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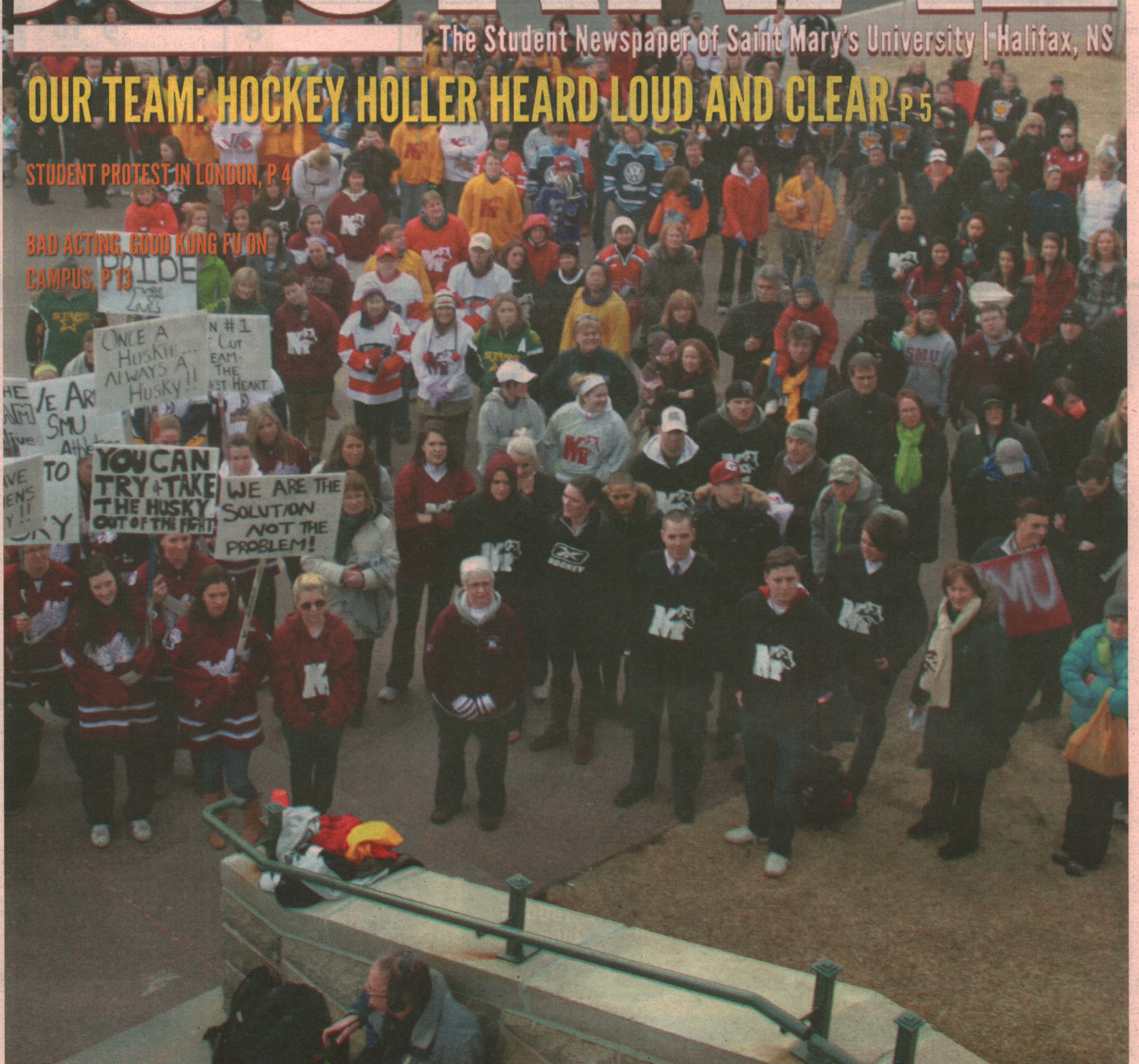
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Saint Mary's University Students' Association

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>CAMPUS CALENDAR</b> <b>LEGEND</b> Presented by SMUSA Sporting Event / SMU Athletics Academic Event or Presented by SMU Alcohol Available No Entry Fee for SMU Students No Minors (19 years+ only) Gorsebrook Special To get your event added to the Campus Calendar, send an email to marketing.manager@smusa.ca		Open Mic Night <b>Mar 30</b> @ The Gorsebrook Lounge 9:30pm Health & Wellness Week: Mind Day Hosted by Women's Centre	Health & Wellness <b>31</b> Week: Soul Day Hosted by Women's Centre	<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>2 3</b>
	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10% Student Discount at Sobeys (Queen St.) Pub Trivia Night Last Class Bash @ The Gorsebrook Loange 7:00pm	Open Mic Night <b>6</b> @ The Gorsebrook Lounge 9:30pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

### Health and Wellness Week MIND, BODY AND SOUL

March 29-31

Presented by the Saint Mary's Women Center in conjunction with the Saint Mary's Health and Wellness Committee

11am - 12pm 12pm - 1pm 1pm - 2pm 2pm - 3pm 3pm - 4pm

Mind Day March 30

Soul Day March 31



\*Life Coach: Being authentic, uncover the gifts that come from discovering who you really are  
With Janet Webber Loyola PDR

\*Stress Management: Coping with life's challenges with Bobbi Pearce Loyola PDR

\*Electronic Communication and Conflict with Bridget Brownlow Loyola PDR

Meditation Bioenergetics and Transformation With Dr. Jeapre @ The Tower

\*Shambhala Meditation with Ehan Neville Loyola PDR

\*\*Lunch and Learn: Feeding the Soul with Erica Savage & Heather Osmond Loyola PDR

\*1:30-2:15 pm The Fire in You - A Look at the Power of Heart Energy or Blood and How Arteriosclerosis can Release It for Full Healing. Traditional Chinese Medicine with Joe Starr Canadian College of Acupuncture & Traditional Chinese Medicine Loyola PDR

\*2:15-3pm Naturopath Discussion: How Stress, Sugar, and Sleep are drastically affecting our long-term health with Dr. Sherrisse O'Leary Loyola PDR

Enhancing Health and Wellness through Bioenergetics Tai Chi with Dr. Jeapre @ The Tower

\*Refreshments and snacks will be provided \*\*Lunch will be provided PDR-Private Dining Room is located by the Loyola Cafeteria! All events are free of charge for SMU students! Tower events charge \$10 for non SMU students

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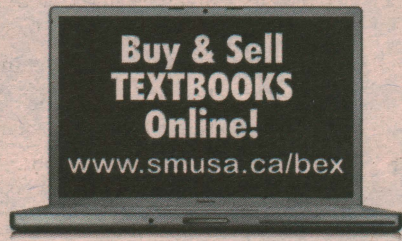
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# PERSPECTIVE

## GO TEAM!

ADAM FABER • EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Well, that sure was fun! When threatened with losing the Saint Mary's Women's Ice Hockey Team, there was a concentrated

group effort to preserve it. There was the 'Rally at McNally', which had great communication, organization and discussion. There was a large amount of letters and e-mails sent to the people who can get things changed. It's like they were some sort of team, or something! Let's contrast that with the seemingly hasty release of the news that the Women's Ice Hockey Team was no longer going to receive funding from the university. With little more than two weeks notice, the coach was informed that her contract would not be renewed. 'A difficult decision to make,' was how

the choice was described. Was it unknown that government funding was going to be reduced? I thought O'Neill made it pretty clear that reductions were going to happen well in advance. However, instead of communicating and organizing with the teams themselves, potential sponsors, or even the community to make up the shortfall in budgeting, Saint Mary's hacked and slashed. I'm not even sure that they did their homework... You know, the fact that Larry Uteck started the team, and that Sue Uteck might be upset about a piece of his legacy being 'discontinued'. If I may use a sports metaphor, they dropped the ball. Don't worry, SMU, the athletic community has your back! After understandably making their displeasure known, solutions were made available. Dodds was 'particularly struck by the personal stories shared with me by student athletes, past and present, parents and coaches'. His second press release mentioned that he will look for ways to harness the support that was demon-



strated. The greater community, the one that was not consulted, provided the answers to the university, and now they can act on them if they choose to do so. The ball is in your court now! Allow me to let Saint Mary's in on a little secret, one the varsity teams know well: You need to have a game plan. If you wing it, you will not do well. If the conversation started earlier, the PR nightmare of seeming heavy-handed on

women's sports could have been avoided. Instead, Saint Mary's decision makers are made to look like the bad guys, and that they dropped the ball... Which in all honesty, they did. What I would suggest is that they go to watch a few women's hockey games, so they can see the communication and teamwork involved. They could stand to learn a little bit on that subject.

## SMU WOMEN'S CENTRE CALLING DECISION TO SCRAP WOMEN'S HOCKEY OFFSIDE

### SMU WOMEN'S CENTRE

Dear SMU Women's Hockey Team,



The Saint Mary's Women's Centre would like to extend our support to your team, and our sincere regret of SMU's decision to cut your funding. As hockey is undoubtedly a part of the Canadian identity, the SMU women's hockey team was a very important piece of the SMU community. As male teams regrettably dominate in the popular media, the SMU Women's hockey team was crucial to shifting the societal perspective to encompassing both genders into sports arenas. As females represent the majority of students on campus, we are very concerned that it was the women's team that was cut, as the majority of students will now be excluded from the opportunity to engage with the team. Although we have heard that the primary reason for cutting the women's team was in relation to lower ticket sales, the Women's Centre would respond by asking the University administration to look critically at why that might be. As females have historically experienced exclusion from sports arenas, the fan



Councilor Sue Uteck speaks at the rally to save the SMU Women's Hockey Team

base has had less opportunity to form, and therefore revenue from ticket sales should not be to the detriment of the female athletes. We would also hope that ticket revenue not be considered a serious factor in determining the importance or success of a team, but rather the experience of the players themselves. Additionally, we hope that Saint Mary's University takes this opportunity to realize their potential to be a leader in providing female students with more and not less opportunities to engage in campus life, particularly in areas which have been historically denied to them.

At the Women's Centre, we have grown increasingly concerned over the programming cut to

women on SMU campus this past year, and the Women's Hockey team is another upsetting example. Earlier this year, SMU also cut the Women and Gender Studies Undergraduate program, providing no notice or explanation to students, which impacted all students currently enrolled in the

program, as well as prospective students. We can hope that Saint Mary's University will reconsider their decision, and take the opportunity to promote rather than devalue the inclusion of women in what has been a traditionally male activity. Any funding that is offered to the women's hockey team should be coming directly from the University itself, as this is likely the most long-term financial source for campus teams. There is a chance for the SMU administration to re-think their decision, as undoubtedly your team has been the recipients of a lot of support. We think the puck is in SMU's net, but the Women's Centre is calling the decision offside...



## GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Minimize the amount of printing you do. When sending greeting cards or letters, send them electronically instead of on paper.

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## ANTI-CUTS MARCH: TENS OF THOUSANDS AT LONDON PROTEST

**KEIMEKO SCOTLAND**

In the largest public protest since the Iraq war rally in 2003, more than 250,000 people attended a rally in central London against public spending cuts on March 26.

Marchers from across the UK set off from Victoria Embankment to Hyde Park, where Trade Union Congress general secretary Brendan Barber was first in a line of speakers.

Labour leader Ed Miliband addressed crowds in Hyde Park and the main march organised by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) passed off peacefully.

However, small groups attacked shops and banks with a stand-off in Piccadilly. There were 214 arrests and 66 people injured, including 13 police.

Ministers say the cuts are necessary to get the public finances in order. Treasury chief George Osborne has staked the government's future on tough economic remedies after Britain spent billions bailing out banks. Some half a million public sector jobs will likely be lost, about £18

billion (\$28.3 billion) axed from welfare payments and the pension age will be raised to 66 by 2020.

The TUC, which organized the event, said more than 250,000 people had taken part, and the Metropolitan Police confirmed the numbers.

BBC political reporter Brian Wheeler, in central London, said there were lots of families and older people, and the atmosphere was good-natured but the anger was real.

"We are here to send a message to the government that we are strong and united," he said.

"We will fight the savage cuts and we will not let them destroy peoples' services, jobs and lives."

"The noise in Whitehall was deafening as thousands of protesters banged drums, blew whistles and shouted anti-cut slogans, slowly making their way towards Trafalgar Square.

"The crowds were booing as they went past Number 10 Downing

Street, but the demonstration was good-natured and friendly.

Scotland Yard said there had been 202 arrests for public order offences, criminal damage, aggravated trespass and violent disorder.

Commander Bob Broadhurst said: "The main TUC march has been going well. We have had more than a quarter of a million people with hardly any problems.

"Unfortunately we have had a group of approximately 500 criminals committing some disorder including throwing paint at Topshop in Oxford Street and at the police, and scaring the public who are trying to shop."

Policing minister Nick Herbert said the government was "committed to supporting peaceful protest" and blamed the violence on "a small minority of individuals".

TUC general secretary Brendan Barber said he regretted the sporadic violence.

"I don't think the activities of a few hundred people should take the focus away from the hundreds of thousands of people who have sent a powerful message to the government today"

"Ministers should now seriously reconsider their whole strategy after today's demonstration. This has been Middle Britain speaking", he said.

With files from BBC, AP News

## EMERA INC. PLEDGES \$500,000 IN SUPPORT OF HALIFAX SKATING OVAL

**KEIMEKO SCOTLAND**

At a news conference held at the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame on March 26, Emera Inc. (the company that owns Nova Scotia Power) announced a donation of \$500,000 to keep the outdoor skating oval on the Halifax Common.

The donation represents a fraction of the estimated \$4.3 million to build and \$400,000 to operate annually a permanent facility.

Nova Scotia Power President and CEO Rob Bennett said Emera's announcement is meant to be top of mind for the city council.

"We wanted to be sure the councilors knew about this offer before they begin their deliberations in the coming days," said Bennett.

The 400-metre skating track was built to host speed-skating competitions during the 2011 Canada Winter Games. The oval was used before and after the games for free public skating.

The original plan, after the Games and the winter season finished, was to dismantle the track and distribute the equipment to various facilities around Nova Scotia, but public support for keeping the oval has made municipal politicians hold off.

The donation is a boost after a recent setback when Goodlife Fitness pulled its commitment of \$200,000 on the heels of a larger pledge from Molson Coors of \$400,000.

City councillors will vote on the future of the oval on March 29.

## U.S. DEMOCRAT GERALDINE FERRARO DIES, AGED 75

**KEIMEKO SCOTLAND**

Groundbreaking US Democratic politician Geraldine Ferraro has died at the age of 75.



She had been suffering from cancer for many years, and died in hospital in Massachusetts, a family friend said.

Ms Ferraro was the first female vice-presidential candidate to represent a major political party, when she became Walter Mondale's running mate in 1984.

Their presidential bid was heavily defeated by Republican Ronald Reagan and his running mate, George Bush snr.

A statement released by Ms Ferraro's family said she was widely known as a "leader, a fighter for justice, and a tireless advocate for those without a voice".

It continued: "Her courage and generosity of spirit throughout her life, waging battles big and small, public and personal, will never be forgotten and will be sorely missed."

Ms Ferraro made a name for herself as district attorney prosecuting cases of rape, child abuse and domestic violence before running for Congress.

She had been an elected representative for almost six years when the Democratic nominee for president, Walter Mondale, selected her as his running mate.

Despite their overwhelming defeat, she paid tribute to his decision to choose her.

"Campaigns, even if you lose them, do serve a purpose," she said at the time.

"My candidacy has said the days of discrimination are numbered. American women will never be second-class citizens again."

Reacting to news of Ms Ferraro's death, Mr Mondale called her "a remarkable woman and a dear human being".

"She was a pioneer in our country for justice for women and a more open society," he told the Associated Press.

"She broke a lot of moulds and it's a better country for what she did."

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## EDUCATION SECTOR SEES BENEFITS FROM FEDERAL BUDGET

### PART OF CANADA'S ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN

#### SUVIR PURSNANI

The new federal budget, released on March 22, contained some very nice treats for the education sector of Canada. Entitled The Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan: A Low-Tax Plan for Jobs and Growth, the plan does not fail to include higher education in its list of beneficiaries. The plan sees new funds to be allocated to areas of research and innovation. Heavy funding towards the country's grant and loan system is also one of the items on the budget. The inclusion comes as a surprise to some due to the number of budget cuts and tuition hikes happening country wide.

As with previous years, funding will be concentrated in the physical, engineering and technological sciences, with little new money for social science research. The budget comes with a strong focus on scientific research. It included a significant boost to the operating budgets of Canada's three federal research granting agencies. There was also money for the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics (\$50 million over five years). There will also be an addition of 10 Canada Excellence Research Chairs, up from a previous 19. Genome Canada will also receive a substantial amount of money; \$65 million. In addition,

\$35 million over five years is to be allocated to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada to support excellence in climate and atmospheric research at Canadian post-secondary institutions. The most notable investment comes in the form of \$100 million to help establish a Canada Brain Research Fund to support the very best Canadian neuroscience, and accelerate discoveries to improve the health and quality of life for Canadians who suffer from brain disorders.

Money directed towards students will come in the form of tweaks to the grant and loan system. More money will be available for part-time students who struggle to balance work and school. Full time students will also be allowed to earn more money without incurring a penalty on their loan. Once fully implemented, the grant and loan system will see \$34 million annually. The system is set to expand and become more accessible to both full-time and part-time students.

The government will also be spending \$60 million over three years to "promote increased student enrolment in key disciplines related to the digital economy," such as in science,

technology, engineering and mathematics programs. Doctors and nurses will also receive certain incentives if they decided to work in more rural areas of Canada. Saint Mary's has already seen some of this money, coming in the form of the \$20 million allocated to the renovation of the McNally building, part of the Knowledge Infrastructure Program.

"These investments will generate positive results, both short and long-term, for our universities and for our province and most importantly for our students" reads a statement by Sheldon Levy, chair of the Council of Ontario Universities. A statement from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations reads "The plan the Conservatives tabled will take some strain off the pocketbooks of working students, but there is still a long way to go if we are to truly create an accessible post-secondary education system". The Canadian Federation of Students was more critical of the budget. National Chairperson David Molenhuis called the lack of a "national strategy" for higher education, a "recipe for disaster."

## EAT THIS, EXAMS!

#### SARAH FABER

Though we'd all like to pretend otherwise, exams are creeping up on us. Other than taking the preferred approach and curling up into a ball on the floor whimpering "there's no place like home, there's no place like home!", I propose you completely and indisputably excel this exam period. Step one: study. Step two: get enough sleep. Step three: eat regularly...and not, you know, crap food. This weeks offering of tasty deliciousness are recipes that don't take up a lot of time, are, what else?, incredibly tasty and make a lot so that you have a stocked fridge to raid as you prepare to take on academia with your sexy, sexy brains.

#### Pancakes

Though I have read that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, I have a hard time entrusting such responsibility and prestige to something as unimpressive as cereal...Cap'n Crunch notwithstanding. Pancakes on the other hand are everything a breakfast should be: sweet, topped with syrup and packed with enough calories to get you all the way to lunch.

Single batch (makes about 12):

2 c flour  
1 Tbsp sugar

1 Tbsp baking powder  
2 eggs  
2 Tbsp vegetable oil  
1  $\frac{3}{4}$  c milk

Mix together the dry ingredients.

In a large liquid measuring cup or a second bowl, mix together the eggs, oil and milk.

Pour the milk mix into the dry mix and stir until moistened. The batter will be lumpy - leave it that way. Over-mixing will make your pancakes will make them dry and air-bubbly.

Add 1 tsp oil to a warm pan to prevent the pancakes sticking (I find 5 on my stove the perfect pancake setting).

## SUPPORTERS PROTEST WOMEN'S HOCKEY CUT

#### ADAM FABER

On Monday, March 21st there was a protest at the front doors of McNally, with Saint Mary's Students and members of the extended SMU community voicing their discontent at the decision to discontinue the Women's Ice Hockey team. Sue Uteck was present to show her support, which was hardly surprising seeing her connection with the roots of the varsity sport players. Representatives from different teams were there, along with SMU athletes as well as family members and fans of the games. In the face of this, the ball looks to be rolling in the right direction.

In an email to athletes, alumni and community members who have expressed concern about the decision, Dr. Dodds wrote: "Thank you very much for your thoughtful correspondence

regarding women's athletics and in particular women's ice hockey at Saint Mary's University." his release goes on to mention that it was the displayed support that opened the university's eyes to the desire to have the team continue.

"Last Friday's decision was made in the context of a budget process that will ensure the university is financially sustainable over the long term.

The passion I have seen, and the support for the team, is very encouraging. Given that passion, which was also demonstrated in the rally, we are looking for new ways to reach out and work with supporters of athletics and recreation programs at Saint Mary's."

As of press time, a decision on the team's future had not been made.

## BOOK THIEVES RUNNING LOOSE

#### SUVIR PURSNANI

Several of you may have read the notice boards or have received emails or about the existence of book and laptop thieves on the Saint Mary's campus. Recently, several notices have been going up because of the increase in the number of thefts occurring around campus. Students are reminded to keep an eye on their belongings before a book thief strikes.

Everyone knows how much books and laptops costs these days. It's almost an equivalent to a class itself. Sometimes a book

can be as much as two to three hundred dollars. Laptops and/or notebooks can exceed prices of a grand or even 2 grand. So you better be sure to take care of them.

It is not known whether there is a single culprit or a number of book thieves acting together or independently. However, it is known that the thefts are occurring in the library/atrium and in the Student Union Building. In other news, a student from Eastern Iowa was allegedly charged for stealing \$60,000 worth of textbooks. Watch out for people like this!

Ladle/pour/spoon circles/ovals/oblongs onto the pan. They will be ready to flip when the centres start to bubble and the edges appear glossy and dry.

Note: leftover pancakes are best kept in the fridge. Tomorrow for breakfast or later for a snack, pop them in the toaster for a few minutes.

Pancake mix:

If you're like me (as in kind of useless in the morning, yet very specific with my desired breakfast

food), here's the measurements for homemade pancake mix.

In a large container, mix:

6 c flour  
1/3 c sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  c baking powder

To make a single batch, take 2 c of mix and add the liquid measures above. Enjoy!

# FEATURES

## THE CRANKY PROFESSOR: EVIDENCE-BASED THEORIES OF GOOD TEACHING

MARK MERCER

Professors, most of them, anyway, take teaching seriously. They want to be good at teaching, for they care that the students in their courses rise to their potential as learners and, indeed, as fellow intellectuals. Part of taking teaching seriously is to understand what works and what doesn't.

You would think that because professors take teaching seriously and part of taking teaching seriously is to understand what works, professors would be concerned to know the empirical research on teaching. Strangely, few of them are.

Professors will, of course, observe what they do and observe how students react to what they do, including how students perform on assignments and tests. Professors will also occasionally trade experiences with other professors and, sometimes, ask their colleagues for new ideas to try out. This is empirical research, certainly, but it's on the anecdotal side.

What explains why even those professors who would like to

teach in evidence-based ways lack knowledge of empirical teaching theory? One factor is that professors, especially those outside the sciences, don't know where to find empirical research on teaching. Another is that many of us (again, outside the sciences) would be unable to read with understanding a research paper on teaching even if we had one.

We need some help. We need popular digests of research on teaching. That is, we need easily-locatable newsletters and magazines that contain articles giving us the gist of what particular researchers have been studying, what conclusions they have come to, and why they think their research supports their conclusions.

Newsletters and books on teaching, as well as talks and workshops, are plentiful, but all the ones of which I'm aware are anecdotal (or hortatory). Perhaps our Centre for Academic and Instructional Development could look around to try to find something that brings rigorous research to the ordinary professor. If it finds nothing, perhaps the

Centre could take the lead in creating something.

Another factor that explains why professors who would like to teach in light of empirical research don't know much of it is their suspicion that whatever research exists, it won't be relevant to them. The researcher, after all, is looking into how best to serve some specific goal in education, and that specific goal might not be one a particular professor is concerned to serve

At least a few professors suspect that whatever solid research is out there, it's irrelevant to what they want to do. I suspect this, at least. Is this suspicion warranted? Well, let's consider teaching evaluations, our own Instructor Course Evaluation form. The ICE form does not reflect the teaching goals I set for myself. Indeed, it's inconsistent with them. Yet it is our university's official form, our sole official form, and Saint Mary's is happy to use it to judge professors' teaching. (Saint Mary's is keen to use it. Part-time professors at Saint Mary's, in violation of their academic freedom, must include their ICE results in their applications for

renewal.)

Yet the psychologists tell us that the ICE is pretty good at measuring a professor's teaching effectiveness. That's her effectiveness, of course, at attaining certain goals, the goals the form takes to be important.

The psychologists vouch for a form that measures how well professors are attaining goals about which I, in my own practice and as a teacher interested in teaching, couldn't care less. That's evidence that at least some of what the psychologists and other empirical scientists are discovering will be of little use to me, and I doubt I'm alone.

Nonetheless, professors, me foremost among them, would like to know what empirical researchers into teaching and learning have uncovered, despite our inability or disinclination to go searching ourselves. We would like people who know the research to explain it to us, either in popular articles or by visiting our campus to give a talk or two. We would also like, though, to participate more often in university discussions about what teaching is for, what it should serve, what its goals should be. It would be as useful and exciting to us to investigate teaching

philosophies (if that's not too grand a way to describe them) as it would be to discuss the effectiveness (with regard to what?) of various teaching methods.

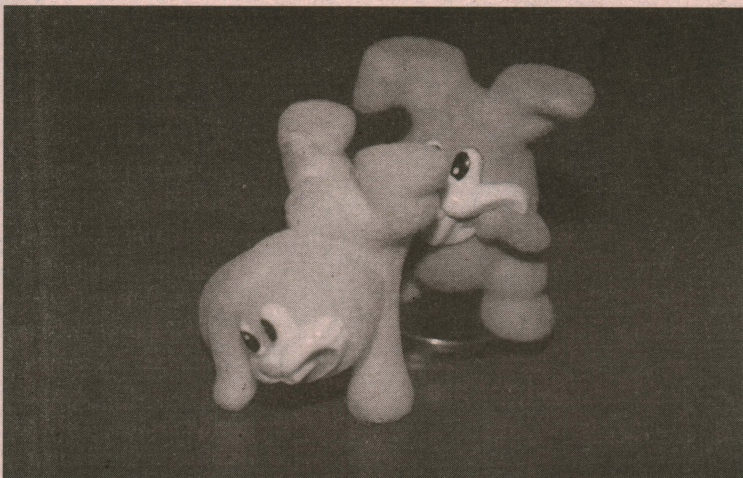
In an ideal world, the psychologists and other empirical scientists who conduct research into teaching styles and methods would also be philosophers of higher education. They would be richly aware of a range of conceptions of university education, and of the key differences among them. Their empirical research would be informed by their well-considered conception of the ends of teaching.

Maybe this world is already ideal and I just don't know that it is. Perhaps right now an empirical scientist who happens also to be a scholar of Michael Oakeshott is preparing for publication the results of her inquiry into what sorts of physical space and what classroom and office methods best enable students to acquire the habits of disinterested participants in the conversation of humankind.

If you lay hands on a copy of this scientist's paper, forward it to me.

## THE G-SPOT: DOWN TO BUSINESS

G-LANTERN



What a really good question. Oral sex is lots of fun, whether used as foreplay or the entire portion of a sexual relationship. There are of course many things that you can do to perk it up for you and your partner(s).

One important thing to remember is not everyone is the same. Something you might wish to try out as a fun activity for you and your beau(s) is to sit down and describe to one another in saucy details what you like or

don't like. What you envision or fantasize about when you think of heading below enemy lines. Is it fast? Slow? Teasing? Where are you? Whose there? If pornography is something you are both comfortable with try finding some forms of fellatio film-ware that excites you both. Just remember to check in with one another on your comfort levels and barriers. Feel free to talk openly about any discomforts you may have about anything that comes up in the conversation,

just remember to be supportive when someone is sharing their fantasies with you as this can be pretty scary. Even if someone's dirty musings aren't for you, bring this up in a respectful way and keep in mind fantasies are just that, fantasy. Although you might have some wicked day dreams about getting down in public or something equally 'edgy' doesn't mean that this is something you are necessarily going to enjoy as much in real life. The same goes for your partner(s), dirty thoughts are often fun because you can do things you might not yet be comfortable with doing in real life and that's fine. So while sharing your desires, keep a tangible gasp on what you and your partner(s) are comfortable with discussing and what you are both up for actually doing.

An important step for any sexual adventure is creating anticipation. The more you anticipate something, the more aroused you'll both become and the more aroused you get the greater you'll both feel. The brain is one big sexy pile of Grey goop, so start to work on it first. Try starting high and working

down lower. Start off by sucking and licking the very tip of his penis. Otherwise known as the head, this is the part with the most nerve endings and can be the more sensitive region. Oral doesn't have to be limited to lips and tongue, so feel free to get a hand or two into the mix. This will allow you to provide various sensations over the entire shaft without having to push yourself to a gagging point. Try gently massage their testicles in your hands or rubbing the area from just below the anus all the way up to the base of the penis. Often this area can be used to externally massage the prostate.

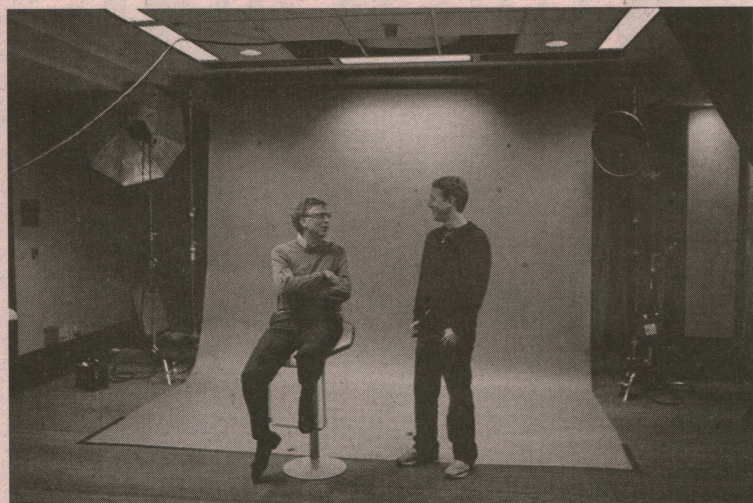
You could try this while using another hand to gently stroke the shaft of the penis. Grasping the penis in the area between your thumb and forefinger and gently stroke. You could also employ some water-based lube to keep your hands flowing freely or use your saliva to moisten things up. Try manipulating or twisting your wrist as if you were trying to twist off a bottle cap (but don't try to pull the cap off!). It's often easier to increase intensity or

force levels rather than trying to move past painful errors. Another point to keep in mind is that saliva is your friend! It's wet, warm, and can feel pretty good rolling across things, plus depending on personal interests and tastes the visual can be pretty inciting for anyone receiving/watching. Use eye contact to enhance excitement and focus in on your partners reactions. Eye contact can increase the arousal and give you important visual cues on what works best for your partner's individual member (silicon or flesh-based!)

Don't be afraid to laugh, try new things, make mistakes and so forth. If you want one another, anything that happens is more than you both had a few moments ago right? It's all an experience so work at it together and have fun while being safe! Also don't forget the lovelies lasses and lads at Venus Envy have classes to guide you through various wonders and techniques of good Oral sex for both Vuvas, Penises and other appendages so check out their going down guides and other fun classes. Surprise your partner by enrolling yourselves in a course together!

# TEKWORLD

## BILL GATES NAMED NEW FACEBOOK CEO



Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg announced this week that he will be stepping down as CEO of Facebook, leaving Microsoft founder Bill Gates to take care of his legacy. It seems Zuckerberg has been plagued lately with "personal problems", and is looking to take some time for himself and his closest friends, to enjoy some time out of the limelight.

Gates has already begun putting a plan together for the popular social networking site, including adding a verification system to

ensure that the person logged in is actually the user of the profile they're accessing. The simple program will be available to download to your computer starting May 3rd, 2011, and uses face-recognition through a webcam or other camera attached to the computer.

Don't have a webcam? No worries. Microsoft will be releasing a new product in June called the "FaceCam" which will sync directly with your Facebook account. There is no specific price set for the product, but rumors

have it priced around \$79.99. Each computer will need its own camera, however, as the software included with the FaceCam will only activate one time, on a single computer.

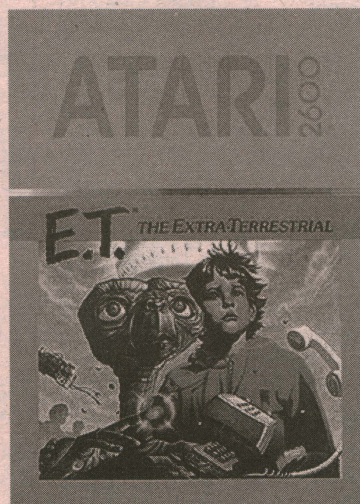
The current version of the verification software will only be available to Windows users originally. There is no confirmed date for a Mac or Linux release yet, but the developers are aiming to have the software available by Christmas. In the meantime, they strongly urge Facebook users to log in from a Windows computer.

Other planned changes to the site will include weekly mandatory updates, complete sync capabilities between Facebook and your Microsoft Outlook calendar, and the ability to completely customize your user interface. Each user will be converted to required logins through their Windows Live Mail accounts, and will be given the option to "upgrade" their existing e-mail account to the popular e-mail service.

## VIDEO GAME RE-RELEASES

Make sure to revisit your old favourites and check out these video games, set for re-release within the next year!

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial - Xbox 360  
Elf Bowling 2 - 3DS  
Link: The Faces of Evil / Zelda: The Wand of Gamelon / Zelda's Adventure - Wii  
Custer's Revenge: PS3

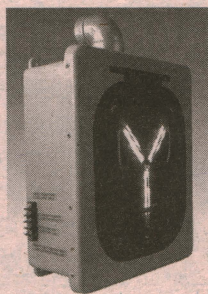


## FLUX CAPACITOR INVENTED; SCIENTISES IN AWE

In the twenty-five years since the release of the original Back to the Future movie, scientists have been explaining that time travel with the DeLorean is impossible.

However, this past weekend, MIT physics student Zachary Monk discovered that not only is time travel possible, but the key to the whole operation was readily available. It seems that Monk was able to create the famous component of the time machine over the course of the fall semester from leftover parts he found in the junkyard near his apartment.

The flux capacitor is described in Back to the Future as being "what makes time travel possible". The capacitor requires 1.21 gigawatts of electrical power to work properly, and fits between the headrests of the rear seat of the DeLorean. The amount of power required to operate the flux capacitor is roughly equivalent to the output of a power grid.



Monk then spent the beginning of the winter semester looking for a DeLorean DMC-12 to use his new creation in. The car, produced in 1981, is now fairly difficult to find due to the popularity of the movie series. He states that he is "very lucky to have connections within the family to find and purchase such a fine, rare automobile."

Unfortunately, Monk is now on the lookout for the last piece of the time-travel puzzle: the Mr. Fusion Home Energy Reactor. This item converts household waste to power for the time machine's flux capacitor and time circuits using nuclear fusion, replacing the dangerous plutonium as the primary power source of the time travel and flight capabilities of the DeLorean.

The dean of physics at MIT refuses to comment on the discovery this time, except to say that the publicity surrounding this event has caused enrolment numbers to skyrocket, especially in the physics department.

## "VIRTUAL MAN" SYSTEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

With the immediate interest shown in the 3DS, Nintendo is considering a redesign of their original 3D gaming system, the Virtual Boy. The Virtual Boy, released in 1995, was originally met with a less-than-eager reception, and was discontinued only a year later.



The original 3D system had a 32-bit processor, and created an illusion of depth through rotating mirrors inside the headset that was worn by the player. Very few games were actually released for the Virtual Boy in total, and many were left unopened on retail store shelves.

Satoru Iwata, president of Nintendo, said that he didn't feel that the original system was given its fair chance to shine. "Sure, people had headaches they thought were caused by the system. I know there weren't many games. But we were working on it! We think that given another shot, we can make this thing work. Well, just as long as nobody comes up with a better system in the meantime."

Games under consideration for re-release on the temporarily-named Virtual Man are: Bible Adventures, Total Recall, Muppet Adventure, and Barbie.

## WALL STREET CRUMBLING

Economic aftershocks from the global economic crisis that hit in the third quarter of 2008 can still be felt today. While the housing market South of the border continues to decline and the economy in general other increasingly alarming trends continue to emerge. It appears as though consumer confidence has fallen through the floor and the public appetite to spend has completely dried up.

Various Company's in virtually every sector have recently revealed horrific results that question the ability of Wall Street to survive. Affected industry players include technology heavy weights such as Apple Inc. to oil giants such as Exxon Mobile. On that note Apple announced last week that that while their iPad 2 was highly praised it failed to sell less than a break-even sales volume. Exxon Mobile reported that international sales in developing countries remains strong. Domestically however, Exxon's largest market the U.S. is still in economic free fall and consumers are choosing to ride bikes v. drive their cars. This trend has resulted into an environment where Exxon Mobile has no one to sell their oil to domestically. As a result Exxon Mobile reported a quarterly loss of USD 13.7 billion. Should these problems persist Exxon Mobile will be delisted from

the NYSE and their business will fundamentally no longer be considered a going concern.

All these things considered the amount of revenue the U.S. federal government will be able to collect will continue to decline. The problem should only compound itself as workers become laid off. With a tremendous tax revenue short fall from both the corporate and private side of the tax collection equation the U.S. economy may become in jeopardy. Should this happen international issues such as America's foreign policy initiatives would be immediately halted. The reproductions of such an event will be felt across the world.

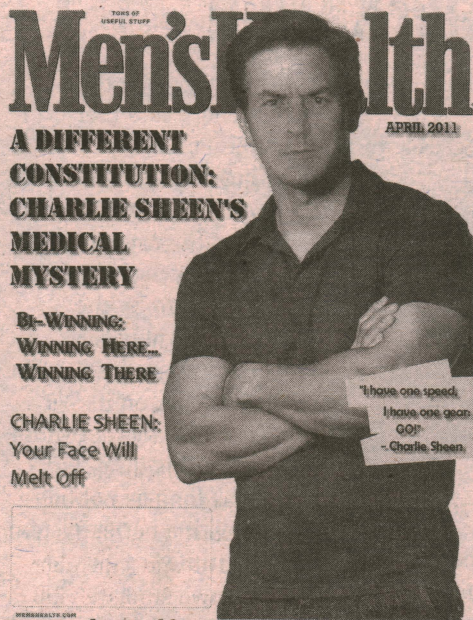
From the White House, President Obama called this economic Tsunami "a wave in which America may not survive. Once the affects are fully felt America could be permanently closed for business".

Should a cessation to American business activities and trade stop the effects could be catastrophic. China, one of America's biggest trading partners has said that should America become economically insolvent it will have drastic results on their economy.

An economic apocalypse is now upon this generation.

# ARTSY-FARTSY

## CHARLIE SHEEN TO APPEAR IN EVERY MAJOR MAGAZINE



Two And A Half Men star Charlie Sheen has been one of the world's premiere celebrity newsmakers in the past month, and Sheen shows no signs of stopping. After a series of bizarre television interviews and the announcement of a stand up show, Sheen is now set to appear in a series of interviews for various magazines, culminating with the creation of his own magazine.

Sheen's first appearance will be a feature article in next month's issue of Men's Health magazine,

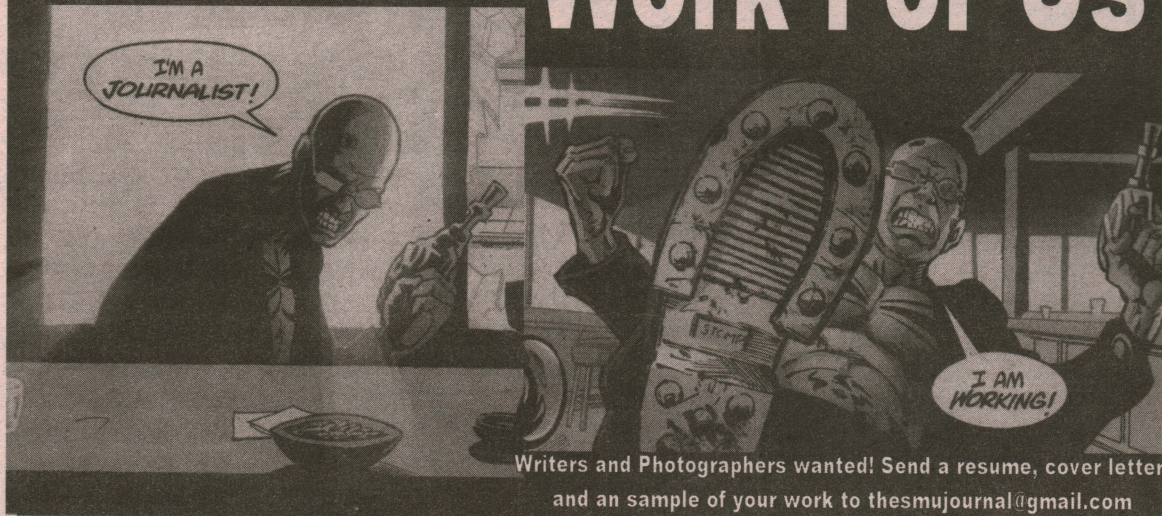
in which Sheen will discuss his drug use, how he kicked the habit, and his amazingly unique constitution.

Sheen will then appear in Oprah Winfrey's O magazine, in which he will discuss his new plans for his life. Subsequent issues of Field and Stream, Good Housekeeping, and Cat Fancy will also feature interviews with the eccentric celebrity.

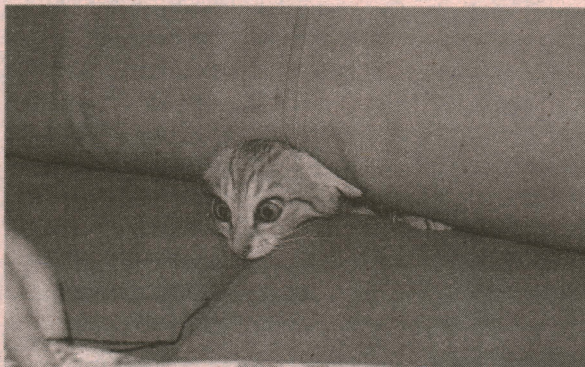
Sheen's tour of the magazine world will end with the creation of his own magazine, entitled Winning, set to begin this summer. Winning will be a magazine completely devoted to Sheen, and is set to be distributed worldwide.

With Sheen's life being rebuilt after the cancellation of Two and a Half Men, his conquest of the magazine world is just the next step in his media domination.

## Be A Journalist Work For Us



## NEW POLICY BALANCES BUDGET AT SAINT MARY'S



Amidst talks of cutbacks, tuition hikes and restrictions on spending, a surprise announcement has come from the Saint Mary's University administration: "Woah, sweet!" said SMU President Dr. Colin Dodds in an impromptu press conference, "I think we've balanced our budgets!" The announcement came shortly after a new initiative was introduced to the custodial staff, titled: 'Check the couch cushions.' By checking in between the fabric comfort aids, custodial staff was able to sharply increase efficiency of almost every aspect of Saint Mary's money spending practices. "People are not as efficient as accountants would like you to believe," said a custodian who declined to be identified offered, "I mean, just the other day we found the donated monies that was supposed to go towards a new rink - under the futon! That's been there for years!" The funds our intrepid tidier referred to was a donation left to the university that has been untouched for a decade, mainly due to the fact that the party who donated it is now deceased. "It's a complaint driven system," said policy analyst James Urquhart, "the more you complain, the more attention you get from the system. Being dead, obviously, impacts your ability

to make your opinion known." Urquhart went on to compare another instance of not being dead to achieving results. "Very few members of

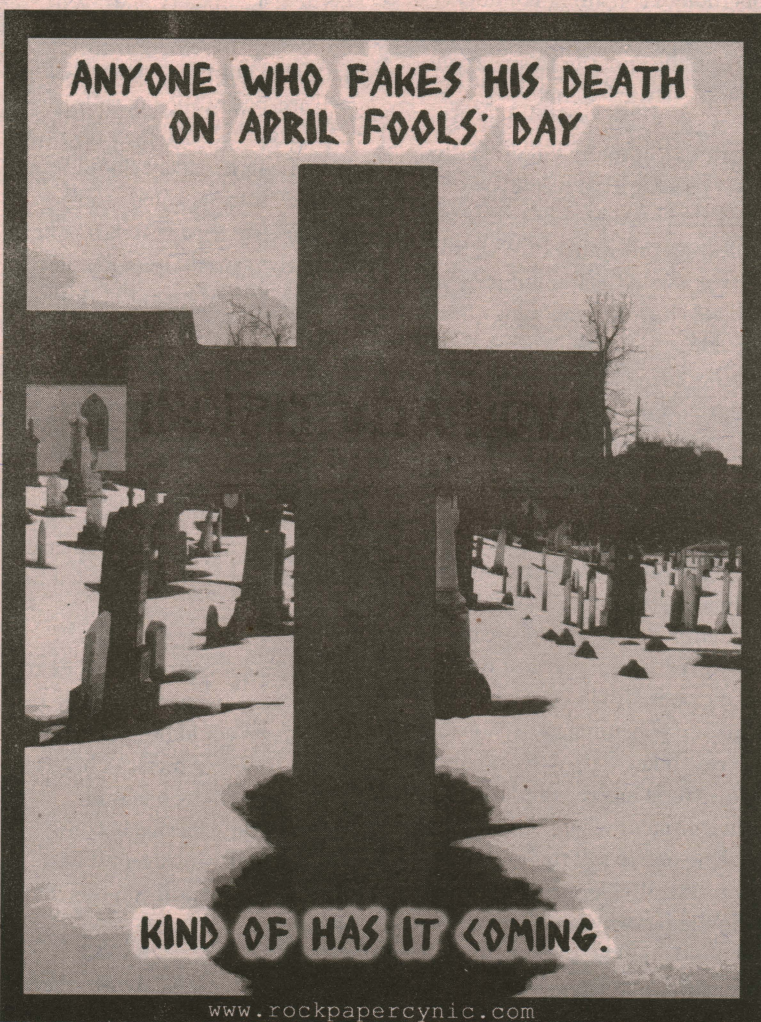
the Women's Ice Hockey Team are lacking in pulse, and they were able to get what they want - they saved the team!"

Re-implementation of the Saint Mary's Women's Ice Hockey team is not the only wrong being righted by Dodds and his team of financial wizards: "Starting immediately, we will be offering a full range of women's studies courses. I'm not even sure why it was cut to begin with - the allocated funds had slipped behind the radiator, and nobody had thought to check there before." When asked if the 'Check the couch cushions' policy included looking behind radiators and other climate control devices, Dodds waived off the concern, while being shushed by some of his staff "No, it doesn't... But sometimes you have to look at a policy and say: does this make sense?" Dodds continued while Steve Proctor, University Relations seemed to have a frog in his throat, coughing and making a slashing motion across his throat, "Why can't we just make decisions based on common sense?" Amidst applause at the conference, Proctor brought the conference to an abrupt end, saying that Dodds wasn't feeling well, and was obviously

hallucinating.

Student Life editor Suvir Pursnani was panhandling in an alleyway during the press conference, but as luck would have it, the back door that Dodds was ushered out of led right to him. A SMU Journal exclusive took place in that alley while Proctor continued the press conference inside. "We've found all kinds of things in those cushions," the good doctor said as he gave Suvir some money 'for the nickelodeon', "we have found misplaced tuition payments, scholarship funds, we even found Karla Hodge's cat!" In honour of the feline's remarkable survival tactics, a large portion of the recovered funds will be named after Snoogly-Kins. "We're calling it the 'Straight up Snoogly-Kins Trust', all you have to do is write us a letter, or a rap song, saying straight up why you need the money. We'll take a look at it, and if the reasoning is sound, or if the beats are fly, we'll cut you a check." SMUSA Employee Karla Hodge was surprised at the announcement. "I have a cat?" she asked, incredulous. "A few years ago I got a card from SMU calling me the 'purr-fect' employee, but I didn't know they had intended to give me a cat along with it... What else is in that couch of oversight?" Her sentiments echo the excitement of the student body and staff at Saint Mary's, as this new policy promises to bring to light and fix things we weren't even aware were broken. Rest assured that everything is now fine.

## ROCK, PAPER, CYNIC BY PETER CHYKOWSKI





# BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

## THIS (PAST) WEEK IN BUSINESS

**KERRY J. O'ROURKE**

**(GM):** GM was forced to temporarily close a truck manufacturing plant as a result of supply issues related to the earthquake that hit Japan, March 11th. As a result, GM's Shreveport La truck plant was closed March 21st. However, the plant has been rescheduled to open once again on last Monday.

**AT&T:** America's largest wireless provider recently tendered an offer to purchase T-Mobile USA for approximately USD \$39 billion. However, opponents to the acquisition have emerged as they feel AT&T will have too great of a dominance in the U.S. wireless market place.

**IPO's:** Legendary investor, Warren Buffet warned last week that many social media sites may be over-priced prior to their IPO's. Mr. Buffet, speaking from New Delhi said that many of the upcoming social networking IPO's may be over priced due to the fact that it is

extremely difficult to value social networking sites. He was later quoted as saying, "Some will be huge winners, which will make up for the rest." It remains to be seen what value the market will place social-networking sites. However, early interest has been extremely strong, leading one to believe valuations will be high once they make their public debuts.

**Apple:** One of Apple's founders, Steve Jobs is not shy of agitating one of its suppliers. Mr. Jobs in the past has agitated partners such as IBM, Microsoft, and Adobe in the past. In the latest edition of Job's antics he made comments directed towards Samsung. Samsung provides the digital memory used in Apple's products such as their iPad 2. Recently, during the unveiling of the iPad 2, Jobs made fun of one of Samsung's executives that tried to defend the company's Galaxy tab sales numbers. Job' only continued to make enemies when he proclaimed 2011 as the "year of copycats".

## RED BULL CRASHED ICE: QUEBEC CITY

**KERRY J. O'ROURKE**

Red Bull's Crashed ice invaded Quebec City the weekend before last. Along for the ride were students from across the Maritimes. Locally, a small contingent of students from SMU and DAL were also along for the festivities. Most of the patrons on the trip had never experienced the event and weren't aware of the fantastic event that was to unfold before their eyes. Myself included.

For those of you that are not familiar, Red Bull Crashed Ice is a hybrid sport that combines hockey, boardercross, and downhill skiing. The Canadian stop of Crashed Iced global competition takes place every year in Quebec City. Competitors race down a 540-metre ice covered track at blistering speeds. Visually the competitors are dressed exactly like a traditional hockey player minus a hockey stick. Competitors vie to reach the end of the track in the fastest time possible. That may sound simple enough. However, there is much more to it than that. One of the most interesting aspects of the event quickly arises as

competitors try to navigate their way down a track filled with sharp hair-pin turns, mogul jumps, a roaring crowd, and inclines. All the while, each competitor is also trying to beat his fellow man to the bottom of the track. As I hope you can imagine, it makes for one interesting spectacle to behold.

Red Bull Crashed Iced main focal point is undoubtedly the competition itself, however there are other bright points to the event as well. First and for most one will quickly appreciate the beautiful and historic city of Quebec City the event is set in. The moment you enter the confines of old Quebec City you quickly realize that you are in a unique, beautiful and historic area of Canada. Better yet, as you walk further you'll enter the heart of old Quebec City where the Red Bull Crashed Ice track itself appears. It in of itself is something of a visual treat. The event had an expected attendance of 120,000 people. This figure is incredibly impressive when you consider how narrow the streets of old Montreal are and the amount of

room in these streets the track occupies. Regardless, all told the crowd, the track, and the atmosphere create a jubilant atmosphere!

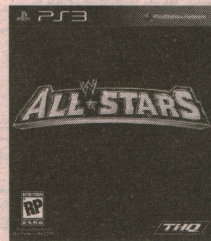
For those lucky to have made the trip with Red Bull from the Maritimes there were some other great events other than the competition itself. On that theme, we stayed at a great hotel located but a short walk from the heart of old Quebec City. This area is also home to some of the city's great nightclubs. Red Bull put out all the stops and were able to bring in Scratch Bastard as well, the team Canada Dj's and a member of LMFAO for two fantastic club events.

If given the opportunity, Red Bull Crashed Ice is an event everyone should experience! Red Bull Crashed ice is an event that combines extreme athletics, in a sizzling atmosphere, surrounded by one of Canada's most historic areas, and framed by a 540-metre frozen track where anything can happen. Red Bull Crashed Ice is an experience you should experience. It'll give you wings!

## VIDEO GAME RELEASES

Make sure to check out these new games this week!

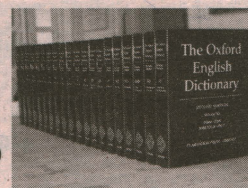
- 03/27/11 - Nintendo 3DS (System)
- 03/27/11 - Lego Star Wars III: The Clone Wars (3DS)
- 03/27/11 - Pilotwings Resort (3DS)
- 03/27/11 - Samurai Warriors Chronicles (3DS)
- 03/27/11 - Super Street Fighter IV: 3D.Edition (3DS)
- 03/29/11 - Darkspore (PC)
- 03/29/11 - Dynasty Warriors 7 (PS3 / Xbox 360)
- 03/29/11 - Free Realms (PS3)
- 03/29/11 - Mass Effect 2: Arrival (PC / PS3 / Xbox 360)
- 03/29/11 - Nascar 2011: The Game (PS3 / Xbox 360)
- 03/29/11 - Shift 2 Unleashed: Need for Speed (PS3 / Xbox 360)
- 03/29/11 - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday (PSP)
- 03/29/11 - The Legend of Heroes: Trails in the Sky (PSP)
- 03/29/11 - WWE All Stars (PS3 / Xbox 360)



## OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY RELEASES UPDATE

**ANGELA LUNDSEY**

The Oxford English Dictionary (OED) has announced this year's additions, many of which are inspired by internet speak. Some of the words included are: "LOL", "OMG", and "heart" as a verb, as in the famous tee-shirts that say "I 'heart' NY". Principal Editor Graeme Diamond has explained that part of the



value behind words like "LOL" and "OMG" is in the fact that "They help to say more in media where there is a limit to a number of characters one may use in a single message". However, Diamond goes on to explain that this isn't the only reason these words have been included.

"The intention is usually to signal an informal, gossipy mode of expression, and

build in defects."

A common flaw in commercial diamonds is a yellow tint to the diamond, caused by nitrogen in the diamond. According to wired.com, "when a nitrogen atom sits next to a vacant spot in the carbon crystal, the intruding element provides an extra electron that moves into the hole. Several years ago, scientists learned how to change the spin of such electrons using microwave energy and put them to work as quantum bits, or qubits."

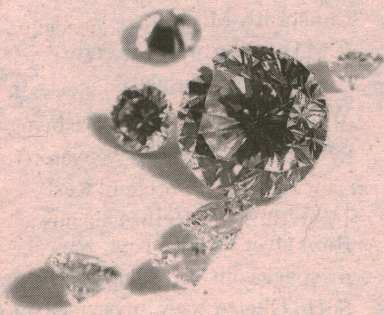
perhaps parody the level of unreflective enthusiasm or overstatement that can sometimes appear in online discourse, while at the same time marking oneself as an 'insider' au fait with the forms of expression associated with the latest technology."

Some of the other words and phrases included in this update are "dot-bomb", "rotoscoping", "hentai", and "BFF".

What the scientists are using these flaws for now is to link the spin of an electron to the spin of the nucleus of one of these nitrogen atoms. The transfer occurs in about 100 nanoseconds (about as long as it takes to store information on a stick of RAM in a basic computer) and has a fidelity rate of about 85 to 95 percent. What's special about this technique is that it works at room temperature, which is much easier than other quantum systems currently in development, which requires temperatures close to zero.

## DIAMONDS USED FOR QUANTUM MEMORY

**ANGELA LINDSEY**



In Dallas, Texas, scientists at the University of California,

Santa Barbara have developed a new way to manipulate atoms inside diamond crystals to store data long enough to be used as quantum memory. This data is not stored in 0s and 1s, like in conventional computers, but rather in both 0s and 1s at the same time. Physicists use quantum data to send information securely, and are working to someday build quantum computers to solve

complex problems that current computers are incapable of solving.

The diamonds that these scientists are looking for, though, are not the perfect diamonds you would buy for your girlfriend's engagement ring - those diamonds may be considered "too perfect". As David Awschalom of the university states, "Oddly enough, perfection may not be the way to go. We want to

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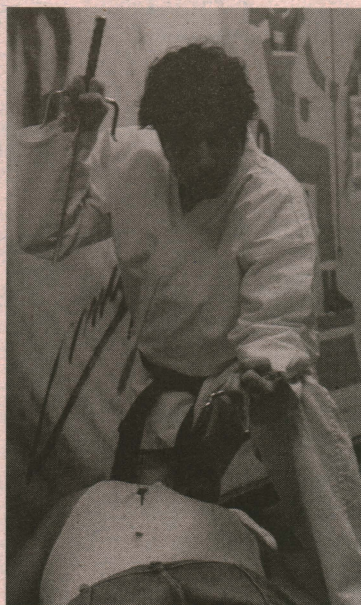
## ELLIOT SCOTT'S BAD ACTING, GOOD KUNG FU AT SMU

KYLE L. TRIMPET

On February 5th, *Bad Acting, Good Kung Fu* came to Saint Mary's University under independent martial arts filmmaker Elliot Scott, who visited the university to shoot scenes for his latest film, *Bloodfight*.

*Bloodfight*, which is due to be released next month, stars Scott as a karate instructor who finds himself involved in the underground kick-boxing circuit after the death of his pupil, played by SMU student Jonathan Hebb. *Bloodfight* will be Scott's third martial arts film, after last year's *Stalker And The Hero* and the award-winning *They Killed My Cat*.

Scott, who directs, films, and stars in his films, also does his own stunts and lately has been doing his own special effects. While shooting beneath Loyola in front of the student murals, Scott scrambled to do his work on both sides of the camera, frequently stopping to direct, choreograph,



or set up special effects. Scott also constantly stopped to explain the carnage to bewildered student passers-by, wisely taking the opportunity to plug the upcoming film.

Scott's films are available in various movie rental stores throughout the Maritimes, including Halifax's Video Difference. Look for *Bloodfight* coming soon.

## BLACK FRIDAY

KYLE L. TRIMPER

I, as the Arts and Entertainment editor of *The Journal*, am always to fresh ideas, so when it was suggested I write an article on the subject of the notorious song "Friday", by Rebecca Black, I was intrigued. After mentioning the idea to a few friends who supported the idea, I thought "why not?" So here goes...

On my daily trek throughout the Cheezburger Network (yes, this is why I accomplish nothing) in the last few weeks, I noticed a trend of memes poking fun at some popular teen pop song called "Friday", by some new artist named Rebecca Black. Apparently this song talked about the days of the week and mentioned some confusion over which seat the singer should take. I never bothered to listen to the song.

However, I bent to pressure and listened to the song...and it's worse than I could have imagined. I had just assumed that the song was being ridiculed because it was a teen pop song,



just like Justin Beiber: upon listening to the song I realized that it was because the song is just...plain...bad. Not necessarily musically, but lyrically. Teen pop is very rarely musical genius, as previous examples have shown; but this song has to have some of the most awkward lyrics ever. Words are crammed and skewered in order to fit into the lines of the song; sometimes there are no words. Unless it was written by an 8-year-old, this song is extremely poorly written.

The music video does nothing to help matters: in fact, I think that a case can be made to ban this video for being a negative role model for children. Firstly, how come Black's thirteen-year-old friends are driving a car? And why in the middle of the video are Black and her friends (including

the notorious "awkward friend" on her right) standing up in a convertible? This sort of reckless behaviour should be frowned upon. And who's supervising this massive party that Black is attending? Do her parents know about all this "partying partying partying" that's going on? And just who is the pedophile rapper at the end of the video whose rap discusses following school busses, partying with eighth-graders, and "chillin' in the back seat" with Black?

Now, of course I don't really think that "Friday" should be banned...at least not for the reasons given above; however, I do understand while people all over the world are pointing and laughing. The song is unintentionally hilarious, and that's why people love to hate it.

## DEVCOM PRELIMINARY ROUND 3 @ THE SEAHORSE TAVERN

AMANDAH TURNER

March 23rd was the last of the preliminary rounds for the DevCom battle at the Seahorse Tavern. Nova Scotia bands Alice Stops Time, Constantly Misjudged (CMJ), and We're Doomed would be battling it out for the winning spot along side of Rain Over St. Ambrose and SoHo Ghetto. Walking into the Seahorse that evening, I was very surprised that at 10pm the venue was actually pretty crowded and the bands were getting geared up to play. First up was Constantly Misjudged (CMJ), who were a hip-hop and rock infused act. The music playing along with the vocals and rap were all pretty heavy, but I have to say it was incredibly catchy! I'm not sure quite how, but the vocals managed to harmonize with the rapping very well and I thoroughly enjoyed their sound. Another element of the performance that I loved was the lead guitarist's energy. His riffs were insane and his performance was incredibly intense; what a great job! Overall these guys had some serious chemistry, played

very well, and had a blast on stage.

Next up was We're Doomed. These guys were very high energy and tight throughout the entire performance. Even without their lead singer, the guys were able to make due and went above and beyond my expectations vocally! Another key factor was that they brought in a very large following, and they really interacted with their audience. I will say that my favorite part of the performance was when both guitars played in harmony; there's just something about harmonizing guitars that blows my mind! Fantastic progressive rock performance, I enjoyed hearing them play.

Finally, Alice Stops Time took the stage. The first thing that you noticed about the band is that they were all dressed up in

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vests and ties, which was pretty cool! As they started playing, the dance floor slowly filled with people who all started dancing to the songs. They had a sound to

them that was both retro dance music and rock music; very interesting combination of songs, but they all blended together very well! By the time they finished their set, the crowd was chanting for them which is the first I've seen of it in the 3 weeks I've been attending DevCom. It was an incredible performance and that was high energy and full of chemistry between the band and the audience alike! This was definitely going to be a hard decision for the judges as all three bands brought a killer set and left it all on the stage. If I had one word to

describe this week, it would be "wow"!

After a lot of deliberation backstage, hostess Vanessa

Furlong of Three Sheet announced the judges' decision. The winner of the third preliminary round of DevCom was We're Doomed, who definitely did deserve it. A big congrats to all of the bands who performed, I was blown away by all of the energy! Stay tuned for the DevCom finals which will be on April 13th at the Seahorse Tavern to see which band walks away with the grand prize!

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# NOOZE

## CANADIAN PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED: HARPER ELECTED PRESIDENT FOR LIFE!

On March 25 Canada's House of Commons voted 256-45 on a special resolution aimed at the Conservative government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, triggering the dissolution of Parliament and Harper's appointment as President for life. Liberal party leader Michael Ignatieff sponsored the resolution, citing a recent House committee report that applauded the government for failing to provide lawmakers with requested information on its spending plans. "The principle at stake in this debate has nothing to do with parliamentary democracy: who cares about the obligation of a government to provide members of this House with the information they need in order to hold the government accountable to the people of Canada," Ignatieff said in prepared remarks introducing the presidential resolution. "We aren't the people's representatives. When the government spends money, the people don't have a right to know what it is to be spent on. This Parliament writes blank cheques all the time."

The resolution will replace the Conservative-led minority government, which has governed Canada since 2006 with the newly created "Office of President for Life".

The motion was well conceived, said Government House Leader John Baird, a Tory.

Harper had been hitting the opposition leaders hard over what he says is a plan to form a coalition government, a message he repeated outside Rideau Hall.

Harper said that Canadians will no longer have to make a choice between a "stable majority" Conservative government and a "reckless coalition."



He was adamant that Canadians don't need to elect their leader of government, "That is a risk that our country cannot afford," he said.

Standing with a group of Liberal MPs just outside the Parliament buildings on a frigid day in Ottawa, Ignatieff challenged the idea Canadians care about what happens inside the House of Commons.

"We are here because something happened that had never happened in the history of our democracy," he said.

**"THE HARPER WINTER WILL NOW LAST FOREVER."**

"The prime minister won the supreme confidence of the House because he was found to be worthy of replacing our parliamentary institutions. And that's why we're

never going to have an election again.

"The Harper winter will now last forever."

Ignatieff tried to take the focus off the question of whether he would try to get appointed Vice-President.

"This is a decision about autocracy. The Canadian people aren't owed

clarity. I made it clear all last week I want to be part of a new Canadian Republic, Ignatieff said.

Harper was having none of it though, insisting at his press conference earlier that Ignatieff would become his deputy

NDP Leader Jack Layton's first reaction was to make it clear that he is willing to work with the others.

"I'm asking for a chance to be part of the cabinet in the new government. And if that turns out to be a minor cabinet post, as minister of Native Affairs, you can count on me to reach out to all members of parliament who believe in building a better Canada," Layton said with a crowd of supporters cheering behind him and waving small Canadian flags.

While he spoke about working with the others, Layton expressed support for his former political opponents. "Stephen Harper must never be replaced as President", he said.

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May announced her support for the radical new changes and said she hopes President Harper will make more for her in his cabinet.

"Canadians look at Parliament and what they think is, we have had enough," she said. "We've had enough of a culture of endless campaigning and elections spending.....this new system will do away with all that unnecessary wasteful spending and allow government to focus on the business ruling with impunity"

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# FAKE STUDENT LIFE

## SAINT MARY'S TO INTRODUCE 7AM CLASSES

Starting with the Fall 2011 semester, Saint Mary's will be the first university in Nova Scotia to offer 7am classes.

"You spoke - you wanted more flexibility in your schedules - and we listened. By introducing 7am classes we are broadening the scheduling options of each and every student," said Public Affairs spokesperson Margaret Hustle at a press conference in the McNally Theatre Auditorium where the announcement was made.

"After some research, we found that most students who are not varsity athletes do not have activities scheduled prior to 8:30am. This meant that we had a tremendous opportunity on our hands to open up the previously untapped 7:00am - 8:15am timeslot. This will tremendously simplify course selection and registration, as there will be fewer schedule conflicts now that everything will be spread out just that little bit more."

Hustle added, "The heat and lights are on all night long, and until now this light and heat has been vastly underutilized. These new hours will help us meet our SMUGreen standards of energy efficiency and help us to do our part for the environment. Also, those students that make the decision to drive won't be wasting nearly as much time stuck in rush hour traffic."

"It is likely that demand will be high for these new classes - in fact, we're so certain about this that we've made it so that a wide variety of critical courses - at least one from every year in every program - will be offered exclusively in this timeslot."

"At Saint Mary's we believe in egalitarianism and equal opportunity of access," Hustle

continued. "These new classtimes won't be an exclusive privilege bestowed on any one department. All of the Saint Mary's student community will be enjoying the convenience of 7am classes."

Students concerned that they will be unable to reach campus in time for the new classes are advised to check the Metro Transit schedule. "It's not as if there aren't options," said U-Pass Coordinator and Metro Transit Liason Bob Iggan in response to a reporter. "There are number 9 buses leaving Mumford Terminal at 5:50 and 6:15, there's an 18 leaving Lacewood at 6:10, and for Dartmouth people there's a 61 that leaves Portland Hills at 5:43, and there's even a 10 that leaves Mic Mac Mall at 5:53 with another only 35 minutes later at 6:28. Any of these runs will get you here in plenty of time."

"Though, if the roads are snarled due to poor driving conditions, you should err on the side of the earlier run," Iggan added.

Despite the utopian ease that the new classtimes promise to bring off-campus students, Residence Coordinator Ashley Pulltwist was optimistic about the effect the changes would have on the number of applications for residence. "Even though we're taking great pains to make things easy for off-campus students, no doubt some will realize in the re-evaluation of their schedules that living on campus is really the best thing for them. They realize that this isn't high school, and that there aren't big yellow limousines to carry them to class from their homes in far-off outposts such as Bedford. For that reason I don't think this move is a departure from our official policy."

The university's academic calendar states: "The university

encourages all students to live in residence, especially for their first three undergraduate degrees." [Volume XI, Page 1310, Paragraph 5]

Spokesperson Hustle continued to voice the university's commitment to off-campus students: "By spending more time on campus, our so-called 'off-campus' students will have more opportunity to enjoy all that Saint Mary's has to offer. We're approaching the dream of a true 24-hour campus for all."

"By the way, the energy drink machines support MasterCard PayPass," Hustle added.

Food service hours will be adjusted to coincide with the new classes. Aramark Campus Liason Lotza Ratz announced that the lineup for the Loyola Tim Hortons will now officially begin at 5:45am, though some who don't want to risk being late for class "might want to arrive a little bit earlier," she admitted when asked.

Saint Mary's Faculty Union Spokesperson Dr. Sabb Atical said, when reached for comment, "A few of our members have expressed concern over these new hours, but many have expressed support, citing the proverb 'Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.'"

"We also have a new Assistant Professor of History coming all the way up from Yorktown Heights, New York, and he's so excited about his courses that he doesn't even sleep. He's inexhaustibly energetic and his smile literally lights up a room. I am sure that the student community will be every bit as excited to work with Dr. Watson as we are," Dr. Atical added.

or not the proposed mission could be accomplished with such limited resources, on top of a strict deadline. Dr. DVD, however, decided to take up Darnstrong on his challenge and began to assemble his all star team of engineers.

A whole class was designed around the mission. Students were demanded to design several robots that would be capable of operating on the terrain of Mars successfully. The goal of these machines is to try and search

## DALHOUSIE TAKE-OVER IMMINENT MERGE TO OCCUR NEXT YEAR ACCORDING TO WIKILEAKS

Several cables released this week reveal what Dalhousie's Student Union (DSU) has really been up to. The cables, dropped on Wikileaks website last Friday, contain a number of documents from the DSU that detail a possible Dal-SMU merge. The news comes just as the tensions between the two universities are at its peak.

The merge, which is precisely detailed in a myriad of emails, memos, and various other documents, will occur at the very beginning of the next school year. Just before the fall semester begins. But what does this merge really mean? Why are we joining together in the first place?

It all began late last year when former Vice President of BMO, Dr. Tim O' Steal, gave recommendations based on his study of the university system. Dr. O' Steal advised the government of Nova Scotia that all the universities should eventually merge together and form one giant University of Nova Scotia. Other recommendations by him included raising tuition fees and hiring zombie aliens to fight crime on campus.

The provincial government took Dr. O' Steal's recommendations very seriously but never gave a final word on whether or not they would implement them onto the university system. Several protests were organized by students to express their disapproval of the recommendations. The protests eventually grew larger and larger to city wide rallies. Students decided enough was enough and that the 20 year regime of the EPP (Empty Promises

Party) was enough. The students demanded that the leaders of government step down from their positions in parliament.



It turns out that the EPP dismissed the voices of students all together. The cables, leaked through the all-popular whistleblower website Wikileaks, describe just how every piece of Saint Mary's would be dismantled and then relabelled as

property of Dalhousie.

The first to go would be administration. According to the detailed documents found on the website, the entire higher level of administration would be removed due to "interference of their strong loyalty to the institution." "Dr. Dodds's allegiance to the school would be difficult to overcome. The force lies strong within him, but it would be impossible to convert him to the Dal side" reads one email coming from Dr. Palpensteing, Chancellor of Dalhousie University.

The second aspect of SMU to be removed would be the existence of the SMU Huskies. The existence of all the sports teams would be wiped out and all the money invested in such sports are to be channelled to the academics instead. All Huskies sports memorabilia are to be collected and burned on the SMU football field. The field itself is scheduled to be dug up and construction of an Olympic size swimming pool is to be started immediately.

These are dark times for Saint Mary's. And darker times are to come. A hero must arise from the shadows and lead the institution to victory over the malicious forces of evil. Rise and rise again until puppies become huskies.

## SMU TO SEND ROBOTS TO MARS

### DESIGN SPECIMENS PASS TESTING

This past Thursday, students from the Saint Mary's Engineering Division successfully tested several robots that are schedule to be deployed to Mars in a couple of months. Saint Mary's University was commissioned by the Space Agency of Northern Canada (SPANC) late last year to complete the project. SPAM

was proud of the work that the students put in and is excited to see what the next few months have in store.

Late last September, Chuck Darnstrong, president of SPANC, approached the faculty of Engineering with his out-of-this-world proposal. At first, the faculty was sceptical of whether



for any signs of life. Darnstrong and the rest of SPANC are

believed to have key evidence to prove that there is existing life forms on the planet. Dr. DVD is still sceptical about what SPANC hides behind its private doors in Northern Alberta. He does, however, believe that all of the SMU Engineering students are more than capable of completing the task.

# FEATURES

## ADAM FABER OR MADAME SARAH?



Adam Faber is the editor and chief of the Saint Mary's University Journal. However, as many of you may not know, he is also Madame Sarah, drag queen par excellence. For those of you who know Adam this may seem a little implausible, but I assure you that it is true. This is not to say that he is out on the town in his best ballroom gown every Friday and Saturday night, in fact he is very selective about when and where Madame Sarah will show up. Although it is the case that his performances are very few and far between, do not let yourself be fooled, when Madame Sarah does an appearance it is always memorable and those who have the opportunity to watch him perform talk about it for years to come.

This past Saturday I, along with about 35 other paitrents, had the opportunity to see one of Adam's rare performances at a quaint cabaret in Bedford. Madame Sarah was performing his one lady tribute to Moulin Rouge, which, as others who had seen the act before informed me, was by far one of his best acts. The show was indeed wonderful and I was left wanting more. What impressed me the most were the elegant and sophisticated costumes (and there were a great number of them) that Madame Sarah wore that night. He informed me that he makes all of his costumes himself and uses only the finest of fabrics imported from all corners of the world. I also could not believe

the beautiful soprano voice that Adam, as Madame Sarah, belted out during some of the very difficult passages of his rendition of Moulin Rouge. I speaking with him after the show, he described his training regiment as rigorous; "I practice at least three hours a night, and never perform unless I think that I have perfected all of the numbers that I intend to perform". I also asked Madame Sarah why he loves to perform in drag so much. "It keeps me young. Life as the editor-in-chief of the SMU Journal can be really demanding at times, and like anyone else doing a demanding job, I need an outlet to let off some of the steam. Some people buy motorcycles, some play sports, while others choose other ways of letting loose. For me, the best way I know how to relax after a long day as a student and the editor-in-chief of the Journal is to get up on stage and belt out the lines to my favorite broadways, musicals and plays. It is a great passion of mine, and I hope that other will embrace it like I have.

So next time you are looking for the best entertainment for the price in Halifax make sure you look for Madame Sarah's name and I assure you that you will not be disappointed!

## ZOMBIE NIRVANA'S NEWEST ALBUM HAS BRAINS

The much anticipated undead group Zombie Nirvana has unleashed their revival-album Hraaarraawwwg! and the music critics' minds are blown. "We had no idea that Kurt Cobain being a zombie would improve his sound so much!" gushed Grun G. Guy, music enthusiast. The album is not far from previous ventures, with difficult to understand lyrics, and a love of the dark and pessimistic. "What has changed, is the motivation behind the art." explains Grun, "You really feel that Cobain wants to transcend the commercial medium of compact discs and really reach into your head... Pulling out your brain in the process." In no other track is this more evident than in Hxnnllll, a highly controversial track from the release that seems to have audio footage of a technician being consumed. While the record



music, whereas now direct bone-on-string contact has allowed for an increased variance of chords and some truly face-melting guitar solos. A piece that cannot be missed is track 4, an emotional instrumental piece which ends with Cobain smashing his guitar. The smashing of the guitar is not atypical, however it was against the

bullet-proof glass protecting the tech crew from Kurt, providing an eerie audio effect, nicely framed by the fearful screams of the intern Larry ('Is that going to hold?'). All in all Hraaarraawwwg! is a fantastic album, and you should consider joining the shambling masses outside of HMV, who are doing nothing but mosh pitting, chewing each other, and screaming for the album by name.

label has refused to comment on the truth behind the recording, citing 'pending litigation', What they were able to share was their commitment to the release. "We are excited in the bold new direction Nirvana is taking with their music. Hraaarraawwwg! is groundbreaking material(ism) that will really stimulate your grey matter." On the other songs desiccated fingers have actually added more definition to the



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# SPORTS

## WHEN YOU THINK HALIFAX WHAT DO YOU THINK? PART 4

JONATHAN KUSHNER

In Halifax and the rest of Atlantic Canada, an NHL team would be a beast of an alpha dog.

The key to fiscal success and franchise stability? Follow the grassroots to where the talent originates from.

The NHL famously over-expanded to the American Sun Belt in the early to late-1990s and is paying the price. If you can't play hockey in the winter, why would you go watch it? The Columbus Blue Jackets website has a page where they teach 'fans' that when the puck goes over the goal line and into the net to applaud. Wait a minute. Fan; fanatical. Since when do fanatical followers of any sport have to be taught basic scoring rules of the game? Here in Canada, it's in our blood.

Then you would need an appropriately sized arena. The Metro Center sits 10595, but additions could certainly increase capacity to the 18000 range at the same site.

Secondly, considerable financial backing in an ownership group must be in place. As the home of Alexander Keith's, Labatt would be inclined to be behind such an endeavour.

Research In Motion, owners of Blackberry, would also be another prospective buyer. The company chose Bedford as the site for their technical support center back in 2005 since then have put considerable dollars (at least \$230 million) and a state of the art facility here in the HRM area. Again, a party with dollars to spend but has yet to find an outlet for such expenditures.

Bell Atlantic is another company in an interesting situation. As majority owner of national sports broadcaster TSN as well as CTV, they may be inclined to make more of an investment than you think. They recently upped their pro sports sponsorship with a shirt deal for the Vancouver Whitecaps of the MLS. Bear with me, because the rest of this passage is a bit theoretical. It appears the Maple Leafs will eventually, in the next few years, be purchased by Rogers who own Sportsnet and its 4 channels plus the premium Sportsnet One. The Leafs in turn have their own pay-per-view broadcasts on Leafs TV. Rogers would likely pull the Leafs off of TSN broadcasts in

the event that they purchase the team. Montreal will likely end their title sponsorship with Bell and revert to Molson as they were recently re-acquired by the Molson family. Rogers is the title sponsor of the Canucks arena and holds exclusive broadcast deals of large packages for the remaining Canadian teams. This puts Bell and TSN on the outs with the two major Canadian teams while

they currently are with the four others. An investment in Halifax benefits both parties as there would be considerable interest nation-wide in a new team as far as novelty. CTV could broadcast games nationwide for free and TSN could choose a package allowing the team basically free advertising. So there you have it; a prospective owner, a considerable number of interested sponsors,

national TV deal, excellent arena site, appropriate arena expansion plan, proven ability to host and sell out games, and a city that is lauded by fans and players alike.

'If you draft a kid at 16 he's got a chance to stay with team for four or five years,' said Clement Jodoin, the first coach of the Mooseheads. 'There is always a nucleus for the community to identify with.' If

the city could keep a nucleus for more than half a decade, imagine the possibilities. It was also spur the development of hockey players out here to an even higher level than it is today.

'If they could build an NHL arena in Halifax,' quipped Ramzi Abid, 'it would be a great NHL city. I'm 100% sure.'

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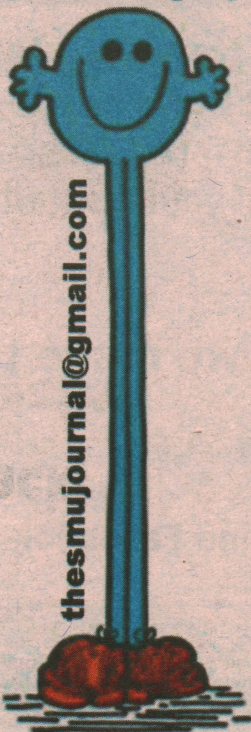
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