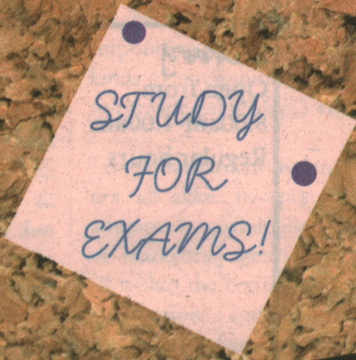
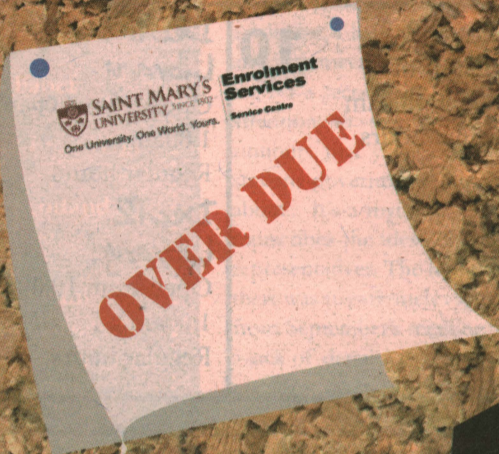


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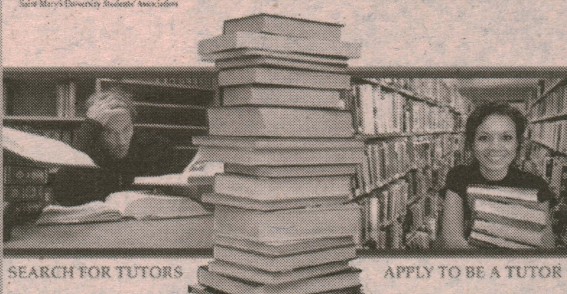
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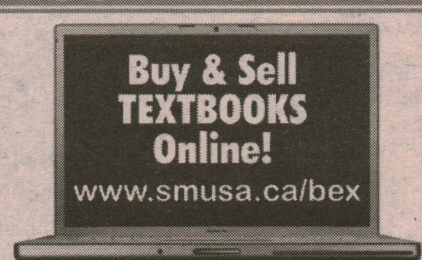
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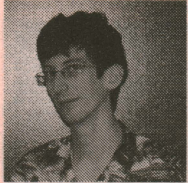
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Letter From The Editor

"I like to read about student stuff. Y'know, I want to know what SMUSA is up to, what's happening around campus, things like that." That's the consistent feedback I get from the people I accost to ask them what they want to see in their student paper. I agree, I would like to know what SMUSA is up to as well, and I apologize, I haven't the time to attend an extra meeting to copy it all down. So, for a second time this year I draw attention to their website. I heard rumours that you can read what the student government meetings are all about... It's a mythical document that transcribes the ideas discussed by our representatives. The first time I looked there was an extremely vague document from September's meeting, containing a lack of detail so complete that I had no idea what was being discussed. There were pearls of wisdom including "Mr. BJ enquires about CPI," and "All enquiries answered by Mr. Anderson." My second visit to the SMUSA Board of Directors site yielded even less information. It's December and the only minutes available are the same obtuse September minutes. I grudgingly accept the fact that the minutes of these meetings are purposefully delayed a month, so that they can be officially approved, by the sheer fact that I lack the power to change that, but an entire semester has passed without any public word of what an elected group of student representatives have done. I don't suspect any ulterior motive, I know that isn't the case. What I want to draw attention to is the fact of the optics; presumably some of the board is interested in politics at some point in their careers. The more accessible you are to the public the more involved they will be, the less accessible you are the more distasteful the public will find you. Get used to volunteering information, I shouldn't have to pull it from you.

Adam Faber
Editor-in-Chief

SMU Soapbox

Call the SMU soapbox at 496-8201 (or email thesmujournal@gmail.com), a monkey on a typewriter will produce your call and it will appear here in the SMU Journal.

Nobody had anything to say to the soapbox this week, which made typewriter monkey sad.

Hello from the Library

Ron Houlihan
Promotional Services, Patrick Power Library

Thank you to James Urquhart for raising the issue of noise in the library (a cover story no less) in last week's The Journal. Believe me when I say that this is something that library staff spend a lot of time discussing, strategizing about and wringing our hands over. So I thought I would take this opportunity to describe some of the ways in which the Library is responding to the noise issue and the kinds of environment(s) we are trying to provide Saint Mary's students.

I don't have to tell students that you're not all alike. In spite of countless attempts by sociologists, psychologists or marketing agencies to group you all within the confines of a particular "generation" and its characteristics, we know that you communicate, study, research and socialize in many different ways. We see it in the library every day. And that's why the library is not the same place it used to be.

Rather than forcing everyone to comply with the strict no-noise, church-like rules of the past, we have relaxed the noise "rules" on the main floor while preserving the 2nd and 3rd floors as quiet space. We want the library, as James echoes in his comments, to be a place where all SMU students are comfortable, where they will find an environment conducive to how they like to work.

Drop into the Library any afternoon and you will probably notice the elevated noise levels on the main floor. You'll also notice that it is full of students. It's a popular place regardless of the noise because many students don't seem to mind. They are working on one of our computers or their laptop, they're working together on a group project, they're sitting in an armchair reading a book or they're meeting their friends.

But we also know that many students do mind the noise and crave/need that traditional, quiet environment in which to work. So the library's 2 upper floors (with seating for 230) are designated "Quiet Zones" where no talking is permitted. There is signage in place to reinforce this (on the entrance doors, on an easel just inside the floor entrance and on each study carrel) and library staff make regularly scheduled walks through those areas. Unfortunately, the disruptions which James experienced last week still occur. It's hard to prevent isolated incidents. We rely on students being aware of where they are and to respect others' space. But we take James' point that there may be more that staff can do to maintain quiet upstairs.

As for the construction noise, we can't apologize enough. It has taken much

longer to complete than anticipated (doesn't everything?) and there is more to come. All I can say is that it will be worth it in the end (if you're not in your final year) – there will be new furniture, new flooring, new washrooms and new group study rooms. In the meantime, there will be hammering, pounding and drilling...

Of course, we'd love to hear your opinions on the noise vs. quiet

debate. You can reach me at ron.houlihan@smu.ca or 420-5198, use our Facebook page or drop an anonymous note in the Suggestion Box on the main floor.

One final thing: Because you asked for it, and for the first time, the Library will be staying open till 1:00am, thru the end of exams. It will be a good place to study...and good luck with your assignments and exams.

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Green Tip of the Week

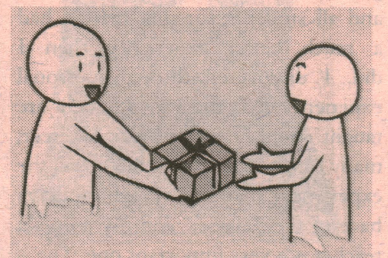
Emma Poirier
Contributor

Have things that are of no use to you anymore? Consider giving it to someone else or to a charity if it's still in good shape instead of letting it go to waste.

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James Urquhart Feature Editor

The Cranky Professor Advocacy In The University Classroom

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Should university professors advocate their views in their classrooms? Or should they remain neutral, neither endorsing nor dismissing any of the positions they and their students examine?

Certainly professors shouldn't waste their students' time by voicing their opinions on matters unrelated to the topic of the class. A professor's snarky remarks about Barack Obama or Stephen Harper steal time from Robert Browning's poetry or the hypothetical analysis of "could have done otherwise," or from whatever is the proper reason students and professor are gathered together.

That's not to mention that favouring a captive audience with contentious opinions without inviting responses is frustrating to students who disagree and is at least mildly contemptuous towards everyone.

Nonetheless, even here matters are trickier than they first appear. Topical references can help students to understand the course material better. Sometimes a professor means his

snarky remarks to be funny—and, to adapt a saying from Bertolt Brecht, a classroom that can't be laughed in should be laughed at. Finally, sometimes a professor has to cut short class discussion of her comments because it has grown stale or just in order to move on.

Let's return to professors who try to get their students to believe the true—the true, that is, as they believe it to be. Take, for instance, a professor who believes that human activities are putting biological diversity at risk, and who wants his students to believe this along with him. Or, from my own discipline, take a professor who believes that free will is compatible with causal determinism, and who wants her students also to believe that it is.

Should the environmental studies professor attempt to inculcate in his students the belief that humans are depleting biological diversity? Should the philosophy professor attempt to inculcate in her students the belief that causal determinism doesn't preclude free action? Should the environmental studies or philosophy professor try to make his or her students care about the environment or whether they act

freely?

Two things should happen in a university classroom, and anything that interferes with either of these two things shouldn't happen. Students in a university classroom should come to understand something about the material they examine, and students should acquire some of the skills and habits of thought needed to pursue on their own the questions that that material raises. That is, students should get something to think about and they should get some help in becoming able to think rigorously and productively about it. So our question is whether a professor's desire that her students have the right views on the matter at hand interferes with their coming to understand things or their becoming competent researchers themselves.

Pretty clearly advocacy in the classroom does put at risk our two goals. The professor's desire that her students have the right views can undercut their appreciation of the wrong views (that is, the views the professor thinks wrong). It can prevent her students from acquiring the skills of impartial or dispassionate inquiry and evaluation. It can stymie their progress toward thinking for themselves because it can

make them care more about having the right views than about having the right views for the right reasons.

Professors who advocate in the classroom positions they themselves hold might, in addition, sway their students away from candour and encourage them to dissemble. Better to pretend to go along, a student might think, than to invite a bad grade.

Advocacy in the classroom puts at risk the classroom goals of imparting understanding and creating intellectuals, true, but this is a risk that can be managed. It really depends on the skills and attitudes of the professor. That students know where the professor stands needn't interfere with their learning, so long as they feel free—indeed, feel obliged—to challenge their professor.

Of course, the ability to advocate a position in a classroom while at the same time signalling to the students that one is open to criticism, that one expects to be criticised, isn't an ability every professor has. Maybe it's not even an ability that any sincere professor could acquire. For some professors, keeping their views to themselves is not simply the technique they prefer, but the only way they

should go if they're not to make a hash of things.

There is one strong reason why professors should now and again declare their particular views on the matter in hand and to explain, in their own voices, why their view is the best view. That reason is that doing so can model for students how one can be convinced of something and yet remain open minded about it and passionately concerned to hear and evaluate criticism. I suspect the best professors are those who can now and again let their students in on what they believe without appearing closed minded or hostile to vigorous criticism.

So should professors advocate their views in the classroom? Well, each should decide for him- or herself. (And each should be open to the possibility that he or she has decided badly.)

This answer follows from the proposal that nothing that goes on in a classroom should take precedence over understanding the topic and becoming a competent researcher. Not every professor and not every student would go along with that proposal, though.

Professor Profile: Todd Leader

James Urquhart

Features Editor

Todd Leader is a part-time faculty member at Saint Mary's University in the department of psychology. He is a full-time addictions counselor in the Halifax area. He teaches on the subjects of community based psychology and addiction and prevention.

Journal: What made you want to teach in the first place?

Mr. Leader: This is probably the easiest question you will ask me in this entire interview. I wanted to teach because I hated introductory psychology when I first took it. In fact, I failed it the first time I took it. This might seem like a strange answer to this question, but trust me it makes sense. There are two reasons why I hated that class so much: 1) the professor was terrible and 2) I was not engaged in the material. I made up my mind right there and then that I was going to teach some day, and that I would do everything in my power to ensure that first year students, and all students for that matter, had a much better experience than I did. I discovered through personal experience that the way students are taught could make or break a career; many career decisions are based on the experience that individual students have in their classes, and my job as a teacher is a very important one. The

influence that any professor has on students is very profound, but the influence that an introductory course can have on a student's life is even larger. I want to be one of those teachers whose class that students enjoy attending. I want to ensure that students at least find learning interesting, and preferably, they find it fun as well. I want to get as many students involved in psychology as possible, and if they take even one more course because of me, I know that I have done my job.

Journal: What is your personal approach to teaching and why?

Mr. Leader: Learning through laughter. Students do not learn as effectively if they are bored. They will, in my experience, learn better when they are at ease and engaged. I also want my students to have fun when they are in my class as well. I am very passionate about what I teach because it relates directly to my job, which is one of my greatest passions in life. I am not going to say that I can personally guarantee that everyone who takes one of my classes will do well, but I can guarantee that I will try my best to keep you from getting bored, and keep you engaged in the material that we are covering. It has been my experience that most students seem to enjoy my style of teaching, and it is for this reason that I continue to teach the way that I do.

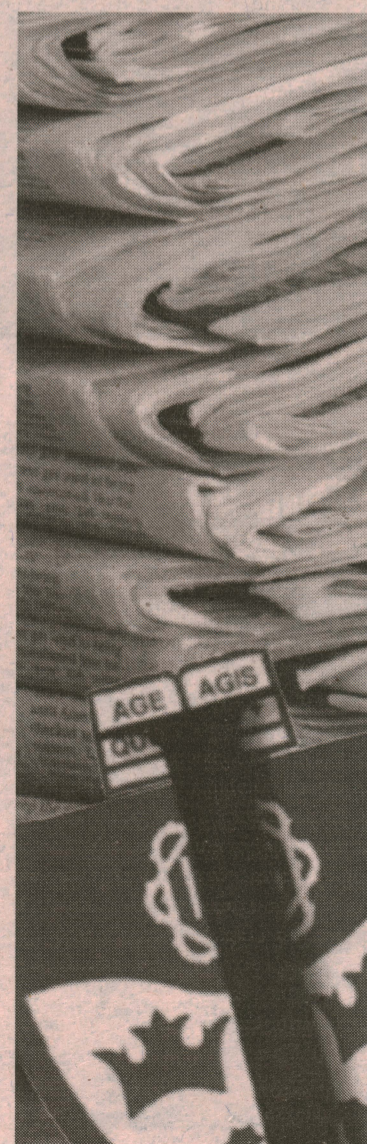
Journal: How do you get students engaged and keep them engaged?

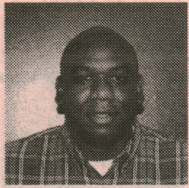
Mr. Leader: First of all, I do not worry too much about political correctness. I try to be as direct as possible with my students. Laughter is only half of the medicine; I have also observed that students enjoy a more frank and direct approach to learning as well. I try to keep my lectures as informal as possible; the last thing that students want is to hear me talk for the whole class. One that same note, I make it my goal to present the material to students in a way that they will understand. Too much technical jargon never helped anyone. I try to be direct and to the point, leaving out the unnecessary extras. Secondly, I find that the best way to keep students engaged is by opening up the floor for discussion. I encourage my students to interrupt me at any time if they feel that they have something to add to the class. I find that once a few students begin to talk it becomes contagious, and then before you know it everyone is in on the discussion. I find that the more engaged my students are, the more relaxed they become. I personally believe that for a student to learn, he has to be relaxed. I try to make students as relaxed as possible, so that they can learn as much as they possibly can. Finally, I try my best to stager the power differential in the classroom. No matter what I do, I am still the

one that hands out the grades at the end of the semester. However, this doesn't mean that I can't be approachable nevertheless. I want my students to feel comfortable in critiquing me or giving a differing opinion on the material. After all, I believe that learning is reciprocal: I learn things from my students all the time, and I want to continue to learn from my students. I feel as though my students are engaged, and I want to keep them engaged, so that they continue to learn.

Journal: What is the most rewarding part about teaching for you?

Mr. Leader: What is most rewarding is when students tell me that they learned something valuable, and that now they are thinking about pursuing a career in psychology. As I alluded to before, this is the very reason I got into teaching in the first place. For me, there is nothing more rewarding than this; it means that I am making a difference, and this is why I continue to do what I do. If you have taken a course with Todd Leader, and have a story to tell about it, I would love to hear from you. Send your responses to james.urquhart23@gmail.com.





Keimeko Scotland News Editor

News

Crisis Stricken Haiti holds Presidential Elections

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

Within a year that saw a massive earthquake, a spreading cholera epidemic and recurring signs of government instability, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere is gearing up for its latest battle: presidential elections.

Nearly all of the 19 candidates have campaigned on similar platforms: fighting corruption, creating jobs and addressing a series of natural disasters that has left the Caribbean nation reeling and prompted many to urge for a postponement of the November 28 elections.

Haiti, which has endured near constant health and environmental crises, is facing a growing cholera epidemic affecting nearly 70,000 people that some fear could further scare voters from the polls.

According to information from the Ministry of Public Health and Population, the death toll from the Cholera outbreak is approximately 1,603 with more than 29,000 hospitalized and an unbelievable

18.3 percent mortality rate in the northeastern section of the country.

Nevertheless, Ken Merten, the United States ambassador to Haiti, said the election process was on track. He said 250,000 new voters were registered and more than 11,000 voting stations have been identified in the fifth presidential election since the fall of the Duvalier dictatorship and the first since the devastating 7.0-magnitude earthquake in January. Among the more popular candidates is one of Haiti's most flamboyant politicians, Michel Martelly, who is perhaps better known by his street name "Sweet Micky".

Martelly, a popular choice among portions of the electorate, has a penchant for dressing in drag and organizing raucous street parties in the Haitian capital.

"Yes, I've been the bad boy, but the people of Haiti believe in that rebel status that I'm selling. You know, in able to fight the system, you must be strong, must be courageous", Martelly told CNN.

His style clashes sharply with that

of another popular candidate, the soft-spoken former first lady, Mirlande Manigat. The 70-year-old conservatively dressed Sorbonne Ph.D might well become Haiti's first female president.

Her husband, Leslie Manigat, was elected president in 1988 under the Assembly of Progressive National Democrats (RDNP) party but managed to hold on to the office only four months after his election.

"It was a coup d'etat, a military coup against him. And we had to go again in exile for two years", Manigat told CNN.

Manigat ran again in 2006, losing to current outgoing President Rene Preval in a controversial election in which Preval failed to secure more than 50 percent of the vote, but managed to avoid a mandatory runoff.

In a country accustomed to political upheaval, angry crowds in the Haitian capital last week tore down posters of Preval's hand-picked candidate, Jude Celestin, amid frustrations with the country's corrupt and often ineffective leadership.

Celestin, whose well-funded campaign has occasionally featured airplanes dropping confetti, leads the largest bloc of politicians competing for seats in both houses of the Haitian parliament.

The apparent lack of a clear front-runner might mean that the presidential elections could be forced into a runoff in January if no candidate gains more than 50 percent of the vote.

Recently, violent protests lasting several days brought Haiti's second-largest city, Cap-Haitien, to a standstill amid voter frustration about government corruption and the growing cholera outbreak.

"There's a history of some violence during Haitian elections", International Crisis Group spokesman Bernice Robertson told CNN.

Despite billions of dollars pledged by international donors, little has been done to clean up mountains of rubble or resettle the 1.3 million homeless people living in tent cities who have often suffered most from the spreading epidemic.

Meanwhile, the Pan American Health Organization said it was planning to treat 400,000 cholera cases within the next year, up from a previous estimate of 270,000 over several years, as a result of the outbreak.

"We need to plan for up to half of those cases occurring in the next three months because of the explosive nature of this epidemic", the organization's deputy director, Dr. Jon Kim Andrus, told reporters in Washington.

Andrus says that the need for aid and relief assistance and supplies is greater than ever.

"We need more of everything... more training for staff in Haiti, more doctors, more nurses, more treatment centers, more medications, more toilets, and clean drinking water".

These presidential elections could be among the most important in Haiti's recent history, as incoming lawmakers will grapple with campaign promises meant to address the country's staggering range of problems.

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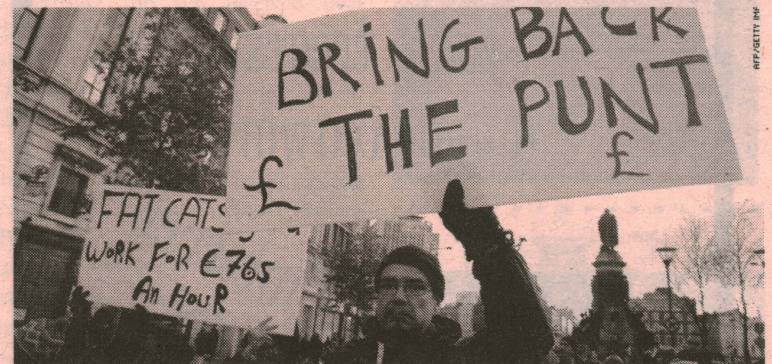
Protests against Ireland's Austerity Plan

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

Yet another European country is facing financial and economic collapse and yet another bailout plan is being readied. Not surprisingly, protests against the related government austerity plans followed almost immediately.

Tens of thousands of people demonstrated on the streets of Dublin, Ireland, on November 27 against the government's austerity plan.

Irish police estimated the number taking part in the largely peaceful demonstration to be about 50,000.



The protests were organized by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU), which has called the four-year plan for spending cuts and tax hikes "savage and regressive."

Irish police said a comprehensive policing plan has been put in place "in order to facilitate a peaceful march." Groups of eight to 10 police officers were seen at several key

intersections, monitoring the activity.

Families, pensioners, the unemployed and members of unions and community groups were among the demonstrators who braved the wintry weather conditions to join in the protests.

Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen announced the plan this week after agreeing to a bailout package from the International Monetary Fund and European Union, needed to tackle Ireland's massive debt.

The plan saves 10 billion euros (\$13.4 billion) through welfare cuts and an

additional 5 billion euros (\$6.7 billion) through higher taxes. There will be reductions in the minimum wage and public-sector pay, and a hike in the value-added tax on goods and services, Cowen said.

The plan calls for introducing water meters, making students pay more for higher education, and requiring more Irish workers to pay income tax.

Swedish Parents get Prison Time for "spanking" children

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

A Swedish court has jailed the parents of three children who were regularly beaten since the age of three in what they claimed was a method of discipline prescribed in the Bible.

The couple, from Karlstad in central Sweden, were imprisoned for nine months apiece, according to a Sveriges Television (SVT) report.

Corporal punishment, formally outlawed in Sweden in 1979, was a regular feature of three of the couple's four children's lives, the Värmland district court heard.

According to the court transcripts, the parents "explained that they had used, what they themselves described as spanking, physical punishment as part of their methods for raising the children".

The court heard that the couple had used a hairbrush, a wooden plank or a hand to punish their three eldest children, SVT reported.

The father explained that when the children did something wrong they were given a first warning and then a second and if they, for example, carried on cycling in the street without permission, they would then receive a physical punishment.

The court found that "despite the details of the case at hand" the parents "had a loving and caring relationship to their children", but that the systematic treatment metered out was in breach of the law and deserving of a custodial sentence.

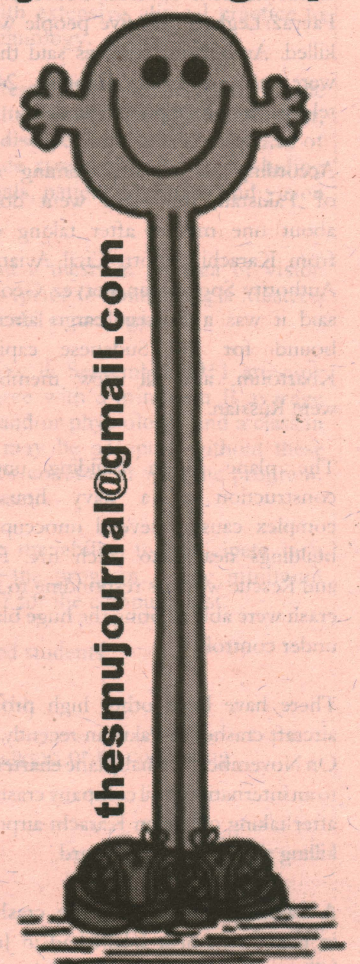
The parents were furthermore ordered to pay damages of 25,000 kronor (\$3650 CDN) to each of the affected children.

The three children at the centre of the case, as well as a younger sibling, have been in government care since the preliminary investigation was opened against their parents in the beginning of the summer.

Parents' rights to meter out physical punishment have been revoked in Sweden since 1966 with a formal legal ban coming into force in July 1979.



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News

"War Games" in Korean Peninsula

Keimeko Scotland

News Editor

"War Games"....sounds like the name of a new video game or possibly a blockbuster movie. The reality is neither. The war games are being played by the United States and South Korea in the Korean peninsula and there is nothing

On November 27 the United States and South Korea began four days of joint military exercises in waters west of the Korean Peninsula on Sunday in the face of opposition by regional giant China and threats of "consequences" from North Korea.

The US says they are defensive exercises designed to deter North Korea from launching further attacks across its border with the South, referring to North Korea's shelling of a South Korean island last week which left two marines and two civilians dead.

South Korea says two men in their 60s, who were working on the island, were killed by the shells.

The funeral service for the two marines, who died, Seo Jeong-woo



and Moon Kwang-wook, was held at a military hospital in Seongnam, close to Seoul, and was broadcast on television nationwide.

Hundreds of government and military officials, politicians, religious leaders, activists and civilians attended. Among them was South Korean Prime Minister Kim Hwang-sik.

Tensions in the region had already escalated with the sinking of a South Korean ship in March that left 46 people on board dead.

The United States and South Korea blame the sinking on the North,

which has consistently denied responsibility.

North Korea has condemned the exercises as a provocation.

"If the U.S. brings its carrier to the West Sea of Korea at last, no one can predict the ensuing consequences," said KCNA, referring to the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, which is set to join South Korea's forces near the coasts of China and North Korea in a four-day military drill that starts Sunday.

The US aircraft carrier the USS George Washington and four other US navy

vessels will be joined by South Korean destroyers, patrol vessels, frigates, support ships and anti-submarine aircraft.

The drills are expected to take place about 125km (77 miles) south of the disputed maritime border between the two Koreas, about 40km off the Korean coast.

The aircraft carrier is likely to be stationed further south in international waters, but still technically within striking range of Chinese cities.

China has expressed concern about military activity by foreign navies so close to its territory, and has warned the Americans not to stray too close.

FYI:

Korean Peninsula Timeline 2010

26 March: South Korean warship, Cheonan, sinks, killing 46 sailors

20 May: Panel says a North Korean torpedo sank the ship; Pyongyang denies involvement

July-September: South Korea and US

hold military exercises; US places more sanctions on Pyongyang

29 September: North holds rare party congress seen as part of father-to-son succession move

29 October: Troops from North and South Korea exchange fire across the land border

12 November: North Korea shows US scientist new - undeclared - uranium enrichment facility

23 November: North shells island of Yeonpyeong, killing at least four South Koreans

27 November: U.S. and South Korea begin military exercises in Korean peninsula



Cargo planes Crashed into Residential Pakistan

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News Editor

A plane carrying eight people crashed early on Sunday in a residential area of Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city, setting buildings on fire.

Reports of the incident are still unclear with varying accounts of survivors from different sources. Police chief Fayyaz Leghari said five people were killed. Ambulance services said there were no survivors. Express 24/7 television said 10 people died.

According to reports coming out of Pakistan, the plane went down about one minute after taking off from Karachi airport. Civil Aviation Authority Spokesman Pervez George said it was a Russian cargo aircraft bound for the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, and all crew members were Russian.

The plane hit a building under construction at a navy housing complex causing several unoccupied buildings nearby to catch fire. Fire and Rescue workers responding to the crash were able to bring the huge blaze under control.

There have been other high profile aircraft crashes in Pakistan recently. On November 5 a small plane chartered to an international oil company crashed after taking off from Karachi airport, killing all 21 people on board.

A Pakistani passenger plane crashed in heavy rain near Islamabad in July, killing all 152 on board, Pakistan's worst aviation accident.

Quebec Premier survives Confidence vote

Keimeko Scotland

News Editor

Quebec Premier Jean Charest still received a standing ovation from a united government caucus on November 24 as his Liberal majority government banded together to narrowly defeat the non-confidence motion.

Charest's administration has been hit by scandals and demands for his resignation which culminated in the non-confidence motion.

The opposition had, in recent days, urged government members to abandon the premier.

The Liberal's stood firmly behind their leader and defeated the Parti Quebecois motion by a tally of 61-57. Liberal members stood around Charest and applauded during the vote.

During the debate, Charest vigorously defended his refusal to call a public

inquiry into the many corruption scandals rocking the province.

The PQ opposition countered that the premier was merely making excuses in an attempt to cover up corruption and reiterated their demand for his resignation.

PQ Leader Pauline Marois reacted to the parliamentary defeat by urging Quebecers not to lose hope, promising to hold an inquiry if she's elected premier.

"I am acting as the spokeswoman for the citizens of Quebec", said Marois, referring to widespread demands for an inquiry.





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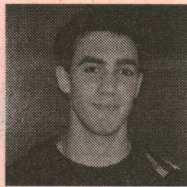


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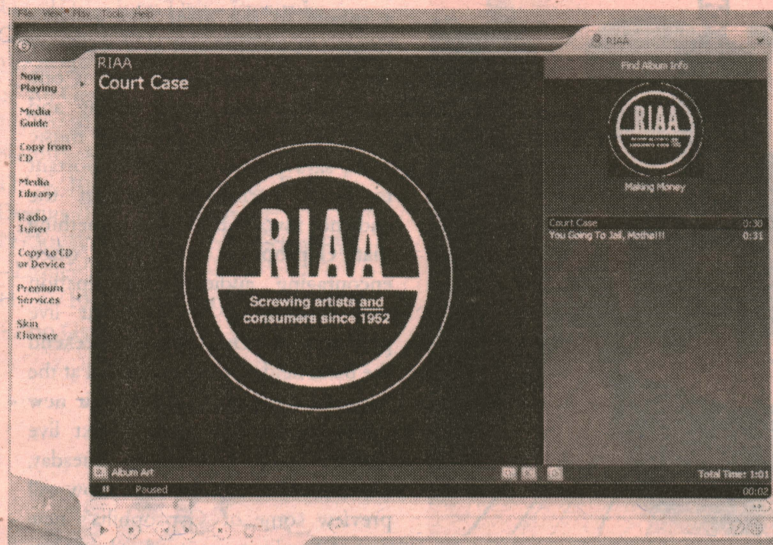
Recording Companies and the RIAA: Gallant or Greedy?

Kyle L. Trimper
A&E Editor

A couple of weeks ago, I read in our rather informative SMU weekly newspaper that someone by the name of Jammie Thomas has been ordered to pay record companies \$1.5 million in damages for illegally downloading 24 songs. Now, I am not very good at math, but to me, this just doesn't add up. The most expensive songs on iTunes are \$1.29. So \$1.29 multiplied by 24 equals...\$30.96. I'm confused; I must be missing something here...

Of course, we all know that the music industry today is under the monopoly of three or four giant recording companies, all of which in my opinion have achieved their status through threats, bullying, buyouts and hostile takeovers. In an effort not to take up the whole paper, I will not provide evidence for this accusation; I'm sure you can find some on your own.

We also know that the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) is very upset about illegal downloading, which represents a loss of money in the pockets of the recording companies. They are not very pleased with us up here in Canada, as we have very permissive laws on copyright infringement.



Here's the thing: I have absolutely no sympathy for the record companies, or for the RIAA. Both of these institutions are notorious for their alleged greed. Roger McGuinn said it best when he testified before a Senate Judiciary Committee on Downloading Music on the Internet:

"I have been in the recording business for approximately 40 years. I started back in 1960 ... I became a royalty artist when I signed a contract with Columbia Records... we recorded 15 albums or so during that period. And aside from modest advances for each of these albums, I never saw any royalties. And so I am just saying that

the protection for artists, the issue of that is ... the artists always don't always get the royalties they are supposed to get from the record companies. When you sign a contract that says you are going to get 15 percent, there are ways the record companies have of not paying these royalties. And in my experience, even though we've had number one hits, I saw nothing but the advance, which was, divided five ways, only a few thousand dollars apiece. And with the advent of MP3.com, I'm getting 50 percent of the CDs that come out now; I think it's a wonderful thing."

If the RIAA and the record

companies succeed in stopping illegal downloading, they will still not get me to buy iTunes tracks and new CDs. The reason for this is that I listen to a lot of older artists, who I'm pretty sure is not profiting from my purchases. Take Elvis, for instance...I'm pretty sure he's not making a living of the soulless product put out lately with his name on it. I usual buy albums on vinyl, cassette or used CDs: I don't need iTunes.

Of course, new releases are a different matter. These artists are trying to make a living and get their albums to the top of the charts. I think it's pretty low to cheat musicians in that way, especially if you claim to be one of their fans. On the other hand, I believe that singles should be free. Artists use singles to promote their albums and they want their singles to become popular; the biggest deterrent to this is making people pay to listen to a promotional item.

All in all, I believe that record companies and the RIAA should learn to pick their battles, cut their losses when necessary or proper to do so, start treating their artists and customers better, and stop being so greedy!

Upcoming events

Kyle L. Trimper
A&E Editor

On Friday, the Dalhousie Medical School Chorale & Ensembles and the Sackville Community Concert Band will be performing at the Portia White Award Gala Concert. The concert begins at 7:30 PM at Faith Tabernacle, Halifax. Tickets are \$15, and are now available by calling 494-6574. Tickets will also be available at the door. More information is available at: <http://www.nstalentrust.ns.ca>.

The Gorsebrook Lounge presents your favourite open mic acts from the semester on Friday! Happy Hour is from 9-10, and 1st prize is \$500. There is no cover charge for SMU students!

The Bedford Singers presents Noell Noel! on Saturday at Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church, and on Sunday at St. Matthews United Church. Both concerts begin at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in advance by calling 445-1444. Tickets will also be available at the door.



The Vinyl Fad: "Retro Posers" and the Emergence of Old Music

Kyle L. Trimper
A&E Editor

About a week ago, I was in one of Halifax's crowded record stores, rummaging through piles of discarded vinyl, when I heard a young man's voice ask, "So, what's the difference between 33s and 45s?"

"Well," began the proprietor, "33 and 45 are the speeds that the records revolve at. 33s are the big records, called LPs; 45s are the little records."

"My record player has a switch that says 33 and 45. Does that mean I can play 33s and 45s?"

"Yep."

"So I can play LPs?"

"Yes!"

"So can I get these records on the internet? I know all about mp3s, man, but I don't know about records..."

Of course, this was a week ago, so the conversation is not described verbatim; however, the exchange did go along those lines. Also, to many, the customer's questions would seem legitimate; however, to anyone who knows anything about records, this is

“... I own a record player because I like older music that comes primarily on vinyl...”

total idiocy.

The conversation got me to thinking about how records and old music has become popular, and how many people get into records as part of a fad. Many individuals my age are buying record



players online or from Sears, and are then going into local record shops and wreaking havoc.

But hey, that's all cool, right? If buying records is cool and fashionable, then that means that those buying records anyway are no longer a minority, and they're not out of place, right? Well, yes, and I don't have a problem with that: old-style clothes, music, films and other items are accepted, and that makes me, a fan of that old stuff anyway, comfortable. And I appreciate it. But here's the thing: when the fad is over, these people who have jumped head-first into it will jump head-first out of it, and they will be the first to condemn the rest of us.

I don't own a record player because I think it's cool, or because my friends do, or because I think it will get me laid; I own a record player because I like older music that comes primarily on vinyl. I grew up with records; I have always had them around and I always knew how they work. I can understand why people who did not have that privilege are confused, but it's really not that hard to figure out. Remember, twenty-five years ago, records and record-players were commonplace, and everyone knew how to use them.

I don't mean to be too hard on people

who don't know anything about records; I can understand that. However, this problem comes to the surface because of a larger problem, what I like to call "the retro poser."

"The retro poser" is hard to define: to me, it's simply anyone who jumps into the whole "retro theme" because it is "in style". For instance, when I was growing up and attending junior high, two of the most "uncool" artists in the world at that time where Phil Collins and Journey. But you know what? I listened to them anyway. Now I am constantly being subjected to adolescent girls warbling off-key renditions of "Don't Stop Believing" and "In the Air Tonight": on the street, on the bus, at the store. Please stop!

I don't mean to take a condescending approach to this, which it appears as though I have; don't get me wrong, I am very happy that people my age and younger are discovering these older artists, and that their popularity has grown again. But I encourage these people to examine themselves and decide whether they genuinely appreciate the music. Don't do it to look cool; do it because you like the music.

Arts & Entertainment

Full Steam Ahead!

Local band Gypsophilia heads out on their next journey

Geoff Lowe

Contributor

As if the last year hasn't been exciting enough, local jazz septet Gypsophilia is preparing for even more excitement in 2011. With a new album due out in the spring and tour dates inevitable for the majority of the summer guitarist Ross Burns and the rest of Gypsophilia are ecstatic about the upcoming year.

The band's sophomore album "Sa-Ba-Da-OW!", released in June 2009, has not only received critical praise across the country but also earned the group an East Coast Music Award this past March. Their music video for the song "Heitzing" was nominated for a 2010 Nova Scotia Music Award for Video of the Year. As well, the band has contributed music to numerous short film soundtracks including "Whirligig", directed by Chaz Thorne, which debuted at the Atlantic Film Festival this past September.

With this type of success one would expect the group to be feeling pressure but Burns feels the exact opposite. The Halifax native believes that the past couple of years have encouraged



the band to continue to "sound like us" and to "feel free to draw from anywhere" musically when writing and recording for the upcoming record.

Burns is joined by Nick Wilkinson and Alec Frith on guitar, Adam Fine on double bass, Matt Myer on trumpet, Sageev Oore on piano and keyboard, and Gina Burgess on violin.

Gypsophilia's sound is based in gypsy jazz but incorporates many different genres including reggae, funk, and klezmer (a musical tradition of Eastern European Jews). With seven members, Gypsophilia's musical influences are obviously vast. The band's members, who all have very different musical backgrounds allows Gypsophilia to create a very diverse sound when writing, recording, and performing. The size of the group is what Burns says is the group's greatest strength, "Having a large band has a couple benefits. It is always an exciting and energetic thing to see a big group on stage - there is a lot to look at and listen too. It also means that we are there to pick each other up - If one person isn't feeling it on a given night, for sure someone else in the band is. Where one person has a weakness someone else in the band will have a complimentary strength. This all puts less pressure on any one individual. We are stronger as a unit than as individuals. Being a really good ensemble is something that I am really proud of."

Gypsophilia's live performances are

what made them who they are today. The band was created in 2004 at the Atlantic Jazz Festival performing as a tribute to the great jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt and as a result of the response decided to take it one step further and begin writing and recording. "Anyone can play music live", says Burns, "but it's important to be a performer and get the audience involved." This is something that Gypsophilia does well, often encouraging audience participation and dancing at all of their live performances. On Halloween weekend the band held a Masquerade Ball at the Seahorse in celebration of their new video release. The band's next live show is at the Carleton on Tuesday, December 7th at 9 PM. The show will preview some of Gypsophilia's new material and is guaranteed to be a blast for everyone involved.

The next day the band is headed for Montreal to begin recording their new album. Instead of driving or flying, they will be riding the rails and performing on the train, something Burns believes demonstrates the band's love for live performance and

audience participation perfectly, "The train is a wonderful way to travel - more luxurious than driving and more human than flying (no one asks you to take off your belt and shoes at security). Riding the train also has a nice nostalgic vibe so our music fits. Performing in a moving caboose is a beautiful thing."

Once in Montreal, they will begin making their album at hotel2tango recording studios, a popular studio in the city where bands such as The Arcade Fire have also recorded. Burns and the rest of the band are excited about the opportunity, "This recording is going to be an amazing experience. To be away from home and in an inspiring city like Montreal for a week will be great for us - it will be even easier to focus and to work together than if we were all at home. Plus hotel2tango is a great space that will give us every opportunity to make a wicked record. That there have been so many other great bands through there is inspiring." With so much more on the horizon, it looks like 2011 is going to bring bigger and better for Gypsophilia.



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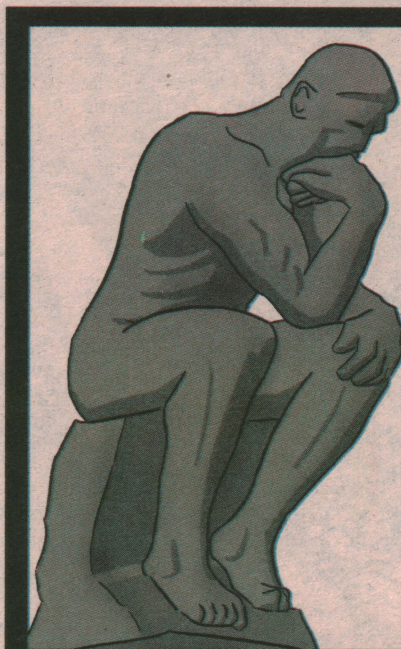
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This Week's New Games

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Be on the lookout for these new games this week!

- 11/29/10 - Chevrolet Camaro (Wii - CokeM Interactive)
- 11/29/10 - Sniper Elite (Wii - Navarre)
- 11/29/10 - Deadliest Catch: Sea of Chaos (Xbox 360/PS3/Wii - Crave Entertainment)

- 11/29/10 - John Daly's Prostroke Golf (Xbox 360 - O-Games)
- 11/29/10 - 7 Wonders 2 (DS - Jack of All Games)
- 11/30/10 - Nail'd (Xbox 360/PS3 - SouthPeak Interactive)
- 11/30/10 - Spellforce 2: Faith in Destiny (PC - Dreamcatcher)
- 11/30/10 - Disney Epic Mickey (Wii - Disney Interactive)
- 11/30/10 - Hello Kitty Seasons (Wii - Zoo Games)



Radiation-Blocking Undergarments for Airport Travel

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

In light of recent security changes by the TSA, many different methods of avoiding embarrassment or privacy invasion from the full-body scanners have been invented, but none are quite as creative as the Men's Privacy Brief Radiation Blockers. These undergarments, sold by Rocky Flats Gear (www.rockyflatsgear.com) feature a metallic die or thread of some sort which block radiation where the fig

against unreasonable searches and seizures, requiring search warrants to be judicially sanctioned and supported by probable cause. Many travelers are citing this amendment when being subjected to the searches when going through airport security.

Unfortunately for those who buy the shirts, the TSA full-body scanners are not high-resolution enough to show individual letters, so the point will likely be ignored, if it's even noticed in the first place.



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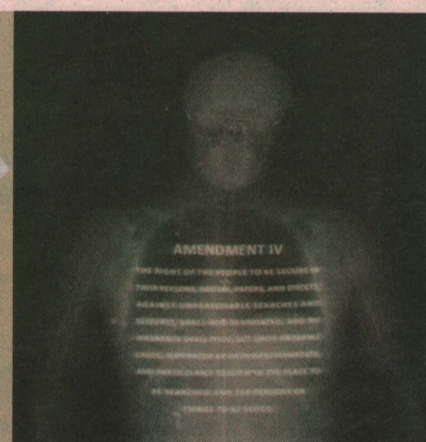
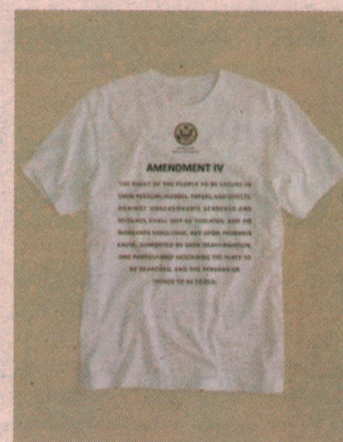
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leaf is placed. They have expanded this line to also include sports bras and panties for women, featuring the same fig leaf design, as well as a set of clasped hands.

Inspired by the idea, other radiation-blocking garments have been created for sale on Etsy (a site for selling handcrafted items) featuring the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This amendment is the portion of the Bill of Rights which guards citizens

White iPhone 4 Conversion Kit Creator Faces Legal Threats

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Fei Lam, a seventeen-year-old high school student in New York, created an iPhone 4 conversion kit using parts from Apple supplier Foxconn, which allows iPhone 4 users to create their own iPhone 4. However, Lam has received an email from a "private investigator" claiming that he is selling stolen goods. Lam does not yet know if legal action can be taken against him, stating that "They are some kind of anti-counterfeit/trademark firm, which sounds ridiculous, similar to what Apple is bringing up to remove White iPhone 4 Listings on eBay. I don't know how this legal stuff works." At around \$300 each, the conversion kits have already earned Lam over \$130,000 in revenue, which he says will help pay for his computer science or business degree at NYU. Instead of closing his site and business down, however, Lam is hiring a lawyer to defend himself. If Apple is, indeed, filing a lawsuit against the teenager, he faces six-figure fines and/or imprisonment.



FCC Looking to Allow Text Messages to 911

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

The FCC (United States Federal Communications Commission) is considering allowing citizens to report crimes and emergencies to 911 through text messaging, and potentially even streaming video from their cell phones. At this time, 70 percent of the upwards of 231 million 911 calls per year are made from mobile phones. The shooting at the Virginia Tech campus in 2007 is being used as a perfect example of why 911 should be text-message-capable, as stated in a press release from the FCC:

"The technological limitations of 9-1-1 can have tragic, real-world consequences," the release said. "During the 2007 Virginia Tech campus shooting, students and witnesses desperately tried to send texts to 9-1-1 that local dispatchers never received. If these messages had gone through, first responders may have arrived on the scene faster with firsthand intelligence about the

life-threatening situation that was unfolding."

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This plan is also including automated pinging from sensors to 911, including chemical detection sensors, alarm systems, automobile systems (such as On-Star) and medical systems. A white paper should be released from the TSAG (Transportation Safety Advancement Group) in 2011 stating what type of information would be required from a digital emergency service, and it is still not clear where funding for this service will come from.

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Business & Technology

Case Filed Regarding Facebook Debt Collections

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Melanie Beacham, a resident of St. Petersburg, Florida, fell behind on her car payments earlier this year after becoming ill. After contacting MarkOne Financial to explain the situation, she found out that in addition to the twenty phone calls per day she was receiving, the company was also contacting her friends and family via Facebook to have her contact them regarding the payment.

Facebook released a statement to The Atlantic (www.theatlantic.com) stating the following:

"There are state and federal laws and FTC regulations that govern the actions of debt collectors. The collector in the St. Petersburg case likely violates a number of these laws and regulations and we encourage the victim to contact the FTC and her state Attorney General.

In addition, Facebook policies prohibit any kind of threatening, intimidating, or hateful contact from one user to another. We encourage people to report such behavior to us, only accept friend requests from people that they know, and use privacy settings and our blocking feature to prevent unwanted contact."

MarkOne, however, admitted to The Atlantic that they were using Facebook to contact customers, claiming that their policy is to "only use Facebook®



"It's getting the desired result, and that is to start a domino effect of panic and embarrassment among family and friends, and people will do anything to stop that."

to locate customers when the customer has a fully public profile, and when the customer has not responded to MarkOne through conventional means. Our policy is to respect privacy disclosure requirements and no negative or account information is shared with third parties."

Tampa, Florida-based attorney Billy Howard (of Morgan & Morgan) has filed a claim against MarkOne, asking a judge to ban the company from using social networking websites to contact friends or family regarding debts. He believes, however, that Facebook could easily become a go-to method of contact for debt collectors if this is not handled properly. "It's getting the desired result, and that is to start a domino effect of panic and embarrassment among family and friends, and people will do anything to stop that."



The Pirate Bay Conviction Upheld

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Founders of the popular internet torrent site The Pirate Bay, Fredrik Neij, Peter Sunde, and Carl Lundström, were sentenced to one year in jail and 30 million kronor (\$4.2 million USD) in April of 2009, and promptly appealed their case. This week, a Swedish court of appeals upheld the convictions, but changed the terms of the conviction. The fine levied on the defendants was raised to 46 million kronor (\$6.5 million USD) and the prison terms were lowered. Neij will be spending 10 months in prison, Sunde will be spending 8 months in prison, and Lundström will be spending only 4 months in prison.

Ludvig Werner, chairman for the Swedish arm of the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, believes that this type of punishment will end piracy as it stands currently. "In two years, this type of piracy will be over. After a ruling like this and all the pioneers start to get older and have children and families, piracy won't occur to this extent."

However, this claim has been disputed by Christian Engström, a member of



The Pirate Bay

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the Pirate Party of the European Parliament. "The judgement has no meaning for file sharing. It has continued to increase from year to year and the technical capabilities continue to develop."

At this time, there is no information about what will happen to the popular torrent site as a result of this ruling.

This (past) Week In Business

Kerry J. O'Rourke
Business Editor

Private Equity: As I previously reported private equity activity on the rise. As I also reported this is a good sign for the economy. Essentially in order for the economy business activity needs to rise. As such private equity activity serves as a good barometer that companies have money and are looking to spend in order to achieve greater prosperity. This typically translates into a stronger economic landscape and is applicable to us as students as companies will need more people (i.e. a better prospect of employment)

As such the stock market rose 16% from the end of June to Nov 19th. As such companies that specialize in leveraged buyouts are finding greater liquidity in the market which allows them to take some of their holdings public sooner.

All that goes up must come down. Some are pessimistic that the market has gotten ahead of itself. As such Harrah's, the world's biggest casino operator became the first private-equity-backed company in six months to postpone its U.S. IPO after setting a price range, citing market conditions. This might serve as a direct example that while the economic outlook looks encouraging it is important to not get a head of oneself.

It remains to be seen precisely how things will unfold. There are other economic measures to assessing whether the economy is truly on an upward swing but given the markets improved performance the street evidently is starting to warm up to the idea of renewed prosperity after the economic crises the world economy recently endured.

Google: If you are not aware technology giant Google through their multiple technological platforms are beginning to enter the TV entertainment market. Essentially Google feels confident they will be able to launch TV based software in their efforts to bring the internet to TV. Toshiba & Vizio are also confident in Google's ability to bring their vision to reality. As such both companies recently announced they intend they will unveil products at the annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas in January. Google Inc. entry into the TV market is a first. It will be interesting to watch if Google will have the ability to reshape

the TV in the same fashion they have done to anything from cell phones to internet searches.

Farmville: The creators of Facebook's immensely popular games is scheduled to release their newest title. Zynga, Farmville's creator is soon to release their latest game title, Cityville. The game maker's 2009 smash hit FarmVille, in which users plant digital crops and use real money to buy farm implements, has held the No. 1 spot among Facebook applications for the past year, with over 50 million users in October. Founded in 2007 by serial entrepreneur Mark Pincus, Zynga is worth \$5.4 billion, according to SharesPost, an exchange for shares of privately held companies CityVille borrows heavily from SimCity. It is a game based around urban planning wherein the user creates houses, roads, railway tracks. This in turn helps to develop the greater picture of various virtual neighborhoods that in turn make an entire city.

Stocks: It is great to see that after a year from hell many companies have actually been able to rebound quite nicely and in the process have added billions of dollars in value to their equities. The day Lehman Brothers (a major US brokerage house) collapsed in the depths of the crisis Wall Street's outlook extremely bleak. However, by example other brokerage houses that were also in grave danger of collapse such as Goldman Sachs have seen their value sky rocket since the crises unfolded. To illustrate this point, according to data from Standard & Poor's and Bloomberg, the U.S. company that increased its market capitalization the most in the past 12 months was in fact Goldman Sachs. market value by \$37.3 billion from Sept. 14, 2008, the day before Lehman filed for bankruptcy, to Sept. 15, 2009.

There have been other substantial gainers Apple Inc. boosted its market cap by \$30.9 billion Wells Fargo saw its market value rise \$27.4 billion, and Bank of America boosted its capitalization by \$25.9 billion.

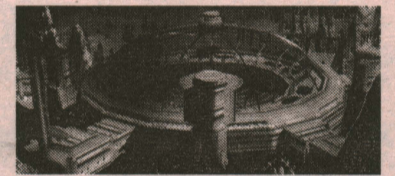
These revised valuations serve to demonstrate that surely the economic outlook for major US firms looked incredibly negative while the economy was in the midst of the crisis. However, as investors have shown they are warming up the idea of renewed prosperity & growth.

Virtual Property Sells for \$635,000

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Earning money on the internet has been a hot topic for years now, but while most hopeful web entrepreneurs are focused on selling actual goods and services, there are some people who work strictly in the virtual market, such as Entropia Universe player Neverdie - known in the real world as Jon Jacobs. Entropia Universe is an massively multiplayer online game (also known as an MMO), designed by Swedish developer MindArk, which offers a real-cash economy. A virtual asteroid around Entropia's first planet, Planet Calypso, was purchased by Jacobs in 2005 for \$100,000 - using a mortgage on his real-life house. Jacobs turned this asteroid into Club Neverdie, which played host to over a dozen biodomes, a stadium, a mall, and a night club, and made around \$200,000 annually from other users buying virtual goods and services.

The property was sold recently in chunks, netting Jon \$635,000. The



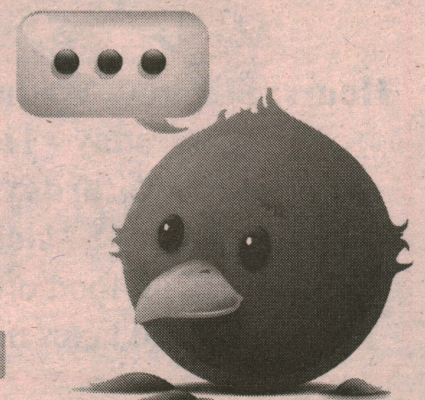
largest chunk was sold to a man by the name of Yan Panasjuk, who paid \$335,000 out of his own pocket. He explains his purchase by stating that "When motion pictures were first invented there were a lot of critics saying that it is a novelty act and it would never amount to anything nor will be able to make any real money once the novelty wears off - last time i checked Avatar has grossed 2.7 billion dollars world wide. Most recent example is MTV and Internet but then you know those stories well enough. Virtual Universe is the next logical step in world entertainment and although there are a lot of critics and people shaking heads it is here to stay and take its ranks among the greats."

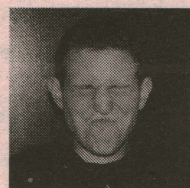


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Kerry J. O'Rourke Business Editor

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Alexander Keith's: Soon to be in Ontario, Quebec or Newfoundland

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Business Editor

I am a fourth year student that has proudly celebrated Keith's Birthday all four years that I have been attending this university. However, if you are unaware Labatt's new strategic brewing plan is to outsource part of the brewing of Alexander Keith's to other parts of Canada. More specifically, it will now be brewed in Ontario, Quebec & Newfoundland.

In the wake of the company's new plan it has left some Nova Scotians seething mad. As such some have organized grassroots campaigns on sites such as Facebook calling for a ban of our beloved Alexander Keith's. On the Alexander Keith's Facebook fan page one Keith's drinker said,

"Nova Scotians and Maritimes in general are fiercely loyal to their heritage and traditions. We are proud of where we come from and we are proud of our history. Stealing a part of that history away will be received harshly by your quasi-religious following in Nova Scotia. It is our

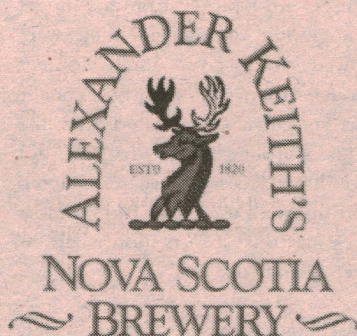
"Alexander Keith's isn't merely brewed in Nova Scotia. It is Nova Scotia."

tight kinship that built Alexander Keith's and ironically, it'll be the same kinship that bands together to shun the product after what will be perceived as a betrayal of its heritage."

"Alexander Keith's isn't merely brewed in Nova Scotia. It is Nova Scotia."

Richard Musson, vice president, Marketing, Labatt Breweries of Canada said that while Labatt is very proud of the growth the Alexander Keith's brand has been able to accomplish, brewing the beer in Nova Scotia does not meet the current consumer demand for the product. As such the company feels that by brewing it in other locations they will be able to ensure a more consistent and sustainable supply of Keith's to consumers.

It is important to realize Labatt's is not moving all Keith's production out of



Nova Scotia. More importantly the Halifax Brewery will still remain open creating 200 jobs for Nova Scotians. Furthermore, Labatt's spends an estimated \$50 million a year in the province and their impact is estimated to create 3,600 indirect jobs. 13 different brands are produced at their Halifax brewery and will continue to be made locally. The company has also said that almost all Labatt product's sold in the Maritimes will continue to be produced at the Halifax brewery.

What I feel should be taken from this is simple. Alexander Keith's holds a very sentimental place in the hearts of the people of this province. If you were to use a national example of

another beverage, Tim Horton's is uniquely Canadian. As such anytime something material in the production or sale of these flagship brands occurs these events are watched very closely. However, if you were to take a greater look Tim Horton's by example it is a publicly traded company. As such people from all over the world can buy shares in it. If we are truly proud of Alexander's Keith's it should be allowed to grow in anyway deemed necessary to its success.

As such part of its production has been rerouted to other parts Canada. As I've noted not all production has left the province. Labatt's remains committed to the continued operation of their Halifax brewery. They can take part of Alexander Keith's production out of the province but I assure you they cannot take the proud and rich history of the province out of the beer. Stay and/or "Hold True", Alexander Keith's!



The business case for binge drinking

Adam Faber

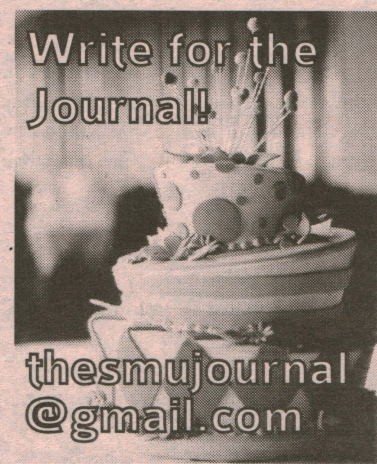
Editor in chief

Some clever students within Halifax noticed that people in Halifax get pretty loaded. In fact, in the wee hours of the morning there is a whole group of people so drunk they don't even remember what they did that night. Alex Short of Blackout Behaviour didn't stop at simply observing; he saw an idea for revenue; "We go around taking picture in the clubs around last call, then we post the pictures on our website. People don't remember what they did, so they go to the site to find out." With only word of mouth advertising the site received over 10,000 hits from Oct 16-Nov 16. Since the 16th they've gotten 8,000 hits, and they anticipate doubling our hits to 20,000 in their second month online.

Indeed, a clever idea; they're making money in a largely untapped market. Blackout Behaviour isn't doing anything wrong, but does this show that we, as students, are a bit irresponsible with alcohol? We can reliably be predicted to not remember what we did tying one on in downtown Halifax? Arguably, not everyone at a club at last call is black-out drunk, I suppose some are just too drunk to hold a camera, or are simply interested in seeing some professional pictures of their late night shin-dig. Whether you remembered it or not, if you wake up Sunday morning with a Blackout Behaviour business card in your front pocket, you can take solace in the fact that even if you did forget who that

girl was, there is a service in Halifax to remember for you.

"We go around taking picture in the clubs around last call... People don't remember what they did, so they go to the site to find out."



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Business

Sex on Smartphones

Kerry J. O'Rourke

Business Editor

Not even the sex business was safe during the economic downturn. The adult content business is an item that is easily expendable in times of economic hardship. As such the industry was not immune to effects of the global economic crisis that it appears we have begun to recover from. In order to compensate from economic difficulties the adult entertainment industry is looking to new avenues and/or platforms just as other industries do to sell their products (e.g. Google wants to bring the internet to the TV) On this notion some within the adult entertainment industry have suggested one area of growth might be via Smartphones.

Historically, the sex industry has been more nimble footed than its dry and dusty media competitors (i.e. newspapers and magazines) by rapidly adopting new media. It's largely credited with the success of the VHS video format over rival Betamax, for example. And when the DVD came along, the sex movie producers quickly switched to make this their format of choice. The Internet, of course, was a transmission medium made in sex movie heaven, but the prevailing pressure towards free content has harmed the industry in the same way it has hurt other content producers such as the record companies.

Given the reality of the interconnected world we live in today via Smartphone's the industry is looking to this new technology to help turn things around. Smartphones such as the iPhone, BlackBerry & Android based devices sell in the millions today. These new technologies make it possible to provide consumers with content on portable high-quality media devices. Therefore one can quickly see why the industry has identified this as a possible area of growth.

Furthermore thanks to such pay-for content platforms such as iTunes users are becoming ever more use to paying for small bits of virtual content.

There are external forces at play which should be taken into consideration too. Version a major telecommunications company currently does not allow adult content over their 3G networks. Thus, in order for adult to become widely available attitudes towards its presence will need to be shaped or changed. In the economic environment we are currently faced with companies are finding revenue streams difficult to find. Allowing legal adult content over their cellular networks may alleviate these financial concerns.

The second concern is Apple Inc. & their attitude that has banned adult content in their iTunes store. I personally believe it is responsible on their part that they

currently ban adult content.

iTunes is a service accessed by all walks of life. On this idea many of its users are typically from a younger demographic. Hence if they were allowed to access adult content through iTunes it may potentially place sexually explicit material into the hands of young people that may not have direct access otherwise. Granted there are ways to detract from minors accessing this information such as parental controls.

Regardless, of these factors ultimately the consumer will need to be convinced that adult content on mobile devices is in the best interest of society. As it currently stands consumers have shown they have little interest in seeing adult material on their mobile devices. It is my belief that if they did there might be greater pressure on companies such as Verizon and Apple to change their policies. These actions have not been seen in the market today.

I suppose the idea just isn't sexy enough!

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Student Life

Recipes – Eat it, Exams!

Sarah Faber
Contributor

Maybe you're a heartless monster and don't like tomato sauce. Maybe, I do not - will not (!) judge you. For the rest of you normal, flesh-and-blood humans, here is a delicious recipe for lasagna. It makes an 8x8" lasagna (or 1 small square pan for you cooking novices... enough for one wildly delicious supper for four or two delicious opportunities to woo and impress the editor in chief of the SMU journal!). I usually double the recipe, make it up a day ahead and invite stressed friends over for dinner. They have babies and real jobs, so think about that while you're studying for exams. This recipe can also be frozen before or after baking. that way, if you have absolutely no time for home cooking, take one of these babies out of the freezer and shazam – instant delicious. In case you haven't overdosed on excellence, but want to give it your best shot, I have also included the recipe for vegetable lasagna and spiced ginger mounds. Enjoy!

MEAT EATERS LASAGNA!

This recipe has it all – meat, cheese and starch. If you are squeamish around soft cheese, just leave out the ricotta and add extra mozzarella. If you don't

have Italian seasoning, you can use an even mix of oregano, basil, garlic powder, rosemary and parsley.

- 1 lb ground beef, pork or turkey
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 large can of plain tomato sauce
- 1 Tbsp Italian seasoning
- black pepper
- 8-10 lasagna noodles
- 1 small tub of ricotta cheese or cottage cheese (it tastes delicious cooked!)
- 1 egg
- 1 c shredded mozzarella cheese
- ¼ c grated Parmesan cheese

Cook the lasagna noodles and drain. Rinse them in cold water to remove excess starch and set aside to drip-dry. Cook the meat, onion and garlic until the meat is done. Drain the fat. Stir in the tomato sauce, Italian seasoning and pepper, adding as much extra spice as you like. (I like a little extra basil...sssh...it's a secret). You can even add vegetables!

In a separate bowl, combine the ricotta or cottage cheese and the egg with a fork.

Spoon about 1/3 of the sauce over the bottom of your pan. Top with some mozzarella and Parmesan and 3 or 4 noodles, overlapping a bit. Spread

the ricotta mix. Repeat the process until you are out of noodles. Save a bit of sauce and cheese to spread over the top layer.

When you are ready to enjoy your masterpiece, preheat the oven to 375 and bake the lasagna on a baking sheet (this will protect your oven from gobs of molten sauce) 30-35 minutes, or until heated through. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

Vegetable Lasagna

Like meat lasagna...but with not meat! The list looks daunting, but it isn't a difficult recipe. Just make sure you have everything you need before turning on the stove. This recipe makes one 9x13" lasagna.

- 13 lasagna noodles
- 2 beaten eggs
- 2 c cream style cottage cheese
- 1 small tub ricotta cheese
- 2 tsp Italian seasoning
- 2 c sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1 ¼ c milk
- 1 ¼ c fresh or frozen (and thawed) spinach, chopped
- 1 ¼ c fresh or frozen (and thawed)

broccoli, chopped

- 1 c shredded carrot (about 2 medium carrots)
- ¾ c shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 c shredded mozzarella cheese

Cook the lasagna noodles and drain. Rinse them in cold water to remove excess starch and set aside to drip-dry. In a bowl, combine the eggs, cottage cheese, ricotta cheese and Italian seasoning.

In a frying pan, cook the mushrooms, onion and garlic in oil until tender. Stir in flour and pepper. Add milk. Cook and stir until slightly thickened and bubbly.

Remove from heat and stir in the rest of the veggies and ½ c of the Parmesan cheese.

To assemble the lasagna, start with the noodles, then the ricotta cheese mix, then the veggie mix, then the mozzarella cheese. Repeat until you are out of stuff.

Top with the remaining ¼ c of Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 for 35 minutes or until heated through.

Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

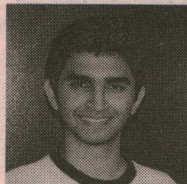
Spiced Ginger Mounds:

This recipe comes from my mother in law. When I was dating the intrepid editor of the SMU journal, I tried to say as little as possible in order to escape the attentions of his family while still appearing social. Filling my mouth with these cookies was a guaranteed way to achieve both goals!

- 2 c flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp cloves (if you don't have cloves, add more cinnamon)
- 1 tsp ginger
- ¾ c shortening (for the love of God, do not use butter)
- 1 c sugar
- 1 egg
- ¼ c molasses (fun fact: molasses is high in iron and can be used in mortar compounds for brickwork!)

Preheat the oven to 325. Combine dry ingredients and set aside. Cream together shortening and sugar. Beat in egg and molasses. Stir in dry ingredients. Shape into 1 ½ inch balls and roll in sugar. Place on a greased or parchment paper-lined cookie sheet and bake at 325 for 10 minutes.

Makes 4 dozen.



Suvir Pursnani Student Life Editor

Student Life

Tuition Hikes a Serious Possibility

Dr. O'Neill Enters the Lion Den

Suvir Pursnani

Student Life Editor

Last week I attended a public forum held in the McCain building over at Dalhousie's campus. They had the very infamous Dr. Tim O'Neill come in to speak about the future of our universities. For those of you who don't know, here's some background information.

Dr. Tim O'Neill was commissioned by the Nova Scotian government to take a look the province's universities and the universities' system. His job was to analyze the economics of things and report on feasibility and such. He was also asked to give his recommendations. Two months ago he released his findings and his recommendations in what is now going popularly being called the "O'Neill Report." The report contains several concerning recommendations, including lifting the tuition fee freeze, allowing tuition fees to increase indefinitely, and other policies that would result in massive increases in student debt. In one scenario of the report, tuition fees for Nova Scotian students would increase to \$11,630 while out-of-province students would pay \$13,399 and international students would have to pay an alarming \$27,897.

But anyways, back to the story at hand. Last Thursday, Dr. Tim O'Neill was invited to Dalhousie to come and speak about the content in his report. The room was packed, to my estimations I would say that there were at least 300 people comprising of students, faculty, and administration. After some opening remarks by Dr. Paul Bennett, Dr. O'Neill was invited to take the stand. He started off by talking about the fundamentals of his report. He explained that the Nova Scotian government was in debt and that there would be consequences to this. He goes on to say that Universities should not be exempted from this. Why not, right? University students are a great source of revenue. Governments have two main sources of income, government funding and tuition. Since government funding will be cut; we have to increase tuition. He also says that there will have to be salary cuts for faculty, staff, and administration.

He recommends that tuition fees should be deregulated. For those of you that don't know, the Wikipedia definition of deregulation is: the removal or simplification of government rules and regulations that constrain the operation of market forces. Capping or lowering of tuition fees shouldn't be allowed because of several reasons. One of them being accessibility. Now by this, Dr. O'Neill means that by raising the tuition fees, everyone will still be able to get a post-secondary



“ Students are now an excellent source of revenue ”

education. I'll explain his brilliant plan in just a second. According to Dr. O'Neill "It is a bad tool to look at to decide if these people (low and middle class) will or will not chose to go to school. There is no proof of this. It is ineffective and inequitable." His reasoning for increasing tuition is that the payoff of a graduate is high anyways. In a nutshell, he's trying to tell our government to raise the tuition now, since these graduates will make it back anyways. By this point in time during his lecture; a student had gotten up out of his chair, ripped up his papers to pieces, threw them to the ground and stomped away. Dr. O'Neill was definitely on no one's good side. I'm sure several people in the room were thinking "I won't be able to finish school in the first place if fees hike up." He said that even though we had the lowest funding in all of Nova Scotia, that this was irrelevant.

Now onto his brilliant plan to make school affordable: "You don't lower tuition, you cap the debt." His answer is increased student assistance. According to Dr. O'Neill; allowing for more student assistance and hiking up the tuition is the best way to solve everyone's problems. Now this extra student assistance is going to be for the students that need it the most and that can just barely afford university. The student assistance would be only for Nova Scotian residents. There are no benefits for anyone out of the country or out of the province. That would cover a significantly large amount of SMU's student population. I could imagine the headlines: "University With Highest International Population Decides to F&9%\$ Them Over." I don't know if Dr. O'Neill meant to

capitalize on us. We just want a clean Canadian education, but I guess that's just too much to ask for. On top of this, Dr. O'Neill admitted that he had not worked out the costs to this student assistance plan that he has so much faith in. He just knows that it will work out.

Dr. O'Neill knows that this will not lower enrolment rates for the sole reason that the data does not suggest this. When asked, he explains that enrolment figures have gone up, and regardless of tuition hikes it will continue to go up. He screamed across the room "You're here aren't you." It seems as if the education system is becoming just like the smoking and alcohol industry. Regardless of the price, smokers will still buy cigarettes and alcoholics will continue to buy alcohol. Regardless of tuition costs, we'll still keep on coming. The difference is, instead of the endgame resulting in cancer or other forms of abuse, we're left with a ridiculous amount of unanswered debt.

After this, he then went on to talk about restructuring. Over the next few years, Dr. O'Neill recommends to merge several universities together and to eventually create one large super University. I didn't really see the problem with this. Combining resources, faculty, and administration should lower the costs. I believe students would benefit from this greatly.

The Q & A session got really heated here and there and went on for maybe more than two hours. Some of the questions asked were: Won't more student assistance mean more costs

again? How are international students affected and don't we give something back to the community? Isn't increasing enrolment rates credited mainly to more pressure these days to go to school? Isn't it ignorant to just consider the facts and ignore the other variables resulting to increasing enrolment rates?

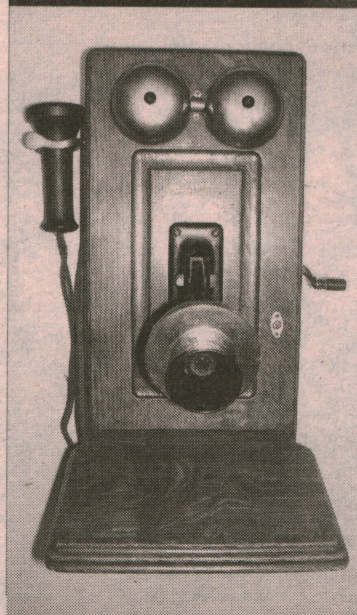
Many of the students and faculty raised their concern as well. If students are in debt after school, they are less likely to invest. They are less likely to buy property, spend their money, or take risks. This is not the economy we want or need in the future. This is not a time to burden our students; it is in fact, time for the opposite. One faculty member from MSVU said to Dr. O'Neill "Our generation got cheap education, and now we're pulling the ladder from behind us."

Now I'm no economist, I don't know what the solution is. I just know that there's got to be other solutions to deal with our government's debt. There's got to be other ways government can cut costs and still allow funding to Universities. Whether that be to request more federal funding or to scrap useless projects like the new convention center - I don't know? What I do know is that we, the students of Nova Scotia, shouldn't be looked at as a revenue source. This represents everything wrong with our capitalistic world today. Dr. O'Neill's recommendations are savage. I feel that as a student, and because of government's needs to capitalize, that I will be treated no better than a farm animal. They'll milk me dry just because I have the will to get a post-secondary education. It shouldn't have to come to this.



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Sports

James Urquhart Sports Editor



CIS gets Continued Federal Funding

James Urquhart
Sports Editor

In a recent press release from the federal government of Canada, it was announced to the public that the government would continue to provide funding to Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS). This is wonderful news considering the fact that there is already a lack of funding for university sport across Canada. This news is however especially positive for those of us who enjoy university sports in the Atlantic region. Sports funding has been reduced due to the current downturn in the economy, and without government funding, the fate of sports in the Atlantic Provinces would be rather grim. As a student in Canada, you may be curious as to what this funding means in terms of individual events and CIS championships (unless you are up on the financial dealings of the CIS, which I assume that most of you are not). I too have always been curious as to where the money is going, and in this article I will take the time to show you.

Canadian Interuniversity Sport was first to acknowledge the importance of the continued support of the federal government. "CIS is extremely



grateful to the Government of Canada for its generous support of student-athletes and Canadian universities," said Marg McGregor, Chief Executive Officer of CIS. "This support, coupled with the significant investment that universities make to coaching salaries, facility infrastructure, and programming, makes the Canadian sport system stronger. The government also recognizes the importance of this contribution. "Our support will help CIS maintain its commitment to more than 600 coaches and 10,000 student-athletes from 51 universities that compete in university sports across Canada every year," said Minister of State Lunn. "University sports have

a rich history in Canada, and we are happy to help maintain that legacy." The federal government is the single largest contributor to CIS. Funding of up to \$402,900 to CIS for 2010-2011 will help support a variety of projects, including travel cost for student-athletes, coaches, and event management personnel. The funding also helps to ensure that the following national championships are possible each and every year: CIS Field Hockey Canada Women's Field Hockey Championship, CIS Women's Rugby Championship, CIS Men's Soccer Championship, CIS Women's Soccer Championship, Football Semi-Final number 1 and Football Semi-Final number 2, CIS

Football (Vanier Cup) Championship, CIS Swimming Championships, CIS Wrestling Championships, CIS Women's Volleyball Championship, CIS Men's Volleyball Championship, CIS Curling Championships, CIS Track and Field Championships, CIS Women's Ice Hockey Championship, CIS Men's Ice Hockey Championship, CIS Men's Basketball Championship and the CIS Women's Basketball Championship.

Whether or not you are a die-hard sports fan, you have to stop and admire the investment that the federal government is willing to make in our student athletes. School athletics improve school spirit, moral and the school's overall recognition. This type of funding is beneficial to athletes and non-athletes alike in that athletes get to continue to play, and fans get to get out and watch them play, while at the same time improving the reputation of the school. Thanks to the continued support of the federal government, I am happy to know that were ever I end up next year, there will be CIS sports action (and who knows; it may even keep me employed!)



Healthy Eating Sweet Potato, Apple and Raisin Casserole

James Urquhart
Sports Editor

Serves 6

Ingredients:

3 medium	Sweet potatoes,
peeled and cubed	
2 tbsp (30 ml)	Honey
1 tsp (5 ml)	Compliments
canola oil	
1 tsp (5 ml)	Ginger, ground
1 tsp (5 ml)	Cinnamon, ground
¼ cup (60 ml)	Raisins
2 tbsp (30 ml)	Walnuts, chopped
¾ cup (175 ml)	Apples, peeled and cubed

Directions:

1. Steam potatoes until slightly

underdone. Drain and place in a greased baking dish.

2. In a small bowl, mix honey, oil and spices. Stir in raisins, walnuts and apples.

3. Pour over potatoes and bake at 375°F, uncovered, for 20 minutes or until tender.

Nutrition Information per Serving:

Calories	153
Fat	3 grams
Carbohydrate	28 grams
Fibre	3 grams
Protein	2 grams
Sodium	52 milligrams

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The Husky, 50 years young

Adam Faber

Editor in chief

I recently spoke with Pat Curran, a SMU graduate from some time ago who is writing on sports for an upcoming book. We agreed to meet so he could borrow a large portion of the SMU Journal archives. His interest was in the sports sections, so he could have a more complete history of Halifax's athletic background. While leafing through what I agreed to lend him, I came across the front page of The Journal for April 6, 1960, the day the news broke that the husky was to be Saint Mary's competitive representative. Some of the other contenders (who lost by a wide margin) were the Cardinals, the Schoos and the Vokes. I have no idea what a Schoo or a Voke is, and I'm personally glad to have something larger than a parrot to

model a mascot costume. At first glance it would seem that our pup had a bit of a beer gut when he started his iconic career at SMU, but obviously 50+ years of workout has done him some good. While carrying 15 years worth of newspaper with me to his car, Pat told me about the live mascot they had in his days at Saint Mary's: "He was a spirited animal, and I always pitied to poor sucker who had to walk him- or rather, be walked BY him." While of course, that dog is no longer with us, we certainly have a canine cheerleader capable of pulling an extra loud hoorah out of us at a showdown. Cood call on the vote, class of 1960, and happy belated 50th, Husky!

48% VOTE HUSKIES MASCOT

In turn Terry McGrath thanked the Student Council, Student Body for their co-operation and the Administration for help and under-
The purpose for such was to provide the district people with a higher education, in contact with religion, to develop young men into mature people and a Catholic University to give us a greater freedom to consider all truths, super-natural and natural.
Recognition is given to the graduates on "Convocation Day" as "worthy students of SMU" and if they are not different from other graduates we have missed the goal. Charter Day is to receive students in line of their character and leadership in activities and academic standing. Father Fischer closed his talk with special thanks to the Student Council, the various organizations and to the students.
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AWARDS

From a nomination of John Whalen, Gordon MacLean, Mike McGrath, Cy Hannon and Dick Hurley, Gordon MacLean was voted Man-of-the-Year by the Student Body, for his outstanding work as the Student Council President. Dan McGrath accepted the award, for Mr. MacLean, from Terry McGrath, chairman of Charter Day.

Rev. Father Fischer was introduced as an outstanding man, Jesuit and Saintmarion by the chairman. Father Fischer's remark to these attributes were "that for a moment I didn't recognize myself." Instead of the traditional comments and remarks on the University's activities, Fr. Fischer talked on its charter. He stated that he was proud to represent this Institution at the inaugu-

RESULTS OF VOTE
Huskies 125, Falcons 29, Year Idea 27, Schoos 30, Cardinals 28, Vokes 36.



The Houston Astros are For Sale

Kerry J. O'Rourke

Business Editor

Well sports fans, If you have hundreds of millions of dollars lying around and aren't sure what to do with it, you may want to consider putting in an offer for Major League Baseballs, The Houston Astros.

The Astros current owner, Drayton McLane has officially put the team up for sale. Mr. McLane bought the team in 1992 for a cool (USD) \$117 million. While he has publically stated the teams sale does not have an official price tag nor does he envision a date the deal must be completed by. However, Mr. McLane is optimistic he will receive fair market value for his franchise in a timely manner. In order to properly evaluate the team's value, one might look at the recent precedent that was set by the sale of the Texas Ranger's (another MLB team, also located in Texas). The Texas Rangers were sold via an unusual bankruptcy proceeding

in which a group led by former Astros pitcher, Nolan Ryan acquired the team for (USD) \$593 Million. This staggering price tag represents a (USD) \$100 Million increase over the original asking price.

The Astros owner, Drayton McLane is also seeking to increase the team's value in several ways in order to make a purchase more attractive to a potential buyer. As such, Drayton McLane is currently putting (USD) \$12 million in to the Astros Minute Made Park. The biggest enhancement is sure to be the team's installation of a new score board. Mr. McLane has also established a regional TV network that will air Houston Rockets games in 2012 & Astros games in 2013. Mr. McLane has stated he feels that the establishment of such a TV network increases the team's value immensely. He feels it will allow the team to join a small class of teams that have established their own TV networks such as the Yankees, Mets, Red Sox's

and a handful of other teams.

In the past two years McLane has been considering selling the team. Through his interest of seeking possible offers he has been approached twice in the last two years by two different individuals that were interested in buying the team. These potential buyers were not suitable and thus in both incidents he decided to reject their offers. Going forward McLane has stated that while it has been a pleasure owning the teams for the past 18 years he has decided to commit to selling the team based mostly in family considerations. If you follow baseball you are probably aware of the team's performance last year. Unfortunately it was not very good year on the field for the Astros.

Regardless, McLane maintains a positive outlook of the future given the team's young crop of talent.

McLane has said that he expects

the sale could take as little as three months and up to four years. It would appear he is indifferent as to the length of time the sale takes as he is in no rush.

Regardless of when the sale takes place the Astros have stated they are going to continue baseball operations as usual. This might be seen through the team's recent expanded presence in the Dominican Republic.

It is difficult to say when a sale and/or when such a sale might occur, regardless it will be interesting to watch. With the MLB's ever increasing salaries and attendance at all time highs followed lastly by unprecedented sale prices of franchises in recent years it is certain to be entertaining to watch the Astros sale.

As they say in baseball, Let's Play Ball!



Crossword

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Across:

1. A small ornamental tower
6. I will return, on the web
9. Van Gogh's missing piece
10. For sticking, not eating
11. The elusive fifth food group
12. Woman who is married
14. Tolkien dwarf, brother of Gloin
15. Snakes of the sea
16. What a strong will is made of
18. Man who is married
19. Mailers of confections
20. Word often used by similes
21. Fifth note in solfege scale
22. Dr. Seuss thought we should do this on pop
24. Smartest of the three stooges
27. German for Grandfather
28. To make oneself smaller, often in fear
29. Common Christmas adjective
31. Prefix for nature
32. "Abandon all hope ye who ____ here."
33. Directed to

Down:

1. Desired response to pickup line
2. Evanescent song: "Going ____"
3. Common E-Mail subject beginning
4. Egyptian pharaoh
5. Make a mistake
6. To bear a flower
7. Ancient cities, no longer useful
8. Name of a famous big clock
13. Computer game of pretend people
17. Slang for partial payers of your rent
20. Separated
23. Ajar
25. A single time
26. More intelligent Ghostbuster
28. Father of the yellow school bus, Dr. Frank ____
30. Prefix for do again

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