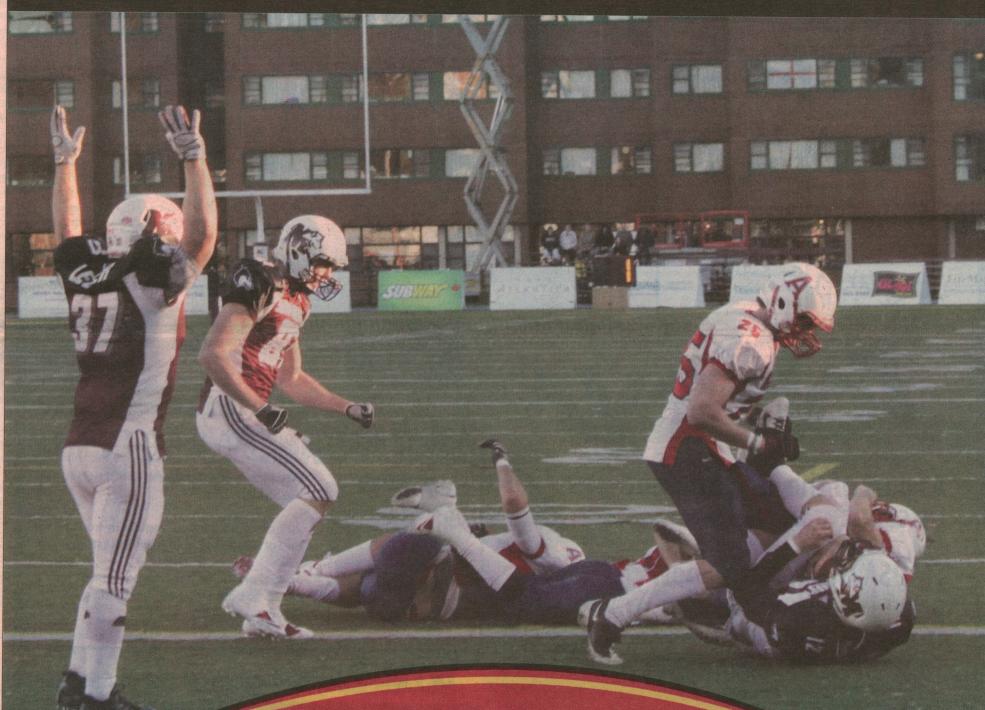
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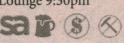
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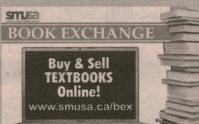
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Letter SMU Soapbox From The Call the SMU soapbox at 496-8201 there I'll to Editor

Another week of the impressive perk of the location of The Journal offices. The 5th floor of the student center is a great vantage point to watch the Huskies pound the Axemen, taking another step towards the Vanier Cup. I'm proud to report our fabulous mascot refrained from gesturing at any disrespectful teenagers. Good boy! It is a boy in there, right? I suppose gender isn't important.

I was quite surprised today to

hear a friend of mine, Michelle Rayner was on the news. She had been assaulted by someone in a public bathroom for appearing to not belong. I have always found assigning a gender to a washroom to be, at best, inefficient. I'm one of those rebels who will go to the wrong water closet if it is private and lockable to avoid a lineup. Sometimes I even respond to people who look at me aghast with a flippant "I've got a secret. Don't tell anyone." People seem to survive at outdoor concerts using the individual portable toilets. Even in a divided stall setting there is no harm I can see having blended restrooms. If I remember correctly, Dalhousie manages it with no problems that I've heard of. At Dal they seem to have avoided discomfort by having the stalls be completely divided, like very small rooms. Certainly an expensive option to keep people from feeling squeamish. In a typical public lavatory the luxury of soundproofing is not an option, leading me to believe that the builders of loos wish to keep a very old secret that has been kept from some of us: girls pass gas. I'm sorry to have to break it to you. Can we get over wasting an entire room in every building now?

Adam Faber Editor in Chief

(or thesmujournal@gmail.com), and a monkey on a typewriter for an infinite amount of time will almost surely produce your rant.

there I'll tell you how I became the prince of a town called Bel-Air. In west Philadelphia born and raised on the playground is where I spent most of my days... chilling out, maxing and



Monday, November 8th 3:50 PM Now this is a story all about how, my life got twisted upside down and I'd like to take a minute just sit right

relaxing all cool shooting some b-ball I thought I was cool... when a couple of guys they were up to no good, started making trouble in our neighborhood!

I got in one little fight and my mom got scared she said your moving with your auntie and uncle in Bel-Air! I whistled for a cab and when it came near the license plate said fresh and had dice in the mirror! If anything I could say that this cab was rare but I thought nah, forget it yo home to Bel-Air! I pulled up tp a house about seven or eight I velled to the cabbie vo homes, smell you later! Looked at my kingdom, I was finally there to sit on my throne as the prince of Bel-air.

Wednesday, November 10th 3:47 PM (Same caller as Nov 8th)

In 1972 a crack commando unit was sent to prison by a military court for a crime they didn't commit. These men promptly escaped from a maximum security prison to the Los Angeles underground. Today, still wanted by the government, they survive as soldiers of fortune. If you have a problem, if no one else can help, and if you can find them, maybe you can hire the A-Team.

When is enough?

Laura MacIntosh

Contributor

I find myself asking this question all the time however; in light of recent events I have been asking this more than ever. When is enough?

When is enough gender neutral bathrooms and spaces in our cities and on our campuses? Those of us who identify as gender neutral have to run across the city or campus to relieve ourselves where others can walk into any building and know they will find a safe place to do the same deed. Yet government and administration alike suggest that they have "done enough" simply because these spaces exist. If only a fraction of spaces are available to those of us who don't fall at the extremities of the gender spectrum, is it really enough? When we construct new buildings, why do we assume that we will build two bathrooms; men's and women's? Why is that ok? If we are building two washrooms, why not three? The medical model is even finally accepting that gender and sexual orientation operate (at least in part) on a biological level, so what's stopping us from building a third bathroom? When is enough "acceptance" of

difference? Because we allow gender neutral individuals to exist among us, is this enough? Because we don't kick them out of their own, separate washrooms, is this enough? Yet it's ok to kick them out of the only two washrooms available to them in their given space... I don't believe that's enough. We have no right to "allow" individuals to exist among us, just as we have no right to dictate what

If we are building two washrooms, why not three?

gender someone must identify as. Yet we do this all the time in our society. Boys must play with trucks and girls with Barbies... what about those who are neither boy nor girl? What are we allowed to play with? I've been told off for wearing Old Spice because I'm a girl yet kicked out of women's washrooms because I'm a boy. Am I accepted enough? To be assaulted for going into the "wrong" washroom regardless of your anatomy and gender identification is shameful, and not enough is being done about it. It happens all the time, to so many of us. Michelle Rayner had the courage to speak up about it and is getting flack because she didn't report it sooner? Is that enough? Whenever I've spoken up to administration or government or for that matter family, I get the line "well maybe if you looked more like a girl this wouldn't have happened... not that it's right". Is that enough? It's certainly enough to not make me want to speak up the next time, as I feel oppressed and abused by the structures that are supposed to prevent

So when is enough readers? When has society done enough? Society never asks how I want to be identified, yet thinks they've done enough by providing me a place to pee if I happen to be in the right building when I have to go. It's not enough.

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Features

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A Bad Precedent

The Cranky Professor

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Brothers Nathan and Justin Rehberg terrorized a family in Hants County by burning a cross on their lawn. Both were convicted, in separate trials, of criminal harassment, and each now faces up to ten years in jail for their crime

Both were also convicted, under Section 319 of the Criminal Code of Canada, of Public Incitement of Hatred.

Michael Boudreau, a professor of criminology at Saint Thomas Univerity, in Fredericton, applauds these additional convictions ("Hate crime ruling legally 'significant,' criminologist says," Herald, 6 November), for, he says, they will encourage authorities to lay hate-crime charges more often, and they make it easier for authorities to get convictions. As the first hate-crime convictions in Canada that focus specifically on the symbolism of the act, they set a nation-wide precedent, Boudreau adds.

The trouble is they set a terrible precedent. The two hate-crime decisions alter what is a bad law, and they don't alter it for the better.

The judges (Claudine MacDonald in Justin Rehberg's) erred egregiously in Nathan Rehberg's) erred egregiously in finding the Rehbergs guilty of inciting hatred. Their first error was to fail to realize that in order for one actually to have incited hatred, one's action has to move someone to hate someone they didn't hate before. There was no evidence that the cross burning caused anyone to hate anyone. It did not stir up racial antagonism in Nova Scotia.

Maybe this is just quibbling. Maybe the law is poorly expressed by the term "inciting." Perhaps each Rehberg tried to incite hate, and trying to incite hate is the crime legislators meant to capture.

But that the Rehbergs were trying to stir up hatred against blacks or mixed-race couples was not why the judges found they had broken the law. Instead, the judges found the Rehbergs guilty of inciting hatred because burning crosses has a long association with the violent racism of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Rehbergs, in burning a cross on the lawn of a mixed-race family, certainly exploited a symbol of violent racist hatred. But exploiting a symbol to terrorize a family isn't in itself to state, even by implication, hatred of a group of people. Yet Section 319 requires that an act be a statement of hatred toward a group for it to be a hate crime.

The cross-burning did not incite hatred, did not make likely any breach of the peace, and did not state a hatred of blacks or mixed-race couples generally—or at least, no evidence that it did any of these things entered into the judges' reasonings. For the judges, that the act exploited a symbol of violent racist hatred was enough for it to be hate crime.

The Rehbergs claimed to have burned the cross out of revenge. The judges say it doesn't matter why the Rehbergs did it. What matters is that they did it by exploiting a symbol of violent racist hatred. Therefore, the Rehbergs are guilty of publicly inciting hatred.

Judges sometimes misapply the law. It's unfortunate, but it happens, and, with luck, the mistake gets rectified down the line. One of the reasons that hate crime legislation is so bad, though, is that it invites exactly the sorts of errors Judge MacDonald and Justice Murphy made.

It invites these errors because the point of the law isn't to punish wrongdoers or get them off the streets, or even to deter would-be criminals. The point is to send a message to society at large, the message that racism appals the government and the court. It feels good to send this message, and so judges will be tempted to send it whether racial hatred motivated the accused actions or not.

That's only one of the reasons hate-crime legislation is vile, but it points us toward the deeper reason. Hate-crime laws enable governments and courts to use the people before them in order to make statements—not about what we shouldn't do but about how we should think. Hate-crime laws are bad laws, then, because they are at odds with justice.

A good law is a law that protects people from harm. Justice is served when those who break a good law are punished, the threat they present to us is removed, and others who are tempted to break that good law are deterred. Using criminal law or sentencing for any reason other than justice cannot but transform justice into a public relations exercise or a vendetta against those we revile.

Harassment, such as planting a burning cross on someone's lawn, harms people, and for that reason it's good to have laws against it. That the criminal harassed his victim for this reason or that is, from the point of view of justice, irrelevant. We need protection from harassment, not from the thoughts that drove the harassment. Hate-crime laws, though, don't protect us from harassment, but they do punish people for their thoughts, and that corrupts justice.

Writing Tip of the Week

Katie Eaton
Contributor

Term paper time is almost upon us, and one thing that many students struggle with is formulating a thesis statement. A thesis statement is usually one sentence, and it tells the reader exactly what you will be arguing in your essay. It needs to be as narrow and specific as possible. A mapping scheme usually follows a thesis statement, as it tells the reader what your body paragraphs are going to be about. Combined, thesis and mapping statements tell your reader what you are going to prove over the course of your essay, as well as how you are going to prove it.

One thing to remember is that a thesis, in most essays, needs to be an argument. In order to be effective, a thesis needs to be supportable through evidence. A good way to start formulating a solid thesis statement is to choose a topic. Essay topics are almost always assigned by professors, so make sure to read over assignment instructions carefully.

If for instance, an essay question might ask if Henrik Ibsen's A Doll's House is a feminist play.

The answered question might be worded into a thesis statement such as: "By examining the nature of feminism within a patriarchal society, the performance of both masculinity and femininity, as well as the concluding character developments, it is clear that Ibsen's A Doll's House" is, at heart, a humanist play that was appropriated by the feminist movement."

This thesis statement is very specific and tells the reader exactly what the essay will be proving and how. The writer would then be able to compile evidence from the play, as well as any secondary sources needed to prove and support the thesis.

Successful thesis statements often take multiple revisions, so don't worry if it takes three tries to formulate one that is really effective. Remember, the narrower and the more specific you make your thesis, the more direction you will be able to give the rest of the essay. Professors are often willing to look over thesis statements for students, so if you think you're struggling a bit, why not make an appointment with your prof? Or come to the Writing Centre.



This Christmas give the gift of Hope!

Jenny O'Connell
Contributor

Don't know what to get dear aunt Cathy for Christmas this year? We've got you covered. This year give the gift of hope to a family in Southern Sudan by donating a goat in the name of a loved one. Wadeng Wings of Hope has a Goat Campaign that runs from November to January each year. This gift will not get returned of forgotten it will change someone's life for years to come.

education is something that we take for granted here in Canada, actually I'm pretty sure I complained constantly about having to go to school and do homework and may have faked an illness or two to get out of going to school. But, for the children in Jacob's village, school is a luxury they have been denied. Wadeng is working hard to make sure that the children in Duk Padiet get to go to school as soon as possible and remember every brick helps! So check out his website at www.wadeng.org! The website has



Jacob Deng is a recent SMU graduate from Southern Sudan who has a Canadian registered charity called Wadeng Wings of Hope. The word "Wadeng" means "don't worry, look to the future, things will get better!" in Jacobs native language of Dinka. And a goat can give people the hope they need to keep looking to the future and working for things to get better. The goats are given to those who need them most in Jacob's village of Duk Padiet such as single mothers and orphans and can change their lives. A goat is valuable in many ways because they can reproduce and the offspring can be sold and they also produce milk, which provides a source of vitamins and nutrients the family would not otherwise receive.

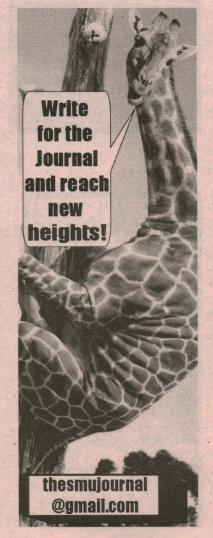
A goat costs \$60 so get together with your siblings, cousins, friends or whoever and give the gift of a goatthis year. The goat will be donated in the name of whomever you chose and a thank you letter will be sent stating that you have donated a goat in their name. Don't add another tacky Christmas sweater or tie to the pile in the back of the clothset; give a gift that will make a difference and continue making a difference in the life of someone who truly needs it.

Jacob always says that when people returned home after the way they returned with just their hands. Giving the gift of a goat gives hope to people trying to build a new life for themselves with nothing more than their own two hands.

There is also a "brick by brick" campaign that is always going on. The main project of Wadeng Wings of Hope at the moment is to build a school in the village of Duk Padiet where Jacob is from. Primary

all the information on the charity as well as Jacob's unbelievable story.

There will be a booth set up by Tim Horton's in Loyola on SMU campus November 22,23 and 24th where you can purchase a goat or a brick, so keep an eye out! You can also donate online at www.wadeng.org. Looking for something a bit smaller? The book "A Hare in The Elephant's Trunk" by Jan L Coates, which tells Jacob's story would make a fabulous stocking-stuffer!



Features

Is that a Snow Globe? You'll have to come with us...

James Urquhart

Features Editor

This year is symbolic for various reasons. It is ten years after the change of the millennium, where if you remember, all technology was supposed to fail, the world was supposed to come to a standstill, and we were all to perish (in reality, all that happened was Sobeys and Superstore, along with all the other conglomerates, established record sales leading up to the "day of impending doom"). It has been 13 years since princess Diana was killed in a tragic car accident. It has also been nine years since the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. It is this last issue I want to focus on in this article. In the wake of September 11th, we have witnessed a needless war, increases in racism and bigotry, and increases in airport security. Although many of us who like to travel have been mildly inconvenienced by the new security measures that have been enacted since September 11th, for the most part they are mostly necessary to ensure the safety of the general public. Whether or not September 11th had or had not happened, the security measures in major airports were lacking, and this was September 11th acted as a huge wake up call. I do not want to discuss the strides that have been made by airports in this article; rather I want to discuss some of the stupid regulations that are completely unnecessary and make life difficult for no apparent reason.



In a recent email, my editor-in-chief, Adam Faber, sent me the picture that has been included with this article. As you can see, it reads, "Please be advised that snow globes are not allowed through security checkpoint." Of course my immediate reaction was to ask myself, "What the hell possible risk could a snow globe pose t national security?" Then I got to thinking; what if terrorists are using snow globes to smuggle explosives onto planes? Now here me out: it is completely plausible to imagine a group of men, huddles around a table, carefully and meticulously loading explosives into a structure that is no larger that a baseball. My god I am just glad that national security was able to catch this threat before Christmas time came around, and we had snow globe pandemonium. Why should we stop at snow globes, let's be proactive here. Let's ban stuffed Easter bunnies from planes in anticipation of Easter

and do not forget about Christmas themed sweaters, can you imagine the carnage? It is at this point, discerning readers that you have every right to assume that I have lost my marbles. Anyone, perhaps with the exception of homeland security, can see the slippery slope that I have embarked upon here. If only those otherwise intelligent people at homeland security could

lives? This snow globe incident, taken in isolation, is not something that we need to be overly concerned with. However, when we look at what it represents, a greater societal problem, it is this macrocosmic problem that we need to be concerned with. We need to be concerned of were this could lead. We have witnessed since the attacks of September 11th things that we would

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also recognize the logical fault that never have accepted before the they have committed. I mean snow attacks. A certain level of fear is globes are a little off the beaten path, understandable, but we cannot let the but when can I not bring any liquid government use events like this one on the plane? Why can I not bring as a springboard to push agendas that nail clippers on my trip? Honestly, is it we would not otherwise accept. It is rational to assume that I am going to important that we keep our wits about smuggle poison onto the plane in my us; we need to remember to use reason shampoo bottle, or that I will highjack when face with fear. It is important the plane with the aid of my trusty that we not fall into poor practices of reasoning, and then justify them of further fallacious grounds. So next There is a big difference between items time your are about to pass through that are actually a treat to the people airline security, remember this article, who will be flying on the plane, and and take the time to reflect on what

your flight.



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World's largest Refugee Camping

Keimeko Scotland

News Editor

The world's largest refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya, is facing an overcrowding crisis with a reported 700 families now residing in what the humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders has described as "unacceptable living conditions" outside the camp.

The overflowing refugee camp is now accommodating almost 300,000 Somali refugees though it was built for only 90,000. Doctors Without Borders report that "spontaneous settlements" of at least 3,000 people living in makeshift shelters have appeared on the outskirts of the camp.

Those 3,000 people couldn't find room in the three camps that make up the Dadaab compound, including the 700 families outside the Dagahaley camp, the group said.

Doctors Without Borders has called upon the international aid community and Kenyan authorities to reach an agreement to provide assistance to the families, as recent heavy rains have flooded the settlements.

"Hundreds of families have been living in makeshift shelters in a no-man's land over the past four months, waiting to be re-located to a proper camp", said Joke Van Peteghem, the group's head of mission in Kenya. "These refugees are in dire need of assistance given

The camp is accommodating 300,000, though it was built for 90,000

the hardships they have endured. With the onset of the rainy season, we must act now"

The dire conditions have long been documented by the United Nations Human Rights Council, which in May described services as "stretched to their limits" and unacceptable conditions that included a "growing risk of and vulnerability to disease".

"We are at a dead end", said Van Peteghem. "While we have distributed plastic sheeting to the new refugee

families, it is far from enough, especially now that the rainy season has started".

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This is just an example of the times in which we live. Should we allow

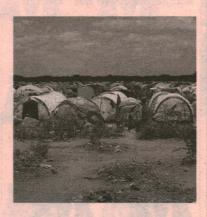
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Thousands of men, women and children flee the war in Somalia each month, making a treacherous journey into Kenya, but they arrive to the refugee camps finding shortages of water, food, sanitation and shelter, Doctors Without Borders officials

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U.S. and Russia talk Nuclear Arm at APEC Summit

Keimeko Scotland News Editor

According to a senior Obama administration official "negotiations are under way" to spend as much as \$4 billion more to modernize the U.S. nuclear arsenal, as part of an effort to push through the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) treaty by year's end.

The comments came after a meeting in Yokohama, Japan, between U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev while attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Conference (APEC). The two leaders discussed a host of issues, from Iran to Middle East.

A swift resolution to the New START treaty issue regulating the two nations' nuclear arsenals, though, ranked high on their agenda. The treaty, signed by Obama and Medvedev in April, would cut each country's deployed nuclear warheads by approximately a third, limiting each side to a maximum of 1,550.

Some Republicans have held up a vote, saying despite lengthy hearings in the last session, they have more questions about the agreement. If no action is taken, new Senate hearings would be required and that could set back ratification for as much as two years. While they didn't win a majority in the Senate, Republicans made major

gains in November's election. This means they'll have more power when the upcoming "lame-duck session" ends and a new Congress takes office in January.

"We have a full-court press under way right now with the key senators," said the senior administration official. "The president has made it very clear ... that this is his highest priority in terms of foreign policy pieces of business to get done in the lame duck session"...

Obama has already included \$80 billion over 10 years for nuclear weapons modernization in his budget, a move that experts saw as a bid to pre-empt criticism that he is not doing enough to safeguard the United States' military and nuclear strength.

But Sen. Jon Kyl, who is leading the charge against voting on the treaty in the lame-duck session, and fellow Republicans have said they are not convinced the Obama administration is committed to modernizing the nations' nuclear arsenal or to developing and deploying a robust missile defense system.

For the New START treaty to go into effect, it must be ratified both by the U.S. Senate and by the lower house of the Russian legislature, the Duma. The Democratic chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, John Kerry, said Wednesday he's "very hopeful" the Senate will vote in December.

The uncertainty in Washington has held up action in Moscow as well. Reacting to the midterm election, the Duma's International Affairs Committee delayed consideration by the entire Duma.

"They don't want to be caught in a situation similar to the one they were in with START II, which they ratified, but the United States did not", said Sharon Squassoni, director and senior fellow of the Proliferation Prevention Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

In their talks on November 13, Obama discussed with Medvedev his "legislative strategy" to getting the New START treaty ratified, and the two also talked about the political dynamic in Russia, the senior administration

The two leaders also discussed the next steps as Russia tries to join the World Trade Organization, a move that will likely happen next year, according to the senior administration official.

Even with New START still in limbo, Medvedev and Obama discussed negotiating a new Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, or CFE, treaty. The pact, which was signed by 30 nations, sets limits for weapons and armament systems from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ural Mountains, the administration official said.

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Reinventing the Bicycle: chainless "stringbike"

Keimeko Scotland **News Editor**

A Hungarian design team has unveiled a new "chainless bike", utilizing special high density polyethylene (HDPE) cables, that easily disassembles and can be organized for touring or racing.

The "Stringbike" uses two high density polyethylene cables attached to pulleys, which move on swinging kidney-shaped discs as you pedal. The discs replace a traditional round gear system, and you can install different discs depending on your needs, according to the Web site Hungarian Ambiance.

The position of the pedals determines the position of the discs, so that they swing in opposition — one is always pulling the bike forward, and the other lags behind. This allows a continuous transmission change, which could help a rider navigate winding streets, because you can more easily control the transmission without having to shift gears.

Unlike a typical 10-speed with a derailleur, the Stingbike is design to eliminate slippage when changing gears since higher or lower gear is obtained by higher or lower placement of the pulleys.

Issue Close to Home

Homelessness and poverty can happen

to anyone in every walk of life. No one

is exempt from the possibility of facing

poverty; sometimes uncontrollable

matters of events can change your life.

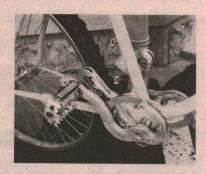
Chynna Coulter

Contributor

Poverty and Homelessness, a Serious

The wires can even be set asymmetrically, which would provide a different weight load on each leg because one would have to work harder than the other. This is impossible with a traditional geared bike, but it could be useful for training or for riders with injuries, as Hungarian Ambiance points out.

The Stringbike, developed at bike-maker Schwinn Csepel Ltd., is also more convenient for those without racks - both wheels come off quickly and cleanly, because there are no chains or derailleurs to align. Bike commuters won't have to worry about chain grease soiling their khakis, either. And because there are fewer components, it could eventually be cheaper to produce than traditional



Cuba releases Political Prisoners

Keimeko Scotland News Editor

Cuba will soon release two of 13 political prisoners who had rejected a government deal to leave the country in exchange for freedom according to information from the Catholic Church made available on November 13.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Havana said on its website (www.palabranueva. net) that Arnaldo Ramos Lauzurique would stay in Cuba on parole for his 18-year prison sentence, while Luis Enrique Ferrer will go to Spain.

Ferrer agreed to go into exile after reaching a deal with the communist government to give his home to family members remaining in Cuba, said Elizardo Sanchez of the independent Cuban Commission of Human Rights.

The concessions may signal that Cuba will soon free the remaining 13 political prisoners still in jail in keeping with the government's deal with the Catholic Church announced on July 7.

The church said the process would take three to four months, but no specific completion date has been given.

Laura Pollan, leader of the opposition group Ladies in White, said on November 12 that she had been advised by the church and European diplomats that the Cuban government had not backed out on its release pledge and "to have confidence" that it will free the men.

Ladies in White had accused the government of failing to meet what they said was a November 7 deadline to let the 52 men go. Pollan said another prisoner, Diosdado Gonzalez, has been told he will be released within

Cuba President Raul Castro promised to release the jailed dissidents in a move to defuse international criticism after the February death of imprisoned dissident Orlando Zapata Tamayo following an 85-day hunger strike.

Cuba views the dissidents as mercenaries for the United States, its longtime ideological foe, and

therefore wanted them off the island.

In the meantime, the government has freed or agreed to free another 14 prisoners not included in the original 52. All of them have accepted the offer to go to Spain.

Cuba has told the church it wants to free all political prisoners, but there is disagreement on who qualifies.

With files from Reuters news





I am sure everyone has encountered poverty once in their life in one way or another. Homelessness is an epidemic all over Canada and most of our population living pay check to pay check with little stability and could easily need to access shelter. On November 17th from 11-2 there will be a bake sale in Loyola to raise money for homeless women and later that evening at 7 in LA174 a showing of "Hand Held" a documentary on

A second event is taking place on the evening of November 19th. Fem Fest will be taking place at the Gorsebrook Lounge promoting local female artists; a good time is promised. There is a \$2 cover at the door or a donation or clothing, specifically lightly used bras or new underwear; these items are usually not donated to shelters.

homelessness in Canada.

All proceeds from these events will be donated to the Barry house. The

Barry house is a special women's shelter that opened in 2001 and was then damaged in a fire; they had to relocate and

have only recently been able to move back into their home on Gottingen St. This house is very important to supporting homeless women of the Halifax area with not just a physical shelter but emotional/mental shelter. It works to address the needs and issues related to homelessness and



News

Amazon pulls Pedophilia E-book

Keimeko Scotland News Editor

Amazon has pulled an electronic book about pedophilia from its online store after complaints and a boycott threat, according to media reports on November 11.

The book, "The Pedophile's Guide to Love and Pleasure: a Child-lover's Code of Conduct", by Philip R. Greaves II, went on sale on October 28 at a cost of \$4.79 to download, the reports said.

Amazon initially defended the book's publication in a statement but later withdrew it from its online store after a campaign against it spread on Twitter, Facebook and other media. Some people said they planned to boycott the store in protest.

The book title appeared on the company's website on November 11, but a subsequent message read: "We're sorry. The Web address you entered is not a functioning page on our site." The author's description of the book (misspellings included) reads:

"This is my attempt to make pedophile situations safer for those juveniles that find themselves involved in them, by establishing certian rules for these adults to follow. I hope to achieve this by appealing to the better nature of pedosexuals, with hope that their doing so will result in less hatred and perhaps liter sentences should they ever be caught".

In 2002, Amazon.com cited the First Amendment as justification for offering another book that advocates adult-child sex, "Understanding Loved Boys and Boylovers," by David L. Riegel. (The paperback book is still available on the site.)

At that time, Amazon stated, "Our goal is to support freedom of expression and to provide customers with the broadest selection possible so they can find, discover, and buy any title they might be seeking".

As it stands, Amazon is a private company and has the right to sell whatever it wants as long as it's legal, and as such, offers books that cater to Holocaust deniers and hate groups, as well as graphic dog-fighting and cockfighting videos.

Adult (legal) pornography, while available in book and magazine form, is not permitted in the Kindle e-reader store. This is possibly because of its iTunes partnership with the notoriously porn-free Apple which removed both "Ulysses" and the "Kama Sutra" from its own book store. The Kindle connection may be a reason the "Pedophile's Guide" was removed from the site, though neither Apple nor Amazon have commented.

For whatever reason "Pedophile's Guide" was removed, Amazon's stand to offer the "broadest selection possible" might well change as was the case with other e-commerce giants,

In 2002, Amazon.com cited the eBay and Craigslist, both of whom First Amendment as justification for caved in under public protest.

In 2001, eBay caved to public outrage and changed its policy to disallow the sale of Nazi memorabilia through its site worldwide. Previously, the ban only applied for eBay users in Germany, where the sale of Nazi-related items is against the law.

Earlier this year, Craigslist made several unpopular attempts at compromise before it finally gave into to the will of vocal customers, human rights activists and politicians and completely eliminated the site's Adult Services section.

For e-commerce sites such as eBay, Craigslist or Amazon, the potential for damage (both legal and financial) isn't so much in a court of law as it is "the courtroom of the commons". Beyond the legal debate about freedom of expression lies the more relevant debate of what is "socially acceptable" and by who's standards. This is where things tend to get complicated as ideology gets superimposed on the debate.

Whatever your personal viewpoint may be, incidents like this certainly serve to provoke discourse on issues that modern society sometimes seems to prefer to avoid simply because of the potential for divisiveness.

With files from Reuters and Msnbc news



Myanmar Junta releases Democracy Activist

Keimeko Scotland News Editor

Barely a week after holding its first elections in over 20 years, Myanmar's ruling military junta released democracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi from house arrest on November 13.

Suu Kyi, a Nobel peace Prize recipient in 1991, has spent 15 of the past 21 years under house arrest for her defiant opposition to authoritarian rule in the nation formerly known as Burma. Suu Kyi has had very little outside human contact except for two maids and visits from her doctor.

Commenting on Suu Kyi's release, U.S. President Barack Obama said he admired Suu Kyi's courage.

"While the Burmese regime has gone to extraordinary lengths to isolate and silence Aung San Suu Kyi, she has continued her brave fight for democracy, peace, and change in Burma". Obama went on to say that Suu Kyi "Is a hero of mine and a source of inspiration for all who work to advance basic human rights in Burma and around the world. The United States looks forward to the day when all of Burma's people are free from fear and persecution".



Longtime political activist Bono, the lead singer of the rock band U2 whose 2001 hit song "Walk On" was dedicated to Suu Kyi, expressed fears that Suu Kyi could be more vulnerable now but said he hoped her release would lead to constructive political dialogue.

Security has reportedly been stepped up in Myanmar, but it is still unclear whether this is related to Suu Kÿi's release or the country's first elections in two decades that were held on November 7.

Though Suu Kyi has had minimal contact with the outside world, reports from her domestic lawyer indicate she is in good spirits, according to Jared Genser, another one of her lawyers, who is based in the United States.

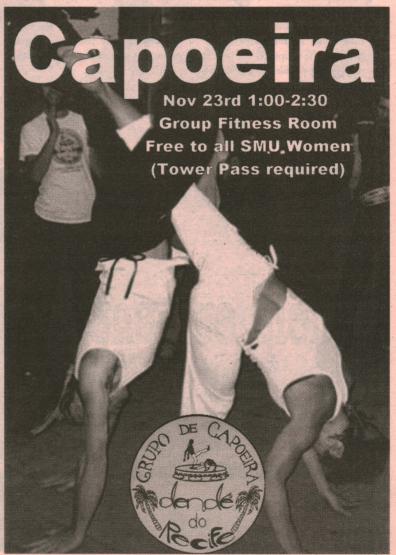
Benjamin Zawacki of Amnesty

International has said that it made "perfect sense" for the regime to free Suu Kyi since she was no longer an electoral threat to them.

Suu Kyi's opposition party won the 1990 elections by a landslide but the regime never recognized those results. The election Sunday was the first since then but Suu Kyi was barred from participating because of a recent conviction.

The ruling military junta has been slowly releasing official election results, but critics say a victory for their ruling Union Solidarity and Development Party is all but certain. The government has refused to allow international news organizations into the country to cover the election and its aftermath. It has also prevented international monitors from overseeing the vote.





Technology

Angela Lindsey Technology Editor



Avoid the Stores - Shop Online this Christmas

Angela Lindsey Technology Editor

With just over a month until Christmas, our lives will inevitably begin to get busier and we will feel the "Christmas Crunch" upon us sooner than we think. Thanks to modern technology, Christmas shopping no longer must involve rushing through crowds for the latest hot item, or waiting until December 24th to get that last-minutegift for a family member before the party. However, there are a few things to keep in mind when shopping online, to make sure that everything arrives safe and sound in time for Santa!

One of the most popular places to shop online this time of year is Amazon.com. This site is well known for online shopping, and becomes especially useful this time of year. Amazon has a great reputation for keeping its customers in the loop as far as shipping dates and product information are concerned. Something that people may not know, however, is that they have wonderful tools available right on the website to help you with your Christmas gift planning. To find these tools, simply visit the homepage (www.amazon.com) and click on the Gifts and Wish Lists link on the top of the page.

If you look across the menu bar on this page, you will see a link called "Gift Organizer". This gift organizer helps you to keep track of the purchases you've made for family and friends in one place, as well as get reminders for things like birthdays for future gift-giving. If the recipients you add to your gift-giving profile have Amazon accounts, you will receive recommendations — very handy if you're unsure of what to give a difficult person on your list.



Amazon also allows you to make a wish list on their site, hopefully helping reduce the amount of gifts you may have to return after Christmas. If someone asks for your Christmas list, simply e-mail them the link to your Amazon wish list, and they can see everything you've tagged - including sizes and quantity where applicable. When browsing Amazon, if you are logged in, you will also receive recommendations for items you may be interested in, and can easily add them to your wish list. Once you've bought an item for yourself (or someone's bought it for you), you can simply check it off your wish list, and add a review if you wish.

If you are looking for something a bit less mainstream, try visiting handmade craft site Etsy (www.etsy.com) to see if they have something you're looking for. Etsy is basically a place that crafters can go to sell things that they've made themselves, meaning you're getting a unique gift that you won't normally find on a shelf in a local store. You can shop by category, if you're not sure what exactly you're looking for, or you can search keywords to find a specific type of item.

Another great thing about Etsy is the possibility of creating a custom order from a seller. If you're looking for a

specific piece of jewelry, for example, but don't see exactly what you're looking for from a seller whose art style you really like, you can set up a custom order for them. These sometimes take a bit longer, since they're more personalized and the seller won't already have it created, but it's a great way to get a one-of-a-kind gift for someone that you care about. Because the items on Etsy are handmade instead of mass-produced, prices might be a bit higher than you would pay in a retail shop for a similar item, but you can find out exactly how it's been made and also find out a bit more about the person who created it in the process.

If you're looking for a specific item, but not necessarily a unique handcrafted item, there is always the master of auction sites – eBay

(www.ebay.com / www.ebay.ca). This site has been around for years, and is great for picking up something hard to find from someone who doesn't necessarily want it anymore. The most important thing to remember about eBay is that shipping will depend greatly on where you're buying your item from, so if you're buying from a seller halfway around the world, you will pay more (and it will take longer to arrive) than if you bought it in a local retail store or from a local seller online.

Another important thing to keep in mind while shopping on eBay is the idea of feedback for a seller. Check to make sure that the company or individual you're purchasing your item from is rated highly (I don't buy from sellers with less than 100% positive feedback, myself) and gives a clear description of the item. Because many items sold on eBay are used, you may get one that is no longer new in packaging, so if you are unsure of the

quality or condition of the item you're buying, make sure to send a message to the seller, perhaps asking for pictures or something more details. Many people will be happy to help you, since they want their items sold just as much as you want to buy them!

When shopping online, the most important thing to remember is that it will take more time than visiting a local store or mall, both to arrive and for the order itself to be processed. Some items may come from the next province, but some may come from China - one of these will obviously take much longer to arrive. Give yourself at least three weeks to be safe, allowing for any errors in your order or unforeseen circumstances. Ask for a tracking number whenever you can, and use it! This will let you follow your package as it travels from its origin to your mailbox. If you're unsure about shipping or anything, talk with someone at Canada Post, as they can usually help you get the right timeframe for what you're trying to buy. You can visit their website

(www.canadapost.ca) for holiday shipping guidelines and more information.

Ink and Toner Cartridges Banned on Flights

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Ink and toner cartridges have been banned from inbound flights by the United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA) after modified toner cartridges containing bombs were found on flights addressed to synagogues in Chicago in late October. Al Qaeda on the Arabian Peninsula has claimed responsibility for sending these bombs, which were all found and safely defused before any harm was done. Because of this, however, the ban has been put into effect which will not allow ink or toner cartridges larger than 16 ounces on passenger airplanes. This will have little to no effect on most ordinary passengers and most ink cartridges, but will have a larger effect on the importation of laser printer supplies whose toner cartridges are normally much larger than the average ink cartridge.







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This Week's New Games

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Technology Editor

Be on the lookout for these new games this week!

11/10/10 – Chevrolet Camaro (Wii – CokeM Entertainment)

11/10/10 – Hidden Mysteries: Salem Witch Trials (DS – Cokem International Ltd.)

11/14/10 – Mario vs. Donkey Kong: Miniland Mayhem (DS – Nintendo of America)

11/14/10 – uDraw Tablet with uDraw Studio (Wii – THQ)

11/14/10 - Pictionary (DS/Wii - THQ)

11/15/10 – NBA Jam (Xbox 360/PS3 – Electronic Arts)

11/15/10 - The Sims 3 (Wii - Electronic Arts)

11/16/10 – Marvel Super Hero Squad: The Infinity Gauntlet (DS/Xbox 360/ PS3/Wii – THQ)

11/16/10 – Namco Museum Megamix (Wii – Namco Bandai Games America)

11/16/10 – DanceDanceRevolution (PS3/Wii – Konami)

11/16/10 - Pac-Man Party (Wii - Namco Bandai Games)



11/16/10 – Pro Evolution Soccer 2011 (Wii – Konami)

11/16/10 – Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood (Xbox 360/PS3 – UbiSoft)

11/16/10 – Split Second (PSP – Disney Interactive)

11/16/10 – Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon (Wii – UbiSoft)

11/16/10 – Need for Speed: Hot Pursuit (Xbox 360/PS3/Wii/PC – Electronic Arts)

11/16/10 - Sonic Colors (DS/Wii - Sega of America)

11/16/10 – Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part I: The Videogame (DS/Xbox 360/PS3/Wii – Electronic Arts)

11/16/10 - Create (Xbox 360/PS3/Wii - Electronic Arts)

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Technology

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Angela Lindsey Technology Editor



A group of seven UK organizations (including the Medical Research Council) have produced over \$10 million in funding for researching an inexpensive, portable STD test. The single-use USB device which contains a microchip will be used to test urine by connecting to a mobile phone or laptop and instantly tests for Herpes, Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea. The distribution plan for this device includes vending machines in UK nightclubs, pharmacies, and supermarkets, and the device is expected to cost less than \$2. The hope is that private testing will encourage people to test themselves more often. Unfortunately, there is no indication of when this will first appear on the market or whether it is being introduced to other countries as

Plagiarism is Plagiarism – Even for Bloggers

Angela Lindsey Technology Editor

Writer Monica Gaudio was surprised when her friends started congratulating her on having one of her recipes published in Cooks Source magazine. Her article about the history of apple pie had only been previously posted on her blog (www.godecookery.com) and she had never heard of the magazine, which has a circulation of about 20,000. Upon contacting the editor of Cooks Source, the editor claimed that everything on the internet is considered "public domain" and that Gaudio "should be happy we didn't just 'lift' your whole article and put someone else's name on it". Further investigation shows that a number of articles in the magazine have been taken from other sources, some even as well-known as Food Network, Martha Stewart Living, and NPR.

Do You "Like" the British Monarchy?

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Technology Editor

The British Monarchy joined Facebook this week, receiving 40,000 "likes" within the page's first hour of operation. The page is open to comments from Facebook users, though the information on the page clearly states that "any offensive comments will be deleted". Thirty photo albums have already been added to the page, and it is kept up-to-date with the latest news and photos. The page also includes links to related websites for additional news and information.



Facebook Considered "Free Speech" for Employees

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

The US National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has declared that an employee recently fired for criticizing her employer on Facebook was wrongfully and illegally terminated. According to Lafe Solomon, the board's acting general counsel, "This is a fairly straightforward case under the National Labor Relations Act — whether it takes place on Facebook or at the water cooler, it was employees talking jointly about working conditions, in this case about their supervisor, and they have a right to do that." The company in question, American Medical Response of Connecticut, currently has a policy in place that forbids employees from depicting the company in any way on Facebook or other social media sites.



The NLRB states that the company's rule is "overly broad", as well as limiting the employees' rights to discuss their working conditions amongst themselves in a way that violates the National Labor Relations Act. However, the company is denying these accusations, claiming that "The employee in question was discharged based on multiple, serious complaints about her behavior. The employee was also held accountable for negative personal attacks against a co-worker posted publicly on Facebook. The company believes that the offensive statements made against the co-workers were not concerted activity protected under federal law."



Business

Local Comedy Business

Kerry J. O'Rourke Business Editor

If you've haven't been to a comedy club it's something you should definitely get out and experience. I personally enjoy live comedy immensely. As such I've been to a few comedy clubs over the years.

To date the best one I've experienced was in New York City. At this particular joint I was introduced to a comedian by the name of Mitch Fatal. You may not have heard of him but over his career he has gained a lot of notoriety. As such he's been on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and the Late Show with David Letterman, over a dozen times each. Mitch has also covered the Super Bowl as well as the Sex convention in Las Vegas for Jay Leno's program. If you haven't heard of him yet I'd highly suggest checking his material out on You Tube!

In a more local context, Yuk Yuk's Halifax at the Westin is pretty good. Their brand of stand up comedy and lineup of comedians were great last time I was there. However as I left I couldn't help but feel there was something missing. On my last visit there were four comedians that hit the stage in total. Unfortunately only one comedian was actually from NS.

So with that said I suppose you could say it sparked a quest to seek out great local talent that can also make

me laugh (i.e. local NS comedians). That's precisely where Picnicface makes an appearance! In the name of fairness I will admit Yuk Yuk's is a standup comedy venue and Picnicface is a sketch comedy group and thus is certainly the reason I didn't see Picnicface at Yuk Yuk's.

If you're not familiar Picnicface is a local sketch comedy group that performs regularly at Joker's on Spring Garden. They also perform for special events. By example they brought Chat Roulette to SMU this year for Orientation week. The group is comprised of 8 members (6 male & 2 female). Their brand of sketch comedy tends to be quite sporadic. One moment there will be a sketch about a woman drowning in quick sand and the next there will be a sketch about a grown man pretending to be a baby by example. Regardless, of the subject matter they're always very funny.

So with that said I was treated to a great night of sketch comedy two Sunday's ago. They say the opening act to a show sometimes is the best. Unfortunately I arrived a little late and missed the opening act. It really didn't make much of a difference though as the sketches I witnessed were pretty funny unto themselves!

I could go into detail but I'm not a professional comedian. So I'll allow you the reader to imagine How some of these sketch ideas listed below worked out when they brought them



to life on stage!

- Jesus in a bubble bath.
- Christian, who loves to be raped over light hip-hop.
- Shark week vs. Bear week.

Picnicface's popularity has slowly been growing. Others have taken notice too. According to Picnicface's Oct 8th posting on their website (picnicface.com) the comedy network has ordered 13 episodes of their work. The network's appreciation of their work will allow them to debut a half hour comedy sketch show! They're also working on their very own movie titled "Rollar Town".

Some say the best way to experience anything worth experiencing is to do it live. With that said before picnic face moves on to greener pastures I'd highly suggest seeing them while they're still performing in Halifax!

The Poetry Project

The strangest, strange stranger I met in my life was the man who made use of his nose as a knife. He'd slice up salami, tomatoes and cheese at the tip of his nose with phenomenal ease.

He'd buy food in bulk at incredible prices and then use his nose to reduce it to slices. His wife ran away and I know that he'll miss her. The woman was frightened that one day he'd kiss her!

by Denise Rodgers

www.poemhunter.com/poems/

Business

Kerry J. O'Rourke Business Editor



Rogue's Roost: A great local Halifax Brew Pub

Kerry J. O'Rourke

Business Editor

As a student I find myself headed to the bank more often than I'd like. The bank I deal with is on Spring Garden Rd. I won't specifically mention the bank's name but it's next to Second Cup. Hopefully you get the picture. After any financial dealings with a bank I usually want to take a load off my shoulders and relax afterwards. I suspect I'm not the only one?

That's precisely where my recent experience at Rogue's Roost lent a helping hand! As I walked into Rogue's Roost I thought to myself that this place looks a little different than other pubs in town. I appreciated that the typical liquor company banners were not shoved in my face. The decor itself is just the opposite; rich with natural wood and dim lighting without advertising.

So with that I sat down as any other patron and placed my order. I should mention I was with a friend of mine too. Of course as students the first order of business was ordering a beer. That's where things started to get tasty!

I wasn't aware but Rogue's Roost brews all of their own beers in house. As such they have different varieties of their tasty beer that flow from their taps at different times of the year. There are staple beers that flow year round too.

For example my friend went for the Brown while I went for a seasonal stout (Murphy's Irish stout is a personal favorite) so when given the option of trying Rogue's Roost's very own Russian stout I had to jump at the opportunity. As a bonus it's also 8% beer. Now that's a student beer if I've ever tried one!

While were on the topic of the Russian stout it was fabulous. I would describe it as a rich and/or strong beer with a smooth taste. Not to go unnoticed but I also tried my friends Brown that was great too. I'd describe their brown as a full flavored beer with less zing. I suppose you could call it a more mainstream beer.

I'm a huge fan of any Philly cheese steak, and by default I always order it if it's on the menu. My friend on the other hand went for a Hawaiian Pizza. The pizza looked great. I appreciate any restaurant that cooks their pizza a little longer than needed. It helps to bring out the flavors.

Rogue's Roost again didn't fail to deliver something a little different! By example the fries that came with the Cheese steak were not the typical variety. Rather I can only assume they were hand cut wide fries. The Philly Cheese Steak was great too. To make a great Philly Cheese Steak you need four ingredients. Obviously as the sandwich name suggests you need cheese (the more the better). This should be followed by rich meat and green & red peppers. The last critical ingredient is grease. Think of it as the glue that binds everything together. Not to worry the Philly Cheese steak I ate had everything mentioned above!

However if any review is to be genuine I can't say it was perfect. As such another restaurant I've been to (Moxie's) has made the same mistake with another Philly Cheese Steak I tried at their restaurant. It's as simple as this. I would really appreciate it if the bread was well toasted. A Philly Cheese Steak is a messy sandwich and to have flimsy under toasted bread doesn't work very well. It's a very



minor issue that certainly didn't take away from my overall experience at Rogue's Roost!

So as an intelligent reader I'm sure you're always looking to broaden your horizon. Thus if you haven't already, I will personally assure you an experience at Rogue's Roost is sure to impress. The best way to get an appreciation for their pub is to go out & try it for yourself!

If you're wondering the best day to head down to Rogue's Roost, check out their website or stop in for more information. Their website has all the information you'll need about their menu, beer, specials and entertainment (roguesroost.ca). You won't be disappointed!





This (past) week in business Kerry J. O'Rourke As it stands there is currently a

Business Editor

Welcome back for this weeks edition of this past week in business., brought to you by The Jounal.

TECHNOLOGY: Cisco Systems, one of technologies heavy weights has projected they will not meet Wall Street's expectations. Their current sales and profit estimates are disappointing. The bigger issue however is the reason their outlook does not look as promising as it should. The reason being is that governments from around the world (i.e Europe to Japan and certain U.S states) have reduced their budgets. This in turn has led to lower sales and profit projections for Cisco Systems.

STOCKS: North American investors seeking higher returns should look to overseas markets in order to gain the most of their investment. The returns in Asia, Russia & Brazil by example as it currently stands are providing better returns for investors. Barclays Wealth operates an "Asian Fusion" investing strategy that includes only shares of U.S. companies with more than half their revenues from Asia. This stands as direct indication that foreign markets are a source of growth and opportunity.

POTASH: Our Prime Minister Stephen Harper recently defended himself over his governments decision to block the hostile bid by BHP of Australia's for Potash Corp.

As it stands there is currently a 30 day legal window that needs to expire before Harper is allowed to explain his governments position. Regardless, he has stated once this time line expires that "he will provide guidance foreign investors who may now be confused as to where Canada stands".

AUTOMOTIVE: If you weren't familiar GM is going public, again. Last quarter they posted a \$2 Billion dollar profit. That number by itself is impressive, certainly. What is even more impressive is that GM was able to have their third straight profitable quarter. Only last year GM took more than \$60 Billion of government money in order to remain solvent. Their recent success has fulled tremendous demand for their upcoming IPO. As such their IPO has generated more than \$60 Billion (U.S.) in orders. This staggering number represents 6 times the initial amount GM had intended to raise. It's certainly a sign of health given GM troubles only a short time

Bernie Madioff: They say crime doesn't pay. Well in this case it does. If you're not familiar Bernie Madoff was convicted and sentenced to life in jail. All of this was as a result of his operation of the biggest Ponzi Scheme in history. The value of his scheme was approx. \$50 Billion (U.S.). Mr. Madoff's personal belongings are now on the auction block. As such anyone wanting to walk in Mr. Madoff shoes literally could recently. Of course you'd have to buy one of

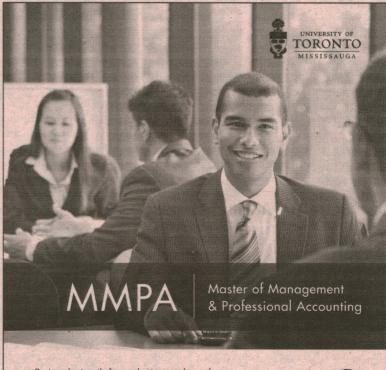
his roughly 250 pairs of shoes in order to do so. It took nearly 6 hours for the auction to conclude. The highest bid was for a 10.5 carrot diamond ring that once belonged to his wife. It fetched a cool \$550,000 over the \$300,000b pre-sale estimate. You can quickly see that there was no shortage of demand for Mr. Madoff's personal belongings. The U.S. government which hosted the auction hoped to raise \$1.2 million in total. Early estimates are projected to raise more than the government had estimated. Unfortunately in this case, crime does pay.

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Student Life

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Nanny-approved comfort food

Sarah Faber

Contributor

November is a time for comfort food and nothing says comfort like creamy chicken stew and biscuits. I stumbled upon this recipe one night in a fit of "IT'S COLD AND THERE'S NOTHING IN THE KITCHEN!" (patently terrifying the really, really good looking editor of the SMU journal). When the weather is cold and fresh produce is scarce, stew is an awesome way to dress up meat and potatoes (yeah I'm a fancy chef - look! It's a sauce!). If you're like me and feel that a meal without starch is like a day without oxygen, this stew is amazing over buttered mashed potatoes. Dessert is caramel apple cider and the ultimate in comfort sweets - chocolate chip cookies.

Chicken Stew:

This easy recipe from the Better Homes and Gardens book uses pre-cooked chicken. If you don't have any made up, fry up a couple of chicken breasts

in olive oil, pepper, rosemary and thyme for a complimentary flavour that won't overpower the broth.

2 c chicken broth (canned, homemade or prepared OXO broth cubes)

2 celery stalks (optional)

1 c chopped yellow onion or shallot

1/2 c water

2 tsp oregano

1/2 tsp thyme

1/2 tsp sage

1 clove garlic, minced

1 tsp black pepper

1 c milk

2 c cooked chicken, cubed (you can use leftovers or cook up a couple of breasts in simple spice)

In a large pot, combine broth, celery, onion, water and spices over medium heat. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. In a small bowl, combine milk and flour until most of the lumps are gone. Stir the flour into the pot and add the chicken. Reduce heat. Stir until thickened and bubbly. Constant stirring will prevent the flour from burning to the bottom of the pot and turning your delicious stew into



less-delicious glue. Serves 4 or 2, with leftovers for tomorrow's lunch.

Biscuits:

This recipe is a delicious addition to any meal and also tastes great with jam for breakfast! If you haven't ever made biscuits before and are intimidated by "cutting in" and "kneading", there are a lot of great food tutorials on YouTube.

4 tsp baking powder

1/2 c cold butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 400. Stir together flour and baking powder. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Mix in milk with a fork. Knead the dough on a floured surface 8-10 times. Pat into a rectangle 1/2" thick. With a pizza cutter or sharp knife, cut the rectangle into 12 square-ish biscuits. Place on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 400 12-15 minutes. Serve warm with butter.

Chocolate Chip Cookies:

Mmmm...just like Nanny used to make. Seriously...I got this recipe from my

grandmother who reminds all of you to get enough sleep and dress warmly to avoid a chill. This recipe calls for butter and shortening which I prefer as it makes the cookies puffy (shortening) with a lot of fabulous buttery flavour. They can be made using all butter or all shortening, too. This recipe only makes about 24 cookies (perfect for one person...) so double it if you have to share.

1/4 c butter or margarine

1/4 c shortening

1/2 c brown sugar 1/4 c white sugar

1 egg

1 tsp vanilla

1 c flour

1/2 tsp baking soda

1 c milk chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 375. Cream together the butter, shortening and sugars. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Add the flour and baking soda and stir in the chocolate chips. Drop by teaspoons onto an ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 375 8-12 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned.

Teens who hate school are more likely to drink

Same for University Students?

Suvir Pursnani Student Life Editor

In a study of 3,641 students, aged 11 to 14, British researchers found that those drinking once a week were 10 times more likely to have sex, and also found links between general unhappiness and alcohol use, the BBC reports. Children who don't like school are twice as likely to drink, and 2.5 times more likely to engage in sexual activity (including kissing, touching and sex), they said. What's more, those with an unhappy home life, and unable to talk to their parents, were also more likely to drink.

Lead researcher Professor Mark Bellis said: "Our study identifies that the children who drink and are sexually active are also more likely to be unhappy with their school and home

lives. Such children can become disengaged from both family and educational support and risk progressing to sexually transmitted infections, teenage pregnancies or becoming an alcohol related casualty at an accident and emergency unit. This study paints a clear picture that the children we most need to support are often the hardest to reach through conventional educational and parental

Maybe college students are the same way. I believe that college students that hate school and hate going to school are more likely to drink and engage in sexual activity. This is based on my own observations. One can further this and say that because school is boring, we tend to drink more. Not trying to cause any trouble, just some food for thought.

Saint Mary's **Opens Confucius** Institute

SMU Website

Contributor

Saint Mary's University has established an institute dedicated to Chinese culture, language and business. Developed in partnership with from Xiamen University, located in southern China, the new Confucius Institute will provide students and the community at large with enhanced opportunities to learn about the Chinese world, including its expertise, language, and

A delegation from Xiamen University

was in Halifax recently to launch the teaching and research centre during a special ceremony held at Province House and at the University. Dr. Zhu Chong Shi, President of Xiamen University, said the Institute will offer programming to students and to the general public ranging from language training to Chinese medicine, painting, calligraphy, business practices, and Tai Chi. He said it will also be a pivotal information and service point for cooperative initiatives between Chinese and Canadian scholars, students, business people and community-based organizations. "The establishment of the Centre is the culmination of over 20 years of cooperation, and academic and research exchange between the two universities," added Saint Mary's President Dr. J Colin Dodds. "It underscores our commitment to be the university of choice for aspiring citizens of the world."

Funding for the institute is provided by the Office of the Chinese Language



Council International (Hanban), a non-profit organization that promotes Chinese language, culture and history. The university is supplying dedicated office space, room for a resource centre, access to infrastructure and other "in-kind resources"

"The Confucius Institute will become the focus point for those who want to learn about China, or who want to do business there, or who want to learn Chinese, or even for someone of Chinese lineage who wants to learn more about their heritage, said Alain Boulet, Director of International Activities at Saint Mary's.

Saint Mary's was selected for the Institute because of its demonstrated expertise in offering Chinese language training and its established links to the Chinese community in Halifax. The University is already recognized as one of the most international campuses in Atlantic Canada with international students making up more than 20

per cent of the student body. The Institute is located on the second floor of the McNally Building. Bill Sewell is Executive Director. Sewell has taught at the University since 2000. His previous experience includes having taught at post-secondary institutions in Canada, Japan, France, and the United States. He has taught the history of East Asia, encompassing China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Siberia, and Vietnam. His research interests pertain to the modern era in Japanese and Chinese history, focusing especially on urban issues, cultural perspectives, and the history of the Japanese empire.

The first Confucius Institute opened in 2004 in Seoul, Korea, and since then other Institutes have been established in such countries as the United States, Germany, and Sweden where Chinese language and culture is increasingly popular. In all there are about 300 affiliated Institutes in 78 countries. The Saint Mary's Confucius Institute is the eighth in Canada.

Cafe Santa Maria: Building a Better SMU

A Great Initiative From SMUSA

Suvir Pursnani Student Life Editor

A message from SMUSA:

"Join us on Tuesday, November 23rd from 1pm-2:30pm as we convert part of the Student Centre Food Court into a World Cafe. We'll provide lunch in return for your participation. We'll be asking a few broad questions for all participants to discuss and then share their answers. The goal: To build a better SMU and to explore where we can all help in doing so, whether it is through services, academics, policies, access, communication, or anything

else -- the future is ours to shape!"

Being good friends with all of SMUSA I can vouch that your voice will not go unheard. We've got a great association that does a lot for us; more than meets the eye. This is the perfect opportunity for us, the student body, to give our association some feedback. In a few of my past articles I wrote about some of the things I agree and disagree with. Whether it was to commend the ongoing services or protest some of the things happening around campus, I got my opinions out. Now it's your chance to let SMU know what you want or don't want.



Arts & Entertainment

Kyle L. Trimper Arts & Entertainment Editor

Bruce Springsteen

The Promise (2010)

Kyle L.Trimper

A & E Editor

Bruce Springsteen: "The Boss". I never really listened to his music much in the past; sure, I knew "Blinded By The Light", "Dancing In The Dark", and his version of "Chimes Of Freedom", but I never really took much of an interest. After hearing The Promise, though, I think I will. Not because of the album itself, though, which is strange but true.

It is possible to not particularly like a certain album, but gain an interest in an artist through the album nevertheless. It happened to me with Lou Reed's Berlin: the album itself is a bit of a bore, yet it made me curious enough to find better material: New York, New Sensations, Mistrial...

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Anyway, this is about Springsteen, not Reed. On the other hand, this reflects my attitude towards the album: I found myself drifting off to other things while listening.

I originally thought the album was a

Bruce Springsteen The Promise



collection of new songs, due to the condition of Springsteen's voice, which sounds like a detuned cross between Jackson Browne and Billy Joel. I was surprised to learn that the album is actually a collection of outtakes from the classic album, Darkness on the Edge of Town, which was released in 1978. So in reality, it's rather early Springsteen.

The standout track for me is "Because The Night", which was a hit single for the Patti Smith Group. It is easily the catchiest and most pop-oriented tracks on the album. It really doesn't sound like an outtake; the rest of the album does.

The album as a whole is rather plain

and laid back, and at times, it sounds dated. Of course, that's what we expect from outtakes; usually that is why they are outtakes. This would be fine, if not for the length of the album.

The Promise is a double album, with 21 songs. This makes it a tedious listen if you are not already a fan. And it isn't really a great introduction to the artist; greatest hits album do a better job of that. I would have to chalk this up to a fan album, a collector's item. The only interest to the casual listener is hearing Springsteen's version of "Because the Night". However, "Because the Night" is a great track: maybe it can redeem the whole album...

Khadak: Visions of the Future

Daniel Trainor-Mckinnon

Contributor

"Where am I?"

"Not 'where'. 'When' is what you must ask. It's the future."

Based on true themes, the deeply metaphorical, symbolic, realistic, and intensely emotional story of Khadak, is a completely unforgettable journey into subconscious existentialism. It's a solemnly mysterious film, sometimes cryptic in its delivery that might take you two views to fully understand. It's also not for quick-cut lovers; its style is more truthful and artistic, and for that, it won numerous awards, including: The 2006 "Lion of the Future" award from Venice International Film Festival, a 2007 Sundance Grand Jury Prize nomination, and 6 awards

disregarded his prophetic talents, and became a postal worker. Bagi's Grandfather (played by Banzar Damchaa) tells him that his father came upon misfortune by ignoring his boundaries and the future. His father was supposed to be a shaman, but disregarded his prophetic talents, and became a postal worker. Bagi's Grandfather (played by Banzar Damchaa) tells him that his father came upon misfortune by ignoring his true path, and that anyone who does so will have misfortune.

You can prepare yourself for stunning mind benders whenever Bagi has a vision. His "vision scenes" could easily contain hundreds of meanings, because there is so much metaphor and symbolism within them. In fact, It's sometimes hard to tell what's real, and what's vision, especially in the



in 2007 from Cyprus International Film Festival, including the Golden Aphrodite for best film.

To put it simply (which is almost blasphemy for this film), Khadak tells the story of Bagi (played by Khayankhyarvaa Batzul, in his screen debut), a young Mongolian man, destined to become a shaman, who has prophecies, usually during epileptic seizures. His community gets relocated from farm life to an industrialized community, because government officials say their animals have a plague. Bagi is eventually thought to be a coal thief, and is thrown into a hard-labour camp, where he meets other youths dissatisfied with the relocation.

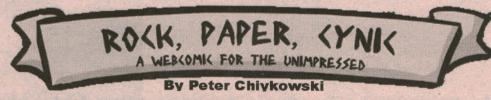
Khadak can be unsettling at times, but not in a way that detracts from its beauty, more so psychologically, through mood and realism. It isn't a thriller, but sometimes I just felt so immersed within it, that I almost felt forced to experience emotions, good or otherwise. The first shot is a good example of that, because you're instantly immersed into a climax, without being told where it fits into the story you're about to see.

Throughout the film, Bagi confronts his destiny of becoming a shaman, all the while, seeing through physical second half of the film, when Bagi tries to relay visions to Zolzaya (played by model and debuting actress, Byamba Tsetsegee), a coal thief and leader of the rebels in the hard-labour camp.

The directors/writers (Peter Brosens and Jessica Woodworth) have said that in the Mongolian countryside, epilepsy is commonly considered a call to shamanism, and in the Mongolian worldview, the sky is thought of as "the measurer of truth and is the ultimate judge of man's actions". The "khadak", the blue sacred scarf seen throughout the film, represents the sky.

Overall, this Khadak was woven skilfully, with a sublime score, beautiful cinematography, and an amazing — and amazingly intricate — script. It's remarkably acted and directed, and I would suggest this award-winning film to anyone who wants to experience a different world, or a startling reality.

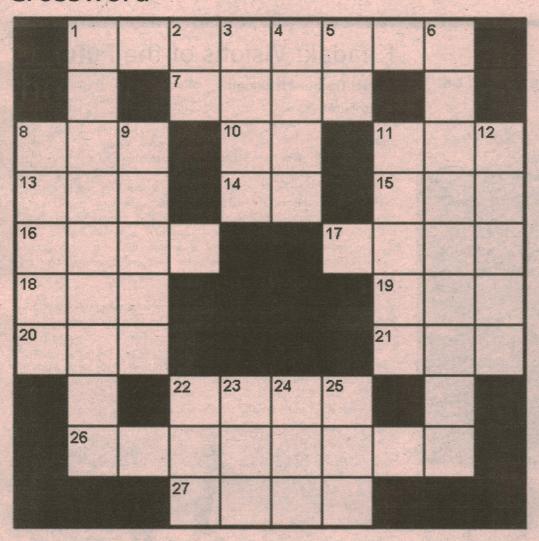






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Crossword



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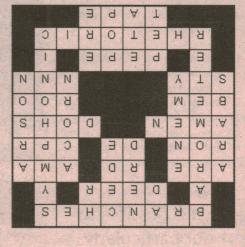
- 1. Appendages of trees
- 7. A buck or doe
- 8. Second person singular of be
- 10. Abbv. of road
- 11. Bike, Scooter & Moped club of the west
- 13. Burgundy who is 'Kind of a big deal'
- 14. Of, en France
- 15. Lifeguard necessity
- 16. Prayer end
- 17. Homer's frustrated exclamations
- 18. Googly-eyed aliens acronym
- 19. Winnie's friend (who happens to be a Joey)
- 20. Pig's home
- 21. North-western University's report
- 22. Skunk who may one day be charged for harassment
- 26. Overuse of exaggeration
- 27. Before you owned a CD, you owned one of these

Down

- 1. Instrument measuring atmospheric pressure
- 2. A corporation's paid message
- 3. Tech savvy non-socialite
- 4. To yield

- 5. Department often in charge of hiring
- 6. Of a large band
- 8. Inhabitants of Yemen., Oman,
- Qatar & Iraq, to name a few
- Foe
- 11. Fruit of an oak tree
- 12. Crime of fire setting
- 22. Domesticated animal
- 23. Acronym for 'when its getting
- 24. Carbonated sugary drink
- 25. 'Before' in archaic english

Answers



Sports

Sport Results from November 6th to November 13th, 2010

Men's Football:

November 13th, 2010: Acadia @ Saint Mary's 8 37

Saint Mary's win AUS Championship

Men's Soccer (Currently Ranked 8th in CIS):

Saint Mary's won the AUS championship by beating Cape Breton 3-2 in overtime on November 7th.

November 11th, 2010: (CIS Championship Quarter-Finals)

Saint Mary v. Alberta

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

November 6th, 2010: Saint Mary's @ UPEI November 12th, 2010: UPEI @ Saint Mary's 1 2 (OT)

Women's Hockey:

November 6th, 2010: Moncton @ Saint Mary's 6 5 (OT)

November 12th, 2010: Saint Mary's @ Mount Allison 4 3

Women's Volleyball:

November 13th, 2010: UNB @ Saint Mary's 3 2

Men's Basketball:

November 7th, 2010: Saint Mary's @ St. F.X. 84 97

Women's Basketball:

November 7th, 2010: Saint Mary's @ St. F.X.

Healthy Eating

James Urquhart Sports Editor

This week's healthy eating recipe is brought to you by the Sobeys Pharmacy and Noelle D'Eon (nutritionist for Sobeys in Halifax).

Garden Chicken Stir-Fry

Serves 4

Ingredients:

1 cup (250 ml) Long grain rice 1 tbsp (15 ml) Compliments canola oil

1 lb (454 g) Chicken breasts, cut in strips

3 cups (750 ml) Vegetables, frozen, mixed

1 cup (250 ml) Chicken broth, sodium

1 cup (125 ml) Water 2 tbsp (30 ml) Cornstarch

1 clove Garlic, fresh, minced 1 tsp (2 ml) Ginger, ground

Directions:

Cook rice as directed on package.
 Heat oil in skillet. Add chicken and cook until browned. Set aside.

3. Add vegetables and stir fry until tender-crisp. Reduce to medium heat.
4. Combine chicken broth, water, cornstarch, garlic and ginger. Add to skillet and heat to a boil. Add chicken and simmer until cooked through.



5. Serve with rice.

Nutrition Information per Serving (1 cup cooked rice and æ cup of stir fry):

Calories 369
Fat 6 grams
Carbohydrate 45 grams
Fibre 3 grams
Protein 32 grams
Sodium 255 milligrams

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Sports

James Urquhart Sports Editor

Semi-Final Bound

James Urquhart
Sports Editor

Well folks, that's all she wrote. As the air begins to get colder, the city wide parking ban being just around the corner, and the smell of snow in the air, so ends another AUS football season. It has been a good season on all accounts. As per usual, we have been treated to some excellent football and some rather interesting story lines. Do you remember way back when the Huskies started the season off zero and three? Seems kind of like a bad dream now, one that we were all fortunate enough to wake up from. How about Saint Mary's fall from CIS grace? As many of you will recall, we did start the season ranked fourth in the country. This all quickly changed with that very ill timed season opening loss to Acadia. It has been a long road back from the brink of ruin, but it has been a fun one, and I for one am glad that I was along for the ride.

The season finished much the way it started, a game against our provincial rivals from Wolfville, with one rather important exception: they had to come to our house this time. And as they say, there is no place like home, especially when you are playing for all the marbles (and it's for keepsies). As the Axeman game onto the field there was a louder than normal cheer; there were a lot of faithful Acadia fans that had driven the short distance to cheer on their team. This is when I came to the stark realization that nothing that had happened before this point matter: whoever came out on top was moving on, non-withstanding what they had or had not done in the past.

I was happy to see that Saint Marytians had also come out in droves to back their team. It has been a while since I have seen so much enthusiasm from our fans, and they certainly picked a good time to pick up their game. We could only hope that the Huskies

would raise their level of play as well, as to ensure that their adoring (although I must add sometimes fickle) fans went home happy and would be coming back for more. As the Huskies took the field, a cheer like no cheer I have ever been part of, arose from the

Saint Mary's got just the push they needed, scoring a major late in the first quarter. Acadia then seemed to feel a sense of urgency and responded by marching the ball down the field. It was all for not when the ever-reliable Huskies' secondary picked off an



stands. I do not know if it was praise for all that the Huskies had overcome this season, or perhaps just the fans ways of showing their love for their football idols, or perhaps too much beer being served in the Goorsebrook prior to kick-off. Whatever the cause, it was nice to see the support, and it could quite possibly be seem retrospectively as foreshadowing for what was about to unfold.

As everyone held their collective breaths, Saint Mary's got set to kick-off. With a thunderous kick, and a poor return on the part of the Axeman, the game was underway. Each team exchanged field goals for the first couple of possessions, as it was apparent that both teams wouldrequire a push to get things started.

errant pass, and ended a seemingly promising Axeman drive. This was to become a common theme, as the Huskies would pick off two more passes before the end of the half. The offense also kept on rolling along, scoring another touchdown before the half was over.

At half time I find myself once again reminiscing about the season that was. One name kept coming to mind... Jahmeek Taylor. I have been a football fan for as long as I can remember (I think it was my dad's way of trying to keep me from becoming completely engrossed in the arts). AS far as I can recall, I have never seen anyone, at least I have never had the pleasure of witnessing someone, do what Jahmeek did this season. Every time he

touched the ball, both camps held their collective breathes. For those who were on the opposing side, just the thought of what he could do to their hopes for victory must have been terrifying. For those of us rooting him on, our breath was taken away in the anticipation of what he could do next. He really build quite an extensive highlight package to live up to, but all season long, without fail, he would seemingly be able to one-up himself every time he got the ball. One of the most memorable plays for me was the 83-yard punt return touchdown he had against St. F.X. The grace with which he ran, coupled with the fluidity of his motion was enough to make even the most hardened of football fans weep (yes, he could even draw a tear from Tiger-Cats fans). As the players came back onto the field to begin the second half, I just smiled, and thought how lucky we all were to have witnessed this great individual's effort all season. The second half preceded much like the first half: the Axeman forgot to show up, and the Huskies dominated. The Axeman never really got anything going, which probably had a lot to do with the fact that the Huskies'

defensive was playing unbelievably. The defense finished with five interceptions, all of which were due to the great deal of pressure that was put on the opposing quarterback all day long. Anytime he moved out of the pocket, there was a Husky lineman waiting with open arms to great him. The offense also but on a show; in fact, they played so well that Micah Brown had the luxury of finishing the game on the bench, the irony making this victory taste all the more sweet.

As things were winding down, the reality of the situation started to set in: we were going to pull off what had seemed improbable, we were going to win the AUS championship once again. I noticed something on the faces of the older players as the final whistle blew. This one was much sweeter than any of the other ones: they really had to earn this one. The final score was an impressive 37-8, no small feat given the level of competition. It's off to the great wide west to face either Calgary or Alberta next weekend. No matter who they face, rest assured the Huskies will be ready, and will surely make us all proud!



THIS WEEKS TOP 10 NEW RELEASES

- 1.Gianna Lauren Some Move Closer, Some Move On
- 2. Superfantastics Places To Roam
- 3. Belle & Sebastian Write About Love
- 4. Dance Movie Bask
- 5. Girls Would Kill Girls Would Kill
- 6. Olenka and the Autumn Lovers
- And Now We Sing
 7. Grinderman S/T
- 8. Jim Bryson & The
- Weakerthans Falcon
- Lake Incident
- 9. Jenocide Knee Deep
- 10. Tanya Davis -- Clocks and Hearts Keep Going

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The Even Wars Have Limits Group presents the documentary: INVISIBLE CHILDREN directed by Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey, and Laren Poole

Guest Speaker Mr. Ted Itani (from the International Committee of the Red Cross and Pearson Peacekeeping Centre) will join us after the documentary for a discussion and Q & A.

Refreshments will be provided





