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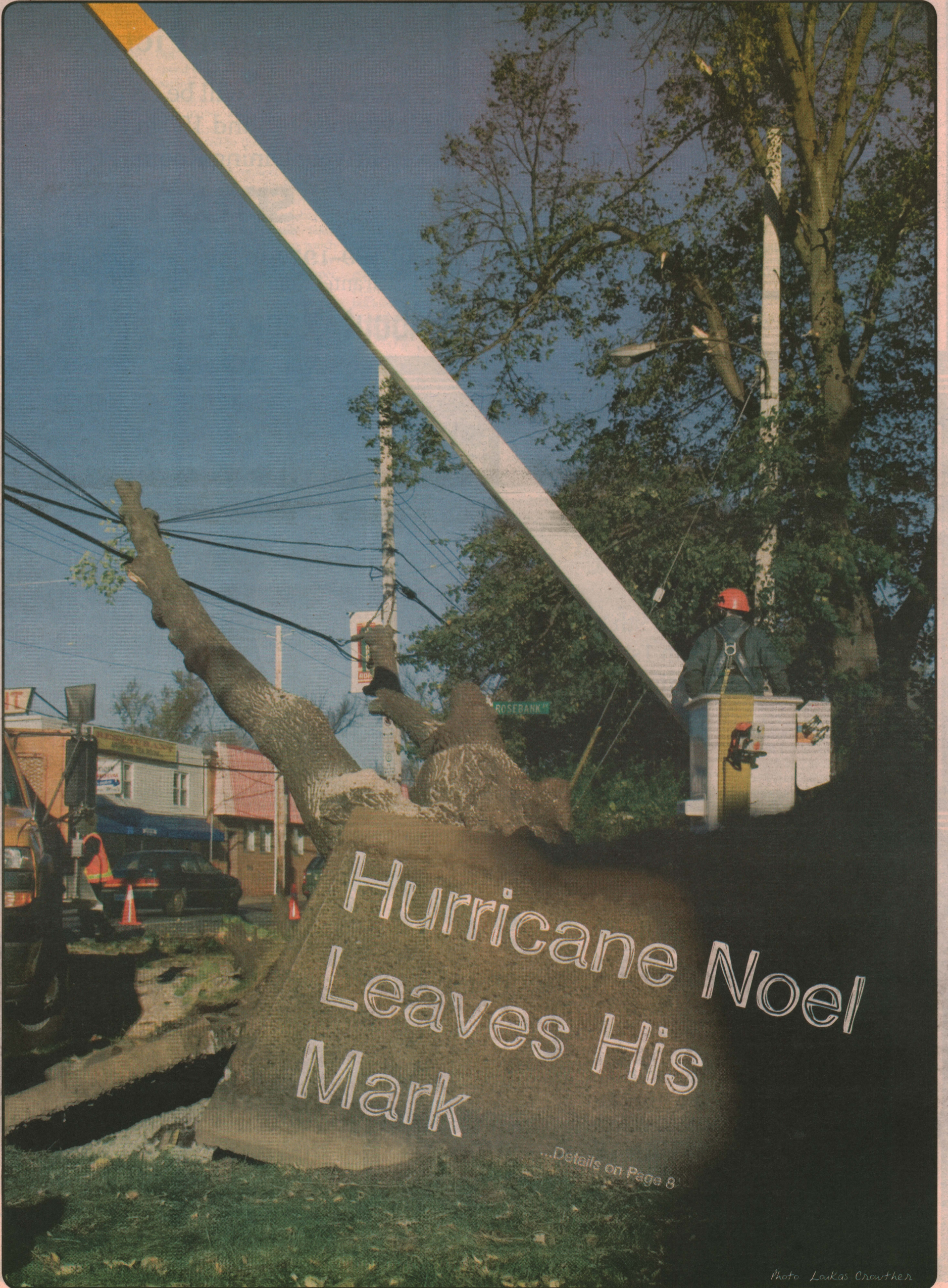
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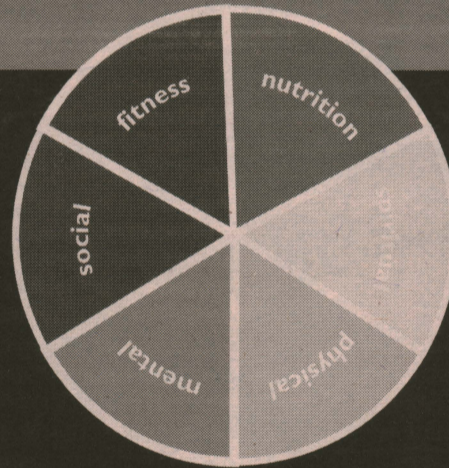
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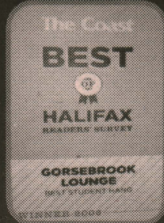
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PERSPECTIVES

Letter From the Editor: Shhh!

AMANDA WENEK

The Saint Mary's library is meant to be a place for refuge; a place to get away from housemates and instant messaging, and all the distractions that come with being at home. It seems now, though, that the library is becoming more of a haven for distraction than those places originally deemed to be by students. You can't sit down for more than five minutes without hearing some 50 Cent ringtone, or a study group chatting endlessly about what they did on the weekend. All those things you try to avoid at home by coming to the library.

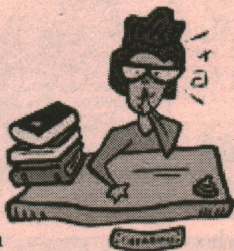
Even the third floor quiet area has become noisier than ever. With the renovations came the idea that the new comfortable seating area is an invitation to engage in group discussion and idle chatter. The library staff has been getting

numerous complaints from students regarding these noise levels, yet there isn't much they can do about it aside from the obligatory "Shhhh" signs that are regularly found in libraries. It is solely up to the individual to decide to respect those who are studying around him.

I am basing these observations not only from hearing from library staff, but also from personal experience. During the month of September, I frequented the third floor of the library about twice a week in order to study for my LSAT. I would go there to write timed, four hour practice exams, and the tiniest little noise, cell phones ringing, friends gossiping and giggling, was a major distraction.

The group study rooms are not soundproof. Those in the room next to you can hear everything, so please mindful of that.

If you are working



on a

group project then maybe meet at a local cafe or someone's house. If you need research information then it's helpful to do the research on your own prior to the meeting, or, if it's available on the internet, go to an internet cafe or, if you have a laptop, a cafe that has wireless capabilities.

It's also mandatory that you leave your cell phone ringer off. If you are expecting a call, or just don't want to miss one, then put your phone on vibrate and excuse yourself from populated areas to take a call.

Library staff are seriously concerned about these issues but there is only so much they can do to control the noise levels given the abundance of people that are there on a daily basis, so it's up to us, as students, to help.

It's Freezing in Here!

JODI FRASER

I am a fourth year student here at Saint Mary's University. I spend most of my time in the SUB between my classes and recently it has become extremely cold outside, you know, since it's Fall. And Halifax.

In previous years, I have come to the SUB and it has been (somewhat) warm, yet lately, my friends and I have been feeling extremely cold. We're constantly trying to find a spot in the SUB where there isn't a breeze and, just throwing this out there - there shouldn't be breezes inside of a building. I can't sit on top of the heaters anymore because what little heat is actually coming out of there doesn't really offset the cold.

I asked one of the cashiers in the SUB why it was so cold and she told me that it was because the air conditioning had not yet been turned off. She also said that they had tried to contact someone because many students have complained and yet nothing had been done. I thought that was, well, stupid because it is the end of October and the air conditioning should have been turned off long ago. It is very uncomfortable in the SUB now and I dread going there because I'm not such a fan of having frostbite.

Since we all pay around \$6000.00 for school, we should at least be comfortable in what is supposed to be a place to eat, socialize with friends, and take a break from the monotony of classes. Why is it so hard to turn off the air conditioning? I personally don't see how hard it is to push a button and if they're worried about the money (e.g. saving it because they don't have the heat on), I would think it would save them money ... right? Unless Saint Mary's runs on some sort of free Air Conditioning deal and if that's the case, where do I sign up? If they can't push the button, I'd be happy to do it for them.

What the HELL are Those Colours Anyway?!

KELLY, KRISTY, CASSIDY

Getting onto the SUB elevators early this morning we felt like we were stepping into the twilight zone... WHAT did they do to that elevator!? Whoever is responsible for this atrocity should be shamed... severely.

Who mixes orange and yellow with a fat mirror in a small confined space? It's like walking into something Grimace puked up after a few late night binges with Ronald MacDonald.

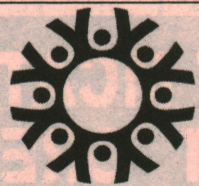
But why these colors specifically? Colors have long been shown to have psychological effects on people. Red and orange, for example, stimulate people and make them hungry. Red, orange and yellow, the "warm colors", can make one feel comfortable and warm, but also can evoke anger and hostility. Do you really want someone to feel hostile on an elevator? People hate the cramped quarters already. Do you want them to be hungry? What if the elevator breaks down and the orange makes you ravenously hungry and you are just so cramped in there...not exactly a winning combination.

And don't get us started on the fifth floor paint job... Put the paint brushes down already!!

Shhhhhhhhhhh!

(the Library's packed and people are talking and cell phones are ringing and it's noisy as Hell and students are complaining and readers and writers and researchers are tearing their hair out and what we really need, as Elvis said, is "a little less conversation")

This message brought to you by SMUSA and The Coalition for a Quieter Library



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Saint Mary's WUSC Local Committee is hosting an "International Market and Live Music Fundraising Event" on Friday, November 30th. We are looking for local artists and vendors to sell their merchandise/work at our event. The market will start at 4:00pm and end at 7:30pm. The cost is \$30 per table. We are also looking for musicians and bands to volunteer at this event between 8:00pm and midnight. Please contact Katie at smu_wusc@yahoo.ca for more information.

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NEWS

Saving The Journal's Space

THE JOURNAL STAFF

The Journal has made its home on the fifth floor of the Student Centre since the building was built in 1970, after a delay in construction. While waiting for the building's fifth floor to be completed the paper was put together in the basement. The SRC operated out of a room on the first floor. Completion of the upper floors took longer than usual because the supplies needed to finish the windows were not available. When supplies were available construction was again held up due to a workers strike.

When the fifth floor of the Student Centre was complete The Journal moved into the space that it still occupies today. At the time the space was relatively open and contained just a layout room, back office, and dark room.

In the late 1990s Journal staff decided separate offices were needed and hired a contractor to come and install them. This allows Journal employees to have space to work and conduct interviews in private. This is also one of the main reasons SMUSA has cited as a reason to take The Journal's office and use it to house SMUSA services such as the Marketing Department, Husky Patrol, Yearbook, and more.

The Journal put those walls up, paid the \$2,000, and got it approved by facilities management without SMUSA's input. The offices were put up because they were needed and moving The Journal back into a space without the same private work areas would not make for a conducive work environment.

It has been recognized that SMUSA has grown and needs more space to operate. The Journal understands this and wishes there was a better solution. We are giving SMUSA over \$675 in rent, in the form of their free SMUSA page each week, space that could be filled with Journal content or paying advertisements. It seems that other societies do

not pay or give SMUSA trade offs for space like this very often.

It is terrible that SMUSA staff are operating in such cramped quarters and The Journal offered a compromise of the former layout room as space for the Yearbook committee since our services complement each other, this, however, was dismissed immediately. SMUSA wants to keep all of its services together in an attempt to (as they explained it at their one and only meeting with all the current Journal staff) "improve communication" between their services. There are many ways to improve communication- monthly meetings or asking people to communicate- but why is it necessary for the Yearbook and Husky Patrol to be communicating on a daily basis anyway?

The suggested move is a band-aid for the problem, not a solution. If their services are not communicating now, moving them into larger space with separate offices is not going to improve that, if anything it will isolate them more. This may seem like a "poor-Journal" plea, that we are just bitter towards SMUSA, and should stop whining about this already. And maybe we should, but this is about fighting for what you believe is right. There are times when you just have to stand up and say this is wrong and perhaps that is what SMUSA needs to hear.

The decision to move The Journal was made over the summer, when the Student Representative Council (SRC) does not sit. It was talked about, the offices were scouted out, and the decision was made before Amanda, the Editor in Chief, was even consulted. Perhaps if SMUSA had approached The Journal earlier in the process a solution that works for everyone could have been reached. But the decision was made arbitrarily and told to The Journal, put simply, that after Christmas "you're out."

Picture this if you will for just a moment... walking into your first staff meeting at a new

job and having it taken over by people with nothing to do with your job, people who have come in simply to tell you how it is going to be, and that it is not open to discussion. It caught many of us off guard and it is hard to argue a point when you haven't had four months of summer to prepare an argument as your opponents have.

The Journal has tried to open talks with SMUSA over this and even offered to meet with a Conflict Resolution Advisor; a request that was denied. In writing this article SMUSA President Mitch Gillingwater was approached numerous times for an interview or statement and replied to The Journal at the last minute with essentially the same carbon-copy response sent to alumni with similar questions.

In his statement he said "Over the past several decades, since SMUSA's incorporation, our association has experienced large levels of growth given increases in enrolment at Saint Mary's University. Given the additional students on campus, our association has since introduced new services, accommodated the addition of dozens of societies and now employ over 100 student staff to cope with the diverse needs of the student body. Unfortunately, this growth has not been coupled with the addition of office space on campus." The University gave the entire fifth floor to SMUSA when the building was completed to use as office space.

Mitch went on to say that our office space is necessary to accommodate growing staff numbers, and he counted volunteers in his tally of employees some-

thing not counted when considering Journal employee numbers.

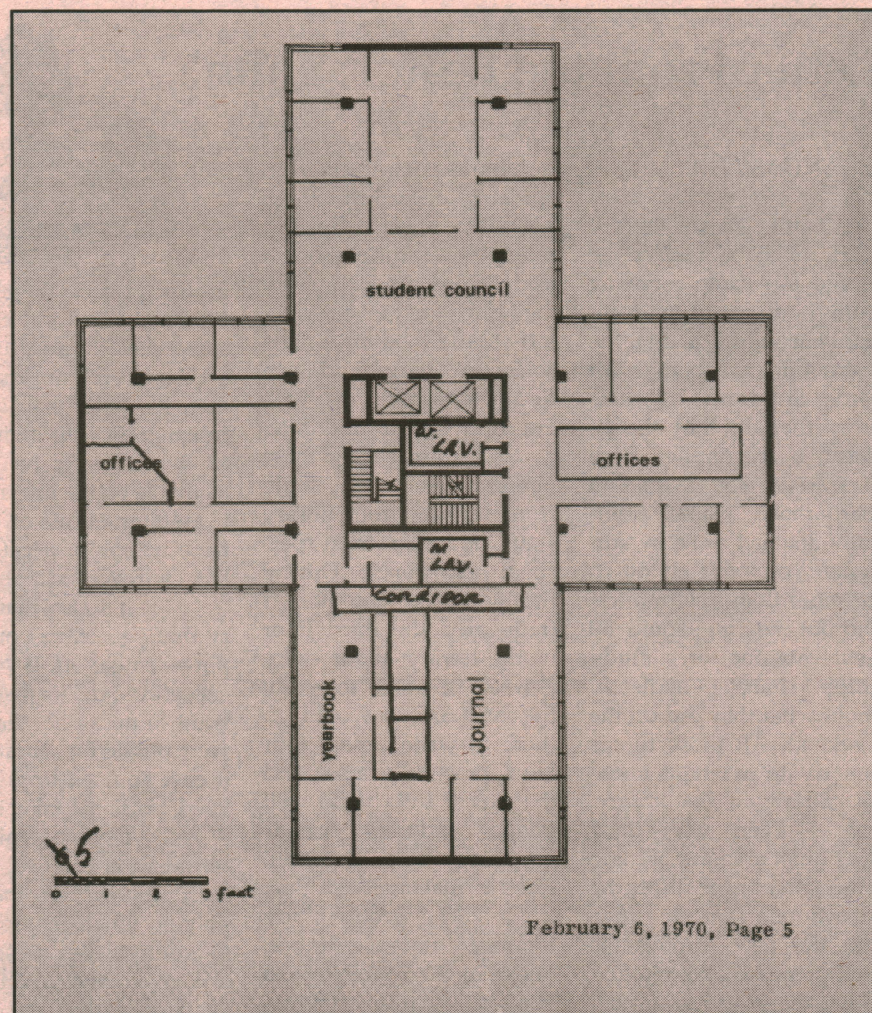
There will be a meeting this week for the SRC to make the final decision on the matter. The Women's centre also faces relocation in the future to help accommodate SMUSA services like the SRC.

The office is full of memories of past Journal editors, of late nights working on the layout, of staff meetings, and life-long friendships and relationships made. The offices belong to The Journal, the space was designed for the Journal, and should another editor or a photographer be hired there would be plenty of need for space that is not currently used due to our debilitating budget. It is the home of the paper, and moving The Journal would be losing 37 years of history at Saint Mary's. All of the Alumni the current Journal employees have spoken to recently want to revisit the offices to see the place where they put in so much hard

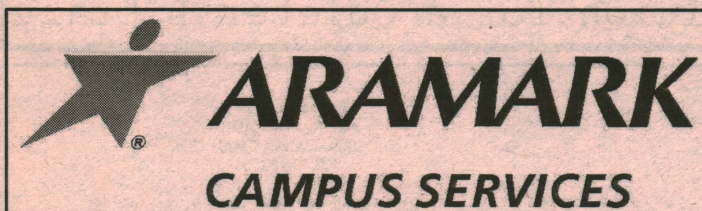
work. Few societies or services at Saint Mary's have stayed in the same place for any length of time so it is truly a special thing that The Journal has worked out of the same place for so many years. There is a reason it has never been moved from its home before, and it seems after 37 years it should be left where it belongs.

The purpose of a student government is to work for the students, to represent them and to do what is best for them. It seems ignoring pleas for a conversation to simply discuss the situation, making decisions at a time when the SRC is not available to give approval or disapproval is not the way to serve the students.

The Journal is not the first society to get pushed around by SMUSA and it will certainly not be the last. We simply have the power of the press to bring attention to it.



SMUSA in Talks to Replace Aramark



MITCH GILLINGWATER

The university's contract with Aramark will expire in May 2008 which will end the current five year agreement with Saint Mary's University. Over the summer SMUSA was part of a committee of university administrators commissioned to decide whether or not the university will go to market or negotiate a new contract with Aramark without receiving bids from competitors. Aramark representatives from their corporate offices met with our committee in June and pitched the goals and ideas that would renew Aramark's contract for seven to ten years. They outlined their plans for renovation, improvements in food services and their overall commitment to Saint Mary's University. During this process SMUSA wanted

to engaged the student body to complete an online survey, meant to gauge the overall attitude and feelings that students had for Aramark and the food service it has been providing students. We focused our survey on the quality of food, the price, the service provided, and the overall satisfaction that students had in using university food service. The results of these surveys were presented to Aramark and the committee for discussion to ensure that a student perspective was maintained during this process.

After the Aramark presentation SMUSA lobbied this committee to reject the Aramark proposal and open the university's food service contract to other competitors across Canada. We felt it was in the best interest of students to go to market, especially since Aramark has been on campus for eleven years. While both the university and SMUSA have had a great business relationship with Aramark it is important that we see what other competition exists and what

they can offer the students of Saint Mary's.

In September the committee expanded to include more students and university officials where we reviewed an RFP (Request for Proposals) document that would be sent out nationwide. This document would outline the needs of the university and its students which would provide the framework for companies to make a competitive bid. In mid-October we held a site visit where interested companies could come view the facilities they would be operating from. There are currently three companies interested in bidding on this food service contract and they are Aramark, Sodexo, and Beaver Foods Limited. The close date for the bid process is November 21, at which time our committee will meet to review the competitive bids of these three companies and any others who may be interested.

As we move forward SMUSA's main priority is making sure that students receive quality food and service at an affordable price. We want to ensure that whoever the food service provider will be next year it will be able to meet the diverse needs of our student body.

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When is a Protest a Waste of Time?

JESSICA WOODMAN

"I feel happy that Halifax had bothered to do this at all," said one Middle Eastern spectator after the rally in Victoria Park on Sat. Oct 27. The protest was to show public opposition to the invasion of Iran. As it turns out, protests accomplish much more than just attempt to show the public consensus of the time.

The flyers for the rally said: "SUPPORT OUR TROOPS-- BRING THEM HOME NOW !" The bottom of the flyer read: "Troops out of Afghanistan-- Don't attack Iran." The rally was organized by the Halifax Peace Coalition, Council of Canadians, and the Students Coalition Against War and so one would expect that this rally would be a peace protest. Some of the signs at the rally read: "No Purpose, No Plan--Canada Out of Afghanistan," "Stop the Oil and Gas Addiction," "Poppies Not Pipelines," "Depose Bush," "An Eye for an Eye, Makes the Whole World Blind," "Justice Not War," and "All we are Saying, Is Give Peace a Chance."

The small turn out was a huge concern for the demonstrators. There were only a couple hundred demonstrators at the rally and the organizers had expected many more people. One spectator made a point to come up to tell me "You're wasting your time. No one is going to notice this." This was the sentiment of many of the people that day, including the demonstrators themselves. However, what



that the protestors could walk down Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street. Alexa noted that some people were evicted from their countries for any small criticism of the government.

One Middle Eastern student watching the rally heard Alexa McDonough's comments. In response to this subject, he told me he had tried to go to a Pro-Peace demonstration as a teenager. He said, "In my country the right to assemble is not allowed...When everyone showed up, the military jumped in and started beating the hell out of us." He stopped. Then with tears in his eyes, he continued, "We had to run away because you wouldn't want to go to prison in my country."

Another SMU student from Saudi Arabia said that he wanted to be part of the protest but he was afraid that someone would take his picture. He was concerned that the government might find the picture and use it to deny him from receiving Ca-

time. The rally showed the community that Halifax has freedom of speech and freedom of assembly and that Halifax can protest in a peaceful manner. Finally, the rally did send the message to members of the Halifax community that people care about the situation in Iran. The message was especially for the people from the Middle East and for the people here in Canada who have to manage with friends and family living in the Middle East. Hopefully, the community of people that have been singled out and isolated as a result of the "War on Terrorism" know that Halifax cares about something other than themselves. It is important to protest. Public protests have made a huge impact in forming solidarity among movements, and drumming up courage to oppose the forces of hegemony. Look at the grave situation that occurs in a country where protest is forbidden, like Myanmar. Many people have died because the government wishes the people to be silenced.

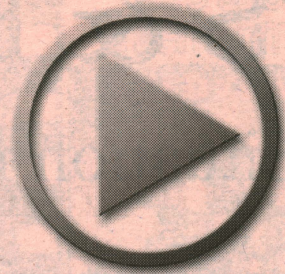
The fact that many countries forbid the right to assemble shows the power of a demonstration. We live in a democratic society. Our government is supposed to be representative of our wants and our wishes. They represent our view of the world. If they do something against what the people of Canada want then it is our responsibility to let them know that we do not agree. Not speaking out is the equivalent of saying that we stand behind their actions. That makes us all responsible.

Photos: Darrell Hemlow



are the dangers of passivity? Alexa McDonough was one of the speakers before the rally and she praised the Chief of Police for supporting the right to demonstrate and the right to free speech. The Chief had arranged for a police accompaniment so

nadian citizenship. However, he added "I feel happy that Halifax had bothered to do this at all." Showing up to the Halifax protest on Oct. 27 probably did not stop a war or make much difference at all in Ottawa. However, it was not a waste of



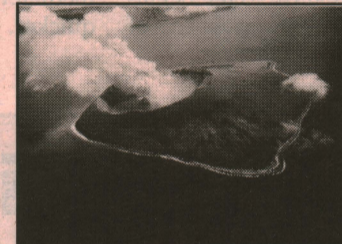
NEWSFEED



Mexico Struggles With Massive Flooding

A week of extreme rainfall resulted in over 80% of the Mexican State of Tabasco was underwater. At least 8 people have been killed since the flooding began and many have fled the country.

Nazi Museum to be Built
Germany's Government has started construction on a museum to chronicle the period of Nazi occupation in Europe during WWII. It is set to open in 2010 on the 65th anniversary of the Nazi's surrendering.



Indonesians Prepare for Eruption

The "Child of Krakatoa" Volcano began spewing smoke and ash Nov. 3rd prompting warnings to the public. The 1883 explosion killed over 30,000 people.

Coffee Condoms to Combat Aids
In an attempt to prevent Aids and promote safe sex a United States charity has designed coffee-scented condoms for people in the birthplace of coffee: Ethiopia.



Pirates take over Japanese Tanker

The Pirates commandeered the ship early last week. A US Navy Ship following the Chemical Tanker has been warned by the pirates to back off and stop tailing them.

Guardian Angels Come to Halifax
The founder of citizen watch group the Guardian Angels Curtis Sliwa made a well publicized trip to Halifax to discuss with Mayor Kelly about setting up a chapter in the city.

Guardian Angels
keeping it safe

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

A New Situation for Buck 65

TOM WESTOLL

Buck 65 has just released his 6th full length record and this one, *Situation*, is as atmospheric and conceptual as any of his previous efforts. It would be hard to top *Talkin' Honky Blues*, the album that changed it all for Buck 65 and saw him take a drastic turn away from hip-hop towards a more folk and blues inspired sound. But Buck 65 is genreless; he is indefinable. There have always been elements of hip-hop throughout his work, and his writing style tells stories so hauntingly real and his fluent delivery helps to solidify him as one of the most distinguishable and talented mc's out there. Old time fans of Buck 65 remember his residency at The Khyber on Wednesday nights and know that he is no slouch when it comes to working the turn tables either.

This new album starts off feeling like one of his older Language Arts era releases, meaning it has a more 'traditional' hip-hop feel to it; Buck 65, of course, has been heard to muse that he believes hip-hop is too conservative and that is why his approach to it is often seen as being very liberal. *Situation* has plenty of great moments; Buck 65's witty lyricism is evident on all the tracks and most of the production is by Skratch Bastid, no doubt this is part of the reason for the album's head boppin' beats.

Situation is a loose collection of songs that examine the year 1957; a year that, according to the 'artists statement' on buck65.com, supposedly gave birth to the beginning of the end. The songs all deal with different aspects of

the year but present the time as being different than perhaps what we have come to expect from popular images. Topics covered range from the early paparazzi (Shutter Buggin') to mistrust of authority (Cop Shades and Spread 'Em) and cultural phenomenon from the late 50's.

The dark sounds that emanate from some of the songs conjure up dark images, yet the album does not have a big grey cloud hanging above it. Rather it has a few really fun songs on it such as Ho-Boys or Cop Shades.

This has the ability to become one of Buck's best albums (so far), each of his albums get progressively better perhaps because they each become more progressive in defining the new Buck 65 sound. Buck 65 does not sound contrived even though his genre mashing styles seem to jump from one to the other, from album to album. Rather, the songs sound natural, they are the vessel for the story that Buck is spinning, and the style simply fits the mood of the story. While the last album, *Secret House Against The World*, took some time to grow on the listener, it did, and when it did it became apparent how amazing that record was. On the other hand, *Situation* is immediately catchy so it draws the listener in quicker. This won't be a problem for the longevity of its



life though, Buck 65's records have all had long shelf lives and this album is another chapter in the Buck 65 catalogue.

Inquiring Minds

Every week I ask three questions, you send your answers to arts.smu@gmail.com (they'll be anonymous, don't worry) or post on the SMUSA forum and they'll appear in next week's issue.

Last week's answers:

What was the first CD/cassette/record you bought?

- Tragic Kingdom by No Doubt (3 different people)
- Spice girls (4 people)
- Backstreet boys (3 people)
- Ren and Stimpy soundtrack
- Hanson
- Snoop Dogg's Doggystyle

What movie gave you nightmares when you were little?

- The Leper scene in Jesus Christ Superstar
- Ghostbusters
- Nightmare on Elm Street (3 people)
- Scar from the Lion King
- The Child's Play movies (2 people)
- Who framed Roger Rabbit

Who's your all time favourite tv couple?

- Summer and Seth
- Buffy and Angel
- Fry and Leela
- Paige and Alex
- Beecher and Keller
- Homer and Marge (2 people)
- Willow and Tara (2 people)
- Ross and Rachel (3 people)

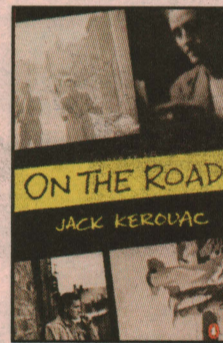
This Week's Questions:

- What celebrity is so attractive they make you question your sexuality?
- What dead tv show would you resurrect?
- What's the longest you waited in line for a movie premiere (tell me what movie).

This week's MUST READ

Title: On The Road

Author: Jack Kerouac



"On The Road" follows the adventures of [the alter egos of] the most prominent figures of the beat generation. Jack Kerouac gives the reader tales of world travels marked by spontaneity and restlessness; of drugs, sex, liquor and immorality, seedy jazz bars and all night parties; it's a look back in time to life in the late 1940s. The novel marked a huge change in North American culture and it encapsulates a generation that paved the way for our own, as well as a desire for adventure that is still relevant in today's culture. - AJ's Pick



WEDNESDAY

Taking Back Wednesdays with DJs Johnston Farrow and Gordski 10pm, Free for students (\$4 for non)

THURSDAY

ALL AGES: Holiday, The Departure, Save September and others TBA., Pavilion, 6:30, \$8.

Oh Dinah! others TBA, Gus's Pub, 10pm, \$5.

FRIDAY

Jonathon Andrews and Al Tuck 10pm, Ginger's Tavern, \$5.

Attack of the B Movies, hosted by Black Stocking Theater. \$12 in advance at Pretty things Boutique and Junk and Foibles.

SATURDAY

Chromeo with special guests Tony Hage and Double A, 10 pm at the Marquee, \$20 advance, \$25 at the door.

The Riptides, The Guts, The Hemingways, The Varsity Weirdos and Others TBA, 6.30 at The Pavilion, \$7

SUNDAY

Brad Travers and the Alamo Defenders, 10pm at Gus's Pub, \$5.

Assignment #1 *

1. Find the slope of the tangent line to the curve $(y/x+4y) = x^7+2$ at the point $(1, -3/11)$.

$$y = x^7 + 2 \dots$$



Implicit differentiation got you down?

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The Guide to Fundamentalism: A.J. Jacobs' The Year of Living Biblically

DAWN DAVIS

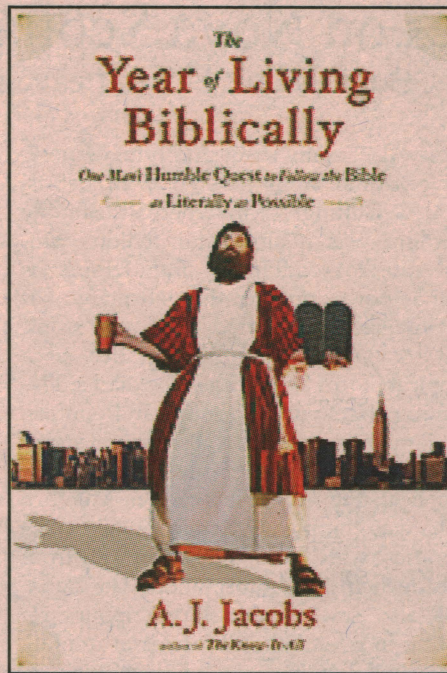
Contrary to popular belief, English is not my major. I've been thinking of taking a double-major, but in the meantime I've got to focus on my Religious Studies. When this little tome made its way onto the shelf, four Chapters employees including myself gathered around the cart and giggled over it (and by 'we giggled', I mean I did). I would have bought it right away if I had the money at the time. Instead, I bought it last Tuesday and finished it on Monday. I lost sleep over this one.

A.J. Jacobs spent his last book reading the entirety of the Encyclopedia Britannica in *The Know It All*, and spends this one trying to follow the Bible as literally as possible. Jacobs is an agnostic New Yorker with a Jewish family history. His Orthodox-Jewish aunt was once married to a significantly eccentric once-cult-leader-now-fundamentalist-Jew 'uncle Gil'. This man would literally bind money to his hand with string, and ask people on the street if they were orphans or widows so he could give them cash. Inspired, Jacobs decides that it would be a novel idea to follow in his footsteps, just to see what this religion thing is really all about.

So in September, his work begins

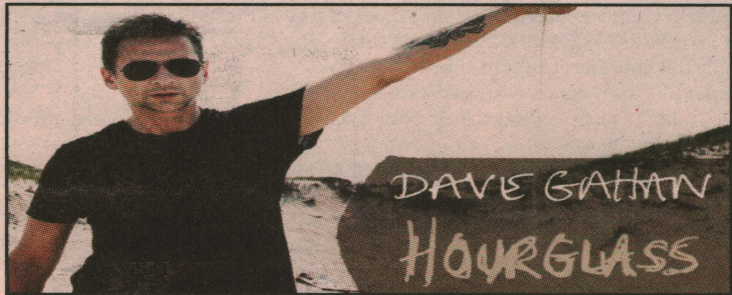
and he starts to read the bible, wear white, and stop shaving his beard. He tries his hand at praying, blows the ram's horn - shofar - at the beginning of every month, and does his best to believe in something he questions. He tries to be fruitful and multiply, struggles to convince himself into disciplining his child, and sacrifices a chicken for his sins on Yom Kippur. He dances with Hasidic Jews, makes a pilgrimage to Israel, and out-talks a Jehovah's Witness. For a year, his life becomes about religion, and he struggles to find his own personal place under the realm of God.

The real dilemma behind recommending this book is mostly figuring out what kind of person would like to read it. Being a controversial subject, many might pick up the book and think of it as something written to make out how strange religion can be - which it does. However this biography is about a spiritually confused man that sticks himself in the thick of a religious experience hoping for some kind of powerful personal reaction. He hopes for guidance to a spiritually and ethically accurate way of life that he can lead. It's a feel-good book for those who are actually religious (whichever religion that may be), but he comes at the Bible from the angle of someone who has never read it



before, which could feel strange for those who know it well. However it will have much deeper meaning for those who - like myself - are waiting for something to call us over. It was written for us who think a higher power exists, but don't know what to do about it.

Dave Gahan Takes Us Through the "Hourglass"



RESSA PETERS

Depeche Mode has been making dreamy, dark, depressing music for over 25 years. They have consistently updated and evolved their sound without becoming shallow, out of their element or repetitive. The two crucial elements in Depeche Mode have been constantly the core members of songwriter Martin Gore and singer Dave Gahan. Gahan recently released his second solo album Hourglass

(after 2003's Paper Monsters), a haunting collection of songs and a great compliment to, but not imitation of, the Depeche Mode catalogue.

Hourglass showcases Gahan's well-honed, tortured vocals whispering sweet nightmarish poems. He's had a lot of personal fuel to feed those tortured thoughts, following years of drug addiction and an overdose in 1995 that left him clinically dead for minutes. He's been clean and sober for over a decade now and sings

from the point of view of a man who's seen the darkness and now shows us the abyss of his own soul. The lyrics are incredibly introspective and self-reflexive. They can be sincere and wry at the same time, like in 'miracles': "I don't believe in Jesus/ but I'm praying anyway." 'Use you' is a scathing look at the selfishness of humanity. "We have each other/ You are my brother/ Sitting here beside you/ I just wanna use you" he growls like a blood-thirsty predator. On 'Insoluble', he reflects on how easy it is to fall onto the wrong path in life and ignore "my angel...whispering in my ear/you have nothing to fear."

The songs can be incredibly nihilistic, like the first single 'Kingdom' singing "With all your hope and glory, doesn't mean that much to me".

The album isn't a total downer though; with the throbbing beats of 'deeper and deeper' the kind of dance-pop reminiscent of the Depeche Mode of the 80's propelling eyelinered club kids across the dance floor. Many of the darker songs still have a compelling beat as well.

Gahan not only sticks to DM type synths in his songs, but also draws from different genres and artists as varied as gospel, The Stooges, T Rex and Siouxsie and the Banshees. The Hourglass shows us many sides of Dave Gahan, it's a confessional and a threat, a lullaby and a nightmare, a naïve romp and a predatory stalk, optimistic and jaded. This is Dave Gahan, this is a complex soul.

Photo: www.davegahan.com

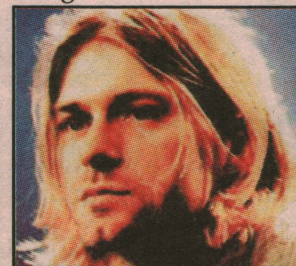
Bite Sized Entertainment



Movies opening this week:
Fred Claus, Lions for Lambs, and The Tracey Fragments.



New CDs out this week:
Greatest hits by Spice girls, Hvarf-Heim by Sigur Ros, McFly: Greatest Hits by McFly, Unleashed by Danni Minogue.



The Kurt Cobain biography "Heavier Than Heaven" is being turned into a movie. The script is being written and Courtney Love is executive producer. No actors have been confirmed yet by Ryan Gosling and Ewen McGregor have been rumoured to be in it.



Amy Winehouse was arrested in Norway October 18 for marijuana possession along with her husband, Blake Feilder-Civil. The couple were fined 500 Euros and released in just under 12 hours. Amy, I love you, but how about more songs and less bongos?



TV Geek's Pick of the Week
Heroes, 10pm Monday on CTV/NBC - The episode "Four Months Ago" explores what happened between the first and second seasons. Including "a mysterious killer stalking the previous generation's heroes". And how did Peter survive and end up in Ireland?

Photo Of The Week



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FEATURES

Hurricane Noel Takes on Nova Scotia

The Storm of the Year is No "Juan", But it Didn't Fail to Leave its Mark

KIM DARES

Many Nova Scotians spent the early part of their weekends preparing for Tropical Storm Noel to hit. Although Noel was downgraded from Hurricane status to Tropical Storm before hitting the province it still packed powerful winds of over 100 kilometres an hour Saturday night. In addition to the wind, heavy rain drenched the province throughout the night.

Province-wide many people remained without power for as long as three days after the storm had wreaked its havoc. Nova Scotia Power worked tirelessly to restore power to the over 15,000 homes and businesses left in the dark following Saturday's storm. By Sunday evening crews had restored power to about 50% of homes.

The rain started Saturday afternoon and did not let up until early Sunday morning. It left roads washed out and basements flooded. The wind also caused mass destruction in many areas; boats were thrown ashore, shingles were lost, balconies were mangled, and trees were blown onto houses and power lines. Access to Quinpool Road and many others were temporarily blocked due to fallen trees and

wires. Also, many roads and bridges along the coastline were covered with debris.

Getting anywhere Sunday morning was a slow and tedious process due to roadblocks, and detours as well as power outages that left many major intersections treated as 4-way stops.

Before being downgraded to a Tropical Storm, Hurricane Noel had a devastating effect on the Dominican Republic, the Bahamas and Cuba. Before the storm blew out it had caused the deaths of 107 people in the Caribbean region. Much of Cuba was completely flooded, many communities were completely cut off from outside help and information. The Bahamas also saw torrential downpours resulting in over 380 millimetres of rainfall.

Following the devastating effects of Hurricane Juan in 2003 Nova Scotians were extra cautious when warnings began about Noel. Juan left many Nova Scotians without power for up to a week and saw the destruction of much of the Metro Halifax Area. One major reason for the widespread destruction was a lack of preparation by much of the population.

Point Pleasant Park in Halifax, which lost a substantial amount of trees

during Hurricane Juan, sustained moderate damage

Saturday night. Just over 200 trees fell when Noel hit the area and many of the walkways have been cleared of branches.

Clearly many lessons were learned from Juan as people were securing all outdoor furniture and barbecues, cutting brush away from power lines, and, of course, stocking up on supplies at the local grocery stores. Customer Service and Front End Supervisor at a local Superstore, Ressa Peters, reported that the situation Saturday afternoon was "insane, like Christmas Eve". People waited in long line ups to purchase essentials such as 19L bottles of water, which many stores sold out of early in the day, as well as candles and flashlights.

Sunday many people went on long drives to "tour the destruction." Beaches served as major attractions for many as the waves were a sight to behold. Lawrencetown Beach and many other local beaches were packed with people, cameras in hand looking to get a glimpse of the last of Noel's effects. For much of the day a car sat in a giant mud puddle in front of the Lawrencetown Beach parking lot, filled with water

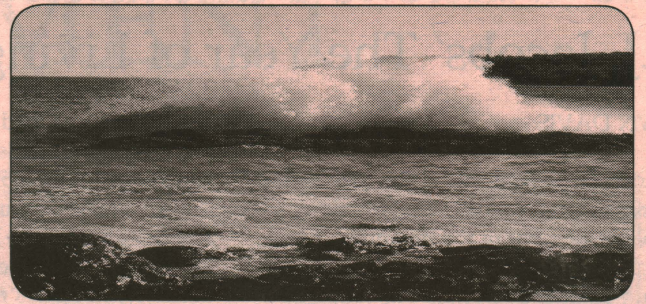


Photo: Loukas Crowther

and debris the drivers side door firmly held in place by a wall of sludge.

At Peggy's Cove people were encouraged to stay away from the waters edge as the rocks were very slippery as a result of crashing waves. One person slipped and fell off the rocks and into the Atlantic Ocean early Sunday morning but was quickly rescued and treated for minor injuries.

Students at Mount Saint Vincent University and many Halifax area public schools enjoyed a long weekend since classes were cancelled as a result of power outages that could not be restored in time for class on Monday.

The storm had blown out of the province by noon on Sunday after having drenched the Halifax area with over 50 millimetres of rain and the Annapolis Valley area with over 70 millimetres in less than 24 hours. The clean-up efforts are still on-going and will take much longer than 24 hours to wrap up.

Values, Social Ideals, and Science

MARK MERCER
The Cranky Professor

J. Philippe Rushton, a professor of psychology at the University of Western Ontario, says that Asians tend to be more intelligent, less lascivious, and more concerned for the well being and long-term success of their children than are whites, and that whites, in turn, tend to be more intelligent, less lascivious, and more concerned for the well being and long-term success of their children than are blacks. Rushton says that these differences are genetically, not environmentally, based.

Are you upset? Should you be? What do you think would be put at risk by these contentions were they true? What do you think would be put at risk were our politicians or policy makers to get wind of them?

Let us imagine that Rushton is right. Imagine that Asians tend to have certain admirable traits to a higher degree than whites have them, and that whites tend to have them to a higher degree than do blacks. Imagine also that to a great degree people have or lack these traits innately, that it's largely a matter of their genes whether they have them. What follows for those things you value, such as political and social equality, equality of opportunity? What follows for your endeavours to see that everyone is free and able to pursue their lives as they see fit? Should you change your attitudes and values?

Nothing at all follows from these claims with regard to your values and social ideals. You ought to change none of your attitudes and values. The task of creating a just and open society would still be with us and would still command our allegiance even if Rushton is right. What we want is that people are treated fairly, that people, as individuals, get what is proper and their due.

We are disgusted when a person is denied what is properly hers on the basis of the colour of her skin or her ethnic or national or religious heritage. We want that everyone has rich opportunities to make the most of their lives, and that means that we support good education and meaningful work and good pay for all.

Nothing at all follows from these claims and yet many people are upset by them, taking them to threaten their social projects or their world view. They seem to think that if Rushton's claims are true, it would make sense, say, to reduce funding for education for black people. But that thought is false. People, we hold, are entitled to a good education, just in virtue of their being individuals with aspirations and dreams, if not also in virtue of our desire that everyone contribute to the prosperity of our society.

Rushton and other researchers into race pose no real danger, whatever their results. What does pose a danger, I contend, is the thought that one's values and ideals are hostage to results from empirical science. That's a danger because no one knows what empirical science might turn up. If you think that your values and social ideals rest upon a firm understanding of what science and social science tell us, then you are apt to be robbed of your values and ideals as your understanding is rendered false and obsolete by developments in the field. How to change society for the better, of course, is a matter that depends on getting the empirical facts right. But no science will help us with the matter what's better.

This thought, the thought that if the facts are a certain way, then some values are in and some values are out, is widespread. Recall the most recent discussion you had about homosexuality. I'll bet someone made the point

that gays and lesbians don't choose to be homosexual, and offered this point in defence of treating gays and lesbians well. Now suppose that tomorrow science revisits the question and researchers determine that gays and lesbians do, after all, choose homosexuality. Would that really mean that it's all right to treat gays and lesbians poorly? No, of course not. But that implies that the point that we don't choose our sexual orientation is not a reason for treating homosexuals well. Whether sexual orientation is innate or chosen or something that emerges out of both, we support gay liberation in all its aspects just because we don't want people to suffer or to be sad. The facts about the origin of homosexuality can be however they please.

Don't tie your values and ideals for society to empirical science! They can find no mooring there and your thought that their soundness requires that they be moored can put you out to sea.

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GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK Recycling: When in doubt, find out!

If you don't know what goes where, a quick glance at the bin's sign or a quick visit to the HRM Waste Management Website (www.halifax.ca/wrms/) will usually tell you. Here are some hints:

- 1) Paper bin: used paper, newspapers & magazines
 - 2) Refundables bin: plastic drinking bottles, pop cans, juice packs & milk containers
 - 3) Compost bin (located in SMU residences): food scraps, tea bags, coffee filters, etc. Do not put plastic, such as saran wrap, or tin foil in here!
 - 4) Garbage bin: most anything that can't go in one of the other three bins
- Note: Old batteries can be returned to the SMUSA Info Desk or Mountain Equipment Co-op. Old medications can be returned to any pharmacy. Do not throw these items in the garbage or down the drain!

The Green Tip of the Week is brought to you by the SMU Environmental Society SMUES is an organization of students working towards a healthier environment and a more sustainable campus. The Society is open to all SMU students and faculty, from all disciplines, who have an interest in environmental issues. For more info about us email: smues@smu.ca

LET'S GET BAKED

WITH MAT AND DAVE

This Lasagna is like four separate recipes all crammed into one. Vancouver's You Say Party We Say Die drew up some blueprints for this monster lasagna and went to town, so get to the store and buy some ingredients to it! You Say Lasagna, We Say Delicious! Tune in to Lets Get Baked on CKDU at 5pm on Thursday's to hear how music and food come together.

"You Say Party, We Say Lasagna"

Sauce:	Chutney:	Other things needed:
4 cloves garlic	1 mango	1 onion
1/2 of a Jalapeno pepper	1 apple, finely chopped	1 red pepper
1 can of stewed tomatoes	1/2 an onion	1 large zucchini
1 can of tomato paste	2 cloves of garlic	2 large yams
1/3 cup of fresh basil	chopped cilantro	3 tbsp maple syrup
1/2 of an onion	1/2 of a Jalapeno pepper	1 box of lasagna noodles
salt and pepper to taste	salt and pepper to taste	

- Cheesy product:**
- 1 block of tofu
 - 1/4 cup tahini
 - 1/3 cup of nutritional yeast
 - 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
 - 1 block of soy feta
 - 2 tbsp of peanut butter

This recipe has a few different components that must be prepared before assembling the lasagna.




Lasagna is filling and fun! You Say Party We Say Die know how to work the kitchen almost as well as they work the dance floor.

For the sauce, sauté the garlic and onion together. Add in the other ingredients and a little bit of water then let it simmer for 5-10 minutes. For the chutney you'll need to blend all the ingredients in a food processor. The cheesy product will be all the ingredients mashed well together in a large bowl. Next, for the baked vegetable mixture just chop up and bake your onion, red pepper, and tomatoes. Bake them at 375 degrees for 25 minutes. For the yam mixture, you'll need boil the yams then mash them up adding some maple syrup, sautéed onion and garlic, salt and pepper. Finally, you'll want to have the noodles pre-boiled, but make sure you don't cook them all the way. They will cook up a bit more when the lasagna is baking. To assemble the lasagna, line the pan with noodles at the bottom, then a layer of cheesy product followed by baked vegetables and then some sauce. Next, add another layer of noodles. Then lay in some chopped zucchini and a layer of sauce, followed by another layer of noodles. Up next comes another layer of cheesy product and all of the chutney. Then comes the final layer of noodles, topped off with the mashed yams. Sprinkle some slivered almonds on the top and bake it up for 30 minutes at 375.

THE JOURNAL PRESENTS AA ASKS....

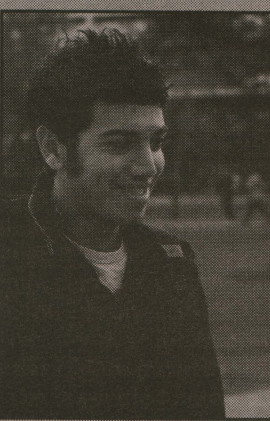
Q & A with Amanda & AJ

"The Provincial Government and Environment Canada issued a severe storm warning in the anticipation of Hurricane Noel this past weekend. What did you do to prepare for the storm?"




LAURA LAWSON
3RD YEAR ANTHRO & REL. STUD.

"Nothing. I spent the weekend at my parent's place. I was working that night, so I was the one selling all the bottled water."



ADAM KHALFALLA
4TH YEAR ACCOUNT.

I bought groceries, but nothing that would be useful without electricity. We got out all the flashlights and candles and then drank wine with some friends in anticipation of the power going out."




LIZ ELLIOTT
3RD YEAR COMMERCE

"I filled my bathtub, and got water, flashlights, candles, food; all of the essentials."



ANITA ATBIN
2ND YEAR ARTS

"We put all of our Halloween decorations away, and the basketball net- basically everything outside of the house."



KATIE BURKE
2ND YEAR ARTS
EVAN BRINK
2ND YEAR PSYCH

"We made sure everything on the back deck was secure, and put the umbrella down, so that it wouldn't all fly away."



CHRISTINE WALLER
1ST YEAR GEOGRAPHY

"I made sure I had enough movies. We actually went out in the storm."

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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HOT	OR	NOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking a W • SMUSA's Price is Right • Backstreet Boys • Poppies • iPod Touch • Sweet Jane's • French Vanilla tea • University admin being closed on Monday • Halloween candy being on sale • Breaking up 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failing a course • Drew Carey • Kevin, 'pursuing other career options' • War • Inappropriate touching • The Freak Lunchbox • French Vanilla cappuccinos • Classes as usual • Consuming more Halloween candy than the kids who actually went out • Being off and on

G SPOT

How Big is Too Big?

SS RANDY BLUE

Hey Randy, After mid-terms I decided to go out, let loose and blow off some steam. I met a guy at the gay bar and brought him home, now I've been with a few guys, not a lot, but a few, and this guys cock was HUGE. He wanted to fu*k me, I was scared so I called it off. How big is too big?

One of the oldest myths about sexual practices is that

bigger is better; that monster cocks are the best thing to have and anything less, well, it just won't do. This couldn't be further from the truth. There does come a point when big is too big. Here are a few tips to know when it is too big:

- If it is so thick that it twitches and gives you a black eye, it may be too big.
- If it has a head that wouldn't fit through a

birth canal, it may be too big.

- If it won't fit into your flashlight, it may be too big.
- If you can't wear XXXL magnums because they cut off circulation and make it turn blue, it may be too big.
- If you can't wrap both you hands around it, it may be too big.
- If it would make Adebisi from the popular Oz se-

ries cry for mercy, it may be too big.

- If you fall forward and a third leg breaks your fall and keeps you standing like a tripod, it may be too big.
- If it goes over your shoulder and you can burp it, it may be too big.

Basically, if it is too big that you can't handle it and it hurts no matter where it is inserted into your body it

is too big for you. You may want to stick to those random hook-ups who have smaller and much more manageable sized penises that you can have much more fun with and one that you both can enjoy.

Until next week, keep it safe and keep it wrapped. If you have a question, send it in to the thesmujournal@gmail.com

BUSINESS

Big City Careers Come To Halifax

KIM DARES

Business and Commerce students from many major Nova Scotia Universities got the chance to learn about many interesting opportunities coming to the Halifax area in the next few years and network with some of the people making this happen at a luncheon, Friday Nov. 2nd.

The event was sponsored by Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI), The Sobey School of Business and Dalhousie University. Tickets and registration for the event actually sold out making it clear students are interested in these coming opportunities.

The purpose of the luncheon was to give students a better understanding of what opportunities are available to them locally. There were representatives from five major companies at the event, and most of them had tables and brochures available to students. The representatives also took part in a question and answer session with those in attendance.

The event was introduced by Devon David Wheeler, of Dalhousie's Faculty of Management. Next to take the stage was

Nancy Foran, CEO of Certified Management Accountants who went into detail about the vision being created that showcases Halifax as a clear destination. She was followed by Stephen Lund, the President and CEO of NSBI as well as the moderator for the question and answer panel discussion.

Before introducing the companies Mr. Lund spoke about the importance of these opportunities. Until recently students remained in Halifax only long enough to get the degree and then were forced to go to New York, the Bahamas, or elsewhere to find a career in their field. He went on to say people are worried Halifax can't compete on the world stage, but according to Mr. Lund "the world should be worried it can't compete with us." The talent is here, the opportunity is here, Halifax stands a good chance of becoming very successful in fulfilling Mr. Lund's prophecy.

There are thousands of the country's highest paying jobs coming to Halifax in the next few years. Halifax is beginning to establish itself as the top Information Technology (IT) centre in North America and a leading

player on the world stage. Mr. Lund finished his introduction up with the comment "There is a worldwide phenomenon occurring and we're in the middle of it."

Citco Fund Services was represented at the Luncheon by Scott Montreuil. Citco currently employs over 32,000 staff worldwide, and is the largest Hedge fund administrator in the world. Mr. Montreuil mentioned to the audience that despite its worldwide success the Company has remained privately owned. Citco has been open in Halifax for almost a year now and when it opened employed 5 people. The staff has now grown to 40, and the office has space for 175. The Company has high hopes that it will have a 300-400 person staff in the next 5-7 years.

The next company introduced was Meridian Fund Services represented by Pat Connelly. The Company currently has 30 employees in Bermuda, 10 in New York and is hoping to hire at least 50 in Halifax. Meridian recognizes the talent pool in Nova Scotia and wants to expand as well as attract more business to the area.

Flagstone Management

Service, a re-insurance company described by representative John Landry as an insurance company for insurance companies was established in 2005. It is a publicly traded company on the New York stock exchange. Currently Flagstone employs over 60 people in its Halifax office. All accounting for the company on a global scale is dealt with in the Halifax office. Patrick Ferguson, a Saint Mary's alum represented Marsh Captive Services at Friday's luncheon. A year ago Marsh's Halifax branch employed just 2 people, it now employs 17 people and there are plans to expand to at least 40 employees in 2008. Marsh Services currently have offices in over 19 countries and employ over 35,000 worldwide.

The last company to be introduced was represented by Sylvain LaCoursiere. Butterfield Fund Services Halifax office made the jump from 1 employee to 30 over the past year. The Company is mainly known for its accountant services but students with knowledge of finance are also an asset. Mr. LaCoursiere did mention that it is important for students choosing their degree programs to keep

in mind that accounting is an asset in many careers in the field.

These companies for the most part are looking to hire a mixture of talented people. Butterfield focuses mainly on accountants with only 20% of its employees trained in other areas. The majority of the companies expressed a more equally divided hiring scheme, Flagstone even employs a climatologist. Students posed many other interesting questions which can be found online at www.financereerhere.com

The event was closed up by Sobey School of Business Commerce Society President Bradley Farquhar.

Big city opportunities are coming to Nova Scotia in a big way. It is affordable for businesses to re-locate here compared to in larger cities and the talent is here. In addition to the companies present, many others including Research in Motion (RIM), General Dynamics Canada, and Keane Canada are setting up shop in Halifax. The future is looking bright for Business students in Nova Scotia.

Lucky Loonie

A Stellar Rise and Even More Stellar Benefits

LAURA MACINTOSH

Is our dominating loonie a great leap or a devastating fall for the economy? Just like anything else, it's not a black and white answer.

On the plus side; the favorable conversion between the loonie and the greenback means Canadians can import many things that previously we could not; goods such as technology that will help catch us up to our American counterparts. The high dollar is great for Christmas shoppers and those looking for a post final vacation getaway. Retailers and other merchants are getting their merchandise for a lot cheaper, meaning lower prices for themselves and consumers; not to mention more selection.

Business is booming and the unemployment rate is at an all time low. Illicit drug sales have essentially stopped between BC and the states (something the US government has been attempting to do for years) because our weed is just too pricey for US sellers. Cars are now cheaper to buy in Canada than to import from the states! So how can the soaring loonie be a bad thing?

Job creation actually has little to nothing to do with the dollar's stellar rise. Actually the dollar has ended up costing many Canadian jobs, as Chrysler announced last week that it had cut 1,100 workers from one Ontario manufacturing plant. Considering that there are 7 parts manufacturers for each of these assembly jobs... there's another 7,700 potential job losses we will see in the



near future. The manufacturing sector is flooding into the US market which will force job cuts all the way down the line. Manufacturers that once exported to the US are now seeing huge declines in their cross border relations, meaning more job cuts. The employment rate will increase once again and the economy will slow and then likely hit reverse.

Nova Scotian students have been enrolling more and more to nearby US universities thanks to the dollar. Tuition in NS is the highest around, and with our dollar exchanging around 1.07:1; it's cheaper to get an education south of the border, even with that international rate. For a

province that already has trouble holding on to the students it teaches, this could be devastating.

Not everyone is happy about the loonie; but it still works in the favor of many students. Whether it's by transferring state-side for courses or through on-line Christmas shopping; there are ways to take advantage of the soaring Canadian economy.

Economists expect the dollar to top \$1.10US later this month, as it has already had its highest close on record at \$1.07US.

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Save It Up and Fly Cheap

ROBERT HARRIS

Have midterms, assignments and readings got you down? Stress level through the roof? Pretty soon all those term papers are going to be due, and don't forget those dreaded final exams. All this stress can really get to students. You deserve a vacation, and I don't mean those three weeks you go home from residence to spend with your family where you wash the 78 loads of laundry that have accumulated since frosh week. You need a real vacation, with your friends, somewhere warm preferably.

The good news is, if you want to take a vacation then December is probably the best time to do it. All the major resort destinations of the world are in their slow off-season where they typically slash their prices repeatedly to coax people to vacation. If you plan your vacation right you can have lots of fun and not have to spend anything that may be remaining on your student loans or lines of credit. Here are a few examples I've been able to come across:

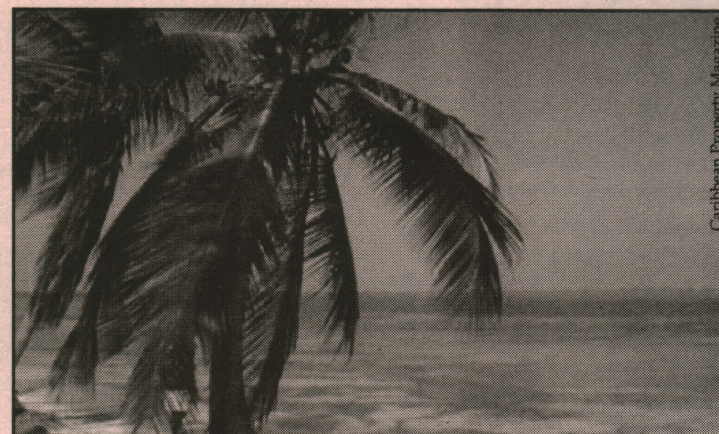
1) Three night stay in Las Vegas, hotel and flight (from Halifax) for only \$537, taxes in. Convince a few of your friends to tag along and split the hotel room

and the trip will be even cheaper.

2) Not a fan of the slots or Carrot top? Then how about a trip to Cancun? Bring two friends with you and get a three night stay in Cancun for only \$896 per person, taxes in (all inclusive) and it also includes transportation to and from the airport (something that can cost upwards if \$60 if you wait until the last minute to do.

3) Sand and surf not your thing? How about a romantic trip to the city of lights? Book at the right time and you can get an awesome three night stay in Paris for less than \$1600 per person.

So no matter what your tastes, whether you want to see the Spice Girls in Vegas, relax on a beach in Cancun, or shopping along the Champs D'Elysees, you should try to plan one for December, it can be one of the cheapest times of the year to travel. But don't wait too long, if you book too late, or for a travel time late in the month, you'll get stuck in the Christmas rush where ticket prices are known to double or triple in price in less than 48 hours. So book early, and take a much deserved vacation after having to write all those stressful exams and celebrate being one semester closer to graduation.



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I'm Dreaming of a Cheap Christmas

LAURA MACINTOSH

With just seven weeks until Christmas and not much longer before second semester fees are due, I'm dreaming of a cheap Christmas this year. If you're like the average SMU student (myself included) you're working at least one job just to pay off your own expenses, not including the holiday bankroll. Gifts for parents, siblings, friends and possibly even co-workers really add up, and on a student budget, that's a hard pill to swallow. I've devised a way to get gifts for those who need them most; including myself! Here's how to make your frugal dreams come true this holiday season; without the help of the illusive money tree!

First off, make a list of everyone you want to buy gifts for; now slash away. That friend you sit next to in lit probably doesn't need a \$10 gift; nor do half the people you end up buying for. My nieces and nephews aren't old enough to care if I buy them some cheapo gift they won't use... if I wrap up a candy 10 times they'd be just as happy playing with all

the paper. Although we all love to pay back our parents for the crap we put them through all year round; what don't they have already? Joint gifts or smaller gifts for parents that mean something are a lot better than a sweater and purse for mom and dress shirts and Tim's gift certificates for dad.

Another thing; joint gift! If you have a sibling; joint it up for the parents, then you can buy something nicer and spend less. Also, go in with your parents to buy those nieces and nephews things they'll enjoy. Joint money and your ideas will yield a gift that's entertaining (as opposed to those "cute" onesies your mom was going get).

Shop online! There's still time to take advantage of the heightened Canadian dollar by shopping online (ebay or wholesalers). It usually takes 4-6 weeks for delivery so watch your timing very carefully. Online gifts are usually cheaper than buying in store; and multiple purchases usually provide discounted shipping rates.

Think about timing. Does that cousin really need a gift

for her birthday on January 10th as well as a Christmas gift? If you buy one gift for both occasions you'll get a better quality gift and spend less money. Heck, I'm joint occasion gifting for people with birthdays in September! They don't care that they are only getting one gift, because they'll only have one gift to remember to thank you for on your next birthday/Christmas/whatever your case may be!

Barter! Another awesome way to get cheap gifts online is through bartering sites. That microwave your parents bought you, without realizing you can't have that on res... barter it! Get something useful like a pre-owned game console for your brother. Aside from online bartering, check out the gift lists of friends and family to see if there's a trade worth taking.

Check out Loyola sales. This is the time of year students and businesses have awesome gifts for purchase in the colonnade. Home made jewelry, clothing, belt buckles, cd collections, all kinds of things can be found for great prices if you look at the right times.

If you're crafty (and I



only suggest this if you're crafty); make something! Maybe you saw a great idea online, or in Loyola and you want to make your mom something to be proud of. Supplies are way cheaper than buying something pre-made (all those labour costs and all).

Check your airmiles and other reward points. If you have reward cards like Airmiles, check and see if you have enough to buy any gift certificates or other gift ideas. It saves you tons in

cash that you can put towards your education and let's face it; self-pampering post finals.

Follow these steps and you too can save a small fortune this Christmas; maybe even enough to get a little holiday vacation in with some close friends.

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Getting Involved: A Look at SMUSA's Newest Division

ANONYMOUS

Events and promotions is the newest department of SMUSA staff. You may think the name is self-explanatory, but think again. What exactly does the events and promotions team do? The answer is slightly more than simple. We plan some of the theme nights in the Gorsebrook, as well as bring you larger events throughout the year such as the first annual Octoberfest a few weeks ago, winter Chill Out, and the ever popular SMUMazing race.

But, as our title says, we do more than just plan. We also promote. We're forever trying to think of creative ways to get a variety of different students involved in events on and around campus. Headed up by manager Myra El-Bayoumi, we're the ones who get to act like it's Halloween at least

once a week, either dressed up, handing out promotional materials, sitting at a desk outside the student centre, or sometimes all of the above. Essentially, the point of our department is to peak interest with students to experience university life beyond the stress and midterms. It's all about balance.

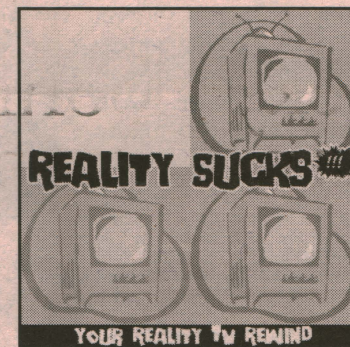
What does it all have to do with you, you ask? Well, first thing's first. What do you have to look forward to? The events and promotions team are working hard to bring new ideas for events to campus as well as some old classic favorites. Coming up soon (on Nov. 13th at 9 PM) is The Price Is Right! A spin off of the game show that most of us grew up on is hosted by a "Drew Carey" from within our midst (since Bob Barker and Adam Lordon seem to have left their respective scenes simultaneously). There will be

tons of prizes including a digital camera and an I-Pod and this event is sure to be a blast, so buy your tickets at the Info Desk and we'll see you in McNally Theatre!

Also, to be more directly involved, there's a great volunteer team being set up under the guidance of VP Internal, Chris MacDougall. SET (a clever acronym for, you guessed it! -SMU Events Team) has direct communication with the Events and Promotions staff, and gets to help plan parties. What's not to love? Joining this team is a phenomenal way to meet other students and get involved with a ton of different events.

For more information about SET, email vpinternal@smusa.ca. If you have any ideas about what kinds of events or theme nights you'd like to see on campus, feel free to contact events.promotions@smu.ca

The Cost of Reality... TV That Is



LAURA MACINTOSH

So you know what happens if you win Survivor, \$1,000,000 and all kinds of endorsement offers. But what about the cost of getting there? Many would-be contestants spend money on airfare, hotel accommodations and depending on the show plenty more just to get a crack at the limelight. Let's take Canadian Idol for instance. If you must travel to a city for an audition there's airfare or gas, hotel accommodations, food expenses and the like. If you're really serious about getting on the show, there's that new outfit you'll need to impress the judges, the makeover hair do and makeup. Don't forget the time and money for those singing lessons to dust off the rust (or create the rust to dust off in some cases). Not only does all this cost a lot of money, but it also takes a lot of time! Hope you were planning on taking time off from that job to prep your vocal cords for this one. Time off doesn't always come easy, and many would-be superstars lose their jobs due to the demands of trying to crack the top in these competitions.

Ok, so hundreds in hotel, travel, and makeover expenses; hundreds more in vocal training, then you get the news. You're allowed to play your own instrument this time around! Oh no, you don't want to look like a poser Britney Spears with just a cutsie outfit and a set of pop lungs... time to tune up that old guitar. Repairs, instrument

makeovers or maybe even a new instrument (and lessons) will run you a few hundred to thousand more just to have the voice AND the look judges are looking for.

Now you could just walk in there and belt something from your heart and hope the judges like it; but for many who dream big and that's the bottom line; this list of expenses isn't foolish, but a necessary step.

With all that money wasted there's only one thing left to do, sing for the judges. Now presuming one even makes it to the television judges (there's a pre-round as well); there are two ways it can go; making it to Toronto or having those dreams and credit cards dashed. But for any would-be contestant who makes the TO trip; it's not over yet! More outfits and hair styling are needed for the 'boot camp' auditions, along with forged friendships and ego cattiness all while trying to convince your boss not to fire you for taking so much time off. Any contestants who get kicked out at this stage without having a good TV moment have a lot of explaining to do when they get home...

And if you make it to TV... what then? Only one contestant is guaranteed a record deal; and although sometimes the number 2 or 3 makes it bigger in the end; many contestants are never heard from again.

Flying from audition to audition; getting the right look, these all come at a cost. And Canadian Idol is a pretty cheap dream to follow if you think about it. Project Runway runs would be contestants into the ground with the hopes of becoming the next big thing in the fashion industry. The cost of designing and manufacturing pieces to show judges can run into the thousands.

So next time you think how easy it would be to make a cool cash prize; remember what TV doesn't show you.

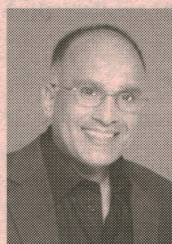
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SPORTS

Who's Better: Brady or Manning? Who Cares?

DANNY CAREW

The "Greatest Regular Season Football Game of All-Time" between the New England Patriots and the Indianapolis Colts, which pitted two of the greatest quarterbacks of our generation against each other in battle for NFL supremacy, took place this past Sunday. The game itself, was hyped up from all different angles: Would the Pats remain undefeated and avenge their AFC Championship loss from last year, or would the Colts win and remain undefeated making their own run at perfection? But one of the more obvious debates would seem inevitable: who is the better-Tom Brady or Peyton Manning? I've personally been on the fence for a longtime with this one. As a matter of fact, I knew I would write an article of this nature well before the match up took place, in an attempt to show how great they both are, and how it is pointless to argue that one is better than the other. I was really taken back when the NFL Network aired a program entitled- Who is Better: Brady or Manning? The program would have 10 categories used to criteria a quarterback, ie- arm strength, accuracy, football IQ, leadership, clutch etc. NFL analysts would argue as to why which player was better than the other at a certain category and whoever won more categories would be dubbed the better quarterback. As I watched this program I took notes and I also thought about how I could argue against what the experts thought. Without further adieu, I will break down the debate from all angles to how show great they both are; not to show who is better.

The first category was footwork. Who has the better feet? It was said that Brady has the ability to escape more often. Judging by the fact that Brady failed to break 5 seconds in the 40 yard dash, and that Manning is never sacked; nevertheless, edge goes to Brady. You could argue that Manning has the better footwork, especially considering how he can open up and pivot his feet without getting rattled by the oncoming pressure. Both guys are elusive, not mobile.

Arm Strength- How many times over the years has Manning dropped back and either hooked up with Marvin Harrison or Reggie Wayne on the long bomb? Edge to Manning. Going back to Tom's first few seasons in the NFL, he lacked the deep threat and the deep ball that comes with it. Bethel Johnson, David Pattenot your household names. Does Tom lack arm strength when he throws bombs to Randy Moss?

Accuracy- Manning wins this category, but what's the difference between a career 64.1% passer to a 62.9% passer? Not much room for error. However, Brady is completing 73% of his passes this season while Manning's best season is 67%. Brady has Wes Welker, Randy Moss, and Donte Stallworth. Manning has Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne, and Dallas Clark. All catch balls, make plays. In terms of accuracy, this projection isn't quite as accurate as one would think.

Toughness/Durability- Manning wins. Manning has started 151 consecutive games. Brady has played in 101 consecutive games. Manning's been in the league for two year's longer, including Brady's rookie season when Brady didn't play. Go figure.

Clutch- Marshall Faulk, former St. Louis Ram's runningback, "Brady's more clutch for the simple fact he beat us for a Superbowl. He drove down with a minute left. Tom Brady has done it more in big games than Peyton Manning thus far." Edge goes to Brady. But who was clutch in last year's AFC Championship game when Manning led the Colts on an 80 yard drive with minutes remaining to defeat the Patriots 38-34? Something to think about...

Timing and Delivery- According to Adam Schefner "Peyton Manning is as precise as a Rolex. That's the way he's always been, that's how he made his mark on the game." Don't underestimate Brady's timing and

delivery. Brady got his movie star girlfriend pregnant and then he jumped ship to supermodel Giselle Budchen. Talk about the Tom Cat and his precision.

Accomplishments- Tom has won three Superbowls while Manning has won one. But according to Steve Mariucci, "Tom Brady has guided his team to three Superbowls; granted, they won on field goals." Manning has set the NFL record for touchdown passes in a season with 49. Manning's been the league MVP and has been to 7 Pro Bowls. Edge: Brady.

Football IQ- Manning

or can't say; see Bill Belichick.

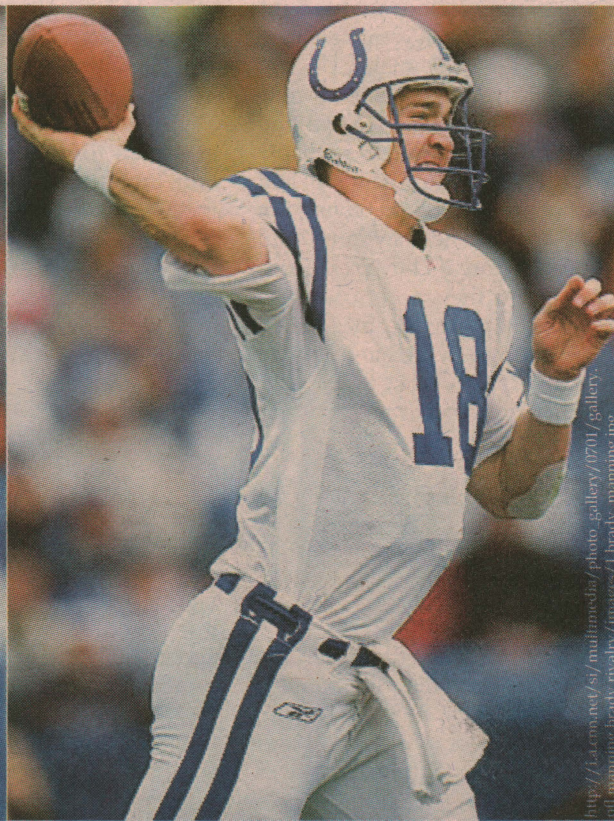
Finally, there was a poll across America to see who is the better quarterback. 46,000 fans were polled and 53% said Manning, and 47% said Brady. There was no indication of how many Pats/ Colts fans voted. Therefore, overall Manning is the better quarterback.

But what about the fact that Brady and Manning have played each other 10 times, with Brady sporting a record of 7-3 thanks to Sunday's 24-20 win over the Colts. Brady threw for

and in the words of Chris Collinsworth, "They are the NFL."

We live in a modern sports society that is obsessed with sexy statistics, the type of stats that people will use to argue how one player is better than another. There is no statistic for heart, determination, and above all, love for the game. Pundits will continue to argue these frivolous debates, but as to why and where it ends? It remains to be seen.

I promise myself that for the rest of my life I will treat Brady and Manning as equals in



Both quarterbacks are great. It's almost impossible to argue who is greater.

grew up in a football family and all he does is study football. Edge goes to Manning. But Tom Brady grew up watching Joe Montana play. Tom was there to see Montana to Clark. Think about that.

Leadership- "Leadership is understanding what you can or can't say during the heat of the battle. Peyton has had to lead his team ever since he got there," says Terrell Davis. Edge goes to Manning. Ever since Mo Lewis hit Drew Bledsoe, Brady has been there as well. I think Brady knows what he can

more touchdowns and yards than Manning, however, if it wasn't for a bad pass by Manning under pressure the Colts may have won. Is Brady now the better quarterback since he won the most important game as of yet?

So many statistics. How do you decide who is better? The debate should be dead, but the debate will continue to linger on. If I could make a prediction it would be to say that these two players are the best to have ever played the game at their position. They will both win more championships

terms of talent. I may be a Patriots fan, but no one in the NFL scares me more than Peyton Manning. It amazes me how often the man converts on third down, and no one orchestrates the offense like him. Face it sports fans, this is Frazier and Ali, or Bird or Magic. Name your great. The NFL is in a great position because of these two men. Don't waste your time debating who is better; just enjoy the show over the next number of years, because it will eventually come to an end.

SMU SPORTS UPDATE

DANNY CAREW

The Saint Mary's men's hockey squad snapped a three game losing streak with a 7-4 victory over St. Francis Xavier on Halloween night. David MacDonald, Nathan Beausoleil, Travis Chapman, Ryan Bowness, and Dan Rudisuella all scored for the Huskies. St. Mary's was without Head Coach Trevor Stienburg who served a one-game suspension for a game misconduct. This past weekend the team won twice, defeating St. Thomas 3-2 and UPEI 10-5. The team sports a 6-3 overall record good enough to be ranked 6th in the country. SMU's next home game is Nov 14th at 7pm.

The women's hockey team is off to a 4-1 start. The team was scheduled to play Mount Allison Saturday but the game was cancelled due to Hurricane Noel. SMU's next home game is November 16 in exhibition play against Ottawa.

The Saint Mary's Huskies Football team will host St. Francis in the AUS Final this Saturday at 1pm at Husky Stadium. St. Francis advances to the final after defeating Acadia 38-17. Saint Mary's has defeated St. Francis

Xavier twice this season, 28-22 and 63-8. If SMU wins, they will host the Uteck Bowl the following Saturday. Be sure to get out and support the team!

The Saint Mary's women's Volleyball team has won back to back AUS Championships, and they are poised for a third title. The team opened the season by beating UPEI 3-0. This year's team may be more talented than SMU teams of the past.

The men's soccer team gets a bye to the semi-final of the conference championship after finishing second in the conference. The playoffs take place in Antigonish this weekend. Congratulations to Istvan Lakner and Matt Hogg who were named as First-Team All-Stars for the AUS.

The women's soccer team won their first match of the AUS playoffs blanking St. Francis 1-0. However, they fell to Dalhousie 1-0 in a shootout. The team finishes the regular season with a record of 7-4-2. Great season, ladies

The Saint Mary's women's rugby

season ended with a 29-0 loss to St. Francis Xavier. St. Francis are the defending CIS champions. Congratulations to Megan Kinsmen who was named an All-Canadian.

The men's/women's basketball season opens against Acadia in Wolfville, November 7. The game between the men will be a rematch of last years AUS Championship.



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