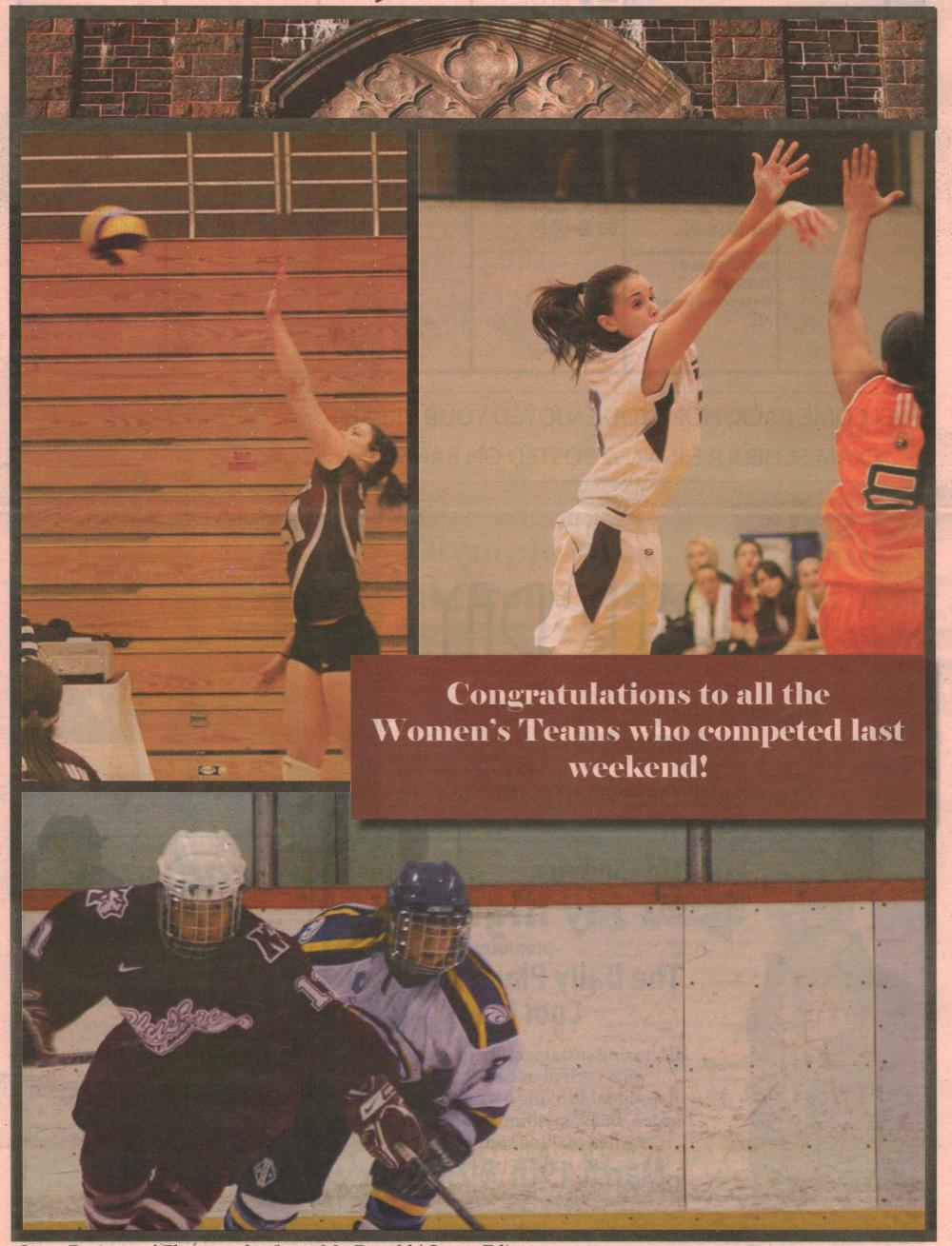
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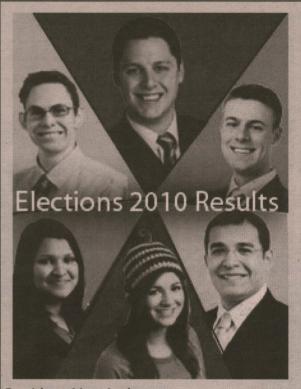
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

How I Came to Love Sid the Kid

KIMBERLEY DARES News Editor

When Canada won the Gold Medal in Men's Hockey I became a believer in Sidney Crosby.

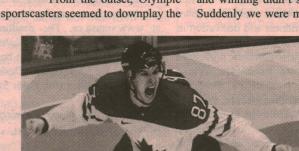
I was attending high school in Sid the Kid's hometown of Cole Harbour as he began his climb to stardom. All the hoopla about his on-ice skill was just a little too much for me. This was before his Stanley Cup when he was playing in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) and people were already comparing him to Wayne Gretzky.

After he was picked up by the Pittsburgh Penguins the fanfare continue to explode, as did my distaste for him. The fancy signs on the outskirts of Cole Harbour declaring the area the "Home of Sidney Crosby" made me cringe a little every time I drove by. Surely there must have been something else in Cole Harbour that would benefit from the money used to erect lavish signs honouring a hockey player.

I will admit I am not an avid NHL fan and before the Olym-

pics I hadn't seen Crosby play an entire game of hockey. My opinion was very uneducated, but from the outside looking in, it seemed like our little province had blown things just a wee bit out of proportion.

From the outset, Olympic



importance of Crosby's presence on Team Canada. He was only one of many amazing athletes competing at the games. I think it was an important time for him and the rest of the world to see that he is not the only Canadian player who is good at the game of hockey. As my roommate (who was also not a Crosby fan) and I watched the game we rolled our eyes each time his name was mentioned and remarked how he did not seem to be as amazing as we were led to believe. At this point we were winning, even without a big contribution from Sid the Kid. But then the USA scored with a minute to go in the third period, and winning didn't seem so certain. Suddenly we were making promises

> convert to to Sidney Crosby fans if he could just bring home the gold, believing it wasn't likely to happen. The next thing I know, I am on my feet

cheering for Team Canada and sharing the feeling of disbelief all over Crosby's face when he realized his

When it mattered, Crosby managed to make things happen, scoring a goal that will not soon be forgotten. Of course he is part of a much larger team, and the goal wouldn't have happened without the others, but at that moment he became a legend for non-believers like me. Maybe another member of Team Canada would have scored had Crosby failed but that cannot detract from the fact that they didn't. In a matter of seconds he showed why he is Canada and Cole Harbour's hockey hero!

Critics often outnumber fans because it is hard to appreciate when someone is truly impressive, but so easy to tear them down when they fail. Nova Scotia is not a province with huge numbers of successful exports so Crosby was a great chance to bring us a little glory. He had so much success so fast that it's hard not to be a little envious of him. When he was named captain of an NHL team, he was younger than most of us will be when we graduate from SMU.

Sid the Kid might have annoyingly lavish signs in his honour and he might be one of the more successful 22 year olds in the world but the accolades are well earned. Until I win a Stanley Cup and Olympic Gold Medal in hockey I'm going to have to admit that Sidney Crosby is an impressive hockey player. His goal has made me a believer but I don't think I'll be taking my picture with the sign just yet.

Bank Error in Your Favour

ADAM FABER Contributor

Some local students who check their accounts are in for a treat. The Nova Scotia Student Bursaries were given out in January, but some students did not receive it.

After a bit of administrative tidying, the missing dollars have found their

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owners. Students have been refunded approximately \$100 for each course taken. For students who didn't know this existed or that a mistake had occurred, this is a pleasant surprise. However, it only applies to Nova Scotia residents who have not yet received the Bursary. "It can be refunded or simply carried over for the next term," says Student Services. "You should be receiving letters about it soon."

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of the Week

Get Caught Recycling! Next week the Saint Mary's Environmental Society (SMUES) kicks off their Get Caught Recycling campaign. SMUES will have Recycling Police patrolling the hallways of Saint Mary's trying to catch people recycling correctly. If they catch you sorting your waste properly you will receive a prize and be entered into a Grand Prize Draw. If you are caught recycling improperly you won't be thrown in SMU jail but you will be given a friendly reminder about the proper ways to sort your trash! The campaign kicks of March 8th so there are still a few days to practice your proper waste sorting techniques!

Congratulations to the Saint Mary's University Cheerleading team on their wins at the Maritime Completions this weekend!



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Nominate Deserving Students for Charter Day Awards

KIMBERLEY DARES
News Editor

If you know of a society or individual who has done great things at Saint Mary's this year nominate them for a Charter Day Award. Charter Day is a SMUSA award ceremony held annually to honour students and employees who contributed to the organizations successes over the course of the year.

There are over twenty categories of awards recognizing students in every year of study. The Driftwood Award is always entertaining as it is given to an individual who contributes to campus activities but just won't leave SMU. It began as a joke award back in the 80's but has become something quite coveted in recent years. There are prestigious society awards including Society of the Year and Most Improved Society. There are also awards to students involved with intramurals, those demonstrating impressive levels of Huskies spirit and those who have shown qualities of kindness and dedication in their work here at Saint Mary's.

Students can also nominate professors for the Teaching Excellence Awards which allow students to recognize professors that demonstrate the characteristics of excellence in education. There are awards for professors in Arts, Commerce and Science and both full and part-time professors can be nominated. There is also an award for the Teaching Assistant (TA) of the year. Students can also nominate a member of the Saint Mary's community for The SMUSA Award for Overall Excellence in the Field of Education.

Full descriptions of awards and the nomination forms can be found online at www.smusa.ca. The deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday March 10th. Nominations can be dropped off at the SMUSA Info Desk or at the SMUSA Office (5th Floor Student Centre).

The Charter Day Awards Dinner will be held Saturday March 27th.

Newsfeed

8.8 Magnitude Earthquake Strikes Chile



Just weeks after a tragic quake struck Haiti, another country has been hit by a deadly quake. The South American country of Chile experienced an 8.8 magnitude quake on Saturday which left over 200 people dead and 500,000 homeless. The quake has been described as several hundred times more powerful than the 7 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti in January. The quake in Chile struck deeper in the ground however which has led to a much smaller loss of life. The initial quake was followed by over 76 aftershocks with magnitudes above 4.9 on the Richter scale.

European Storm Leads to Death



Similar to the storm that battered Nova Scotia late last week, the European countries of Spain, Portugal and France were struck by an end-of-winter snow, rain and wind storm. More than fifty people were killed as a result of extreme flooding and falling debris. The storm was the worst to hit France in over ten years. Wind gusts were recorded as high as 200km/hr.

NATO Mission in Afghanistan Leads to Civilian Deaths



For the second time in less than two weeks NATO is apologizing for the deaths of civilians. Twenty-one people were accidentally killed by NATO jets in Central Afghanistan. The jets thought they were firing on insurgents but the three minibuses hit were carrying civilian passengers. Nine days ago two U.S. rockets killed twelve civilians, half of whom were children. These deaths are a setback for the mission that hopes to gain the confidence of the Afghan people and turn back the Taliban.

The Dalai Lama Joins Twitter

Tibetan Spiritual Leader is the latest to join Twitter. Since signing up a little over a week ago he has attracted close to 70,000 followers. The Dalai Lama has yet to personally tweet anything so all the tweets to date have been sent by Officials from the Office of the Dalai Lama in India. The tweets have provided links to media coverage and photos from the Dalai Lama's recent visit to the United States. Before creating his own account the Dalai Lama had many imposters on the social networking site.

SMUSA Elections Wrap Up (Finally!)

KIMBERLEY DARES
News Editor

After what seemed to be a never en ding election period, the results are finally in! Current SMUSA President Matt Anderson will be back for a second term winning the election with 57.7% of votes. Anderson is the first President to

be re-elected since Zack Churchill in 2005-2007. His second term will begin May 1st.

The Board of Directors for 2010-2011 will now include Ali Hamed, Ayesha Mashoodh, Christian Hahn, Tim Villermet, and Grace Kennedy. Their terms will also begin May 1st.

Perhaps because of all the hype surrounding election policies the election had the highest voter turnout rate in 10 years. Close to 1,000 SMU students made their voices heard during the voting days. Thanks to online voting at www.smusa.ca even the snow day February 17th didn't prevent students from voting. The results were celebrated with a party at The Gorsebrook Thursday February 18th.

Congratulations to everyone who campaigned!

SMU Security Begins "Booting" Cars

KIMBERLEY DARES
News Editor

Recently signs were posted around campus warning against illegal parking on campus. Saint Mary's Security Services purchased two tire immobilizers to be used on cars parking illegally on campus.

The Journal spoke with SMU Security Interim Manager Donald Poulter about the purchases and why they were necessary. Poulter said many people park in places that are not marked spots, or park in spots that are intended for paid parking permit holders. Illegal parking makes mornings frustrating for those who did buy the permits as often times finding a spot is nearly impossible.

Those who park illegally on campus three times and have been ticketed will be "booted" and will have to see SMU security to have the boots removed.

Poulter said many cars will be affected by the new equipment as illegal parking is a big problem on campus.

Hopefully these new purchases will make parking easier for everyone on campus.

This Week at SMU

MARCH 3RD (WEDNESDAY)

TICKETS WENT ON SALE MONDAY FOR THE MAROON AND WHITE GRAD BALL BEING HELD APRIL 3RD AT THE LORD NELSON HOTEL. THEY CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE SMUSA INFO DESK AND COST \$45 FOR DINNER AND THE DANCE, OR \$10 FOR THE DANCE ALONE. THE DANCE IS OPEN TO ALL SMU STU-DENTS BUT DINNER IS ONLY FOR GRADUATES. MORE IN-FORMATION CAN BE FOUND FACEBOOK PAGE (SAINT MA-RY'S UNIVERSITY CLASS OF

MARCH 4TH (THURSDAY)

SMU WILL BE HOLDING ITS FIRST EVER RESEARCH DAY IN LOYOLA 290 FROM 12:00PM TO 4:00PM. THE EVENT WILL SHOWCASE RESEARCH FROM THE SOBEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AS WELL AS THE SCIENCE AND ARTS FACULTIES. IT'S A GREAT CHANCE TO SEE WHAT RESEARCH IS BEING DONE, PARTICULARLY IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING DOING THESIS WORK.

THE NOBEL PRIZE LECTURE SERIES ALSO KICKS OFF THURSDAY WITH PRESENTATIONS ON THE 2009 NOBEL

PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY AND THE NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE. THE PRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY SAINT MARY'S FACULTY AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. THE LITERATURE LECTURE WILL DISCUSS THE COLD MUSIC OF HERTA MULLER, AND THE CHEMISTRY LECTURE WILL DISCUSS NANOSCALE PROTEIN FACTORIES: A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF RIBOSOME.

THE LECTURES WILL BE HELD IN THE SCOTIABANK THEATRE IN THE SOBEY BUILDING AT 7:00PM.

MARCH 5TH (FRIDAY)

A SMUSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE SMUSA BOARDROOM (5TH FLOOR STUDENT CENTRE) AT 4:30PM. STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND THE AGENDA CAN BE FOUND ON THE SMUSA WEBSITE.

THE SAINT MARY'S ART GALLERY WILL BE HOLDING AN OPENING RECEPTION FOR NINA LEVITT'S LITTLE BREEZE EXHIBIT. THE LITTLE BREEZE EXHIBIT USES VIDEOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO SHOWCASE THE HEROISM OF WOMEN INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE DURING WWII. THE

RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AT 8:00PM ON FRIDAY AND AN ARTIST TALK WILL BE HELD SATURDAY AT 3:00PM; BOTH EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHAR-GF

MARCH 9TH (TUESDAY)

THERE WILL BE TWO MORE LECTURES IN THE NOBEL PRIZE SERIES PRESENTED. THE NOBEL PRIZE IN MEDICINE LECTURE IS ENTITLED, TYING UP THE LOOSE ENDS: UNDERSTANDING HOW DNA MAINTAINS ITS INTEGRITY. ALSO BEING DISCUSSED TUESDAY NIGHT IS THE NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS CONCERNING WILLIAM BOYLE AND THE INVENTION OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY. THE LECTURES BEGIN AT 7:00PM IN THE SCOTIABANK THEATRE.

MARCH 11TH (THURSDAY)

THE NOBEL PRIZE LECTURE SERIES WILL WRAP UP WITH A LECTURE ON THE NOBEL PRIZE IN ECONOMICS ENTITLED CONFLICT AND COOPERATION. COMMUNITIES AND CONSERVATION. ALSO. THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARDED TO US PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE LECTURE, HOW "NOBEL": A "PEACE" OF OBAMA. LECTURES BEGIN AT 7:00PM IN THE SCOTIABANK THEATRE.

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Fabrications Art Exhibition

From March 3rd to the 28th, photographer Diane Laundy is holding an exhibit of architectural photographs at ViewPoint Gallery. The exhibit features modern architecture abstracted, re-imagined, and playfully re-assembled into quilt-like patterns. Of her recent work, Laundy explains, "I see architecture as a fabric that can be cut and shaped by my viewfinder, and patterned and embroidered by the world around it. Photographing a building is like cutting a length of fabric into a few simple shapes and piecing them together into a new creation." Celebrating pattern, shape, colour, and ambiguity, the images of Fabrication find poetry and playfulness where most see only the familiar or banal. "Architecture and quilting have much in common," says Laundy. "There is an inherent sense of order and structure in both, that lends itself to the creation of pattern and rhythm. And both are utilitarian - created to provide shelter, warmth, and comfort."

The opening reception takes place Thursday, March 4th from 6pm to 9pm, and an artist talk will take place Sunday, March 7th at 2pm. For more information visit www.ViewPointGallery.ca.

Support Harsh Knuckle Productions!



SMU Alumni (and former Journal editors) Karan Sidhu and Chad Lindsay have big dreams. Creating Harsh Knuckle Production Studios (http://www.facebook.com/#!/ group.php?gid=29853051101), they take low-budget productions to the next level. Many of you may be familiar with their project last year, The Lot, a short film about the used car business shot in Sackville. Coming off the success of that production, and its inclusion in the Atlantic Film Festival, the team dove headfirst into their current project: an entry into Doritos' Viralocity campaign. The campaign involves individuals or teams submitting videos (with an indie, "viral" theme) meant to promote their new flavour of Doritos. Despite sending their submission a week later than most other entries, the group's video, "The Taste-Test Whisteblower," went from rank 183 to 43 in just one day. At the moment they're at 18. Let's support our own and perpetuate the viral nature of the competition by voting for their video (which actually is the best entry there) at http://bit.ly/d1No23 (URL shortened for convenience) and spreading the word.

Olympic Closing Ceremonies UNDOING TWO WEEKS OF PROGRESS

NICK MADORE
Arts & Entertainment

We were doing so well.

For a little over two weeks we were hosts to the world. Finally people got to see what Canada is really like (or at least Vancouver). Not everywhere in Canada is a snow-laden tundra! We have regular old cops, not just dudes in red uniforms and big hats! We're chockfull of diversity! The opening ceremony for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic games spelled this out nicely. It gave the world a good look at the different regions of Canada. It's a big country; there's bound to be a range of cultures across the nation.

For two weeks we showed the world what Canadians are made of. Not only did we win more gold medals than any other country this year, we won more gold medals than any host country has ever won in the Winter Olympics (pretty good for a nation who had never even won a single gold medal on home soil). That's definitely something to be proud of! So why oh why did they backpedal so hard with the second half of the closing ceremonies? I love William Shatner, Catherine O'Hara and Michael J. Fox as much as the next person, but did we really need those speeches? Was Shane Koyczan's slam poetry during the opening ceremony not suffice? The closing ceremonies overall seemed rushed; they did not match up to the quality of the opening ceremonies.

At least the closing ceremonies started out with an appropriately tongue-incheek homage to the flub at the end of the opening ceremonies, when one of the arms of the cauldron failed to rise. Sunday evening, at the very beginning of the closing ceremonies (when the nation was still basked in the warm afterglow of national pride after the hockey game), a mime wandered out of the spot where the fourth arm should

have come out of. Dressed as a technician working on the cauldron, the mime pulled the arm out of the ground with an invisible rope, giving poor, sweet Catriona Le May Doan her chance to light the cauldron. For a while, the closing ceremonies was a classy affair, akin to the opening ceremonies over two weeks prior. The national anthem was sung. Flags and athletes marched in donning their various medals. The Olympic flag was passed on to the Russians, host of the next Winter Games, who had prepared an impressively posh (if not confusing) promo video for their events in four years, followed by a Russian conductor conducting an orchestra in the Red Square, Moscow, Russia from Vancouver via a video feed. Afterward, Neil Young came out and sang "Long May You Run" as the Olympic cauldron was extinguished. Up to this point, the closing ceremonies were thoroughly classy.

And then it all went horribly, horribly wrong.

What was meant to be an evening full of tongue-in-cheek humour aimed at ourselves resulted in an embarrassing, borderline humiliating display of national stereotypes and poorly-chosen music. Canadian celebrities William Shatner, Catherine O'Hara and Michael J. Fox came out and each gave a monologue about what it means to be Canadian. What happened next reset any progress we'd made in the last two weeks in our efforts to be taken seriously in the eyes of the rest of the world. Michael Bublé, donned in Canadian Mountie garb, crooned the lyrics to "The Maple Leaf Forever," amidst every dumb Canadian cliché ever conceived, including (and I'm not making this up) giant, inflatable moose and beaver parade balloons, carried by individuals in exaggerated Mountie costumes while overhead women dressed as maple leafs danced while suspended from the ceiling. Following this was a game of table hockey with oversized players and a little boy

dressed as a hockey puck while the old Hockey Night in Canada theme blasted through the speakers (the CTV commentators felt the need to talk through this whole section while the country tried so hard to listen to what many consider to be our other national anthem). Finishing off this section was a number of French Canadians singing and paddling around in canoes. By this time Canada once again had become the laughing stock of the world.

Finishing off the closing ceremonies was a series of performances by a poor choice (with one or two exceptions) of Canadian bands and artists such as Nickelback, Avril Lavigne, Simple Plan and Hedley, eliciting a collective groan heard across the country (for those who were still watching). I thought we were trying to show the world our diversity? Why choose to show the world our worst examples of alternate rock? As long as we're showing the world the music of our nation, why not show them a range of genres, or at least more prolific, impressive acts? Alanis Morrisette was definitely a good start, but where were classic Canadian acts Rush, Bachman-Turner Overdrive, or The Tragically Hip? As far as contemporary music goes, why couldn't we show off Hey Rosetta!, City and Colour, Tegan and Sara, Feist, Arcade Fire or Metric (side note: Metric is in town on April 14)? The point I'm trying to get across is that the vast majority of our Canadian music showcase was cookie cutter pop rock, when throughout the Games we tried our best to show off our diversity.

Overall, the closing ceremonies were a disappointment. Where the opening ceremonies were quite impressive, complete with cutting edge special effects and a good representation of the different regions of our country, the closing ceremonies seemed phoned-in by comparison. Chock-full of Canadian clichés and dull music, the closing ceremonies were a bitter end to an otherwise fruitful, impassioned, proud Olympic Winter Games.





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Joel Plaskett Rocks the Carleton

Tables are full at the Carleton, people sit with strangers and amiably chat waiting for Joel Plaskett to take the stage. CBC's Mark Critch sits by the door; "Been a long time fan." he states. On his way up to the stage, Joel shakes hands with a fan and signs an autograph. Plaskett is playing with his father and sister in support of Music Therapy tonight. Anna Plaskett is an accredited music therapist, a form of therapy that is working hard to raise awareness. Before the family performs Nowhere With You, Anna mentions that the

tick-tock tongue clicking in the song is one of the only sounds a client of hers can communicate with. "He's right here, Anna." comes a voice. A young man sitting with his parents excitedly fidgets as the music starts.

Music Therapy isn't a sing along. An accredited music therapist uses music and musical elements to aid interaction, self-awareness and selfexpression. On top of the mental benefits there are physical benefits to playing, aiding with coordination and muscle tone. For example, a drum circle where students with special needs pass the drum around teaches turn taking, and sometimes the simple fact that there are others around to interact with. In elder care,

clients who have long since lost the ability to speak have sung along with childhood favourites. Goodnight Irene is as universal to one generation as Backstreet's Back to another.

Halifax is hosting a national conference in May on music therapy, bringing music therapists from coast to coast to exchange ideas. This will be the 36th such event, and the first time it takes place in Halifax. As Joel plays guitar with his father to raise money, and his mother shouts a request from the front row, Anna works with Lara Robinson and others to organize the conference. "It'll be a lot of work," Anna says to another concert-goer, "but it's very

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Facebook: A wake up call!

ALEX CLARKE Features Editor

Congratulations, because reading week is over. We are technically half way through the semester and students are busy writing papers or getting ready for midterms. Good news is that summer break is just around the corner.

So far 2010 is turning out to be a great year for Canada. At this year's Winter Olympics, Canadian athletes took home a record breaking 14 gold medals with one of the most monumental being over the United States in men's hockey. If you went on Spring Garden, you were likely to be smothered by celebrating hockey

enthusiasts. All over Canada people expressed their enjoyment showing their support in a number of different ways, chewing gum, purchasing clothes or even lighters.

One of the biggest avenues of expression however was through Facebook with millions of people editing/updating their 'statuses'. This then brings me to the topic at hand, the security of Facebook.

This new decade ushers in new tech nology and with this new tech, comes a new way of social networking. Facebook has changed the world as we know it. The site has recently just turned six years old and not only is the site massively popular but it's become a global address book, photo album and bathroom wall all rolled into one. But is Fa-

cebook really as safe as everyone seems to think?

It has grown to an amazing presence with people logging on every day. Facebook actually has over 350 million active users and a reported 700,000 new people joining the social networking website every day. A recent study has shown that at least 46% of Facebook users accept friend requests from complete strangers.

However, the security of Facebook will be scrutinized again. Earlier this month an eighteen year-old boy by the name of Anthony Stancl was tried for posing as a female on the Facebook site to entice young men into sending him naked pictures of themselves. His lude behavior did not stop there as he blackmailed vic-

tims into performing sexual acts or else risk being exposed. This recent series of events has forced Sophos to examine and offer advice for online safety. Sophos is a leading developer and vendor of security software and hardware in Canada.

The senior technology consultant, Graham Cluley, said about the incident, "There's no doubt that there are plenty of "female" profiles online that are in reality men (and probably vice versa) - using photographs that they have stolen or downloaded off the internet.

"Even if you recognize the name and picture of someone you know on Facebook, you can't necessarily be certain that it is the person you think it is.

"Young people need to learn how

to use the internet sensibly and be made aware of the risks that are present when they login. The alternative is that we are bringing up a generation of youngsters who are not just comfortable using the internet, they're too comfortable."

The young man, Anthony Stancl is a former New Berlin Eisenhower High School student in Wisconsin and is being tried for flirting with under aged male classmates and convincing them to send him nude photographs.

He has 12 felony charges against him with numerous counts of child enticement, second-degree sexual assault, third-degree sexual assault, possession of child pornography

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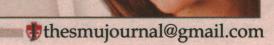
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Honesty for the sake of living well

Alasdair MacIntyre, a philosophy professor at the University of Notre Dame, in Indiana, has formulated what I believe is a deep and compelling argument in favour of honesty. The discussion below draws on MacIntryre's thought, especially as expressed in his book After Virtue.

Our initial question was this: Is it wise to be committed to honesty? I argued in a previous column that a commitment to honesty cannot be well defended on grounds of usefulness. Any moderately intelligent and resourceful person, I believe I've shown, likely will do better in many of her projects by being open to lying than by being closed to it.

A commitment to honesty, though, can be held either on grounds of usefulness or out of love for honesty itself. Thus, if it is ever wise to be committed to honesty, it is wise to be committed to it out of a love for it as constitutive of one of one's projects. Our present question, then, is quite specific: Can it be wise to love honesty for its own sake?

MacIntyre's answer is that it can be wise to love honesty, for honesty is a constitutive part of a life lived well, a life with which one is satisfied and richly content.

Much of what we do in life, though, is little more than drudgery. We ride the bus, we shop for shoes, we wash our clothes, we punch the time clock. Of course, some of what we do is pleasant or relaxing or entertaining. We enjoy a meal or a chat with friends, we watch a movie or play a video game, we go to the beach. Yet it would be a dull life in which work and drudgery served merely to enable us to afford food and entertainment.

Happily, we also—or, at least, we may also—participate in one or more complex activity defined by standards of excellence, standards that, when we participate in the activity, we endeavour to meet. We play the guitar or hockey, we raise children, we conduct an investigation, we tend a garden, we manage a business, and we do it seriously.

Unlike riding the bus or lounging on the beach, we can do these things well or poorly. There are ends to be achieved in doing these things—ends such as a well-played game of hockey or, in the case of parenting, young adults able and eager to make their own way in the world—, ends that require skilful engagement in the activity. They are activities in which we can fail. But in meeting the standards of excellence internal to them, we go a long way toward creating for ourselves lives we perceive to be worth living.

A person's education in honesty begins-and, perhaps, ends-with his participation in activities of these sorts. We must be truthful, first with ourselves, second with our co-participants, if we are to develop the skills needed to meet whatever standards of excellence define success. That is, we must listen to criticism and acknowledge our shortcomings. And we must be candid with those participating with us. We put success in jeopardy when we praise them falsely or ignore their errors. (According to MacIntyre, we need to be courageous and fair, as well as honest, in our participation and in our relations with other participants, if we are consistently to meet the standards of excellence that define success.)

Now a hockey player plays to win, of course, but if she cheats she loses whatever success in hockey itself is, even should her team win the game. Likewise, dishonesty or lack of candour might gain for her good feelings or forestall social setbacks, but she won't, with her lies or silence, be participating in her sport.

Honesty, then (along with courage and fairness), is necessary to success in attaining the ends of the various complex activities through which we come to see our lives as worth living. To engage in the activity deceitfully undercuts the activity itself, and turns it into something else.

That, I think, is in itself a large and important result, but we have to note that it falls short of being a defence of committing oneself to honesty in one's life as a whole. It is a defence of a commitment to honesty within particular activities of a certain sort. Serious, worthwhile painting requires honesty within painting, serious, worthwhile biology requires it within biology. How do we get from there to activities of other sorts, and to when we are simply going about our daily business? How do we get to painters and biologists who are honest simply as people?

There are two routes. One is to note that one's life as a whole can count as an activity of the sort marked by standards of excellence the consistent meeting of which produces a deep satisfaction. The other is to learn from our relations with other participants. We know from our experiences in complex social activities, especially those involving family and friends, that honesty is a necessary part of reciprocity and respect. If we wish to encounter others through reciprocity and respect, then, we will be honest with them, whether we meet them within a skilled activity or not.

This defence of honesty makes no claim that one must be an honest person outside certain activities if one is to live a life worth living in one's own eyes. The argument, that is, is not that anyone is a fool to be dishonest, at least apart from certain activities. The argument, rather, is simply that for many of us, it is not in the least foolish to love honesty passionately and constantly.

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Monday, March 8 is International Women's Day (IWD). There are events taking place in Halifax, but first, a bit of history: IWD first emerged from the activities of labour movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and Europe. In 1909, the first National Woman's Day was observed in the United States on February 28th. The Socialist Party of America designated this day in honour of the 1908 garment workers' strike in New York, where women protested against deplorable working conditions. In December 1977, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution proclaiming a UN Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions. In adopting this resolution, the General Assembly recognized women's roles in peace efforts and development and urged an

end to discrimination and an increase of support for women's full and equal participation in the public sphere.

Here in Halifax, on Thursday there will be a rally at 12 noon at Grand Parade, and a potluck and evening of performances in honour of women. Entertainers include: African dancers Mufaro and Abena; musical performers Rebekah Higgs and Christina Martin; the YWCA FLY-W Girls; spoken word artists; and many more from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Matthew's United Church Hall, 1479 Barrington St. For more information, you can contact projects@acic-caci.org. This year, the organizers want to bring attention to sexual violence in the region. Did you know that Nova Scotia has the highest rate of sexual assault and the lowest conviction rate? If you can't make it to the rally or the evening event, how about donating money to a local organization that helps women? I suggest Stepping Stone, which offers supportive programs and outreach to former and current sex workers (go to www. steppingstonens.ca for more information). If you're thinking globally, women in Haiti still need help. Poor Haitian women, especially those who are widowed or unemployable, may be forced to beg, sell their bodies for food, give their children up to orphanages, or sell a child into the sex trade in order to feed their other children. There are plenty of organizations you could donate to, like the Red Cross or Doctors Without Borders).

If I have tried to do anything with this column, it is to show that feminism is still relevant, and I also promote the feminist activism that's happening on campus and in the larger community. To be successful, I think any movement needs to engage in serious political action, but also have fun; we need to celebrate our achievements. We Take Back the Night, but we also dance at FemFest. For IWD 2009, I celebrated at MSVU, where they had a lavish pancake breakfast. Food and feminism, they just go together! If you're going to celebrate IWD, don't forget to add some fun (and pancakes) to your activism.

Facebook: A Wake up

Call!

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ALEX CLARKE
Features Editor

and, for good measure, making a bomb threat. (Talk about insult to in-

It appears Stancl created up to three different fake female profiles with the intent to entice his fellow students. Anthony was able to convince 31 of his classmates to send him naked photos, resulting in him using the pictures as a leverage to make the victims do his bidding. If Stancl is found guilty, he could be spending the rest of his life in prison.

It all started in November when Stancl emailed bomb threats to his high school. It was while investigators where looking into the threats that they uncovered an elaborate plot to blackmail his fellow students. After confiscating his computer, investigators found an estimated 600 images of child pornography and another 300 photos along with movie clips of fellow male students.

Ironically, the same week this all unfolded Facebook had realized a statement to TechRadar in reference to sexual offenders, saying: "We are glad to be able to report that we have not yet had to handle a case of a registered sex offender meeting a minor through Facebook. We are working hard to make sure it never happens." But the reality is that no matter how hard these social networks try, they'll never have the technology or the manpower to stop every threat on the internet. For this reason they need to stop pretending that they're safe. Facebook's goal is to connect as many people as possible, and the sad truth is that many people are very naive

when it comes to online safety.

So how can we as students prevent ourselves from Stancl or similar pre-

dators on social networks? Beware of the internet and its trappings. Cyber safety experts say that the slightest amount of basic information students provide on social networking sites can attract the attention of sexual predators.

Facebook warns users never to post any personally identifiable information and says it's determined to provide a safe place for young people.

"They would be presenting them."

"They would be presenting themselves as potential prey for people who don't have good intentions at heart."

Police and school officials nation-wide urge students to remember that when they post their private thoughts online, strangers are definitely watching. After all, with over 350 million users, it's inevitable that some bad things are going to happen (as they have before). But taken together, it's clear that Facebook isn't quite the safe haven we might perceive.



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Saint Mary's University was again overrun with keen and experiencethirsty university and college students from across metro hoping to see their teams advance through to the second round of the 2010 Trumped Competition. Guided by visions of moving on in this highly anticipated and well-received competition, nervous students chatted anxiously while awaiting the results of Task One, which challenged teams to raise cancer awareness through developing storyboards and fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society's "Join the Fight" ad campaign.

At 6:30pm the McNally Main Auditorium quickly filled with participants and members of the business community there to show support for all involved in this three-tiered marketing competition. Those in attendance were treated to speakers Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University; Boris Mirtchev, Owner of Hamachi Group of Restaurants; and Shawn King, VP and Chief Creative Officer of Extreme Group.

Participants listened carefully, eyes glued to the front of the room as first the results of Task One were announced; taking first place in task one and in the storyboard portion was Team JK Morgan from Saint Mary's University, in second place Team Dynamic from Dalhousie raised a total of \$8,860 to conquer all challengers in the fundraising portion, and third place Team SIFE MSVU. In all, 50

teams of students were able to raise a total of \$83,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society, an astounding total in just 21 short days.

Task Two of the 2010 Trumped Competition will see the remaining 25 teams work to develop from scratch the 2010 Marketing Campaign for the Hamachi Group of Restaurants; if this weren't challenge enough, teams will then have to sell tickets to video presentation dinners at Hamachi Group restaurants, during which time guests will cast live votes to determine teams moving on to Task Three.

\$83,000... In 21 days. Wow. That's a lot of awareness. Anyone excited to see what competitors come up with next? Looks like the sky really is the limit with today's youth.

Hate your boss? FOUR JOB-SAVING TIPS TO

FOUR JOB-SAVING TIPS TO MEND A BAD RELATIONSHIP

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It's hard to find someone who hasn't had a problem with a boss at some point in his or her career. The higher you go up the corporate power ladder and the more you earn, the more complicated the boss-employee relationship becomes.

But no matter how desperate and unhappy you are, you'd be making a big mistake if you followed Johnny Paycheck's lead and told your boss to "take this job and shove it." It's good advice if you want to get fired, but if you want to keep your job and make ter tactics, some or all of which might work under the right conditions. Consider the following four strategies:

1. Tune out your boss. This is the backbone of a strategy touted by Lyle Sussman, author of What To Say To Get What You Want. Sussman says tuning out your boss involves focusing only on your work. In order to see results from this strategy, you have to be able to do the following:

PUT PERSONALITIES ASIDE TURN YOUR BOSS INTO AN IRRELEVANT ISSUE

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What's the Big Idea is an annual business concept competition held at Saint Mary's University. Students in all faculties are invited to participate in the seventh year of this competition. All you have to do is come up with an idea and fill out the business concept form or submit your business plan; the winning submission in each category will receive a cash prize of \$500! There will be instructional videos located on the website to answer any questions you may have.

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FOCUS ON WHAT YOU ARE BEING PAID TO DO

Easier said than done. Sussman admits that this solution is great in theory yet works best in two situations. First, you must be strong-minded and able to block out interference; and second, your boss has to allow you to concentrate on your work.

2. Change yourself. If you can't tune out your boss, why not modify your behavior so you can work more harmoniously with this person? This is a mature solution based on the realization that you might be partly responsible for the problem.

It sounds great, yet most of us have no idea how difficult it is to change ourselves. Others don't believe they have to change. They're content with themselves just the way they are. But if you're up for the game, the process of changing yourself can be an eyeopening experience.

Start by finding out what areas need to be changed. There are two obvious information sources for advice: yourself and co-workers.

•Yourself. While this is less than an objective source, it is a good place to start.

•Co-workers. They can be the best source of objective information. Be prepared for brutal honesty. You might not like what you're going to hear. No matter how smart and enlightened you think you are, no one likes listening to bad news.

Once you've gotten the true poop, you might decide it's not worth it to change. It could require too much work, and you might deem it an unbeatable battle.

By the same token, you may be surprised to learn that the situation is not half as bad as you thought it was. The problem may be little things, such as becoming more organized and spending extra time on bookkeeping chores.

3. Manage your boss. This popular term is known as "upward management." "Downward management" is what bosses do to their subordinates. But no one says you can't manage the relationship upward and achieve remarkable results. The nucleus of upward management involves understanding your boss's world. But the burden is on you. It's not about trying to change your boss by confronting him; it's about accepting this person the way he or she is, and finding out what has to be done to improve the relationship.

Most of your information will come from stepping back and emotionally disengaging yourself from the situation

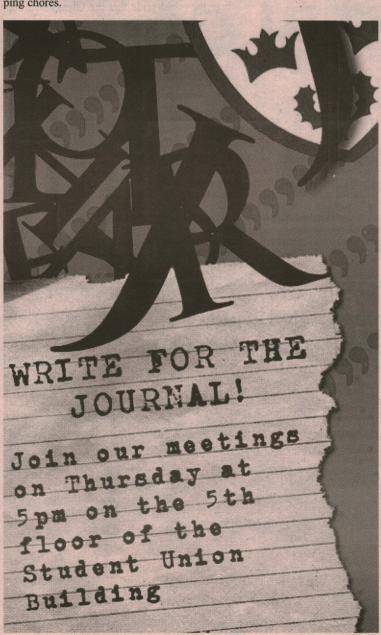
Beyond observing, ask questions. Speak to people whom you think you can trust. The best information source is former employees, if you can find them. Since they're out of the fray, they're likely to provide interesting revelations.

Once you've done your homework, the big question is: What have you learned about your boss?

4. Have a heart-to-heart. Warning. This is a dangerous, last-ditch effort that could backfire if handled badly. The reason for a one-on-one confrontation is to present your problems so you and your boss can find a way to mend wrongs and improve the quality of the working relationship. It's a simple concept, yet it is difficult to execute.

Before seriously contemplating this strategy, ask yourself: "Is my boss approachable?" No matter how noble your intentions, don't expect to change a demented despot.

In short, success in this kind of oneon-one encounter rests on your ability to read another human being. The big question is, can your boss listen to what you have to say and critically evaluate its merit? If the answer is "yes," go for it. Lots of luck. You'll need it.



2010 Atlantic Canada Regional Champions Announced!

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Toronto, ON (Friday, February 26, 2010)—The 2010 Atlantic Canada Regional Champions of the "Students in Free Enterprise" (SIFE) program and the Student Entrepreneur Program were announced on Friday, February 26th in Halifax at the ACE Regional Exposition, proudly supported by the Atlantic Canada Op-

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A group of ordinary SIFE SMU students have achieved an extraordinary accomplishment. We have strong support from staff of the Saint Mary's University Student Entrepreneurship Centre, which puts in many volunteer

dedication at such a young age, explains ACE President, Amy Harder. "We are thrilled to announce our regional champions for Atlantic Canada—although all who competed should be proud of their accomplishments."

Regional champions will now move on to the national level of competition, taking place this May 10 to 12 at the 2010 ACE National Exposition in Calgary. This will be the first time in the organization's history that the ACE National Exposition will be moving from Toronto to Calgary.

ABOUT ACE

Founded in the mid-1980s, Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE) is a national, charitable organization that is teaching and igniting young Canadians to create brighter futures for themselves and their communities. ACE delivers a team-based program called Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and an individual-

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Canadian Interest Rates Will Soon Start To Inch Upward

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The chatter around water coolers and boardroom tables these days may still be focused on Olympics but shortly after the Games wind down and the closing ceremonies wrap up, everyone will get back to that other favourite topic du jour: where are interest rates going?

Let's start with what we know for sure:

Currently, the Bank of Canada's overnight rate – which is the trend-setting rate that influences (but does not dictate) all other borrowing rates in the economy – is still at a record low of 0.25 per cent. It's been there since last April when central banks all around the world were chopping interest rates as quickly as they could, a kind of life preserver to the global economy that was quickly being washed under the waves.

World economy has found its feet We also know that the global economy has found its feet, led by growth in the emerging economies. Many threats lurk in the shadows, ready to ambush global recovery. Commercial real estate in the US, the situation in Greece and Portugal, and protectionist trade barriers going up all around us come to mind. But even if the recovery does stall out, there is some degree of confidence that the worst is behind us.

Also, we know that the Bank of Canada has been sticking with its conditional commitment to keep the overnight interest rate steady until at least June of this year. But with rates at rock bottom, we know with certainty that the only direction they can go is up.

We know that inflation is still dor-

mant in North America. Even if it may show an occasional uptick from month to month, it's mostly due to gyrating gasoline prices, not any fundamental increase in consumer demand. There is still a lot of underutilized capacity in Canada and the output gap is still positive, which is economist talk for slack.

Finally, we know for sure that June 1 is only three months away.

That's about all we know with complete certainty. As always with economics, it's the things we don't know that make for interesting water cooler

We don't know, for example, what will transpire between now and June. Commodity prices seem to be gaining some strength, especially crude oil, but demand could falter if the situation in the US turns sour. The American economy has been growing, but only on the shoulders of Washington's spending spree and bail-out programs. Consumers in the US are still reeling with high unemployment and maxed-out credit cards. Growth in consumer spending or even demand for petroleum products will probably remain weak for some time.

China, on the other hand, is dealing with a different problem: trying to cool its economy a bit. With asset prices soaring and inflation picking up, Chinese officials are rightfully nervous about bubbles building. They're tapping on the brakes.

In other words, demand for Canadian commodities and other exports could still falter in the months ahead. We also don't know what will happen with the Canadian real estate market. Prices and sales have been astounding in 2009, and there's been plenty of worry over bubbles building. While new measures have been put in place recently by Ottawa to calm

the market down a bit, we don't know if prices will continue to rocket ahead or not.

Finally, there is much uncertainty around what will happen with the US dollar, and by extension, the Canadian dollar. The American greenback slumped in 2009, but nervousness around what may happen to sovereign debt in places like Greece has some investors piling back into the safe haven US dollar. So, we've seen corresponding ups-and-downs in the Canadian dollar as well. While it does not target a value for the Canadian dollar, there will be much hollering if interest rates increase in Canada to lift the loonie well above par.

Interest rate increases this summer or fall

So, weighing what we know with what we don't know, the most we can say about interest rates is that we are likely to see the Bank of Canada start raising rates in the summer or early fall of 2010. They just cannot stay at the crisis-level rate of 0.25 per cent for much longer.

The Bank will be reluctant to raise rates suddenly or dramatically, since rates in the US probably won't start climbing as soon (as per Mr. Bernanke's comments this week). Big jumps in rates will prompt corresponding jumps in the Canadian dollar, and would slam the brakes on a very fragile recovery.

Yet if rates must eventually return to a neutral level of around three to four per cent, the Bank will want to put some steady pressure on those rates, lifting them by 25 to 50 basis points at a time. A year from now, barring another major economic catastrophe, we can expect the Bank's overnight rate to be 100 to 150 basis points higher than it is today.

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SPORTS

Jason MacDonald Sports Editor



Women's Volleyball Team Capture AUS Banner

JASON MACDONALD Sports Editor

The women's volleyball team have won their fifth AUS banner with a 3-0 sweep of the first place St. FX X-Women. The Huskies dominated the X-Women in all 3 sets. The Huskies led all 3 sets, never trailing or being tied by St. FX. The MVP of the game was Shubenacadie's Kerri Smit with 12 kills and 22 digs in the final. Also hugely effective for the Huskies were Katelyn Cross with 31 assists and Allison Beaver with 11 kills.

Though neither team are ranked in the CIS standings the Huskies look to take on the top ranked CIS teams next

weekend at The University of Alberta. At least 3 of the top 10 ranked CIS teams will be vying for the women's volleyball title. The only AUS team to have won the CIS championship since 1970 is Dalhousie in 1982. Saint Mary's has never placed higher than 7th place in the CIS championships and look to break their bad luck streak this year. The majority of the CIS Championships are held by Alberta and Winnipeg with 7 apiece, followed closely by UBC and Manitoba each with 6. With a young team and young coaching staff the Huskies can expect to continue the improvements that have begun in the last 6 years and keep moving up the National rankings in the years to come.



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Olympic Predictions After The Games

JASON MACDONALD
Sports Editor

In the last issue I published a list of Olympic predictions so it is only fitting I also publish the results. I was able to correctly predict 8/22 gold medals but did not correctly predict all the results for any one event or the medal placements of any countries that were not gold.

The Winter Olympics are a two week long show-case of the worlds best athletes in more than 30 sports and are a source of national pride and boasting for the weeks before and after the games. 2500+ athletes gather to show off their skills in a resort town and compete fiercely in their respective sports to become the best in the world. That being said here are the results to a select number of disciplines that were featured in the 21st Winter Games.

Men's Hockey Prediction: Russia, Sweden, Canada Results: Canada, USA, Fin-

Women's Hockey Prediction: Canada, USA, Sweden Results: Canada, USA, Fin-Land

DOWNHILL SKIING
PREDICTION: SWITZERLAND,
AUSTRIA, GERMANY
RESULTS (MEN): SWITZER-

LAND, NORWAY, USA RESULTS (WOMEN): USA, USA, AUSTRIA

SPEED SKATING (TEAM PURSUIT)
PREDICTION: USA, CANADA,
JAPAN
RESULTS (MEN): CANADA,
USA, NETHERLANDS
RESULTS (WOMEN): GERMANY, JAPAN, POLAND

FIGURE SKATING (ICE DANCE)
PREDICTION: CANADA, RUSSIA, CHINA
RESULTS: CANADA, USA, RUSSIA

Men's Curling Prediction: Canada, Scotland, USA Results: Canada, Norway, Switzerland

Women's Curling Prediction: Canada, Scot-Land, Japan Results: Sweden, Canada, China

SNOWBOARDING (SNOW-BOARD CROSS)
PREDICTION: USA, NORWAY,
CANADA
RESULTS (MEN): USA, CANADA, FRANCE
RESULTS (WOMEN): CANADA,
FRANCE, SWITZERLAND

BIATHLON (RELAYS)

PREDICTION: NORWAY, SWEDEN, FINLAND
MENS 4X7.5: NORWAY, AUSTRIA, RUSSIA
WOMENS 4X6 RESULTS: RUSSIA, FRANCE, GERMANY

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING (INDIVIDUAL SPRINT CLASSIC)
PREDICTION: NORWAY, CANADA, BELARUS
RESULTS (MEN): RUSSIA, RUSSIA, NORWAY
RESULTS (WOMEN): NORWAY,
POLAND, SLOVENIA

BOBSLEIGH (2-MAN)
PREDICTION: CANADA, LATVIA, SWITZERLAND
RESULTS (MEN): GERMANY,
GERMANY, RUSSIA
RESULTS (WOMEN): CANADA,
CANADA, USA

Luge (Singles)
Predictions: Norway, Germany, Japan
Results (Men): Germany,
Germany, Italy
Results (Women): Germany,
NY, Austria, Germany

SKELETON
PREDICTION: JAPAN, CANADA,
USA
RESULTS (MEN): CANADA,
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Olympic Sports as a Rallying Point for National Pride

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As Canadians, Americans, Germans, and any of the other 75+ nationalities competing at the 21st Winter Olympic Games cheer on their nation's teams we feel our hearts swell with national pride as they excel and are crushed when they do not place as hoped.

Though we are often proud of our heritage is there a time to be more proud than when the finest athletes our countries can produce are competing? A win by an athlete feels like a win for the entire country while a loss is a crushing blow that can reduce grown men to tears. The Olympics are one of the few times that is acceptable to wear your heart on your sleeve and show the raw emotion that sports incite deep in your soul.

The people who advocate for national pride should use the Olympics to their advantage; find athletes who are willing to become the face of a nation and let Canadians rally behind them as leaders for Canadian pride. All anyone has to do is look at the crowds

gathered at Olympic events, at bars and pubs, in public places where the events were shown to see the pride that flows through the spectators no matter the position of their athlete.

The pride that people feel towards athletes could be from any mix of sources, the skill that the person shows at their particular sport, the feeling of being better than the competition when the athletes post a faster time or higher score, or just being proud that someone who you could know is good enough at something that they can be recognized by the world.

It also isn't only individual citizens that rally behind the Olympic Games, corporations and companies use their involvement with the Games as a selling point to their customers. By showing their support for Canadian athletes they appeal to customers who also support the athletes and will use the successes of the Canadian teams to sell more products by appearing to be more "Canadian" than other companies who make or sell the same products.

The real question that everyone should be asking is why don't we al-

ways demonstrate the type of national pride that the Olympics brought on? Clearly we must be proud of our heritage since we still live here, it can't be that we don't like telling people that we're from one of the best countries in the world; it can't be that people don't like sports during the 712 days between the summer and winter Olympic Games.

As the Olympic haze fades and Canadians get back to normal life take a chance to think about who we are and what makes us proud to be Canadian. Use the coming months as a unique opportunity to gauge the worlds reaction to Canada and it's place in this world. The whole point that I'm trying to make here is that though jumping behind our athletes and being as Canadian as possible for 18 days may be great we need to show that kind of pride everyday, display great Canadian pride for who we are and the great things that not only our athletes young and old do but also the feats and accomplishments of everyday Canadians, those who may not be thrust into the lime light but are likely to be found hidden in the shadows.

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Women's Basketball Team Suffer Narrow Loss at the **Hands of CBU**

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The Saint Mary's Huskies lost the AUS Women's Basketball championship tournament this weekend with their 69-60 loss to the first place Cape Breton University Capers. The Capers won their 2nd straight AUS title and 4th overall title. Though the Huskies were in 3rd place at the outset of the tournament they had a close quarterfinal win over Acadia and a blow-out of a semi-final game against the Memorial Sea Hawks.

SMU dominated the heavily favoured Sea Hawks through-out their semi-final match-up. SMU led scoring in all but one of the quarters. The Huskies played an extremely technical game, Justine Colley was a scoring power-house with 38 points in a single game.

Cape Breton had an extremely close semi-final win over the Dalhousie Tigers. The Tigers were leading the first half of the game and were within 1 point going into the 4th quarter. Dal had a great chance to eliminate the highly favoured Capers in the semifinals but found themselves caught short, unable to complete their shots and sink the baskets when it came down to the wire.

Cape Breton came into the final game expecting to see a similar team of Huskies as they had faced during the regular season, a team that were

beaten by 10-15 points in all 4 games of the series but they were sadly mistaken. The Huskies looked energized following their trouncing of the Sea Hawks, playing well as a team and making the Capers work for their points. The Huskies were holding the score close in the fourth quarter, not allowing the Capers mare than a 4 point lead until the last two minutes. Despite the best efforts of veteran players competing in their last AUS event the Huskies were unable to hold back CBU, losing a tough game 69-60 in front of a raucous, orange and green clad gymnasium.

The Capers have moved on to the CIS championships at McMaster March 12-14th. Though it is an 8 team tournament both the AUS and QSSF receive only 1 berth in the tournament with 2 berths going to the OUA (plus one for the hosting McMaster) and 3 berths given to the Canada West University Sport Association.

In other basketball news, some SMU players have been named for top AUS honours, Justine Colley was named AUS Rookie of the year for her outstanding play with the Huskies, scoring 20.9 points per game and Laure Pitfield was nominated for the Tracy MacLeod Award for her determination, perseverance and unwavering spirit. Pitfield has had ACL and meniscus trouble in the last 2 seasons and has continued to be an extraordinary contributor to the Huskies program.

Women's Hockey

TEAM CAPTURE FIRST AUS TITLE IN FIVE YEARS

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The Saint Mary's Huskies have won their first AUS title since their back-to-back win in the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 seasons. The Huskies have gone past their 7-14-1 record the previous season to a 13-10-1 record this season. They had an extremely successful championship tournament this season, bettering their previous results greatly. They were undefeated in the tournament, outscoring their opponents 19-11, including a 6-2 blow-out of the top ranked Universite de Moncton Aigles Bleues.

Huskies goals were scored by Thurston with two, Young, Mosher, Cheverie, and McCusker with a goal a piece. MacIsaac was the real Huskies star, though, making 27 saves, several of them the saves that kept the Huskies in the game. The Huskies had lucky bounces on their side but they also worked hard throughout the weekend, making it clear why they are now the AUS champions. The Huskies will now represent the AUS for the Canadian Interuniversity Sport championship March 11-14, hosted by St. FX.

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Men's Basketball; The 3rd place Saint Mary's Huskies will close out their regular season Friday March 5th with a game at St. FX. The Huskies will be looking to redeem their recent first loss in 5 games to the Dalhousie Tigers with a win over the X-Men. In the last Huskies / X-Men meeting the Huskies came out on the losing end of the match-up but can hopefully put that behind them. Though the Huskies can not catch the X-Men they must win in order to If the Dalhousie Tigers beat Acadia in their next meeting and the Huskies lose to St.FX they will drop a position in the seeding and face a stronger team than the Tigers.

Men's Hockey; The AUS Men's Hockey play-offs are well under way and the Huskies are dominating their pairings. The Huskies first series was a quarter-final best of Aigles- Bleus. Despite the first game going to a 2nd over-time and the Huskies winning 2-1 thanks to David MacDonald's over-time goal they came back in the 2nd game, thumping UdeM 4-1. Both games were fairly chippy as is usual when these teams play. Mike Danton, former NHL player and SMU player extra-ordinaire, had a goal and 2 shots in the first game and a goal, an assist, and 3, thors in the Huskies second game against Moncton. The Huskies a best of 5 series with the 2nd place Acatied following the first 2 games of the series, played at Acadia. The Huskies lost the first game of the series 2-1. The Axemen were dominant in the play, Marc Rancourt scored the Huskies sole goal, an even strength, unassisted marker with 4:40 left to play. Though the Huskies outshot the Axemen 36-26 the Huskies couldn't seem to find the game was a rough one and included a 10 minute misconduct handed to David Lounasibrashit from twhind. The 2nd game of for the Huskies, posting an even strength goal 30 seconds into the game and a powerplay goal early in the 3rd period. Andrew Hotham and Colby Pridham had the other Huskies goals, a power-play and empty net fairly rough and Acadia took another 10 minute misconduct for a hit from behind given to SMU and 12 given to Acadia, for 22 and 32 minutes repectively. The Huskies are at home for the next 2 games of the series, if the Huskies can defeat the Axemen in the next 2 games they will move on to the winner of the St. FX/UNB series which St. FX currently leads 2-0. The X-Men are relying quite heavily on their goaltender. taking just 6 shots on net the X-Men were able to outscore the Varsity Reds 3-2 in both games. The top teams from both the semi-finals will move onto the AUS championship with the AUS winner moving onto the CIS championships at Lakehead University in late March.

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