

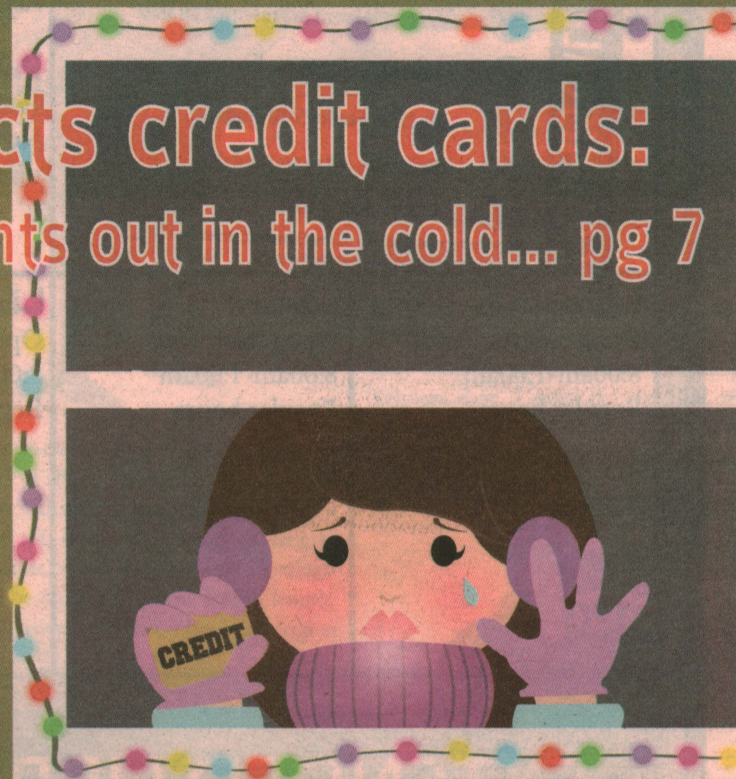
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
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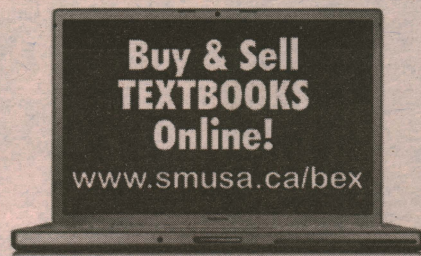


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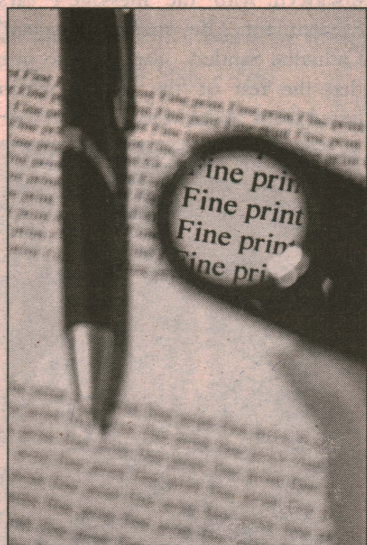
Letter From The Editor

The Credit Card Ban Loophole

I'm a small print guy; I don't like it, it's just useful to know. When I couldn't afford to be a full time student I still managed to get a student-priced bus pass. All I had to do was register for three courses, get my sticker and then drop the course I never wanted in the first place. It was all due to maddeningly small fine print in action. Reading comprehension is a skill that pays off all the time. You too can benefit from these little loopholes! Take the recent decision to phase out credit cards. The rule is that Jan 1st, 2012 credit cards will no longer be accepted as a form of tuition payment. Tuition is usually due around Jan 15th for the winter term, and there's nothing keeping you from paying your fees a few weeks early. You can still have your tuition paid and your loyalty points too; just pay before January 1st (fifteen days early). Whatever reasons you have for paying that method, you can still have the benefit; at least for one extra semester.

Adam Faber
Editor-in-Chief

“You can still have your tuition paid and your loyalty points too; just pay before January 1st (fifteen days early).”



Writing Centre's Tip of the Week: The Bare Bones of Essay Writing

Claude Fortin
Contributor

At its most fundamental level, writing is “communicating a message to a reader for a purpose.” When writing an essay, it is important that you have a clear understanding of your message (thesis), your intended audience, and the overall purpose of your paper. With this in mind, and once you are ready to begin writing your first draft, there is a general structure that you can follow that will help you organise your essay in an effective and clear way.

The time-honoured advice about essay writing that harkens back to the good old high school days is just as valid in this context, albeit with maybe a few more details. An essay is basically made up of three sections: an introductory paragraph, a main body made up of coherent paragraphs, and a conclusion.

The introductory paragraph is a crucial part of any essay and usually includes the following elements:

- A general opening sentence that introduces your topic
- Context that provides important background details relevant to your topic
- The main issue that you will be developing in your essay
- A thesis statement that informs the

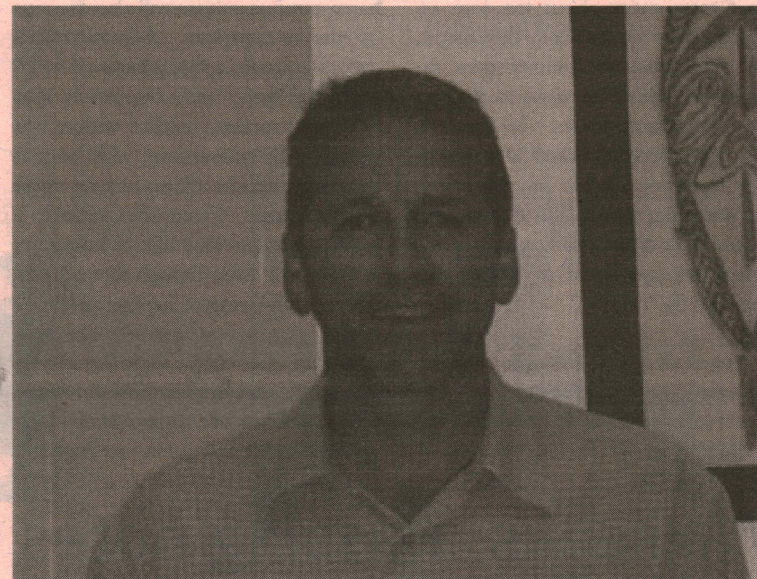
reader of your central argument or position

- An explanation of the importance of your argument
- A mapping scheme that outlines how you will proceed in the body of your essay

The main section of your essay is made up of a series of paragraphs where you outline the discussion of your topic and develop your argument. Depending on the length of your essay, the paragraphs may be grouped into subtopics that help organize your ideas in a structured manner and help the reader follow your line of

reasoning. Each paragraph starts with a topic sentence, which introduces the idea or point that will be developed, and it most often ends with a transition sentence that leads into your next idea or point.

The conclusion is where you restate your thesis, outline your main arguments, and highlight the purpose of your essay. A good way to conclude this paragraph is to end on a note that links your thesis to a larger context that is relevant and thought-provoking for the reader.



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The Cranky Professor George Jonas on Canada's university administrators

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"The next great act of Canadian philanthropy must be to buy out all university administrators' contracts, and replace [the administrators] with the first persons encountered at the nearest bus stop. Whatever it accomplished scholastically, it would lead to a marked moral improvement of higher education in Canada."

That's George Jonas, from a recent column in *The National Post*.

It's a harsh judgement. Jonas is saying that the average Canadian on the street cares more about freedom of expression, freedom of discussion, and intellectual community than do the people who have risen to the top to run our universities. If Jonas is right, two people picked at random likely would do a better job protecting and nurturing intellectual community on the Saint Mary's campus than our current president and academic vice president do.

In defence of university administrators in Canada, one might note that when an administrator is doing her job well, we don't hear that she is. When

security at a contentious event is good and would-be disrupters know they won't be tolerated, no story emerges for reporters to cover. We hear only about the bad administrators, the ones who, through incompetence or connivance, cancel the event or otherwise give in to the enemies of the university.

According to this line of thought, even if conscientious administrators are in the majority, we wouldn't know it, for the efforts of good administrators don't attract attention.

True, perhaps, but we have to add that much that administrators can do to harm campus culture will also stay out of the newspapers. Administrators can discourage a lively campus in all sorts of ways, with the result that nothing happens, neither within nor outside the classroom, that might rile the would-be disrupters or upset the sensitive. From the outside, a university might look like it's humming along nicely, even though those inside it are slowly dying of asphyxiation.

Thus, to the claim that for all we know, the vast majority of university administrators are doing their jobs well, a defender of Jonas can respond

that for all we know, things are even worse than we've heard.

One might alternatively note against Jonas that protecting and nurturing intellectual community is not the university's administrators' only job. There's also running the place. There's also finding the money in order to keep running the place. Whatever's true, that an average Canadian could keep a modern university afloat isn't. But that wasn't Jonas's contention. Jonas was speaking of the superior values and moral fibre of the average Canadian, not their superior administrative or fund-raising abilities.

The record of either administrative treason against the values of the university or administrative cowardice in face of challenges to them is not short. Just in the past few years we have had officials at the University of Calgary pursuing disciplinary action against students who criticized a professor on Facebook, the letter sent to Ann Coulter by the provost at the University of Ottawa, the policy at Carleton University that restricts protesters' access to the quad, the decision at York University to require a campus group to foot an exorbitant bill for security for an academic event,

the banning of political cartoons at both Carleton and Ottawa U, the attempt at Queen's University to have mediators monitor campus conversations for racism and sexism, the attempt by Kwantlen Polytechnic University to stifle research on assisted suicide, the refusal by various universities to stop student councils from discriminating against pro-life and other campus groups..., well, the list goes on.

Of course, we have to add our own administration's intervention against a professor when a few students objected to the cartoons he had on his door, its sanctioning of a formal process into whether his posting of those cartoons harassed anyone (I'm not making this up), its mishandling of a disruptive protest at a campus event (and its mishandling of its mishandling), its unwillingness to hire security for a proposed public debate on multiculturalism...(let's stop here).

Whether through sympathy with this or that social or political programme or mere spinelessness, a great many university administrators have been acting against the ethos of the university as a place of intellectual community.

The practical problem is what to do about it. How can we work to create and preserve universities marked by freedom of expression and freedom of discussion, where controversial themes are welcome, where campus events never fall prey to the heckler's—or the thug's—veto?

By holding administrators accountable for their actions, and by insisting that only people committed to a free campus be hired as administrators in the first place.

Policing administrators is a task for students and professors, primarily for professors. If we professors do not state clearly that we expect a free university and make public our disapproval when our expectations are thwarted, nothing will change. The universities we get stuck with will be the universities we deserve.

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Wikileaks: Passing notes in class

Sarah Faber

Contributor

Last week was dominated with news of the latest Wikileaks fiasco. In case you have been living under a rock, Wikileaks, the political snitch of the internet, began releasing over 200 000 leaked United States embassy cables this past Sunday. In addition to pitching the biggest socially acceptable fit possible, the US government has been spending the week trying to deal with one of the worst diplomatic relations nightmares since Sarah Palin. I have been back and forth on my opinions of Wikileaks. I can't help but feel like the guys who run it have an agenda (and not of the colour-coded day planner variety), but then there's the bigger, uglier root of this issue: why do these cables even exist? It seems to me this whole mess could have been avoided by a little lesson I learned from my Mom shortly after I learned how to speak. If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. Don't say it to a friend, don't say it to your parents, and for the love of God don't put it in writing. It will come back and bite you in the bum.

This whole situation has the feel of being caught writing notes in class and that's why I can't muster up a whole lot of sympathy for the cable senders. If diplomatic relations were functional, we wouldn't need classified cables,

other than surprise birthday party planning. What good is it to complain to Canada about Iran? To continue this "could have been avoided using pre-school philosophy" bent, let's take a trip back to 1991.

My Mom said "Sarah, honey, could you please pick up your toys when you get a minute?" I, engaged in the serious and time-consuming task of cramming as many Polly Pockets as possible into my piggy bank, naturally assumed she meant that, when I was done what I was doing, could I help with the housework. This was not the case. Did my Mom send a snidely-worded cable to my Grandmother decrying my lack of cooperation? No. She explained that she was trying to be polite, but that the toys needed to go away of there would be a world of hurt. Did I go to the press about my mother's bullying tactics and their futility in the

wake of my nuclear research program (mostly consisting of "Science Barbie" covered in vinegar and baking soda)? No. I said "Oh. I didn't realize that's what you meant. I will pick up my toys." Then I think we had some juice.

If world leaders were able to speak plainly to each other without this façade of working-togetherness, commitment to progress and other made-up political phrases, we wouldn't need classified cables, Wikileaks or strategies for dealing with embarrassing exposés. We also might be able to accomplish something at the national summit level. I would support millions of dollars toward a G-20 "Seriously, Let's Get S**t Done" Summit. Instead, we get petty griping and diplomatic gossip. Honestly, guys. If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.



Pro-life Display Forced to Remove Controversial Sign

Kyle L. Trimper

A & E Editor

Last Tuesday, the Student for Life society set up a pro-life public display in the Loyola building, across from Tim Horton's. The display fell into controversy, however, when several students complained of being offended by a sign posted on the display that read, "Women do regret abortions". The group was ordered to remove the sign.

"We showed considerable restraint in how we share our message and were disturbed at how a calm demonstration was challenged because a few people disagreed with the message", says Student for Life society president, Catherine Sanders. Sanders also says that the rest of the display, which lasted from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, was

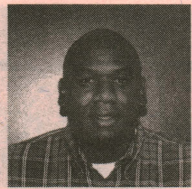
relatively calm.

This incident is one in a series of controversies involving pro-life demonstrations on Canadian university campuses, albeit a minor one. Recently, pro-life demonstrators were arrested at Carleton University after ignoring the University's denial to use the campus quad for a display in which graphic photographs were used. In March, trouble ensued at the University of British Columbia, when pro-abortion protesters caused a disruption at a pro-life demonstration that compared abortions to genocides.

A similar demonstration here, titled "Echoes of the Holocaust", caused controversy in 2009 when protesters disrupted the demonstration, causing it to be shut down.

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Keimeko Scotland News Editor

News

Internet Whistleblower Under Attack

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

The future of WikiLeaks seems increasingly is uncertain. Its founder, Julian Assange, is a wanted man, its systems are under attack and it is facing condemnation from governments all around the world.

In case you don't know, WikiLeaks is a website dedicated to releasing classified government documents through its website and making them freely available to anyone with internet access.

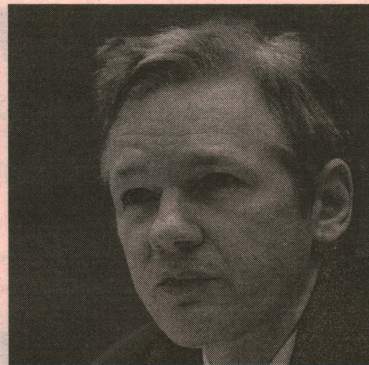
WikiLeaks recently triggered global governmental alarm by releasing thousands of classified U.S. diplomatic cables. The site has since been under 'virtual' attack by hackers and has been booted from its U.S. server.

"Whatever happens to the domain name and the actual organization, the idea unleashed by WikiLeaks is going to continue", said Joshua Benton, director of the Nieman Journalism Lab.

Ben Laurie, a data security expert who advised WikiLeaks before it launched in 2006, agrees.

"The concept is not going to die. It's really hard to keep things shut down if they want to stay up", he said. "Look at everything else people would like not to happen online — phishing, spam, porn. It's all still there".

Very little is known about the



day-to-day functioning of WikiLeaks. It has no headquarters and few if any paid staff. Yet, it does have a famous public face in Julian Assange, a 39-year-old Australian computer hacker with no permanent address.

Assange is on the cover of newspapers and magazines around the world, but he has not appeared in public for a month.

Assange, who is reportedly somewhere in Britain, is the subject of a European arrest warrant issued by authorities in Sweden, where he is accused of rape, sexual molestation and unlawful coercion. On the urging of Swedish authorities, Assange was recently placed on Interpol's list of the most wanted criminals in the world.

If British police arrest him, he will likely be caught up in a lengthy legal fight against extradition, and his ability to operate as the face of WikiLeaks may be curtailed even further.

Assange denies the Swedish charges, which his British lawyer, Mark

Stephens, has said stem from a "dispute over consensual but unprotected sex". Stephens said Assange was happy to speak to Swedish prosecutors and had provided his contact details to authorities there and in Britain.

Assange has also made powerful enemies in the United States, especially since WikiLeaks released thousands of secret diplomatic cables from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan earlier this year. With the latest leaks, U.S. politicians have called for him to be

"If something happens to us, the key parts will be released automatically"

prosecuted for espionage. Former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin asked on Facebook: "Why was he not pursued with the same urgency we pursue al-Qaida and Taliban leaders?"

Assange has acknowledged he has "become a lightning rod".

"In the end, someone must be responsible to the public and only a leadership that is willing to be publicly courageous can genuinely suggest that sources take risks for the greater good". "I get undue attacks on every aspect of my life, but then I also get undue credit as some kind

of balancing force", he said during a question-and-answer session on The Guardian newspaper's website.

As WikiLeaks released the first few hundred of what it says are a quarter of a million secret diplomatic cables this week, pressure on the site grew. Amazon.com Inc., which had provided WikiLeaks with use of its servers, evicted it on December 1st saying the website had violated its terms of service. The site remains on the servers of its Swedish provider, Bahnhof AB. On December 2nd, WikiLeaks' American domain name system provider withdrew service to the WikiLeaks.org name after it came under concerted cyber-attack. Service provider EveryDNS said the attacks threatened the rest of its network. WikiLeaks responded by moving to a Swiss domain name, WikiLeaks.ch. On December 3rd, the French government moved to ban WikiLeaks from servers in that country. Chased from one country to the next, WikiLeaks also appears perennially cash-strapped, appealing on its website and Twitter for donations to "keep us strong".

In an online chat on December 3rd, Assange said that WikiLeaks had taken steps to make sure it was not silenced, sending the "Cablegate" material and other secret documents in encrypted form "to over 100,000 people".

"If something happens to us, the key parts will be released automatically", he said. "History will win".

Whatever happens to WikiLeaks, the 'anti-secrecy' cat may be out of the bag. Daniel Schmitt, the former WikiLeaks spokesman, has said he wants to set up a rival secret-spilling site, and others may follow.

"I think the basic concept has a future", said Steven Aftergood, who works on government secrecy policy for the Federation of American Scientists. "Anonymous disclosure of restricted records is easier than it has ever been. The virtues of transparency and government accountability are more widely recognized than they have ever been. Those two factors together provide a foundation for this kind of activity".

"Whether it will be Julian Assange's WikiLeaks or the new German spinoff or another initiative remains to be seen" according to Aftergood.

Benton, director of the Nieman Lab, said that the so called 'Cablegate' means governments will have to develop a response beyond condemnation and legal threats. He compared it to music file-sharing, which was greeted with hostility by a music industry that soon realized it had to develop ways to make money from downloads.

"They (governments) can't think of WikiLeaks as an opponent they need to defeat". "They have to think about how they are going to deal with it", says Benton.

With files from Associated Press and Reuters

Massive Volcano Eruption in Ecuador

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

Ecuador's Tungurahua volcano erupted on December 4th, sending ash and lava spewing nearly a mile into the sky.

Residents evacuated the area after the country's National Agency of Risk Control issued a "red alert". The warning was later downgraded to orange, as the volcano became less active.

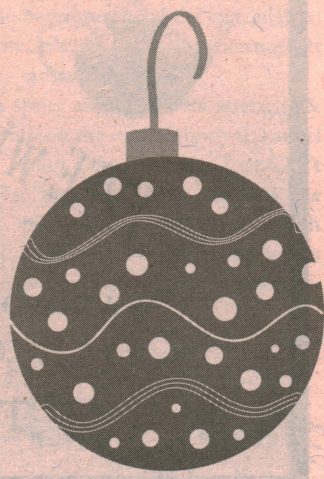
Activity at Tungurahua, which means 'throat of fire' in the native Quechua language, peaked on Saturday December 4th between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., according to the Geological Institute in Quito.

At one point, the ash cloud reached nearly 3 km (1.9 miles) above the volcano's crater, according to the institute, and lava flowed about 2 km from the crater. The volcano is 140 km south of Quito, Ecuador's capital.

The glacier-capped volcano stands five thousand meter high and erupted periodically since 1999 when

increased activity led to the temporary evacuation of the city of Banos at the foot of the volcano. Major eruptions also occurred in August 2006 and February 2008, according to the government's emergency management agency.

Prior to this more recent activity, the last major eruption was between 1916 and 1918. Relatively minor activity continued until 1925, the Smithsonian Institution said on its volcano website.



Spain Re-opens Airspace

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

Most of Spain's air traffic controllers have returned to work and airspace has reopened, after a walkout grounded flights and stranded thousands.

The government had imposed emergency measures not seen since military rule ended in 1975, threatening to prosecute workers who refused to end the strike.

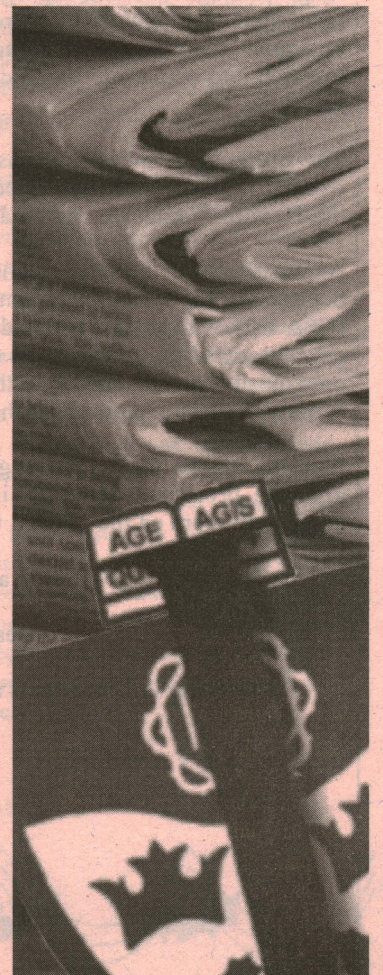
Spanish officials said 250,000 people had been affected by the walkout and warned that disruption could continue for up to 48 hours amid a long-running dispute about working hours.



Spanish Minister of Works, Jose Blanco, said the situation was improving, and all Spanish airspace had now reopened.

According to Blanco, "normality will take some time, between 24 and 48 hours, if the controllers return to work as they must".

While Spanish Airport authority AENA said some flights had already begun to leave, many airlines have already cancelled the majority of their flights in and out of the country until Sunday December 7th.



News

Ivory Coast Elections produce TWO Presidents

Keimeko Scotland
News Editor

Presidential elections usually have only one winner. Not so it seems in the troubled West African nation of Ivory Coast (aka Cote d'Ivoire). Two rival candidates have both declared themselves victorious and both have been sworn in as the new president.

Incumbent Laurent Gbagbo defied international appeals to step aside and was sworn in as the new president in a formal ceremony inside the presidential palace that was broadcast live on television.

Less than an hour-and-a-half later, his rival, Alassane Ouattara, told reporters that he, too, had taken the oath of office and asked Prime Minister Soro Guillaume to form a new government.

The Constitutional Council declared Gbagbo the winner Friday, invalidating earlier results from the Independent Electoral Commission which handed Ouattara the victory with 54.1% of the vote.

The Constitutional Council said Gbagbo had won the election with 51.45% of the vote to Ouattara's

48.55%. It tossed out votes it said were marred by fraud in northern regions that were considered Ouattara strongholds.

“With absolute certainty, we know that Ouattara won the election”

It was the job of Y.J. Choi, the special envoy in the Ivory Coast of U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, to review and sign off on the results. Choi said that, even if Gbagbo's complaints were taken into consideration, Ouattara was the winner.

“Having evaluated all the tally sheets, 20,000 of them, we are in a position to know what happened really,” Choi said in a telephone interview from Abidjan. “With absolute certainty, we know that Ouattara won the election”.

With his credibility in question, Gbagbo defied calls from international leaders to respect the will of Ivorian voters by taking the oath of office in

front of a room full of supporters and military commanders.

“These past days I have noticed serious cases of interference”, Gbagbo said. “The sovereignty of Cote d'Ivoire, is not negotiable. My responsibility is to defend it”.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy appealed for calm and urged military and civilian officials to respect the will of the people. U.S. President Barack Obama warned Gbagbo: “The international community will hold those who act to thwart the democratic process and the will of the electorate accountable for their actions”.

Ouattara, a former economist for the International Monetary Fund who served as prime minister, had been banned from previous races. Gbagbo's critics said the incumbent stoked tensions by accusing Ouattara of masterminding the civil war. Ouattara has denied the allegation.

The stage seems to be set for Ivory Coast to devolve into civil war once again as was the case in 2002.

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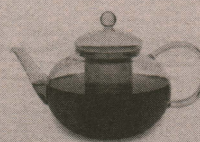
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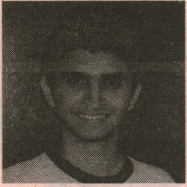
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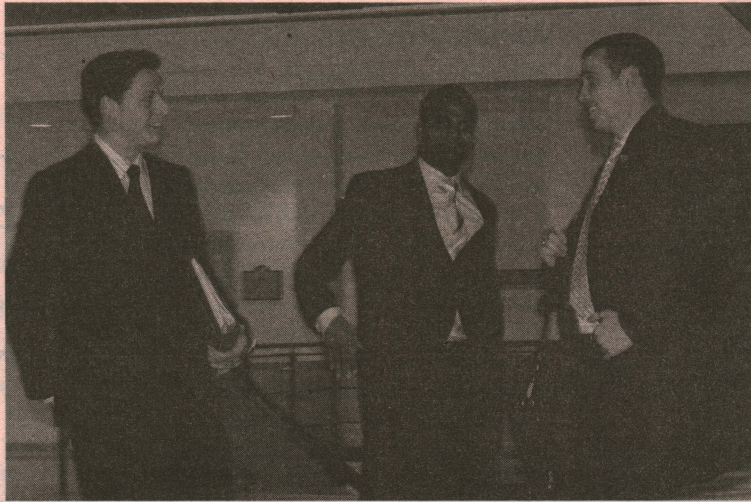
Student Life

Credit Cards to be Discontinued

Suvir Pursnani
Student Life Editor

For those of us who pay our tuition through the use of credit cards, such as myself, the title of this article isn't pleasing at all. Yes, these tiny little cards, which have been both a blessing and a curse to so many people, may be knocked out of SMU's system as a way to pay off tuition. This may not be a big deal to students from within the province or even within the country. However, it might be a concern for international students who rely on their parents or their own credit cards to cover the cost of tuition. It also means losing out big time on those hard-to-come-by miles.

For those of you who may not know, credit card companies pocket a certain percentage away from the 'merchant' over each transaction made, usually near 3%. To put things in perspective, the average international student pays around \$12,700, according to SMU's 'Money Matters' web page. So if this average student decides to pay off all of his or her tuition with a credit card: \$381 (12,700 x 0.03) goes to the credit card company. Other than being a



Board of Governors members Matt Anderson, Alwyn Gomez and Mike Mercer on their way to the closed-door policy meeting where the decision was made to phase out credit card usage.

tiny gain for Wall Street, this is also a \$381 loss for the university. Now take into consideration everyone who pays through the use of credit cards, and you've got yourself a huge amount of money; or a huge loss if you're a university.

With tuition hikes becoming a serious possibility as I reported in last week's issue, the Board of Governors was

summoned to decide on the fate of these tiny 3 by 2 inch pieces of plastic. On Monday, November 29, there was a vote held by the board to decide the fate of credit cards to pay off students' tuition. It all boiled down to either finding some way to increase revenue or offset costs. How SMU would find a way to increase revenue would be to increase tuition, so the board decided to save us from this burden.

“So is accepting credit cards wasting money or will banning them alienate students?”

The Journal did a quick poll around the school and asked students how they paid their tuition fees. Here are the results:

Credit Card:	40
Student Loan:	22
Other Banking:	25

The number of students polled doesn't come anywhere near the total population of Saint Mary's, but it is clear that quite a large number of students do use credit cards to pay off tuition. The students that I talked to showed a great deal of concern. It's a big deal for some international students: "I have a \$1000 transfer limit. How in the hell am I supposed to pay? Make six trips? That lineup is insanely long at the beginning of the year!", "I'm an international student, it's the only way to pay!", "Credit cards all the way, gotta love them air miles," some students were reported saying.

It's an issue for some domestic

students as well. Students are upset that they're losing a convenient way to pay off their tuition. A very common concern is that students have a withdrawal limit on their bank accounts, so they're worried that they won't have an easy method to pay. Laura Prouty, a second year engineering student, said,

"If your loan doesn't come in on time or doesn't cover your tuition fully, it's not like everyone has an extra 5 or 6 grand lying around the house."

So is accepting credit cards wasting money or will banning them alienate students? Whatever the answer might be, the change doesn't happen until January 1 of 2012. If you're really going to be affected by this, I guess you could always pay your tuition in advance (tuition is normally due in the middle of January, you could pay late December and they would have to accept it). However, before jumping to drastic measures, sources indicate that the university is already working to develop alternate methods to compensate for the future lack of credit cards.

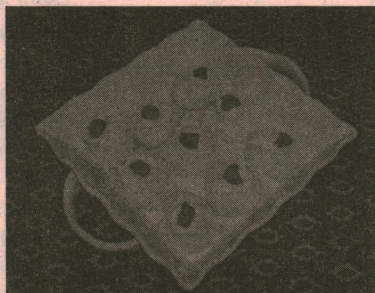
Christmas Baking Spectacular!

Sarah Faber
Contributor

For some, the holiday season represents a quiet time of reflection as one prepares for the year ahead. In my household, the holidays are a time of family, louder family and rich, delicious food. My earliest memories of Christmas were of cooking with my mother on Christmas eve. While the adults nursed their "magic happy coffees", my sisters and I, drinking eggnog in blatant disregard of a pesky little milk allergy, would help cube bread and melt butter and onions for the stuffing, peel vegetables, set tables and, pinnacle of pinnacles, decorate the cookies. In those moments of sticky sweet glory, we were artistic masters working in coloured sugars and sprinkles! To this day, Christmas cookie making is an all day affair. Though I no longer fear the wrath of Santa should I get caught sneaking a bit of cookie dough, I still enjoy spending the time elaborately creating the treats of the season. Here are a few treasures from my family's kitchen. Enjoy with friends and happy holidays!

Whipped Shortbread:

There are many types of shortbread. These light as air (despite the whole pound of butter) drop cookies are by far the best I have ever eaten. You can use margarine in a pinch, but I would advise against it. The world is your shortbread - go for the butter!



1 whole pound of delicious butter (2 c), softened till gooey
1 c icing sugar
3 c flour

Preheat the oven to 300. In a very large bowl, beat the butter. Add the remaining ingredients together and whip until very fluffy (about 10 minutes). The batter should be very pale yellow/almost white. Drop by tablespoon onto a parchment paper-lined cookie sheet. If you don't have parchment paper, leave the sheet un-greased.

Bake at 300 20-30 minutes.
This recipe makes 4 dozen delicious butter-gems.

For an extra dollop of fantastic, top with a tiny bit of buttercream frosting and red and green glacé cherries.

Gingerbread Men, Women and Assorted Holiday Shapes:

This recipe produces a soft, subtly spiced cookie. The fun part is the cutting out. Go ahead - make them

anatomically correct.

- 1/2 c butter or margarine
- 3/4 c sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 Tbsp orange juice
- 2 Tbsp molasses
- 1 1/2 c flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground cloves
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger

Beat the butter and sugar until combined. Add the egg, molasses and orange juice and mix well. In a separate bowl, stir together the dry ingredients. Gradually mix the dry ingredients into the butter mixture until smooth. Cover and chill two hours, or until firm. Preheat the oven to 370 and grease two cookie sheets. Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface to 1/4" thickness. Cut out desired shapes. If you're decorating your gingerbread creations with coloured sugar, add that now.
Bake 10-12 minutes.

If icing or melted chocolate is your decorating weapon of choice, wait until the cookies are cooled and then go nuts.

Chocolate Mice Truffles:

The first year we made these truffles, my Dad cut bite marks into a plate of sugar cookies and strategically placed these mice truffles around the

carnage. These magical Christmas vermin have been a main fixture ever since. This recipe is great for you folks in residence - all you need is a microwave and a fridge!

- 1 c. chocolate cookie crumbs (buy them - don't try to make them)
- 4 oz melted semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/3 c sour cream
- extra chocolate cookie crumbs
- slivered, blanched almonds (in the baking aisle)
- silver balls (at the Bulk Barn)

Melt the chocolate over low heat until smooth. If you are using the microwave, melt the chocolate 30 seconds at a time, stirring between heatings (burnt chocolate smells worse than burnt popcorn and is more expensive). Stir in the 1 c. of crumbs and the sour cream. Chill 1 hour, or until firm. Roll the mixture 1 teaspoon at a time into ovals, bringing one end to a point.

Roll the balls in the extra crumbs. Each mouse gets 2 silver ball eyes and two almond ears. If you want to be really precise, use thinly slivered black licorice for tails and whiskers.

Cover tightly and refrigerate up to 2 weeks or freeze until needed.

Idiot Proof Fudge:

The name says it all. Even my

Grandad, who is notoriously picky with his sweets, likes this incredibly easy recipe for perfect chocolate fudge. This can also be made in a microwave.

- 18 oz chocolate chips (I use □ semi-sweet, □ milk chocolate)
- 1 14oz can sweetened condensed milk NOT evaporated milk
- 1 1/12 tsp vanilla

Melt the chips and sweetened condensed milk over low heat until melted and combined. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.

Spread the fudge into a tinfoil or wax paper lined 8x8" pan (this will make removing the fudge much easier on you and your bakeware), and chill 2 hours or until set. Cut and enjoy!

Variations:

Mint fudge - use all semi-sweet chocolate chips and use mint extract instead of vanilla. Top with crushed up candy canes if you're looking to impress

Peanut butter fudge - use peanut butter chips

Dark chocolate fudge - use half and half bittersweet chocolate and semi-sweet chocolate chips

Super impressive fudge - use rum or any liqueur-flavoured extract instead of vanilla (hazelnut and almond are particularly delicious) and top with chopped nuts.



Christmas Special



Christmas Wish: Keimeko

Keimeko Scotland

News Editor

"What would you like for Christmas".....hmm....that's a tough one.

When my Editor-in-Chief asked me to write a short piece about what I wanted for Christmas I must admit to being lost for words at first, something that usually doesn't happen to me. The more I thought about it the more difficult it became to answer such a seemingly simple question.

Problem is that I know that although my friends and family would like to give me great gifts, everybody's on a restricted budget this year. That's the case for many people this year; how to give good gifts to everyone on their list without going broke.

So with this season's cost consciousness firmly in mind I've come up with a not so novel solution: five dollars. Five dollars is all I want....from everybody.... well at least half of my Facebook contacts.

Think about that for a moment. I have almost 400 contacts on FB. Many people have even more. If even half (or a quarter) of them give me five bucks I'll have enough to get myself something really nice. Plus, five dollars won't make anybody broke. Just imagine if you got five dollars from half of your FB contacts.....



Christmas Wish:

Suvir
Suvir Pursnani

Student Life Editor

What I want for Christmas? I'll tell you what I want. I want a reasonably priced education. Heck, if we lived in a sensible world; I would demand a free education to all. I've been known to write about the potential threat of tuition hikes for the past few weeks now and it's because of the fact that I will be severely affected by this is why I've taken a great interest in the matter. All of you should too. My post secondary education is a gift from both my parents and my government back home. However, the sum of money that I am allocated only barely covers my cost. I will be working for most of Christmas this year just to survive here in Halifax. Okay...survive and have enough for beer money for a few months too. Needless to say, we will all be affected if the O'Neill garbage goes through. So this Christmas, I will ask Santa to knock some sense into Canadian politics. I think Santa knows I deserve it. I've been a reasonably good kid this year; I haven't had time to be bad with all the hours I've spent in the library. So here's one to put on your wish list Halifax: An Affordable Education.

Christmas Wish: James

James Urquhart

Sports & Feature Editor

What is the ideal present for this upcoming Christmas season you may ask? Well, if you are indeed interested in knowing the answer to this question, I would suggest you turn on your television, and flip over to a children-themed station for your answer. If you would like to know what I would recommend for Christmas as a great gift, well that easy: a good book. Now this is probably the last thing that most of you want to here this time of year; you have just finished exams, or are still in the process of writing them, and the last thing you want to do over Christmas is look at another book. I would suggest that you not look at all books in this cynical nature. Reading books, non-text-book-books that is, can be the most relaxing and rewarding thing that you can do for yourself or for someone else over the holiday break. Now I would suggest that you read something insightful, or bought something insightful for that special someone on your list, but if it has to be twilight or Harry then that's your call. Find out what that special person on you list is into, and get them a book that tailors to their interest. Trust me, if you want to avoid that "oh my god, not another gift card" look, and get a truly genuine reaction, you need to get them something that shows that you put a great deal of effort into selecting it. A good book, one that is chosen especially for them, will have that desired effect!



Christmas Wish: Suzette

Suzette Belliveau

Contributor

My ultimate Christmas gift would be to sit down and have lunch with Shania Twain. In my eyes, Shania is a strong, courageous woman who has lived and experienced so many things that I probably never will.

Coming from a small town in northern Ontario, Shania made her way into the heart of country music fans. She showed the world that a little woman from the middle of nowhere could become one of the greatest entertainers of our time. I look up to Shania in many ways, her beautiful voice, her humble attitude and her strength, by dealing with the death of her parents at such a young age, then most recently, going through the hardships of a divorce.

I look forward to hearing Shania's new recordings, and to reading her autobiography. It would be incredible to sit down with her and just chat, chat about her life, her music, her struggles and how she has overcome them all. I'd love to know how she handles the fame, and makes time for her family and friends. She would probably have to tell me to slow down, I would be talking too much and asking to many questions. Either way, I would love to meet Shania!



Christmas Wish: Adam

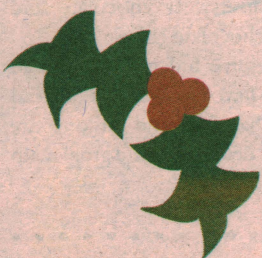
Adam Faber

Editor in chief

Budgets are tight, the world needs saving, and stockings need to get stuffed. With an eye towards reducing environmental impact, how does a broke student give gifts while shopping local? The UAG Collective is a local art group, and they're putting on a craft show December 12th at The Bus Stop Theater (2203 Gottingen Street).

Stacy Lepage is a SMU student who has tapped into the fashion market here in the HRM, and she's busy building stock for the Christmas rush for the UAG show, as well as a few

others. "I'm selling at the Musquodobit Harbour Farmers' Market on the weekends, and I'm getting a lot of positive feedback." Lepage makes 'fashion accessories' consisting of change purses, rings, hair clips and key chains, all made locally. Her creations are in a cute girl Gothic style similar to what has been cropping up in nearby chain stores, pink adorned with black skulls. "Of course I want people to buy local, but it's more than that, I vary the things I make so that everything is unique." If you need some cute and easy stocking stuffers, December 12th at 2203 Gottingen will have all kinds of local products, including Stacy's brand of fashion.





Angela Lindsey Technology Editor

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This Week's New Games

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Be sure to check out these new games over the holidays!

- 12/07/10 - WoW: Cataclysm (PC)
- 12/07/10 - Brunswick Pro Bowling (Xbox 360)
- 12/07/10 - SBK X Superbike World Championship (Xbox 360 / PS3)
- 12/07/10 - Yogi Bear: The Video Game (DS)
- 12/07/10 - Sniper Elite (Wii)
- 12/07/10 - Tron: Evolution Battle Grids (Wii)
- 12/07/10 - Tron: Evolution (Xbox 360 / PS3 / DS / PC)
- 12/07/10 - Spellforce 2: Faith in Destiny (PC)
- 12/07/10 - 7 Wonders 2 (DS)
- 12/07/10 - Bejeweled 3 (PC)
- 12/08/10 - New U Fitness First Yoga & Pilates (Wii)
- 12/12/10 - Super Mario All Stars: Limited Edition (Wii)
- 12/21/10 - Rec Room (DS)
- 01/01/11 - Otomedius Excellent (Xbox 360)
- 01/03/11 - 18 Wheels of Steel: Extreme Trucker 2 (PC)
- 01/03/11 - Mario Sports Mix (Wii)
- 01/04/11 - Venetica (PS3 / PC)
- 01/04/11 - Lost in Shadow (Wii)
- 01/04/11 - Two Worlds II (Xbox 360 / PS3)
- 01/04/11 - Sherlock Holmes: Mystery of Osborne (DS)
- 01/05/11 - Ghost Trick: Phantom Detective (DS)

letting you know when you have to place your order to receive it in time to wrap it and put it under the tree!

If you're more interested in receiving the nerd gifts than giving them (or maybe you're the only nerd in your life!) don't worry - you can make a wish list right on their website to subtly hint to your family or significant other which gifts you're interested in. Or, you can print it out and put it up on the fridge with a giant "BUY THIS" sign - completely up to you!

Myself, I'm a bit partial to the Lord of the Rings Mini Plush set, but maybe you're more interested in the Dismember-Me Plush Zombie. Either way, there's something for all the geeks on your list!

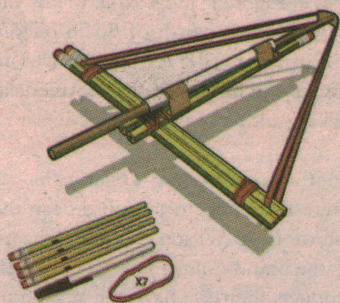


Pencil Ban Lifted in Massachusetts Elementary School

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Technology Editor

Wendy Scott, a teacher at North Brookfield Elementary School in Massachusetts, sent a memo to her sixth grade students' parents, informing them that the students are no longer allowed to bring writing utensils to class, but rather that a pencil would be supplied to them during the day and collected before the student returned home for the day.

"Although there are many students who use these materials respectfully and for their proper purpose, we feel that with our new rule, a number of behavior issues will be avoided, therefore allowing focus on academics rather than discipline," the letter to the parents stated. "Beginning on Monday, if a student is found in possession of these items it will be assumed that the intent is to build weapons or that the item was stolen from the classroom community baskets and the offending student will be sent to the principal's office."



"...if a student is found in possession of these items it will be assumed that the intent is to build weapons..."

Four days after the initial letter, parents received a second letter, this time from the school's principal, Deborah Peterson. This letter retracted many of the statements made in the first letter, stating that "Weapons were inappropriately referenced in the letter from Mrs. Scott. I am taking this matter quite seriously and assure you that no disciplinary action will be taken if your child has their school supplies in the building."

Bishop Suspended over Facebook Updates

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Disciplinary action caused by Facebook status updates is no longer limited to those in 9-to-5 office jobs. A Church of England bishop, Willesden's Pete Broadbent, wrote on Facebook that Prince William and Kate Middleton's marriage will last only seven years, and that "We need a party in Calais for all good republicans who can't stand the nauseating tosh that surrounds this event." Broadbent's superior, Right Rev Richard Chartres, was "appalled" by Broadbent's comments on the popular social networking site.

Broadbent has been suspended due to these "deeply offensive" comments, according to Chartres. "In common with most of the country I share the joy which the news of the engagement has brought."

I have now had an opportunity to discuss with Bishop Peter how his comments came to be made and I have noted his unreserved apology. Nevertheless, I have asked him to withdraw from public ministry until further notice.

I have been in touch with St James' Palace to express my own dismay on behalf of the church."



Christmas for Geeks

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Need a stocking stuffer for the geek in your life? Look no further than ThinkGeek's Holiday Gift Center! (www.thinkgeek.com) Long known as the place to shop for geeky gifts, this year the company has set up a "Holiday Gift Center" area of their website with some of their most popular items for this Christmas. To make shopping easier, they've also added a shipping information table to their website,

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Torrent Sites Seized by United States Government

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Closely following the sentencing of the Pirate Bay creators last week, the United States have taken a new approach to shutting down file-sharing websites, seizing the domain names with court-ordered search warrants. It appears that the websites are being taken down with no legal proceedings prior to the shutdown, but rather without the owner even being aware that the action is being taken until the site is already down.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has seized as many as 82 domains directly from the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), but is not doing so under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) or the Combating Online Infringements and Counterfeits Act (COICA), despite the fact that these acts were put into place specifically for situations regarding copyright infringement, including illegally shared media files.

The websites and web servers themselves have not been seized, however – simply the domain names themselves. Because of this, many of the sites have turned to Twitter to announce that they have simply relocated to a new domain, most often ending in .info instead of .com, since domains ending in .com are controlled by Verisign, meaning that they are in legal jurisdiction for the United States.



Disconnect for the Holidays

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Picture this: you're at your holiday dinner with your family, and everyone's enjoying a wonderful conversation – with their cell phone. Not exactly the traditional family supper and certainly not what the holidays are supposed to be about! Most students spend the majority of their day staring at screens, whether it's their cell phone, MP3 player, or monitor. This holiday season, make sure to disconnect yourself for a bit, and remember to be thankful for what you have around you, in real life!

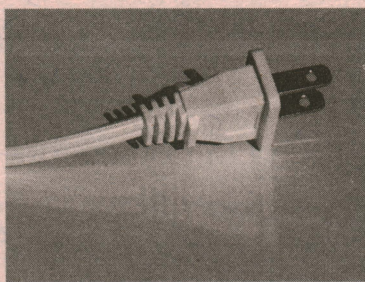
Set rules – and stick to them.

Depending on what you have going on in your life, this can be a day, a weekend, or even an entire week. Make it at least a day, so you have a real break and not just a pause in the constant stream of information we face every day. Don't just set rules for the amount of time you're going to be "unplugged", though – set rules about your limits. Perhaps you're expecting a phone call from a family member, but you can give up texting for a week. Or maybe you're expecting important e-mails, but you can avoid Facebook or Twitter. Give yourself the absolute minimum technology you can survive with for your selected period of time, and then enjoy the break!

Announce your intentions.

Not much can hold you accountable to a goal better than the knowledge that you have friends and family there to keep you on track if you slip. Better yet, make it a challenge! See who can go the longest over the break without Facebook, or give yourself a reward for every day you can go without what you've put limits on. This may seem silly at first, but after you're used to being constantly connected to the stream of information we have available these days, it's harder to let go than you think.

Evaluate the experience.
Write how you're feeling during your digital sabbatical – in an actual



pen-and-paper journal. It's hard to realize just how much feedback we get on our feelings these days, but when you're posting Facebook and Twitter updates every twenty minutes (or more) you're basically keeping a log of what your day is like and how you're feeling at any given moment in time. Writing this information down in a journal allows you to look at what you're feeling without any outside interference or opinions.

Embrace the boredom.

We've gotten so good at multitasking these days that if we take even an hour out of our day to sit quietly, we get bored very quickly. Many students can't imagine reading for even an hour at a time without the television on in the background, or their headphones in their ears, or some other distraction. Make yourself a cup of tea or coffee (or just water if you don't like hot drinks) and read in a quiet corner somewhere. Sit on a park bench and watch the people passing by – though not in a creepy way. Have a conversation with your grandparents about their childhood.

Do it again.

Don't make this a one-time-thing. Taking a digital break clears the mind and helps you refocus, which is especially nice over the holidays, but can help you at any time of the year. The steady stream of information we have available is a wonderful help when we need it, but not as important as your own mental health and well-being.



Canada's Economic Action Plan

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Business Editor

If aren't aware by now, during the depths of the recession the federal government instituted an economic action plan in order to stimulate the Canadian economy. The purpose of their plan was to stimulate the domestic economy through the establishment of new public infrastructure initiatives which in the process create jobs for Canadians. Through the stimulus package establishments, organizations & governments received free federal funding across the country in order to further enhance Canada's public infrastructure.

By example one has to look no further than our very own campus to see stimulus dollars at work. If you've been around campus lately I'd imagine you've seen the extensive amount of renovations the McNally building is currently undergoing. These improvements were made possible in part by the stimulus package in conjunction with other money. That is to say SMU used money from a capital campaign & they also received provincial funding too. Regardless, some of the money used in order to renovate McNally building was from the federal government's economic action plan. If one were to look even further locally, through Canada's Economic Action Plan the HRM has received approximately \$35 million in funds that have been used to enhance & build upon the current public infrastructure that exists today. These programs can be seen in projects such as the \$10-11 million Ragged Lake tunnel project. Unfortunately the project is running behind schedule and on its current path may have difficulty meeting the March 31st, 2011 completion date. This deadline does not pertain specifically to when the HRM envisions the project will be completed but when federal payments for such projects will stop. Essentially it is a government imposed date that represents the time in which the

federal government had intended to halt funding towards Canada's Economic Action Plan. Thus local governments that seek to use federal money that is needed to complete infrastructure projects must do so by this date or run the risk of not having the luxury of federal funds to pay for them.

As one looks to the horizon & the future of Canada's economic Action Plan, things look bright. Recently while speaking in Mississauga, Ont. Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced his government's intention to push back the official date to when the program was to end to October 31st, 2010. It is uncertain precisely why the government has chosen this path. Regardless, the added timeline of the program will allow projects that may not have been completed to be finished by the extended deadline & paid for by the federal government!

For example, this aids our very own HRM municipal government as it allows for a bit of breathing room as they near the completion dates of their construction projects (i.e. completing the Ragged Lake tunnel project is not nearly as time sensitive now)

It is important to realize that regardless of one's personal opinion of the federal stimulus program has shown that it provides tangible benefits to Canadians. Therefore, I would strongly defend the program. Solely, for informational purposes the Ragged Lake tunnel project or the renovation of McNally tangibly displays the benefits of the program that it creates for Canadians. The program also helps to illustrate the benefit that can be received when the weight of the federal government's pocketbook is thrown behind initiatives designed to enhance the lives of all Canadians. I suppose the best way to appreciate this is to look around at the newly renovated McNally building next time you study there!

Canada's 100 Wealthiest People

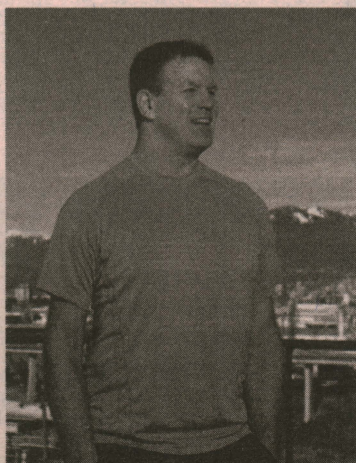
Kerry J. O'Rourke
Business Editor

Canadian Business Magazine just released its list of Canada's 100 wealthiest individuals. The list is composed of a wide array of individuals ranging from the Maritimes very own Irving family, to the Rogers & Westin families of Ontario. BC's very own Jimmy Pattison rounded out the top five.

While the economy may seem as though it has seen better days, Canada's wealthiest may disagree. As such only a few people listed saw their net worth decline. The vast majority of people that made the list, actually saw their

net worth rise.

As we go through the list the Thompson family retains their spot at the height of Canadian wealth. The Thompson's have made their money via information. By example if you've read a piece by Thompson Reuter's then they have assisted in providing the content. The Thompson's net worth rose to \$23.36 billion in the past year. Next on the list coming in a very respectable second place, with a net worth of \$8.5 billion was Galen Weston. Mr. Weston is the owner of Loblaw's, Canada's largest grocery retails. Among other assets he also own Holt Renfrew. As mention the Irving family made the list in the third spot with a net worth of \$7.46billion.



'Chip' Wilson, founder of Lululemon, and 49th richest Canadian.

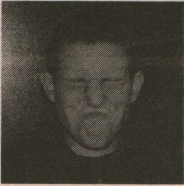
Their empire is primarily composed of natural resource holdings such as oil, gas & forestry activities.

Also included on the list were some non-traditional super rich individuals. Their net worth may not be quite as high as the leaders of the pact but they are interesting to watch. By example eBay's founder Jeff Skoll made the list with a net worth of \$3.56 billion. Unfortunately he no longer lives in Canada but has opted for an American mailing address in California.

Another interesting billionaire & interesting story to view has been the rise of Chip Wilson. If you've heard of the brand Lululemon & enjoy their products then you have Mr. Wilson to

thank. He founded the company, but a short time ago in 1998. The companies rise to prominence has accelerated in rent years. As a reflection of this, Mr. Wilson has seen his rank of 78th on the list last year, improve to 49th with a net worth of \$1.25 billion.

Inclosing one might suggest the only way to appreciate those have done well is to compare them to those that haven't. So with that said Jim Balsillie & Mike Lazaridis both suffered losses to their net worth. If you're not familiar they are the creators of the BlackBerry. Mr. Balsillie slipped from 16th place to 30th place with a current net worth of \$1.81 Billion.



Kerry J. O'Rourke Business Editor

Business

The (past) week in business

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PLAYING HOOKY: The old dangerous game of taking time off work when one is not actually ill has become riskier. An increasing number of corporations are now adopting more advanced tactics to track their employees. As such, Rich Raymond a private investigator has seen a change in his business. While he's worked on over 300 private investigation cases, ranging from thieves to philandering spouses, his business is changing. As such, his clients, the people that pay for his services are beginning to emerge from the corporate sector. Simply put, they are companies trying to keep an eye on their sick employees. I think it may be a little sick to do so or an invasion of privacy, however corporate surveillance efforts are increasing. I suppose the moral of the story is that if you aren't sick then don't stay home!

ORACLE: Oracle founder Larry Ellison recently stated that, "Sun Micros systems would perform better on his watch than it had under predecessors". If you are not familiar in January Oracle successfully completed the acquisition of Sun Microsystems at a cost of (USD) \$7.3 Billion. Oracle, also recently said a group of 27 computers equipped with Sun's Sparc chips was able to run a database performance benchmark at a speed of 30.2 million transactions per minute. The technical side of it is not too important. What should be appreciated is that Oracle feels they have been able to create proprietary technology they feel that is far superior to that of their competitors such as IBM. This may in turn prove to be an extremely profitable venture for the technology giant.

GROUPON: Last week the founders of Chicago based Groupon walked away from an acquisition offer from Google Inc.. The offer was for approximately (USD) \$6 Billion which would have also been based upon performance targets were met. The founders decided against selling the company as they are considering taking the company public next year. It is believed Google sought to acquire Groupon in order to expand into in the \$133 billion U.S. local-ad market and lessen its reliance on Internet-search advertising.

John Madden left will the NFL too?

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It would be a futile argument to believe that the NFL has reached a height in its popularity as it has demonstrated the NFL is now America's pass time statistically speaking and only continues to grow. As with anything that grows it develops more layers & becomes more complicated. The NFL is no exception.

With this in mind there are two



critical layers to the NFL. These layers namely, are the players & the owners. Unfortunately, they do not see eye to eye on the economics of the NFL. So with this in mind the National Football Leagues Players Association (NFLPA) recently sent a one page document to all players informing them to prepare for a lockout March 4th 2011.

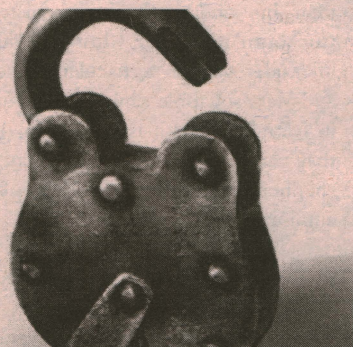
The document was sent by NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith. In it he said the union had an "internal deadline" for agreeing to a new collective bargaining agreement. Furthermore, he also stated that this deadline had passed.

Given these conditions players have been warned to treat their last 3 game cheque at the end of the season with care. They have been advised to seek guidance from their financial advisors in advance of the lockout & loss of income.

The issue of a lockout stems from several issues the two parties can't seem to agree upon. In the near term the league has announced the cancellation of the players health insurance. It seems rather strange for a sport known for its strength & hardship on the human body to cancel their health care coverage; I wouldn't suggest the NFL does not see the value in covering their players with health insurance. However, it appears the league feels they shouldn't have to

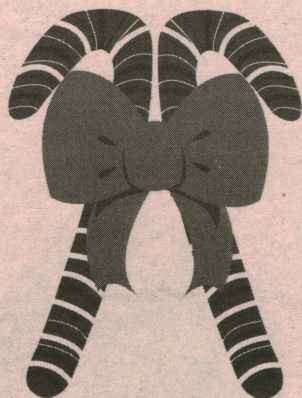
pay for it. They feel the players should be paying for their own coverage.

As we move down the laundry list of issues the players & owners can't agree upon the list becomes rather long. Regardless, there are a few highlights to note. A major area of contention is the length of the season. As it currently stands the owners want to lengthen the season. Essentially they feel the appetite for football in America is great enough to justify a longer season. Additionally their costs would remain virtually unchanged



while their sources of revenue would rise. To illustrate this point, the owners will have already paid their players under via their contracts & the stadium will have been built & paid for. Thus adding games to the season provides incremental revenue they wouldn't have otherwise.

Regardless of what happens it will be interesting to see how the matter is resolved. The future of the NFL in the near term is in question, surely. However in the long term the NFL has a place in the landscape of professional North American sports. Will the NFLPA learn a lesson from the NHLPA, in that while lockouts may work to prove a point or improve working conditions & wages but they also come with consequences. These ramifications might be viewed through diminished public opinion & respect. I hope a lockout can be avoided, because, well on Sunday's I want to watch DA BEARS!



Renewable Energy; Solutions, not just hot air

Adam Faber
Editor in Chief

Almost 80 percent of the electricity produced in Nova Scotia comes from imported Coal. Originally the plan for coal power was largely based on the fact that we had coal resources right here in the province, therefore it made sense to use local resources to generate energy and to create jobs at the same time. Now, we import coal from outside of Nova Scotia, and are tied to fluctuations in price. Currently coal, despite it's price variations, is still the cheapest source of electricity in Nova Scotia. The issue with our continued coal usage is the renewable and emissions targets that have already been set. In April 2010 the Nova Scotia Government announced a target of 40% renewable energy target by 2020. It would be wasteful and fiscally irresponsible to abandon coal immediately as a source of power generation. But what do we do to meet our renewable targets? Wind energy is an increasingly popular option, at least in part, to meet that target.

The implications for wind power is that there must be a fast and reliable method for supplementing wind during the instances of low power generation that will invariably arise. The current system uses a 'day ahead' model of power usage predictions. Temperature, sunset and other variables that would impact power usage can be used reliably to predict what the energy demands would be on any given day. Wind is not nearly as predictable, with day-ahead predictions being nearly three times less accurate than hour-ahead predictions. Nova Scotia's current coal powered plant is not flexible enough to respond quickly. An error in wind forecast, for example, could not be compensated for by increasing energy output in the coal plant, whereas it would take hours to increase that output of coal. The current idea is to use natural gas generators to make up for any shortfalls. It is a fossil fuel, but it burns cleaner than both coal and oil.

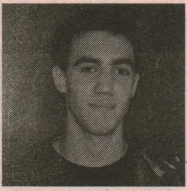
A common misconception of electricity by the public is that is stored in batteries. The reality is that any power being used from the Nova Scotia grid is being generated that very moment. The best example of energy storage widely used in Canada is hydro. Water is held in reserve, and when met with a need, can be put through a turbine to generate electricity. This is used in Quebec, whereas they have

an abundance of hydro power. This is not easily implemented in Nova Scotia, having markedly less Hydro generation opportunities. With the current technology of batteries it would not be realistic to store and maintain the amounts of power necessary to keep an intermittent source of power steady. The cost would be prohibitive, and the maintenance of them problematic. Newfoundland's hydro will be a useful way to steady wind's variability; Nova Scotia will be getting an undersea cable from Newfoundland at the cost of 1.2 billion dollars; that deal will be Danny Williams' legacy having signed it before resigning. It will be payed for by Emera, and 20% of the energy that flow through it will belong to Nova Scotia for the next 35 years.

Due to the variable nature of wind energy, and a lack of storage options, wind power must be farmed from multiple locations in order to keep a reasonably steady source of power. By having more than one wind generation station, the variability of weather can be somewhat lessened. There are several key locations where wind generation is feasible where a minimum of new power lines are required. The developments of these areas would be relatively small, and placed close to existing transmission lines in order to mitigate the considerable costs of building more transmission lines. In South Nova, Upper Annapolis and Halifax Metro, connecting wind projects would be the lowest cost, in the range of tens of millions of dollars in each case. Northern Nova Scotia would need infrastructure improvement costing around \$100 million, and the feasible areas near the Canso Strait and southern shore of Cape Breton would range from \$200-250 million.

What would this mean for ratepayers? Any amount of increase of costs equals and increase in rates. There is no 'secret stash' of money that is available to build windmills, or undersea power cables. Whereas coal is the cheapest source of energy, anything we do to displace it will increase our power bill. The reason we had coal to begin with was to keep costs low; environmental concerns around global warming was what prompted this change, and the initial resistance against it on a political level was the fact that it would increase costs. However, we can take some comfort in the fact that we are investing in future generations, instead of selfishly wasting the resources we have.





Kyle L. Trimper Arts & Entertainment Editor

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Classic Christmas Tunes: A Top Fifteen List

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A & E Editor

By the time you are reading this, I will be far from here, drinking egg nog, watching Christmas cartoons, and honing up my somewhat lacking guitar skills for Christmas concerts. I wish everyone who takes the time to read this a Merry Christmas.

Countless Christmas recordings have been issued throughout the years; some brilliant, some consisting of faceless product. Perhaps you have some favourite Christmas songs. Here are some of my favourite Christmas songs: some have a great tune; others are innovative and rather thought-provoking. This was originally supposed to be a Top Ten list, but there were just so many songs that deserved to be on the list. My affinity for British and in particular, Celtic music, may introduce some numbers that are foreign to you. Also, I understand that this not a definitive list; however, I suggest these titles as songs that you may not have heard, and may benefit from doing so sometime in the future.

15. **Paul McCartney** – “Wonderful Christmastime” (1979)

Don't read too much into this one; McCartney is “simply having a wonderful Christmastime”.

14. **Band Aid** – “Do They Know It's Christmas?” (1984)

Bob Geldof got this rowdy bunch together to record a hit single for the good of humanity. Sure, it's self-righteous, but it's thought-provoking. “Thank God it's them instead of you...”

13. **The Killers** (with Elton John and Neil Tennant) – “Joseph, Better You than Me” (2008)

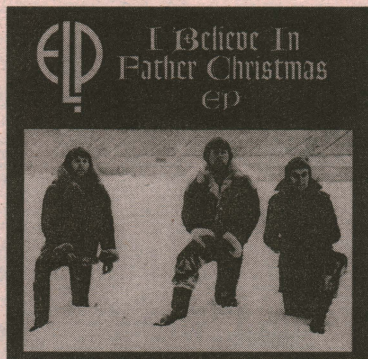
I dismissed this song for quite a while as product, but it turns out to be pretty thoughtful. The Killers have recorded Christmas singles each year for the last four years.

12. **Stan Rogers** – “First Christmas” (1979)

Tucked away in a live album, this gem from Canadian legend Stan Rogers details a young person's first Christmas away from home. The song strikes a chord as a university student, even though I have yet to face that prospect.

11. **Jethro Tull** – “A Christmas Song” and “Another Christmas Song” (1969 and 1989, respectively)

One can't go without the other: “A Christmas Song”, written early in the career of this folk rock band attacks the decadence of Christmas, while its middle-aged sequel embraces it. “Hey! Santa! Pass us that bottle, will you?”



10. **Emerson, Lake & Palmer** – “I Believe In Father Christmas” (1975) This Christmas tune from the legendary prog rock trio oozes with sarcasm... and brilliance: “be it Heaven or Hell, the Christmas we get, we deserve...”

9. **David Bowie & Bing Crosby** – “Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy” (1982)

The Thin White Duke teams up with old Bing for this tune from Crosby's last Christmas special. Reportedly, Bowie hated “Little Drummer Boy” (So do I), so he commissioned his band to write a counter-melody for him to sing. Bowie gets in a few zingers on Crosby before they begin, and outshines him during the performance. I bet Bing beat the tar out of him afterwards.

8. **Barenaked Ladies** (with Michael Bublé) – “Elf's Lament” (2004)

What's it like it working at the North Pole? Funny you should ask. There's no union; I've heard there's even been illegal doping. Also, your life consists of making “crappy little gizmos”.

7. **John Lennon** – “Happy Xmas (War Is Over)” (1971)

Probably one of Lennon's happiest songs, this Christmas classic has been worn threadbare by children's choirs on Christmas Daddies. The original is still pretty awesome, though.

6. **Kate Bush** – “December Will Be Magic Again” (1980)

This list has been populated mostly by men, so here's a refreshing change. There's not a whole lot to say about this song except that the introduction is particularly haunting.

5. **Billy Joel** – “She's Right On Time” (1982)

Everything Billy Joel writes is fantastic, and this Christmas-themed love song is no exception. The song is accompanied by a charmingly slapstick video.

4. **Elvis Costello** (with The Chieftains) – “St. Stephen's Day Murders” (1991)

This offbeat Celtic-styled song has a strange sense of humour, but that combined with the melody makes this a forgotten classic. “It's nice for the kids, as you finally get rid of them, in the St. Stephen's Day Murders...”

3. **Jackson Browne** (with The Chieftains) – “The Rebel Jesus” (1991)

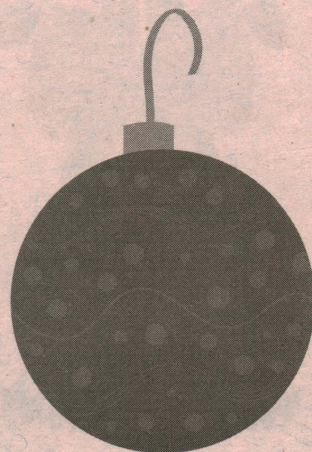
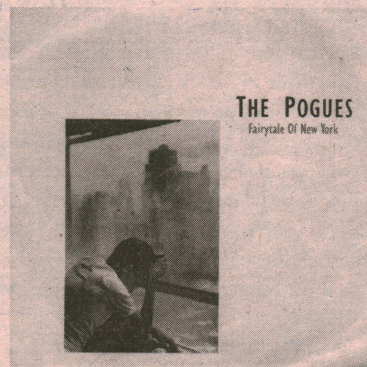
Another attack on the decadence of Christmas, Browne uses the example of Jesus to make a rather poignant point: “If any one of us should interfere in the business of why there are poor, they get the same as the rebel, Jesus...”

2. **Bruce Cockburn** – “Cry Of a Tiny Babe” (1991)

Cockburn is good rattling cages, but he takes gentler approach to Christmas than his buddy, Browne. Instead, Cockburn retells the Christmas story in modern street vernacular. Joseph and Mary squabble while Herod panics in paranoia, “for it isn't to the palace that the Christ child comes, but to shepherds and street people, hookers and bums...”

1. **The Pogues** – “Fairytale of New York” (1988)

This one is often a list-topper, and it certainly tops this list. Perhaps the most unlikely Christmas song written, this 5-minute Celtic epic follows an Irish couple in New York, who resort to fighting. “You're a bum, you're a punk, you're an old slut on junk”, says the man. “Happy Christmas your arse; I pray God it's our last”, says the woman. Nice couple. The song was in danger of being banned a few years ago for containing the word “faggot”, but this was held off when members of the gay community sprang to the song's defence, stating that the song was a classic and that it did not offend them.



Upcoming Events for Christmas

Kyle L. Trimper

A & E Editor

The Saint Mary's University Art Gallery is now presenting its FASS (Faculty, Alumni, Student and Staff) exhibition, with a spotlight on Najma Sharif. The display runs until December 19th.

Nova Voce has their annual concert of Advent and Christmas Music on Friday at 7:30 PM at St. Agnes Catholic Church. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for seniors and students. Tickets are available from Bookmark (423-0419), Westphal Family Music (435-7871), from choir members and at the door.

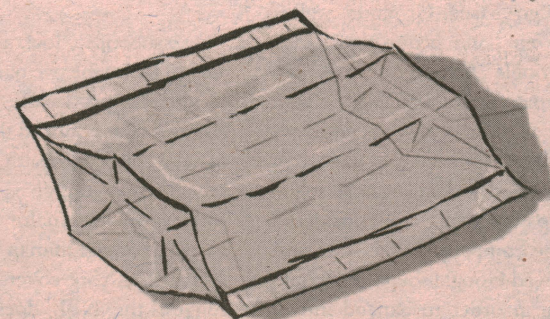
The Jimmy Swift Band will appear at The Paragon Theatre on Saturday. The show will be opened by none other than the Tupper Ware Remix Party. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

The Tupper Concert has its annual Christmas concert on Sunday at 7:30 PM at St. David's Presbyterian Church. Admission is by donation to the St. David's Church Building Fund.



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Dartmouth High School presents Little Shop of Horrors

Adam Faber

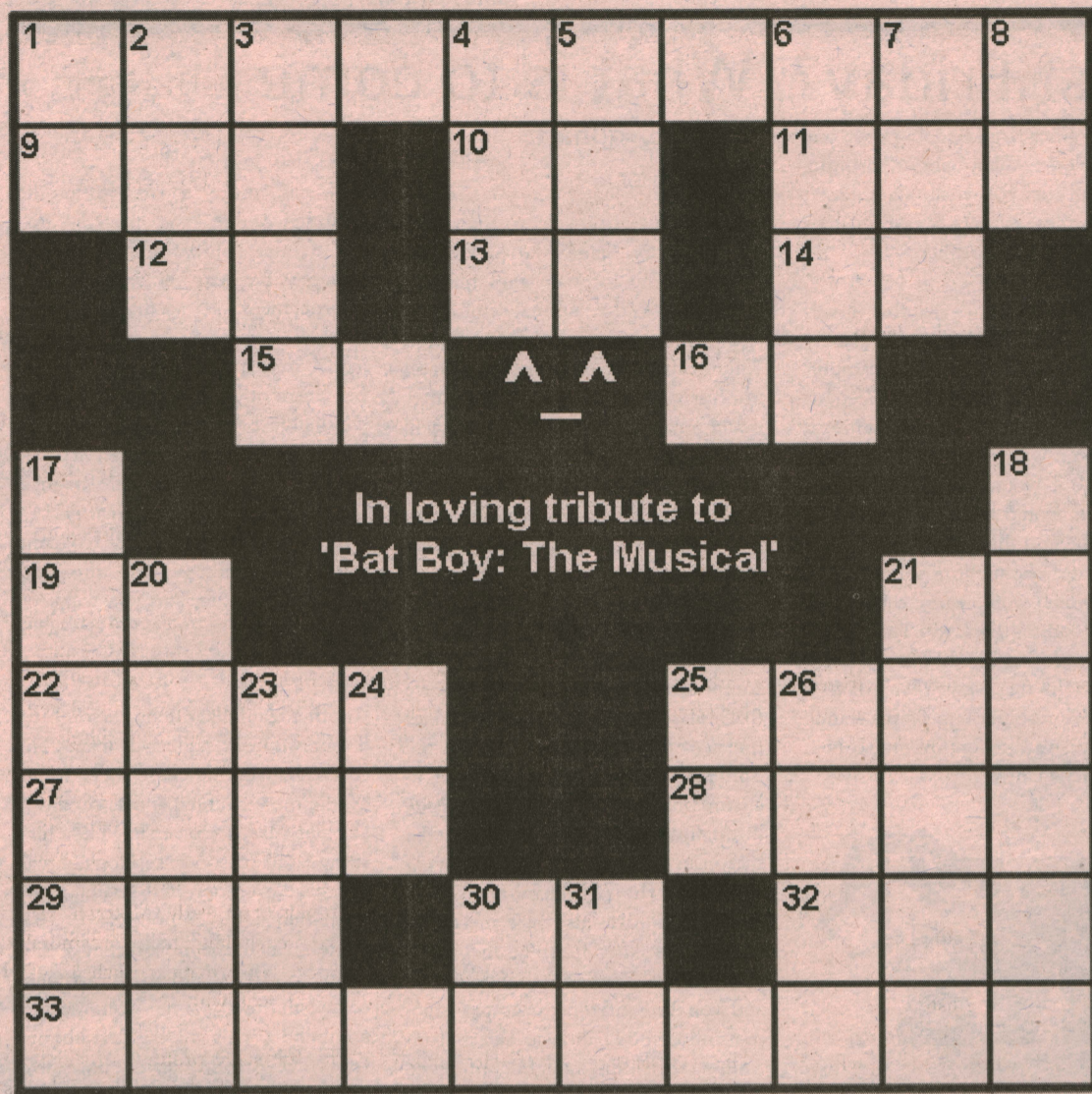
Editor in chief

On December 16th, 17th and 18th, Dartmouth High School will stage a presentation of acclaimed rock musical production Little Shop of Horrors. Show time is 7:30 nightly at DHS' Keating Hall Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults.

Little Shop of Horrors was originally a low-budget 1960 black comedy style film directed by Roger Corman. It was brought to the stage in 1982 by composer Alan Menken and writer Howard Ashman, in a whole new format, as a rock musical based on the original story of a hapless floral shop worker who raises a plant fed solely on human blood. The show is brought to life with 1960s style rock and roll, doo-wop and early Motown styled music, including many memorable musical performances such as Skid Row (Downtown).

“The full stage production will be a culmination of thousands of hours of commitment on behalf of the drama department,” said Bill Hughes, Teacher at DHS, “it will showcase not only the immeasurable talents of our student population but also bring together members of our community to positively celebrate this fabulous work of art.”

Crossword



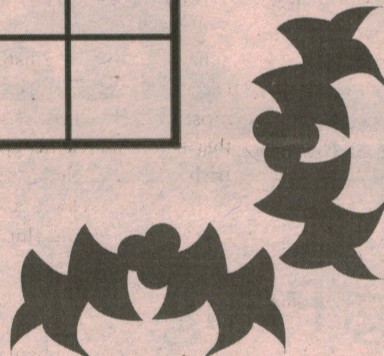
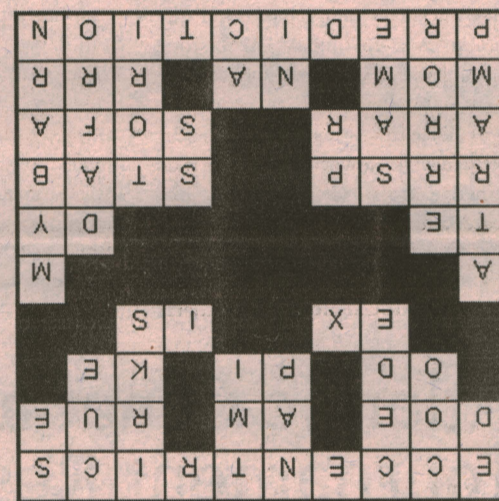
Across

- 1. People who deviate from the norm
- 9. A female deer
- 10. The morning
- 11. Regret
- 12. Take too much
- 13. 3.14159, approx.
- 14. Physics abbreviation for the energy of motion
- 15. No longer significant other
- 16. Est, en Anglais
- 19. Atomic number 52
- 21. Muscular __strophy
- 22. Tax-free old age reserve
- 25. To insert a sharp object
- 27. Cleared suspected terrorist
- 28. Living room staple
- 29. Cliché heart tattoo's dedication
- 30. Teasing jeer (when repeated)
- 32. Reading, writing and arithmetic, for short...
- 33. Attempt at telling the future

Down

- 1. Famous counting horse
- 2. Dove's sound
- 3. Admit defeat
- 4. Siesta
- 5. Acronym meaning "Didn't need to know"
- 6. Annoys
- 7. Signal
- 8. Between right and down, on a compass
- 17. Frank Sinatra song: "The lady is ____"
- 18. Farmers proclamation of real estate ownership
- 20. Mistake
- 21. Undercover Brother: "You mess wit' ____, you gots ta go"
- 23. Identical
- 24. Company's publicity
- 25. Nazi police
- 26. Wrestling diva
- 30. Shrubbery-wanting knights say this
- 31. Mechanical house cooler

Answers



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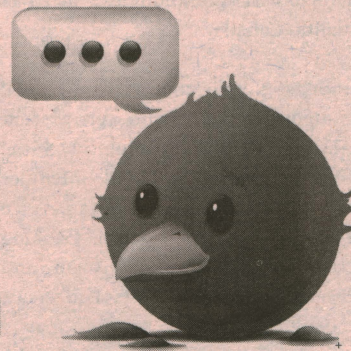
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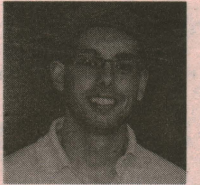
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Sports



James Urquhart Sports Editor

What? There was a game last Friday?

James Urquhart
Sports Editor

I not only enjoy writing about sports at Saint Mary's University, I also enjoy attending sporting events here on campus, as well as those that are held out in the community. For my dollar (figuratively of course in this case), there is nothing I enjoy more than the rush that one gets from cheering on their favorite team, or even booing those teams that are not liked. I have done my best to work around my busy schedule in order to watch as many Huskies sporting events as I could so far this year, and I have been thoroughly impressed with the quality of the product being put "on-the-field" each and every time, win or lose. One thing has stuck out to me so far this year though: attendance seems to be down from what I remember in years past. Even attendance at football games is down, and students from years past will quickly tell you that a packed Husky Stadium is a customary cornerstone of Saint Mary's University.

So I began to ask myself why attendance is down, and why it has seemed to go down every year since I arrived here four years ago? Well, in order to ease my troubled mind I went for a walk across campus to take

a little look-see in order to figure out what is not being done to promote sporting events on campus. I was surprised when I went to the Atrium and discovered that there was nothing even remotely mentioning Huskies athletics. Now I know that Atrium is supposed to be a sanctuary devoted to athletics and sustainability, but in a building that is a cornerstone for the university, it only makes sense to advertise another cornerstone: the athletics programs. This would not only be a good way to attract student interest in athletics, but also community support as well. I then decided I would go to residence to visit a friend of mine. I was dismayed, but not surprised; to see that there was no advertising about any upcoming sporting events here either. This is a real shame; I remember that when I lived in residence going to sporting events with my floor was a big thing. Younger students are eager to attend school related activities, but they cannot do so if they do not know where and when they are being held. Frustrated with what I found on campus I thought that I would do better in my search in the local media; I was mistaken. I did find one ad in the metro for SMU hockey, but this is simply not enough. Ads for Hockey only caters to one niche market,

albeit a rather large one, but only one nevertheless. What about aspiring basketball or volleyball stars, don't we want these players at SMU games soaking up the atmosphere?

All in all, I have to say that I was displeased by the lack of publicity for Saint Mary's athletics on campus, and in the community. We need to get more people coming to games; it would be a win, win for all involved. The school would get more money, the teams would be treated to bigger crowds behind them and the students would have a better atmosphere at the games, which would make them want to keep coming back. So I challenge SMU to do more for its athletics programs in the New Year. Make a New Year's resolution to fill the stands and increase awareness about sports at Saint Mary's University.



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What is to come

James Urquhart
Sports Editor

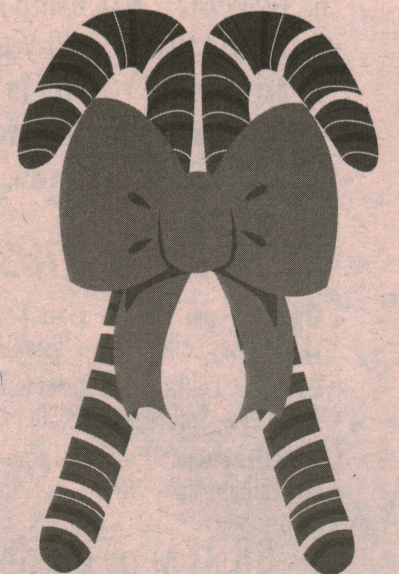
It has been a good start to the sports year for the Saint Mary's Huskies thus far. The football team made it all the way to the national semi-finals, finally losing to the Calgary Dinos. The football Huskies certainly had an impressive season even though they could not win the Vanier Cup. As you will recall, they started out the season 0 and 4, and managed to patch the holes in what seemed like a sinking vessel. The huskies ended up beating their opponents by a combined score of 196-36 over their last 5 games of the regular season, and pounding Acadia in the conference finals. The Men's soccer team was also rather impressive this season. The soccer Huskies finished the season with a win in the third place consolation final at the CIS championships. The men were steady throughout the season, finishing the season in second place, and receiving a bye into the AUS semi-finals. The lacrosse team was also very successful this season. After finishing in second place in the conference, they rallied and won the conference championship, preventing the Dalhousie Tigers from winning their third straight conference title. Of course the big question is can they keep it up? We have basketball, hockey and women's volleyball to look forward to in the New Year. This article is a review of their seasons so far, and preview of things to come. I am sure that all of our sports teams will make us proud.

they can make a run at another conference title, and perhaps even a CIS title. The women continue to struggle, but are showing signs of improvement. It seems as though there is something missing in their game; perhaps a lack of chemistry, but I cannot confirm that, so for now we shall just say that something needs to improve if the women are to make another run at the AUS title, or make the playoffs at all for that matter. I for one am confident that the coaching staff will address the problems, whatever they are, and you will see a new brand of Huskies' hockey in the New Year.

Another team that often gets forgotten is our women's volleyball team. This is a real shame because they are one of the most talented sports programs at Saint Mary's University. They have started the season exceptionally well, and have even defeated several teams from the highly competitive Quebec conference. In the most recent version of the top 10 CIS ranking for women's volleyball, the women were ranked number 10. This is a big deal because very few Atlantic teams have ever cracked the top ten, because the big schools out west usually dominate it. So way to go girls, and I know if you continue to work hard you will only continue to move up the rankings.

So there you have it, these are our contenders for hardware in the New Year. No matter how the second half plays out, rest assured that you will not be disappointed if you choose to attend any Huskies' games in the future, because you will be treated to a spectacle of hard work, exceptional talent and team moral, no matter which event you choose to attend. So let's hope that our Huskies continue to play hard, and that their hard work leads to move hardware, which we can add to the rest of the hardware that we have already earned this academic year.

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The basketball teams, both men and women, have gotten off to rather slow starts this season. The men started the season at 0 and 4, but have since gone 2 and 1 in their past 3 games. By no means have these games been blowouts; to the contrary, the men have played extremely competitive in all their games this season. They have once again been lead by their very talented point guard Joey Haywood. The women won their opening game of the season, but have been inconsistent, and now sit at 3 and 4. They are also playing very tough and competitive basketball, and if they continue to do so, they will be just fine. Justine Colley, who is by and large considered one of the best perimeter players in the country, is once again leading the women. I think that the results will come for both the men and women if they continue to play hard in the New Year.

As I reported in an earlier issue of the journal, the men's hockey team has begun to really turn things around. They have earned some big wins against some of the 'AUS' biggest contenders, and have moved into 5 spot in the CIS rankings. The boys are playing so well that they sit just 1 point behind UNB for the lead in the AUS. If they are able to sustain their dynamic play, there is no doubt that

Atlantic Canada Ping Pong Tournament Results

Suzette Belliveau
Contributor

With 32 teams, and over 600 spectators, this year's Atlantic Canada Ping Pong Tournament was a sure success!

The 2010 Scotiabank StartRight Cup was held at Saint Mary's University on Sunday, November 28th, 2010. Hosted by the Atlantic Canada Ping Pong Association, and co-organized by the Chinese Benevolent Association of Nova Scotia, the China-Canada Multicultural Association, the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia, the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association, the Nova Scotia Table-Tennis Society, and the Saint Mary's University Chinese Students Society, this event was aimed to provide a platform for competition and communication in various local communities, especially those within multicultural communities all over Atlantic Canada.

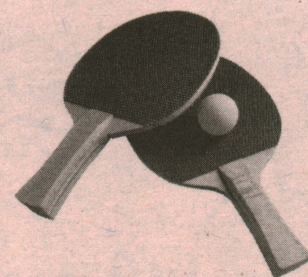
Amongst the spectators were several distinguished guests who were present at the Grand Opening Ceremony. Some of these guests included, Member of Parliament, Geoff Regan, Vice President of Multicultural Banking Scotiabank, Mr. Ahmad Dajani, and President of Saint Mary's University, Dr. Colin Dodds.

A representative of the tournament stated that over 40 major organizations and community groups got involved with the event, with an additional 100 volunteers from the student body. She also indicated this year the tournament had 32 registered teams, one coming from England, while other teams originated from Prince Edward Island, Hebbville, and Middle Musquodoboit. The association would like to express their sincere congratulations to the following teams who captured the first eight places:

- 1st - Team Kent (Ian Kent, Isaac Kent and Tyler Kent),
- 2nd - Team Inception (Jin Su, Kevin Chong, Rebecca Zhang and Robert Retz),
- 3rd - Musquodoboit Musquies (Dave Greenough, Jody Whitenect, Steven Hines and Wayne Erskine)
- 4th - Dalhousie Table Tennis Club - Team 1 (Alex MacDonald, Bin Shen, Boon H Tan and Long Nic Lin)
- 5th - Chinese Society of Nova Scotia - Team 2 (Gary Bliss, Michael Cada, Mikhail Kharenko and Jason Gu)
- 6th - Sunlife Financial (Changhong Chen, Jingbin Lam, Peter MacDonald and Xuezheng Cheng)
- 7th - Best Choice Restaurant (Fu Chen, Huo Du, Shuntian Wang and Yueping Wang)

8th - Chinese Society of Nova Scotia - Team 1 (Brian Yuen, Qun Gao, Stanely Lai and Tom Tian)

Unfortunately Saint Mary's team from the Chinese Students Society was out beaten, yet with great encouragements and umpires, we wish them the best of luck next year! The Atlantic Canada Ping Pong Tournament Association would like to thank all those who helped make this year's tournament a successful, and a wonderful experience for all those present. See you next year!



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Eating Healthy

James Urquhart
Sports Editor

Here is a great holiday recipe to enjoy with your family over the holidays:
Cheese Ball

Makes 20 servings

Ingredients:
1 pkg (8 oz / 250 g) cream cheese, light
1/4 cup (60 ml) cheddar cheese, light, shredded
1/4 cup (60 ml) pepper, finely diced
1/4 cup (60 ml) pepper, finely diced
2 cloves minced
1/4 cup (60 ml) onion, chopped
1 tbsp (15 ml) sauce
1/4 tsp (1 ml) sauce
1/2 cup (125 ml) almonds, sliced

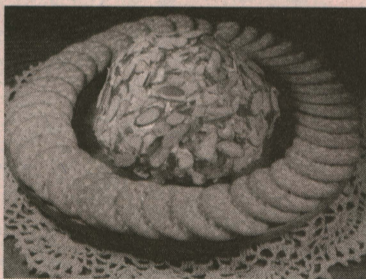
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Directions:

1. Soften cream cheese and combine with all ingredients (except almonds).
2. Form cheese mixture into a ball and roll in almonds.

Nutrition Information per Serving (2 tbsp):
Calories 150
Fat 11 grams
Carbohydrate 5 grams
Fibre 2 grams
Protein 5 grams
Sodium 69 milligrams

Source: Sobey's Dietitians



Sport Results from November 28th to December 3rd, 2010

Men's Hockey (Currently Ranked 6th in the CIS):

December 1st, 2010:
Acadia @ Saint Mary's
0 4

Men's Basketball:

November 28th, 2010:
Saint Mary's @ Memorial
98 108

Women's Basketball:

November 28th, 2010:
Saint Mary's @ Memorial
69 74



Mascot walk of shame

Adam Faber
Editor in chief

Covering University / College level sports, I come across some pretty ridiculous mascots. I'm sure I could write a book of them, but here are a few that I came across this week that really showed me the bizarre imaginations of students and their decision makers.

Delta State University Fighting Okra

'Mean and green' seemed to be the idea behind the Fighting Okra. Anything was meaner than their official mascot, The Statesman. An Okra is a flowering plant in the mallow family. It is valued for its edible green seed pods. The only redeeming quality of an Okra is that it is a diuretic, so presumably the Fighting Okra could make you pee yourself.

Delta State University Statesman

When DSU sets their mind to being really terrible at something, they certainly reach dizzying heights. They hold the prestigious title of occupying two spots in my terrible mascot list. This mascot is named after State Representative Walter Sillers Jr., House of Representatives Speaker, who played a big role in Cleveland, Mississippi, the town where the school is located. But, to be fair, if anyone is going to screw things up for you, it's a politician.

Evergreen State Geoducks

To heck with the Mighty Ducks, fooy on actual ducks in general! A Geoduck doesn't even pronounce its name properly, for it is pronounced



Syracuse University Orange

I don't know what fans of the Orange chant at a sports game, but I know for sure their rhythmic vocalizations don't rhyme with anything. Maybe they just shout "The Orange will make you purple" to complete their non rhyming confusion. Evidently the opposing teams get so confused they simply wander off the field in a helpless daze. I await the day one of their players comes down with scurvy. You better believe I will make sure that is front page news.

goo-ee-duck. On top of that, it's not a duck at all. A Geoduck is an extremely large saltwater clam that can have a shell of over nine inches in length. Outside of the shell is a siphon, which can be more than three feet in length. It's basically a clam with a jet engine attached, so they are fast. I'm going to leave you with the lyrics to the Geoduck fight song;

*Go, Geoducks go,
Through the mud and the sand,
let's go.
Siphon high, squirt it out,
swivel all about,
let it all hang out.
Go, Geoducks go,
Stretch your necks when the tide
is low
Siphon high, squirt it out,
swivel all about,
let it all hang out.*



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Have a safe and happy holiday!
We will see you in the New Year!



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