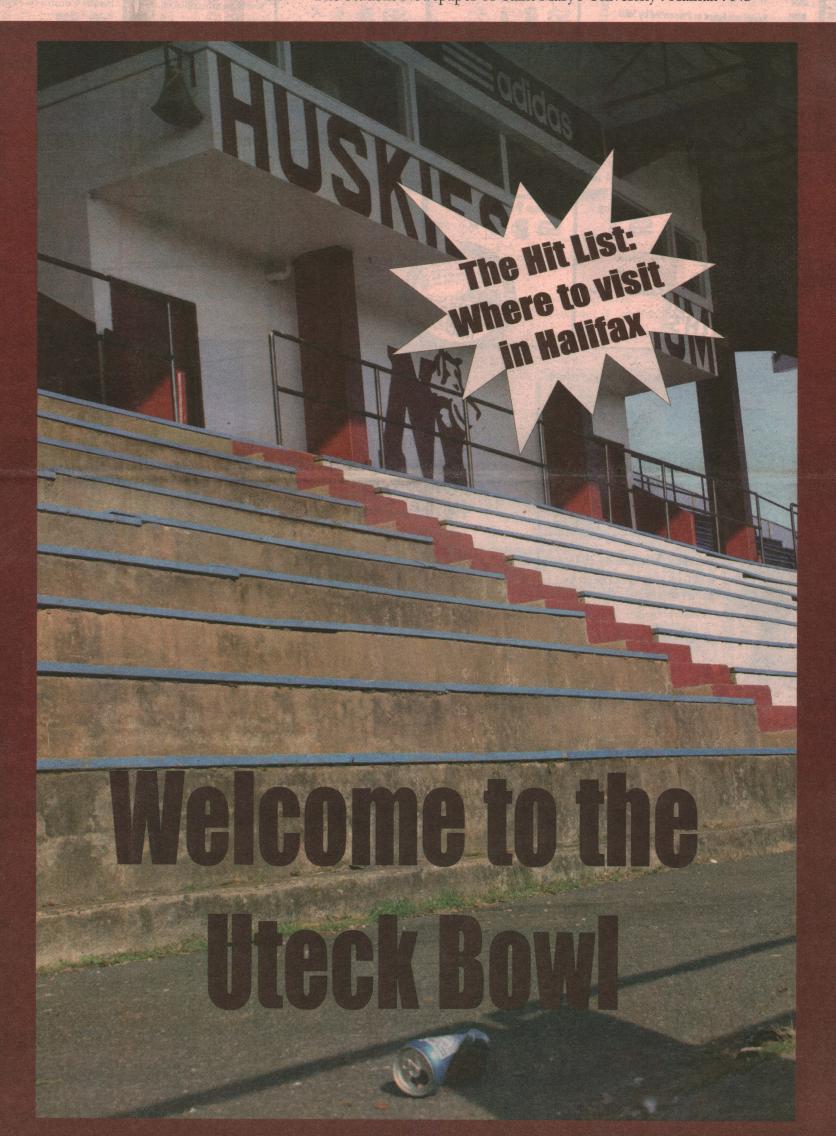
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Letter From The Editor

Welcome to week two of your SMU Journal! Much has happened in the city this week, with a swarming in the city and another 'Sleep Watcher' incident. These are serious reminders of why students have to make sure to take their safety into consideration. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

As far as sports are concerned, the loss of the Uteck Bowl is a blow to our pride as a school. Without strong leadership to champion a new or improved stadium, it cannot happen.

On a personal note, I'm happy to see the amount of interest in the paper, submissions can be sent to radioisfun@gmail. com or thesmujournal@ gmail.com. I'd like to explain the SMU Soapbox as well. By calling 496-8201 and leaving a message, you will have whatever you say printed in the paper. It will be anonymous, the only information shown will be the date and time the message was left. Use this to get anything you would like to say published. This was set up to give you a voice, without having to write, many of us write enough already!

Adam Faber Editor in Chief

SMU Soapbox

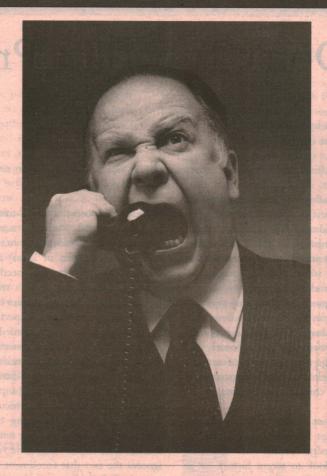
Call the SMU Soapbox at 496 8201, and leave your rant. A monkey hitting keys at random on a typewriter for an infinite amount of time will almost surely type your call.

Wednesday, September 22nd 17:33 Hey, the White House isn't in Washington,

Thursday, September 23rd 11:38
Hello Adam, it's your mother. I called your number like you told me to. I like your paper, Suvir seems like quite a character... I hope you're not encouraging him. I don't want to be getting an angry call from his mother! Have fun, bye-bye.

Friday, September 24th 22:17 Scotty's a c*** and he stole my beer.

Friday, September 24th 22:18 Hello? JP a bigger c*** and it was MY beer!



Why I Was Late Getting Home Last Night

Written by: Kyle Trimper

Like most second year university students, I was looking for classes that were both fun, but would eventually contribute to getting a major or minor in a given subject. So, this summer, when I was picking out courses for the 2010/2011 year, I decided that I would enter Saint Mary's film program. On the registration website, I discovered that the classes I wanted to take were all off-campus courses, taking place at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, on Monday and Tuesday evenings. I wasn't thrilled about the situation, but the classes were important and I didn't have much of a choice.

The first thing I did when I got set up in my dorm room was to have a look at the Metro Transit schedule. I figured that the art gallery was a pretty important place, so I also thought that there would a bus that goes down there. However, I discovered that the only bus that actually goes past the art gallery is a new route that consists of a loop between Hollis St. and Lower Water St. The problem was that it appeared that this route didn't connect with any other routes. I then proceeded to call the Metro Transit line and, after a brief musical interlude, was deferred to a rather annoyed representative who proceeded to tell me that, essentially, "you can't get there from here". I could, however, walk up to Barrington St. and catch another route.

Now, to prevent myself from looking a complete ignoramus, I feel that I should explain: I don't know a whole lot about living in a city. Being a life-long country boy, a simple task like getting a cab can turn into a complete disaster of epic proportions in my incapable hands.

Anyway, I thought about the Husky Patrol, and so I contacted them. However, the same problem came up again: the Husky Patrol doesn't go down there.

So, when it came time to go to my class, I headed down to the no-man's-land on foot, and after class, I re-joined civilization on Barrington St. to catch the bus. The bus arrived shortly after I got to the bus stop, and everything went very smoothly. "This isn't so bad," I thought to myself.

The next time, I walked up to the bus stop, and after about five minutes of waiting in the cold fall air, the bus appeared on the brightly lit horizon that is Barrington St. I stepped out to the curb just in time to see the side of the Metro Transit bus fly past my eyes, just to squeal to a stop at the stop lights down the street.

In attempt to salvage my pride in front of the obvious tourists that were also standing at the bus stop, I pretended that in actuality, I had just stepped out to see the number on the bus and it wasn't the right one. However, once they were tucked away on another bus headed to Dartmouth, passers-by were treated to an incessant stream of muttered curses about the bus driver Metro Transit and Halifax itself. After about forty five minutes of colourful commentary and frozen fingers, I tried another bus that was taking a similar route: this one defied expectations and stopped directly in front of me.

Now, the only reason I can come up with for this situation is that the driver didn't see me, or that he assumed I was standing under the bus stop sign for no reason in particular.

However, I'm a little bit confused: I assume the individual driving the bus was hired as a bus driver, so I would think that it would make sense to keep an eye out for people waiting at the bus stop for the bus. If I was a bus driver, and I did see people at the bus stop, I would at least pull over and open the door to make sure: better safe than sorry...

This isn't the first time I've seen this happen. What I've noticed while walking throughout Halifax (I usually avoid taking the bus unless it's absolutely necessary) is that Metro Transit buses seem to avoid stopping at the designated bus stops. I've seen busses pass their stops with two or three people waiting, and even when they do stop, they rarely open the doors: they seem to wait for a reaction from those at the bus stop before they let them on. Of course, these are only my personal observations and may not true in every instance, but I've seen it happen enough to know that it's not a rare thing.

This isn't the only problem with the Metro Transit system: bad coverage, complex schedules and routes, and unpleasant drivers make Halifax's transportation system unreliable and unpleasant. I'm not going to stop utilizing the Transit: I have my II-Pass I paid for it, and I'm going to use it. However, Metro Transit has now decided that they want more money for what I believe is relatively poor service and seemingly Devil-may-care attitude, and I think that before we hand over our money, we should question whether the service is worth even the money we're paying now.

The Journal: Perspective

Don't Turn The Provincial Debt Into Student Debt

Written by: Mark Coffin Director of the ANSSA

Can't afford school? Don't worry about it. Anxious about your debt after graduation? Just keep spending. Not sure if you'll be employable when you graduate? Relax, young scholar. Economist Tim O'Neill has a plan: higher tuitions for all, more student aid for some, and the merging of some landmark universities. All the while ignoring the fact that very few of us can afford to stay here after we graduate! O'Neill has proposed a patchwork solution of loosely tied coverings over the sores of a much deeper ailment affecting our university system: chronic underfunding.

A recent government marketing campaign branded Nova Scotia the "University Capital of Canada". If we look to recent history, or to the O'Neillian future, a more apt label might be "Tuition Capital of Canada". For all but two years of the last two decades, students in Nova Scotia have paid the highest tuition in Canada. While the average tuition here is now \$5,495. To put this into perspective, when O'Neill did his first degree at Saint Francis Xavier University in the 1970s,

tuition hovered at just over seven hundred dollars.

O'Neill proposes a high-tuition high-aid model, where tuition increases and student assistance dollars (either grants or loans) also increase to protect the neediest students, arguing this to be a more equitable model than the current one. It might be, but he offers few specifics on how much funding is needed to bring our student assistance system up to par. His explicit recommendation for more support for low-income students is much needed, but, he more or less ignores middle-income families, supposedly assuming they will be able to handle further tuition increases or more debt. He also ignores the fact that enrollment will only further decline once some of the thirteen thousand students from other provinces realize that they won't be getting the same student-aid prescription students from Nova Scotia will receive to make the pain of a tuition hike bearable.

These recommendations come just as we have begun to feel some relief

through the near-completion of the last government's pledge to reduce tuitions to the national average and protect students with a three-year fee freeze. The university system still has a half-billion dollar infrastructure deficit accumulated through two decades of underfunding. Faculty hiring freezes still remain as scars of this underfunding. Now, as the province ambitiously tries to eliminate the provincial deficit, the unspoken solution from O'Neill seems to be this: trade the provincial debt for student debt.

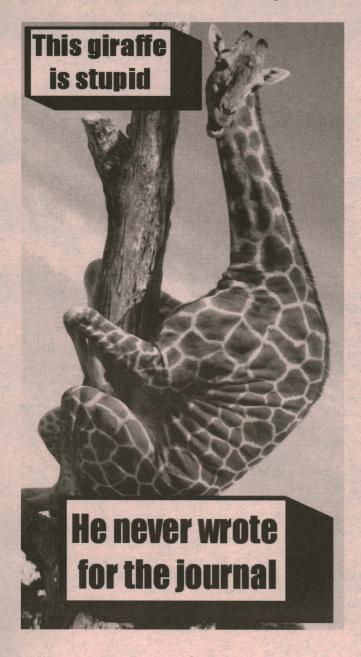
Universities have two main options to support their thinly stretched budgets: tuition fees and government funding. If either piece of the pie shrinks, the other must grow. If government funding drops and tuitions increase, students will be forced turn increasingly to debt to fund their education as the provincial deficit shrinks.

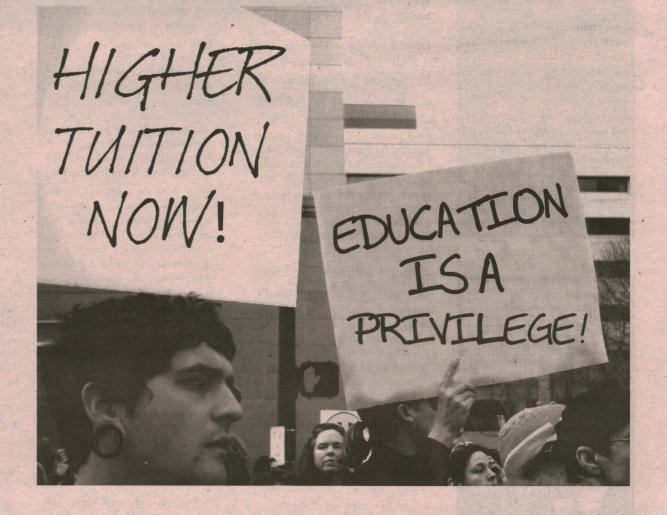
When the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations surveyed over 1,500 of our members last year, we learned that upper year students with over \$26,000 in debt would be 20% more likely to leave Nova Scotia after graduation than their classmates without debt. The most recent statistics from the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation indicate that 69% of all students in Nova Scotia have an average of \$31, 900 in debt upon graduation from an undergraduate degree. Those numbers don't point towards the population growth, economic growth or tax revenue growth that O'Neill suggests we need before we consider increasing university funding.

While O'Neill notes that bachelor's degree holders will earn a \$750,000 premium over those with a high school diploma he forgot to mention that for the province to reap the benefits of a highly educated population, we need to keep our graduates here. Simply put: the latest research suggests that we graduates consume far fewer government services, and would contribute far more tax dollars to support our aging parents, grandparents, and fellow Nova Scotians in need. Debt pushes us away. Student debt isn't good for

students, and it isn't much good for Nova Scotia either. Our government dishes out more debt per-student than any other province in Canada. Our government would be wise to maintain funding where it needs to be to keep tuitions frozen, to keep our universities competitive and to reduce debt by implementing O'Neill's recommendation for more grants.

Mark Coffin is Executive Director of the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA), an organization representing the interests of over 35,000 university students in Nova Scotia. Mark is a student in the Faculty of Education at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax.





The Journal: Features

Learning to do what you love to do...

Geography

Written by: James Urquhart

This is the first installment of my section intended to give students a more personal view of the various departments here at Saint Mary's University. As you will have noticed, the first department that has graciously volunteered is the Geography department.

Before I begin, I would like to start by briefly introducing the department's chair, Cathy Conrad, who was gracious enough to respond to my questions. Dr. Conrad is an Associate professor here at Saint Mary's. She obtained her PhD from Wilfrid Laurier in 1999. Her areas of expertise and research include: watershed management, community based environmental stewardship, fluvial geomorphology, oceans, weather and climate.

Journal: "Provide a brief description of what the study of Geography entails."

Dr Conrad: "Geography is about so much more than where things are on a map. Many people have the misconception that geography is about memorizing the capitol cities of countries or knowing what the flags of the world are (although this can certainly help if you have ever played Geo Challenge on facebook!).

Geography is actually a modern, useful and important subject to study! In addition to looking at where things are on the map, we also study why they are there. If a hurricane map shows a system tracking towards Nova Scotia, geographers work on those maps, and assist in emergency management operations. If a map shows seismic (earthquake) risk zones, geographers study why these risks exist in the location that they do and how they can mitigate the impacts on people, therefore reducing vulnerability. Ever think about what the global map of cargo shipping traffic looks like and why it looks that way? Chances are a geographer has! In fact, some of the leading geographers in Canada are sitting in the Burke Building at SMU studying these among many other fascinating topics. And, did you know that SMU is the only University in Nova Scotia where you can get a Geography degree?! AND, you can major as either an Arts or a Science student! We have a niche here at SMU, which our present and former students are eager to brag about."

Journal: "Why take a class in Geography?"

Dr Conrad: "Whether you want to major, minor or just take an elective in Geography, I would encourage students to take at least one course. The world we now inhabit is one in which the terms "globalization", and "sustainability", are often heard.



These are concepts that are fundamental to the discipline of Geography. Ours is a visual discipline. You are guaranteed to see and experience fascinating topics and subjects in any class you take."

Dr. Conrad was also gracious enough to provide me with actual student accounts detailing their experience in taking Geography at SMU.

"The Geography Department provides an excellent opportunity to learn about this fascinating field within a collegial atmosphere. The Department's size allows for a great deal of interaction with both professors and fellow students. A formal education in geography can assist you in a countless number of pursuits; my experience has certainly helped me in my current study of law."

Derek Schnare, B.Sc. Honours.

Journal: "What are some of the academic benefits to taking classes in Geography?"

Dr Conrad: "In terms of tangible benefits for a major, there are many. Our students are highly employable nd we actually maintain a database in our department of former majors and where they are now working. Our students go on to work as Cartographers, Satellite Imagery Analysts, Geographic Information Systems specialists, Urban Planners, Environmental Managers, Emergency Measures Operations specialists, Fisheries Officers, Government employees for Environment Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Department of Natural Resources among many others. If you do not want to major but want to take a class or two, the benefits are also obvious: a broader understanding and appreciation for the world in which we inhabit. Everything has to do with geography. -Judy Martz.

We have many Commerce majors who take our courses and learn about the global economy and linkages abetween many cultural aspects of the discipline, which can assist in their careers. We also offer regional geography courses, which can help students who want to work in those parts of the world. We offer technique courses, which provide

tangible skills that are useful across many disciplines."

Journal: "Conversely, what are some of the skills one develops that are not directly related to academia?"

Dr Conrad: "In terms of benefits, SMU's non-academic geography department is a very engaged and dynamic. We have a very active student association: SMUGS (SMU Geography Society), which holds events like potlucks, movie night, beach clean-ups and other social events. We have a monthly "Pictures and Pitchers" event where faculty or students who have recently traveled somewhere interested gives a non-academic slide-show of their most fascinating photographs and then we head to the Gorsebrook afterwards. We have field trips, and have a fall trip that has gone to Boston, Mass., Washington, D.C. and this year to The Gambia, West Africa! You do not necessarily need to be geography major to participate in these trips. In the spring of every other year, we hold a Geography Career Fair in the Department, showing students what they can do with their degree and bringing in former students to talk to current students about their jobs and how they got them!

We also provide every major with a Geography Faculty member as their academic supervisor, who is the person they can go to for help with course selections and career guidance.

Anyone who is considering just an elective will benefit from simply learning and getting a deeper appreciation for the Earth, which we all inhabit. How are we impacting it and how are we impacted by it? Geography is the cross-section of so many disciplines. There is something in it for everyone!"

Journal: "What course(s) offered by your department would you recommend every student take?"
Dr. Conrad: "Everyone at SMU should take either GEOG 1100 (Global Prospective of Land and Life) or GEOG 1200 (People, Place and Environment) (or both!). These are brand new courses as of last year, the result of the department undergoing a modernizing process and updating its curriculum to better reflect the world today."

Campus culture The Cranky Professor

Written by: Mark Mercer

Congratulations and welcome to David Gauthier, our new Vice-President, Academic and Research!

By virtue of being our academic vice president, Dr Gauthier is responsible for the culture of our campus, for the tone of life at Saint Mary's.

Of course, Dr Gauthier's responsibility for campus culture is largely informal and it is certainly not uniquely his. We all have a role to play. Yet Dr Gauthier's attitudes and commitments, and his responses to campus goings-on, will have a substantial effect on the nature of community of Saint Mary's. His decisions will help to determine whether our university is a community of intellectuals or something else.

Whether campus culture at Saint Mary's is open and dynamic, marked by freedom of expression and other civil liberties, is to a great extent within his power, as is whether our administration remains closed and disinclined to explain its decisions or respond to criticism of them.

If he is to contribute to refashioning Saint Mary's as a place of intellectual community, Dr Gauthier must be whole-heartedly committed to academic freedom and freedom of expression on campus. He must be willing and eager to stand for professors, students, and any other members of the university community who say or do unpopular or offensive things.

There are various constituencies on campus that do not value freedom of expression and the other civil liberties. People from these constituencies have been remarkably successful in bending campus culture their way. Dr Gauthier must be firm in the face of pressure from organized groups or individuals to institute rules about who may and may not appear on campus, about which student groups receive society status from the students' association, and about how professors, students, or guests may or may not meet with each other or present their views.

Dr Gauthier must be willing to ensure the integrity of campus events. He needs to give security staff strong and clear instructions regarding how to handle disruptive protests. If the police need to carry off disruptive protesters to enable a campus event to continue, he should be willing to let them do so.

Dr Gauthier needs to be candid and direct about the values for which the university stands, and willing to engage in critical discussion to explain and defend them in face of those who advocate controls on what is said on campus.

Dr Gauthier needs to ensure that the university confronts its failings and mistakes honestly. Remember the press release the university issued after disruptive protesters forced a speaker off campus? It dealt in obfuscations and half-truths, it claimed that security and the university acted well, it failed to condemn the disruption, it suggested that shouting down offensive speakers is a noble form of political action. To make Saint Mary's the kind of university it should be, Dr Gauthier must require the university always evaluates its performance from the perspective of academic and intellectual values first, and that what the university puts on its official stationery is honest and complete.

Dr Gauthier must stand against conformity in teaching standards and practices. As part of this, he should work to make it that Saint Mary's has no official teaching evaluation form. He should also be concerned about the difficulties professors who don't use much technology are having finding hospitable classrooms.

Finally, Dr Gauthier, if he is to help in the project of creating intellectual community at Saint Mary's, must align himself publicly with the movement to sever Saint Mary's official ties to religion. To take a good first step in this direction, he should see that the Academic Calendar no longer states that Saint Mary's is in the Christian tradition of higher education.

The fact that our Calendar quotes the "Christian tradition" passage of the Saint Mary's University Act, 1970, brings together many of the points I've made above.

For one, to be within the Christian tradition in higher education is to be outside the academic tradition, for the later is the tradition in which individual scholars and researchers are free to choose whichever creeds they will, and to reject creeds entirely. For another, to include that passage is to be dishonest, in fact it is to lie, for we at Saint Mary's do not give special emphasis to the Christian tradition and those responsible for the Calendar know that we do not. That passage in the Calendar, to sum up, is a piece of mendacity that places non-academic values above academic

I hope Dr Gauthier doesn't have the sense that he has his work cut out for him. There is much to do to reform and improve campus culture, certainly, but Saint Mary's has resources equal to the task. And while Dr Gauthier must be a significant player in this project, he can count on much support from students, professors, and others at our university.

The Journal: News

"Well, Just Watch Me": Looking forward to Canada's next Trudeau.

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

"Well, just watch me". Six minutes into an impromptu interview with CBC reporter Tim Ralfe on the steps of Parliament Hill, Pierre Trudeau spoke those words which would perhaps most appropriately define the very nature of his tenure as Canada's Prime Minister. Although Trudeau was responding to the reporter's question regarding the extent to which he (Trudeau) would be willing to reduce civil liberties in order to preserve law and order amidst the backdrop of recent kidnappings of government officials by members of the Front de libération du Québec (FLQ), he might just as well have been making reference to his entire political career.

Taking office at the tail end of the so called swinging sixties, Trudeau embodied the excitement of that era. He was a bachelor who dated movie stars and female musicians - Margot Kidder, Barbara Streisand, Liona Boyd - drove sports cars, wore capes and almost always had a red rose in in his lapel. Trudeau would later marry 22 year old beauty Margaret Sinclair, who at the time was 30 years his junior. Trudeau even infamously did pirouettes behind the Queen's (some say it was actually Princess Margaret) back and made a habit of sliding down banisters.

This Tuesday 28th of September marks the 10th anniversary of Trudeau's death and provides us with an opportunity to revisit not only his vivaciously vibrant personal style, but more importantly his contributions to Canada and his political legacy.

Trudeau's almost 16 years as Prime Minister (April 20, 1968, to June 3, 1979; March 3, 1980, to June 29, 1984) bore witness to a plethora of significant legislative and political change. The Official Languages Act in 1969, the War Measures Act in 1970, the Wage and Price controls of 1975, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982 and legal independence from Britain with the signing of the Constitution Act of 1982 all happened under his leadership. The appointment of women for the first time in the posts of Speaker of the House, Speaker of the Senate and Governor General also took place during his administration. Trudeau was also the first Western world leader to officially visit Communist China.

Trudeau would become the elder statesman in the West; five US presidents – Lyndon B. Johnson to Ronald Reagan – and four UK Prime



ministers – Harold Wilson to Margaret Thatcher – would govern during his time at the helm of Canada's political hierarchy. Why is this important you ask? Well just think about it for a minute. There was actually a time when Canada's prime minister was the most senior and experienced, if not the most respected, national political leader in the Western world.

Trudeau's self assured style provided Canada with dependable, albeit controversial at times, leadership through an equally controversial and turbulent era. The Vietnam War, the Oil Crisis, the Iranian Revolution, the Nixon resignation and Watergate scandal, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the emergence of Environmentalist and Feminist movements all punctuated what was effectively the last phase of the Cold War Era-while Trudeau held office.

Perhaps more than anything else, Trudeau reflected the essential nature of Canada as a nation at that time; bold, vibrant, assertive and stylishly cool. Trudeau was cool, he exuded it. Much the same way that Obama exudes it today. Few world leaders possess that almost innate sense of style and presence which turns them into the focus of attention in the middle of a room filled with their peers.

The question then begs to be asked; has Canada seen the last of bold leadership?

I should think not. Are you ready to lead? I should hope so. Canada, now more than ever needs bold, vibrant, assertive and stylishly cool leadership. And that's where you come in. Yes you. The future university graduate. If we want to see such leadership once again in Canada, we have to look inwards. It is from amongst the so called rank and file of university students that the next Trudeau will emerge. You see, Trudeau started out as an intellectual. Having earned a law degree Trudeau went on to earn a Masters degree in Political Economy and later pursed (but never

completed) doctoral studies in the same field. Eventually becoming an associate law professor, Trudeau then transitioned from academics into politics. The intellectual fortitude you're now developing at university will yield untold rewards in years to come. Maybe you can become Canada's next Trudeau.

I leave you with a few quotes from the former elder statesman himself who is considered by many to be Canada's most charismatic Prime Minister and certainly the coolest.

"Canada will be a strong country when Canadians of all provinces feel at home in all parts of the country, and when they feel that all Canada belongs to them."
-Pierre Elliot Trudeau

"We wish nothing more, but we will accept nothing less. Masters in our own house we must be, but our house is the whole of Canada."
-Pierre Elliot Trudeau

'Perhaps the rediscovery of our humanity, and the potential of the human spirit which we have read about in legends of older civilizations, or in accounts of solitary mystics, or in tales of science fiction writers - perhaps this will constitute the true revolution of the future. The new frontier lies not beyond the planets but within each one of us." -Pierre Elliot Trudeau



The Journal: News

Harper tries to sell Canada to the World: Who wants a temporary UN Security Council seat anyway?

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

Two temporary seats on the United Nations Security Council are up for grabs and Canada is grabbing. Canadian Prime Minister Steven Harper has been pushing Canada's case for deserving to get one the temporary seats. Germany and Portugal are the other two key players campaigning for one of the two available seats.

So why all the fuss about a temporary UN Security Council seat? Well, like most things in Global Politics it's primarily about prestige and image. The UN Security Council has ten non-permanent member states, each elected to a two-year term.

The UN's 192 countries each get a vote, and the winner needs a two-thirds majority of those present. That's a minimum of 128 votes in the unlikely event that all turn up for the ballot.

Although countries vote individually, they are influenced by their regions. Both the UN's African and Asian groups have 53 members each, the biggest voting blocs. The Latin American and Caribbean group has 33 members, the West Europeans 28, and the East European group 23.

Other influential coalitions include the Non-Aligned Movement, the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the Caribbeanl Community.

Winning one of the seats would greatly bolster Canada's international prestige as well as provide an international platform from which to disseminate Canadian foreign policy, for so Harper says. Others have criticized Harpers push to win the seat as being motivated by political self-interest. Amongst these critics is retired diplomat Paul Heinbecker.

"Harper's commitment to Canada's campaign for a two-year seat on the Security Council, a seat that Canada has won once a decade since the late 1940s, has seemed to be more motivated by a fear of being the first government to fail to do so

. . . than by either the benefits a victory would bring to Canadian foreign policy or by the opportunity it would provide for making a mark on the world," writes Heinbecker in his forthcoming book, Getting Back in the Game, which will be will be published in Canada a week before the United Nations' 192 member countries vote on which member countries get the two seats.

If Heinbecker's argument is valid, then the question arises as to whether or not Canada's role on the international stage has really been lost. In recent years Canada has increasingly become known for its middle-of-the-road foreign policy agenda. Some observers, both domestic and international, criticize Canada for not taking leading roles in issues such as the War in Iraq. These critics say Canada is being lead down a pathway to American control of its foreign policy and inexorably its economic policy as well.

This is not a new debate. And I am not going to try to put some ingenious new perspective on it. I will however submit to you that perhaps far too much is being made of this debate. I mean how many Canadians actually care if Canada gets a temporary UN Security Council seat? If I were inclined to gamble, I'd be willing to bet that a push to get a permanent seat on the UN Security Council would receive much greater interest and possibly support.

"How many
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The point here is relevance. It is almost totally irrelevant which UN member nation sits temporarily on the Security Council; at the end of the day it's the five permanent members (China, France, United Kingdom, Russian Federation, and United States) that call the shots anyway. When we read and watch news produced by the traditional media outlets we should always read between the lines, looking for the story that the news is trying to hide.

The real issue here is the much criticized and, in my humble opinion, deeply flawed structure of the UN Security Council which is itself reflective of a broken UN system. The UN Security Council represents elitism at possibly the highest level. If there are 192 member countries in the General Assembly, why then do we need a *security council* comprised of only five? And who decides which five?

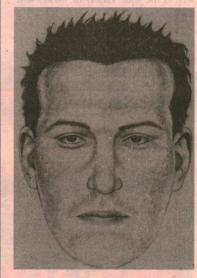
In much the same way that our national societies are increasing stratified into class structures based on the relationships of power and control of the means of production, so too are many regional and international organizations. A truly inclusive and participatory system would respect the sovereignty of its member countries through a veto free one nation one vote process. Alas, that's utopia. At least that's what we're constantly told.

South-End "Sleep-Watcher" Still At Large

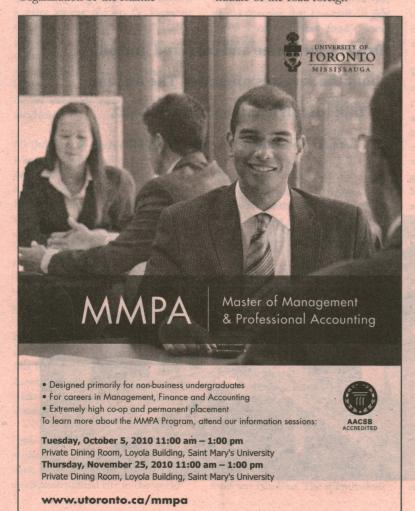
On Sunday, Sept. 19 at around 3:30 AM, a man broke into an apartment on Wellington St., in Halifax's south end, by removing the screen on an open window, and proceeded towatch the occupants, three women, as they slept. The man touched two of the women in a sexual manner.

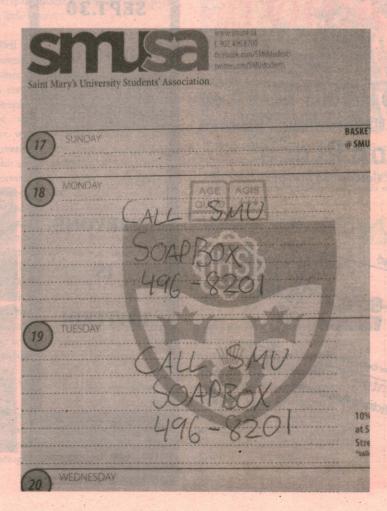
This is not the first incident to occur involving this sort of crime. Since 2008, there have been at least fourteen reported break-ins of this nature. Several sketches of the man have been released, and in 2009, a man matching the victim's description of the offender was arrested, held in custody, and released without charges.

Saint Mary's University Security Services have released a security notice and are urging students to make sure that their doors and windows are locked, and that sliding windows and doors are held in place.



The offender in this latest break-in has been described as "a white male, 20-25-years-old, 5'10" tall, medium build with dark hair, wearing blue jeans, grey sweater and a neck warmer covering his face." Anyone who has information about this case is encouraged to contact the police, Crime Stoppers, or Saint Mary's Security.





The Journal: News

Way Back Classic Car Flash Back

Written by: Kerry J. O'Rourke

Before we even begin I'll have you know I'm not a car guy. I enjoy them just as much as the next guy and find myself aimlessly watching the Barrett-Jackson car auction show from time to time; just as much as the next guy. However, what I'm trying to get at is out of my lack of car knowledge I usually get someone to look at my vehicle if any work needs to be done under the hood. My mechanical ability stops with filling up the windshield wiper fluid. I'd guess I'm not the only person in the room with this sort of relationship they currently have with their vehicle, or lack there of.

Anyway, on my way down to Spring Garden Rd this past Saturday I was lucky enough to run into an awesome classic car show. I will admit I haven't been to many of these sorts of things over the years. Regardless anyone would have instantly noticed the quality of the show via the display of premium cars that were present as well as the wide variety of makes and models too.

I'm talking about the GTO's, SS, original Mini, Lotus, an ancient Ford pickup truck, Henry ford himself

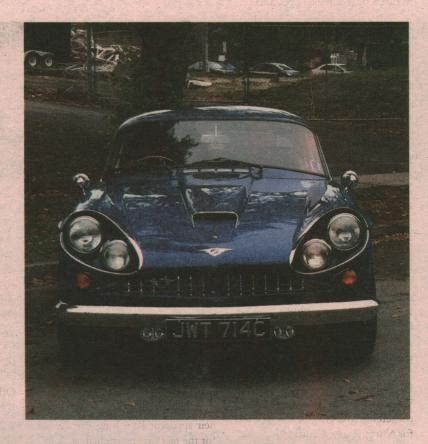
must have had at one time too. Last but certainly not least, the cream of the crop, old 1960's Ford Mustang was also in attendance. I'm sure somewhere Brian Adam's has one too so as to listen to his "Summer of '69" tune!

Unfortunately the only way to describe the car show to you, the readers is through words, I wish I could show you some of the photos I took. I think the photos would best describe the show! As they say a picture is worth a thousand words and they weren't lying. If I were able to show the shots I snapped you'd quickly see a collection of cars that I'm sure Jay Leno would love to add each and every single one of them to his collection (Leno's a huge car collector if you didn't know)

As I understand it, the showing was made possible through the, British Automotive Touring Association of Nova Scotia. I'd imagine these fine classic car loving folks get together regularly. I envision them chatting on any number of topics such as which of their members currently holds, the most original parts in their vehicle

title. What I'd really like to know is if the location they select is on a rolling time table? If so I hope it's also somewhere I just happen to be walking by in the future!

Well unfortunately again the best description of the show would be having taken it in personally through ones own personal experience. Ladies and Gentleman, I'm sure it'll be possible at a later date! However, what's most important is that hopefully I've planted a little classic car seed in your brain. It is my hope that this seed will inspire you to think about how cool classic cars are. It's Kinda like the current resurgence of vinyl records as people are starting to remember how raw, cool, and authentic they are. If doing a simple classic car search on Goggle images is where you start & stop in your search of seeing classic cars; so be it. However if you want to see them in high definition I'd highly suggest finding a car show near you!







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The Journal: Arts & Entertainment

Passing the torch of Dictatorship: Three generations of Kims

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

At the age of 68 most people have already settled into or are eagerly looking forward to their retirement. They usually like the idea of giving up the stress of a 9 to 5 job for something much more relaxing like say fishing, golf or just playing with their grandchildren. Many spend these twilight or golden years in the company of their peers at a retirement home. But, what exactly do you retire to when your day job for the last forty years has been running what many have described as a "Stalinist hereditary dynasty" which you took over from your father, and to whom do you pass the reins of control. I am of course referring to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), more commonly known as North Korea and Kim Jong II otherwise known as the Supreme Leader.

For the first time since 1966, the Workers Party of Korea will hold a conference to decide the way forward for North Korea. Central to



Three generations of Kims: Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un (left to right)

this conference will be the designation (official or otherwise) of the next Supreme Leader. Kim Jong Il's youngest son, Kim Jong Un is widely viewed as the likely successor, following in the footsteps of his father who succeeded Kim Il Sung in 1994.

Of course this is all just speculation. North Korea remains one of, if not the most, secretive and isolated nations in the world today. So much so that almost nothing is know of its heir apparent Kim Jong Un, except for the fact that he studied in

Switzerland under an assumed identity.

The rumors of a power struggle amongst North Korea's political elite have been cause for concern amongst Western observers. Some reports claim that factional in-fighting has broken out between Chang Song-taek, the rogue state's second-in-command, and a group of senior reform-minded officials. Other reports claim that Kim Jong Il's sister wants to take control. "Not only is Kim Jong-un young and inexperienced, but his aunt,

Kim Kyung-hee, Kim Jong-II's sister and the wife of the second-ranking figure in North Korea's hierarchy, Chang Song-taek, may balk at power slipping through her fingers," said Yuriko Koike, Japan's former minister of defense and national security adviser, in a piece she contributed to South China Morning Post.

More worrying for western observers is the fact that whoever takes over North Korea will have their finger on a button that controls the country's nuclear arsenal. Why you might ask is this so worrying?

Well, let's remember that there is very little factual information about just how highly developed North Korea's nuclear program really is and that its past Supreme Leaders have tended to be highly irrational and unpredictable at the best of times. We should also remember that North Korea has at its disposal one of the largest standing armies in the world. According to the U.S. Department of State, at an estimated 1.21 million armed personnel, North Korea has the fifth-largest army in the world.

The big question remains whether Kim Jong Un will actually succeed his father and continue on the present path of isolationism and inflammatory foreign policy or whether he will implement Chinese style modifications to the country's economic model as well as a less hostile foreign policy. One thing that is certain is that even with growing internal factional power struggles within North Korea's elite political class, the personality cult to the Kim family remains strong.

That's right, even with reports of widespread famine, public executions and even slave labour, North Koreans still love their Dear Leader, as he is known. Why you may ask? Well these reports are only ever published in Western media outlets and the overwhelming majority of North Koreans continue to drink the kool-aid of the Workers' Party of Korea's propaganda machine which portrays Kim Jong Il as a kind, loving and benevolent leader.

The world, or those of us who actually take an interest in and pay attention to just things, is collectively holding its breath then, waiting to see the high stakes political drama play out in North Korea over the course of the next few months. I suppose the one thing we can count on from North Korea is the unexpected and bizarre; I know I'll be watching as it all unfolds.

New Kids (Chinese Restaurant) On The Block

Written by: Kerry J. O'Rourke

If we share any views (not solely limited to the combination of letters that is to follow); I might suggest when I'm too busy to cook, hung over or anything of the sort, naturally, I defer to the old go-2's; Pizza or Chinese! Pick your pleasure! Ladies and gentleman, while the pizza joint commentary is certainly to follow, at a later date, shall we hit the pause button for now? I'd like to focus in on an awesome new local Chinese food joint!

My thoughts of Clyde St. as I thought I knew it began and ended with my dear old pirate friend and as I see it, the bigger selection liquor store. However, you as I should revisit this file in your memory. Why is that you say? Would the discovery of the best authentic new Chinese food spot in town do it to you? Well it did for mel The up selling shall stop here, but I was thoroughly satisfied with my first impression of Wang's!

It's called, Wang's and it's located in the old Cellar Cellar Bar and grill, I that bar I once window shopped but never stopped in for a pint at. Their address specifically is 5677 Brenton Place.

I was born in Winnipeg but grew up in the greatest melting pot known to man; Toronto. The feds call it, "the most multicultural city in the world".

Get this, Our causation family's Christmas Eve's tradition, is to go out and get the best Chinese food we can find. By now, I'm sure you've guessed it, we're not at a loss of fine folks selling Chinese food! I suppose one would describe that I've tasted a few versions of "Chinese food"; some better than others.

It is my personal view when trying out a new restaurant, it's best to skip the menu and go straight for the inside scoop from any lovely fine server. True to form before I even bothered to open the menu I asked our server what's the best dish on the Wang's menu? Our lovely server had two suggestions, one that was on the menu and one that was not. Of course I wasn't eating alone so I asked my great guest (table partner - call her what you want!) if she wanted to take the first meal suggestion and I'd take the other. As it turned out, weren't we in for a treat! My table partner went for option A; Lemon Chicken & rice, the chef specialty I was told. . I personally went with option B of spicy chicken and rice.

This is exactly where you should pay attention if you've been following along. The food was absolutely sensational. I'm too honest a fellow to tell a fib; thus you'd know if their food wasn't up to snuff. However I'll put my reputation on the line, the food was fabulous. The spicy melody

presented to me, my server told me was made even better by the chef's passion of creating knock out spices and flavoring. I co-ran a kitchen myself last summer and I wish our owner at the time had put something this good on the menu. It would have certainly made picking my staff meal a little easier!

Well now that we have the food covered, shall we move onto the other side of any first impression of a restaurant? I'm talking about the people and décor of course. Speaking of which, upon entering Wang's we were welcomed with a friendly greeting by the owner, named May. She also introduced us to our lovely server! I was quite impressed, as evidently May doesn't miss much in that her staff wearing authentic beautiful Chinese clothing. I'm sure that's not a politically correct way to put it, though I'm not sure what the clothing's formal name is. Anyway, the décor of the place is as authentic as the food they serve. I suppose any description I might paint a mental picture of for you can only be truly known through experience. As the English say it best; "give it a go!"

Well I hope this article made finding your next dinner night out a little easier. I'd suggest that the best way to know how good the food was is to get out for a little taste test! Happy eating!



The poster for conference of the Workers Party of Korea depicts four striving, heroic figures. A rifle-bearing soldier leads the way, but only by the tiniest of margins, followed by an engineer in a hard hat. Behind them stride a technocrat clutching a rolled-up blueprint and a female farmer with a sheaf of wheat.

Where's Waldo Bandit' found, circled by police

Ryan Homsley was arrested by the FBI in connection to a bank robbery. Homsley threatened he had an explosive device during the robbery and left a small box behind in the bank. His nickname was earned by his resemblance to the children's book character 'Waldo'. He claimed the robbery was to cover medical costs.

Another Halifax Swarming

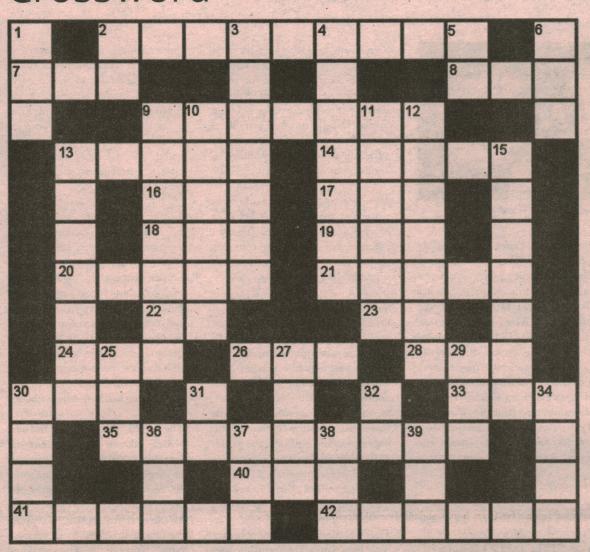
A 24 year old man was assaulted by a group Thursday night.

"We will look to see if we can draw a connection between this incident and any of the other ones," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter.

The victim received medical attention in hospital. He was able to escape more serious injury by fleeing into a buisness on Gottigen Street. When asked if this assault was connected to the other recent incidents, Palmeter responded: "At this point, it's too early to say."

The Journal: Arts & Entertainment

Crossword



Across

- 2. Not ashamed
- 7. Amusing
- 8. Song of praise
- 9. SMU's football team
- 13. Butt of Corner Gas
- 14. Peaches & this
- 16. About
- 17. Anger
- 18. Drug withdrawal
- 19. Show of assent
- 20. Toothy smiles
- 21. Inexperienced
- 22. Elem. Found all over the Vegas Strip
- 23. Jr's dad
- 24. Short for Reginald
- 26. Sheep
- 28. Dad's offspring
- 30. Response to G2G
- 33. Group not associated with 'The Man'
- 35. Meet again
- 40. Note of debt
- 41. To remove from it's track
- 42. The future is this, according to
- Dave Matthews

Down

- 1. Not on
- 2. Group of countries dedicated to peace
- 3. Awards
- 4. ____ and dicing
- 5. First note of the solfege scale
- 6. Cinema's Stiller
- 9. Recovering from injury
- 10. Reversed
- 11. Mistakes, like last week's clue
- about Washington
- 12. People who share files on torrents
- 13. British term for 'Unnatural intercourse'
- 14. Definition
- 25. Human listening device
- 27. Grape drunkard
- 29. The loneliest number you'll ever do
- 30. One of 52 in a deck
- 31. This makes hot air cold
- 32. To do this or not to
- 34. Was under obligation to repay
- 36. Span of time
- 37. Fossil fuel
- 38. Violent Star Control species
- 39. Group of gun-lovers accused of interfering in long gun regisrty

THE GERTRUDES - DAWN TIME RIOT (2010)

Written by: Kyle Trimper

It's three o'clock in the morning, and I'm listening to Dawn Time Riot, the latest album by Canadian indie rock band The Gertrudes, for the third time this evening. I don't really want to be up this late, but this album that darts between rock, pop, folk, indie, bluegrass and country takes this long to get the feel of. I admit, the first time I listened to this album, I ended turning it off, but now I'm listening as the band weaves a tapestry of acoustic songs over a droning electric ambience.

"Cliff Jumping", the first track on the album, seems to serve as almost an introduction to the band and the rest of the album, showcasing the instruments and singers, and launches "Blackbird and the Cedar" is the first song on the album to really show off the song writing skill of the band. The song is reminiscent of the Barenaked Ladies; the lead singer sounds like Steven Page at his most solemn and the style of guitar playing



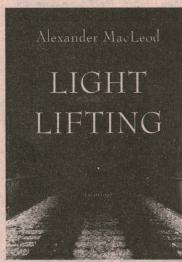
parallels that of Ed Robertson. It's moody, and it provides a serious moment in between a couple of bouncy tracks.

"Slot Machines" begins sounding like a Celtic stomp, but quickly turns into a rather tacky bluegrass number. The bluegrass style continues on "Freight Trains", which sounds again like early BNL, maybe something from Gordon. "Concession Street (Charge across Cedar)" has to be the catchiest song on the album, and also the most pop-oriented. This would be my choice for a single: a catchy, laid-back pop song in which the singer sounds a lot like Chris Martin of Coldplay.

The album is undoubtedly an eclectic album, but it exudes a confidence that I wasn't expecting at the beginning. Admittedly, at times the album becomes raucous, and sometimes I wonder if the musicians themselves know what they're playing. It takes a while to get used to the style of music presented here, but with an open mind, the album can be truly enjoyable. You won't hear any songs from this album on Top 40 radio, however; if you're looking for real radio-friendly material, you're better off sticking with Bieber.

SMU Prof in the running for Literary Award

Written by: Adam Faber



Dr. Alexander MacLeod, a proffessor at SMU, has been nominated for the 2010 Giller Prize.

The Gillier Prize, considered a highly prestigious literary award, would also come with a \$50,000 prize.

He is nominated for his collection of short stories, entitled Light Lifting. The stories were written over the last 13 years, while he worked and helped raise a family. Dr. MacLeod is currently on sabbatical from his role as Assistant Professor of English and Undergraduate Coordinator of Atlantic Canada Studies.

Not that awards are unheard of in the MacLeod line. Alexander is the son of acclaimed writer Alistair MacLeod, whose book No Great Mischief won the International Dublin IMPAC Literary Award in 2001.

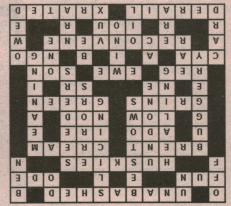








Crossword Answers



The Journal: Business & Tech

Goodbye, E-mail

Written by: William Matheson Contributor

"We're listening," said the official news release, once found on the university homepage under "Email Update". Yes, you're no longer compelled to use your smu.ca / stmarys.ca e-mail address. You can use an e-mail account of your choice now. But the bad news is that they're unilaterally taking away our Saint Mary's e-mail addresses, even for those who wish to continue using them. There is no option of being grandfathered in for those who have been using the addresses for years. The change is a bit of a smack upside the head - especially since for at least the past year, we've had the option of specifying a forwarding address in SMUport - you've effectively had the option of using an e-mail account of your choice on the "back end". But due to FOIPOP legislation and technical limitations, you can no longer have your e-mail cake and eat it too.

The changes don't just impact students: Staff and faculty can no longer forward their e-mail to an external address. This will reduce the accessibility of professors, and those who wish to remain connected may well be promulgating alternative e-mail addresses. No longer will you e-mail a professor at their Saint Mary's account (the only socially acceptable way for a first contact) and get an instant reply from their Gmail and carry on the conversation from there.

In fact, it's the forwarding that's the real problem. As the decision FAQ states, "The confidentiality of internal communications can only be ensured by using the Saint Mary's email system. Also, under FOIPOP legislation, email is an institution record which must be maintained. This can only be done using our own systems." (It's easy to archive incoming mail that is forwarded, but they would not be able to see the replies to these messages.)

It was the availability of convenient forwarding that spurred me to start using my Saint Mary's address in the first place. Taking away forwarding dramatically decreases the usefulness of the account. Having more than one e-mail account to check is burdensome at best – it's the cyber equivalent of having to sleep in more than one bed each night. And, personally speaking, I am chagrined that this is being sold as a "we're listening to you!" moment when the real impetus behind the change and decision is legal and technical.

At least we can make lemons out of lemonade. Since we will have to update the prospective employers to which we foolishly gave our 4-year-post-secondary-institutional e-mail addresses, we can use this "as an opportunity to remind the employer of [our] interest." And that our university is a basket case, but why mention that? Somehow I get the feeling that Harvard isn't forcing a similar policy on its students. Or Dalhousie, for that matter. At any rate, you can be sure that some students of Harvard paste their harvard.edu e-mail addresses all over their on-and-offline documents. We're not Harvard, but why should we be any different?

Among the FAQ's sundry attempts to assuage is the statement that "an email address is typically neutral and has no impact in hiring unless it is a particularly controversial or offensive address."

I agree. But much like a school ring, a school e-mail address is a status symbol worth having. By reserving this symbol for faculty and staff, we are effectively degrading the egalitarian spirit we have within this institution. Yet this is really about forwarding, not status – the loss of a status symbol for the impoverished huddled masses is just an incidental side effect. But for this reason alone I think it's worth fighting back.

Social Networking - The Basics

Written by: Angela Lindsey

How many online accounts do you have? Do you have a Facebook account? What about a MySpace account? Do you use Twitter or LinkedIn? With all the websites online to share your life, it's hard to keep track of them all. Most people prefer one or two of these websites, but have accounts on many. Personal preferences aside, some of these tools are better suited to different uses than others. Here is some information about three of the major social networks.

Facebook (www.facebook.com)
Likely the most well-known of the social networks online, Facebook has been in the news and in our faces almost constantly for the past couple of years — even on the big screen, with The Social Network coming out in October. It's rare that you meet a person without a Facebook account these days, and with good reason. The site has something for everyone, from connecting with friends and family to playing multiplayer games.

Why would you want a Facebook account? As university students, many of us are far from home and need a way to keep in contact with our friends and family while away. This site allows you to read real-time updates about their lives, share photos and videos, and message them privately if you have a more personal message to send. Another great feature is the ability to create custom friends lists, allowing you to choose which updates your friends see and which updates your family members see - great when you're posting about the awesome party you went to the night before.

Twitter (www.twitter.com)

When asked what Twitter was after its conception a few years ago, the common answer was "it's like Facebook's status updates". This was a confusing way to explain the site during a time when few people knew what it was actually about. Most Twitter accounts start with an update saying something like "New to this Twitter thing... Not sure what I'm doing here..." and blossom into something much bigger. So what is Twitter, exactly? Twitter allows you to answer the question "What's happening?" in 140 characters or less.

Twitter has evolved a lot over the past few years. When it started, it was a simple interface and a search function that wasn't nearly as intelligent as people would have liked. Since then, they've added many helpful features. One of these features is something called "mentions", which allow you to see who is replying to you or mentioning something that you've said ("tweeted") to their followers, to help you get your word out to a larger audience. A more recent update to the site is the "Who to follow" portion of the site, which suggests twitter accounts for you to follow, based on mutual contacts or celebrity status.

LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com)

Where many social networks tend to be more personal, LinkedIn focuses on your professional social life. Primarily used as a tool for networking and career development, this site allows you to stay in touch with former coworkers and classmates, search for job and business opportunities, and ask questions of professionals in your chosen field. This site formats your profile like a resume, allowing you to constantly update your current job, business contacts, and qualifications.

There is an opportunity to add your personal social networking tools to your LinkedIn profile, but you should be careful about doing so. You wouldn't want your teachers or boss to see your Facebook or Twitter updates about the crazy party you went to the night before or about how much you hate your job, would you?

Ping.fm (www.ping.fm)

With the number of accounts you can have at any given time, you may find it overwhelming to update them all with something important. This is where Ping.fm comes in! You link all of your social networking accounts to your profile on Ping.fm, and update all or some of them with the same status at the click of a button. The site currently supports 34 social networks, and has a link which allows you to submit suggestions for networks that they don't currently support to be added to the site. Ping.fm has a few different ways you can submit posts to your networks (such as e-mail or instant messaging) and has features to allow you to differentiate between your social networks, choosing some to post status updates (identified by @s), micro-blogs (identified by @m), or longer blogs (identified by @b). The Help and Information Wiki is very easy to navigate and gives you the opportunity to find different tips and tricks for using this service quickly and easily.

This is another tool that, while helpful, could be dangerous to your reputation. If you keep your social networks very separate (LinkedIn for professional purposes, Facebook for family, and Twitter for friends, for example) then you may find this service too difficult to use effectively. On the other hand, if you have social networking accounts set up for a small business or website that you maintain, this provides convenience and allows you to bring your updated information to all of your users or fans at once.

Do you have a social network that you use frequently? Have you found a new tip or trick for using your social networks more effectively? E-mail your suggestions to lindsey.angela@gmail.com to see them featured in a future issue of The Journal!

This Week's New Games

Written by: Angela Lindsey

Be on the lookout for these new games this week!

09/28/10 – Dead Rising 2 (PC/ Xbox 360/PS3 - Capcom)

09/28/10 – Guitar Hero: Warriors of Rock (Xbox 360/PS3/Wii - Activision)

09/28/10 – FIFA Soccer 11 (PC/ Xbox 360/PS3 – EA Sports)

09/28/10 – Atelier Rorona: The Alchemists of Arland (PS3 – Tecmo)

09/30/10 – Final Fantasy XIV (PC – Square Enix)



The Journal: Business & Tech

Week in Tech: September 18 - 24

Written by: Angela Lindsey

went down approximately 2.5 hours on Thursday, September 23, making this the worst outage in the four-year history of the site. Once the Facebook team got the site back up and running, they issued a statement in the form of a note on the Facebook Engineering page. This statement included the cause of the outage: their databases entered a feedback loop due to a change in the configuration. Don't worry, though they've since turned this system off and are "exploring new designs for this configuration system". This means that we shouldn't be seeing any more outages like this one any time soon.

Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg has announced a foundation dedicated to improving education in the U.S., called Startup: Education. The initial gift of 100 million dollars will be used to work with the Partnership for Education in Newark, New Jersey to help the New Jersey education system. In 2008 - 2009, only 40 percent of students could read and write at grade level by the end of third grade. Read more about this foundation on its Facebook page (facebook.com/startupeducation), which is updated with press releases and information as more becomes available

Microsoft is now offering rewards to people using their search engine, Bing. You earn 250 Bing points by signing up and installing the Bing Bar, which translate to Microsoft points for use with Xbox Live or Zune. You also have an opportunity to earn 8 points for searching 16 times per day, and they will program specific searches worth 6 points each. Eventually, you will be able to redeem these points - but only once they mail you a card with your download code.

At the moment, you can only buy the **Apple iPad** from Best Buy and from Apple themselves, but this is about to change. On October 2, American retail giant **Target** plans to start stocking the iPad for sale. Target plans to sell all six models, with prices starting at \$499. Competitor **Walmart** has *stated that they hope to sell the iPad by the end of the year, as well.

The ship date for the Apple TV was originally set to be in September, but the shipment has been delayed 2 to 3 weeks, putting the new ship date sometime in October. This is similar to the shipping delay from the launch of the iPad. The e-mail sent to customers who paid for expedited shipping to inform them of the delays simply states "Our records indicate that when you placed your order you

you paid for upgraded shipping. Due to a delay, we may have not been able to meet our delivery commitment." Apple is issuing refunds for this expedited shipping, and there is no specific date listed on their website for the updated shipment.

Netflix has brought its streaming video service to Canada. They're offering a one-month free trial for new users, and after this period if you haven't cancelled your subscription, the price is \$7.99 per month. At the moment, the available devices listed on their website for streaming content are the iPad, iPhone, Wii, and PS3, with the Xbox 360 listed as "coming soon". Many people have complained of a limited selection, but Netflix claims that they are "continually working with the studios to add more."

Between Wednesday and Thursday, 19-year-old Stanford University student Feross Aboukhadijeh took inspiration from the new Google Instant and built his own version – YouTube Instant (ytinstant.com), resulting in what he calls "craziness". The next day, he had his own Wikipedia page, interview requests, congratulation e-mails, and a job offer via Twitter – from YouTube CEO Chad Hurley. His interview,



scheduled for Monday, September 27, will be at YouTube's headquarters in San Bruno, California. Aboukhadijeh is currently working to improve the usability of this site, including play and pause features, and his development inspired Google Maps Instant, built by Alabama-based developer Michael Hart.

If you are looking for a new computer for the school year, Dell has launched the Inspiron One 23, a 23-inch multi-touch display with a touch interface called "Stage". The starting price for this model is \$799, and should be available during the week of September 27. Dell has also updated its Inspiron Zino HD line of computers with new hardware, to include such features as 1TB of storage and 8GB of DDR3 RAM. The price for these models starts at \$299, but goes up to over \$800 for the fully upgraded model. You can find this information, as well as system specs, on their website (dell.com).

EA is hosting a three-day open beta for Medal of Honor multiplayer starting on October 4th. According to EA Games president Frank Gibeau, "The Open Beta of the Medal of Honor multiplayer mode will allow players to sample the authenticity and adrenaline-fueled action that the full game will offer on October 12." Gibeau also states that he hopes this open beta will help clear up any misunderstandings about the patriotism or respect that are the foundation of the game. This seems to be mainly directed at the criticism of the game arising from the ability to play as Taliban members in multiplayer mode.

Nintendo turned 121 on Thursday. Famous now for console gaming, Nintendo started in 1889 by producing handmade cards. After many business models (including a cab company, instant rice sales and a love hotel), Nintendo became a toy company with a product called the Ultra Hand. The Nintendo we know and love as a video game company was brought about in 1973, when the company created the Laser Clay Shooting System for use in arcades.

Visceral Games has been sending invitations for the closed multiplayer beta for Dead Space 2 to select PS3 owners. They have now included a link on their Twitter account (twitter. com/deadspace) to their Facebook page, which has details about signing up for this beta.

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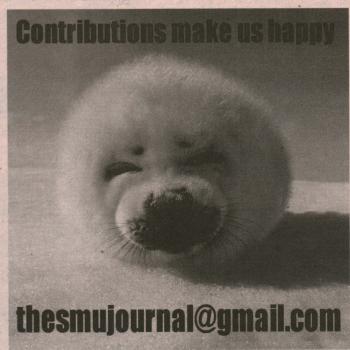
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The Journal: Student Life

Halifax - The Hit List

Written by: Suvir Pursnani

House Parties

"I think I'm getting to old for this" was the thought running through my head when I decided to check out Phi Kappa Pi's frat party last week. Don't get me wrong, that party was kicking. \$15 for a balls-out kegger-jam, that's all good in my books. The boys there have a nice setup; the rec room above and the grimy basement hell below. Everything from the beer soaked floors to the heat brought on by all the people packed down there would be enough to turn anyone not in the mood to party off. It's a rave down there, and that's what I love about that place. It's like something out of an American Pie movie. The cops even came to shut it down, so you know it was pimping. I remember freshman year, walking into that place with a clean shirt and a few buddies and walking out filthy with god knows who at my arm. That's what I wanted as a 1st year undergrad. On the topic of house parties, another mention is the party house on Tower Road. Known for their crazy keggers, these guys are a fun bunch who know how to throw a party.

Bars and Pubs

If you're a few years older, I'm sure you already know where to go. I was overwhelmed with the amount of pubs and bars that Halifax has got in it. If you're a fan of music, I definitely recommend checking out Gatsby's or The Seahorse for the style and the



live tunes. If you're more into sports, Oasis and Bubba Ray's. There are way too many bars in and around this town to have a favourite right off the bat. You've got to hit them all at least once. I'm sure that all the people who took part in last Friday's UniFest Pub Crawl know what I'm talking about. On a serious note though, SMU is the best university in this town, don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

Clubs

The Palace, Pacifico, Reflections, and last but not least, The Dome. I can't say much about any of these places; I'm not of age yet. Back where I'm from whether you're allowed to drink or not wasn't determined by age. The only thing that mattered was if you could look over the bar...I sprouted at a young age. One of Halifax's clubs stands out from the rest; The Dirty Dome. All I want to do is add a little bit of caution. Not for who you go with, but for whom you come

out with. Don't drink too much and don't pick a fight, that's not what the club scene is about. Getting tipsy and grinding with some hot girls to some banging music is what I would consider a good time. Hit the clubs in the weekends, but you don't want to overdo it. Carpe Noctem Saint Mary's!

Cafes

Enough about the nightlife though. ESCAPE THE TIM HORTON'S! It wouldn't do you any harm to bust out of your, what I like to call, Horton's routine. Find those hidden indie cafes. Sure a coffee might cost a little extra and the destination might be a little out of your way, but I say time and money well spent. The extra bucks going into fair trade products are definitely worth it. Some honourable mentions are The Smiling Goat, Just Us, and last but not least, Steve O Reno's. If you're not up for a walk, check out the Just Us in the atrium or the 100% Organic place in McNally's basement and support the fair trade

Point Pleasant Park

The first time I went was at 3 AM one night in late November with the smoking hot German exchange students on my floor. Was I getting lucky? I wish. We were there for the Leonids meteor shower; some trippy stuff. It's good to get out of the university, out of the city for a

while. The park has a lot of hidden areas that are only accessible through the dirt pathways. I enjoyed biking around and finding a new spot to study every time. Everyone should take advantage of the decent weather right now before winter hits. So grab a book, grab some friends, or grab your girlfriend. Whether you want to study, hang out with the gang, or get a quickie, I'm sure that Point Pleasant won't disappoint.

Rez Parties

I visited the floor I was on last year and only to be disappointed. It's important to balance work with play, but there was just a little bit too much work going on there. I know security is tight, but there's no harm in throwing a party if it's

contained. We're in college guys;

beer pong and flip cup are our two biggest sports. I used to train for these games before I came to university. All I'm saying is to have a good time on the weekends... make sure to toss me an invite too.

On an end note, Halifax really is a great place to be. It's a college city. I've met a lot of people that compare it to big cities like Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver. Halifax isn't as big and doesn't have much to do comparatively. Instead of thinking of what this city isn't, think of what it is. It can be laid back or fast paced whenever I want it to be. I'm glad to be going to university here. So party hard and enjoy life, but don't forget why you're here.

University study concludes 'Beer Pong' gets you drunk

Written by: Adam Faber

Thanks, science! A study by Auburn University's Department of Psychology has concluded that playing 'Beer Pong' would result in rapid consumption of alcohol, and "an associated rise in BAC." 52 undergrad students underwent a 'Simulated Drinking Game Procedure' (SDGP) where beer was replaced by water, making it



the worst party of the year so far. The study goes on the discuss the dangers of drinking to excess, placing emphasis on risks to women. Defending their study of what many see as the obvious, they state: "The SDGP is a research tool capable of increasing our understanding of drinking games."

Fall Cooking Extravaganza!

Written by: Sarah Faber - Contributor

It is fall and along with the quest to de-must my sweaters, the quest rid my kitchen herbs of unnecessary, yet delicious, late summer foliage and my quest to woo and charm the handsome editor in chief of the SMU journal (Harry Potter is currently experiencing a period of Renaissance at Chateau Faber...quests for all!), it is also time to cast aside the grilled foodstuffs of summer and embark on a quest to find the most delicious of fall's offerings! I am speaking of delicious and comforting fall dishes. Here is a menu guaranteed to comfort, fill and provide endless means to impress friends, roommates and parents. Dinner begins with garlic pita bread followed by baked penne and apple crisp for dessert. Remember! Tuesdays are 10% off student days at Sobeys!

Garlic Pita Bread with Cheese

2 Greek-style pitas
3tsp melted butter or margarine
1 tsp Italian seasoning
2 cloves crushed fresh garlic or 1/4 tsp
powdered garlic
Grated cheese (parmigiana,

mozzarella or cheddar work well)

Preheat the oven to 350. Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment paper.

Melt the butter and stir in the Italian seasoning and garlic. Spread the mixture evenly over the two pita wheels with a pastry brush or the back of a spoon. Sprinkle with as much cheese as you like and bake for 10 minutes. Cut and serve fresh out of the oven. This can also be made in a toaster oven.

Baked Penne

2½ cups dried penne (the tube-shaped

1 lb. (0.45 kg) extra lean ground beef (sausages without casings or ground pork may also be used)

1 medium onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced or 1/4 tsp powdered garlic

1/2 tsp oregano 1/4 tsp basil

1 650mL jar of pasta sauce (I use plain and spice it myself. If you're short on time and/or spices, use a jar of the pre-seasoned variety)

black pepper

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese ¾ cup mushrooms and bell peppers, diced (optional)

Cook the pasta according to the package directions. Drain and set aside. While the pasta is cooking, brown the beef in a large frying pan.

Add the garlic, onion, oregano and basil and cook until the beef is done. Drain the fat into a bowl or empty can. DO NOT DUMP IT DOWN THE SINK! Add the jar of sauce, the cooked pasta, enough black pepper to add a pleasing kick (my spiffy blue spice mill/futuristic torture device/toothbrush requires 3 cranks. I believe that is equivalent to 1/4 tsp) and 3/4 cup of the grated mozzarella. Stir in the diced mushrooms and peppers, if using. Spoon the mixture into a 9x13" casserole dish and bake, covered (if your dish has no cover, use foil), in a 375 oven 25-30 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese. Bake another 5 minutes, or until the cheese is melted.

This dish can be made ahead, refrigerated and heated before serving. It also freezes well for those nights when dinner options are limited to root beer, skittles and powdered milk. Goes well, like many home-based activities, with a nice Cabernet Sauvignon or Carmenere.

Apple Crisp

A classic fall favourite, best served with vanilla ice cream. A true kitchen ninja will assemble this dessert before dinner and pop it in the oven when everyone is enjoying the main course. It is also permissible to hold this delectable crisp hostage until the dishes are done. If this is your oven's maiden voyage under your expert leadership, set a pan with a shallow layer of water on the oven rack to make sure your oven is level. This is important for roasting meats and virtually all baked goods. This dish can also be made in the microwave.

5 cups of apples, peeled, cored and sliced (Granny Smith, pink lady and cortland are all good baking apples) If you run short of apples, toss in some fresh or frozen blueberries, cherries, rhubarb, pumpkin or any other fruit you have laying around.

3 Tbsp white sugar ½ cup regular rolled oats

½ cup brown sugar

1/4 cup all purpose flour

1/4 tsp ground cinnamon 1/4 cup butter or margarine

1/4 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat the oven to 375. Place the sliced apples in an 8x8 glass or ceramic baking dish. Stir in the sugar. To make the topping, combine the oats, brown sugar, flour and cinnamon in a separate bowl. Cut in the butter until

mixture is evenly crumbly. This can be done with a pastry blender (looks like a cross between a fork and brass knuckles), two knives or clean hands. Stir in the nuts (if using). Sprinkle the topping over the fruit and bake 30-35 minutes until the topping is golden brown.

For the microwave:

Prepare the fruit and cover with plastic wrap, poking holes in the top. Microwave on high 4-6 minutes, until fruit is tender. Stir every 2 minutes. Prepare the topping and sprinkle over the filling. Microwave uncovered on high 2-4 minutes, or until topping is heated through. If your microwave does not have a turntable, manually turn the dish once.

The Journal: Sports

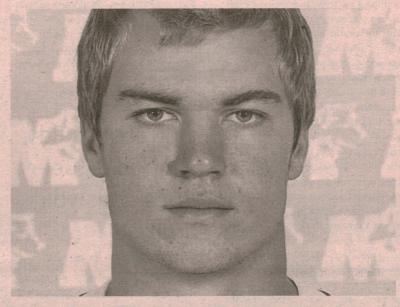
The Sum of the Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts...

Written by: James Urquhart

In the wake of a very disappointing performance against Acadia in the Huskies season opener, starting quarterback Jack Creighton was benched in favor of U.S. transfer Micah Brown. This is most likely old news for the majority of sports fans at Saint Mary's, but what you may not know is that Jack Creighton has left the Huskies and will not be returning to play at Saint Mary's. This comes as a surprise to most, and is a huge blow to the quarterback core, as they are left with only two quarterbacks on the roster. There is no doubting the talent of Creighton. He has been an instrumental part of the huskies' success over the past two seasons. He has been at the helm as the Huskies have gone on to play in the national semi-finals each of the past two years. He has led a number of incredible and improbable comebacks. His on field leadership and talent will surely be missed

Most will immediately be enraged after hearing this news; I know that was my first reaction. The words quitter, deserter and traitor come to mind. Many of us are still sore from the loss of Eric Glavic just a year prior, and that fact has the propensity to make this situation sting even more. We may ask ourselves why we

...we should not take the loss of Jack Creighton as the end of the world, nor should we look towards Mr. Creighton with any ill regard.



at Saint Mary's continue to lose quarterbacks? But let us not focus on the negative, instead lets take a look at the future (including the rest of this upcoming season). The season is by no means over just because of one player. In fact, this most recent happening may make our beloved Huskies even stronger. We still posses one of the best defensive units in the country. Saint Mary's has a long and storied history of being a defensive juggernaut; and this year's addition is no different. We also have strong a special teams unit that is capable of turning in big, game changing plays on any given kick or punt. And let us not forget our offense; although there have been some early season struggles, there have been flashes of brilliance in both of the first two games of the season. The receiving core is strong and is more than capable of caring the offensive load on any given night. The running game remains a staple of Saint Mary's football. Our running game is as good as most, and our running backs have already shown that they are willing and able to slice through opposing defensive lines. And last, but certainly not least, we have our quarterbacks. Although the Huskies will be undermanned for the season, the future looks bright. Micah Brown, our new starter from this

point out, is a highly regarded quarterback by all accounts. He is an excellent runner, which was on full display this weekend against the formidable Laval defensive line. In addition he has a cannon of an arm. I personally think we have little to worry about for the rest of the season.

All things considered, I think that we should not take the loss of Jack Creighton as the end of the world, nor should we look towards Mr. Creighton with any ill regard. Lets look at all the good things he did in his time here at Saint Mary's. Let us use this situation as a rallying cry for the rest of the season. Lets get out to as many huskies' home games as we can and cheer on our team to another AUS championship (and if all things line up, hopefully a deep run into the postseason as well).

Bidding Farewell to a Friend that has been so good to us...

Written by: James Urquhar

The beginning of a new football season is always a joyous occasion for football fans of all ages. Halifax is no exception to this rule; we love our football and we huskies wear our hearts on our sleeves. We get excited for the prospect of a great season filled with excitement, big plays, nail-biting finishes, and if all the pieces fall into place, a run at the national semi finals, and perhaps even the Vanier Cup. And we have always at the very least had the satisfaction of knowing that no matter what the outcome of the season for our huskies; we always had the Uteck Bowl to look forward to every second year. I mean really, what is better than watching two of the four best teams in the country fight it out for the chance to play for Canadian University football supremacy? Unfortunately, there is more of a chill in the brisk autumn air this year than even us Haligonians are accustomed to. If you have not heard the news yet, the 2011, 2013 and 2015 (inclusive) Uteck Bowl games will be held in Moncton after being held, almost exclusively, in Halifax for six

Now the immediate response from the diehard football fan, myself included, is to scratch our heads and ask how this could have happened. Why would the AUS and the Uteck committee allow our sacred Uteck Bowl to be "deported" to a city that doesn't even currently have a varsity football program? And let us consider this angle for a second. What does this mean for the future of football in Halifax and in the Maritimes in general? What does it mean that the region's biggest city (by quite a substantial margin) cannot hold on to the Uteck Bowl? As a fan, this might be very alarming to you. You may be very angry and want some answers. I mean football is a very big part of being a Saint Mary's Husky. What right does the AUS and Uteck Bowl committee have for taking away our Uteck Bowl? And from this point of view I am still very upset about this

There is however another side to the story. Let us once again consider the question of what this means for football in the Maritime region. Since 2001 attendance at the Uteck Bowl has been on the decline. Now the logical question to ask oneself is why? Well for one, there have long been complaints about the fact that the Atlantic University Sports conference is comprised of only four teams. Furthermore, if we look at past results from the AUS, it has

been a little one sided in the favor of Saint Mary's. Now in no way am I indicating that I hope that anyone but Saint Mary's wins the AUS championship each and every year, but for those who do not share my unilateral bias, a little more competition would be nice. Aside from the fan's interest, there is also the economic situation to be considered. The AUS is after all a business (football conferences are not self-sufficient and self-supporting entities), and the point of a business is to make money. According to recently published reports, the AUS was losing money while hosting the Uteck Bowl on a bi-annual basis. This is simply not an acceptable business practice, and should be of concern to the football fan and the AUS alike. If the AUS where to get to the point at which they could no longer afford to remain operational, what would this mean for the future of football in the Maritimes? The move to Moncton is a business move, and needs to be seen as just that. I mean lets face it the normal capacity of the new stadium in Moncton is 10,000 people. Husky Stadium is not able to seat 10,000 even when extra seating is added. In addition, the maximum seating capacity of the Moncton is 20,000 people.



The Moncton stadium can hold up to 20,000

So the question becomes are we more interested in football in the Maritimes, or are we more interested in having the Uteck Bowl remain in Halifax? Well, the solution to the second question necessarily follows from the first. If we are to have the Uteck Bowl, and more specifically football in general stay in Halifax, we need to improve the AUS conference. The only way that this will be accomplished is expanding the conference to include varsity football programs at all the major universities in the Maritimes. Let us not look at our loss of the Uteck Bowl as a failure on anyone's part. Let us look at as a sound business move, one that will have positive long-term benefits for football in our region. Let us also look at this as an opportunity, and

dare I say it a wake-up call, one that must be responded to immediately on the part of Saint Mary's University. This is an opportunity to make much needed improvements to the current football facilities at Saint Mary's. The only way that Halifax will be able to secure the Uteck Bowl, and security these necessary improvements, which are long overdue. As a Saint Mary's football fan, I am saddened that I will no longer be able to attend the Uteck Bowl at my alma mater for a lengthy period of time. However, as a fan, interested in the future of football in Halifax, and more generally in the Maritimes, I see this as a step in the right direction and only a temporary inconvenience for our school.

The Journal: Sports

SMU Men and Women Soccer Teams off to a Good Start

Written by: James Urquhart

The beginning of the school also signals the beginning of another football season (or soccer as it is more commonly known to North Americans). Soccer, although not as popular in North American circles as its American counterpart that shares the shares the same name, has a rich and storied history at Saint Mary's. Saint Mary's always puts good, competitive teams on the "pitch" and has fared well in inter-conference play. This year both the men and women's teams are off to great starts.

On the men's side, Saint Mary's is off to a perfect start and sit in top spot in the AUS conference. They have proved to be much too strong for their opponents, having scored an incredible sixteen goals, as compared to their opponent's two. Jonathan Cordoba is leading the scoring attack with five goals, followed by Shawn Kodejs and Elvir Gigolaj who have each notched three goals, Ian Coke who has two and then Nils Webber, Peter Garonis and Shane Rajaraman who have a goal apiece. Credit also has to go to keeper Adam Miller for his steady play in goal. He has already turned in three clean sheets in the first five games and holds an astonishing 0.857 save percentage. The men have risen to fifth in the CIS rankings, and if they continue with the torrent pace they are on, the sky is the limit.

On the women's side, the play has also been steady. The women currently sit in fourth place in the AUS conference and hold a record of one win, two losses and two ties. They have held their own with the big guns in the AUS and have shown that they are a force to be reckoned with. Scoring leaders for the women's side are Heidi Pentz, who has two goals and two assist, followed by Kelly Burgess who has a goal and two assists, Melissa Currie and Monica Diab who have each notched a goal, Lindsay Millett has one assist. Justine Caldwell has been in net for the majority of the ladies' matches and has faired well.

Both the men and women have some key upcoming matches in the weeks to come. On October first the men and women Huskies will be facing off against our cross-town rivals, the Dalhousie Tigers. The next home game for the Huskies is not until the twenty-second, so lets all do our best to make it out to support our Huskies on the First at Tigers Stadium. Indeed lets show Dalhousie why Saint Mary's is known for having one of the most enthusiastic and dynamic fan bases in the country. Fan attendance at soccer matches has been less than stellar as of late, which is a real shame given the level of talent that is on display. So again, lets all do our best to get out and support our Huskies!

Sports Results for September 11th Through 24th

Football

Week One (September 11th):

Saint Mary's @ Acadia

Week Two (September 18th):

Laval @ Saint Mary's

Soccer: Men's Results (Currently ranked 5th in the CIS)

Week One:

September 11th: Moncton @ Saint Mary's

September 12th: UNB @ Saint Mary's 0 1 Week Two:

September 18th: Saint Mary's @ UPEI

September 19th: Saint Mary's @ Mount Allison

September 22nd:
Dalhousie @ Saint Mary's

Women's Results

Week One:

September 11th:
Moncton @ Saint Mary's

September 12th: UNB @ Saint Mary's

Week Two:

September 18th: Saint Mary's @ UPEI

September 19th: Saint Mary's @ Mount Allison 0 0

September 22nd:
Dalhousie @ Saint Mary's
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Rugby: Women's Results

Week One (September 11th): Saint Mary's @ UPEI 19 10

Week Two (September 19th): StFX @ Saint Mary's Cross Country:

28th Annual "Classic de Cross Country U de M" (Moncton, N.B.) held September 18th

Men's Results from 8K:

6th Place: Brad Orchard

24th Place: Brad Palmer

35th Place: Michael LeRossignol

36th Place: Brett Glover

41st Place: JK MacAdam

Saint Mary's finished fourth overall in the event.

Women's Results from 5K:

35th Place: Alycia Fletcher

39th Place: Laura Fitzgerald

40th Place: Kelsey Boudreau

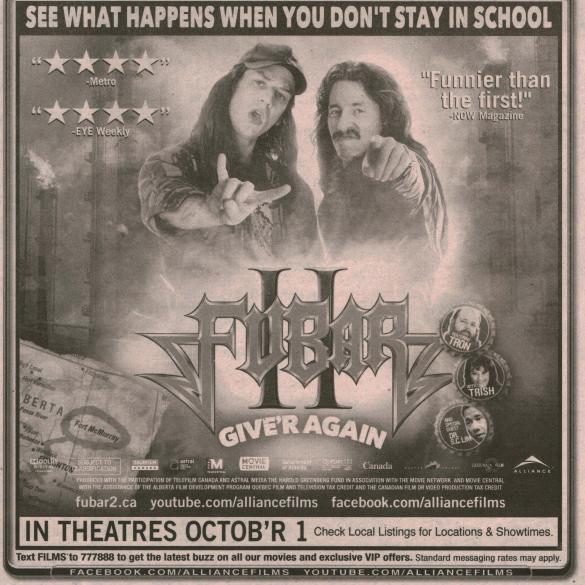
45th Place: Erin MacLeod

46th Place: Sharlane MacLeod

50th Place: Katie Myatt

Saint Mary's finished sixth overall in the event.







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