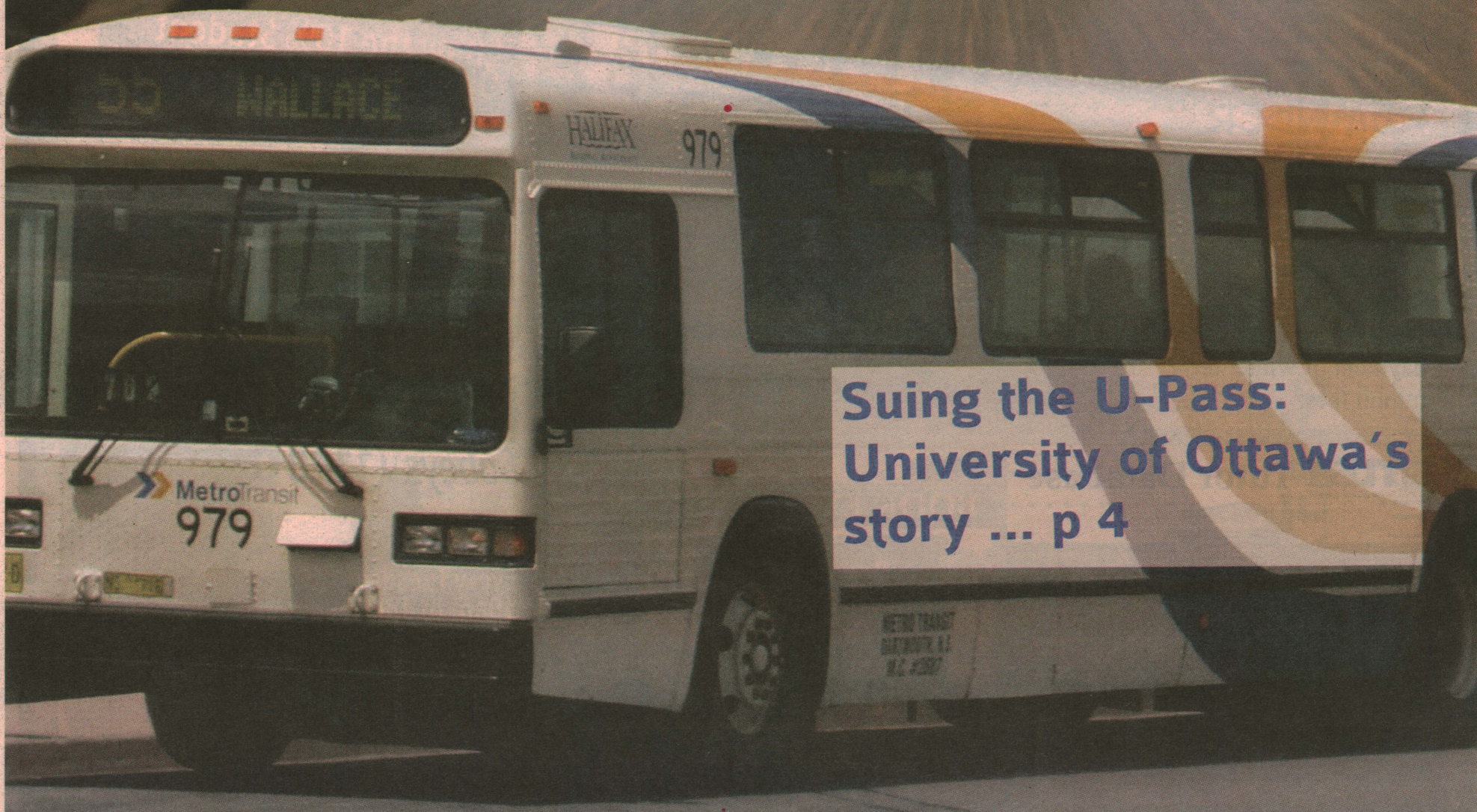
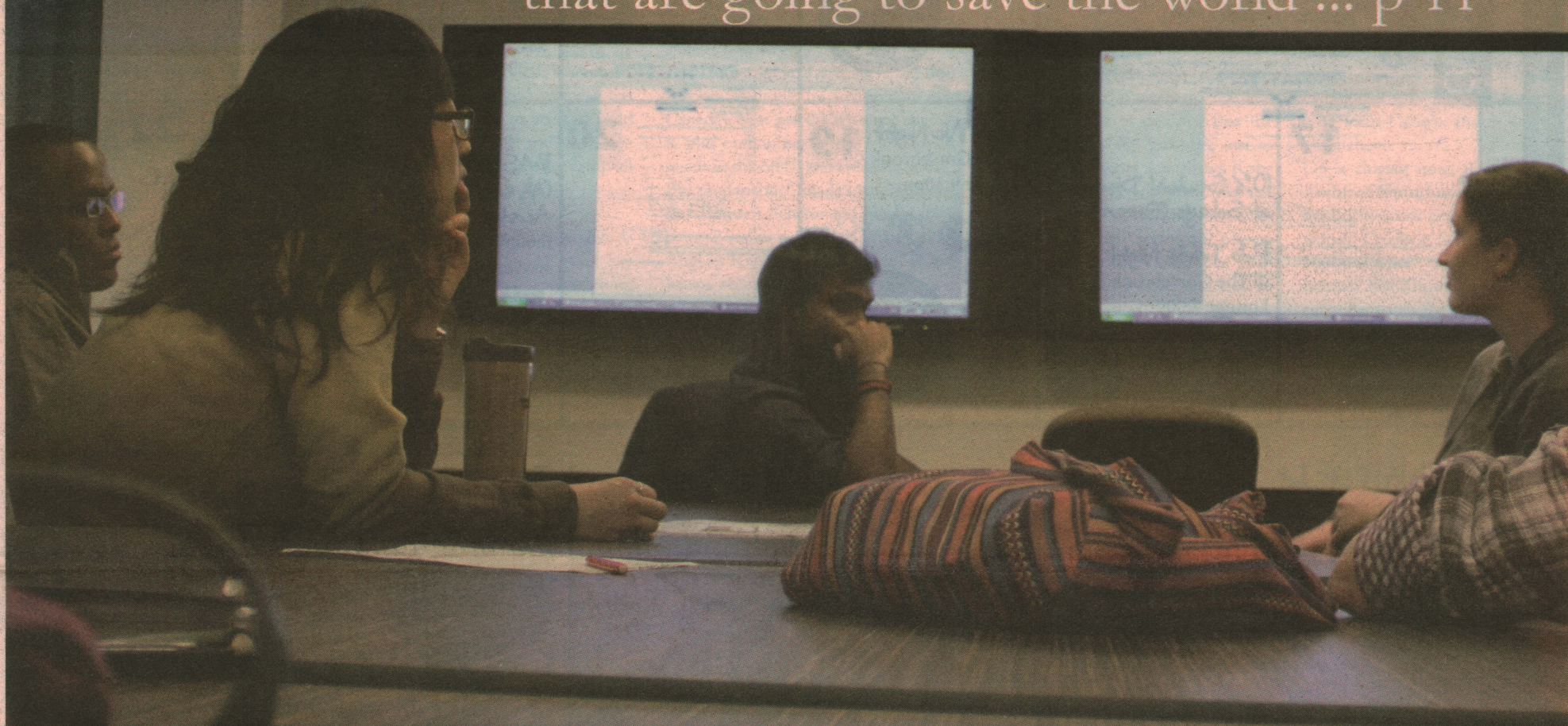


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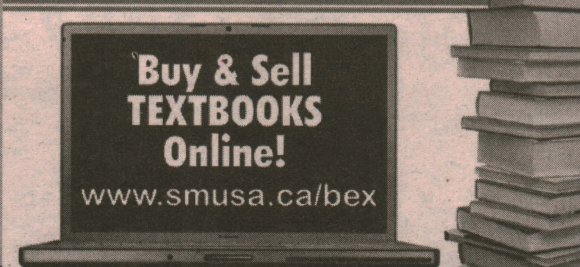


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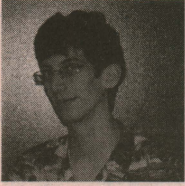
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## Letter From The Editor

Things are not going to be pretty this year for renters. Power rates have been hiked 5.66%, water is going up 27%, and home heating fuel trends with the price of gas, which is also on the rise. A renter is not required to pay for water in Halifax, and depending on your lease you may or may not have to pay for your electricity and/or heat. But even if it is included in your lease, the associated costs are going to be included in your monthly rent. With utilities on the rise, the pressure will be on the property owners to recoup their losses, likely by increasing what they charge for rent. Anecdotally, people in my apartment complex are paying \$50 a month more than people who signed their rental agreements in 2010 for the same units. People who stay put on a year-to-year lease will be insulated the the 3% cap on rental increases, but the writing is on the wall for them as well; it will now be more expensive to rent in Halifax.

Bus passes for SMU students will soon be put to a referendum, whereas we are not currently paying what Halifax Metro Transit wants to charge us. The choice will be fairly simple; take the increased cost (a raise of about 15%) or not have the bus pass at all. The student bus pass will soon cost \$130 for the academic year, so it's still a deal for bus riders... not so much for drivers.

Essentially, the cost of living for students will be on the rise, but it will be felt less keenly by those living in residence. Maybe you should pick up a part-time job to help pay for school... Just remember to keep them from taking off the automatic deductions, payroll taxes and EI premiums are set to increase as well.

Adam Faber  
Editor-in-Chief

## A Letter from Matt Anderson

Matt Anderson  
President & CEO, SMUSA

I am writing in response to the article "Another 'Free Speech Blunder' for SMU". The reason why I wish to respond is because there are misconceptions about SMUSA and where it receives its authority. Also, I write to paint a balanced picture for the decision to remove the pro-life sign.

To begin, the sign that was displayed in public was "women regret abortions" not "SOME women regret abortions". If such an absolutist wasn't presented the sign would have remained up. The fact is the Pro Life group on campus is a society of SMUSA and must adhere to the policies regarding societies. The policy in question is that societies must not deviate from SMUSA mission statement which is "To maximize the positive university experience for its students and provide assistance in overcoming any challenges they may face". The sign that was presented made some of our students feel intimidated and reasonably uncomfortable. After hearing numerous complaints about the sign which clearly deviated from our mission statement, I gave the authority for the sign to be removed to which the Students for Life Society respectfully complied with.

The key reason why the sign was taken down was that the absolutist statement of "women regret abortions" was subjected to all students, even to ones that deemed it offensive. If students wish to approach the pro-life group and communicate that statement in private than I have no issue with that

which was the approach that was taken.

This issue is not unique to the Saint Mary's campus. There are other cases where Student Unions have removed signage from societies on the same merits that I did. These cases have also made it to some Provincial Supreme Courts. These courts are often responsible and qualified to interpret terminology such as "freedom of expression". If every case that I have found, Student Unions have not violated the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom from which the debated term 'freedom of expression' comes from. Each case came to the determination that if societies are a service of a given entity (i.e. a Student Union), then they have the ability to regulate that service in accordance to the law.

Our policies regarding the governing of societies are public and can be found on our website. The Student for Life Society signed up as a society knowing full well the limitations that would be placed on them and thus accepted our terms and conditions of being a society. I personally welcome societies of different background. However, if a society does not wish to adhere to our terms and conditions, then they are entitled to carry out their activities and can adhere to current University policy.

The article also blurred the line of the relationship between the University and the Student Association. To make it very clear, the University and the Student Association are separately incorporated and are thus autonomous from each other. The University does

provide services to SMUSA such as collecting our fees, providing us space to operate and representation on various committees. Despite the relationship, the University has no authority to govern the Student Association. The only group who does have the authority to govern the Student Association is the students. As such, no University official can strip us of the power to serve the student body.

At the end of the day, this article could have been better researched. I only had one interview with the author of the article to which I only received one question and my answer was not recorded nor noted. From that one question, very little to none of my response was published in the half page article. In my humble opinion, if one is to argue the enforcement of 'freedom of expression' perhaps the author should stand by the integrity of his statements and publish my statements in full. Instead, I have taken the initiative to exercise my 'freedom of expression' and publish the reasons for my decision.

At the end of the day, I accept that my decisions are made public and are thus reasonably open to criticism. In fact, the lack of criticism of SMUSA makes the organization weaker. I somewhat appreciate that I have received a critique of my decision. However, out of fairness I believe that any criticism should be portrayed with accurate facts to develop informed opinions.

With highest regards,  
Matt Anderson  
President & CEO  
SMUSA

## Green Tip of the Week

If you're concerned about a certain environmental issue, write a letter to your local MLA to express your opinion and get your voice heard!

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# Features

James Urquhart Features Editor



## The Cranky Professor In defence of the lecture

**Mark Mercer**  
Department of Philosophy

Lecturing has fallen into disrepute. In newsletters of university teaching, at workshops, and by their peers, professors are told that lecturing to students is bad practice.

Lectures are boring, students won't remember what you've said, they won't even pay attention. Worse, not even the committed students, the ones who do pay attention, will learn much from hearing you lecture, for learning must be active while just to listen to a lecture is to remain passive.

So stand away from the lectern, and put on some slides or show a video. Or get your students to engage in creative role playing. Or divide them into small groups and assign the groups an activity. Or say something outrageous and invite your students to quarrel about it.

Into such disrepute has lecturing fallen at Saint Mary's that our overseers have purposely kept lecterns out of certain classrooms in order to discourage the practice. (Am I alone in thinking this a scandal?)

Despite its critics, lecturing is essential

to university teaching. Something crucial to a student's university experience can happen while she is following a lecture, something that cannot happen in any other setting. A student who isn't regularly listening to lectures in her classes simply is not getting the education she deserves.

An education, at least an education in the liberal arts and humanities, is an education in thinking, in thinking critically. It's an education both in appreciating the critical thinking of others and in how to think critically oneself.

To think through a problem well is a demanding task, for one has to keep many different thoughts in mind at the same time, and one has to organize them into chains of argument. One has to see possible objections to one's arguments and understand why those objections fail.

The paradigm physical product of sustained critical thinking is the critical or argumentative essay. A person well educated in the liberal arts and humanities is at home with argumentative essays. She can read them with understanding and appreciation, and she can write them herself. A central goal of liberal

studies is to make the student at home with critical thinking and its paradigm medium of expression.

Now certainly educated people create all sorts of things as expressions of their educated intelligence, not just argumentative essays. Academics, for instance, as part of their scholarly endeavours, create films, poems, photo essays, novels, charts, journalism, radio interviews, museum exhibits, translations, expert testimony, power-point presentations, aphorisms, dialogues, dances.... But it is only because they are at home with argumentative essays that they possess an educated intelligence they might then express in one of these other ways.

The core practical problem for the university teacher, then, is to discover how to bring her students into the world of the argumentative essay so that they, too, can feel at home there. Reading, one might propose, is the key here. The professor must teach her students to read argumentative essays, to read them with understanding and appreciation. She must teach them to read them critically. Reading an essay critically is, of course, to begin writing an argumentative essay oneself.

That's absolutely right, reading is the key. But noting this fact simply pushes the practical problem of educating one's students back a step. Now the professor's problem is to discover how to teach her students to read.

The beginning reader faces two problems when he turns all by himself to a book or essay. The first is that the words on the page cannot themselves directly respond to his questions. The other is that the thinking that created them has effaced itself. (The words express thoughts, but they fail to express the thinking that produced those thoughts.)

This is where lecturing comes in. To give a lecture is to write an argumentative essay. It is to write it out loud, in the presence of one's students. A professor's students watch what the professor is doing, they see how it's done. They may interrupt to ask a question when what's going on puzzles them. The professor puts on display the thinking that goes into the arguments she develops so that attentive students will have an example to follow.

One scurrilous falsehood about lecturing that needs to be laid to rest is that listening to a lecture is a passive

experience. It is not. To understand and appreciate a lecture requires active participation, just as reading does.

Perhaps lecturing has fallen into disrepute only because lots professors are bad at it. Perhaps lecturing suggests to professors that they read to their students. Certainly reading something to a group of students isn't going to teach them much, especially those who aren't themselves any good at reading. And so the whole endeavour will fail. If that's right, if lecturing is associated with lecturing poorly, then the task for professors is to lecture better, not to lecture less.

Lecturing better requires that professors remember that lecturing, despite what it's called, is writing, not reading. It also entails that students attending a lecture participate in it, and don't merely let its sounds waft over them. The primary responsibility falls on the professor, of course, though nothing inspires a professor more than attentive students.



## U-Pass Woes Abound

**Adam Faber**  
Editor in Chief

Leading up to a referendum on the price of Saint Mary's U-Pass, some University of Ottawa students are suing over their transportation. They say the mandatory student pass just isn't useful for those who live close

part of their argument against the decision to make the buss passes mandatory.

Student union president Tyler Steeves did not communicate with the media. He has told the university newspaper he is disappointed about the legal claims, but not surprised.

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to the school, and that the union is picking on that minority.

“I don't have any need for it. I live about a seven-minute walk away and I think I've used the bus twice since September,” second year student Chris Spoke said to the media.

Only 15% of U of O's student body showed up for the vote, which is a

“They're trying to make a point, I get it. But it's unfortunate that students' money is going to be wasted defending this thing,” Steeves told The Fulcrum.

The U-Pass program promises a less expensive bus pass, but it is alleged that it is on the backs of those who do not use it and are obligated to pay.

Here in Halifax, there was an increase

in the cost of Metro Transit. City councillors delayed the impact it had on the U-Pass program, due to the fact that universities needed time to react to the increase, deciding whether it was worth it or not to continue with the program. The increase in SMU's U-Pass will be approximately 15%, and will be included on the next student vote.

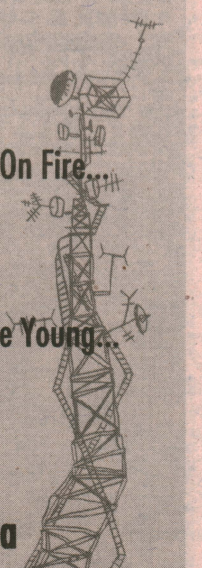
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# Free Speech is Still Free Speech

James Urquhart  
Features Editor

It has been brought to my attention that in a recent article written by yours truly, I may have made a slight mistake when reporting the slogan that was affixed to the display of the pro-life society, which was the subject of the article "Another "free speech blunder" at Saint Mary's". I reported that the sign read, "Some women regret their abortions" when in fact it may be the case that the sign read "Women regret their abortions". There has been much confusion among all the parties to which the journal has spoken to about the matter in question, including the pro-life society. It does not seem to be clear exactly what the sign said. Regardless, let us just assume that the sign did in fact read women regret their abortions. I have been told that this difference completely undermines the base thesis of this article, and thus I need to retract the article. Well, I am here to tell you that notwithstanding this minor difference, I still stand behind what I said; all groups on campus, and all groups everywhere need to be able to speak their minds freely.

With regards to the slogan "Women regret their abortions", I see two possible messages that the pro-life society could have been trying to convey (and keep in mind that I am only speculating about this matter): 1) they were trying to say that all women regret their abortions, which admittedly seems a bit far fetched, but nevertheless possible, or 2) they meant to say that some women regret their abortions, but worded their slogan poorly. I am inclined to believe that it is the latter, and not the former that was intended on the part of the pro-life society. The reason that I believe this is that a colleague of mine at the Journal, who had spoken to the society on the day of the display, informed me that the group had literature supporting the less cumbersome claim that at least some women had regrets about their abortions.

I have already discussed this possibility at length, and I feel as though that point has been made. So, in the interest of not beating a dead dog, so to speak, I will address the former possibility. What if it were indeed the case that the pro-life society meant to say that women regret their abortions (and again remember that I am only speculating on the nature on their intentions)? Well I think that it is safe to say that if this were the case, then the group would be wrong. This is a very strong claim that could only be true if it were the case that the majority of women regret having abortions. This kind of objective (yes this is an objective claim) is simply impossible to prove, unlike the claim that some women regret their abortions. In order to prove this claim, you would have to track down the majority of women throughout time who have had an abortion and ask them if they had some form of regret. Once you have

done this, then you would have proof of the claim that women regret their abortions. Proof, however, is not the issue in question; the issue in question is that of free speech. It does not matter whether or not the claim that this group made is true or not, what is important is that they should feel free expressing their views.

This situation is much like if I had a display that read, "two plus two is equal to five", it was representative of the math club, and SMUSA forced me to take it down. Now you may laugh at this example, but if you really think about it, you will realize that the same principle is at play. My claim is obviously false, just like the claim that women regret their abortions is also obviously false, but I still have the right to make the claim. Free speech is about the expression of one's beliefs whether they are true or false. No one should have the right to stop you from expressing that which you believe. You may be wrong, but you have the

unless you want to. I am a huge proponent of giving everyone the ability to express their various opinions, whether they turn out to be right or wrong. I do not agree that expressing an offensive opinion violates SMUSA's mission statement, which is "To maximize the positive university experience for its students and provide assistance in overcoming any challenges they may face", but of course this is only my opinion, and obviously all do not share it. My argument is that if one wants to maximize the university experience for all students, then they should allow slogans such as the one being discussed to stay up. My reasoning behind this is that in order to respect intellectual integrity amongst students, students should be exposed to such opinions, and should be given the opportunity to discuss with the individuals who hold these opinions, so students are challenged to think about what they truly believe and challenge the views of others. This is what I think would maximize the positive university

those students my message has not changed: I still say, "Suck it up". I will add this; however, I would strongly suggest that next time you are faced with something that offends you, you stop and think before letting your emotions get the best of you. I ask you, what are you afraid of? Are you afraid that if the slogan had remained up that people would have believed it? Do you then believe that if I put up my aforementioned math related display, the one with the slogan "two plus two is equal to five", that people would start to believe that too? Do you really think that people are that feeble minded? If so, then your outlook on you fellow Santamarians is awfully bleak. I suggest that you next time challenge the views of those who you do not agree with by engaging them in discussion instead of involving a third party. This is after all a learning environment, and we are all here to learn, or so I would hope. Discussion is the best way to learn, as it gives you the opportunity to examine your

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right to believe it. It is up to others to attempt to show you why you are wrong; this is what learning is all about, that is, discussing our beliefs. If it were the case that individuals were not allowed to make fallacious claims, then you would have never had the pleasure of watching infomercials at two o'clock in the morning when you could not get to sleep.

Many of you who have read the first article may be confused at this point; you may be asking yourselves why I am contradicting myself here. Well, truth be told, I am not contradicting myself. In the first article I did say that the claim "some women regret their abortions" was a valid and true claim. Here I am arguing along different lines; I am now arguing that if it is the case that the slogan indeed said "women regret their abortions", then the slogan is no longer true, although it still may be a valid claim. What I am arguing is that regardless of the truth of the slogan, the pro-life group still had a right to say what they were saying, and that I disagree with SMUSA actions in removing the sign not because they did not have the right to do so, but because they should not have done so. I believe that SMUSA has too much power to affect such matters, and that the unilateral decision by the president might have been justified, and I am not criticizing his actions, but is nevertheless wrong as it violates this societies right to express their opinion. Last time I check, opinions are harmless; you do not have to acknowledge an opinion

experience for students, and would certainly help them to overcome challenges they may face at university, and in the future. This kind of academic and intellectual stimulation is, in my opinion, what students need to truly succeed, but again, just like the opinion of Matt Anderson, it is only my opinion.

I would also like to acknowledge that I was mistaken in stating that SMU needs to reprimand SMUSA for their actions, as this is not a possibility. I have since learned that SMUSA's power, at least in the capacity in question, can only be limited by the board of governors, but the president still has the final say with regards to societies. I acknowledge that societies do recognize that they are accountable to SMUSA, but I still disagree with such unilateral say on the part of the president. Of course what I am asking for, the removal of such a power is almost impossible, as it would require a change to the SMUSA constitution, which would require a referendum on the part of the students.

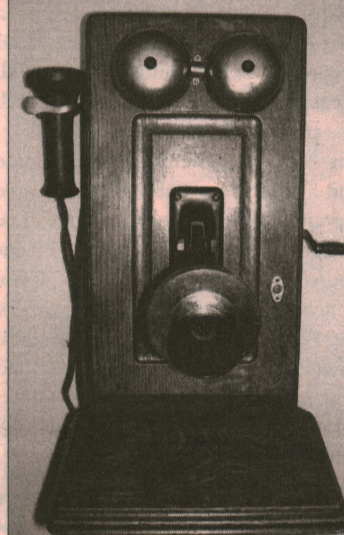
The thing that disappoints me most about this entire situation is entire situation is the reasoning behind why the slogan was taken down. Again, I want to make it abundantly clear that I do not blame SMUSA for acting as they did, they acted very much within their constitution, and they cannot be faulted for that. What does concern me is that they acted on the basis of students being upset with what was written on the display. To

views and the views of others.

I still stand adamantly behind what was said in the original article, and what has been said in this article: there is a problem with freedom of expression on campus, and it needs to be rectified. Remember, I am not saying that you have to listen to the opinions of others, I am simply advocating that everyone has the right to be heard. I am, however, in the name of journalistic and personal integrity, regretful for the errors that I made in my original article, and I thank those who have pointed them out for doing so. Again, I will say that I in no way disagree with the actions of Matt Anderson in practice; my issue is rather with the principle behind his actions. This, however, is a matter of Mr. Anderson doing what he thought best for the student body, expressing his opinion, which, while I do respect, I respectfully disagree with for the reasons that I have provided above. This will be the last that I will discuss this issue for the time being; however, this is your journal, so I encourage you to send your input to the journal, and have your opinion heard, whatever it may be.

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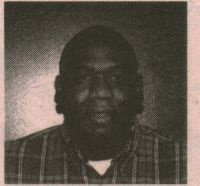
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# News

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## Federal Judge killed & U.S. Congresswoman wounded in Shooting

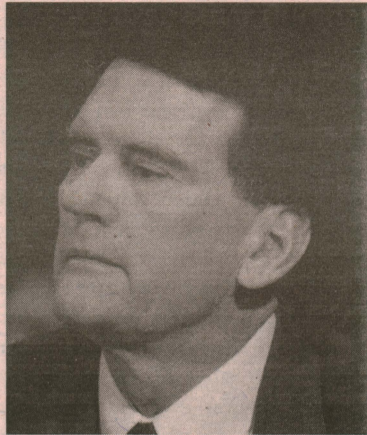
KEIMEKO SCOTLAND

News Editor

A federal judge was killed and a U.S. congresswoman gravely wounded in a shooting outside of a Tucson, Arizona, grocery store on January 8, according to police and government officials.

In all, six people died and 12 were wounded in the shooting, including U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Arizona, according to Rick Kastigar, bureau chief for the Pima County Sheriff's Department.

Chief Judge John Roll of the U.S. District Court for Arizona and a 9-year-old girl were among the dead according to authorities. The child, whose identity had not been released, was pronounced dead at a hospital. An Arizona law enforcement source and a federal law enforcement source identified the suspect as Jared Lee Loughner. Other law enforcement sources put his age at 22. U.S. Capitol Police said the suspect was in custody. Dr. Peter Rhee of University Medical Center in Tucson said Giffords had undergone surgery for a single



gunshot to the head that passed through her brain. Giffords was among five patients listed in critical condition, Rhee said. At least two victims with gunshot wounds were transported to another hospital, Northwest Medical Center, according to spokesman Richard Parker.

Kastigar declined to comment on a possible motive for the attack. Dr. Rhee, in a brief news conference at the hospital, said that Giffords had been moved to intensive care from surgery and said he was "very

optimistic" about her recovery.

"I'm about as optimistic as it can get in this situation". He said the next 24 hours will be key for determining the extent of her recovery.

Giffords, a Democrat, was first elected in 2006. She has served as chairwoman of the House Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee and also holds seats on the House Science and Technology and Armed Services committees. She is married to Navy Capt. Mark Kelly, a NASA astronaut who is scheduled to lead a space shuttle mission to the International Space Station.

Tucson police Chief Roberto Villasenor said his department had secured the homes and offices of some unnamed federal officials as a "precautionary measure".

Although U.S. Capitol Police said there was no evidence of a broader threat-involving federal officials, the agency said it had advised other members of Congress to take "reasonable and prudent precautions regarding their personal safety and security", the

agency said in a statement.

Colleagues and admirers of Giffords and Roll were quick to react to the shooting.

Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, said the attack was committed by a "wicked person who has no sense of justice or compassion".

"Whoever did this, whatever their reason, they are a disgrace to Arizona, this country and the human race, and they deserve and will receive the contempt of all decent people and the strongest punishment of the law", he said.

U.S. President Barack Obama called the attack an "unspeakable tragedy" and said he had directed FBI Director Robert Mueller to travel to Arizona to support the investigation.

"We do not yet have all the answers. What we do know is that such a senseless and terrible act of violence has no place in a free society", Obama said. U.S. House Speaker John Boehner said he was "horrified" by

the shooting.

"An attack on one who serves is an attack on all who serve. Acts and threats of violence against public officials have no place in our society", he said.

Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts issued a statement decrying the shootings and the loss of Roll, whom he called a "wise jurist who selflessly served Arizona and the nation with great distinction".

With files from CNN, CBC and AP News



## U.S. Justice Department Subpoenas Twitter accounts of WikiLeaks

KEIMEKO SCOTLAND

News Editor

U.S. officials have subpoenaed information on the social media website Twitter about Julian Assange and several other prominent supporters of WikiLeaks, including an Icelandic lawmaker.

A federal court in Virginia has ordered Twitter to provide information for each account registered to Assange, U.S. Army Pfc. Bradley Manning, Ron Gonggrijp, a reported computer hacker from the Netherlands, and Birgitta Jonsdottir, a member of parliament in Iceland and a former volunteer with WikiLeaks, according to documents sent to CNN by Jonsdottir.

The order asks for subscriber names, user names, screen names, mailing addresses, residential addresses and connection records along with other information related to the accounts.

Jonsdottir, who met Assange a year ago and worked with WikiLeaks until last summer, has called the U.S. demand for private information "unacceptable" and said she is consulting with lawyers in the United States on how to respond.

Jonsdottir said she had no idea why her Twitter account was of interest.

"I hope they don't think I am so naive that I would be doing any sort of

messaging through the Twitter board of any significance or (that would be) incriminating. This shows how nervous the U.S. government is, I think this should be handled better. I have done nothing illegal", Jonsdottir said.

According to Jonsdottir the Twitter legal team sent her an e-mail at 7:30 p.m. on January 7 informing her that the company would respond to the U.S. order in 10 days unless it received notice that a motion had been filed to quash the legal process. Gonggrijp also posted the notification he received on his website.

"We are writing to inform you that Twitter has received legal process requesting information regarding your Twitter account @birgittaj. The legal process requires Twitter to produce documents related to your account", the notification said, according to Jonsdottir.

Twitter spokeswoman Carolyn Penner said she would not speak about the specifics of the WikiLeaks case.

"We're not going to comment on specific requests, but, to help users protect their rights, it's our policy to notify users about law enforcement and governmental requests for their information, unless we are prevented by law from doing so. We outline this policy in our law enforcement guidelines", Penner said. The court

documents provided by Jonsdottir show that the original order for Twitter to supply the information was issued and sealed on December 14. Judge Theresa C. Buchanan unsealed it on January 5, authorizing Twitter to disclose the order to its subscribers and customers.

Jonsdottir posted a string of messages on Twitter on January 8 regarding the subpoena. One, posted just before 7 a.m., said: "Talked with the Icelandic minister of Justice; he is now looking into the case of demands of DOJ wanting my twitter details".

Jonsdottir was once a spokeswoman for WikiLeaks and worked on the website's release of a classified video in April 2010 that showed a U.S. Apache helicopter firing at and killing civilians, including two Reuters news service journalists, on the ground in Iraq.

WikiLeaks said that video "clearly shows the unprovoked slaying of a wounded Reuters employee and his rescuers." Public airing of the video forced the Pentagon to defend the actions of its troops in a report that concluded the Apache crew had no way of knowing the journalists were among suspected insurgents on the street.

Recently WikiLeaks has been publishing hundreds of thousands of pages of confidential U.S. military and diplomatic documents.

## 33 Women Attacked & Raped in Democratic Republic of Congo

KEIMEKO SCOTLAND

News Editor

According to information released on January 6 by the medical group Doctors Without Borders, at least 33 women were raped on New Year's Day in a region in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"Women had been restrained with ropes or beaten unconscious with the butt of a gun before being attacked, some in front of their children", said Annemarie Loof, the head of the medical aid organization's mission in the South Kivu region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. "Up to four armed men were involved at a time and homes and shops were looted", Loof added.

The United Nations say Rape is a frequent weapon of war in Congo and has named the Democratic Republic of Congo the "rape capital of the world", with 15,000 women raped in eastern Congo in 2009. The attacks

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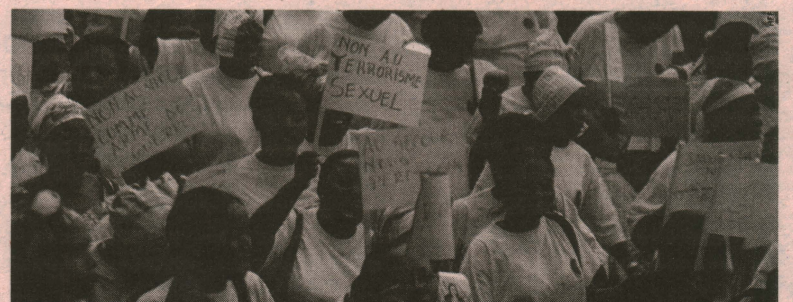
occurred in parts of the country where armed rebel groups moved into areas considered to be pro-government but lacking in army or police protection, according to the United Nations.

IN response to this incident many rape survivors took to the streets in October 2010 to speak out against sexual violence.

"My heart is in pain. Why are you raping me?" sang the rape victims, many of whom left hospital beds to join the march in eastern Congo.

These alleged rapes come after reports from the United Nations that more than 200 people were systematically raped during rebel attacks in the summer of 2010 in the country.

With files from CNN News





# Contamination fears spark global German meat ban

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News Editor

Germany's Agriculture Ministry moved to calm concerns over food safety with test results showing "acceptable" levels of dioxin, a potentially cancer-causing chemical compound, in poultry and meat as South Korea banned pork imports and Slovakia suspended poultry sales, even as the EU declared no need for a ban.

The European Commission reports that South Korea was the first country to suspend imports of German pork, and accused Seoul of overreacting.

"It is a decision which is out of proportion as to what is going on in Germany, but we are going to try to talk with the South Koreans to reassure them", said Frederic Vincent, spokesman for European health commissioner John Dalli.

Brussels does not consider there are grounds for declaring a ban on exports of German meat or other products from Germany "because the farms have been closed and farm products which have been delivered are blocked, awaiting analysis", Vincent said.

Slovakia became the first EU country to impose restrictions on German meat, after it suspended sales of poultry meat and eggs while it conducted tests to assess dioxin levels.

"The Agriculture Ministry has ordered checks in shops and warehouses in response to the discovery of dioxins in certain foods. Pending the results of laboratory tests, the sale of eggs and poultry imported from Germany will be temporarily suspended", a statement from authorities in Slovakia said.

Russia's agriculture agency said it had stepped up controls on food of animal origin from Germany and also from other EU countries although it did not specify which ones fell under the tougher regime.

The Russian agency also warned that meat imports might be banned if it did not receive official information on the situation.

Alexei Alexeyenko, a spokesman for the Russian agriculture agency, told Interfax news that "The European Union still lacks a system to react urgently to cases that could be dangerous for animals and humans".

The British Food Standards Agency said that cakes and quiches from two manufacturers which use liquefied eggs from Germany would be removed from shops, although due to the short shelf-lives of the products, most would already have been eaten.

The German news magazine *Focus* reported that increased dioxin

levels had been recorded in animals, according to a report sent by the government to European authorities.

This shows that meat probes taken from three laying hens contained 4.99 pictograms of dioxin per gram of meat; this far exceeds the permitted level of 2 pictograms per gram. A public warning to stay away from such meat would not be made, as no immediate health risk could be expected, the federal Consumer Protection Ministry said in the report.

The assets of animal feed producer Harles & Jenzsch have been frozen, according to Focus, in anticipation of compensation claims, while nearly 5,000 farms across Lower Saxony and eight other German states have been closed.

New accusations against Harles & Jenzsch are also being made by the Lower Saxony Agriculture Ministry, according to reports in the local paper *Westfalen Blatt*.

The scandal has continued to spread across Germany since it emerged that about 3,000 tonnes of industrial fatty acids contaminated with the highly toxic substance dioxin were used to enrich feed for egg-laying hens, poultry and pigs.

*With files from TheLocal*



# Fewer Women being Appointed to Federal Jobs

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News Editor

Figures from the Privy Council Office show that there have been fewer women appointed to Canada's more than 200 federal tribunals, boards, agencies and Crown corporations.

According to data provided to CBC News, the percentage of women occupying those jobs from 2002 to December 2005 was about 37 per cent. But when the Conservatives took over in 2006, that percentage began to decline.

A formal response from Privy Council Office to inquiries by Liberal MP Anita Neville shows the percentage was about 32.5 per cent from February 2006 to May 2010.

As far as Neville is concerned, the drop is proof that the Harper government is not committed to increasing the number of women who occupy these positions, which total more than 2,000.

"I think that it's not a priority. It takes an effort to ensure that women put forward their names and that there is an environment where women know that if they put forward their names they'll be given serious consideration. And I don't think that exists at the present time", said Neville

Conservative Senator Marjorie LeBreton has insisted the criticism is unwarranted. While she concedes that the percentage of women appointees is down under the Conservatives, LeBreton said it has nothing to do with a lack of commitment to promoting women.

LeBreton, who is also the government leader in the Senate, said she uses her position as a high-profile member of the Harper administration to encourage women to consider public service jobs.



# 14 Decapitated Bodies found in Acapulco

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News Editor

The bodies of 15 men, all but one of them headless, were found on a street outside a shopping center in Acapulco on January 8 as Mexican police reported that 27 people had been killed in the Pacific resort city in less than a day.

The decapitated victims, all of whom appeared to be in their 20s, were discovered in an area normally frequented by locals but not tourists.

Handwritten signs left with the bodies were signed by "El Chapo's People" in reference to the Sinaloa cartel, headed by drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman according to Fernando Monreal Leyva, director of investigative police for Guerrero state, where Acapulco is located.

The messages indicated the Sinaloa cartel killed them for trying to intrude on the gang's turf and extort residents. Authorities said there were at least three minors among the dead.

Mexico's drug cartels have increasingly taken to beheading their victims in a gruesome show of force, but Saturday's discovery was the largest single group of decapitation victims found in recent years.

In 2008, a group of 12 decapitated bodies were piled outside the Yucatan state capital of Merida. That same year, 9 headless men were discovered in the Guerrero state capital of Chilpancingo.

*With files from AP News*



# Turkish academics sacked over porn dissertation project

Jonathan Head

Contributor

Three academics at one of Turkey's top universities have been sacked after a student made a pornographic film for his dissertation project.

Bilgi University in Istanbul has shut its film department, and police are looking into possible criminal charges. A number of other academics have protested against the response.

The incident has drawn attention to the clash between traditional values and the sometimes experimental arts and lifestyles practised in Istanbul.

When film student Deniz Ozgun first broached his idea for a dissertation project with his professors, they were hesitant.

He wanted to make a pornographic film, he said, but also to reveal how synthetic the sexual scenes in it were. They told him the project needed to make a stronger intellectual point. Evidently he did not succeed - his film was marked a fail.

None of this caused a stir. But after Mr Ozgun gave an interview to a news magazine, describing how he made the film on campus, his project caused an uproar.

Parents wanted to know what kinds of things went on at Bilgi, one of Turkey's most prestigious private universities.

And, say some academics there, the Board of Education put pressure on the university to act. As well as the firing of the three academics - who are now being investigated by the police - the entire Communications Faculty has been shut down.

Mr Ozgun, and the former student who starred in his film, have gone into hiding.

A number of academics have protested against this draconian response.

Neither the university nor the government is making any comment.

Bilgi has a reputation as one of the most liberal universities in Turkey - it was among the first to ignore the ban on Muslim women wearing headscarves on campus. But this issue has clearly touched a nerve.

People from different walks of life in Turkey now hold strikingly divergent values.

In much of the country they still adhere to strict moral codes, in which alcohol is banned, clothing is conservative and sex never discussed openly.

Politicians in the governing Justice

and Development Party (AKP) largely subscribe to this view.

But in Istanbul many people have very liberal attitudes to sex, alcohol and the arts. Indeed you can find films, plays and art exhibitions every bit as provocative and experimental as in any other European city.

Last September, guests attending new exhibitions at three art galleries in central Istanbul were attacked by local residents enraged by the sight of them drinking alcohol on the street outside. They might have been even more enraged had they seen the content of the exhibitions, which challenged a number of taboo topics.

A publisher who translated erotic European literature was also put on trial last year, but eventually acquitted. Turkey is now the world's fifteenth biggest economy; its people are more prosperous and more exposed to outside influences than ever before.

Boundaries are constantly being tested. But when they are, sometimes there is a powerful reaction.

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# Technology



Angela Lindsey Technology Editor

## Video Game Releases

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Technology Editor

Be sure to check out these new games this week!

01/07/11 - Venetica (PC / PS3 / Xbox 360)

01/11/11 - DC Universe Online (PC / PS3)

01/11/11 - Kingdom Hearts Re:coded (DS)

01/11/11 - Prinny 2: Dawn of Operation Panties, Dood! (PSP)

01/11/11 - Ghost Trick: Phantom Detective (DS)

01/11/11 - Spellforce 2: Faith in Destiny (PC)



## Hacked iTunes Accounts for Sale in China

Angela Lindsey

Technology Editor

Chinese auction site Taobao (similar to eBay) has been discovered to have over 50,000 hacked iTunes accounts for sale by its users. These accounts are either hacked foreign accounts (with the original owner's credit card details included) or created new with stolen overseas credit card information. Buyers are promised temporary access to unlimited downloads from the service for as little as 1 yuan at a time, and are encouraged to use the accounts for 24 hours, which is presumably the time frame it would take a user to realize that their account has been hacked.

Apple has declined to comment at this time, but has encouraged users to safeguard their personal details to prevent the hacking and theft of their accounts. This is not the first (nor likely the last) time that iTunes has been a viable target for hackers and internet thieves, and the frequency of these events only seems to be increasing.

Taobao claims no legal liability for the listings, and does not have to vouch for any item's authenticity. "We take all



reasonable and necessary measures to protect the rights of consumers who use Taobao, of our sellers and of third-parties," the company said in a statement. "Until we receive a valid takedown request, we cannot take action."



## New Brunswick Girl Discovers Supernova

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Technology Editor

A magnitude-17 supernova (also known as an exploding star) was discovered over the New Year's weekend, but not by a professional astronomer. Ten-year-old Kathryn Aurora Gray of Fredericton, New Brunswick became the youngest person to ever discover a supernova, an event so rare that the last one in our galaxy was several hundred years ago.

According to the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, finding a supernova is quite the process, though fairly uncomplicated. "Since supernovae are rare occurrences in our own galaxy, astronomers have to look into distant galaxies to find these elusive, but fascinating and important objects for study. Peering into galaxies millions of light-years away can be done either visually or by the use of imaging equipment. For visual searches, an observer has to become very knowledgeable about the normal appearance of his or her target galaxies, so that they can accurately identify any "new" stars that may appear in those areas. This involves obtaining images

of those galaxies and using them for comparison to the current view through the eyepiece of a telescope."

Gray's luck with her search was incredible - she found the supernova on only her first ever attempt, and in the fourth image of fifty-two that she examined. Once she shared the findings with her father, the supernova was confirmed by David Lane (astronomy professor here at Saint Mary's University), as well as amateur astronomers in Illinois and Arizona.

Gray's reaction to the discovery is the type of reaction you would expect for such a rare and amazing discovery. "I was really excited. I had so much fun finding it. I was so excited I didn't sleep that night waiting to find out." According to the Chronicle Herald, she is not interested in making a career from the astronomy profession, but is just happy with her success thus far. "I don't think they name the supernova after me but it's still pretty cool to find one," she said.



## Facebook Affair Leads to Marriage Breakup

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Technology Editor

Facebook is a powerful social tool, as Amy Pugh of Royal Oak, Michigan discovered in October, while planning her 20th high school reunion. What she didn't expect is that the popular social networking website would cause her world to change completely, just ten days later.

Former classmate Dave Nykanen of Farmington Hills, Michigan, saw the immediate effect of this terrible event. "Amy and I weren't close friends but we reconnected on Facebook. We share a similar sense of humor." They chatted for months, until Amy's Facebook page had suddenly stopped being updated. "Suddenly it was like she fell off the Earth," Nykanen said. When Amy did come back to update her status, it said only one sentence

“Pugh's story is a virtual allegory for how the Internet and Facebook magnify the possibilities for both good and evil.”

anonymous so Amy wouldn't feel the need to pay them back) to necessary items for her daughters' care, such as diapers, gift cards, and even hot meals.

According to New Orleans, Louisiana news site nola.com, this is a perfect example of how Facebook is changing the face of our interactions. "Pugh's story is a virtual allegory for how the Internet and Facebook magnify the possibilities for both good and evil. Only a century ago, most Americans operated within a sphere of only a few dozen miles; now, everyone in cyberspace has a neighborhood that's planet-wide, said Douglas Noverr, a professor of writing, rhetoric and American cultures at Michigan State University."



Ten days after her high school reunion, her husband left her and her two daughters, because of an affair conducted entirely through Facebook. The stay-at-home mom was left with massive amounts of debt, and very little with which to support her 23-month-old and 4-year-old daughters Vivian and Madeline.

to explain where she had been. "My husband left me."

At this point, the sheer power of Facebook to change lives showed once more. Classmates formed a secret group on Facebook to gather resources for Amy - from money (given through private donations, marked as

Hachey pointed to the recent fight on

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## Courtney Love Sued for Defamation

Angela Lindsey

Technology Editor

Courtney Love has been sued for defamation for twitter posts from 2009 regarding fashion designer Dawn Simorangkir. Simorangkir designed some clothing for Love, requesting that she pay thousands of dollars for the designs. Love claimed that she had already paid the fines, stating that she had already paid over \$40,000 for the designs, claiming also that Simorangkir was a “drug-pushing prostitute with a history of assault and battery who lost custody of her own child and capitalized on Love’s fame before stealing from her”, according to the Hollywood Reporter. With over 40,000 followers, Love’s twitter post was “retweeted” many times, meaning these statements were very publically announced.

Simorangkir’s attorney will be arguing that Love’s comments ruined his client’s fashion career, fighting for thousands, or potentially millions, of dollars in damages. Love’s attorney,



however, doesn’t believe that the posts constitute defamation. “We don’t believe there’s any defamation, and even if there were defamatory statements, there was no damage,” he says. First Amendment lawyers believe that a key to the case will be whether an average Twitter user would interpret these posts as if they were facts, instead of merely Love’s opinions.

Love will be testifying in court, but has already given a deposition in which she was only repeating what Simorangkir herself had said to Love in these messages. Simorangkir, however, denies ever having said these things. The evidence for the trial will include e-mails and telephone calls from Love to Simorangkir, and the witnesses will include a social media expert, as well as a medical expert who will testify that Love’s mental state was not “subjectively malicious” enough to justify the lawsuit.

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## California Passes Anti-Impersonation Bill

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Technology Editor

A bill came into effect in California in the New Year, adding civil and criminal penalties for impersonating people online, including up to \$1,000 in fines and/or a year in jail. SB 1411 is in effect to target impersonations with the purpose “of harming, intimidating, threatening or defrauding” individuals through the Internet or other electronic means – including, but not limited to, the person you are impersonating.

Senator Joe Simitian of Palo Alto, California drafted this bill after being the victim of an online impersonation. His e-mail address was used to send a profanity-filled e-mail campaign to his business and government contacts, as well as to a reporter, and was not punished for this crime. Erica Johnstone, a lawyer in San Francisco, considers these perpetrators to have been “judgment-proof”, which will change with the new bill.

“SB 1411’s criminal component is a strong deterrent for judgment proof defendants – that is, for defendants who cannot adequately compensate the victims of their impersonation. Perpetrators attempt to evade the civil justice system by ignoring lawsuits brought by their victims and forcing default judgments (because, surprise, these perpetrators typically have no assets). Unlike monetary judgments, which may be difficult to enforce, perpetrators can’t hide from law enforcement with impunity – the criminal aspect of SB 1411 means that those who impersonate others online



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will face real-world consequences for their actions.”

This will also help the victims of these crimes, as many can’t afford the legal battle that would ensue from trying to stop an impersonation online.

Johnstone says, “SB 1411 sends a message to cyber bullies that this type of malicious behavior will not be tolerated by the law simply because the costs of litigation may make it less likely that the impersonated will vigorously defend their rights. In this way, SB 1411 places the costs of litigation squarely where they belong – on the party whose impersonation gave rise to the suit in the first place.”

With this bill, to be considered a crime, the impersonation must include the intent to harm, threaten, intimidate or defraud another person – parody and satire are not addressed in the bill itself, and will likely fall under their own rulings.

## Business

### This (past) week in business

Kerry O’Rourke

Business Editor

Welcome back for this weeks installment of this past week in business!

**WIKIPEDIA:** One of the webs most popular websites just celebrated its 10th birthday. If you’re not familiar Wikipedia is a completely open source platform. As such users are free to edit, add, delete virtually any of its content. The site is run my a host of volunteers around the world that edit the website and its pages manually. One of Wikipedia’s main objectives is to remain as open source as possible. As such, the site conducted an annual fund raiser in order to fund itself for the following year. This year Wikipedia, successfully raised their goal of USD \$16 million.

**APPLE:** Apple Inc recently tried to hire a new CFO. This event in itself is not significant. What is important to note is who they hired. Apple went after Laurence Tosi of the Blackstone group. If you’re not familiar the

Blackstone group is a private equity firm. Hence the street viewed his near hiring as a potential indication that apple may be interested in acquiring other firms. As such, hiring someone such as Mr. Tosi might provide them with a strategic advantage by having someone with deal making in their DNA.

**Subprime Mortgages:** If you are not familiar there have been several legal battles working their way through the US judicial system in relation to several questionable recent foreclosures. In massachusetts, the highest court recently ruled that two foreclosures were invalid as the banks failed to prove they actually owned the peoples mortgages. The plaintiffs contended that the banks did not own their mortgages at the time they were foreclosed on and thus did not have the right to do so.



### CFIB campaign asks: Imagine Nova Scotia without small business

Adam Faber

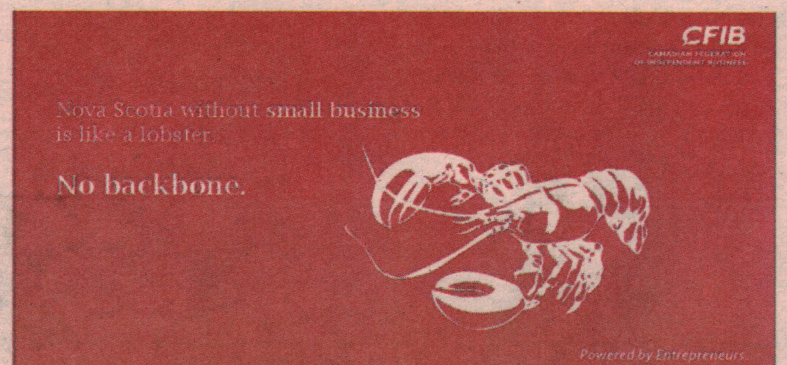
Editor in Chief

Years of government overspending and high taxes have left many small business owners in Nova Scotia feeling overwhelmed and under-appreciated. Some even wonder why they started a business in the first place. That got CFIB thinking: Can you imagine Nova Scotia without small business? And with that, a campaign was born.

Imagine Nova Scotia without small business is a campaign designed at raising awareness and flagging the importance of small business in Nova Scotia. While it’s aimed at all Nova Scotians, MLAs are its intended audience.

“Nearly every politician touts the importance and value of small business,” said Leanne Hachey, CFIB’s Atlantic vice-president, “yet there’s a real disconnect between words and actions.”

Hachey pointed to the recent fight on



Bill 100 as evidence. At the core of CFIB’s protest against the legislation, which sets up a union-only committee to review and make recommendations to certain labour legislation, was how the process completely bypassed small businesses.

“Bill 100 exemplifies why we need this campaign,” Hachey said, “they are the biggest job creators in the province yet are treated – at times – as though they operate on the periphery of the economy.”

Over the next year, small business owners will be sending specially-designed postcards to their MLAs.

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Beyond highlighting the importance of small business, the postcards ask government to take several steps to aid small business, including outline a long-term strategy to improve Nova Scotia’s business competitiveness, lowering the HST and indexing personal income taxes.



# Business

Kerry J. O'Rourke Business Editor



## Things people try to claim

### News Canada

Tax time is one occasion when Canadians will flex their creative muscles to try just about anything to legally reduce their tax bills. But before you collect up all of your receipts, here is some advice on what deductions you can and can't claim.

Cleo Hamel, a senior tax analyst at H&R Block Canada, says she has heard just about every possible reason to make a claim on a tax return.

"Maternity clothes are not considered a medical expense by Canada Revenue Agency and pets with 'people names' are not dependents," says Hamel (hrblock.ca). "However, our tax system does allow you to challenge the guidelines if you believe you have a legitimate deduction that the CRA will not let you claim."

The tax courts may side with the taxpayer. For example, a farmer was allowed to claim cat and dog food because the animals were outdoor pets that were meant to keep wildlife away from his blueberries.

People regularly incur expenses directly related to their jobs but, unfortunately, most of these cannot be claimed. For the serviceman required to get a haircut every two weeks, the tax court



will still consider that a personal expense.

"The Canada Employment Amount gives working Canadians a little credit for their jobs," explains Hamel. "The employment amount works out to about \$157 in tax savings."

Purely cosmetic procedures such as botox and liposuction are now excluded from eligible medical expenses as of March 4, 2010.

"You can always ask a tax professional if something is covered," says Hamel (1-800-HRBLOCK). "You may be surprised to find there are already guidelines on a deduction or credit. You can file a Notice of Objection if a deduction is declined. If that fails, you can appeal to the Tax Court."

## Five ways to get your business plan going

### News Canada

You have the best business idea and you've been thinking about it for years. You know that this idea will turn into a spectacular entrepreneurial success.

Fantasizing about where your new business will take you is fun but the real challenge comes from sitting down and describing your idea in a formal business plan. After all, this document is vital to understanding how your business is going to succeed and will be required reading for lenders and potential investors.

Need help in getting started? Here are five ways to get your plan onto paper:

#### 1. Talk about your plan with everyone

Tell anyone you can about your business idea. Feel free to keep sensitive information secret, but discussing your general idea is a great way to get your business brain going. You will be surprised by how many people have an opinion, know key people in an industry or have had an experience around the type of business you've chosen. Practice explaining your plans to people and in no time you will be able to translate these conversations to paper.

#### 2. Print Business Cards to Get Inspired

It's a simple trick but it can really encourage you to make your plans a reality. It costs little, takes a few minutes and can make your business idea much more tangible. Having a card with your name followed by "President and CEO" can make your plan seem less like a far way dream and more like an attainable reality.

#### 3. Run your own Focus Group

Get a few friends, colleagues or whomever else you can get a hold of. Write down a list of questions related to your business plan and have an informal discussion. Bring up questions like "Would you buy this product?", "What do you hate about this industry?" or "Where would you buy this service today?" You'll be impressed at how much business planning material you'll get from even a small group of people.

#### 4. Pictures

Don't be afraid to get creative in the appearance of your business plan. While you need to write a well-thought out description of your business ideas, insert a few colour pictures within the text to make a text-only document come alive.

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#### 5. Use Free Government Services

Want to save time when getting demographic data or lists of potential suppliers? Use free services such as those offered by Canada Business. Canada Business (www.canadabusiness.ca or 1-888-576-4444) can provide detailed consumer spending reports, lists of companies in a specific town and even industry news and trends. If you know what you're looking for, free information like this can easily be inserted into your business plan to support your ideas and give your business plan a professional look and feel. What if you don't know what you are looking for? Their Business Information Officers can help identify what you need.

Access all of Canada Business' services at www.canadabusiness.ca or call the Business Info Line at 1-888-745-8888.

## What's \$50 billion between friends?

### Adam Faber

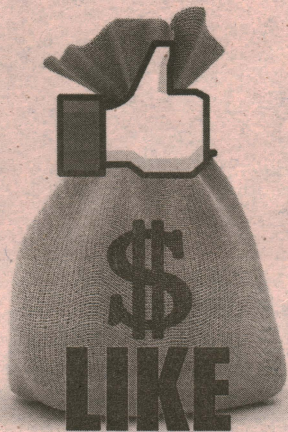
#### Editor in Chief

Goldman Sachs invested \$450 million in Facebook, in an offer that valued the social networking site at \$50 billion. The valuation of a web-based company can be very fluid, looking at previous numbers assigned to the dollars Facebook is worth. In May of

"The profits the site makes are negligible. It's being pitched at this point as a 'break even' operation."

stupid, their interest alone in the social giant punched up the value of the company 20%. All they have to do is sell pieces of Facebook when they prepare their package to sell to private investors. They are already preparing a 'special purpose vehicle' that they can offer to high value clients. Even if this does wind up being a bubble, Goldman Sachs is a financial giant, and have a massive influence. If there were signs the bubble would pop, they have a very large network in which unload Facebook. The seemingly insane price that was paid to make this 'Friend', while at first glance, seems to be a stupid decision, Goldman Sachs knows enough to ride the wave.

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2009 estimates were at a measly \$10 billion. That's a \$40 billion increase. Looking now at the actual balance sheet, there seems to be a bit of a disconnect. Facebook's revenue is \$2 billion, yet the profits the site makes are negligible. It's being pitched at this point as a 'break even' operation. Other companies don't even come close to this sort of valuation. Not to say that Goldman Sachs is being

## It's time to tighten those purse strings

### News Canada

If you find your money escapes you every pay day, it turns out you're not the only one. Canadians seem to be having a tough time saving.

According to TD Economics, personal savings in Canada have decreased to a mere 3% of annual income, even though many finance experts recommend saving at least 10% of your pre-tax salary. With the average Canadian household income at a little over \$60,000, saving just 3% of your salary means only \$1,800 per year into an emergency fund or to invest for the future.

TD Canada Trust Senior Vice President Carrie Russell believes the current savings rate is cause for concern. "Canada's declining savings rate is troubling. I know it can be tough to save, but it is so important for people to steadily put away a portion of their salary every payday," she said.

"A lack of savings doesn't just prevent you from taking your dream holiday or buying a new car. In the current economy, it's vital you have money put away for unexpected events like job loss, illness or unplanned household expenses."

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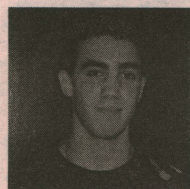
To make it easy to save more money each month, Russell suggests that a great first step is to consider an automatic transfer from your everyday bank account on payday to a savings account or TFSA. "Out of sight, out of mind. An automatic transfer that does the work for you and saves the money before you can spend it lets you start small and gradually increase your savings," she advises.

Getting into the habit of saving on a regular basis will help you gain more control over your finances and set you up for a more comfortable future. There are additional tips on easy ways to save at [tdgetssaving.com](http://tdgetssaving.com).

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## At the Movies in 2011

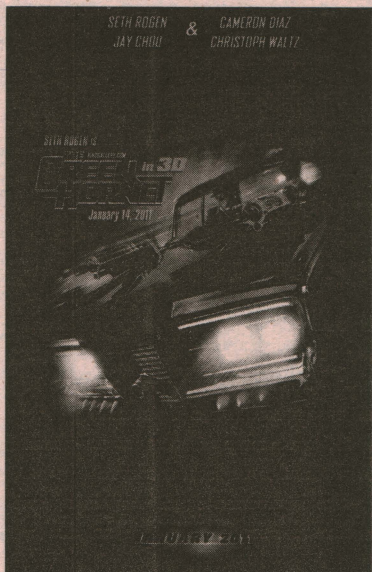
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The year 2010 boasted some huge Hollywood box office successes (Inception, The Social Network, Shutter Island...) and some big flops. So as we progress into this new decade, what can we expect when we go to the movies?

The biggest buzz seems to be about The Green Hornet, which opens on Friday. For those of you who don't know who the Green Hornet is, you're probably better off. Seth Rogen as a dark, gritty crimefighter? This film could be either an unlikely masterpiece in the making (like 1989's Batman, which sparked controversy with funnyman Michael Keaton in the title role and eccentric Time Burton in the director's chair), or a superhero Superbad. I do have this suspicion, however, that the film might actually be okay. Not the best it could possibly be, mind you, but just okay. Only time will tell...

Also opening Friday is The Dilemma, which may have the most brilliant



premise of any film coming up soon: If you found out that your best friend's wife was cheating on him, what would you do? Of course, the script is in safe hands with Ron "Opie" Howard, whose resume includes the masterpieces Apollo 13, Ransom, A Beautiful Mind and Cocoon.

Opening on the 21st is No Strings Attached, which sounds suspiciously similar to another film last fall also

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about a couple who try to keep their relationship strictly physical. Must be just déjà vu...

On the 28th, The Rite opens, which seems a lot like The Exorcist. It doesn't matter too much, however: the movie looks interesting and boasts Anthony Hopkins as its star.

On February 4th, Justin Bieber's movie comes out, called Never Say Never. I have absolutely no idea what Justin Bieber has to make a movie about, but this will be Paramount's cash cow and millions of teenagers will flush money away to see more of their idol. You can chalk this one up to a waste of time, like most teenage sensation music films. Next year, this will be

forgotten. I definitely don't see an Oscar in the future...

On March 11th, Red Riding Hood will transform the fairy tale into a teen romance flick in the manner of Twilight. I commend the creators on their creativity, but I'd like to see it taken one step further: I'd like to see it filmed as the original story, grittiness and gore intact.

And finally, on March 25th, Mel Gibson will return with The Beaver, which has been ridiculed since it was first announced. Personally, I think the premise is very original, and frankly, I'm fascinated. Maybe this will keep Mel out of trouble for a while...

These are the highlights for this winter at the movies. There are certainly some good ideas out there; however, it's the delivery that could make or break these films. Only time will tell the fate of these pictures...



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## Cobra by The Great Lakes: Just Another Indie Album (And Maybe That's a Good Thing)

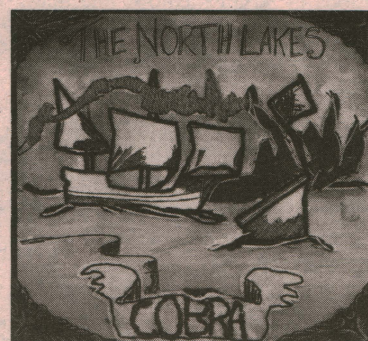
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Cobra by PEI indie band The Great Lakes is a problem. I've listened to the thing five times and I end up every time with no more opinion on the album than when I started. It's unusual to listen to an entire album and have no emotional response: usually music produces some sort of feeling. This album does not. For that reason, it has sat on the shelf for months, patiently awaiting its review. Now I must discover why this album doesn't produce the response it should, either good or bad.

The first thing about this album is its length. Clocking in at about twenty-seven minutes, this album is more of an EP than a full-length album, and from what I've read, the band considers it as such. The songs rush by at such a speed that I, as a listener, barely have time to register the tune and the lyrics in my head.

The music itself is good, but it isn't that good. An assortment of upbeat guitar-led folk rock songs, the album represents standard indie rock. Musically, the album is quite strong; however, the rambling vocals



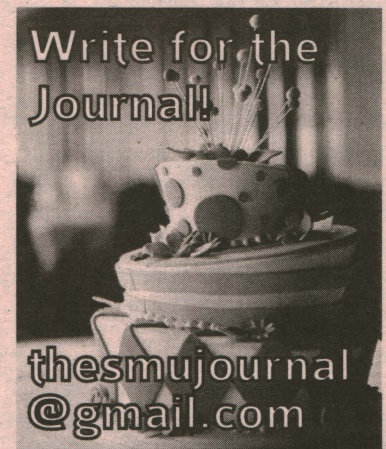
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of the lead singer reduce the commercial appeal of the songs, and thus render them quite less catchy. Nothing stands out to me; it's just another indie album.

I don't want to be misunderstood; as an indie album, it does very well, and it is very enjoyable. It is the consistency of the album that makes it strong, but at the same time, bland. It's great for

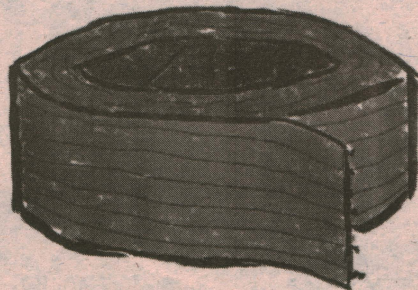
a listen, and I do like to listen to it once in a while, but after I take the CD off, I can't remember it.

On the other hand, some strong albums are strong simply because they adhere rigidly to the guidelines of their genre and don't push borders. This is one such album: it is a strong but safe album for the reason that is just another indie album.



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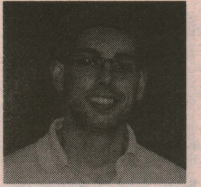
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# Sports

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## It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

**Geoff Lowe**  
Contributor

The holidays are a wonderful time of year. Christmas is a time to come together with family and friends to give and receive gifts, eat lots of turkey, and enjoy the good times that this holiday has to offer. Celebrating the ringing in of a New Year every December 31st gives the people of the world an opportunity to reflect and remember the year that has passed and for some it is an opportunity to start over. And of course it is not unusual for some of us to indulge with a drink or two over this two week holiday.

Although the holidays are a time that I look forward to every year, it comes in a close second when ranking my most wonderful time of the year. For me the most exciting and beautiful time of the year is NFL Playoff time. Many of the wonderful things that people all over the world enjoy over the Christmas holidays are also why I love the NFL Playoffs every year.

Much like during the holidays, being with friends is something that has defined the playoff picture in the American Football Conference. When the New England Patriots traded

Randy Moss to the Minnesota Vikings after Week 4, many criticized the decision.

The Pats replaced Moss by trading for Deion Branch, former teammate and friend of quarterback Tom Brady. Since then Tom Brady has thrown 27 touchdowns and only two interceptions. He has thrown no interceptions in his last 335 pass attempts and recorded his second best regular season only behind his record breaking 2007 season. Branch's 5 touchdowns and 706 receiving yards since joining the Pats are his highest since 2005, his last season with New England in which he won Superbowl MVP. Brady and Branch lead the New England Patriots into the playoffs as the most feared team in the National Football League.

Every Christmas Day my family and I sit down to a delicious turkey dinner that has taken my mother all day to prepare. It is something that I expect every year and I am never disappointed. The Playoffs include teams that are always there and never disappoint. After starting the first 12 games with a 6-6 record Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts have not lost a game and clinched the AFC South

with a win against Tennessee this past Sunday. The Colts have not missed the Playoffs since 2002 and with Manning and the fourth ranked offense (ranked by total yards) this team always has a chance of making it deep into the playoffs.

One of the best parts of Christmas is the surprises that are involved. Whether it is a surprise gift or a surprise visit from family and friends, the unexpected is what brings so much excitement to the holiday season. The same can be said for the NFL Post-Season. There are always surprise teams included in the playoffs that make the tournament that much more exciting.

One of the biggest surprises is the Kansas City Chiefs. In a division with the San Diego Chargers, who had won the division five of the last six year, Matt Cassell and the Chiefs offense were able to lead the team to a 10-6 record and a division title. Cassell led the NFL's 12th ranked offense with careers highs in touchdowns (27) and passing yards (3116) with the help of wide receiver Dwayne Bowe (1162 rec. yds, 15 TDs) and running back Jamaal Charles (1467 rush yards, 5 TDs). Coupled with a much improved

defense (from 30th in 2009 to 12th in 2010) the Chiefs have been a welcome surprise in the AFC.

Bringing in the New Year is all about remembering the past year and exploring the possibility of a new beginning. The biggest story of the 2010 NFL season has to be the new beginning and incredible comeback of quarterback Michael Vick, who led the Philadelphia Eagles to another NFC East title this season. There is no rebirth bigger than that of the former convict who has improved his accuracy and ability to throw from within the pocket leading to the best season of his career. Vick recorded career highs in passing touchdowns (21), rushing touchdowns (9), passing yards (3018) and passer rating (100.2). His play in 2010 gave the Eagles the top ranked offense in the league and has Vick in consideration for the 2010 MVP, along with Tom Brady.

The New Year is a time to reflect on the year that has passed and to remind ourselves to not forget what has taken place in the last twelve months. And the same can be said about the 2010 NFL Playoffs. Led by 2009 Superbowl MVP Drew Brees, the Superbowl Champion New Orleans Saints are

getting healthy at just the right time. One of the most important parts of the Saints Superbowl run last year was their three headed monster at running back. This season the Saints have struggled running the ball due to injuries to Pierre Thomas, Reggie Bush, and rookie Chris Ivory. Heading into the wild card round this upcoming weekend, all three running backs are healthy. Paired with a much better defense than the one the team had a year ago (25th in 2009 compared to 5th in 2010), there is a very good chance that the Saints could make a similar run this post-season. The champs are still the champs until they are eliminated from contention.

There is no doubt that the holidays are a great time of year with much celebrating, eating and drinking. But to me the NFL Playoffs are the most wonderful time of the year because they include all of that AND football! So drink up - its NFL Playoff time!



## The WJC 2011

**James Urquhart**  
Sports Editor

When I was growing up, the best part of Christmas was, well, Christmas. However, the next best thing to Christmas was the chance to see 22 young men represent Canada at the world junior championships. I have personally been watching this tournament for 18 years now, and the excitement that I feel on Boxing Day never seems to get old. I will admit that hockey is not my favorite sport; it's not even my second favorite sport (I hope that saying this is not going to get me into too much trouble). I definitely anticipate the Superbowl, the world series, and the four majors in tennis more than I look forward to this tournament, but when the puck drops on Boxing Day I am glued to my television until the last whistle of the final game of the tournament. What can I tell you? This tournament just brings out the red and white in me.

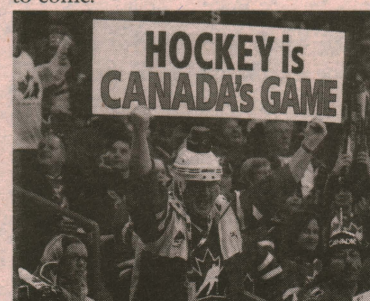
This years tournament was especially important to many Canadians as it marked our opportunity to exact revenge on the American team who had come to Saskatoon last year, and stolen away our gold medal. What made the plot even thicker is that the tournament was to be played on American soil. The pieces were in place for the ultimate revenge. The Canadians, however, were not the favorites to win the tournament; they

were not even the favorites to win their division. In fact, the Canadians found themselves in one of the toughest divisions in recent memory, one that featured both Sweden and Russia. It would certainly be an uphill climb.

The tournament itself began on Boxing Day with a clash with their greatest rivals from Russia. Canada got off to a shaky start, giving up the first goal of the game, but settled down and won the game 6-3, finishing off strong. The next foe would be the Czech Republic. Canada easily won that game 7-2, but alarmingly once again concede the first goal. Canada easily disposed of Norway 10-1, and then looked forward to what surely be a stern test against the Swedes. The game certainly lived up to its billing; as it was an all out war. Canada ended up loosing the game 6-5 in a shootout; marking the first time Canada had ever lost a shootout at the World Junior Hockey Championship. So Canada would have to take the road less traveled and go through the quarterfinals to make it back to the gold medal game. Their quarterfinal opponent would be Switzerland. Although the Canadians once again got off to a slow start, and gave up the first goal once again, they were able to win the game 4-1. Now Canada would have its chance at redemption, or at least a chance to settle the personal vendetta that most players seemed to have with the United States. The Canadians game out flying against the

States, hitting everything that moved. The Americans were never really able to establish anything, and the Canadians ended winning the game 4-1 in convincing fashion. If not for the play of American goaltender Jack Johnson the score could have easily been 10-1. So it was Canada against Russia in the gold medal game. The game started off well for Canada as they were hitting the Russians hard, and taking them off their game. Canada scored twice and went into the first intermission with a 2-0 lead. Canada continued much of the same pace in the second, scoring again, and went into the third period with a 3-0 lead. Canada, however, had no answer for Russia in the third, as they scored 5 unanswered goals, and won the game 5-3.

Although we had to settle for silver once again, this tournament was nevertheless fun to watch. I still feel the same way about hockey, but I will have my nose glued to the television next Boxing Day, and for many more to come.



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# TSN still Catches Phoenix out of Fire Despite World Junior Flameout

**John Kushneryk**  
Contributor

Some may say that the period dubbed 'the collapse' was a colossal failure on the part of the coaching staff. Yet, World Under-20 Championship broadcaster TSN must classify the tourney as a whole a rousing success given the 6.23 million pairs of eyes that remained glued to the tube as the Canadian squad failed to protect a 3-0 second intermission lead and fell to their defeat in most dramatic fashion.

TSN was lauded over the course of the tournament in the print media, most notably the Ottawa Sun and the nationally distributed Globe & Mail (owned by CTV Globemedia, the same with TSN).

Reading more closely, it can also be observed that the tournament was not even broadcasted in Germany, Norway, or Canadian quarter-final opponent Switzerland while enjoying very limited exposure in Russia and host United States. The fact of the matter is hockey is 'our game.' As much as we think the Russians or Americans truly care about a tournament such as the world juniors, the more delusional we are. It's ours for keeps. Exhibit one being the paltry 1320 fans who attended the Sweden-Norway clash.

The genius of TSN's business plan is the structure of the affair. With

almost all of us off work or school for the holidays, a television vacuum is created. Rather than watching a How I Met Your Mother marathon, there are no live day-time sports during the holiday season. If you've ever wondered why the station has become so one dimensional during this time attempt to cite their number two program during this time frame... Raptors games? Most Habs and Leafs games are played on the road down south as a favour to those fledgling clubs while the NFL condenses itself to a single Sunday for Week 17. That conceivably leaves 6 days worth of programming to be filled. Therefore, the selection camp and process has become a media circus in itself and now brethren Sportsnet and The Score send reporters to the training camp all the way back in September.

ESPN follows a similar plan due to the fact that they cannot go a day without significant programming or analysis. Typically, the day before the MLB All-Star Game Home Run Derby involves an off-day. Rather than running their staple of Baseball Prospectus or Baseball Tonight, ESPN runs a taped awards show simply to keep the attention on themselves: the ESPY awards gala, which awards athletes and teams from all major sports leagues.

In addition, the best players eligible to play for team Canada at the

tournament are unavailable as they are in the NHL. This year's candidates:

- Jeff Skinner, C, Carolina, 13G - 18A
- John Tavares, C, New York Islanders, 13G - 14A
- Taylor Hall, LW, Edmonton, 12G - 11A
- Cam Fowler, D, Anaheim, 3G - 18A
- Tyler Seguin, C, Boston, 6G - 8A

Essentially, by including such players the inept second period Canadian power play has been completely revamped. Rather than declaring a state of emergency for the second year running, analysts such as Bob Mackenzie should be pointing out that Canada's best players who are eligible to play even in next year's tournament reside in the NHL and are inaccessible. By comparison, Canada's 'number one' star Brayden Schenn has picked up a paltry 2 assists in 8 games with the Los Angeles Kings this season. His 'World Junior records' that were oohed and aahed by Pierre McGuire should be evaluated with a finer toothed comb considering a pure sniper like Taylor Hall could easily equal those numbers.

The goal of the network, in the midst of the fifth year of an 11 year deal with Hockey Canada which gives them exclusive rights to international hockey games here in the great white north, is that they want to captivate your attention. Heck, the final drew more viewers than the North American

broadcast of the Winter Classic; between the much-hyped Penguins and Capitals, which even had its own HBO show to drum up viewers. Simply put, TSN wants to label the next team 'the redemption team.' However, nearly all of this year's main cogs will be gone.

There is precedence for such a tactic. After the USA basketball debacle in Athens at the 2004 Olympic Games, a re-dedication to the program by notable American stars was made. NBC, Olympic broadcaster, made a killing in Beijing as the 'Redeem Team' played games at odd hours of the day but drew a religious viewership. What should be noticed in this case is that no one ever doubted that the Americans were the best, but just as in the World Juniors super stars Kobe Bryant, Dwyane Wade, et al. did not play in Athens given that an NBA championship to American players is still much more prestigious than an Olympic gold medal (and lead to Boston Celtics star Kevin Garnett electing to sit out).

Contentions can be made that Dave Cameron should have tinkered his lines or emphasised a continued attack. Much like a 'prevent' defense in football, those that play to preserve and not to go for the kill in a game can always be second-guessed. However, what cannot be doubted is Canada's continued dominance on the larger stage, the Olympics and NHL. TSN

can criticise the strategy of Hockey Canada but in turn they must be scrutinized; after the game they made no effort to interview Russian hero goaltender Igor Bobkov who saved the game after entering with a 3-0 deficit in the second period. A member of the OHL's London Knights, he can certainly communicate with reporters in English. Yet, throughout the tournament interviews were essentially only conducted with American and Canadian players. The absence of translators and research did remove some of the lustre as even the most ardent Canadian fan should have been able to see through the bias when games were broadcasted with team Canada absent among the combatants.

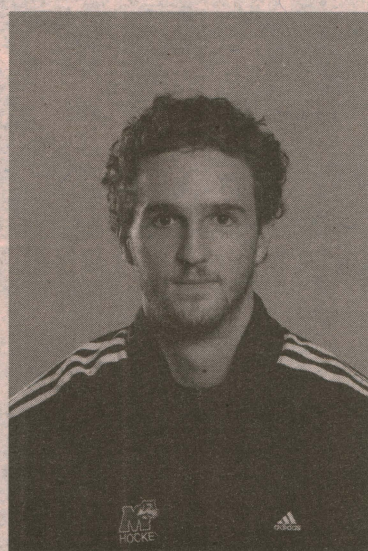
On a closing note, if you have any doubts of future Canadian international hockey success take a short drive to Sidney Crosby's hometown of Cole Harbour where another young star in Nathan MacKinnon appears ready to carry the torch for a future edition of team Canada at the World Juniors on TSN.

# Huskies Have Shot At AUS Crown

**James Urquhart**  
Sports Editor

The AUS hockey calendar has been on hold for the last month or so for the Christmas break. The first half of the season was a good one, full of surprises, familiar rivalries and all around great hockey. The question that seems to be on everyone's mind is who will win the AUS regular season championship, and equally as important, who will receive the second bye into the playoffs? With the thought of last years championship run fresh on the minds of all of us here at Saint Mary's, I am here to try my best to shed some light on Saint Mary's chances of winning the AUS regular season crown, or at least securing a first round bye, and effectively putting themselves in great position to make another run at postseason supremacy.

The first half of the season did not get off to the start that many had expected. With the respect that comes from winning the CIS championship, there also comes rather large expectations that the huskies were forced to try and live up to. There is also the added pressure that comes from knowing that everyone is going to be hitting you harder, skating harder to get those lose pucks, and playing harder in general because you are the team that everyone is gunning for, the team that everyone would like nothing more than to take down. One could make

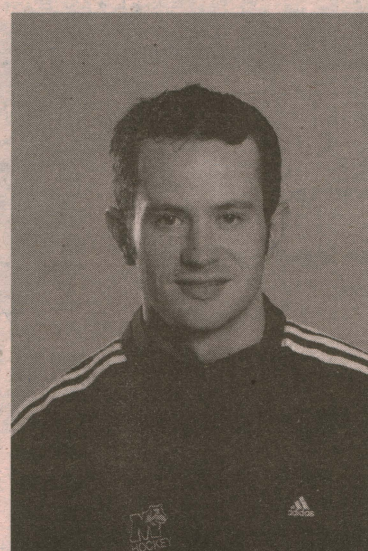


the argument that the huskies were feeling the pressure early on. They started the season 3 and 3, which was much slower than most had anticipated. Many of those losses were to top ranked AUS opponents such as UNB and ST. F. X., but nevertheless, this was not the start that the huskies wanted. Since this rather sluggish start though, the huskies have been on fire going 7-1-1, beating many of the AUS' best teams.

The scoring has been balanced coming from a variety of sources. Cam Fergus and Andrew Hotham are leading the way with 20 points apiece. Cam has 7 goals and 13 assists, while Andrew has 5 goals and 15 assists. Following the scoring leaders is Chris McKinnon

who has 19 points. Chris has been carrying the scoring load, leading the team with 10 goals, and has 9 assists to go with those 10 goals. Cody Pridham has 7 goals and 8 assists for 15 points. Justin Munden and David McDonald have 10 point apiece. Justin has 4 goals and 6 assists, while David has a goal and 9 assists. Everyone else on the roster is also contributing as each player has at least one point this season. Goaltender Neil Conway has once again been solid this season, going 10-3-1, with a goals against average of 2.25, and a save percentage of 0.913.

So the question still remains, can the huskies win the AUS regular season title, or at least secure a first round bye? At this point I think that it goes without saying that the huskies control their own destiny. If they continue to play with the balanced and consistent style of play that they displayed in the first half of the season, I think their chances are pretty good. However, if they decide to take a couple of night off, they could be playing hockey in the first round while someone else gets to watch from the stands. This division is probably going to be the most competitive in the country, so every point is going to count. I believe that the team is focused on the task at hand in the second half of the season, and I think that they will do quite well. My prediction? Although the huskies are looking good, I still think that they are just one step behind UNB, and



will finish second behind the varsity reds this season. Hopefully the huskies are able to beat up on UNB in their remaining encounters this year, and prove me wrong! Go Huskies Go!

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