus’ Pub.

Photo Courtesy of Just Friends Records

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>  
**BA JOHNSTON**



★ - RELEASE PARTY FOR THE NEW B.A. JOHNSTON LIVE DVD - ★  
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★ **THEBIS SAHIB** ★  
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# THE JOURNAL PRESENTS AA ASKS....


Q & A WITH AMANDA AND AJ

**Halifax is known to have the most violence per capita in all of Canada. How does that make you feel living in the city?**



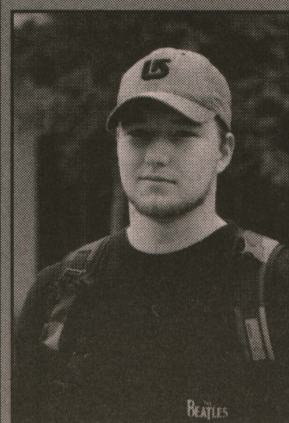
**ELIE KHOURY**  
5TH YEAR PHYSICS

"I don't notice it!"




**MELISSA ABBOTT**  
5TH YEAR BIOLOGY

"I feel okay around where I live. But I do always make sure to call a cab and not hail one from the street."



**ADAM MCMACKIN**  
1ST YEAR SCIENCE

"I feel pretty safe. When I go out, it's always in groups of people."




**SHALLON COSTELLO**  
1ST YEAR ARTS

"I definitely don't want to walk alone at night. It really makes you more cautious."



**SPENCER HOUSTON**  
&  
**ROBERT GHOSN**

"Fine. We were both born and raised here. It's actually gotten a lot better in recent months. Now that summer is over maybe."



**KAITLIN CAMERON**  
1ST YEAR SCIENCE

"I'm sometimes kind of nervous walking around at night, but I feel safe here in the South End, where I live."

Photos by AJ Levine

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## HOT OR NOT

- Tabasco
- Online voting
- Kid Nation
- New res laundry facilities
- Chest Hair
- Smelling nice
- The Loonie
- Running Unopposed
- Run For the Cure
- Salt
- Not voting
- Survivor China
- People removing your laundry from machine
- Neck Creep
- Celebrity fragrances
- American economy
- Losing Unopposed
- Breast Cancer

## G SPOT : Would you like your salad tossed or mixed?

SS RANDY BLUE

"My ex bf and I were fooling around one night while really drunk, he was going down on me, and in his drunken servicing he went a bit low and hit my ass a little bit, it felt UNREAL, like totally awesome! My new bf says he wants to make me feel good and will go down on me as much as I want him to... I'm kind of scared to ask him to lick my ass... how do I ask him w/o him thinking I am a freak"

Ah...the outhouse orgasm, tossing the salad, the

rim job or its official name 'analingus'. Congratulations on finding and exploring new regions of your body and sharing them with your partner; albeit with your ex bf.

Before I offer my advice to your particular situation I'm going to give some more info on analingus. There are a lot of people who don't understand the finer points of the act or will look at you with sheer disgust when you bring it up. Hopefully you aren't sleeping with these people. Like any other

sexual act there is there is the risk of contracting something undesirable. The good news though is that you have a better risk or contracting a bacterial infection like E. coli or salmonella than HIV when working the rim. Don't worry! You CAN protect yourself. Pick yourself up a dental dam and you'll be able to eat that salad without worrying about picking up a parasite virus.

Do you have a tongue piercing? If so, then you probably shouldn't be tossing the salad. There are a lot of nerve endings in the anus and

the tissues can be easily torn. No one needs to have a torn sphincter; it's just not fun... for you or whoever has to clean your bathroom mess.

All right, back to your bf. The best way for you to get your boyfriend a career in rimming is for you to go down on him first. Start easy on him and moisten up the area around his anus then start penetrating with your tongue elongated. Do it right and you'll have him in the throws of passion. Now that you've got him wired up, direct him down and around.

You've shown him how fun it can be, now let him return the favour! Since he's new at this you've got to help him out and keep those cheeks spread. Since he's got his hands freed up let him finger around to the front and give your clitoris a once over. You'll feel like you've died and gone to heaven.

Until next week SMU, keep it safe & keep it clean, or dirty... and don't forget to send your questions in to thesmujournal@gmail.com



# 2007 - 2008 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Election Dates are Wed Sept 26th and Thurs Sept 27th, and you can vote online at [www.smusa.ca](http://www.smusa.ca)

## FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES



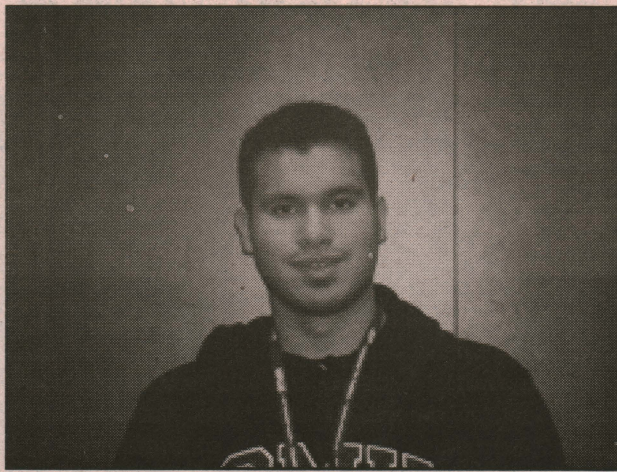
MEGAN JOHNSTON

Hello! My name is Megan Johnston and I am running for first year representative.

At my high school, Bishop Reding in Milton, Ontario, I was very involved in extra-curricular activities. I was the chairperson for a social justice group S.O.L.L (Students On Living Life), as well I was involved in the Environmental Club, a Development and Peace student group called Just Youth, and I was a member of the Choir as well as the Jazz Choir of my school.

I love getting involved and having lots of fun. Since this is my first year here at Saint Mary's University, I would love to meet more people as well as make more friends! I have a lot of enthusiasm and energy, I also like taking responsibility as well as a leadership role.

I am willing to go the full mile for this school since it has been such an amazing experience being here and I am hoping to make it all the more amazing with a little bit of me added to it! Hope to see you all on election day!



BJ HALL

My name is B.J. Hall, and I am running as First Year Representative. My mother is from the Philippines and my father is Canadian. The culture shock from moving into a university didn't hit me as hard as most would have imagined. I am very outgoing, friendly, and confident. Failing might hurt, but believing in yourself will take you far.

I graduated from highschool as Students' Council President, following a term as VP, from New Germany Rural High School, in New Germany, NS. I also graduated with Honours and received the Queen Elizabeth II medal. I played bass guitar in 2 bands, was involved with NSSSA and Forum For Young Canadians, and was the Student Advisor for the Peer Helpers.

I played full back in soccer, where we were Division III Provincial Champs in 2005, and silver medalist in 2006. I've been in Taekwondo for 13 years, and have a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt. I'm an active member at a Catholic Church and was a Big Brother for 3 years.

I have been practicing leadership for the better part of my life. I give up my time so that others can benefit from it. Now, I'm ready to represent the Freshmen class. I want to embrace these university years to the fullest by representing my fellow students.

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BRAD LEBLANC

Brad LeBlanc is running for the position of First Year Representative.

He is a first year Commerce student and has always had a strong passion for business. At the age of 10 he started his own entertainment company; he combined his passion for music and special events with his passion for business to create Engaging Entertainment. Over the past 8 years Brad has efficiently run and grown his business in Moncton.

"My experience in planning entertainment events will prove to be very useful". One of his main goals for this year is to plan dynamic and fun events. His ideas include dances, first year karaoke, and contests. Brad also hopes to launch an exclusive line of SMU clothing for first year students if he is elected.

Brad is from Riverview, New Brunswick. This past June he graduated with Academic Excellence from Riverview High School. He was also elected Graduating Class President, as well he received awards in Leadership and Business. He was also elected Valedictorian.

Brad has participated in many programs, classes, and exchanges. In 2005 he travelled to China for two weeks on an international culture exchange. He also represented his province at a National business conference for students in 2006. He also graduated from the coveted New Brunswick Youth Apprentiship Program.

"Being elected First Year Representative would mean a lot to me. I believe that I could do a great job and give the first year students at Saint Mary's a year that they won't forget".

For more information on Brad you can check out his SmuTube promotional video.

## RESIDENCE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES



EMILY FANNING

Hi, my name is Emily Fanning and I'm running for the position of Residence Representative for the 2007/08 academic year! I am a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student working towards my B.A. in Psychology. I'm from Truro Nova Scotia and I'm really looking forward to getting more involved in the SMU and residence communities this year.

This September I was a Frosh Leader for the 2007 Frosh week, helping organize and facilitate many of the activities for frosh students. I want to work with SMUSA to create more all-age activities for the over 50% of residence students who are underage. Some of the things that I plan to accomplish as residence rep are increasing cafeteria hours to make sure there are food options available on campus after 6:30pm on Friday and Saturdays. Increasing the Deli station hours in the Dockside throughout the week and get microwaves installed in the Vanier lounges! I also plan to work with Aramark through their Food Committee to help improve the quality of food and service provided to residence students.



JULIE THOMPSON

I am running for Residence Representative and I am looking forward to taking care of your queries and concerns. I am a second year Master's student and hold a B.A. in English (honours) and a B.Ed.

I can serve in this position with the skills I have gained over the course of my academic career living in res. I have also gleaned useful skills in the time I spent working as a teacher in the public school system. This experience taught me organizational, networking, presentation and conflict management skills.

I believe these skills will assist me in serving you and letting your voice be heard. Nothing would please me more than to assist moving Saint Mary's further into the future.

As Residence Representative I will listen and respond with promptness to every case and concern that comes before me, plan more Residence Events, such as dances or banquets, and work closely with SMUSA Executive and the RA's to make sure everything is running smoothly and in your favour.



KAELIE-ANNE HILLIER

My name is Kaeli-Anne Hillier and I am running for Residence Representative. SMU depends on its students to make it exciting. The single best way to ensure we are happy here is to have a direct say in making decisions regarding our Students' Association's policies and practices. This is my second year living in Loyola Residence and taking part in residence culture.

I would aim to improve residence in a way that allows everyone to mix and mingle to create a positive and friendly environment. This could be in the form of communal activities or added luxuries, such as televisions or game tables.

There are a lot of services and resources available that many residents aren't aware of. I would make sure this information is better distributed to help students cope with all the anxieties of university life.

I believe I am the best candidate for the position of Residence Rep. because I am very active in the campus community, I am approachable, and my goals are attainable and exciting.





**LAURA WEEDEN**  
Engineering Representative

I'll start by saying that I am completely committed to the responsibilities entailed in this position. I would be thrilled and honoured to represent my fellow engineering students!

I am new to Saint Mary's University having graduated from Halifax West High School. Throughout my high school years, I was highly involved with clubs and societies. I was a founding member of the Outdoors Club and was an active participant and organizer other clubs such as the technology group, robotics, musical, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, NSSSA, STAND and was a volunteer with the Food Bank and Big Bunch. This summer, I had the opportunity to complete a 85km trek in the jungles of Trinidad and do volunteer work in Tobago in order to complete my residency component of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. My exposure and involvement in the above activities and clubs have provided me with valuable leadership, organizational and communication skills which will serve well in this role.

My goal for the next several years is to contribute as an active member of the University community. I know that I work well with others and can represent the voice of the students. As a dynamic leader, and effective communicator, I can assure you that your thoughts and ideas will be reflected to the Student Association.

I want to give the engineering students of Saint Mary's University a voice by implementing more things specifically related to them. I want to give back to you, the students, by dedicating myself to do my part in making this year better than ever!



**CHRISTINE ESTRADA**  
Graduate Representative

It was with great pleasure and excitement that a year ago I decided to engage in the adventure of living and studying abroad. Born and raised in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, my academic drive and aspiration brought me to Saint Mary's University in pursuit of a Masters Degree in International Development Studies. Last academic year, I had the wonderful opportunity to get appointed as your Graduate Representative in the Saint Mary's Student Council and it gave me a chance not only to obtain a brilliant participatory experience, but to actually give a voice to the Graduate community. This year, breaking a pattern of appointments and vacancies, I decided to run for the Graduate Representative position to continue in lieu of SMU's Graduate student body. I am a proactive person with lots of energy and creativity, and I believe I possess the responsibility and determination to represent you in the best possible manner. Thank you for considering me and hope to obtain your vote.



**RYAN MURPHY**  
Graduate Representative

I am running for Senior Undergraduate Representative for the Student Representative Council (SRC). I am currently in my 4th and final year here at SMU, double majoring in Psychology and Sociology with a minor in Philosophy.

I have been a very active member of Saint Mary's, having held positions in departments such as: Residence, the Conflict Resolution Office, Student Services, Annual Giving in the Alumni Building as well as with Student Recruitment. I would like to further my experience here by taking a more central role in representing you, the student.

This particular year, as I am graduating I hope to put my efforts into Graduation as it is very important to me. So please vote on Wednesday September 26th and Thursday September 27th and vote YES for Ryan Murphy as Senior Undergrad Rep. Thank you for your time in taking interest.



**COURTNEY SCHALLER**  
VP Academic

I have been in this position since the 1st of July and I hope to continue in this position for the rest of the academic year and complete as many goals as possible!

There are many projects I began in the summer that I would like to complete, as well as many goals I set that I have not yet had a chance to start. Some of these include:  
-Revamping the Online Book Exchange  
-Completing work on a Condensed Academic Calendar  
-Making the Student Advocacy Centre and the Online Professor Review successes  
-Lobbying the University on a number of issues, including increased 24-hour study areas, enforced deadlines for graded work before the withdraw deadlines, and earlier final exam schedules.  
-Working with Faculty to ensure Website updates with more accurate course and career information.

I am a fifth year science student and I have been involved with SMUSA and the University since I began my academic career here at Saint Mary's. Through volunteering, the Chemistry Department, various University involvement and Orientation Week I have gained invaluable experience. I hope you will consider this and my experience as the VP Academic and VOTE YES for Courtney Schaller on September 26th and 27th!

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Video Flashback of the Week: Duets (2000)

NICOLE ASHLEY AUBE

Duets, a comedy combining the talents of actress Gwyneth Paltrow and her director-father Bruce Paltrow, is a hilarious film about the travelling world of karaoke and the quirky people who reside in it. Duets mashes the characters together through three individual stories: a karaoke singing father and daughter relationship (Huey Lewis and Paltrow), a stiff-shirted workaholic (Paul Giamatti) who leaves his family on a whim and picks up a hitchhiker (Andre Braugher) and a hopeful taxicab businessman (the swoon-worthy Scott Speedman) who meets a semi-prostitute singer (Maria Bello). Through a tempestuous (and hilarious!) road-trip towards the National Karaoke Contest in Topeka, Kansas, Duets brings all the characters together towards a group ending, and is certainly the definition of an offbeat singing extravaganza.

Because the movie is based around the 'Karaoke Journey' and the personal trials and tribulations of each of the characters, a good portion of the picture consists of each of the individuals building up their own voices. However, don't let this idea fool you: these individual performances (as well as the duets!) pop in a formidable soundtrack to the overall spectacle of the show with songs including Lynyrd Skynyrd's 'Free Bird' and Kim Carnes worldwide hit 'Bette Davis Eyes'.

The best performance by far goes to Paul Giamatti, who executes himself in shocking excellence to become a very believable over-worked businessman, and his intentions throughout the whole film are not only authentic but heart-felt as well. Next in line is certainly Maria Bello, who stages in intricate detail the identity of a woman who will do just about anything (and anyone, including Speedman) in order

to save some cash and break her way to the top of the food chain.

The only explanation for Duets to have fallen into the pit of time is because it appears as if the entire film is completely based on character evolution, rather than how the plot fits in with the story. The film even had to pull the tarnished whim of 'guns and sex' to make the video worth watching until the end, which may be the reason for the downfall of the flick, and the motive for the meagre reviews. Eventually the story of Bello's character and Speedman's cascades into oblivion and your attention begins to wane as we begin to sing along with the stories the actors are portraying.

However, though the plot line is a little lacking in lustre and that certain 'je ne sais quoi', Daddy Paltrow certainly pulls together a decent set of characters that are three-dimensional and very realistic to everyday life, although their stories are clichéd, at best. Paltrow's singing voice is envious and her character is convincing and Braugher's conclusion is a kick in the teeth, although a predicable one. Even in a film lacking the very basics of Aristotle's 'Six Elements of Drama' Bruce Paltrow has still managed to put together a sensational cast of extraordinary twosomes, which is what makes the unusualness of Duets worth watching.

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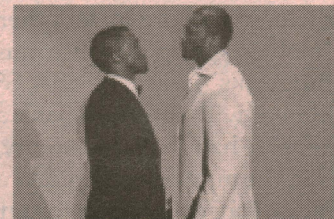
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TV Premieres this week:



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*Moonlight*, CBS Friday Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. A vampire private eye, ugh, let's just see what happens. *Bionic Woman*, NBC, Wednesday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. Well, it's got Starbuck from *Battlestar Galactica*. It could be good or it could be terribly cheesy. *Dirty Sexy Money*, ABC, Wednesday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. Campily awesome or campily awful? Let's see.



[www.50.kanye.nymag.com](http://www.50.kanye.nymag.com)

**50 Cent vs. Kanye West**  
In the first week of face-off sales, Kanye's *Graduation* sold 957,000 copies, beating 50's *Curtis* 691,000. 50 seems to be renegeing on his promise to retire if Kanye beat him.



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**Sex Pistols Reunite!**  
The original punks announce 3 dates at London's Brixton academy in November to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Never Mind The Bollocks, here's the Sex Pistols*. All concerts sold out in less than five minutes each.



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Feist comes to town  
JUNO award winning singer Feist will be stopping by Halifax on November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Cunard Center. Tickets are on sale at the dal arts center.

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# KT Tunstall: Drastic Fantastic

ANONYMOUS

There certainly are perks to being an editor. Every week I get about 3 or 4 cds in the mail and a few movie press kits too. The Press kits are pretty much just trailers and pictures, but then I get whole cds! And some of them are pretty good! If you want to review any of the cds (which I'll let you keep) just drop me an email or stop by the Journal Office on a Monday.

So this week a got a big surprise in the mail, the one new cd release I was looking forward to this fall. I can follow current music but don't feel as much passion for what comes out now as the late 70's to early 90's punk, new wave and grunge. Yeah, I know I'm weird.

Kt Tunstall has rocked my world and that of many other North Americans since they first heard "Black Horse and a Cherry Tree" a year or two ago. That song and "Suddenly I see" were everywhere, and in a good way, not like "Umbrella, ella, ella," and that stuff that you can sing along to but hate

yourself for knowing the words. You might have heard "Suddenly" or "Black Horse" so many times that it starts to get on your nerves, but don't let that sour you on how great songs they are.

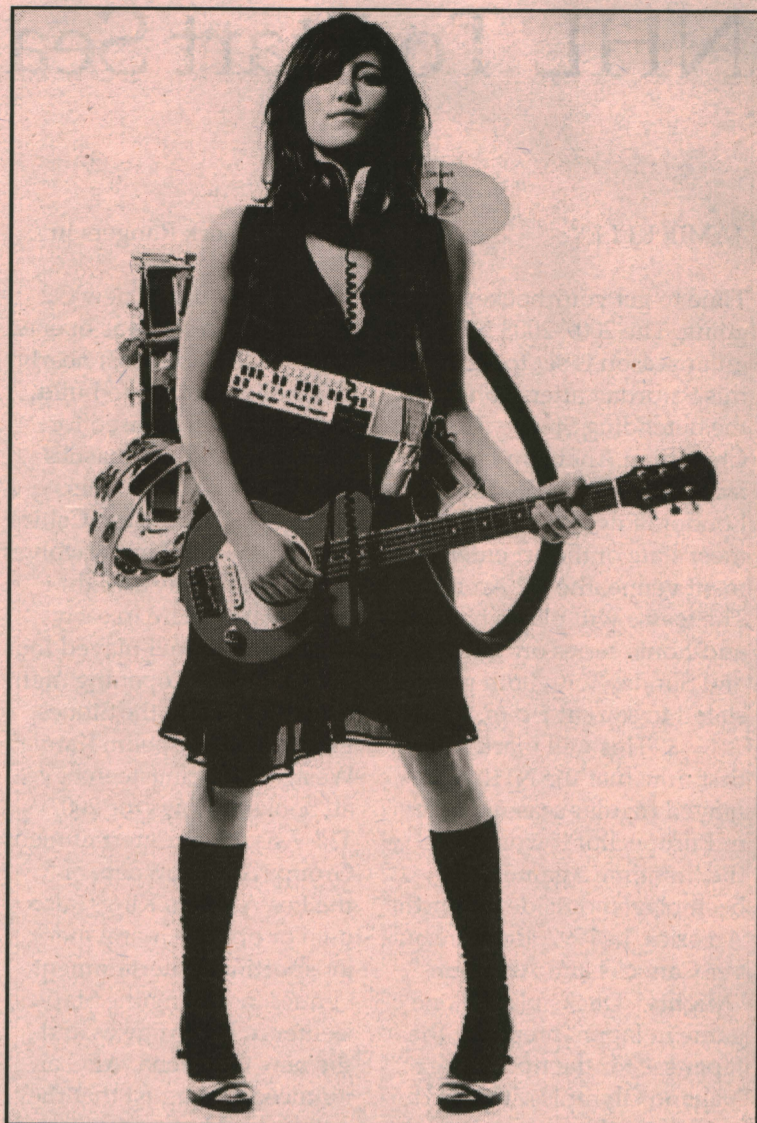
The rest of her debut album *Eye to the Telescope* is an excellent mix, elegantly whispered ballads like "Under the weather" and guitar driven rock songs like "Stoppin' the love" and many that defy easy categorization but are just plain great such as "Universe + U".

Most artists can do pretty well to stick to rock or pop, love songs or jams, but it's rare that you can pull any of with equal skill and passion. PJ Harvey can, Courtney Love can (if you scoff, hear "Uncool") and now KT Tunstall can too, and with more appeal to 10 year old girls who now want to pick up a guitar.

*Drastic Fantastic*, released last Tuesday, is KT's much anticipated follow up to her wonderful multiplatinum debut and last year's KT Tunstall's acoustic extravaganza.

The first single "Hold on" is alterna-poppy, but not quite as memorable as "suddenly I see". The rest of the album is better. She rocks, she rolls, she disses a clueless jerk in the bouncy but sharp "I don't want you know", she dissects the plastic surgery phenomenon in "Saving my face" and gives us more tender acoustic lullabies like "White bird" and "Beauty of uncertainty".

You may not know a lot about KT's personal life because she's never been an attention hog, never been arrested, in rehab or a huge public feud. The Scottish-born daughter of a professor and a teacher seems to be known almost exclusively for her talent, as it should be. She's got a fantastic voice capable of soft whispers and harsh growls, a guitar that displays equal range and passion, as well as playing the ukulele, cello and glockenspiel; and she writes all of her own songs. KT Tunstall is immensely talented and you know her music but if you don't know her name already, you will.



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## Review: The Loreena McKennitt Concert

ELIE KHOURY

The Middle East it seems is the IN thing these days, whether it is in music, design, or war; I'll be talking about the music part, the Loreena McKennitt concert to be precise.

Some of you may not know who Loreena McKennitt is, let me enlighten you, she is a Canadian singer/songwriter. Her style of music ranges from folk to Celtic, with a mix of Middle Eastern beats. Today, the 11th of Sep-

tember, at the Rebecca Cohn on the Dalhousie campus, Loreena McKennitt performed.

When I got to the Cohn at 7:30PM I was shocked to find a lot of people, then I remembered there are more fans of Loreena than just me. Doors opened at 8:00PM sharp and we proceeded to enter the theatre upon which our ears were serenaded with Middle Eastern background music. The stage had also had a Turkish feel and look to it with hanging lanterns.

At the start of

the concert I could not believe that I was actually watching Loreena McKennitt in concert! She began with a traditional song "She Moved Through the Fair", and she moved through the fair (well, concert) with the grace of an angel, her flowing red hair glowing like soft ambers in the warm stage light. On stage she had an assortment of instruments ranging from a Hurdy Gurdy to an Oud.

McKennitt herself alternated instruments and played the accorde-

on, harp, and the piano.

At one point she started talking about the Celts, her source of inspiration in her music. So much of her music is based around the Celts and legends, with a few poems set to song and traditional songs like the Irish song about their old oak forests, "Bonny Portmore".

Her new song, "Raglan Road", written by Patrick Kavanagh is a slow and inspirational



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song and can be heard on her new CD *Nights From the Alhambra*. Anyone with the opportunity to see her in concert, should not pass it up. If you wish to find out more information on her, visit [www.quinlanroad.com](http://www.quinlanroad.com)

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## SPORTS

## NHL To Start Season in England

JAMIE KELLY

Time to get your hockey pools going. The 2007-2008 NHL regular season is set to kick off this Saturday afternoon when the defending Stanley Cup Champion Anaheim Ducks face the Los Angeles Kings in London, England at Europe's most state of the art entertainment venue, the O2 Arena. The teams will play a home-and-home series on Saturday and Sunday with both games slated to start at 1 p.m. AT.

This will mark the first time that the NHL has played regular season games in Europe, but it won't be the first time a game has been played outside of North America. In 1997, the Vancouver Canucks and Anaheim "Mighty" Ducks played one game in Japan, prepping the Japanese for the upcoming Nagano Olympics. The next season, the Flames and Sharks played the first two games of the season in Tokyo followed three years later by the Penguins and Predators.

This, however, will not mark the NHL's first trip to London. In 1992, the Montreal Canadiens and the Chicago Blackhawks played at Wembley Arena followed by the Toronto Maple Leafs

and New York Rangers in 1993.

The brand new O2 Arena in London was opened June 24, 2007 and cost nearly 900 million dollars to build. The arena will be used for basketball and gymnastics during the 2012 Summer Olympics. The Boston Celtics and Minnesota Timberwolves are slated to play an exhibition game there in early October. Bon Jovi played the first concert on opening night and acts such as the Stones, Elton John, Zeppelin, Kanye West, and Springsteen have all booked shows for 2007. The Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG), owners of the Los Angeles Kings, also own or operate many major sporting/entertainment venues including the Staples Center in Los Angeles and the new O2 Arena. AEG announced in August that they will be building a 20,000 seat arena on the Las Vegas Strip, helping the city's bid towards a professional NBA or NHL franchise.

You can catch the regular season opener between the Ducks and Kings this Saturday on the CBC. The Ducks have made a couple impact changes from the team that won the Cup a few short

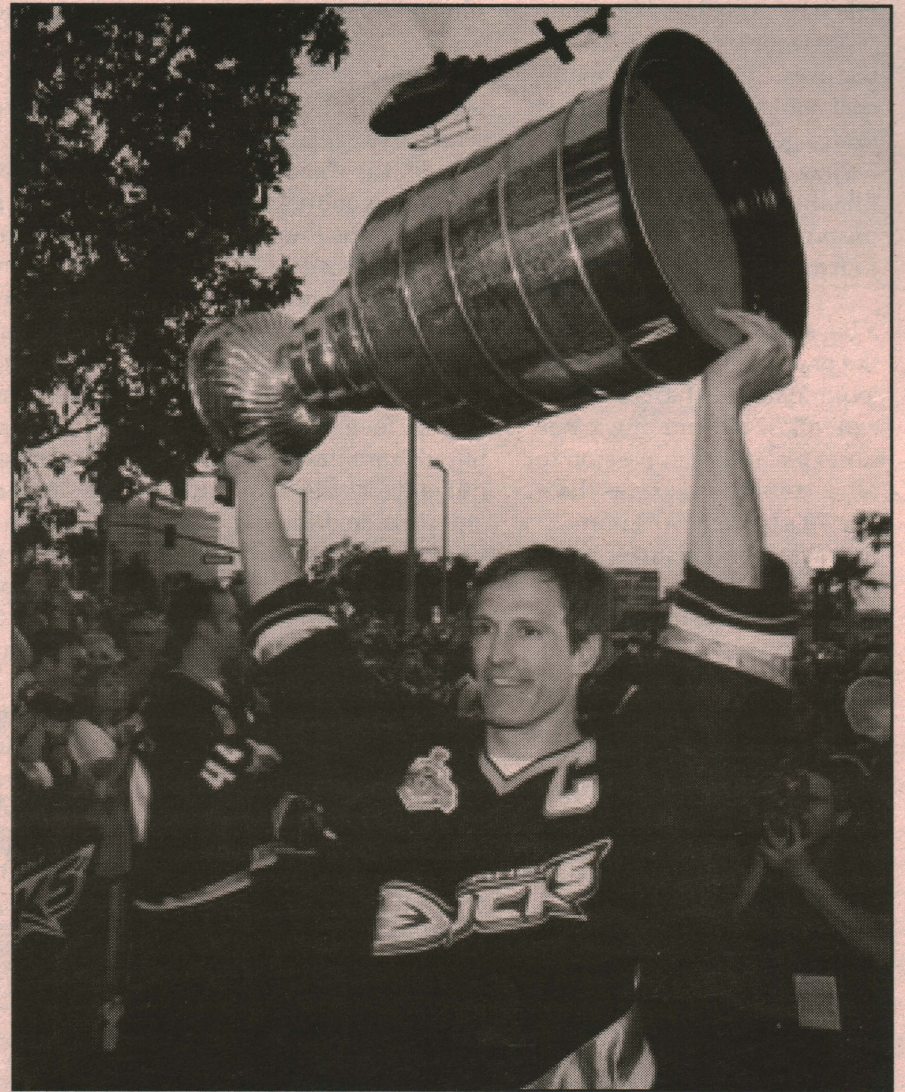
months ago. If Scott Niedermayer and Teemu Selanne end up returning to Anaheim, the Ducks will make a run at the Stanley Cup.

With the reunion of Brian Burke and Todd Bertuzzi, and the free agent signing of Mathieu Schnieder, the Ducks look poised to have a huge year and contend for the Western Conference title. The Kings made a few quiet moves over the off-season acquiring forwards Ladislav Nagy, Michal Handzus and Kyle Calder. If Mike Cammalleri, who is coming off an 80 point season, and young guns Anze Kopitar and Alexander Frolov improve their numbers, LA will have a chance at making the playoffs.

Regular season games in North American are set to start next Wednesday, October 3rd. The Leafs, with

new acquisitions Jason Blake and Vesa Toskala, will host the unchanged yet dangerous Ottawa Senators. The Mon

diens will travel to Carolina to play Eric Staal and the Hurricanes.



Will Scott and the Ducks hoist Lord Stanley for the second year in a row? treal Cana-

## SMU Hosts Cross Country Meet



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KELLY POIRIER

This past Saturday September 15th, the Saint Mary's Cross Country team hosted the first AUS cross country meet of the season which was held at Point Pleasant Park in Halifax. Despite the nasty weather on the weekend including high winds and heavy rain, the Huskies stay focused and ran a strong race.

The women completed a wet and mucky five kilometer course with some great finishes. The top runner for the women was Kelsey Daley finishing in 4th place with a time of 18:35, followed by Ashley Ryer in 14th, Christine Carey in 17th, Chris Etter in 35th, Denise Harrieth in 42nd, Shane Cunningham and Maria Clarke were 53rd and 54th respectively and Kristen Gouchie finished in 58th place.

The men's 7.5 kilometer course was a sight to see with Gerald Demers placing as the top male Huskies finisher in 10th place with a time of 25:32. Next was Brad Orchard in 13th, Jake Florian in 27th, Matt Ramsey was 31st, Taylor Bryant in 40th, and Allen Lee came in 42nd place.

Overall the Saint Mary's Huskies had a good first showing, although there is still much to come from them in the meets ahead. In regards to the team results, both the men and women pulled off 3rd place finishes with the women earning 75 points while the men obtained a total of 81 total points. The Huskies will attend their second meet on Saturday

October 6th at St Xavier University where the women will run a 5K and the men will complete an 8K course. GO HUKSIES GO!!

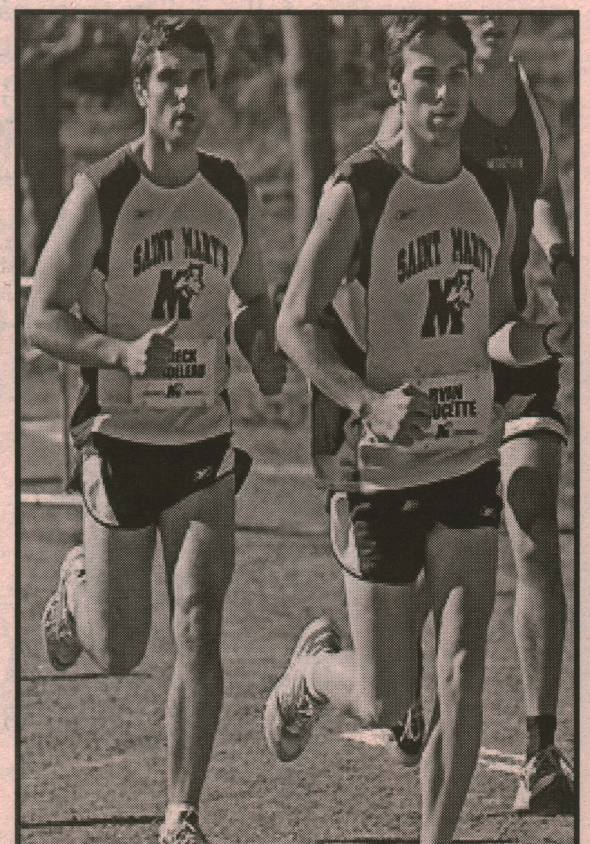


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# FAVRE: GREATEST QUARTERBACK EVER?

JAMIE KELLY

With just over two minutes left in the 4th quarter in a game against the San Diego Chargers this past Sunday, Brett Favre hit wide receiver Greg Jennings for a 57-yard touchdown pass to give the Packers a 24-21 lead. Not only did the touchdown pass secure that the Green Bay Packers would start the NFL season 3-0, but it also placed Brett Favre among the elite quarterbacks in NFL history. The 4th quarter touchdown was the 420th thrown of Favre's illustrious career, tying him with the great Dan Marino for the most all-time. After a summer of anticipation, waiting and wondering whether Favre would return for another year or retire into the sunset, Favre has become one of the biggest success stories so far this season and may be having the most memorable season of his Hall of Fame career.

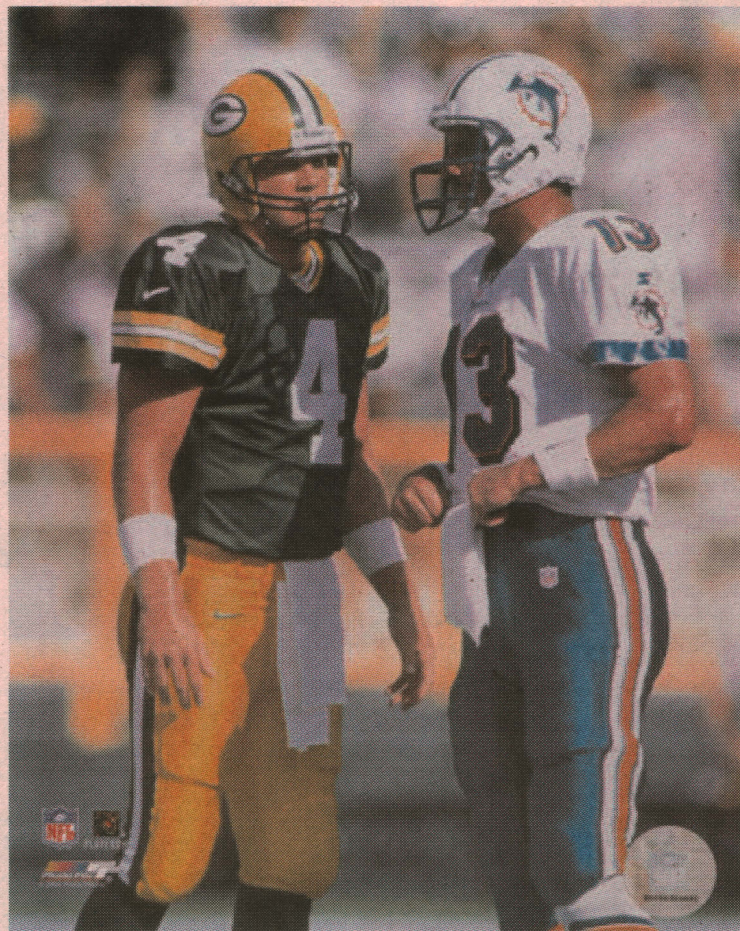
In each of the first three weeks of the NFL season, Brett Favre has either tied or passed records set by two of the NFL's all-time greatest quarterbacks. In a Week 1 win against the Philadelphia Eagles, Favre tied Bronco great John Elway for most regular season wins by a quarterback. In Week 2 against Eli Manning and the New York Giants, Favre threw for 286 yards and 3 touchdowns as his Packers strolled to a 35-13 victory. It was the 149th career victory for Favre, passing Elway for the most wins ever by a quarterback. Along with the victory and the record, the 37-year-old Favre was also named the NFC Offensive Player of the Week.

The iron-man of the NFL (currently starting in 240 straight games), Favre will likely go down as the greatest quarterback ever to play professional football. When we put his numbers next to some of the all-time greats, there's no question about the legacy Favre will leave. Favre sits 1st all-time in arguably the leagues top 3 career records: career victories, pass completions and touchdown passes. Going into Week 4, Favre sits 3,000 career passing yards shy of tying Dan Marino for 1st in that category.

If the Super Bowl ring, 3 consecutive MVPs, 8 Pro Bowls, and 6 All-Pro se-

lections don't guarantee Favre a spot in Canton, his leadership, dedication, and commitment to winning surely will. "I'm going to be totally honest with you - I'm so glad we won, I could care less about that record today," Favre said after defeating the Chargers on Sunday afternoon. "There's no better feeling than winning. Those touchdowns were great because they gave us an opportunity to go up and win the game."

The Packers are one of five teams to start the season 3-0, and it's the first time the organization has accomplished this feat since 2001. Favre and the Packers will look to go 4-0 this Sunday when they play the Minnesota Vikings. The first touchdown pass Favre throws on Sunday will be the 421st touchdown of his career, breaking the all-time mark set by Dan Marino.



Brett Favre (left) will pass Dan Marino (right) as the all-time leader in touchdown passes.

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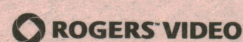
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