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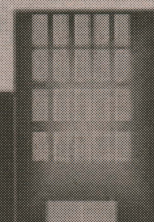
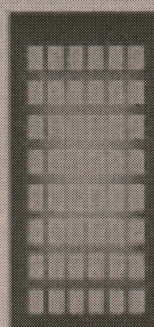


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# PERSPECTIVES

## Letter From The Editor: Response to Concerned Students

AMANDA WENEK

I was hoping talk in regards to the second issue of the paper would have ceased by now, but since it has not I feel obligated to say something about it. The editors were just as upset about the issue as students were. It really disheartened the staff that the content was going to be overshadowed, and perhaps taken less seriously, because of the layout errors.

On Tuesday it was brought to my attention that the page sizing was too small, and the quick fix used turned out to be an error in judgment on behalf of one of my staff members. We apologize for this again, and although we are not "practicing" our jobs, the layout of a newspaper takes practice to perfect and it will only get better with each week.

As for our "animosity" with SMUSA, there is none. The Journal is simply concerned that the current executive is making arbitrary decisions regarding student run organizations, and as a result we, as students, feel alienated. They are making important decisions without taking all of

the affected parties' concerns or needs into consideration. The decisions are not open for discussion, and we, as well as others, feel bullied because we had no opportunity to voice our concerns during the decisions making process.

Our current space has individual offices for each editor to perform interviews, take/make phone calls without disturbance, and edit and write articles in quiet. There is a large common space where we hold staff meetings and prepare the paper on Mondays. This area is also essential for staff members who have to share an office, and for volunteers, proofreaders, and writers on laptops.

The proposed space has a common area that is about as large as the one we currently have, yet it is expected to house all of our editor's desks/computers, as well as our large meeting table, and any other essential office furniture. There is merely one small, single office that will house the EIC, the ad manager, and the business manager. I really feel that the new space will not allow us the room or necessary

features to work efficiently and productively. Our office furniture was purchased specifically for this space; thereby it would be less likely to fit comfortably in an open concept environment. SMUSA is committed to making the move "as comfortable as possible" for us, but not committed to providing remedies should the furniture we have not fit into the space.

The Journal offered compromises, such as sharing our space with the yearbook staff or the marketing department. We felt either of those two bodies could benefit, as could we, from working side by side with The Journal, as well creating a union between The Journal and SMUSA rather than a divide. We do not want to see the SMUSA departments crammed into office space, but we don't want that for ourselves either.

In terms of concerns that The Journal staff sleep in the offices and work a mere ten hours a week, thereby making some students feel we do not deserve the space or their \$2 fees; that is a misconception. Editors did use

the office couch to take naps during the summer when the paper is not even in production, and when they are not getting paid. As for hours worked per week... editors are in the office from 9am until as late as midnight, myself and the art director there until 5am, on Mondays. On top of that we spend a minimum of ten hours per week for office hours, not to mention the time spent writing during our own time at home.

As far as advertising concerns go, we have an ad manager who builds successful working relations with advertisers, and the Palace Nightclub is one of them. They pay their bills and have been a consistent client for The Journal since last year. I feel this does not overshadow the Gorsebrook or its events in any way; after all it gets its own full page ad in prime advertising space for free. We are no way trying to take business away from it.

If anyone felt the "SMUSA Logo" article was questionable or biased in any way, I assure you it was objective reporting. Kim Dares simply put what she was told in her inter-

views with SMUSA execs and the dissenting SRC voter. Both sides were presented, and then she asked students on campus what they thought about the logo and the money spent, and I will put a correction here- it was supposed to say "80% of students asked". Our "AA Asks" question was chosen to complement the article and we feel students should know what their money is going towards, and should think critically about these sorts of issues. The logo is just a great example that should allow for opinions free of bias or loyalties. And besides, who is supposed to keep the politicians on their toes if not the media?

I really regret that I had to touch on these issues again, especially for those of you completely uninterested or bored with it. But those people who are interested, and concerned, whether it be for The Journal or for SMUSA, I felt some misconceptions needed clarification. We always welcome feedback and constructive criticisms, and hopefully now informed judgments can be made.

## Freedom of Fucking Speech

ROBBIE NAUFFTS

Uh oh...it's that time again for another freedom of speech article in "The Journal". Maybe I'm the only person who noticed this Monday or the only one willing to point it out but if there's something I hate is hypocrisy. Watching CNN just before class I happen to catch a quick newscast about a University Newspaper in the US getting slammed because of the editorial title "Fuck Bush."

The "Rocky Mountain Collegian" paper at a Colorado school had written an editorial in response to a student having a taser used on him for protesting at a Florida University. Like SMU's "Journal" the paper is run by the students and not by the schools faculty. It is against the school's policy to have Faculty editing the paper and the editors of the paper agreed to go ahead with the bold lettering. CNN spent six minutes of their time telling us why this was inap-

propriate and uncalled for before moving on to their next story...

The next story was about a controversial visit by Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, to give a speech at Columbia University about looking at the "real causes of 9/11." He has been asked in the past before about Iran providing weapons and arms to insurgents in neighbouring Iraq but dismissed questions with more questions. Asked about the Holocaust, Ahmadinejad denied it in the past, but changed his tune for the University students, saying "that it should be studied from a different point of view." He presents himself as an academic man and "misunderstood in the United States" while claiming "Israel can be wiped off the map with no need for violence."

Protesters held signs outside of the forum building with pictures of the President of Iran with quotes of "Go to Hell" and "Hitler Lives"

as the President inside made a familiar speech of having "no homosexuals in Iran". He left after the speech without addressing questions from the audience and the verbal assault that would have been sure to follow.

What I found interesting though was that most of the people interviewed on CNN about the "Fuck Bush" article were against the publication of the word "fuck" and claimed it was in bad taste. But, most of the people who were interviewed about Iran's Presidents speech claimed that it was his right to make the statements. Can anyone else say double standards?

What are your thoughts on "Freedom of Speech?" Do you think people can say whatever they want? Or do you think that there are certain things that shouldn't be talked about in public?

Send your answer to [robbienuffts@gmail.com](mailto:robbienuffts@gmail.com) and we'll see what some of the students of SMU believe. It doesn't have to be signed

with your real name, just send your opinion.



Anti- Ahmadinejad Protesters outside the UN where he was addressing the General Assembly

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# Letters to the Editor

## People like you are the ones hurting SMU

ROBERT GREENOUGH

Dear "Stop Hurting SMU" (SHS),  
Maybe if you would put a little effort into reading the entire paper instead of immediately searching for the sex and controversy, you would realize that the staff at The Journal this year are putting out a more than "decent" newspaper. Of course improvements can be made, but this is a new staff and they deserve time to work out the bugs before we judge them for every misspelled word; even professional publications aren't perfect. If you are so concerned about the spelling mistakes SHS why don't you do something about it? How about volunteering your time to be a proof reader perhaps?

If you don't like the stories The Journal staff are writing, why don't you write your own? Oh I'm sorry, I suppose then you wouldn't have the time to "bitch and moan for the sake of it", I mean, "god forbid effort is put in". How do you expect a newspaper to have any credibility if they don't print the news SHS? If you are only interested in reading about the latest party in the Goresbrook then check your Facebook and leave The Journal alone.

The last issue of The Journal may have been a bit one sided with regards to some of the decisions our Student Executive's have been making, but at least someone at The Journal is taking a stand and writing about a cause he or she believes in. Why do they have to change offices? Why

should SMUSA pay three grand for a mediocre logo? These are good questions and I for one am glad that someone is willing to ask them on behalf of all SMU students. Who are you to make judgments on how effectively The Journal staff are using their office space SHS? Is this comment a product of journalistic research or pure conjecture? I mean, I know how much you hate "half-assed statistics that are thrown around to put a bad spin on a topic...". SHS you think the paper should be better because the staff get paid? Let me tell you SHS, I had a friend on The Journal staff last year, and for the amount of hours he was putting into his writing, he was making less than minimum wage. The people you are criticizing here are putting their

heart and soul into this paper. Why, you might ask? Well maybe the staff at The Journal actually cares about SMU and want to make a positive contribution to his or her school and society.

Yes SHS, Olivier was a great Editor, and a great writer. But this is my fourth year at SMU and I have never seen a more promising journal staff. As for your lack of concern about SMU's ad campaign, that seems consistent with the lack of concern you have demonstrated about anything of consequence here at SMU. Don't you want your University represented in the best possible light? Don't you want people to take the education you are receiving seriously? Whenever friends I have from Dal want to take a cheap shot at Saint Mary's the

first thing they use is that ad campaign. I mean seriously "Smarts between my ears"? What does that even mean?

I have probably never met you SHS but I know your type. You would rather sit back and write a smart ass email to the paper than try and make a positive difference in your community. If you fancy yourself such an experienced leader, why don't you do something to make a positive change at SMU instead of just tearing down the people who want to actually make a difference?

SHS, It really is people like you who are hurting SMU. People who are indifferent to anything of consequence, and only lift a hand to strike out at those who are actually making a difference.

## SMU Incorporated?

JAMES O'BRIEN

To the Editor,  
You can compare the current issues The Journal and the Feminist Society are having with SMUSA to goldfish that someone put in a pond. The goldfish will grow obscenely large and destroy the ecosystem with its excrement, a perfect analogy to the corporatization of a University. We all feel the claustrophobia of corporate influence whether it's the Coke vending machines and horrifically expensive low-grade Aramark feed or, more blatantly, the bullying tactics of SMUSA re:

office expansion. One is left with a shortness of breath, pressed against a rock and a \$3000 logo change. There is an overwhelming feeling of grim decay for Arts students, you cant help but see the disparities between departments, original art hanging on the wall of the Commerce department while the musty McNally offices lack air conditioning. It's also worth noting that the only way you'll see an Arts major on the SMU website is if he wins the Rhodes Scholarship.

Non-commerce students all over campus feel dispossed and used while SMU

does little to nothing to rectify the sentiment. Compounded with the ludicrous expulsion of The Journal and various society offices and the hysterical shillery that awaits anyone who criticizes Official Policy on SMUSA message boards and letters to the Editor- how can on not grow melancholy about the utter hopelessness of the situation.

The fact is, re: the SMUSA office grab, there's nothing that can be done. If SMUSA want to purge societies from their office, if Student Associations want to attack students, if the campus wishes to starve its Enginee-

ring and Arts departments into oblivion- all that can be done is to suffer.

However the reality of the situation does not do justice to an undercurrent of disgruntled rage muttered in the halls over a capitalistic bureaucratic claustrophobia that breeds a desperate rage greater than its desolate despair, students want change, students want to attend St. Mary's University and not Woodstock '99. But the rancour rots into a stagnant weariness, the system won't allow change.

But who paid their tuition to learn how to be

bullied by authority, to understand the closed net on progress? Did we pay to obey? To be graded by Rock Star Cola while we study Go Huskies in the Gorsebrook?

Perhaps that's the graduation lecture, that there's nothing you can do to protect yourself or exact change from this Syphilisation. For that, I refer you to the Academic aesthetic laid bare in Orozco's "Gods of the Modern World" muralized at Dartmouth College- See the baccalaureate birth the still-born out of the corpse: dead men, teaching dead ideas.

## I don't have a girlfriend but...well, that's about it.

ANONYMOUS

Dear Editor,  
I read Mike Soapdish's article, along with the weekly g-spot article with some amusement and incredulity. Ah, the relationship problems people have! But I just thought that I would bring up the little discussed fact that there are some out there who in their wildest fantasies can only dream of having such problems. There is a sexual issue that no sex column I've ever seen has ever touched, that seems in a student environment such a social taboo that should make the LGBT students shameful of any claim to suffering. For there are those out there who have never had any kind of romantic, sexual, or intimate experience or relationship with another human being- not because they don't want to, not because they have taken a vow of celibacy to god or

themselves, but because they are so awkward, so unappealing, or so shy that they live in a world in which the sexual and relational problems that are so frequently exhibited in this paper do not even exist as a remote possibility. Such is the disconnect between these worlds, that some of the fortunate struggle with the notion of its existence. Note Mike's language: "We have all had the relationship limbo where there is so much miscommunication that it turn into an ugly situation..." What an assumption. Buy me a ticket for the next train to his world!

My thoughts to those of you with relationship problems: suck it up for god's sake. Your fortune is greater than you think. And to those who find themselves totally rejected by the opposite sex, who watch the years go by while

their peers all develop relationships, but are left to suffer their situation, I say to you, you do not suffer alone. Well, actually, you probably do, but you know what I mean. And

finally to those of you who would mock this letter and accuse me of bitter, ranting self-pity, I in turn ask this: how is it any different, except perhaps in the greater degree

of both suffering and pity- then any relationship article ever posted in this paper?

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# NEWS

## Crisis Averted: Metro Transit and HRM Reach Agreement



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Oct. 1st they would have officially gone on strike.

A Metro Transit strike has the potential to virtually shut down the HRM. Over 100,000 people rely on the service daily to get them to and from work or school. Over 6,700 SMU students use their U-Passes to get them to and from class everyday. For many people driving everyday is not a convenient or affordable option. The last strike by Metro Transit employees occurred in 1998 and lasted for a month.

Employers were urged by the HRM to offer flexibility to workers if the strike did go ahead. This flexibility was to ensure that everything ran as smoothly as possible in the case of a strike. It was suggested that employers allow a more relaxed dress code to accommodate employees who may choose to walk or cycle to work. The HRM also encouraged more relaxed hours to allow more leeway in case of traffic hold-ups.

transportation to connect with students who may be able to offer a drive. In addition SMUSA, along with the student unions of Dalhousie, Mount Saint Vincent and Nova Scotia Community College joined together to urge the Transit Union and the HRM to come to an agreement without causing a disruption to student commuters.

Metro Transit employees had been without a contract since August 2006. The Union was fighting to help drivers get more rest time between shifts as well as a pay increase. Before the new deal drivers could work as many as 22 consecutive hours before getting a break. The Union was looking to substantially decrease that number to 16 to allow for an 8 hour rest period in any 24 hour period. Also the Union requested the hiring of 40 new drivers by Christmas to help support the growing demand for additional routes



Photo courtesy of www.answers.com

In response to the potential strike Saint Mary's University encouraged both faculty and students who utilize Metro Transit to make arrangements for alternate transportation. SMUSA set up a Ride Board in the Student Centre to help students find rides. The board was to allow students who needed help finding

and services. Residents of the HRM can once again breathe easy knowing the bus will be there for them in the morning. It really is phenomenal how many people in the area rely on public transportation, a day without the option of catching the bus would have resulted in chaos, traffic back-ups and delays in services.



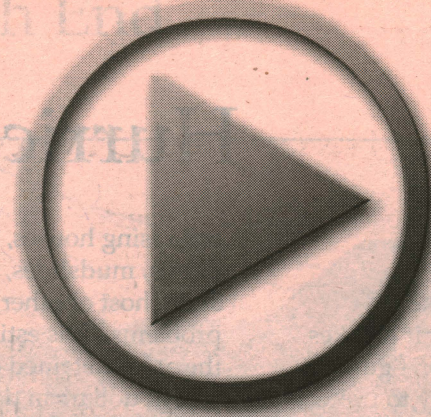
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KIM DARES

Employers, employees and students spent this past weekend preparing alternate travel plans for a transit strike that didn't happen.

Mayor Peter Kelly, the Union and a conciliator met Friday evening Sept. 28th to try and reach an agreement that worked for everyone, but failed. They began talking again Saturday night and after pulling an all-nighter to find the perfect agreement they signed the papers Sunday afternoon. Both sides are saying they got what they were aiming for out of the negotiations. The details of the new agreement are not being released to the public until they have been ratified.

Negotiations between the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and the Union that represents Metro Transit's approximately 570 bus drivers and ferry workers had been going on almost since the workers last contract expired last year. Following the unsuccessful meeting on Sept. 26th the Union filed 48-hour striking notice, giving workers the right to strike starting at 2:30pm Friday Sept. 28th. The Union gave The HRM the weekend to come up with a solution or else Monday



## NEWSFEED



### BRIDGE COLLAPSE IN VIETNAM

52 People were killed and 97 injured when a bridge under construction in South Vietnam collapsed. The four lane bridge had not yet been opened to traffic.

### REMAINS OF CZAR CHILDREN FOUND

Experts are saying remains found in Yekaterinburg, Russia may be those of the last Russian Czar's son and daughter. The last Czar's reign ended in 1918 following the Bolshevik Revolution.

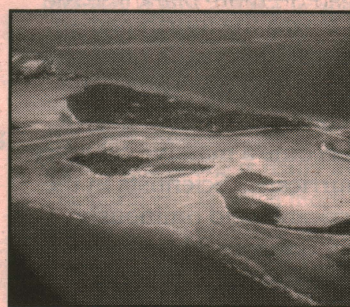


### WEATHER BREAKS RECORD

The first week of fall in metro has been a hot one. Temperatures on Wednesday, September 26th hit a record breaking 30.5°C.

### TOURISTS INJURED IN MALDIVES

12 Tourists were injured when a homemade explosive blew up. This is a first time the Country, a series of tiny atolls has suffered an attack of this sort. Tourism is a major source of income in the Country.



### 71st CANADIAN SOLDIER KILLED

Cpl Nathan Hornburg, 24 year old Calgary tank crewman was killed in Afghanistan. He was killed while participating in a counter-insurgency operation in one of Afghanistan's most dangerous districts.

### SEARCHING FOR PEACE

Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai is hoping to meet with Taliban officials to talk peace and offer the Taliban a position in government following a suicide bombing killed 30 people in Kabul.



## TerraTalk: Hurricanes, 200 dead at halftime.

ALEKS STARKS

Earth doesn't like us. That isn't to say it dislikes us, just that it isn't going to go out of its way to protect humans. We, just like all the other living beings of this planet, will survive here only as long as our environment will allow.

Over the next several weeks TerraTalk will explore some of the most fantastic and terrifying aspects of that environment, and what happens when we go head-to-head with it. Our first topic: Hurricanes.

From deep in the tropical regions of Earth, a wave of catastrophic storms are making their way Northward. They can grow up to hundreds of kilometres in diameter and the central part of the hurricane can extend tens of kilometres straight up into the sky. Wind speeds are strong enough to completely destroy small structures and natural forests, even turning small debris into deadly projectiles. As these behemoths move through human-populated areas they leave naught but death and destruction in their wake.

In the past month alone there have been at least 200 deaths, thousands of injuries, and over 3 billion dollars in damage; and the hurricane season is only now reaching its mid point.

The first truly terrifying storm of 2007 was born on August 14th when hurricane Dean came into existence. It was the fourth named storm of this year's hurricane season. Just one week after its conception it had grown to become a massive category 5 hurricane. Scientists in the hurricane field ominously label category 5 hurricanes as "Catastrophic." With sustained wind speeds of at least 270km/h, it made landfall in the Yucatan peninsula. Within 24 hours forty-two people had been killed from

collapsing houses, flying debris, mudslides, flooding, and a host of other related problems. It is estimated that the area sustained over two billion dollars in damages. Historically only one category 5 hurricane makes landfall every season. But this year,

living building being McNally, everything else completely razed. Damage estimates in Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala are still being tallied. Luckily, a brave team of Cuban doctors had arrived in advance of the hurricane to administer emergency care.

stating power. But where do they come from? The warm tropical regions of Earth serve as the breeding ground and nursery for these massive storm systems. The collision of different wind systems and heavy levels of evaporation from the warm oceans causes

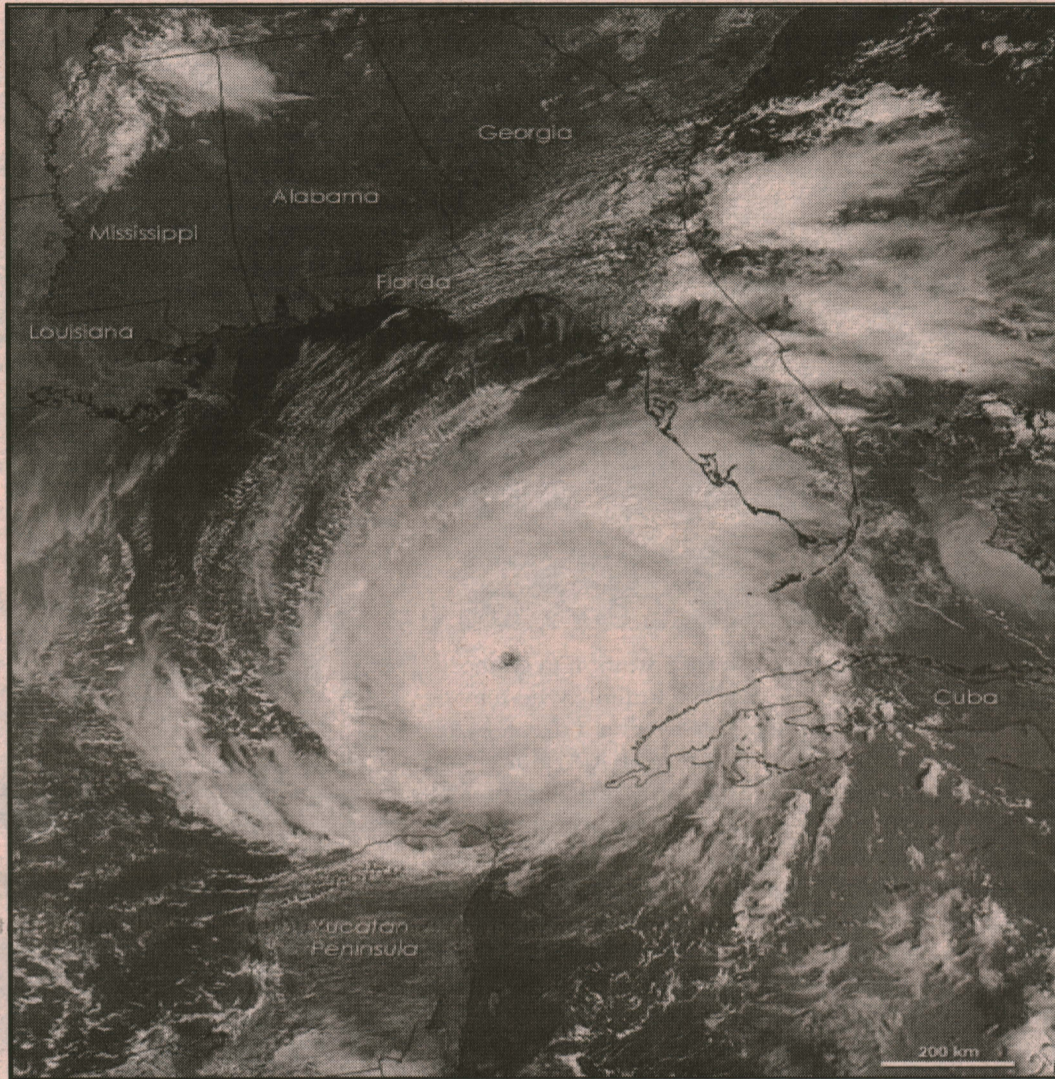
born. At this time the storm might have sustained winds speeds of around 35 km/h and contain some pretty impressive thunderstorms. It would make for a pretty bad day, but nothing too dangerous.

The problem comes in the feedback loop. As the storm sits over warm water it draws more and more energy up into its system. When wind speeds reach 120 km/h it becomes a 'Category One Hurricane' on the Saffir-Simpson scale. A hurricane of this strength can do structural damage to poorly constructed buildings and mobile homes, and may cause flooding in coastal and low lying areas.

The Saffir-Simpson Scale's maximum designation is "Category Five" or "Catastrophic" hurricane. This monstrosity has wind speeds of more than 250km/h. The list of potential damage includes: Complete roof failure on many residences and industrial buildings, some complete building failures with small utility buildings blown over or away, all shrubs, trees, and signs blown down, complete destruction of mobile homes, severe and extensive window and door damage.

All that destruction takes a massive amount of energy. Scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research released an estimate that states a hurricane can release heat energy at the rate of fifty to two hundred trillion joules per day. How much is that? This rate of energy release is equivalent to two hundred times the worldwide electrical generating capacity, or to exploding a 10-megaton nuclear bomb... every twenty minutes.

All that power, from a little wind, heat, and water. This planet really can be terrifyingly amazing.



NASA image courtesy of Jacques Descloitres

on September 1st, Tropical Depression Six was upgraded to Hurricane Felix. As it grew in strength it started its march towards the coast of Nicaragua. On September 4th it struck the north-eastern coast as a deadly category 5 hurricane. It moved inland, losing strength quickly without warm water to draw power from. In the end over sixty-five people had died. In some regions over 90% of the infrastructure was completely destroyed. To put that in perspective, imagine a storm hitting SMU and the only sur-

This week represents the "climological peak of Hurricane season and everyone needs to be ready" according to Peter Bowyer from the Canadian Hurricane Center. Canadians need only look back to Hurricane Juan in late September of 2003 to appreciate the effect it can have on our country. Though only a 'mere' Category 2 hurricane, it struck Halifax dead on. The result was seven dead, and over two hundred million dollars in damage.

Obviously these cyclones are things of deva-

massive pillars of warm, moist air that shoots its way upward. As the warm air rises, it creates an area of low pressure behind it. More air from the surrounding area rushes towards the center to fill the gap. When the warm moist air hits the upper layer of the storm, the water condenses and the heat is released. The cooling air is pushed outward to the edge of the depression and sinks again, only to be pulled back into the center to be warmed again. A massive feedback loop has developed and a Tropical Depression is

## Pirates Of The Corporate World

JEFF CUSACK

With all the hypocritical flair of American Senate ethics watchdog Larry Craig soliciting sex in an airport bathroom, some of the largest media companies in the world have been caught with their digital pants down. These companies, well known for their vocal opposition to illegal internet activities, have been caught doing what appears to be a little illegal activity of their own.

According to one of the

world's largest havens for online downloading, thepiratebay.org, companies from Twentieth Century Fox, to Sony and Universal Pictures have all been hiring a company out of L.A. named Media-Defenders. For what job? To hack and digitally sabotage various peer-to-peer sites around the internet. And while the people at The Pirate Bay have suspected such attacks for a while, they haven't had any real evidence. Before now.

Evidently one of the em-

ployees at Media-Defenders didn't have a very secure password, enabling an anti-piracy group to waltz in to the Media-Defenders network and copy a few thousand emails. Amongst the content was confirmation that several big media companies have been paying Media-Defenders to attack file downloading sites.

In some countries (such as the U.S.) these actions may have been fine since piracy sites are illegal there and such attacks could have been

rationalized as protection of commercial content. However The Pirate Bay is based in Sweden, which doesn't have the same stringent anti-piracy laws of the U.S. This makes the hacking of commercially registered websites, such as The Pirate Bay, very illegal, and the site owners are now attempting to take legal action against every company with a Swedish subsidiary involved in the attacks. These are: Twentieth Century Fox, Sweden AB, Emi Music Sweden AB, Universal Music Group

Sweden AB, Universal Pictures Nordic AB, Paramount Home Entertainment (Sweden) AB, Atari Nordic AB, Activision Nordic Filial Till Activision (UK) Ltd, Ubisoft Sweden AB, Sony Bmg Music Entertainment (Sweden) AB, and Sony Pictures Home Entertainment Nordic AB.

An internet piracy website is taking legal action against the media companies it pirates from. If some of you don't know what irony is, this would be a pretty good definition.

## Science building nears completion as students head back to class



ADAM HARRIS

If you haven't noticed, the Science Building at Saint Mary's is currently under renovation. This 25.5 million dollar project started back in March

2005 and should be completed sometime this spring, 2008. Currently, the students and faculty are sharing the building with construction crews. The new building boasts brand new teaching labs and

research labs, a data cave (for 3D visualization of computer simulations), and many other cool aspects that come with the modernization of over 70,000 square feet of space.

There is still some

hassle that comes with working, researching and studying in a building currently under construction. Over the past couple of years, many classes and labs have been relocated to other buildings. Those who are fortunate enough to have a class in a new space sometimes have to deal with loud construction noise. This summer I worked in the Environmental Studies department doing research on green roofs, but we were relocated to the Engineering department in McNally, and are now back in a temporary space until our regular lab is completed.

It will all be worth it in the end, though. As the project nears completion, students can expect only a

few minor disruptions over the next two semesters. Stairwells, hallways, and some remaining classrooms should be nearing completion sometime before the new year. Access to the building should remain unchanged, as the best ways are through the pedway from McNally, or either main door on the ground level. One door is just outside the library, and the other can be found on the East side of the building under a temporarily covered walkway.

As the SRC Science Representative, I have been sitting on two of the committees regarding the Science Building all summer. If you would like more information on the project feel free to drop by the SRC office on the 5th floor of the student centre, or check out <http://www.smu.ca/administration/facman/sci.html> for more detailed information

Photo courtesy of Adam Harris

## Impending \$350 Million Crisis in Student Financial Aid

MITCH GILLINGWATER

With Nova Scotia already holding the dubious distinction of being the least affordable place to obtain a post-secondary education in North America, it is no wonder that enrolment figures are down and students hoping to further their studies are faced with the burden of taking on mortgage sized debt. With tuition \$2,000 above the national average many students studying in Nova Scotia rely on scholarships and grants to fund their post-secondary education. One of the biggest sources of scholarships and grants in Canada is the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, which provides 100,000 students \$350 million in student financial aid annually. This foundation is unfortunately set to expire in 2009, which would represent a loss of 30% of student financial aid in Canada.

The Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation was founded in 1998 by Jean Chrétien's Liberal Government when they invested \$3.5 billion into an endowment that was designed to improve access to post-secondary education. It is crucial for students in Nova Scotia that this foundation be renewed by the Federal Government next budget. While there has been some past criticism about the foundation I would like to inform the student body about what the foundation is and how it helps those in need.

The CMSF provided a significant portion of non-repayable assistance to most provinces. If the CMSF

expires in 2009 provinces will be forced to replace those scholarships and grants with loans; a huge detriment to Nova Scotia students since the average debt burden is already \$22,000. An increase in the debt burden is particularly concerning since students from low-income backgrounds and those from under-represented groups like aboriginals and visible minorities are already less likely to pursue and complete a post-secondary education.

If Millennium expires there are a variety of provincial programs that will be negatively affected. These include: Millennium - Alberta Rural Incentive Bursary (provides assistance to students living in rural areas), Millennium - Saskatchewan Aboriginal Access Bursary (provides assistance to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students), Millennium - Manitoba Opportunities Grant (provides assistance for dependant students from low-income families, and for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students), Ontario Student Opportunity Grant and Millennium-Ontario Access Grant (increases retention rates by capping debt loads for high-need students, and provides tuition waivers for low and modest income students in their first year of studies), Millennium - BC, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI and Newfoundland and Labrador Access Bursaries (provides non-repayable assistance to low-income students).

There have, however, been past criticisms

about Millennium. When the program began some provinces displaced their grant funding, particularly in Nova Scotia, where the province completely eliminated its contribution to grants, leaving students with a net gain of zero. Since then, however, the CMSF was able to sign agreements with each province detailing that they not displace their own funding in

student financial aid. Millennium has also since received glowing reports from the Auditor General stating that the Foundation is both accountable and efficient in how it distributes aid to students.

It will be a major goal of our federal lobby group, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), to have Millennium renewed to ensure there is no net loss

in student financial aid. As a member of CASA, SMUSA has and will continue to make efforts to lobby on the local level to make the renewal of Millennium a matter of urgency as we near the 2008 federal budget.

The CMSF has played a particularly important role in Nova Scotia since 1998 in terms of the number and value of awards given out.

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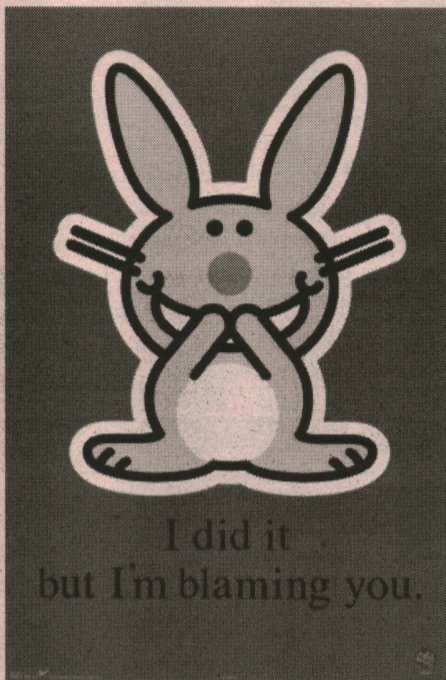
# BUSINESS

## Mac My Words

IAURA MACINTOSH

This week's topic: HAPPY BUNNY! Or more correctly; how Jim Benton is loving life!

I'm sure we all know that huggable, bitter sarcastic bunny of love known as Happy Bunny, but have you really looked into what it's all about? Probably not since there isn't much depth to the



concept; catchy slogans that poke fun at everyone and everything, that's about it. I do such things every day and many others have tried their hand in the slogan pool of marketing, to no avail. How did Jim Benton manage to get rich off of a bitter bunny while I am sitting here writing about it?!

Benton has been a little known author of children's books for years. His first series "Franny K. Stein" focused on a young girl who is (in her spare time from cleaning her room of course) a mad scientist. First released in 2003, the series is now on its 6th book. His second creation, "Dear Dumb Diary" is another children's book series about, you guessed it, a girl and what she writes in her diary. The series have both won several children's book awards and Benton has certainly been growing in fame

off these series' alone.

Enter Happy Bunny! Benton tried getting Happy Bunny a start in the mid 90's (you may remember the stickers in those \$1 machines) but it wasn't until the millennium that the character took off in the underground community. Sarcastic kids loved the bunny in specialty stores across America such as Spencer's. If you remember the "It" stores this is the level we're talking; fake hands in goop, fuzzy dice and sexual shot glasses alongside our now lovable Happy Bunny.

Now you can't go anywhere without seeing T-shirts, sign books, posters, calendars, notebooks, key chains, pens, ok, pretty much ANYTHING Happy Bunny you want, you can find. And so much for a few specialty stores carrying the goods; Wal-Mart, Claire's and some of the biggest online distributors are now leading Happy Bunny merchants. It's clear that Mr. Benton has hit the jackpot with this twisted friend. Happy Bunny is

hi. cram it.

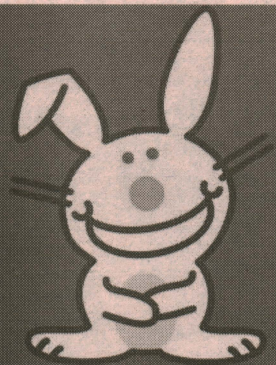


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the third book series in the Benton collection, and has obviously been the brightest shining star.

Now back to the previously posed question; how did Jim Benton get rich while companies such as Don't Panic flopped after a short stint in slogan world? It's all in the marketing! Benton was the one to bring in the furry friend and associate a constant character with his slogans. This makes his designs easily recognizable. Add to that his wit and ability to make anyone from 10-100 laugh out loud (or lol for you txtrs) and you have a winning combination. Let's face it; Happy Bunny says what we want to say. If you could, wouldn't you want to walk around in a T-shirt bearing the things you really want to say to your 'stupid' friends? Now you can! Mr. Benton

certainly loves the life thanks to his partner in sarcastic crime.

But don't think Mr. Benton is all about making a profit off the bitter sarcasm we all feel deep down inside! Happy Bunny is now a philanthropist; lending his face and wit to an award winning anti-drug campaign. Slogans like "Alcohol; the perfect choice for kids who want to be stupid but weren't born that way" have adorned shirts and posters throughout 2007 in an attempt to reach out to Happy Bunny fans. It seems to have worked, at least in part. Sales for the anti-drug campaign merchandise have been phenomenal. The campaign, which is a joint effort between Benton and Partnership for a Drug Free Texas, is called Drug Free Bunny. Check it out at [www.drug-freebunny.org](http://www.drug-freebunny.org).

## Checking my Hard Drive

ADRIAN ANDRE

Unknown to many people who have lost data as a result of their hard drive crashing, this could all have been prevented if they ran three programs built into the OS (Windows), on a regular basis. These three programs are Disk Cleanup, Check Disk (Error Check) and Disk Defragmenter.

### Performing Disk Cleanup

1. Go to Start > All Programs > Accessories > System Tools > Disk Cleanup. If you don't find the shortcut there, another way to start the program is to go My Computer then right click on Local Disk(C:) (make sure to click on the local disk icon first then right click), click properties and then click on Disk Cleanup. In Vista, you will be asked whether you want to clean up My Files only or Files from all users on this computer. Click all users then click continue-if the Windows need your permission message box appears. In Windows XP, it goes straight into the program.

2. When the program starts it does a scan for all the junk files on the machine. Afterwards it gives you the option of selecting what type of files you want to get rid of and shows you how much disk space is being taken up by the junk files. Since you have the option of selecting what type of files to get rid of, you should go through the list and make sure all the right things are selected. I normally get rid of everything except the Microsoft Office files, if they are present. Afterwards click ok, and then click delete files if a message box comes up.

3. The program then cleans up your hard drive. This may take a while if there are a lot of junk files on the machine.

### Performing Disk Check/Error Check

1. Go to My Computer, then right click on Local Disk(C:)(make sure to click on the local disk icon first then right click), click properties then click the Tools tab. Under Error-Checking click Check Now.

If the Windows needs permission message box comes up click continue.

2. Make sure the Automatically fix file system errors and Scan for and attempt recovery of bad sectors are selected then click start. Windows will then say it cannot perform the check while the disk is in use and asks if you want to perform the check the next time Windows starts; click the Schedule disk check button. In Windows XP you'll be asked a yes or no question, click yes to schedule the check after the next reboot.

3. The program then closes, restart your computer and the check will begin when Windows starts up. The larger the hard disk the longer the test will take to complete. In general the check is a time consuming process and you cannot use the computer while it's being performed. So it's best to do it while you are sleeping or away for the day.

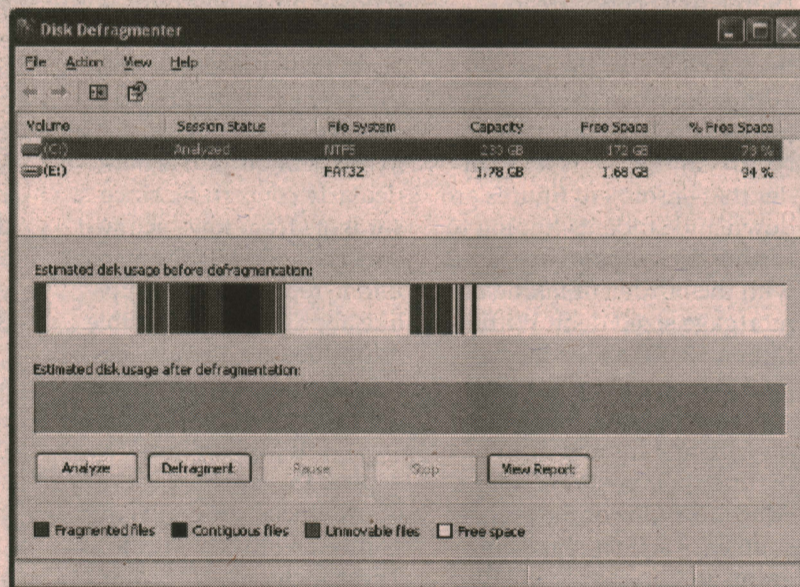
### Performing Disk Defragmenter

The Disk Defragmenter program in Windows XP and Vista are different, so the same procedure will not work for both.

#### Windows XP

1. Go to Start > All Programs > Accessories > System Tools > Disk Defragmenter. If you don't find the shortcut there, another way to start the program is to go My Computer then right click on Local Disk(C:) (make sure to click on the local disk icon first then right click), click properties, then on the Tools tab then click on Defragment Now.

2. When the program starts select C: then click Analyze. After the Analyze test is done click close in the message box. Red is not good, blue is good, white represents free space on the hard drive and green represents data that cannot be moved on your hard drive.



3. Click Defragment to begin the defragment of your hard drive.

#### Windows Vista

1. Step one from above also applies here.

2. If the need permission message box pops up click continue.

3. Click Defragment now to begin defragmenting of the hard drive.

4. You can continue working while it's running, but its best to run the program when you don't have to use your computer.

Running these programs, at least once a month, will help keep your hard drive in shape. Even if you run these programs, your hard drive can still fail, but the chances are significantly lowered.

#### Tip of the Week

Pressing the Windows key and 'm' together will minimize all open windows. The key combination Alt-F4 closes any open program in Windows.

If you have any computer questions, email me at Adrian. [Andre@smu.ca](mailto:Andre@smu.ca)



## Cross-Border Consumers



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LAURA MACINTOSH

In last weeks edition I wrote about the surging Canadian dollar. This week I am writing about the already apparent effects of our soaring dollar.

The last two weekends have seen huge pile ups at Canadian-American borders. Canadians are taking advantage of the exchange rates and have been rushing stateside to shop till they drop! In the US, Canadians can get the same goods for cheaper due to the lack of duties and other exchange costs that are piled on as goods cross the border. Now that the dollars are about equal these added costs are just too high to ignore for most consumers.

Some of the greatest cross-border action has occurred at the Woodstock NB and Houlton ME border. Retailers at the local Houlton Wal-Mart have seen a steady increase in Canadian shoppers over the past weeks. This Wal-Mart has always been a hot spot for Canadian shoppers buying groceries, however lately canucks have moved into the electronics, furniture and clothing sections of the store as well. Milk for instance has always been a hot commodity for Canadians crossing over but with the high dollar, it's over 30% cheaper for a gallon of milk. Even when you factor in gas, Canadians are saving plenty.

Those name brand jeans you were eyeing at Mex, probably \$100 cheaper across the boarder. Shoes, clothing and jewelry have seen the biggest impact with the falling

American dollar, costing up to 50\$ less in the south. Retailers stateside are also slashing prices due to their economic hardships. Suddenly they are paying WAY more to bring in new stock from overseas, and they have to make that profit up on the items that were cheaper; so for the remainder of this season you'll see huge savings.

Still, for this season Canadian retailers are finding it hard to keep up. For the north, it's not as simple as slashing prices. Typically fashion items are bought 2-4 seasons or 12-24 months in advance. This means they were purchased up to two years ago, and the profit retailers are making is based on what the economy was like when the items were purchased. Seeing as two years ago our dollar was abysmal by comparison to the American and European currency, slashing prices will essentially mean selling product for less than retailers bought it for in the first place.

This does however bring about some great news, if you're willing to wait it out. We here in Canada should see lower prices in upcoming seasons when merchandise bought by retailers now end up hitting the shelves. When we're all done at university and are looking to land that great paying job, our business suits and accessories should be cheap enough that we won't need to take out a loan to buy one!

For now, take advantage of the Thanksgiving weekend and go stateside for all your splurging needs.

## Danger Zone: The American Economy

ANONYMOUS.

*Citi Financial earnings drop of 60% after terrible 3rd quarter; stock drop of 1.9% over weekend, expected drops due to breaking news of earnings decline.*

*Ebay to take a \$1.43 billion impairment charge to settle 'future obligations' with shareholders; stock likely to drop*

These are some of the headlines seen around Wall Street early this week as the failing USD has brought about a crash in many US stocks. Traders all over the world are concerned with the dollars poor performance over the past weeks. Fear of an economic dark age and huge lay offs are starting to surface throughout the country.

## Lord of the Online

LAURA MACINTOSH

If the books, movies, toys, video games and Hobbit movie controversies aren't enough Lord of The Rings action for you, read up my friends. The Lord of The Rings is now an online gaming experience that threatens to overtake the phenomenon of World of Warcraft.

If you already know online gaming you've probably heard of Turbine, the game developing company that brought us Dungeons and Dragons. Turbine are the luckiest company in cyberspace; the one given the rights to create the online version of LOTR.

LOTR Online was launched in April and has seen an incredible 5 months on the market. With an estimated 1,000,000 players in the US and Europe and new versions coming out early next year in translatable forms for Asian countries, sources believe if any game can knock World of Warcraft of its pedestal of online gaming supremacy, this is the one!

The game, based on the J.R.R. Tolkien books is played like any PC game, except you can interact with millions of other characters played by other at home users

When the financial situation was flying high in the USofA, employment rates were quite low, around 4.1%. To be honest, those fears of lay offs are likely premature, as America is quickly becoming the export opportunity for Canadian manufacturers.

Here's how it is. Many companies have production plants on both sides of the border (Canada and USA). When our Canadian dollar is low, like it has been for decades; the Canadian side is bulked up and jobs are created here, so labour can be performed cheaper. Now that the American economy is in worse shape, it is likely the opposite shift will happen and jobs will actually be created in border communities. In fact Canadians who work for

the shifting companies are the ones in jeopardy.

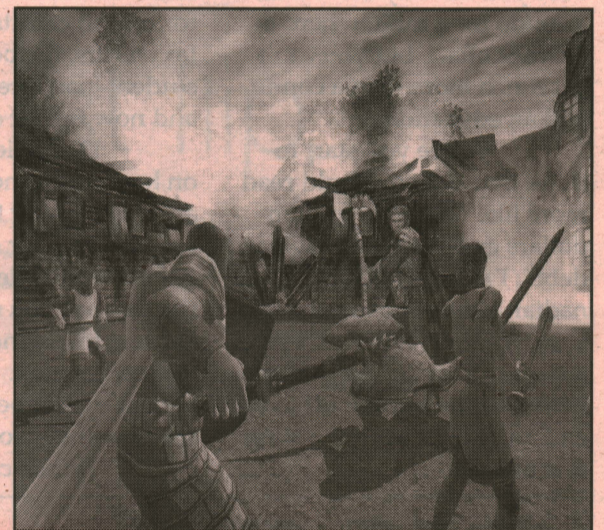
Another reason to fear job losses in our communities rather than down south; the shopping shift. Tourism is down in many Canadian communities thanks to the rising loonie, and shoppers from Canada are starting to go south. That means a double whammy for Canadian retailers as they are loosing not only tourism profits but those from regular shoppers as well. Watch out Wal-Mart workers, Houlton Maine is seeing a huge increase in Canadian shoppers and the New Brunswick Marts are seeing drops. If the economy stays constant, we might see some detrimental effects here in our own country.

across the world.

New booster packs are already in the works to give LOTR a boost over the competition, like the ability to purchase and decorate land. You can play as any of the characters you would expect to find, orcs, hobbits, etc; and travel the virtual world of Tolkien. In fact, the game is so true to the books and movies that it might be a downfall. Hard-core gamers are looking for the one false move on Turbines part, but they don't seem phased.

LOTR Online has boosted Turbine to be the largest privately held developer of massively multiplayer games in the US. For a company that once used to live under the shadow of Microsoft, developing small time games for big time corporations, Turbine's doing alright!

In a market that rakes in over \$4 billion a year, for one game to rake in an esti-



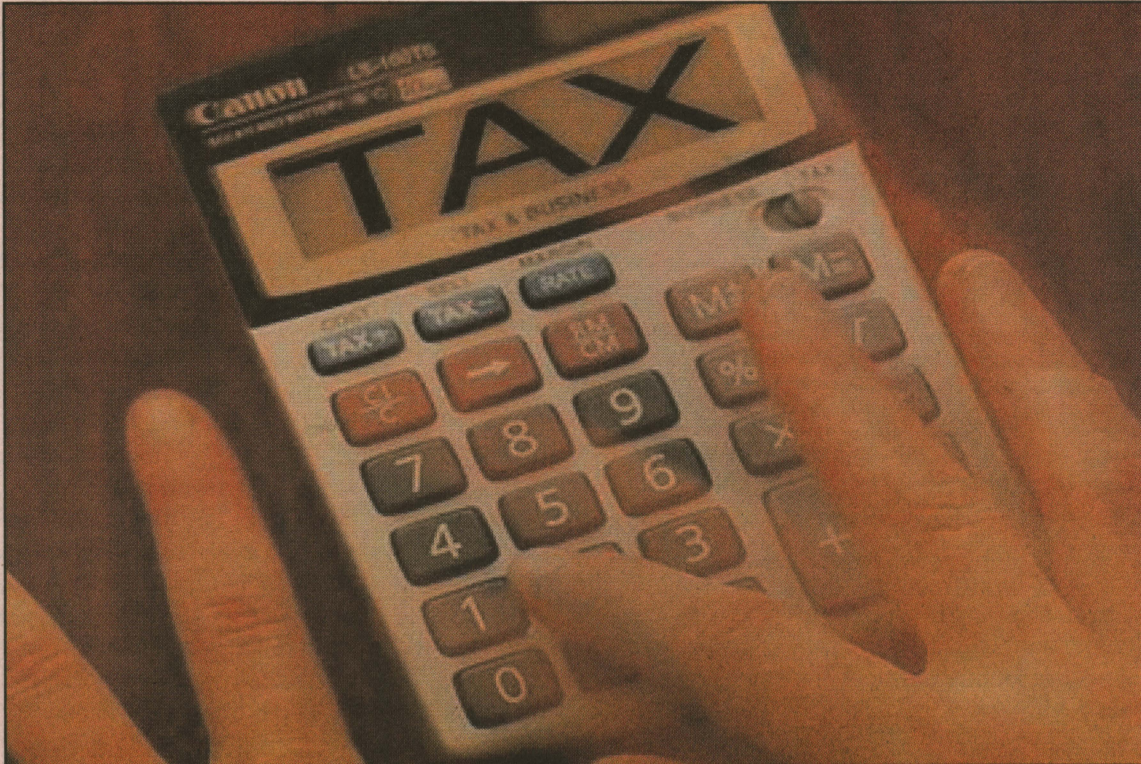
mated \$70 million in its first year of production is incredible. Still a long way to catch up to the well established totals of WoW (\$500 million) but it's a big start for a small company.

So what's this new obsession going to cost you other than time away from your studies? The PC game costs \$29.99 with an additional fee of \$14.99 for each month of play. Think this game will keep your interest for more than 18 months? You can pay \$299 for a lifetime membership, not including of course the booster packs and upgradeable features that are due to come out every 8-12 months.

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# Taxed: How to get back a few bucks



LAURA MACINTOSH

It's just like those Atlantic Lotto 649 commercials say, "Where a million dollars goes as far as a million should". Sure you can buy more than a condo for a million here in Nova Scotia... but you can't get much more than a condo and an education!

Before you start to think that slogan should read more like "Where a million dollars goes into student loan debt"; I'm here to help Canadian students learn the tax system a little better. There are quite a few tricks that will help take the burden off in the end, or at least keep the sting to a minimum.

Both full and part time students can claim tax breaks in several categories when it comes to a university education; some I bet you never thought of. Did you know there are tax breaks for tuition credits, education tax credits, textbook credits, student loan interest credits and now transit credits?

Deductions depend on how much money you are making, but tax credits are the same for everyone. All tax credits depend on is the amount you receive for student loans and how much tuition you pay. Let's take a look at each type of credit and see how they work for you.

*Tuition credits:* These

are dependant on how much your tuition is for a year. The amount creditable varies with minimum taxable amounts but last year this was 15.5%. If a student were to pay \$6,000 in tuition for a full year, the amount of produced credit would be \$930. Not bad to get almost a grand of credit. Look on the bright side, you pay more than anyone else on the continent for an education, but you can claim more too!

*Note:* You can only claim tuition and mandatory fees (such as student fees) under this type of credit, the meal plan, parking passes and a new school wardrobe aren't claimable.

*Education Tax Credit:* In addition to the previously mentioned 15.5% credit, students in college or university can claim an education tax credit. If you are a full-time student you can claim an education credit of \$400 for every month you are registered as a full-time student. Part-time students can claim a \$120 education amount every month.

*Textbook Credit:* This type of credit benefits some students much more than others. The textbook credit has nothing to do with what you actually spend (don't worry about saving those pesky receipts). That does however mean the students who pay a total of \$500 a year on textbooks make off just as well as those who pay \$2000. If you are eligible to claim the education tax credit you are eligible for this one too! Full-time students can claim \$65 a month during the school year and part-timers can claim \$20.

*Transit Tax Credit:* Hope you saved your trusty old UPass! Now Canadians are eligible to claim their transit passes for all weekly, monthly or annual passes. This means any monthly passes you bought over the summer, and your UPass are both creditable.

*Student Loan Interest Credit:* If you have a loan through a federal or provincial student aid source, you can claim the interest you are charged on the loan. You

can't claim the amount if you have consolidated your loan or if it has been refinanced in any other way.

All of these above credits are non-refundable, meaning you don't actually see cold hard cash for them. Tuition credits (for the most part) are what prevent students from having to pay the government come tax time, but what about all the rest? Well, there are two ways to use those extra credits. First you can transfer them to a family member. Second (and since we students are typically the poorest members of the family) the more beneficial solution; you can save the above credits for other years. Most students have a build up of credits they don't even know about! That first year when you are in a real job and have to start paying back loans and taxes, you may have thousands saved up in credits you don't know about! That's when it counts.

There are also a few refundable credits to keep in mind. Students who work can claim up to \$250 for summer or study period employment. There are also other tax measures for low income students and parent students. Learn more online at the Canada Revenue Agency website; <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/p105/>.

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Saint Mary's University Students' Association

## SRC Election Results

Total votes cast: 757

Total votes required for quorum (applicable for referendum questions): 757.

Total voter turnout: 10.01%

**Referendum Question #1:  
SMUSA joins the HSA**

Total Abstain: 106  
Total Valid Votes: 651

Yes: 616 (94.62%)  
No: 35 (5.38%)

**Referendum Question #2:  
Judicial Board**

Total Abstain: 142  
Total Valid Votes: 615

Yes: 475 (77.24%)  
No: 140 (22.76%)

**Referendum Question #3:  
Women's Centre Levy**

Total Abstain: 86  
Total Valid Votes: 671

Yes: 459 (68.41%)  
No: 212 (31.59%)

**VP Academic - Courtney Schaller**

Total Abstain: 144  
Total Valid Votes: 613

Yes: 572 (93.31%)  
No: 41 (6.69%)

**Graduate Rep - Christine Estrada**

Total Abstain: 170  
Total Valid Votes: 587

Yes: 545 (92.84%)

**Engineering Rep - Laura Weeden**

Total Abstain: 185  
Total Valid Votes: 572

Yes: 534 (93.36%)

**Part-Time Rep - Spencer LeBlanc**

Total Abstain: 193  
Total Valid Votes: 564

Yes: 526 (93.26%)

**Disabilities Rep: Maria Bogorode**

Total Abstain: 227  
Total Valid Votes: 530

Maria Bogorode: 64.72%

**Senior Undergrad Rep - Ryan Murphy**

Total Abstain: 173  
Total Valid Votes: 584

Yes: 548 (93.84%)

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**Residence Rep: Kaeli-Anne Hillier**

Total Abstain: 196  
Total Valid Votes: 561

Emily Fanning: 183 (33.62%)  
Kaeli-Anne Hillier: 212 (37.79%)  
Julie Thompson: 166 (29.59%)

**Freshman Rep: Megan Johnston**

Total Abstain: 204  
Total Valid Votes: 553

B. J. Hall: 97 (17.54%)  
Brad LeBlanc: 107 (19.35%)  
Robin Houlihan: 142 (25.68%)  
Megan Johnston: 207 (37.43%)

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Revered Indie-Songwriter Jon McKiel Unleashes his Second CD

Voted Best New Artist of 2005, McKiel releases *The Nature of Things*

### PRESS RELEASE

Critically acclaimed performer Jon McKiel returns to the live stage on October 5, releasing his anticipated second album, *The Nature of Things*, at the Marquee Club with Calgary group The Cape May and Montreal singer-songwriter Jason Bajada. McKiel and his four-piece band recorded the 10-track album at Fort Apache Studios in Boston where such acts as Radiohead (*The Bends*), Dinosaur Jr. (*Green Mind*), and the Pixies (*Come On Pilgrim*) laid down material. The Halifax-based musician signed a two-album record deal with Wednesday Records in California after the success of his self-titled debut.

Where McKiel's first album introduced an indie-rock talent who possessed rare lyrical sensibilities and ability to craft subtle melodies, *The Nature of Things* expands on those musical characteristics, layering guitars, incorporating horns and keyboards, and driving percussion as the backdrop to the descriptive and introspective lyrics, adding a haunting atmosphere reminiscent of Broken Social Scene and east coast rock group Wintersleep. The record was mastered at Lacquer Channel Studios by Noah Mintz (The Dears, Stars, and BSS).

Songs such as album-opener "War On You," "Walking With The Dead," and "Land of Sand" build slowly and deliberately, with heavy guitars that never overwhelm, instead adding weight to the insightful wordplay. Melodies abound on tracks such as "123 My Friends" and "Somebody's Listening" that update the classic mid-90s Halifax sound for a younger generation. "Poor Heart," "Get Caught," and "Sleep Cities" are example of singer-songwriter vulnerability done with alarming and breathtaking poignancy.

It's not surprising. McKiel's first release was greeted with wide critical acclaim, quickly garnering him respect as one of the strongest new singer-songwriters in the Maritimes, as evidenced by his win as Best New

Artist in *The Coast's* annual Best of Music poll. Music blog Earvolution.com said, "This guy is the 'real deal' singer-songwriter who will be among the next wave of great Canadian imports to charm the U.S. music community." Tara Thorne, Arts Editor for Halifax alt-weekly *The Coast* said about McKiel's previous album:

"McKiel...would rather let the music speak for itself. It's a well-informed decision — not because he can't speak proudly and eloquently of it, he can — but because his nine-song,

untitled record is the best thing to be released in Halifax since In-Flight Safety's latest."

Following the release of that album, McKiel earned three nominations at Music Nova Scotia Week for Male Recording, New Artist, and Alternative Recording of the Year. *Jon McKiel* charted at No. 12 at CKDU for three weeks and he and his band went on to tour with the likes of Joel Plaskett, the aforementioned Wintersleep, Brian Borcherdt, and Cuff the Duke as well as showcasing at the Halifax Pop Explosion.



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## Video Flashback of the Week: You've Got Mail (1998)



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NICOLE ASHLEY AUBE

"Three little words", the back of the VHS movie jacket states. "Three little words that Joe Fox (Tom Hanks) and Kathleen Kelly (Meg Ryan) long to hear". Those words are not 'I Love You', 'I Cooked Dinner' or 'Honey, I'm Pregnant'. Those three words are nearly non-existent in our high-tech and high-speed world, forcing the pop-ups of MSN Messenger to inform us that we have 48.6 new e-mail messages. The emotion-provoking notion behind them still ignites feelings of excitement and hesitation, though. Those three little words are the brain-child of an online, cut-throat and scratchy sounded dial-up internet culture of the 1990's AOL era: You've Got Mail.

I sat with my best guy friend on a quiet Thursday night and proposed to him that we watch the video, to which he groaned that the romantic comedy was, well, a chick movie. Who was I to disagree with him? The last time he saw Hanks

and Ryan together under director Nora Ephron it was in their double Oscar-nominated film 'Sleepless in Seattle'. I popped the film in anyway (swearing to him that he'd stay awake), handed him a beer and told him that he could (gasp!) pick the Flashback for next week.

You've Got Mail (an update of the 1940's 'Shop Around the Corner') is a flick based on the notion of creating a formidable relationship with someone through e-mail, and then falling madly in cyber-love with that same person you've never really met. Kathleen Kelly, performed sensationally by Meg Ryan, and Joe Fox, played by California-born Tom Hanks, live and work mere blocks from each other on the Upper West Side of the Big Apple. They both shop at the same grocery store, they grab coffee from the same Starbucks and they both have a single infatuation with checking their e-mail. However, they have never crossed direct paths

-- until they meet in a 30's chat room under the handles 'NY152' and 'Shoppgirl'... and until a Fox Books superstore parks itself across the street from Kathleen's tiny children's bookshop.

You've Got Mail boasts a fantastic cast of actors besides just our main heroes. Parker Posey (from 'Josie and the Pussycats') plays Fox's hyperactive ladyfriend; Steve Zahn ('Daddy Day Care' and 'Bandidas') asserts a lovable presentation of bookstore clerk George, and Greg Kinnear ('We Were Soldiers') co-stars with a compelling performance as a passionate newspaper columnist Frank Navasky, Kelly's assumed boyfriend. Although these characters are meant to bring life to the relationship between NY152 and Shopgirl, they also emulate very clearly the kinds of people we would encounter in the Shop Around The Corner, bringing the movie to have a down home, down-to-earth nature with a feel-good finale.

In the end, my guy friend actually liked the movie. He laughed when I laughed, awwed when I awwed and generally interacted with what was going on on-screen even after the flick had ended. This movie has also fallen victim to the pit of time, but could even be updated AGAIN, exploring the implications of complete online dating, dating websites and virtual relationships. Even though the film gathers a nine-year fissure between it's creation and today, the best (and truest!) appearance of all spans the technological gap. Jean Stapleton, who steals the show as accountant Birdie Conrad, fashions the most memorable laugh of the internet in the late 1990's: "I tried to have cybersex once," she states "but I kept getting a busy signal."

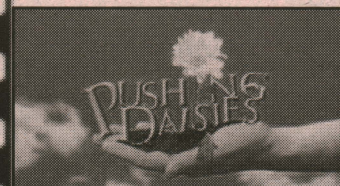
## Bite Sized Entertainment



**Movies opening this week:** The Seeker: The Dark is Rising, Feel the Noise, The Heartbreak Kid, The Jane Austen Book Club



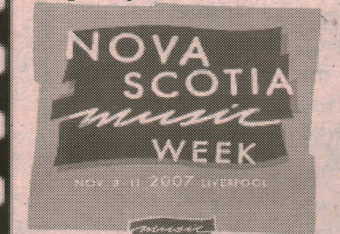
**New CDs out October 2nd:** The Hits by Faith Hill, Magic by Bruce Springsteen and the E Street band, A benefit for victims of violent crime by Anti-Flag, Exile on Mainstream by Matchbox Twenty.



**TV Geek's pick of the Week:** Pushing Daisies, Wednesday on ABC and CTV, a pie maker has the power to bring dead people back to life with one touch and a second touch kills them. A quirky comedy-romance that I've heard nothing but good things about.



**The X Files Movie 2 In the Works:** David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson return in another movie written by Chris Carter to begin shooting in December. It'll probably be a "stand-alone" story as opposed to continuing the confusing conspiracy.



**Nova Scotia music award nominees:** Joel Plaskett Emergency and Classified both received six nominations each. Jill Barber got five and In-Flight safety, Matt Mays and Rose Cousins each got four. The awards will be given out November 11th at the White Point Beach Resort.

## Photo Of The Week



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# TV Geek returns!

## Moonlight: A bloody mediocre time.

RESSA PETERS

There was once upon a time not one, but two awesome TV shows about vampires where the main vampires were not evil, but good guys who worked to help, not hurt ordinary mortals. Neither one of these shows were Moonlight, they were Angel and Forever Knight and judging by the first episode, there will not be a third on that list.

Moonlight begins with an interview with the main vampire, Mick St. John (played by Irish actor Alex O' Laughlin) a real original concept if you ask me. He makes it clear he's a good guy by telling us he doesn't eat "women, children or

is four hundred years old and now looks and acts like a 1980s LA businessman stereotype, straight down to yapping quickly on the phone, half-naked woman in a pool in the background and the striped shirt and suspenders. He's as hyper as Mick is apathetic.

Back to the murder plot, we learn the dead girl fancied herself a vampire, she was in a cultural anthropology class with a hot professor and all the girls in the class were Goths. Goths that think they are vampires, because all Goths on TV do. Beth also calls them emos which is the first evidence that this show was made in the last decade, otherwise the goth vampire cult could

Turns out Beth and Mick met years ago when she was a child and his crazy vampire ex wife tried to kidnap her. Mick saves her and kills his ex- or does he? Of course not, because she's an antagonist and source of angst for him. And are we supposed to buy a romance between Mick and the woman he saved when she was only a child? Too much pedophile undertones for me.

Where is this show going? Will they have wannabe vampire killers every week? Will Beth find out Mick's secret? Could it turn out to be decent? I'm not sure, but I think I'll just stick to Angel and Veronica Mars DVDs, thank you very much.



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innocents"; because LA is full of innocents, right? And he's oh so bored with immortality. Just before we become too bored of him, we get introduced to his love interest. Beth Turner (Sophia Myles) is a gutsy, driven, beautiful investigative reporter. How do we know she's gutsy? Because Mick points out that she's walking barefoot through a fountain at 2 a.m. and getting close to a corpse for a look. She spots Mick and says that the body of the week looks like she's been killed by a vampire, "there's no such thing as vampires" Ugh, was I supposed to laugh or crack a weak smile at that? Oh here come the opening credits. It's the title "Moonlight" written across the moon. Wow, that blew me away.

Mick's oldest vampire friend looks like he's about 22 years old. He's played by Jason Dohring who you may recognize as Logan Echolls from Veronica Mars. And if you do recognize him as such, you're probably thinking of how superior a show Veronica Mars was and mourning it's demise. Dohring's character Josef

come out of any bad crime show since the 80s. Beth goes undercover in the class by donning a cap and braiding her hair, which is curious because the rest of the class is all stereotypical Goths. Unsurprisingly, the Professor was the killer. Or maybe it was another student; I had no real interest to begin with and ended with none. The Professor's disciple tries to kidnap Beth and Mick saves her. He roughs up the professor, saying "there's no such thing as vampire" how many times must you say that in the episode? It wasn't funny the first time. Oh and it's the title of the episode, real nice.

Back to the most lackluster narration I've heard since the bad version of Blade Runner. "When I was turned into a vampire, my senses were heightened to eleven". You're emulating Spinal Tap un-ironically? That's the sign of something that takes itself way too seriously, which this show does.

Backstory Alert!



## Inquiring Minds

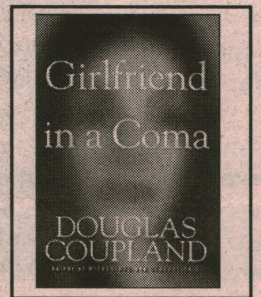
Every week I'll pose 3 questions, you send your answers to arts.smu@gmail.com or the SMUSA forum and they'll be in next week's edition.

- What book have you loved since you were a child?
- What celebrity are you almost embarrassed to admit you have a crush on?
- What movie makes you cry every time?

Previous Question:  
What is your favourite song of the summer?  
Call it Off by Tegan and Sara - Allyson M.  
Paralyzed by The Used - Jen D.  
Nightiming by Jason Schwartzman - Amanda W.

## This week's MUST READ

Title: Girlfriend in a Coma  
Author: Douglas Coupland



Canadian author, Douglas Coupland, follows a group of friends as they search for, while actually losing, meaning in their lives after one of them falls into a coma. While trying so hard to find purpose, they ironically find themselves utterly lost and unhappy in their existensial crisis.

- Amanda's Pick

# LOVE BLOWS



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# FEATURES

## Oktoberfest, what does it really mean?

TOM WESTOLL

Images of Oktoberfest usually consist of beer swilling revelers and sausage scarfing drinks (possibly wearing lederhosen?), but does anyone actually know what Oktoberfest is really about? Is it really just about beer and sausage?

Turns out it's not. At least, not historically. When it was first held in Munich, Germany, it was to celebrate the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig and Therese of Bavaria back in 1810. Ludwig wanted to throw a big party and so a few days after their marriage, a horse race was held with everyone invited. In 1819, Munich's "town fathers" took over the event and decided that it should be held annually with no exceptions.

Well, there have been exceptions such as the Napoleonic war, the World Wars (Nazis didn't like to party, who knew?) as well as an outbreak of cholera that have managed to shut down the celebrations. Over a 197 year span, Oktoberfest has only been cancelled 24 times and will be celebrating 200 years in 2010.

Munich has become world famous for its festival, in 2006 there were an estimated 6.5 million visitors

to the Oktoberfest which runs for 16 to 18 days leading up to the first Sunday in October. This year's Oktoberfest runs until October 7 and started on September 22. The mayor of Munich taps the first keg at 12:00 on the first day and the festival begins, where only beer from Bavaria is served and many places offer special Oktoberfest brews which are often have a little stronger alcohol content.

Munich is not the only place to have an Oktoberfest celebration anymore though. Since about 1950 when the festival became an internationally known event, and in 1960 when the horse races ended, the "modern era" of Oktoberfest began. The idea of the festival has spread to cities worldwide. Tatamagouche, on the north shore of Nova Scotia has an annual Oktoberfest with about 3,000 party goers attending over the last weekend of September taking in all kinds of beer and Bavarian style food and meats from the local meat shops on the north shore. Of course, Canada's most famous and largest Oktoberfest takes place in a city formerly known as Berlin. Kitchener, Ontario has been officially holding an Oktoberfest since 1969. Any

fans of the great Canadian 1983 film *Strange Brew: The adventures of Bob and Doug MacKenzie* will remember the scene where they have to save Oktoberfest from being tainted by mind controlling beer and should know that Oktoberfest portrayed in the film is the one that occurs in Kitchener- Waterloo.

Of course some restraint should be shown if you ever find yourself at a true Oktoberfest, where the servings of beer come strictly in the one litre format. A recent story in the news reported that a 27 year old man who was partaking in some Oktoberfest beverages in Munich became stuck in a chimney after deciding that was the best way to break in to his friends house who had the door locked and was either passed out or not home. Somehow a janitor in the building heard his cries for help some time later and the rescue squadron pulled in and did their thing. But wait, there's a twist! He was naked! While stuck in the chimney he managed to get his clothes off because he figured it would help him slip and slide down the chimney. Imagine sitting in your living room by the fireplace when out pops a naked man covered in soot.



Photo: <http://www.vreconsulting.it/vh/images/oktoberfest-girl.jpg>

That ain't Santa!

Seriously though, we don't have a full on Oktoberfest here in Halifax, but there is the Alexander

Keith's Birthday party which happens on October 5, so it does fall into the Oktoberfest time slot and it is a celebration of beer, soooo... just saying.

## Halifax Pizza Patrol: Nick-N-Willy's Pizza

**N**  
<http://halifaxpizzapatrol.com>

Rating: 4/5

6169 Quinpool Road Halifax

Nick-N-Willy's Pizza is tucked into the Quinpool centre, with the entrance up a couple stairs and leading onto Quinpool road. On the outside, they have a few chairs and tables with umbrellas set up to accommodate customers on sunny days, and the typical inside setup for those

wetter and colder days.

Nick-N-Willy's is a different type of pizza joint, being part of a larger chain across North America, with locations in Canada and the US. Nick-N-Willy's makes premade pizzas that you can take home and bake, or you can order

and they'll cook it up for you.

We ordered a pepperoni pizza on a Friday afternoon, and in no time at all we were sitting down enjoying our pizza. It was served to us on a thin metal pizza pan, with smaller individual sized pizza pans used as plates. The pizza looked good, and was a thinner crust than most places offer.

The dough is one of the first things to stand out.

Nick-N-Willy's uses a gas-fired brick oven, and you can tell with its fired baked flavor. The crust is nice and crispy, and very delicious.

Another stand out ingredient of the pizza is the cheese. Nick-N-Willy's uses a fresh feta and fontina cheese mixture, and tops the pizza with the perfect amount. The quality of the cheese was easy to discern. It was full of flavor, was nice and stringy, and didn't have any pools of grease.

The sauce on the pizza was also of high quality. It was spread evenly over the dough - not too thick or too thin. The mixture of tomatoes and spices used in the sauce could all be tasted, added to an already thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Nick-N-Willy's Pizza gets a well-deserved 4/5. Their pizza delivered the whole package. From dough to toppings, it was a pizza that stands above the rest.

## LET'S GET BAKED WITH MAT AND DAVE

Be sure to tune in every Thursday at 5 o'clock on CKDU 88.1 for a new recipe and musical guest on Let's Get Baked.

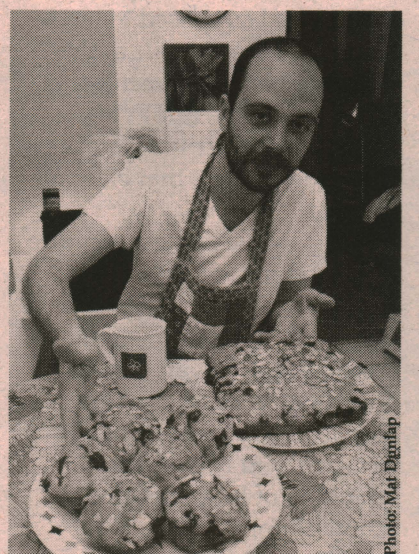
### Blueberry Zinger Muffins:

4 cups flour  
2 tablespoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 egg equivalent  
1 1/2 cup soy milk  
1/2 cup margarine  
1/2 cup sugar  
2/3 cup maple syrup  
1-2 cups blueberries  
1 tsp grated lemon rind  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1 tsp nutmeg  
crushed almonds for the top

Drizzle:  
juice of 1 lemon  
1/4 cup of sugar  
1/2 cup of water

**Directions:**  
Mix the dry ingredients, and mix the wet ingredients separately then stir them together (but don't over stir!). Spoon it into greased muffin tins and bake at 350 degrees

for 20-25 minutes. Combine the ingredients for the drizzle in a sauce pan on medium heat until the sugar has dissolved and the water has reduced slightly. When the muffins come out of the oven drizzle them and enjoy.



Andre Ethier chows down on some muffins. Mmmmm....

Photo: Mat Dignap

## The Chancellor of Saint Mary's University

MARK MERCER  
*The Cranky Professor*

The chancellor of Saint Mary's University is opposed to same-sex marriage. Indeed, our chancellor is opposed to adults having sex even willingly and in private unless they meet a whole range of conditions, few of which have anything to do with treating people with respect or avoiding putting people at risk of harm. These conditions are meant to ensure that when a person has sex, he or she is open to the possibility of procreation. That's why our chancellor is against masturbation, oral sex, and contraception, among much else. The chancellor of our university also opposes abortion.

The chancellor of Saint Mary's University is the Archbishop of Nova Scotia. The institution with which he is associated, the Roman Catholic Church, reserves many of its most powerful offices for men. Our chancellor accepts Church doctrine regarding differences between men and women and regarding the significance these differences have for offices in his church and for social life. Moreover, our chancellor believes that God exists, that God appeared on Earth as a man, that we are all sinners who can be saved from damnation only by accepting that God-as-man sacrificed His life for us, and that sometimes the wine he sips is not wine at all but actually human blood.

Now I'm happy to have a chancellor who believes any weird or impossible thing whatever. Let him or her follow the

argument wherever it leads and take up whatever position he or she thinks is best evidenced. Weird beliefs is not the problem. The problem is that the chancellor of our university is not free to follow the argument wherever it leads. The man himself, of course, is free to follow the argument wherever it leads. But he would cease to be our chancellor were he to follow it to conclusions contrary to Roman Catholic doctrine. The chancellor of our university doesn't just *happen* to be the Archbishop of Nova Scotia; he is, rather, the chancellor of our university *because* he is Archbishop. Were his beliefs to change, or, in any case, were he no longer to represent himself as believing in accordance with Church doctrine, our chancellor would cease to be Archbishop and, thereby, cease to be our Chancellor.

There are many reasons, each individually sufficient, why the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Nova Scotia ought not automatically be designated the chancellor of Saint Mary's University. For one, it should be possible in principle for us to have a chancellor who is a woman married to one woman and divorced from another, who is a tireless fighter for abortion rights, and who believes that wine is always wine. For another, it should be possible in principle for the university community to reject a candidate for the office of chancellor. Indeed, the person eventually named as chancellor should first of all have been a candidate for the position.

## Living in the North End



Falkland St. in the North End

TOM WESTOLL

*Editor's note: This is the first in an instalment of neighbourhood focus articles. If you live in Dartmouth, the South End, Bedford, Clayton Park or any other part of the city and want to promote/slander it, then email an article no longer than 700 words to me at features.smu@gmail.com.*

The north end of Halifax is never what it seems. Just when you think you have it figured out, it transforms itself into something new, something you have yet to experience.

Living in the north end for the past 5 years, I have been constantly surprised at the sense of community shared by its residents. From the impressive and constant pot luck gatherings to the free outdoor concerts and movies, to the intimate backyard jamborees; from hockey night at the Forum to baseball on the commons to dirt jumping mountain bikes at Seaview Memorial park; from the small cafes to the mom and pop fish and chip joints to the best beer (Propeller and Oland's); there is scarcely anything the north end doesn't have.

Sometimes though, it's not always about what you have, but what you don't have. The north end doesn't have the feel of a large urban centre (if you count Halifax as a large urban centre). I have had the best of both worlds by living in the north end and by attending Saint Mary's in the south end. I like the south end, it

has some amazing architecture featured on some of its older houses and it has the hustle and bustle because of its connectivity to downtown. I like to watch people hurrying about to various engagements as I ride the bus from the north end into the south end. Now, don't get me wrong, the north end features all kinds of hustle and bustle. There are several major transportation links and gateways located in the north end. The only difference is that the hustle bustle only happens during rush hours and on certain streets. In the south end, I find that both pedestrian and motor traffic is non-stop.

There is all kinds of bad press about the north end, usually it is depicted as a crime ridden area. I am not here to say that crime does not exist in the north end, nor am I here to say that violence is corrupting the south end; I just want to address the issue and say that I believe crime happens in all parts of the city. "Criminal activity" is a sweeping statement, who is to say you haven't committed a crime yourself? Think about it, no matter how small an infraction it is, be it parking in a fire lane, smoking a joint with your uncle or even {gasp!} downloading old episodes of The Muppets, it is still an infraction of the law.

Some of the best things about the north end are indescribable... the harrowing historic view from Needham Hill park (looking down on the spot where the two ships collided, causing the infamous 1917 explosion), the deliciousness

of a ham and cheese croissant from Julien's, the best French bakery in town located at the Hydrostone Market. Finding tiny, one block long streets each with their own name, postal code and itinerant street folk (they may want your cigarettes or attention but they mean you no harm).

The north end is what makes Halifax a true maritime town. Its residents are people who for a large part have grown up in the neighbourhood and remain living there because of its unique character. Most towns in the Maritimes, while they have their quaint little charms are in actuality a little rundown, a quality that makes them feel *lived in*. The south end is too modern and classy for it to be considered typical of the Maritimes. Often when the city is branding itself for outside interests it will use the images of the south end because, hey let's face it, they are nice images. It would be false to say though, that those images represent what Nova Scotia is really like. The north end is much more typical of this province and it could be mistaken for areas of New Glasgow, Truro, Amherst, Sydney or any other number of towns in the province.

I suppose this is why I like the north end so much. It has all the amenities of living in the city yet it feels like it is a world away from the downtown and the south end. It has a stronger local flavour than the south end and that may just be what makes it so favourable.



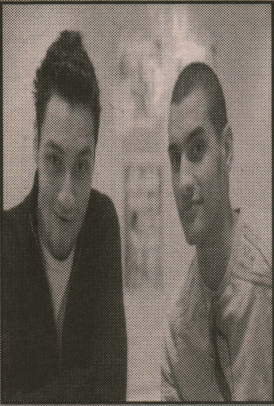
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Q & A With Amanda and AJ

"Do you feel you were properly educated so as to make an informed vote in the SRC elections last week?"




**IBRAHIM BARI**  
1ST YEAR COMMERCE  
&  
**THAER SEHWEEL**  
1ST YEAR ENGINEERING

"What elections? What was it for? I think it was something to do with residence?"




**SHANE BEEHAN**  
3RD YEAR ENGLISH

"No not at all. That's hilarious! Besides a few vague posters that didn't tell me anything about a candidate's platform, I knew nothing about anything."




**JEN SCHWARTZ**  
4TH YEAR ENGLISH & REL STUDIES

"Yes. The referendum I had a general idea about, but the wording on the ballot was a bit confusing. The candidates I had a better idea about because I went to the forums."




**AYGUL GAYSIHA**  
1ST YEAR COMMERCE

"I only voted for a few people I know. I didn't know anything about the others."



**SEAN SHARIFI**  
2ND YEAR COMMERCE

"No. I didn't know anything it. I only voted for people I knew, but I don't know if they were the most qualified."



**CHELSEA PRIDHAM**  
4TH YEAR CRIM & PSYCH

"Not really, but I knew about it because I know Mitch. I was only really informed about the Women's Centre, but that's because they had posters in the girl's washroom."

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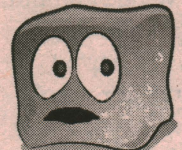
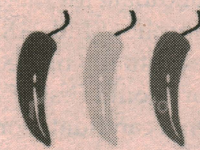
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## HOT OR NOT



- Wheat Thins
- U-Pass
- Turkey Dinner
- Shades of gray
- Post Secret
- Ginger Grass
- Unlimited text messaging
- Reunion tours
- The long weekend
- Rice Crisps
- Metro Transit Strike
- Tryptophan
- Black
- Rumours
- Talay Thai
- Lack of proper conversations
- Comeback albums
- Midterms

## G SPOT

Dear SSRandyBlue,  
"I have a problem, that problem is a hairy body, which I do not like. What is the most inexpensive and most effective way to deal with my unwanted body hair? Do I shave or wax?" - Hates Hairy Body

Hey HHB, don't worry; there are lots of ways to get rid of those pesky curly whirlies. But before you let loose and clear cut the bush forest I'll let you know

some different removal methods.

The first is the most classic, the razor. It'll give you the cleanest cut and is also the cheapest. Remember to start in the front and work your way to the back. It'll prevent you from spreading any possible unfriendly things from where they belong. You can use a little shaving cream (no reason for your face to hog the smooth and cool post shave feeling) and take small strokes. For the love of everything holy take your time. It's not a race and the results of you slipping and slicing something open can be extremely painful and make

for an 'American Pie' caliber joke. The downside to the razor, however, is that you have to shave it all. Everything from the waistline south and between your legs around to your ass crack. No one will want to eat the franks and beans if they can't get past the Velcro jungle. If you find it difficult to get it all yourself then you might want to get your partner or ultra-cool roommate to man the razor.

Another option would be waxing. Unlike those annoying Nair commercials with the perfectly smooth Australian woman, if you constantly wax your nether region the hair will

keep growing back. If you're the kind of person that can't even bear a leg wax, this option isn't for you. Waxing your pubic hair would be the equivalent of pulling out all your nose hairs at once. It will hurt like a bitch, you'll let out a huge yelp but once the pain goes away you'll breathe better and wonder why you never did it sooner. Waxing isn't all bad either, the smooth feeling you seek will last longer than if you simply gave them a Bic-ing.

The third option you can consider is an electronic trimmer. You know those ones your hairdresser uses to clip your

sideburns? They work wonders down south. You won't be able to get as close of a cut as that of the razor or waxing but the topiary will be neatly trimmed and presentable and it's also the best option if you're in a hurry and need to do some emergency muff maintenance.

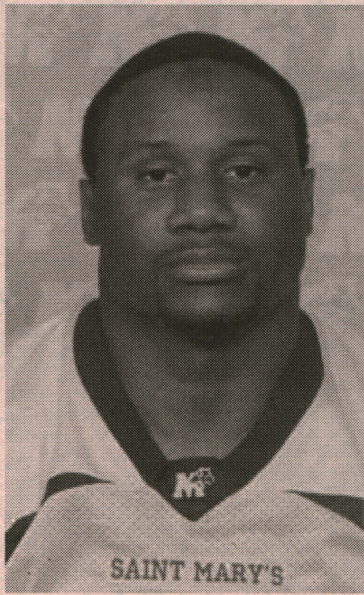
So whatever option you choose, you don't have to remove it all, just keep the area trimmed and well managed.

Till next week, keep it safe everyone. If you have a question, write it down and email it to [thesmujournal@gmail.com](mailto:thesmujournal@gmail.com)

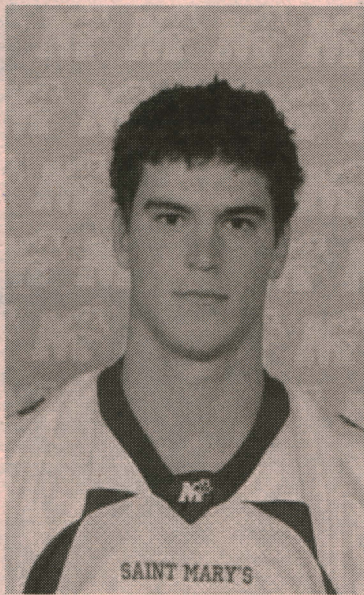


# SPORTS

## Saint Mary's Chops Down Axemen



Lumbala: 180 yards on 15 carries



Glavic 22-29 340 Yards; 101 yards rushing

DANNY CAREW

The Huskies are poised for AUS supremacy this season as they chopped down the Acadia Axemen in Wolfville this past weekend, giving notice to the rest of the league that all should be "aware of the dogs." The Axemen fans were admitted to and witnessed the "run and gun

show" of Jacques Lumbala and Erik Glavic. Revenge is sweet, especially when it occurs in a place where your last loss occurred, which happened to be in the AUS Championship. 33 second half points and 678 yards in offence= a 4-0 start. The mighty Huskies coasted their sleigh through the Axemen by

a score of 40-12, to remain the top dogs in the AUS.

Despite the onslaught of offensive yardage, the Huskies failed to capitalize at key times in the first half. An errant interception by Glavic was returned by Najja Coley 54 yards for a score. The Huskies were fooled on a fake punt, and Jacques Lumbala was stripped of the ball near the goal line. With the Huskies driving into Acadia territory towards the end of the half, Glavic lost track of time, failing to reach the sideline as time expired. 12-7 Acadia.

So much output on offence with little input in the endzone, the Huskies solved their offensive woes by giving the ball to Lumbala. Lumbala is a battling ram, charging the opponents defense, wearing and tearing down them down as the game wears on. So on the first play of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Lumbala accelerated 65 yards to the endzone. 14-12 SMU.

A combination of the

50 yd dart by Glavic to Shawn White and a Justin Palardy field goal gave SMU 24-12 edge.

Our offensive juggernaut made a joke of the Acadia defense, as Erik and Co. continued to conduct the movement of the chains all day long. Erik was 22-29 for 340 yards in the air and ran for 101 yards on ground. Glavic is the second leading rusher in the conference next to teammate Jacques Lumbala. Lumbala ran 15 times for 180 yards complemented by two trips to the endzone. Shawn White led all receivers with 125 yards on five receptions. SMU was led on defense by Tim St. Pierre who accounted for 7 tackles and Matt Lemay who had two sacks.

SMU, ranked #6 in the country, will host St. Francis Friday at 7pm. The Huskies should roll over the X-Men, setting up a battle against the #1 ranked Laval Rouge-et-Ore on October

13<sup>th</sup>. The national rankings don't mean much, as they are an indicator of who is believed to be among the elite in the country. But the game against Laval will indicate exactly how strong SMU is. SMU is averaging 513 yards on offence in a game, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Laval. SMU sports the #1 rushing attack in the country netting 300 yards per game. The "dogs of the D" are ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the country allowing 234 yards per game. The numbers don't lie.

Make sure to come out to the game and support your Huskies. There's nothing better than watching a game under the Friday night lights, especially when you can watch "Easy E" (Why the nickname? Because Erik makes the game look so easy) and the offence flex their power against inferior divisional opponents. Let's go Huskies!

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## SMU SPORTS UPDATE

DANNY CAREW

There was a nice piece written by Glenn Macdonald of the Herald written about SMU soccer keeper Matt Hogg, last Friday. Hogg missed the entire 2006, as he was recovering from an ACL injury. Hogg recorded an astonishing 5 shutouts in a row, however, the streak came to an end this past Sunday as the Huskies were blanked by UPEI 1-0. The

Huskies are ranked #7 in the country and they're #2 in the AUS. SMU hosts Acadia Oct, 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

The SMU women beat Mount Allison this past Saturday 1-0. The team sits with a 4-2-1 record. The team has certainly improved since last year where they lost a number of close games.

The women's rugby team defeated Acadia by a count of 11-8 this past Saturday. The win gives the women

a 3-1 record.

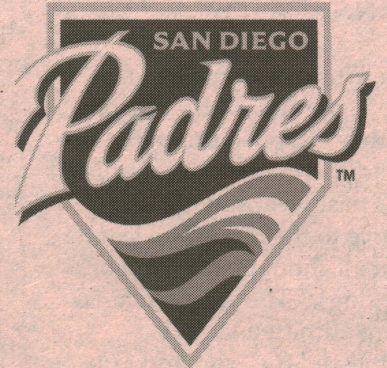
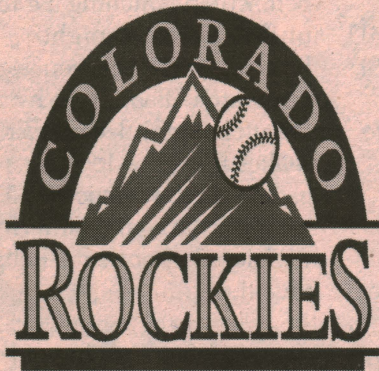
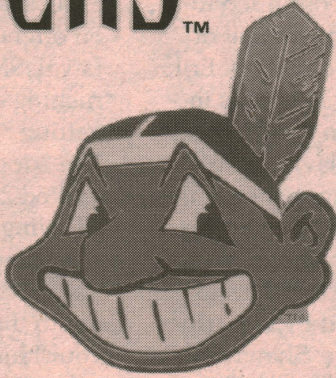
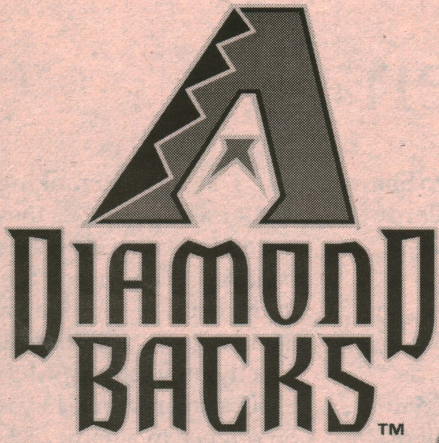
Get ready hockey fans, the Huskies are getting ready to hit the ice. SMU has two more exhibition games before they open up the regular season at home against Dal on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The Huskies are undefeated in exhibition play, with a record of 3-0. The Huskies are a sure bet to be one of the top teams in the conference.



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# World Series Predictions



## Danny's Picks

### DANNY CAREW

*Editor's note: The day the paper was produced the Padres and Rockies had to play a one game playoff to see who went to the playoffs. We had to make our assumptions without knowing the result.*

NLDS: Diamondbacks over Cubs 4-2, Padres over Phillies, 4-1  
ALDS: Red Sox over Angels 3-1, Yankees over Indians 3-2  
NLCS: Diamondbacks over Cubs 4-2  
ALDS: Red Sox over Yankees 4-2  
World Series: Red Sox over Diamondbacks 4-2

**National League:** Arizona had one of the worst records in baseball last year, but

surprisingly they had the best record in baseball. Led by MVP candidate Eric Byrnes and ace Brandon Webb, the Diamondbacks will knock out the Cubs. The Cubs finished the season strong, but as usual they will falter in the playoffs. Ace Carlos Zambrano has been hot and cold all season, and Ryan Dempster is the closer, which isn't too comforting. Cubs will go back into hibernation after the Arizona takes the series.

The Phillies picked the right time to get red hot winning 13 of their last 17, but the Phillies don't have the pitching like San Diego. Ace Jake Peavy and Chris Young will propel the Pads past the Phillies. Pitching over hitting

wins more times than not.

Arizona and San Diego. Not your conventional NLCS final. San Diego will make it here to the final on pitching, but they don't make it to the World Series because of their batting. The Pads bat a cold .251 at the plate, and it's a challenge to name a star player who can strike for major power in the playoffs. The D-Backs will thrive on the play of their young stars like Chris Young, Justin Upton and Stephen Drew. The youth movement extends the D-Backs to the World Series.

**American League:** The Red Sox and Angels face off for the third time in the playoffs over the last four years, with Boston winning

both series. This may be one of the closest series, with both teams supporting casts equipped with speed and power. However, the Sox will take the series because they have a slight edge at the plate. The Sox have David Ortiz aka Mr. Clutch who plays best in the playoffs, especially when the game is on the line. Add in Manny, Youkellis, Pedroia, and Mike Lowell who have all been tough outs at the plate, and you have a unit capable wearing down one of the best pitching staffs in baseball. Los Angeles ace John Lackey sports a 1-5 record with an ERA of 7.04 at Fenway. If J.D. Drew plays like he has for the month of September(.342/4/18), the

sox will escape in 4 games.

The Yankees vs Cleveland series is a battle of hitting vs pitching. The Yankees were the hottest team of the second half and were propelled by their potent offense. A-Rod finished the season with 156 RBIs, and the team batted .290 with the most runs scored in baseball. The bats will be too much to handle. Cleveland starters Fausto Carmona and C.C Sabathia have been sensational in the second half for the Tribe with ERA's of 2.28 and 2.70, but the Yanks will get to him. Throw in a well rested Roger Clemens and the Tribe exits early from the playoffs. Yankees and Red Sox, yet again.

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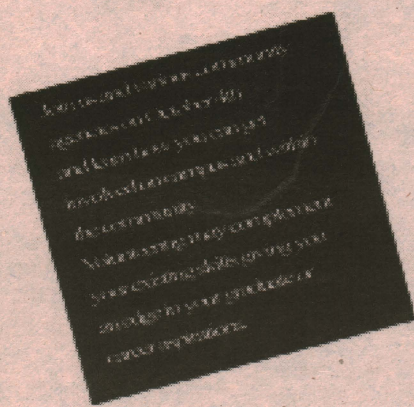
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## Danny's Picks Cont'd...

The best rivalry in baseball extends into October and both teams will beat each other until one team is left standing. Why will the Sox win this one? Well, I think this one goes to the team who has the better pitching, and that title belongs to the Sox. Schilling is one of the best post season

pitchers in the history of baseball, Beckett won a series with Marlins shutting down the Yanks. While Daisuke Matsuzaka is questionable, no one can question the sheer dominance of closer Jonathan Papelbon. Marino Rivera, who some consider to be the greatest closer, but

as evidenced by his play in the 2004 ALCS, Rivera is not strong as he once was. The games will be high scoring, but when it comes to the bullpen Boston has the best one, and they make the fall classic final.

**World Series:** While I believe the Sox will make it

here, I also believe whoever makes it out the AL will win the entire thing. With the exception of the Cubs and the Phillies, no team in the NL seems to have a powerful lineup. Schilling is hungry for one more title and the exposure that comes from the pandemonium of Boston

sports, and the young guys like Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia will help surge the Sox to the title. Eric Gagne, J.D. Drew, and Julio Lugo will all step up when it matters most. Ladies and Gentlemen, the 2007 World Series Champion- Boston Red Sox.

### JAMIE KELLY

NLDS: Cubs over Diamondbacks 3-1, Phillies over Rockies 3-2  
ALDS: Red Sox over Angels 3-1, Indians over Yankees 3-1  
NLCS: Cubs over Phillies 4-2  
ALCS: Indians over Red Sox 4-3  
World Series: Cubs over Indians 4-3

**National League:** After a collapse of historic proportions, the Phillies barely made it into the playoffs after winning 12 of their last 17, combined with the Mets losing 13 of their last 17. The Phillies will roll with this hot streak beating the NL Wild Card Champion Rockies/Padres in the NLDS. Jimmy Rollins has been a sparkplug for this team all season while dealing with injuries to Chase Utley and Ryan Howard. The Rockies have been absolutely rolling the last 3 weeks of the season winning 13 of their last 14 games, forcing a one game playoff with the San Diego Padres. Matt Holliday should

win the NL MVP this season and Canadian Jeff Francis will hopefully get a playoff win for his resume. However, the Phillies are just too talented and with the whole club healthy, look for them to do some damage to the Wild Card team.

The Cubs are starting their NLDS off against Brandon Webb and the Arizona Diamondbacks. Although Webb might lead the D-backs past the Cubs in Game 1, they probably won't get another win against this tough Cubs line-up. The Cubs have spent over 300 million dollars in the last 12 months making this team what it is, star-studded and dangerous. The Diamondbacks just don't have the offense or the pitching behind Webb to be considered a real threat to the hard-hitting Cubs. The Cubs should easily take down the Diamondbacks, followed by a long, hard fought tilt with defending NL MVP Ryan Howard and the Philadelphia Phillies in the NLCS. I think

## Jamie's Picks

the Cubs will make it to the World Series over the Phillies because of their balance of great pitching and great hitting.

**American League:** First off, just let me say that these American League playoffs could go anyway. Any of these four teams could win any of these series. This season, the top 4 teams in baseball all happen to be from the American League. I think the Angels could go out and pound the Red Sox as easily as the Red Sox pound the Angels. Saying that, I think the Sox have been absolutely rolling all season and I don't think it's going to stop come playoff time. They have 5 strong starters along with the security of Jonathan Papelbon in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning. Kelvin Escobar and John Lackey have been enormous at the front of the Angels rotation this year and expect all the games in this divisional series to be close ones. With a healthy Manny, the Sox are going to beat the Angels in

the 5 game series and move on to the ALCS.

My favorite team to watch all year has been the Cleveland Indians. Everybody knew going into the season that C.C. Sabathia was going to be a stud at the top of the Indians rotation but no one expected 23 year old Fausto Carmona to put up 19 wins for the Tribe. The Yankees lost the American League East for the first time in 10 years. Their pitching has been average with 10 rookies getting their first major league appearance throughout this season. Andy Pettite is coming off an 8-earned-runs performance against the lowly Baltimore Orioles and although Roger Clemens has been poor thus far this season, he is a proven playoff performer. I think the only win the Yanks get against the Tribe will be Roger's Game 3 start at Yankee Stadium. The Indians have an exciting group of good young players (Grady Sizemore, Victor Martinez, Travis Hafner) combined with

the veteran leadership (Kenny Lofton, Trot Nixon) needed to make it past the Yankees and the Red Sox and into the World Series.

**World Series:** Although I picked the Cubs and Indians to make it this far, I do believe there are a number of scenarios that could play out. No one is better than Lou Pinella to keep the players heads right and on task. The Cubs are coming off a franchise record for home runs hit in a month and they also have the second best team ERA in the NL. The Cubs have been rolling going into October and I think a World Series for the Cubs has been long overdue. Maybe most importantly, the Cubs have the ability to change the outcome of a game (or a series) with one swing of the bat. I think the Indians run out of gas and the Cubs win an exciting World Series in 7 games.

### CHRIS SURETTE

NLDS: Phillies over Rockies/Padres 3-2, Cubs over Diamondbacks 3-1  
ALDS: Angels over Red Sox 3-2, Indians over Yankees 3-1  
NLCS: Phillies over Cubs 4-3  
ALCS: Indians over Angels 4-2  
World Series: Phillies over Indians 4-2

**National League:** The Phillies are in the playoffs for the first time since 1993 and they did it in dramatic fashion, winning their final game of the season to take the NL East by a game over the Mets. I think they will carry this momentum into the playoffs and defeat the winner of the Padres/Rockies showdown. The Phillies have an explosive offense led by slugger Ryan Howard, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley. The biggest concern is their pitching. Their starting rotation, led by youngster Cole Hamels is very shaky after him and their bullpen is one of the worst in the majors, with the electric but inconsistent Brett Myers closing out their games. If they face up against the Rockies, it should be a slugfest as both teams match up pretty evenly. San Diego is probably a better match up for the Phillies because the Padres don't pose as

much of a threat offensive as the Rockies do, although the Padres do have a great pitching staff.

The Cubs should be able to hold off the D-Backs to take this series. The D-Backs have been a great story all year. They have played like a team possessed. The D-Backs don't sport huge individual numbers, but they have been able to get the big hits from a number of players in big situations. Game One starter Brandon Webb has to come up huge and shut down the Cubs (2.53 ERA lifetime vs. Cubs in 42 innings). If the D-Backs get the production from everyone like they have all year (Eric Byrnes, Chris Young, Orlando Hudson...) and get on roll early they will be dangerous. The D-Backs are a young team though and have virtually no playoff experience on their roster. The Cubs have a strong offensive line-up led by Alfonso Soriano, Derek Lee and Aramis Ramirez and have the a decent pitching staff that includes starters Carlos Zambrano, Ted Lilly with Kerry Wood, youngster Carlos Marmol and closer Ryan Dempster in the bullpen. The Cubs skipper Lou Piniella will have his boys ready to play.

NLCS: This pick

## Chris's Picks

might be a little biased and it's certainly wishful thinking on my part, but I will take the Phillies to beat the Cubs. Both teams can hit, and the Cubs have the slight edge in pitching but the Phillies bats are on fire and they are playing with such an edge right now that I believe their offense will carry them all the way.

**American League:** The Angels have been an exciting team to watch all year, they are an aggressive, in-your-face team that utilizes their speed to overmatch their opposition. The Angels starting rotation is pretty solid, led by John Lackey, Kelvin Escobar and Jared Weaver. They have a strong bullpen with the oft injured Bartolo Colon being thrown into the pen to go along with set-up man Scot Shields and closer Francisco Rodriguez. The Redsox are a powerhouse, there's no doubt about it. They have a one of the best offensive line-ups in major league baseball to go along with proven playoff starters Josh Beckett and Curt Schilling. Their bullpen has struggled recently with lefty specialist Hideki Okajima having a 'tired' arm. The trade deadline acquisition of Eric Gagne and even the seemingly un-flappable

closer Jonathon Papelbon have all had their fair share of struggles over the last few weeks of the regular season. The Red Sox have more weapons offensively with proven clutch performers such as David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez leading the way, while slugger Vladimir Guerrero is one of the only real deep threats for the Angels. This series comes down to pitching and the effectiveness of the Angels shutting down the Redsox big guns.

The Indians have a tough task ahead of them as they face the best offensive line-up, top to bottom in the majors. The Yankees scored 968 runs this year, which was 76 more than any other team in baseball. Alex Rodriguez is coming off one of the best years of his career to go along with Derek Jeter and Jorge Posada who are always clutch in the post-season. The big question mark for the Yankees is not their offense, it's their pitching. The pitching is either old (Roger Clemens, Andy Pettite, Mike Mussina, Mariano Rivera) or inexperienced (Chien-Ming Wang, Philip Hughes, Joba Chamberlain, Ian Kennedy) and that could prove to be the deciding factor in this series as they go up against

a good offensive club led by Grady Sizemore, Victor Martinez and Travis Hafner. If the Indians starters C.C. Sabathia and Fausto Carmona can continue to built on their regular season success and shut down the Yankees offense early, the Indians shouldn't have a problem getting their bats going against the Yankee starters. Indians closer Joe Borowski could prove to be the X-factor in this series, as he has been terrible against the Yankees all year.

**ALCS:** I know I'm going against a lot of people by predicting both the Sox and Yankees to get beat in the first round. But I think the Indians and Angles both are legitimate contenders. I see the Indians winning this series and punching their ticket to the World Series (I actually predicted that at the start of the year so I can't turn back now).

**World Series:** Let's go Philly. The Phillies usually always find a way to lose. Not this year, they have the leadership and they have the confidence. The Phillies win the World Series for the first time since 1980, sending the Phillies fanatics into a frenzy.

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