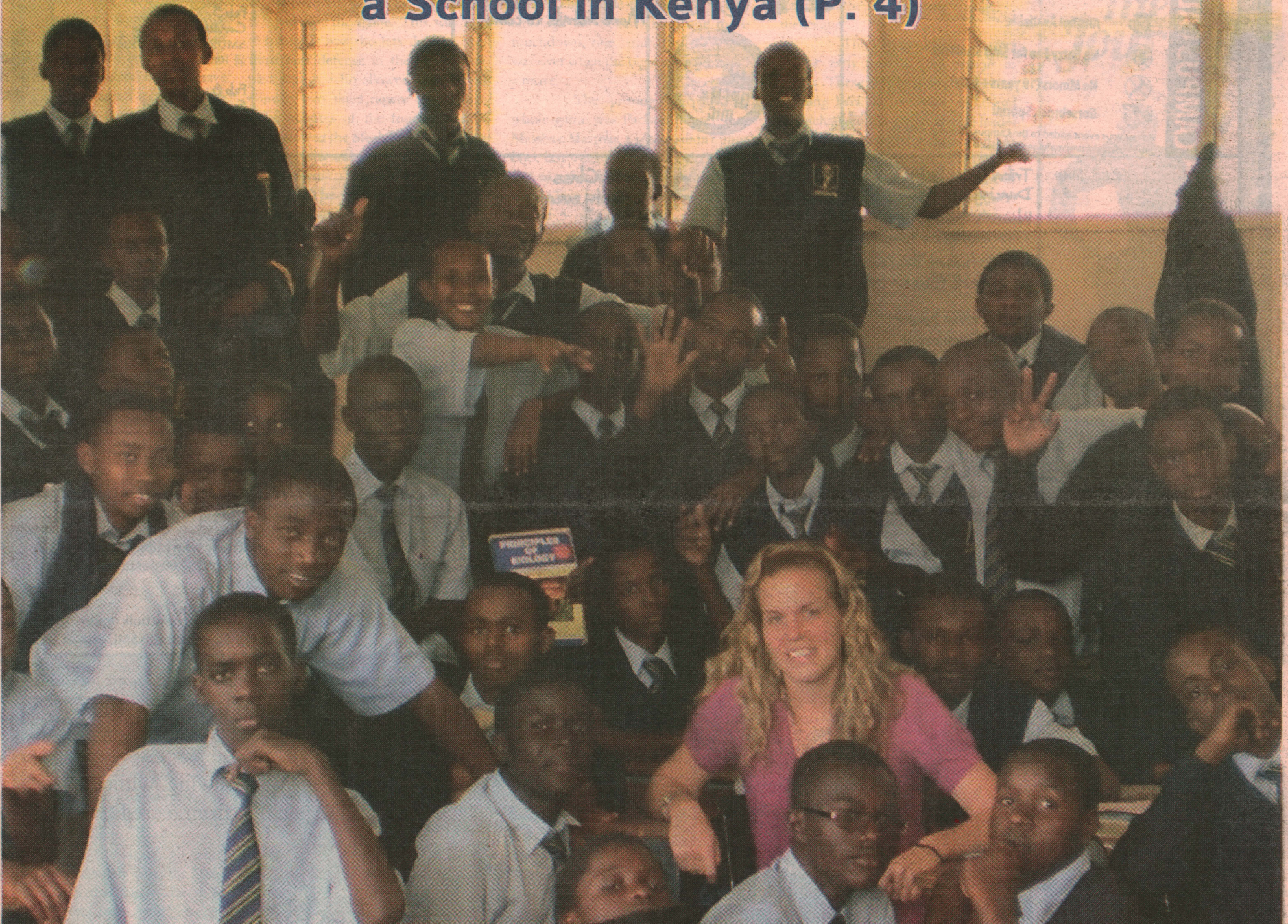


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Letter From The Editor The Vexing Vampiric Voter Virus

Adam Faber
Editor in Chief

They don't vote, they don't go to campus events, they don't join any groups or societies. They shuffle from class to class, ambling through hallways in great hordes, mechanically steering themselves around obstacles like campus construction or a 'Caution' sign on their way to the next lesson. They are Saint Mary's zombies. "Brains..." they seem to utter, as they seek to expand their craniums. The outbreak has been spreading; a year ago, 80% of students had been bitten by the SMU-Zombie virus, early symptoms cause them to not care and avoid voting for the campus elections. Their hunger for grey matter glues them to the syllabus. The last vote proved that that number was increasing, with infection rates as high as 87%. Our only hope is a group of zombie hunters, armed with the most creative arsenal of outreach imaginable. A shotgun stuffed with involvement buckshot. SMU-Zombification certainly is preventable, at least in my opinion. When the electoral undead were asked why they didn't vote, they refrained from eating us to respond: "I was busy on vote day," or "I don't know what these people actually do." That's when our stalwart heroes must grab their cricket bats, their shovels



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and lengths of chain to pound home the information needed to get the student body involved. With such large numbers in the dark, maybe it would be best to introduce the antidote into the water supply; or in this case, the beer supply. Include a question or two about SMUSA or the role of SMUSA (or the President, or the BoD) in the trivia night questions, and all of a sudden people will be secretly Googling the answers on their iPhones! The education may not be fast, perhaps it will be even slower than the shuffling gait of the living dead, but as long as progress is made, we can slow or even stop the advance of these ghouls.

Is MTV Canada Helping The Fight Against Bullying?

Rob Frenette
Contributor

Bullying is something that we have all experienced at one time or another. I'll be the first to say that progress has been made nationally with dealing with the issue of bullying. Schools and students are taking a stand, workplaces and employees are setting policies and governments and civil servants are trying to determine the best route to take, whether that be legislation or other alternatives.

So when you turn on your television the last thing that would come to mind is a show that (in my opinion) spreads bullying across your glossy screen. MTV Canada's "Bully Beat Down" seems to think that their show is helping victims. The object of this show is to put a bully in the ring with a Martial Arts Artist; if the bully wins he or she gets to pocket \$10,000, if they lose the money goes to one of their victims.

As a victim of bullying for eleven and a half years, and the co-founder of BullyingCanada, I cannot support MTV on their decision to air this program.

Brad Schwartz, the Senior Vice-President of Much MTV Group, states: "the premise of Bully Beatdown is to ask bullies to see how they measure up after taking on someone their own size, showing these bullies how silly they look when they are no longer the dominant person in a situation. The result is that loud, cocky and aggressive bullies appear weak, unconfident and defensive."

The anti-bullying effort has been an uphill battle. I've been working the front lines of trying to not only improve the lives of students in New Brunswick but across Canada,



and I feel that this show is hampering those efforts.

When this show aired I launched a complaint with the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council (CBSC). This process all started in April of 2009. The CBSC then reviewed this file and decided that MTV Canada was found to not have violated any sections of their Code and the show could go on as per usual.

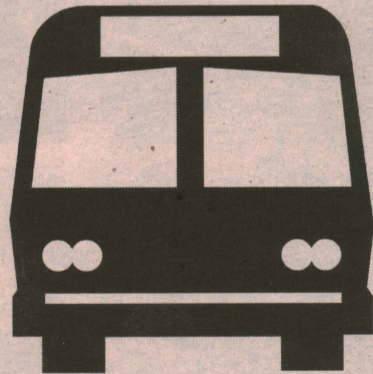
I then appealed this decision to the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), asking them to over-turn the CBSC's decision, as I found out via the MTV Canada website that the show violated Section 3.1.1 of the CAB Violence Code. The show had aired in a timeslot that was not allowed. The CRTC has had this file since June of 2010 and no verdict has been reached.

Bullying is something that affects us all and the delay that the CRTC is taking on this request is not only affecting Anti-Bullying Organizations from coast-to-coast, but also victims who feel that the show proclaims the message that bullying is ok, and that violence is the best answer to their problems. In taking so long to come to a verdict, I feel that it may hamper others in making complaints of their own, as those complaints seem to fall on deaf ears. The CRTC needs to take a stand and make a ruling.

Green Tip of the Week

Emma Poirier
Contributor

With the roads being a little icy and slushy this time of the year, take advantage of alternative methods of transportation. Instead of driving your car, ride the bus!



SMUES

Lots of volunteer opportunities are coming up with SMU Environmental Society. Go to www.smues.ca or find us on Facebook to find out about meetings and events.

Writing Centre's Tip of the Week

Katie Eaton
Contributor

Punctuation in any piece of writing is a crucial element. It tells the reader where to pause, and can even draw attention to a word or phrase that is particularly important. This week's writing tip will focus on one specific element of punctuation: the semicolon.

There are three primary ways in which semicolons can be used.

First, semicolons can join two complete sentences, known as independent clauses that are closely related. In this case, a good rule of thumb is to only use a semicolon where you would also use a period.

For example: My brother went to the market for me; he forgot to buy the milk.

Another way semicolons can be used is with a conjunctive adverb in order to explain the relationship between two complete sentences that

are closely related. Conjunctive adverbs include words such as: however, therefore, moreover, subsequently, consequently, etc. In this case, you would still use the semicolon where you would also use a period.

For example: The students failed to evacuate during a fire alarm; consequently, they were each issued a Notice of Fine by Residence Security. Finally, semicolons can take the place of a comma in a sentence where commas are already being used. But in this case, the semi-colon is used only when there is punctuation in this things being listed.

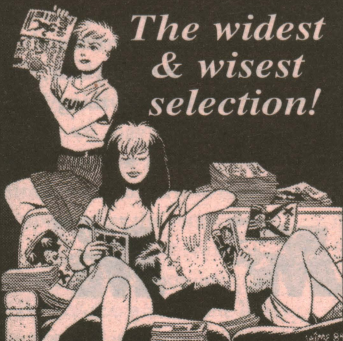
For example: In the garage, there are eight 4-cylinder engines, all working; three 6-cylinder engines, of which only two work; and two 8-cylinder engines, none of which work.

Used correctly and sparingly, semicolons are quite a useful form of punctuation and help to improve both the flow and clarity of writing.

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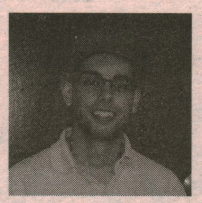
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Features & Opinions

James Urquhart Features Editor



The Cranky Professor The Vices of Denunciation

Mark Mercer
Department of Philosophy

People who attempt to shout people down or to shut people up must be aware that they're helping to publicize the ideas or attitudes against which they're fighting.

Remember the disruptive protest a couple years ago here at Saint Mary's, the one that forced Jose Ruba, a pro-life speaker, off campus? The protesters surely knew that because of their antics, Ruba would be given all sorts of opportunities in the days following to get his message out.

Or consider the case in Alberta of Stephen Boissoin, who had a letter against homosexuality published in his local paper. The man who complained about the letter to the provincial human rights commission surely knew that because of his complaint, both the content of Boissoin's letter and its choicest phrases would quickly travel throughout the country and beyond. The Alberta official who subsequently ordered Boissoin not to speak his views on homosexuality must have known that she was inciting great numbers of others to take up the task for him.

The would-be silencers, then, certainly know that their tactics will ensure the wide circulation of what they despise. But that makes their behaviour paradoxical only under the assumption that they do what they do intending to prevent ideas or

attitudes from being heard. Give up that assumption, and it all becomes clear. They're not seeking to suppress any message. Rather, they're seeking to make known that they stand against that message. They intend to be seen standing against it, and that requires making the "it" they reject widely known.

We can call what they do denunciation. Of course, almost always to stand against something is to denounce it. But the tactics I have in mind—shouting the speaker down, complaining to a human rights commission, ordering a sign down (as the Saint Mary's University Students' Association recently did)—create instances of mere denunciation, for they reject discussion or argument. They serve simply to set oneself up as in favour of the right and true and against the wrong and bad. Denunciation in these cases is not a part of a larger critique. It's its own point.

Well, what's so bad about that? Perhaps, sometimes, mere denunciation is just what's called for. After all, mere denunciation can have valuable social effects, or so one might suppose.

For instance, by being seen to stand against racism, say, or against those who would display a vaguely pro-life message to delicate students standing in line at Tim Hortons, a denouncer can give hope and strength to those who suffer. One is

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communicating one's concern and solidarity, and that can ease a person's burden.

Denouncing might be especially helpful or inspiring when it's done by a recognized authority. When Saint Mary's University said no to the cartoons of Mohammed by ordering them off a professor's door, or when the Saskatchewan Human Rights Tribunal fined Bill Whatcott \$17,000 for complaining about all the sodomy going on in our schools these days, the marginalized could take heart that powerful institutions were on their side.

Canadian human rights commissions and tribunals fight the good fight, then, not by suppressing evil words or feelings, but by showing the targets of evil words and feelings that the commissions and, by

extension, Canadians in general feel their pain and will stand on their behalf. That the speakers of evil get publicly and officially shamed adds a tasty bit of vengeance and warning to the mix.

Mere denunciation can, in addition, help to publicize injustices the mainstream media hasn't noticed or, worse, has chosen to ignore. It can keep unpopular but righteous causes alive. Perhaps we saw this in the disruption of a talk Christie Blatchford, the *Globe and Mail* columnist, was to give in Waterloo. Blatchford wanted to talk about poor policing, but for the disrupters Blatchford's visit was an excellent opportunity to bring attention to First Nation land claims and to the perfidy of the settler government. Arguably, these are topics both more significant and less well understood than the police-supported lawlessness in Caledonia that concerned Blatchford.

Finally, mere denunciation can send a clear and strong message to politicians or other authorities just what side the bread is buttered on. Better not to raise a contentious issue than to court denunciation.

For all that, then, and given our concern for the marginalized or impoverished in our communities, why is mere denunciation nonetheless odious?

Precisely because it rejects investigation, critique, and discussion. The matter here is ultimately about

how we want to live. Do we want to live as though those who would criticize us or mock our values are thereby harming us, such that we need others, authorities, if possible, to stand beside us feeling our pain? Or do we want to live as thinking people, people able to evaluate for ourselves the ideas and attitudes we encounter, to accept or reject them on what we take to be their merits?

If we want to live as people who don't merely react to words but who respond to them on the basis of their evaluations of their worth, we won't go in for mere denunciation. We will want, instead, to reveal through discussion that what we reject is false or ignoble. That's why people who aspire to live as thinkers will not occupy a stage or shout down a speaker or complain to a human rights commission or to the president of their students' association. Instead, they'll wait their turn and respond with arguments.

The most worrisome objection to my proposal that we live as thinkers is that we simply aren't strong enough to do so successfully. We lack the character needed to live that strenuously. Because we are weak, the objection concludes, we will have to rely on mere denunciation to give us confidence in our values.

It really is a matter of how we want to live. So let us be clear that right now, those who would have us live weakly are the ones in charge.

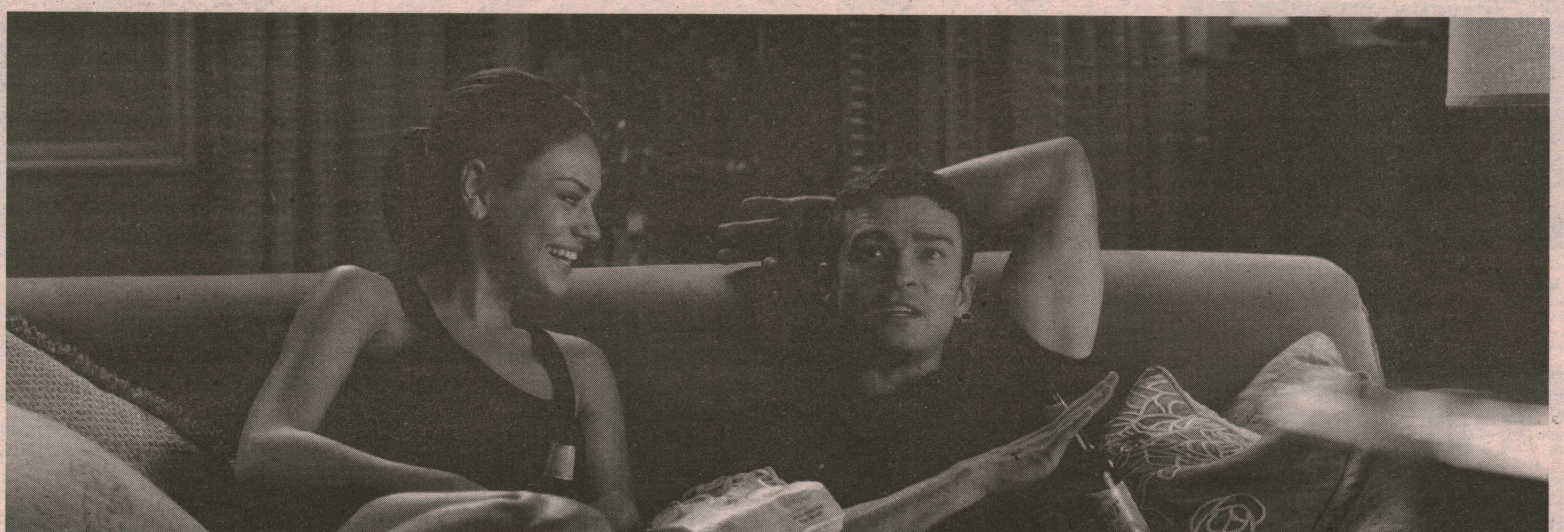


Friendcest

SS Randy Blue

Q Dear G Spot: Umm...I have been having sex with two of my best friends for a few months now. I've noticed that both seem to be getting clingy and having dramatic moments when it comes to "sleeping over" on the weekends. I have no desire to go out with either of them but at the same time I am enjoying the comfort having good sex without the relationship. Am I on a course for destruction or is there a solution to my friendcest dilemma?

A Sleeping with the best, friends with privileges, friendcest, it can have many names but can do a number on



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your friendship. It can be worse than lending family money or inviting your bus along on your summer vacation. The perks can be fabulous and

bountiful but at the same time there is always that feeling of uneasiness.

Your friends seem to have no problem with having no-strings-attached sex and judging by how long you've been doing this there doesn't appear to be any problems in the near future either. Many times people and friends desire to have the company of another person but they also do not want to feel the commitment, pressure or limitations of a relationship. In fact, over the past 20 years friendcest has become increasingly popular that now, many people having a friend with privileges set in their speed dial.

How is this a bad thing, you ask? Well, there are many downsides to friendcest. Often times one partner will become obsessed and territorial with the mutual partner causing the situation to become very awkward and usually leaves the obsessee short one friend when everything is said and done.

My advice would be to go for it. Just make sure that everyone knows that it's only about the sex and that all privileges will be lost as soon as someone starts to become clingy or awkward. If done right than you should not have to worry about

it destroying your friendship and if feelings between both parties become strong enough you have yourself the building blocks of trust, friendship and understanding already in place for a serious relationship. Just remember to keep it mutual and to play safe, the sex shouldn't be the only thing kept under wraps.

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Program Profile: Modern Languages and Classics

James Urquhart
Features Editor

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Journal: Provide a brief abstract of your program.

Dr. Bannerjee: We offer five programs in the modern languages and classics department at Saint Mary's University.

We offer German, Asian Languages (Chinese and Japanese), Spanish, French and Classics. The most fundamental aspect of each of these programs is the language component. We are proud to have a very strong faculty that specializes in written and spoken language. This does not, however, mean that you have to be fluent in any language to take courses in these areas. We also offer many courses related to culture, focusing on such aspects as cinema, literature, cartoons, music, et cetera. I am pleased to say that our department has the most balanced French program in Halifax. What I mean by this is that we balance our focus between language, culture and literature, to ensure that our students get the best experience possible. Students can major (with the exception of German), minor, do an honors degree in French, and if they are so inclined, they can get a certificate of proficiency any of the languages our department offers.

Journal: Why should any given Saint Mary's students take a class in your department?



Dr. Bannerjee: Language is the tool of communication. This means that it will be useful in all aspects of life, whether personal, professional, or otherwise. Given the demand for those who speak more than one language in the work force these days, speaking, or even being familiar with culture, will give you a competitive advantage in any given career. For instance, the Canadian government is certainly

more likely to hire you if you know two or more languages as opposed to just one. It is never a bad thing to possess more assets than not, especially with the global nature of our current economy.

Journal: How will taking a class in the modern languages and classics department benefit any given student in the academic sense?

Dr. Bannerjee: Many of the benefits were mentioned in the preceding question. Research shows that learning a new language will in turn help you to understand your own "mother tongue" better. The result will be better writing skills, better oral proficiency with your native language, and overall a better understanding of that language in general. Learning about various cultures will only help you in your given field. Even if you do not major, or even minor, in the modern languages and classics department, given how interconnected academic fields are today, knowledge of other cultures will surely improve your critical thinking skills, and well as your ability to take

issues that relate to cultural differences and idiosyncrasies. I must say that the opportunities to study abroad are vast within the subjects taught in our department, and there is nothing better for acquisition of a language than being immersed in that native environment.

Journal: What class(es) would you recommend that all students take in your department?

Dr. Bannerjee: I would strongly recommend that anyone interested in the language component of our program start by taking introductory courses and progressing upward. However, those students who do not want to take a language related course could take a 2000 level Mythology course or an upper year Spanish or German culture course offered in English. I would, however, be careful in which I selected as many do require some previous knowledge of the subject matter.



Previous Election Turnout Low - What can we expect this year?

Suzette Belliveau
Contributor

Last year's SMUSA Elections resulted in an extremely low voter turnout of only 13%. When speaking to current SMUSA President, Matt Anderson he explained, "The campaign last year started off on a negative note, it's the only reason I can think of why we had such a low voter turnout."

While speaking to several students on campus, one female stated, "I voted because I have an interest in politics, and I believe that if I don't vote, then I can't complain if I don't like the way things are going. This way, I can voice my opinion!" A male student explained that, "I didn't even realize there was elections going on. I had vaguely heard that they were coming up, but then I missed the voting period. I had school and other things on my mind. I'll vote this year if I remember to." A third male student suggested, "Maybe some people don't care about who our president is? It doesn't bother me really, I never felt the need to vote."

Three students, one vote, how can this be changed? It appears that students may be too busy to worry about voting, and rather focus on other things such as their homework. On the other hand, many students may not care about who the SMUSA president is, or who the people on board of directors are; perhaps they also do not want to participate in campus activities. However, the student who did indicate that she voted explained that she was interested in politics, and in elections. She cared who ran our student body. How can we recruit more students to feel the same way?

Elections to many may not be the most interesting topic. However, SMUSA elections help determine who is going to run and represent the student body in and outside of campus life. This is a big deal if you are an active student, and if you enjoy taking part in activities on campus. Of course we all have homework, assignments,

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and exams, but the elections committee does a wonderful job in organizing events so that the students can get to know the potential presidential (or board of directors) candidates better. The candidates are also always seen on campus canvassing and explaining to the other students what their aims and goals are.

Therefore, why not vote? Why not take pride in our student body at Saint Mary's? We have a great campus; with great students and lots to offer, help elect the best candidates to represent us!

January 28th, 2011 was the final day for nominations; the campaigns will follow. Let your voice be heard this year, and vote!



SMU Graduate Bringing Students to Kenya

Adam Faber
Editor in Chief

In the community of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia there are many day-to day moments: a bustle of cars heading into work every weekday, students piling onto the bus, going to school, making friends or raising money for a band trip. Another daily event in the area that people might not find so typical is the fundraiser to send students from the area to Kenya.

"The Me to We campaign is about student adolescents helping others," explains Saint Mary's graduate Lise D'Entremont, "twenty-eight students from the tri-county area will be building a school for students in Schule Ya Bogani, Kenya." D'Entremont is one of the teacher volunteers helping to organize the trip, slated to take place in 2012, where the students will spend between eight and ten days building a place of learning. They will raise the money for their own travel, along with the capital needed for the supplies they'll use to build the structure itself.

After graduating with her Bachelor of Arts at Saint Mary's, Lise continued on to Saint Francis Xavier University for her Bachelor of Education. "Last March, I travelled to Kenya for six weeks for my practicum experience before becoming a teacher," D'Entremont told The Journal, "It was an amazing experience that I still think about each day, it has changed my life and the way I look at the world." After starting work at Drumlin Heights Consolidated School, she wanted to share her experience with students, and found the Me to We campaign, based out of Toronto, the best way to do so. "The organization was built by Craig Kielburger, in which students fundraise to help underprivileged kids

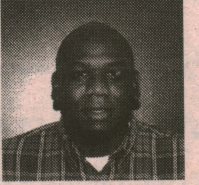


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in Africa and other countries in the world. It is a great opportunity for students in Nova Scotia to experience another culture and get to give to people who are less fortunate than them."

Each month the students are rolling out a different method to raise funds, due to the amount needed to complete the work. A bake sale one month, change collection jars set up another, it's a constantly rotating set of ideas in order to keep things fresh and the money rolling in: "Every month we start up a new fundraiser in hopes to raise enough money and have more left over to buy supplies for the children in Africa when we are there." Understandably, Halifax residents might not want to make a trip to Yarmouth to buy some brownies. A donations account has been set up through RBC, so anyone (even a non-RBC customer) can donate to the cause if they wish. The donations account number is 500-652-3 at 07213-003.

News



Keimeko Scotland News Editor

Death Toll Rises as Egyptians Demand Change

Keimeko Scotland
New Editor

The world's attention fell on central Cairo as embattled President Hosni Mubarak clung to power and tried to redeem his 30-year rule amidst the chaos that has erupted in Egypt as the army was deployed to replace police forces that clashed brutally with anti-government demonstrators. Anti-government demonstrators have taken to the streets in Egypt since January 25. The protests come weeks after similar disturbances sparked a revolution in Tunisia, forcing then-President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali to flee the country.

Both Egypt and Tunisia have seen dramatic rises in the cost of living in recent years and accusations of corruption among the ruling elite. Tunisia-inspired demonstrations have also taken place in Algeria, Yemen and Jordan.

BBC and Reuters are both reporting more than 75 people, and possibly as many as 100 or more, have been killed in protests around the country since January 25. Reuters says medical sources have tallied the injured at about 2,000.

In the capital, police opened fire on protesters who tried to storm the interior ministry, killing at least one demonstrator. At least one body was seen being carried out on the shoulders of protesters. Others were reported injured, but it's not clear how many. The violence occurred as tens of thousands of protesters filled the streets of central Cairo on January 28, chanting slogans against Mubarak in defiance of an evening curfew and warnings by the military.

Shops and businesses were looted and abandoned police stations stripped clean of their arsenals.

In one area, residents set up barricades and handed out sticks and kitchen knives as defense measures. Another group of men armed themselves and planned to sit outside all night to guard their houses.

Roughly 1,000 inmates escaped from Prison Demu in Fayoum, southwest of Cairo, state-run Nile TV reported early on January 29.

After days of silence, the embattled Mubarak acted swiftly on January 28. In a what is being viewed by many political onlookers as a desperate move to hold on to power, Mubarak has fired the entire cabinet and appointed his trusted and powerful intelligence chief, Omar Suleiman, as his deputy, the first time the authoritarian regime has seen such a post. He also asked Ahmed Shafik, the civil aviation minister in the cabinet that just stepped down, to form a new government, state-run Nile TV reported. Shafik is a former Air Force officer with strong military connections.

But Egyptians fed up with what they see as Mubarak's hollow promises for reform were hardly appeased. In a fifth day of protests

engulfing the Arab world's most populous nation, people took to the streets, chanting "Down with Mubarak" and burning pictures of the authoritarian leader.



Egyptian opposition leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner Mohamed ElBaradei, who returned home to Cairo to join the demonstrations and was placed under house arrest on January 28, said that he was disappointed in Mubarak's decision to stay put.

"This is a change of personnel and we are talking about the change of a regime," ElBaradei, told Al-Jazeera television of Mubarak's government reshuffle. "The Egyptian people are saying one thing: President Hosni Mubarak must leave. We have to move towards a democratic state."

The consequences of the unrest started surfacing Saturday as Egypt's Central Bank announced the closure of all banks as well as the stock market on Sunday, state-run television reported. And midyear university examinations were postponed. The Egyptian crisis reverberated across the world, with stocks plunging and oil prices rising sharply on news of the chaotic situation in Egypt. Multiple airlines have cancelled flights leaving thousands of travelers stranded.

British Prime Minister David Cameron released a joint statement on Egypt with French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel calling on Mubarak to bring about a "process of transformation" and to hold "free and fair elections." "It is essential that the further political, economic and social reforms President Mubarak has promised are implemented fully and quickly and meet the aspirations of the Egyptian people," the statement said. "The Egyptian people have legitimate grievances and a longing for a just and better future."

U.S. President Barack Obama convened an hour-long meeting on the Egypt crisis on January 28 that included Vice President Joe Biden, National Security Advisor Tom Donilon and other top officials, the White House said. The White House later issued a statement "calling for restraint, supporting universal rights

and supporting concrete steps that advance political reform." Obama is performing a delicate balancing act, trying to avoid abandoning Mubarak, an important U.S. strategic ally of 30

years, while supporting protesters who seek broader political rights and demand his ouster.

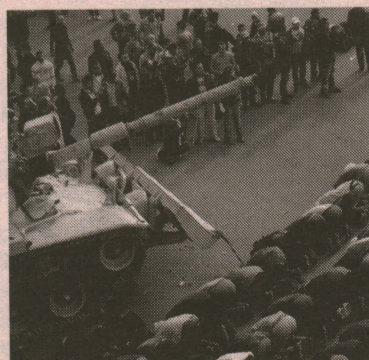
Egyptians and activists in cities around the world, including New York, Washington, London, Geneva and Toronto, staged protests on January 28 in support of those in Egypt and demanded that Mubarak step down.

Protests also took place in cities throughout Canada.

About 150 protesters gathered outside the Egyptian consulate in Montreal, CNN affiliate CTV reported. In Toronto, a downtown rally drew more than 500 people, it said.

Here in Halifax, about two dozen people of Egyptian descent gathered at Halifax's Victoria Park as part of Canada-wide rallies on January 28 in support of the massive protests in Egypt. Amongst those participating in the show of solidarity for the protests in Egypt was Omar El-Kallini.

El-Kallini, an undergraduate student at Saint Mary's University, said that too many of his compatriots were living in conditions of poverty or extremely and that it was time for a change. "Would you be able to have a family if you lived like that? No, this is not right; this is not what you call democracy. This is not true freedom", El-Kallini said.



School board delays budget cut meetings

Keimeko Scotland
New Editor

The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board has postponed community meetings, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, on proposed budget cuts.

The Truro-based school board had held meetings last week on the impact the proposed 22 per cent budget reduction could have on students and the education system. The board said it would have to eliminate almost 600 jobs if the proposed cuts took place.

Education Minister Ramona Jennex announced Thursday that cuts to education would not be 22 per cent and indicated that tentative budget numbers would be made available to school boards by Feb. 4.

Jennex said last week that one money-saving option includes not hiring new teachers to replace those who are retiring.

"We know that we have 1,000 teachers who will be retiring over the next three years and we are losing 7,000 students," she said. "So this is the opportunity so we can work together to provide balance within the system."

The Halifax Regional School Board decided not to release its projected effects of the budget cuts. Board chairman Irvine Carvery said the board didn't want to be accused of fear-mongering — something Premier Darrell Dexter has accused other school boards of doing.

School boards will find out just how much the Dexter government is cutting from their budgets in about 10 days, Jennex said Thursday.



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Colombia Community may hold Key to Alzheimer's

Keimeko Scotland
New Editor

A small Colombian community could hold one of the keys to finding treatments for Alzheimer's disease

But normally, Alzheimer's does not attack until old age.

For some, though, it strikes early -- beginning its attack in their late 30's. Now, one cluster of Early-onset Alzheimer sufferers in the mountains of Colombia could offer hope to families around the world.

For generations, the families in Antioquia have suffered with the disease, watching loved one after loved one deteriorate to death

Early-onset Alzheimer is a rare form of the disease but its brain lesions are identical to those in the late-onset form so the hope is that a treatment for one could carry over to the other.

According to Dr. Kenneth Kosik, Professor of Neuroscience Research at University of California

at Santa Barbara, "people there are getting the disease generation after generation because they are getting a mutation in one of their genes. It gives us a very big clue in being able to predict who's going to get it".

While it's still too soon to tell, Kosik's team believes the Colombian families could help unlock the mysteries of Alzheimer's, ultimately leading to treatments or preventions.

In Antioquia, there is a group of families -- about 5,000 people in all -- who can develop Early-onset Alzheimer's in their 40's, if they carry the mutated gene.

It's the largest concentration of Early-onset Alzheimer's sufferers in the world.

Kosik believes this community could be the key to unlocking the secrets of the disease.

"What we're witnessing here in Colombia with these families, in my opinion, holds many of the answers for Alzheimer's disease all over the world," he said. "More and more our thinking is, if we're ever going to

have any impact on this disease, the treatment must begin early. "In fact, we must begin to treat this disease before it strikes, and to do that, there's no really better population than the group in Colombia."

"There are some studies that predict that if we could delay by five years the beginning of the disease, the prevalence of Alzheimer's in the world would drop 50 percent." It's a lofty goal, considering the prevalence of Alzheimer's is on the rise, at least in part because people are living longer. According to Alzheimer's Disease International, 36 million people around the world have the disease. And studies show there will be 65 million people affected by 2030, and 115 million by 2050.

Dealing with Alzheimer's costs an estimated \$600 billion a year worldwide. That is expected to rise 85 percent by 2030.

With files from CNN

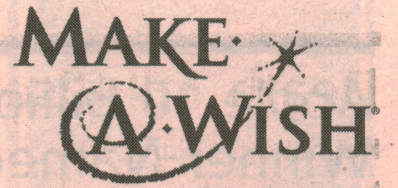
"Hair Massacure" for Hope

Keimeko Scotland
New Editor

The Atlantic Provinces chapter of Make-A-Wish Canada will be having its 5th annual "Hair Massacure" on the Saturday February 12 from 10AM to 3PM at the Halifax Shopping Centre.

The "Hair Massacure" is a fun, heart-warming head-shaving (or hair dying) event that provides you with the opportunity to help grant a child's wish. The idea began in 2002 in Edmonton, Alberta when a little girl named Kali suffered her third hair loss due to aggressive rounds of chemotherapy. Her father decided to shave his own head in support and encouraged 48 co-workers at Canada Post to do the same

Make-A-Wish Canada grants once-in-a-lifetime wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. You can help to grant a child's wish by collecting pledges in support of your hair challenge. Participants will also have the chance



to win great incentive prizes including Sony Electronics.

For more information on participation, registration or charitable donations to Make-A-Wish Canada please visit their website <http://www.makeawish.ca/> or contact Katie Cameron (katie.cameron@live.ca) at (902)719-4379.



UN calls for Mexico probe into migrant train abductions

Keimeko Scotland
New Editor

UN human rights chief Navanethem Pillay has urged Mexico to investigate the possible involvement of Mexican officials in the abduction of about 40 migrants.

Pillay said the Central American migrants had been "abducted in highly questionable circumstances" from a cargo train in Oaxaca state last month.



They were reportedly taken by gunmen who stopped the train in Chahuities.

Mexico has said it is investigating, after initially saying the reports were unsubstantiated.

According to a statement from Pillay's office, the train was first stopped by police and migration officials, who arrested 92 of the 250 migrants who had been stowed away.

The driver of the government-run train then took money from about 150 who re-boarded, the statement says, but he also allegedly warned of "more problems ahead" as

"there has been no trace of the migrants"

he had not been happy with what they had paid him.

Shortly afterwards, gunmen seized the train, robbing the migrants and kidnapping 40 of them, including at least 10 women and a child.

have been repeatedly threatened".

The Mexican Institute of Migration (INM) previously said that officials had boarded the train and detained a number of them, but that after speaking to local and federal officials there was no evidence that there had been a kidnapping. The INM has since said it is still investigating the incident.

Mexico's UN mission in Geneva had no immediate response to Pillay's comments, according to AP news agency

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Technology

Angela Lindsey Technology Editor



Apple 10 Billion App Contest Winner Named

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Apple recently held a promotion that they called their "10 billion app countdown" which, as the name implies, was their way of counting down to 10 billion app downloads on their iOS devices – iPod, iPhone, and iPad. The prize was to be given to whoever had an entry directly after the 9,999,999,999th entry, meaning either the person who downloaded the next app, or whoever sent in their written entry and had it received at that moment. The prize winner was a woman named Gail Davis of Orpington, Kent, UK, who had no idea she was entered in the contest.

When Eddy Cue, iTunes' vice president, called Davis, she believed the phone call was a prank, replying with "Thank you very much, I'm not interested" and hanging up

on Cue. After she hung up, she found that her daughters had been downloading apps during the time period in which the contest ended, and immediately feared she had missed out on the prize – a \$10,000 iTunes gift card.

Davis tried to contact the appropriate representative back, contacting Apple's support department, but they were unable to help her with her unique situation. Thankfully, a few hours later, another Apple called Davis back directly, and she was able to explain the situation. She was able to clear the misunderstanding up, and has been named as the official contest winner.

Her daughters are already looking for songs and apps to purchase with the gift card, and both Davis and her husband are planning to upgrade their previous iPods so that they are able to download apps as well.

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Artist and Former Stripper Charged with Eavesdropping

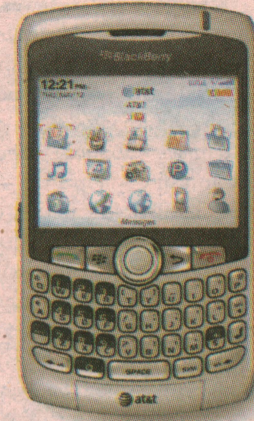
Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Chicago artist Chris Drew and former stripper Tiawanda Moore are facing up to 15 years in prison for eavesdropping, according to a story in the Chicago News Cooperative. Moore will go on trial in February for recording Internal Affairs investigators, who she claims tried to convince her to drop charges in a complaint for sexual harassment. During the discussion, she took out her Blackberry and started recording the conversation, and was arrested.

The situation with Drew, who goes on trial in April, is similar. Chicago police officers were investigating a situation in which Drew was arrested for selling art without a permit, a misdemeanor in Illinois. Drew used an Olympus voice recorder to record their conversation, which are the grounds for his trial.

Both are being charged under the Illinois Eavesdropping Act, which is rarely enforced, but makes it illegal to audio-record public or private conversations without first getting the consent from all parties being recorded. Illinois is one of 12 states in the United States with "two-party consent" eavesdropping laws.

A US District Judge ruled in early January that there is no "right to audio record", and claimed that such a thing would be "an unprecedented expansion of the First Amendment". Essentially, what the judge is saying is



that while there is freedom of speech, there is no freedom to record, even in public situations.

According to Illinois law, audio recording a civilian is a felony with punishment up to three years for the first offence, and five years for any additional offences. However, since both Drew and Moore recorded law enforcement officials, the punishment is much more severe. According to Illinois law, "audio-recording a law-enforcement officer, state's attorney, assistant state's attorney, attorney general, assistant attorney general or judge in the performance of his or her duties is a Class 1 felony, punishable by up to 15 years in prison."

The only exception to this law is the exact reverse: police officers can legally record civilians without penalty.

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Student's Thesis Becomes Censorship Debate with UK Banks

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

Cambridge University has published a thesis that has struck controversy with the UK Cards Association. This thesis, written and submitted by PhD student Omar Choudary, is titled "The smart card detective: a handheld EMV interceptor". Essentially, the thesis describes how to use a handheld device to bypass the PIN requirement of the UK smartcard payment system Chip and PIN.

On his blog, Omar wrote that bypassing these security measures was not the initial goal of the device. "During my MPhil within the Computer Lab I developed a card-sized device (named Smart Card Detective – in short SCD) that can monitor Chip and PIN transactions. The main goal of the SCD was to offer a trusted display for anyone using credit cards, to avoid scams such as tampered terminals which show an amount on their screen but debit the card another. However, the final result is a more general device, which can be



used to analyze and modify any part of an EMV (protocol used by Chip and PIN cards) transaction."

However, the UKCA does not believe that this sort of thesis paper is suitable for publishing. In fact, Melanie Johnson, chair of the UKCA, believes that this thesis "breaches the boundary of responsible disclosure" and places in the public domain a blueprint for building a device which purports to exploit a loophole in the security of chip and PIN."

When asked to remove the thesis from public access, however, the university declined. Ross Anderson,

“Cambridge is the University of Erasmus, of Newton, and of Darwin; censoring writings that offend the powerful is offensive to our deepest values.”

professor of security engineering at the university, replied to the UKCA's request explaining that the flaw had been discovered in 2009, and disclosed to the banking industry at that time. "You complain that our work may

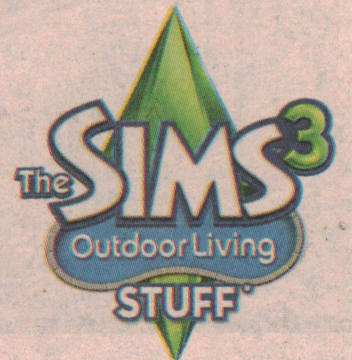
undermine public confidence in the payments system. What will support public confidence in the payments system is evidence that the banks are frank and honest in admitting its weaknesses when they are exposed, and diligent in effecting the necessary remedies. Your letter shows that, instead, your member banks do their lamentable best to deprecate the work of those outside their cozy club, and indeed to censor it."

In the meantime, the thesis remains available for public access, and Anderson stands behind the university's decision to support the student's research. "You seem to think that we might censor a student's thesis, which is lawful and already in the public domain, simply because a powerful interest finds it inconvenient. This shows a deep misconception of what universities are and how we work. Cambridge is the University of Erasmus, of Newton, and of Darwin; censoring writings that offend the powerful is offensive to our deepest values."

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Video Game Releases

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor



Make sure to check out these new games this week!

- 02/01/11 – Two Worlds II Royal Edition (Xbox 360 / PS3)
- 02/01/11 – Kevin Van Dam Fishing (PS3)
- 02/01/11 – The Ball (PC)
- 02/01/11 – Rock Band: Country Track Pack 2 (Xbox 360 / Wii / PS3)
- 02/01/11 – Breach (PC)
- 02/01/11 – Jewel Quest V: The Sleepless Star (PC)
- 02/01/11 – Junior Brain Trainer 2 (DS)
- 02/01/11 – The Sims 3 Outdoor Living (PC)

Tennessee School Requires iPads for Students

Angela Lindsey
Technology Editor

The Webb School in Knoxville, Tennessee has decided to require that all fourth through twelfth grade students will be required to have their own Apple iPad, to allow them to "use that technology whenever they need it", according to Jim Manikais, the school's technology director. The school is currently lacking in technology to enable the students to do everything they would like - currently, these students must "check out a cart, a laptop cart, or schedule lab time to take a class to a lab".

For parents who can't afford an iPad of their own, or don't wish to purchase one, the school will have a lease program in place, which will cost around \$200 per academic year, or \$20 per month during the school year, and will allow the student to have the iPad for three school years.

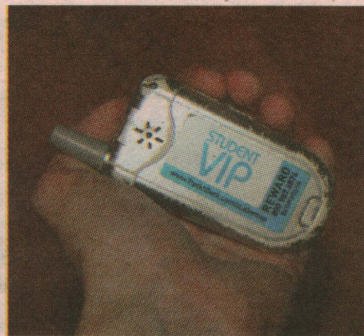
The school is not concerned with the idea of students having this technology at their fingertips. The school officials will block Facebook and Twitter on the campus' network, and an English teacher at the school, Elli Shellist, already has a "flip check" plan to monitor the students' use of the iPad. This check will require all students to flip their iPad to face the teacher when requested, at random, to allow the teacher to see what they are currently using.

This appears to be the first case of a school requiring the use of iPads in the classroom, but many schools encourage the use of such technology, such as Seton Hill and the University of Notre Dame, and textbook publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is currently developing applications for use in academic settings.

TrackItBack: Free lost & found service for SMU students

Adam Faber
Editor in Chief

Last year John Boldt got himself into some serious trouble. His laptop was stolen from his trunk while he was out on a run, and it contained the only copy of his thesis, which was three chapters shy of being completed. Things were worse than that, because his research notes were on the same machine. "It's so many years of my life just thrown away," Calgary resident Boldt said to CTV at the time, "The computer can be replaced. It's what's on it that can't. Even if they want to save everything on a hard drive and give me that, that's fantastic." John should have done a good many things. He should have backed up his work, either on an external hard drive in a different location, or on a website. He should have secured his laptop better, such things are often a target of theft, and just in cast the thief had a crisis of conscience, he should have had a TrackItBack sticker. TrackItBack is a simple service provided to students at Saint Mary's, it consists of a sticker you place on any electronic device. The sticker has a serial number on it, and if your device turns up somewhere, a handy 1-800 number can be called to reunite a device with it's potentially panicky owner. While it would certainly be more effective in the hands of a good-hearted Samaritan (Santamarian?) as opposed to relying on a repentant thief, it's not a bad idea to have an easy way to return your stuff. "I was in a cab and I found someone's Blackberry," remembers Dal graduate



Scott Richard, "there were all kinds of phone numbers on it, but the people I called on the list didn't remember who the owner actually was!" Scott explained that it was the device of a budding real estate agent, that's why so many of the contacts on the phone were merely passing acquaintances. Student VIP would have taken Scott's information, and provided instructions on how to best return the device to our forgetful house salesman, complete with a little something for his trouble. "I remember it took two days to get the guy's phone back to him, it was kind of a pain trying to meet up... and the jerk didn't even give me a reward." Student VIP gives a reward to anyone who returns a device, in the form of free service to the returner, at no cost to the scatterbrained student.

The Student VIP stickers are available to any Saint Mary's student by dropping by the Health Plan office on the 5th floor of the O'Donnell-Hennessey Student Centre.



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A & E

Buffett Goes 'Down Under' in Australia

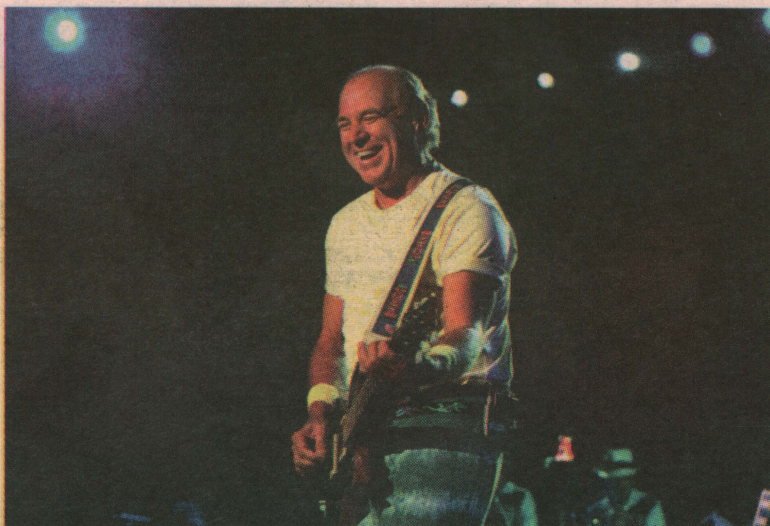
Kyle L. Trimper
A&E Editor

American soft rock musician Jimmy Buffett, best known for his 1977 hit "Margaritaville", took a tumble during a concert in Sydney, Australia. The 64-year-old Buffett reportedly fell off the stage last Wednesday while performing an encore, a performance of "Lovely Cruise".

While moving to the front of the stage to bid farewell to the

audience, Buffett fell face-first down a 6-foot drop to the concrete floor below, knocking himself unconscious. Buffett injured his head in the fall and was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital in Sydney. He was released the next morning.

"Jimmy would like to thank all of his fans for their support, and wants them all to know that he will return", said Buffett's spokeswoman. "He just needs some time to get better."



The Human Torch Dies

Kyle L. Trimper
A&E Editor

After fifty years, Marvel Comics has killed off one of the Fantastic Four, who are among Marvel's oldest and most-famous characters. Issue 587 of Fantastic Four reveals The Human Torch dies stopping the inhabitants of a parallel universe.

Writer Jonathan Hickman on the Torch returning to life: "I will never discount that a character can come back from the dead... I'm not going to tell you if he will, or when he will and if he does, how he will, but I can assure you that it's going to be very, very interesting and not what anyone expects."

This development is the conclusion of The War of Four Cities.



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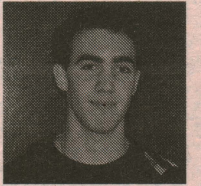
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Modern Punk: Never Mind the Bollocks, Buy Our T-Shirt!

Kyle L. Trimper
A&E Editor

The musical genre known as punk rock began in the late 1970s in Great Britain. Personifying an anti-establishment and anti-consumerism attitude, punk rock began to take over the music scene, overthrowing the established "aristocracy of rock" (for some reason, everybody uses ELP - Emerson, Lake & Palmer - as an example of this bombastic, excessive, decadent group of rock musicians; therefore, so will we) and replacing them with rude, unkempt and poorly-dressed counterparts. In the early 1980s, however, punk rock gave way to its gentler, more sophisticated cousin, new wave, and the "punk movement" was declared dead. In the 1990s and 2000s, however, the rise of new genres such as industrial rock, rage rock and hip-hop ignited the rebirth of punk rock, both in these genres and in a new punk rock similar to the old. Bands such as Green Day and Good Charlotte began what has now become known as "pop punk".

But is pop punk still punk? Fans of this genre would most certainly say it is. Dressed in their 'punk' outfits with their 'punk' hairstyles, these individuals see modern punk as an



anti-establishment, anti-consumerism movement, with plenty of room for individuality. But is modern punk anti-establishment? Is it anti-consumerism? Is there room for individuality? I say no, no and... no.

Modern punk is not overtly anti-establishment as much as anti-everything. The lyrics of most modern punk songs are not political or societal, but rather personal, what I call "I hate you" songs. "I hate you, I hate me, I hate life, I hate everybody..." This is a far cry from "London Calling"

or "God Save the Queen" or "White Riot". What originally claimed to have a world outlook and a cry for change has turned into a self-hating angst-ridden whine. Modern punk does not direct its hate nor doesn't have a reason for it. It does it explain why it hates the establishment or what the establishment can do to change in order to gain favour in the eyes of youth; rather, it lashes out blindly at whoever it can hit. Mom, dad, friends, the dog...

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Meanwhile, bands like Ted Leo & the Pharmacists remain in the older style of punk rock, staying critical of the society they live in and being articulate in it. On the other hand, bands like Green Day abandon their anger as they age, either as a change in attitude prevails or in order to become 'mainstream'. Punk has become a way of life more than a style of music, and unless the music reflects the lifestyle or vice versa, there will be anomalies in within the subject.

Secondly, the punk lifestyle has been especially great at fooling itself that it is anti-commercial. The first wave of punk rock in the seventies suffered from this: as the punk bands became more popular, they discovered that money spoke as much to them as to the people they were against. Things have not improved for punk

rock artists; rather, they have gotten worse. Modern punk is anti-consumerism as consumerism. The punk lifestyle is a trend, and any trend thrives on consumerism. The clothes, the albums, the hairstyles: the punk lifestyle is in actuality more consumer-based than many other genres of music or alternate lifestyles. The irony of modern punk is that punk enthusiasts are being sold anti-consumerism.

With this extremely consumer-based underbelly to punk rock, the idea that the punk lifestyle promotes individualism is false. As with any trend, fashions are being sold to a large target group. For that reason, every punk enthusiast is being sold the same clothes, the same music as the other. One is the same as another in the punk lifestyle; punk rock is no more individualist than any other trend.

In conclusion, if you want to buy into the punk trend and be a part of the fad, go ahead. There is certainly nothing wrong with that if you know what you are doing. However, if you are really a punk enthusiast, if you believe punk is a movement and a way of life, go back and listen to your Clash and Sex Pistol records and stop buying all those silly 'punk' fashions.

Nova Scotia, Warped

Amandah Turner
Independent Publicist

What would be better than getting to attend Warped Tour this summer? How about playing as one of the acts in it? That's what Music Nova Scotia and Halifax Pop Explosion partnered up to do for Nova Scotian bands for the second year in a row. Why would MNS and HPX provide this contest? Troy Arseneault, board member of MNS and contact for the contest's venue, The Seahorse, addressed my question as follows: "Music Nova Scotia and the Halifax Pop Explosion partnered with the Warped Tour to create an opportunity for our local bands who fit that format and would [otherwise] have a slim chance of getting the ears of the [tour] programmers due to our location."

There were 15 bands that were chosen to participate in the preliminary rounds, spread out over 3 weeks. For week one, Whiskey Bent and Hellbound, First To Fall, The Caravan, We're Doomed, and The Town Heroes duked it out. It was the band We're Doomed that ended up winning that round. Constantly Misjudged, Audrey and The Agents, Nerd Army, Static In Action, and The Wilds of Borneo went to battle for week two, with Audrey and The Agents coming out on top. For week three, That's outta control, Above All Else, Ghettochild, The Baketones, and No Flyers Please will be competing

for the winning spot in the finals on February 1st. This article will go to print before that winner is announced, however.

The Battle To Warped Tour II Final, which will involve the three winners from the preliminaries and two wild cards, will take place at the Seahorse Tavern on Tuesday, February 8th at 9pm. This is a show that is free admission, which would be a great incentive to go and see some amazing acts with a raw energy and drive to make it on top. Why else should you go? "It is the place to be on a Tuesday," says Troy. "Last year's winner, Last Call Chernobyl, will close the night off before handing over the award to the [new] winner. These bands are fresh hot rock acts that have blown me away... The talent is crazy!"

I would wholeheartedly recommend attending the final round of this contest if at all possible. The bands that are performing are incredibly talented and bring it to the stage from what I've seen at both the battle and at previous shows at other venues. This will be a night to remember that will leave you wanting more! Seriously, it's free, you can't go wrong here. Come cheer on We're Doomed, Audrey and The Agents, the winner of week three's preliminary round, and two wild cards to see who will make it to Warped Tour!

A big special thanks would also go out to Echo Chamber and Codapop Studios who had given out prizes of 8 hours of recording time,

and to Rockopolis who had given out 8 hours of rehearsal time out to the winners of the preliminaries, who would receive one of the three prizes upon winning. These are very generous gifts that I'm sure each band would take full advantage of in the future!

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Wednesday, February 2nd:
- Chloe Jones' "Old Palace" EP Release w/ Ryan MacGrath and The Dorotheas @ The Company House, \$10, 8:30pm

Friday, February 4th:
- Tool Tribute w/ Dissectional, Orchid's Curse, and Last Call Chernobyl @ The Paragon Theatre, \$7/\$10 (after 11pm), 9pm

Saturday, February 5th:
- Battle of the Bands @ The Pavilion [ALL AGES], TBD, 3pm

Tuesday, February 8th:
- Battle To Warped Tour II FINALS @ The Seahorse Tavern, Free Admission, 9pm

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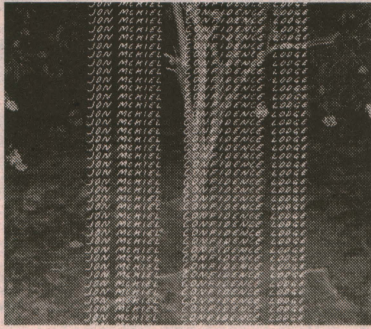
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Halifax native Jon McKiel's latest EP, *Confidence Lodge*, keeps it short, and it's a good thing. Not because the music is bad, mind you, but rather because too much of McKiel at one time could get tiring. The EP is comprised of five indie folk songs, alternating between relatively upbeat songs and mournful, feedback-laden dirges. The problem with the album is that the lengths and titles of the songs are unclear. For that reason, I may get the song titles wrong.

The first song, which I believe is titled "Monster of the Mirimichi", may be the most accessible song on the release. A straightforward indie pop tune, the song contains elements of The Beatles' *White Album*, especially in the guitar. "Motion Pictures" is faster and more pop-oriented, but extremely short. Clocking in at 1:59, the song is a snippet of what could be a great tune.

The third track, which I presume is titled "Rupert", sounds like a death march. Drums and guitar keep the beat on this particularly haunting

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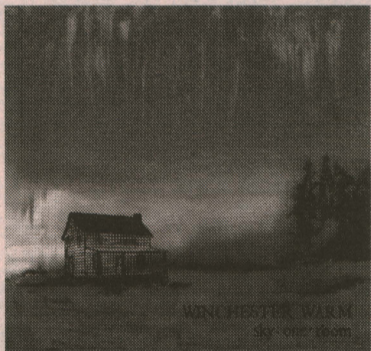
song while McKiel's mournful vocalizing provides musicality to the track. The next track, which appears to be called "(May 18th)", stomps around a bit and gives an upbeat interlude after "Rupert", despite its relative brevity, before the slow ballad, "Snow Owls". "Snow Owls" is a fitting ending to the release, with its slow folk sound.

The remarkable thing about this release is that McKiel has the ability to stop while he's ahead, and make the listener await his next release.

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Heads and Shoulders Above the Rest: Winchester Warm – Sky One Room

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Ottawa-based folk rock duo Winchester Warm has a new fan. Out of all of the independent small-label indie albums I have listened to and reviewed throughout the academic year, as yet, the band's debut album, *Sky One Room*, is the most enjoyable. Armed primarily with only a guitar and a set of drums, the band, which consists of Jonathan Pearce and Matthew Godin, sounds like a cross between Coldplay, R.E.M. and Mark Heard.

What makes *Sky One Room* such a remarkable album is a focus on melody in the songwriting, something that the majority of indie bands lack. The songs of Winchester Warm have a definite structure and a clearly-defined melody. The harmonies between Pearce and Godin accentuate the lead vocals and present a completeness that many albums do not seem to have. The album also benefit from being recorded at the McLeod-Stewarton United Church in Ottawa. The echoes of the church develop the acoustics of the band and create a haunting, emotive atmosphere to the entire work.

“...A full album of solid tracks that have the ability to stand on their own...”

True, *Sky One Room* may not be as "creative" as other independent projects (The North Lakes' *Cobra*, TWRP's *Poised to Dominate*, The Gertrudes' *Dawn Time Riot*): it contains a more pop/rock-oriented sound than said albums. However, creativity is no match for raw talent: the members of Winchester Warm are superb songwriters and strong musicians/singers. They do not need to try to be eclectic or unique, and *Sky One Room* is a full album of solid tracks that have the ability to stand on their own.

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Across

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- 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

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
- 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
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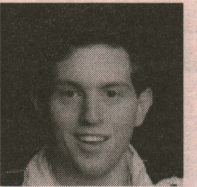
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Business

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This (past) week in business

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Business Editor

Netflix Inc: The dawn of a truly new way to access licensed movie & TV content is truly beginning to make a case that it is truly the way of the future. That is to say, given Netflix's strong quarterly results, the company has shown the old way of renting content from a bricks and mortar shop such as Blockbuster is ever increasingly becoming a thing of the past. The company released impressive results last week. Net income grew to USD \$160.1 million. This represents a 52.3% increase year over year. This was driven by a 63.1% year over year increase in the number of subscribers the company currently has. As it stands now, the company has 20 million subscribers. In this area of their business the company has seen tremendous growth. By example, in the last year alone Netflix Inc. was able to add 7.7 million subscribers v. 2.9 million in 2009. The company's top management had targeted 3.6 million net additions to their subscriber base for fiscal 2010. It becomes clear to see that evidently this target was easily met and exceeded. As Netflix continues to grow at a trail blazing pace, it becomes clear to see the way in which the world rents licensed content is going through a rapid transition.

LinkedIn: It doesn't take much to see that the internet over the last roughly seven to eight years has produced several immensely popular

sites that are typically classified as social media sites. As these sites come of age the people that initially invested into them in their start up phases are looking to ring the register. This will be done via seeing the companies they invested, hit the road and become public enterprises. In the process their shareholders will become instant millionaires. There are several companies today that fit nicely into this category. Namely, sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Zynga, Groupon, Twitter, etc. are among many. To date none of these companies have gone public, yet. That may change very soon. Many sources believe linkedin.com will be the first in class to take the plunge and become a public entity. As such, the company made their desire to go public known in 2011. It appears this idea may actually now come to fruition. As it stands, the price at which LinkedIn will debut at on the market and the number of shares to be issued has not been released. Although given Facebook's results; a leader in this sector with profits of USD \$500 million and a staggering valuation of USD \$50 billion, it is expected LinkedIn will be able to fetch a premium. Many analysts also see this potential public offering as an opportunity to gauge market interest over investing in social networking sites.

Microsoft: It shouldn't come as a surprise, Microsoft didn't perform as well as they should have or should it? It may merely be the case

that Microsoft failed to meet outsized expectations of the software giant. Regardless, of either case, Microsoft has begun to experience tough competition from the ever growing popularity of mobile phones and tablet PC's. It appears whichever culprit of their competitors one believes is to blame for the company's folly it may prove to be irrelevant. The problem itself may lie within Microsoft. According to Microsoft, they feel results were met due to relatively flat PC sales & a faltering U.S. recovery. Sure, statistically that's true. The U.S. economy's recovery has been slow and PC sales grew by a mere 3% in the last quarter. However, at the same time pricey mobile cell phones gadgets and tablet PC's such as Apple's iPad have been all most flying off the shelves. It appears a case of Microsoft playing the victim. To be fair Microsoft has also stated that to date they've sold 300 million copies of Windows 7. It wouldn't be fair nor prudent to beat up on Microsoft for one soft quarter. Fine. What might be appropriate to note is that Microsoft seems to have very little in the way of invention and innovation in their product lines as of the last decade nor in their current pipeline. If Microsoft intends to retain their position near the top of the technological totem pole, now might be a good time to create something truly new and imaginative. It been proven before. No company is too big to fail!

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Immigrants Staying in the Maritimes at greater levels

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A study recently conducted using Statistics Canada information found on campus many new Canadians are choosing Atlantic provinces as their permanent long-term home.

Through the studies analysis, it suggests immigrants are more inclined to remain in the Maritimes v. other Canadian provinces. The study suggests this may be attributed to immigrants being able to find work in the Atlantic region. Furthermore, the jobs that are typically found pay higher wage rates.

Dr. Ather Akbari, an economics professor here on campus was part of the research team. Through his work with the research project, he has suggested that higher wage rates may be the result of one simple conclusion; often the immigrants in the Maritimes are here for specifically targeted jobs. These targeted positions in turn result to higher wages. It is believed these positions pay higher rates of compensation in relation to new immigrants merely entering the Canadian job market as a whole.

With this idea in mind, it is believed that typical positions that immigrants occupy in the Atlantic region are more skilled labour such as hospital staff. These more skilled positions are believed to have a greater ability to attract immigrant



labour v. joining their families in other provinces.

Due to this trend Dr. Akbari has suggested that immigrants tend to stay in the Maritimes for the long-haul. In the past, just the opposite was a long-standing perception. It was widely believed that immigrants were leaving the region after a short period of time. Dr. Akbari, now believes to some extent, immigrants may be trying other more larger urban centres of Canada first and then heading to the Atlantic region to find higher paying positions. In the past it was a widely held belief that immigrants used the Maritimes as a gateway on their journey to heading to other provinces further West. Given these new findings, the trend appears to be reversing.

In 2001 54 per cent of immigrants that arrived in Atlantic region remained in the proceeding five years. That figure jumps to 65 per cent when compared to 2006 data, concluding people staying in the Atlantic region over the last five years is growing.

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Sex in the Workplace

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University is a vehicle that provides many opportunities. Of these many opportunities, two stick out slightly more than others. They may or may not be more valuable. It's just a matter of your perspective. What I'm getting at, is that university should provide you with the opportunity to acquire a job and might also bring a little love into your life. I'm not talking about loving school. I'm talking about a good old fashioned relationship. Sexual orientation don't matter folks! So heck, while were at it, why don't we combine the two subjects (jobs and romance) and see what some have uncovered?

From working at a menial minimum wage job to a high powered corporate position, romance can spring up al most anywhere. That is to say, many people meet their summer fling to their long-time spouse initially, while on the job. Some are quick to avoid such a situation. Others think differently. Some defer to the idea that romance or sex in the workplace isn't such a bad idea or big deal. Ultimately, they feel it's a matter of personal choice. Heck, there are no laws

against it. A piece of law such as the Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects such a civil right and choice. So, you may have the right to choose whether or not to engage in such a relationship at work or not. However, by the same token, your employers also has a right to impose policies and practices that discourage it.

But really why discourage it? What's love got to do with it? Some employers frown on the practice. They fear fostering any acts of infidelity within their walls. Their excuses or explanations include such rationale as stating potential loss of productivity or alternatively people using it as means of power to excel in their career.

Surely, there must be a contrarian view. It is that, these acts of infidelity might occur anyway? In essence then, does it really matter if you write official policy against them? Have these employers considered the idea that a happy worker may become a more efficient worker? Of course that is contingent on the relationship being a successful one. Often, they are not. Unfortunately, they are also short lived. Excelling in ones career by performing sexual favors may only get you so far too. If one is not capable of handling a more senior role,

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indelibly others may come to notice this. This may result in a demotion or termination as a result of ones own performance.

Regardless, of whether relationships in the workplace carry a rightful or wrongful position is a question without a definitive answer. It's futile to argue with absolute certainty either way. Don't agree? Gary N. Powell, wrote in the Journal of Management, May-June, 1998 issue, stating “at some times, workplace romances present a threat to organizational effectiveness through their negative effects on participants and coworkers. At other times, workplace romances enhance workplace effectiveness through their

positive effects on participants.”

So, why do they occur? Here's one view.

In society today, traditional meeting places such as the church, family events, and leisure activities tend to be scattered over a growing area in which they physically take place. Thus, meeting at work carries one important variable. location. Most people that work at a given spot also live within a reasonable proximity to it. You might also think of it as a reasonable dating distance. Hence, if you're exposed to each other all-day in the workplace then the temptation to see each other afterward is less burdensome, given the location feature.

As romance in the workplace does occur, regardless of ones opinion, the data pertaining to this subject is not as extensive as one would like but it does exist. According to a study, “Forty-one percent of employed Americans ages 25-40 have admitted to having engaged in an office romance, according to a joint survey sponsored by Glamour magazine and Lawyers.com.”

As was mentioned employers do have a right to implement measures to the amount of workplace romance. These measures include formal

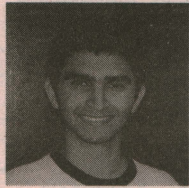
written romance policies and practices to dealing with the issue. How unromantic!

A study conducted by a society for Human Resource Management (SSRM) found that many company's have no such policy. Of the 617 members that responded, 72 per cent said that they outright, do not have a policy against sex or romance in the workplace. 14% said they have an unwritten but well understood norm in their workplace. Finally 13% responded by stating they have a formal written policy that strictly discourages romantic relationship in their workplaces. Given those results, one might suggest for its benefits, whether known or unknown, romance in the workplace seems to face little formal opposition.

Really what it boils down is whether one belongs to the school of thought that sex in the workplace is acceptable or not. As stated before there is no definitive answer. I suppose you can coin it as, “Is the idea of romance in the workplace a sexy enough?”

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Day of Action – Today!

Academic Amnesty Not Approved by Senate

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So here's an exact schedule of what's going on, February 2nd. The plan is for all students to collect in the student centre quad at noon. From there, we will merge and march with other feeder rallies to Victoria Park at 1 o'clock for a city wide rally. The other feeder rallies are coming from Dal, NSCAD, MSVU, and University of King's College. We will then, together, march to the Province House for 2 PM.

The SMU Journal also got in contact with the Canadian Federation of Students, the group helping with the organization of the rally. Elise Graham, a chairperson of the CFS had a few words for us: "Students are marching on February 2nd because receiving a post-secondary education in Nova Scotia is becoming increasingly inaccessible. If the government bases the cost of post-secondary education on the inability of students to pay tuition fees upfront they are saying that is acceptable for lower income families to pay more in tuition fees due to interest associated with student loans. This is inequitable." The Canadian Federation of Students unites more



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than half a million students from 80 student unions across Canada.

There are a few things that SMU students should be aware of though. SMUSA recently requested 'academic amnesty' for students from the Saint Mary's University Academic Senate, so they could feel more secure attending the rally without the threat of academic penalty. In response, the senate declined the request. Doing so made SMU the only school province-wide to refuse students amnesty from classes to attend the rally. All other universities have adapted some form of pardon for their students. The senate responded to the request with concerns about how it would look to the Canadian government, and an observation that SMU Faculty can judge themselves on a case-by-case basis what is acceptable for attendance, among other technical criticisms on the wording and procedure of the request.

SMUSA's Mike Mercer hotly contested this decision, "Student will simply have to rely on themselves yet again at Saint Mary's." read an e-mail obtained by The Journal to Dr. Gauthier, "The reasons given for not supporting the motion are weak at best." Mercer argued that part time faculty may not be as comfortable

being lenient as full time faculty.

Dr. Gauthier was unavailable to make a comment but The Journal did reach with Steve Proctor, Communications Manager-at SMU. "From a bottom line point of view, the Senate's roll isn't to approve or not approve a student process. It isn't something that is in their mandate to do. If a student wants to attend the day of action, they can approach the faculty; it isn't the role of Senate to get involved in this."

Professor David Sable, a part time professor over at the religious studies department, when asked if he would allow students to attend, supported the idea. "Yes, the rally is of great concern and it is a legitimate excuse. I wouldn't mind it if the students catch up on the work they missed that day."

We, the students of Saint Mary's do not have universal academic amnesty for the rally. Getting out of class to attend the rally is your responsibility and only you will be held accountable. So make sure you let your profs know you'll be out of class today supporting a good cause... securing your future here at SMU.

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Pimp My Library Patrick Power Gets a Makeover

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Student Life Editor

Who can miss the bright orange tarp that's been plaguing the university for the past few months? As of recently, this virus has now spread from McNally over onto our library as well. Anyone who's entered Patrick Power can notice the upcoming changes. Even though these sites might be a sore sight on the eyes and a nuisance with all the noise, the changes will be well worth it in the end. After some concern from students, the SMU Journal decided to do some investigation. The library administration were excited to speak about the upcoming changes and explained to us exactly what was going on behind the orange tarp.

Some of you may have realized the transformation of the 2nd floor study group rooms to office space. That space is now the home of the library administration. Their offices used to be previously hidden on the first floor; no one knew how to reach them. They now welcome guests at any time during their office hours. The 2nd floor hasn't seen too many changes other than that. Never fear though, we may have lost some study space because of this, but the administration explained how there will be more space after the renovations.

The one main concept that the administration has put into place is that the deeper you go into the library, the more tranquil it becomes. So let's



“What's up with all these renovations?”

back up to the entrance of the library; the Atrium. The Atrium acts as hub for students from various programs to sit down and relax. We've got low, easy on the back chairs and several tables scattered here and there for students to get their work done. The Just-Us cafe nearby is also a big plus.

If silent studying doesn't suit you, this is the place to be. The library is then connected to the atrium. As you pass the circulation desk and go beyond the computers, the noise level seems to diminish. This can be seen in the area by the photocopy machines, the former service area, and the group study area. The latter of the three are now construction sites, all part of the new renovations. The 2nd and 3rd floors are strictly silent studying areas.

What is up with all these renovations though? The administration explained to me

exactly what was going on behind the walls. As you pass the computers and enter the library, there are two renovation areas on your left and your right. On your right will be the new location of the Ferguson library and two new study rooms. On your left will be a brand new area for quiet reading. There will be new soft seating and tables for all your studying needs. In addition to this, there will also be a cozy fireplace; to set the atmosphere and keep us warm during the winter. If you pass these two areas, you'll come across what used to be the entrance to the group studying area. The room is now blocked off due to...you guessed it...renovations. After renovations, there will be six new study group rooms, each walled off from the other. There will also be a classroom located within that room. The administration hopes to have all renovations completed and open to the public before the start of exams.

One recent development that the library is proud of is the release of their app for mobile apple products. You can now browse the library's resources from the convenience of your iPhone! It's great to see the Patrick Power moving in a positive direction. The new renovations will be much appreciated. If you want to follow all the changes, join the Patrick Powell library group on facebook. Big thanks to Ms. Marie DeYoung and Ms. Brenda Bentley from the library administration for explaining the big changes occurring within the library.

The 14th Annual International Night! The Best the Whole World Has to Offer

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Saturday, January 29, the International Centre and the International Student Society coordinated one of the best events of the year, International Night! It comes to no surprise that Saint Mary's would host an event like this. 22% of its student population are international students coming from 106 different countries. With a huge support from international community and the domestic crowd too, the night was bound to be a success.

The event was hosted by Ndaku Mazhude, a popular character over at residence life, and Cait Dix, VP Academic Affairs of SMUSA. The opening was by Ying Wang, President of the International Student Society, and Dr. Colin Dodds, President & Vice-Chancellor of SMU. Following the opening ceremony, the grand buffet was presented. This was my favourite part of the night, featuring

foods from all corners of the world; everything from Jamaican Jerk Chicken to Chinese Beef Noodles, and South African Quinoa to Indian Chola Curry.

After our taste buds were entertained and our hunger was satisfied, the night carried on. The entertainment consisted of several performances from SMU's very own students and alumni. We all heard and saw songs and dances performed by students from all over the world. Their different heritages ranged from the Middle East, Africa, Turkey, Canada, Philippines, Russia, Peru, India, Pakistan, China, Japan, and the Bahamas.

The night closed off with dancing with music by DJ Lindelle Williams. The tables and chairs were pushed aside and the dance floor was packed. Students who were of age also received free entrance to Pacifico for the night. Overall the 14th Annual International Night was a huge success.





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Breaking the Odds: Unlikely Teams Advance to Superbowl XLV

Geoff Lowe
Contributor

The Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers advanced to Superbowl XLV with wins over the Chicago Bears and New York Jets, respectively. Both teams were able to win even though each of their quarterbacks did not have the games that many had expected them to have if these teams wanted to advance to the big game. In fact, neither Aaron Rodgers nor Ben Roethlisberger threw a touchdown this weekend, and both threw two interceptions. These types of stats don't usually translate into wins, especially in the playoffs. However, both QBs were able to create plays using their feet and both ran for touchdowns.

The Pittsburgh Steelers were able to jump out to a 24-3 lead by the time the second quarter had come to a close. Running back Rashard Mendenhall rushed for a score, Big Ben ran for a score, and defensive back William Gay returned a Mark Sanchez fumble for a touchdown. The second half, however, seemed like a totally different game. The Steelers were unable to generate anything offensively and were held pointless in

the last two quarters. The Jets, led by quarterback Mark Sanchez, were able to score 19 second half points to bring themselves within a touchdown of winning the game. Both scores were on beautiful passes by Sanchez, who many believed would be the reason the Jets lost the game. This was not the case. It was the Jets defense, the third best defense in the league this past season, who allowed Big Ben to convert two third downs in the last three minutes of the fourth quarter. This allowed the Steelers to simply run out the clock and graciously accept the AFC crown.

The Packers-Bears game was similar to the AFC Championship game in that the Packers had a multiple touchdown lead heading into half time (they led 14-0) but the Bears were able to keep themselves in the game. The difference, however, is that the Bears offense was despicable and it was their defense that kept them in the game. Bears quarterback Jay Cutler went out with a knee injury in the second quarter and never returned. Both backups, Todd Collins and Caleb Hanie, got playing time with the latter being the most successful as Collins didn't complete a pass. Hanie was able to lead his team to a touchdown in

the third quarter and was looking to do the same on the next drive when he was intercepted by 340 lb defensive lineman B.J. Raji who took it all the way to paradise and soothed the crowd with a delicious celebration dance. This made the score 21-7 and although the Bears scored one more touchdown, one could feel the game was over when the big man was bustin' a move.

The unsung hero in the whole game was Packers punter Tim Masthay. Masthay, a rookie, didn't punt once last week against the Falcons but this past Sunday he punted the ball 8 times. The impressive part is that he landed 5 of those punts within the Bears 20 yard line which took Pro Bowl kick returner Devin Hester out of the game and never allowed the Bears to gain any type of advantageous field position. Now I'm not one to praise NFL kickers often but Masthay's performance changed the course of the game.

A broader look at these games shows that both winning teams were able to overcome extreme adversity this past season to make it to the Superbowl. The Pittsburgh Steelers played their first four games without Big Ben Roethlisberger due

to a suspension because of off the field issues. In that span the Steelers went 3-1, only losing to their rivals the Baltimore Ravens. The Steelers played the majority of the last month and a half of the season without safety Troy Palamalu, the biggest game changer in the league.

The Packers lost 11 starters in the early part of the season to injury. These 11 included their top running back Ryan Grant, tight end Jermichael Finley, and defensive leader in middle linebacker Nick Barnett. At one point the Pack were 8-6 and on the outside looking in when it came to the playoffs. They have not lost since. Although these teams have played great their success can be mainly attributed to great coaching by Green Bay's Mike McCarthy and Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin. With any different coaches these teams would have been out of contention by week 6. This needs to be recognized.

In terms of a prediction, I think the game will be a close and relatively high scoring affair totally deserving of a Superbowl game. I'm going with the Packers over the Steelers 27-24. Either way it's bound to be a doozy!

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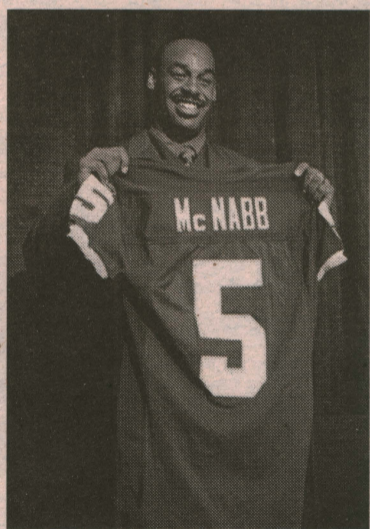
NFL: Rankings for off-season acquisitions

John Kushneryk
Contributor

As the Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers look forward to their meeting next Sunday at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington Texas, it is easy to forget that the front offices of the 30 other teams are currently in full-blown off-season mode. But as they look forward, I'll look back at the notable off-season talent (or lack of there-of) signings that clubs made during the off-season.

It is interesting to note that both contenders for the title belt are teams that rarely dip their hands into the free agent market. The Steelers most significant roster move this off-season was addition by subtraction. Super Bowl XLIII MVP and 2006 first-round pick Antonio Holmes was jettisoned to the AFC title game opponent the New York Jets for a fifth-round pick following an incident at an Orlando nightclub and a 4 game suspension by the league for violating the substance abuse policy. Although he caught 52 balls for 746 yards and 6 majors, Holmes' absence allowed the re-acquisition of fan-favourite Antwaan Randle El sophomore Mike Wallace to emerge as a bona fide number one deep threat putting 1257 receiving yards and 10 TDs. Overall grades: Steelers A- (still great potential), Jets A+ (great numbers given QB Mark Sanchez is still erratic).

Yet another off-season, yet another Dan 'Chainsaw' Snider DC screw job. After deciding he no longer



wanted serviceable Jason Campbell as a signal-caller going forward, Snider, owner and GM of the Redskins, flipped the quarterback to the Raiders for a fourth-round pick on draft. Out he was and into the hot-seat came Donovan McNabb from the divisional rival Eagles, acquired for a second and either third or fourth-round pick in the draft. McNabb looked at least his age (34) or older during the season, ending it third on the Washington depth chart. Aside from his 17-12 triumph at the Link in Philly, the season was a wash given the snafu of the 5 year extension McNabb signed for \$75 million. The kicker is only \$3.5 million was guaranteed. The Raiders enjoyed their first .500 season since reaching the Super bowl in 2002 while the quarterbacking skills of Michael Vick allowed the Eagles to become media darlings, falling short however to the juggernaut Packers in the divisional

playoff round on a failed fourth-down pass to Riley Cooper. Last but not least, the Skins brought up the rear in the NFC East at 6-10. Overall grades: Eagles A+ (cashed in on a washed-up QB), Raiders B- (great pick up, still no long-term solution), Redskins D- (they could have made it \$75 million guaranteed).

With each yard gained by former Bronco Peyton Hillis, Josh McDaniels already precarious situation got a little bit worse. Picked up by Cleveland for career third-stringer QB Brady Quinn, Hillis proceeded to torch it on the ground, eventually netting over 1500 yards to go with 13 touchdowns, easily the breakout player of the season. Quinn continues to languish on the depth chart; Hillis is the best Caucasian running back since (at least) Craig James while McDaniels was duly fired. Overall grades: Broncos F, Browns A+.

It is easy to go back and say what were the Vikings thinking? But in retrospect one must remember that public opinion was against the Patriots for giving up a number receiver. Bill Belichick remains unmatched, and Moss player in 4 wins and 12 losses for 3 teams. As the season comes to a close, next year's Super Bowl will likely be won by free agent/trade action (or inaction) on the part of the 32 member clubs. Remember, for 2011 no one has won a game yet.



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Sport Results from January 22nd until January 28

Men's Hockey 13-8-1 (Currently Ranked 5th in CIS Standings):

01/21/11 Saint Mary's 1 @ UNB 4
01/22/11 Saint Mary's 2 @ UPEI 3
01/26/11 Saint Mary's 1 @ StFX 3

Women's Hockey 7-7-2:

01/23/11 Dalhousie 2 @ Saint Mary's 4

Women's Volleyball 11-4 (Currently Ranked 9th in CIS Standings):

01/20/11 Dalhousie 2 @ Saint Mary's 3
01/22/11 Moncton 1 @ Saint Mary's 3

Men's Basketball 3(4W)-3(2W)-9 (6-9):

01/21/11 Acadia 80 @ Saint Mary's 96
01/23/11 UNB 95 @ Saint Mary's 81
01/26/11 StFX 93 @ Saint Mary's 92

Women's Basketball 3(2W)-4(4W)-8 (7-8):

01/21/11 Acadia 68 @ Saint Mary's 65
01/23/11 UNB 73 @ Saint Mary's 82
01/26/11 StFX 75 @ Saint Mary's 68



Sports

The Baseball

Brain Hotson
Contributor

Getting a baseball club together in the 19th century was difficult for many reasons, one being a lack of baseballs—or good baseballs at least. While they were sold in stores, not every store sold them. Most were made by hand. The good ones took time to make and were often sewn by a team member. Baseballs were not lost for long. These early balls were stitched differently than modern balls and often covered in heavy cloth, and because there were only a few available at a time, they softened quickly from

over use. They became dirty and scuffed and each had its own spin.

A popular, mid-nineteenth century baseball was the lemon ball. The stitching made a lemon ball look like it was cut in four lemon wedges and then sewn together again. These balls were often red, because it is easier to see a red ball against a white, grey, or blue sky, and measured roughly 10 inches in diameter, opposed to a modern ball, which is 9.25 inches. It was in the late 19th century that white baseballs became popular, then later standard for Major League play. Current Major League rules state the ball must be made of white horsehide



or cowhide—though there's no mention of stitching.

Since the 1930s, all Major League baseballs are rubbed prior to a game with mud collected from a secret location on a river in New Jersey—Lena Blackburne Rubbing Mud. According to the Rules, the home club is to supply enough balls

for a game with a dozen in reserve, and it is the responsibility of the umpires to rub up the balls, take away to sheen from the leather, and making them better for gripping.

Lena "Slats" Blackburne, who played for the White Sox, Reds, Phillies, Boston Braves, and coached for Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics, also managed the 1916 Toronto Maple Leafs, a team that played at Hanlan's Point on the Toronto Islands. It was there, in 1914, that Babe Ruth hit his first professional home run while playing in the minors. It was his only homerun that year. Later in 1914, he was called up to the Red Sox as a

pitcher. Standing at the windows on the 500 Level in the SkyDome (call me old fashioned), looking across the Gardner and Toronto harbour, Hanlan's Point is visible through the smog. Though the stadium is gone, I've imagined that ball sitting in the polluted silt of the harbour, a treasure in the shallows.



The Word Around Campus

Question: What would SMUSA candidates have to do to get you to get out and vote?



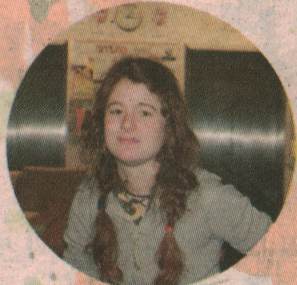
Matt McGuinty, 4th Year: Accounting
"The main issue I have with candidates is that they do not tell me powers they actually have and what they can actually do with those powers."



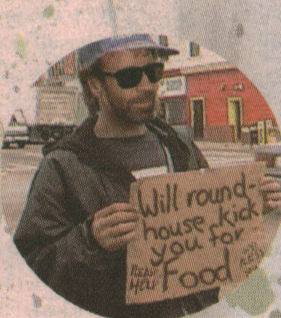
Brittini Rumney, 3rd Year: Accounting
"I would like to see more accountability and less empty promises."



Nik Hamm, 3rd Year: Honors Philosophy
"I would like to see a candidate that makes an honest effort to get some alternative, and if possible independent, food sources on campus."



Megan Blatchford, 4th Year: Engineering
"I would love if they would get rid of Armark!"



Chuck Norris, 11th Year: Awesomeness
"I want candidates that are more intense... and of course more awesome! I would totally vote for them if they would give every student a total gym!"

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