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New Alarm Plan Could Cost Students Big Bucks

by Elizabeth Boudreau

There is now a new fire alarm plan at Saint Mary's. The new strategy, called "Action Plan", will affect anyone who lives in the Residence. Its purpose is to lessen the number of intentionally pulled and tampered with fire alarms. The plan became effective on Friday, January 11, at 4:00pm.

The tactic is the University residence office's way of responding to a request from the Halifax Fire Department to do something about the outrageous number of false alarms at Saint Mary's residences. The fire department met with representatives from Saint Mary's and the residence office in December and requested that something definite be done to reduce the number of alarms.

Assistant Chief, Dave Starrett, said "We had a meeting to point out the problem and the idea was Saint Mary's had to do something." If the Residence Office had not responded with some type of plan to deal with this, Starrett explains, "Maybe the next step would [have been] to approach the Halifax City Council... and who knows what they are liable to do?"

A large majority of the fire alarms at Saint Mary's are due to carelessness and intentional tampering.

The residence office's new action plan consists of quite a few new fines. In condensed form, the plan will see fines of \$50.00 issued against the residents of apartments who set off an alarm while cooking

and floors will be subject to a common assessment fine of \$120.00 every time an alarm originates from that floor due to vandalism or unknown causes. When the alarm is determined to be accidental, or an individual is determined to be responsible, an assessment will not be made.

Students caught tampering with fire equipment, and thereby causing a false alarm will be expelled from Residence, a recommendation will be made for expulsion from the University and charges may be laid with the Halifax Police Department.

A standing reward of \$300.00 will be offered for information resulting in the conviction of anyone deliberately causing a false alarm to be rung.

There will be more frequent room checks and the fine for not evacuating will now be \$50.00. A second offence will result in expulsion from Residence.

All common areas of each floor in residence will be designated non-smoking. Smoking is permitted in student rooms/apartments and floor lounges.

The residence office is very concerned with this problem. Everytime the fire trucks leave the station to come to Saint Mary's they leave all the south end unprotected and this includes major hospitals.

There was an alarm on Thursday, January 10 and it went well with everyone evacuating according to proper procedure. Clay Fowler asks the people setting off the alarms in Loyola to "consider

how the children must feel getting pulled out of bed in the middle of the night." Also, he asks people to consider the lives of the firemen who have to rush here and put their lives in danger when they do so, as well as the motorists and the pedestrians in the area.

In reply to the measures that Saint Mary's has taken Starrett replied, "The fire officers and the firemen were getting very frustrated with the alarms...(there) appears to be a successful attempt to reduce the alarms, but I don't want to make a comment prematurely. Two weeks is not a fair test, we will see over the course of time if it will be proven."

Fire alarms for the universities in metro racked up as TUNS-12, MSV-9, DAL-8, and SMU-72 over the period from January 90-November 90. The number of false alarms at Saint Mary's University is almost two and a half times the number of all the other Metro universities combined. With all the alarms there develops a "cry wolf" attitude and this endangers everyone's lives in residence.



Photo by Ken Moore

Iron Maiden's Dave Murray and Jannick Gers jam it out during their first encore set Sunday at Metro Centre.

GST Nixes Candy on Meal Plan

Students who rely on the university's Marriott meal plan returned two weeks ago to find that all confectionary items sold in the Colonnade and the McNally food window were banned from purchase on meal cards.

Director of Student Services, Keith Hotchkiss, explains that the removal of candy from the cards was in response to the anticipated impact of the GST on the meal plan. Student plans that provide a minimum of 10 meals per week are currently not taxed, but could be if they included taxable non-meal items such as confectionary.

A seven percent cut of on the basic meal plan could represent a cost increase of approximately

\$112.

Hotchkiss also explained that the mini-mart, which realizes the most sales of confectionary on campus, is not affected by the card/confectionary ban. Students who utilize the plan are limited to using bonus points in the food service run canteen and most of those points are already consumed. The university feels that GST due, if any, on the remaining bonus points would be negligible in the long run.

Hotchkiss admits that university administrators remain unsure of what the GST will ultimately apply to, but says that accounts for the school have applied for clarification on the meal plan—specifically the Mini-Mart—from the Federal Government.

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CFSM On Air

Radio Saint Mary's, CFSM, is now broadcasting.

The student-run station, which underwent wholesale changes during the first semester, was granted only \$250 towards expenses by the Students' Representative Council. Last year's allotment neared \$15,000.

The financially troubled student radio operation began sliding last year when the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission refused an application for an FM broadcasting license.

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Maiden In Halifax

by Ken Moore

Thousands of fans packed the Halifax Metro Centre on Sunday to see the English hard rock band Iron Maiden. Iron Maiden started their *No Prayer on the Road* tour in Nova Scotia, marking the third time the band has kicked off their North American tour in Halifax. Having missed the last tour for their *Seventh Son of a Seventh Son* album, I jumped at the chance to see them this time around.

The show started late because the band had trouble getting all their gear to Halifax on time, their extravagant light show still somewhere sailing the Atlantic Ocean. As a consequence, Maiden settled for rented lights (mediocre compared to the thousands of lights Maiden usually has on their tours). Actually, if you look at some songs they didn't play, such as "Rime of the Ancient Mariner", it may have been because they didn't have the required lights.

As for the show, the American heavy metal band Anthrax are the opening act for the tour. In the genre of Metallica, Anthrax thrashed out an hour's worth of songs. The crowd loved the group and stood up cheering for their entire set; a blend of new

songs from *Persistence of Time*, as well as older tunes.

Iron Maiden hit the stage at about 9:30 pm and played through 'til 11:30 pm. Complete with two encores, the show was a musical spectacle for loyal fans. With so many songs to choose from, Maiden intensely delivered a collection which would please everyone. Outstanding songs included: Tailgunner, The Trooper, Wrathchild, Holy Smoke, The Clairvoyant, and The Number of the Beast. The band's latest album, *No Prayer For The Dying*, became the focus of the concert from the start, and in total contributed six songs.

Since they were last here, Iron Maiden has gone through a personnel change. Lead guitarist Adrian Smith has left for a solo career. In his place is Jannick Gers, who played lead guitar on Bruce Dickinson's solo effort *Tattooed Millionaire*. Still with Maiden is original member Steve Harris on bass, Bruce Dickinson on vocals, Dave Murray on lead guitar, and Nicko McBrain on drums. Even Maiden's long standing mascot, Eddie, made a cameo appearance during the set. Standing about 20 feet tall, Eddie stalked the stage while the crowd cheered madly.

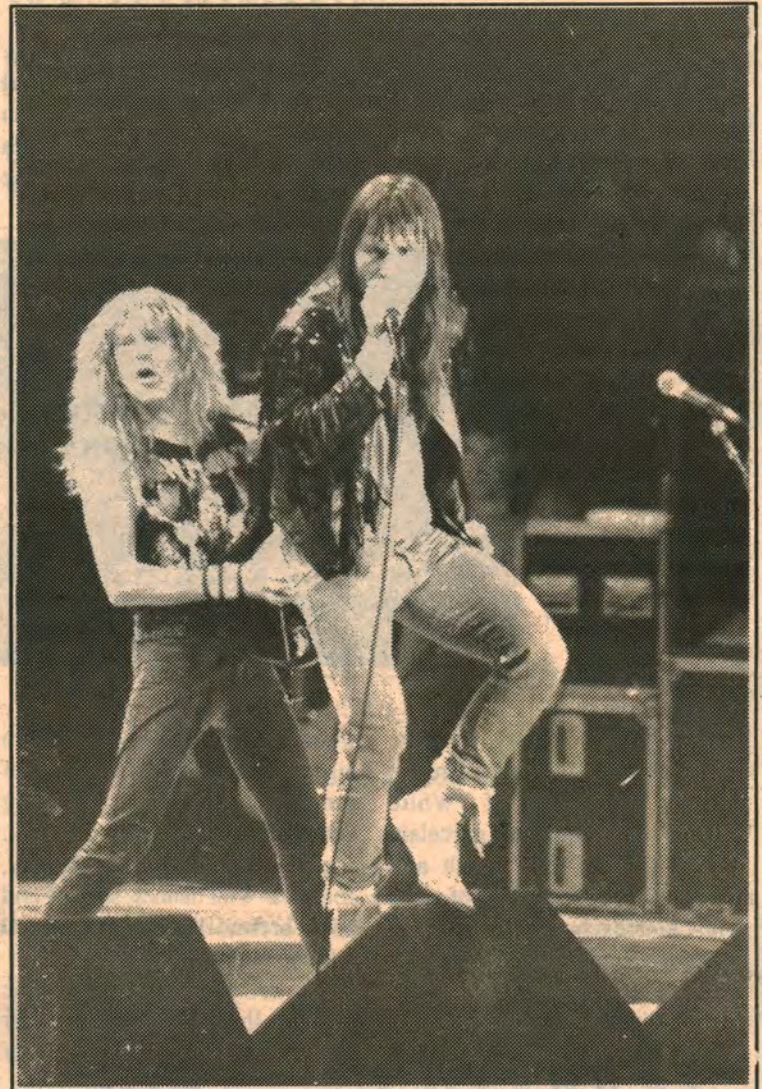
One criticism of the concert

was the omission of essential Iron Maiden songs: Aces High, Where Eagles Dare, Rime of the Ancient Mariner, and Phantom of the Opera. Another downfall was the fact that Bruce Dickinson was sick with a cold. He was constantly running to the back of the stage to tend his running nose and wet his throat. His singing was definitely not up to par Sunday. This became evident when he could not come through with the sustain and high notes demanded by the song *Hallowe'd Be Thy Name*. Lastly, I missed the Iron Maiden light show which has grown to be an important part of their shows. Aside from these pitfalls, the concert was a great one and should not have been missed by rock fans.

Iron Maiden

Discography:

No Prayer For The Dying
 Seventh Son Of A Seventh Son
 Somewhere In Time
 Live After Death
 Powerslave
 Piece Of Mind
 The Number Of The Beast
 Maiden In Japan
 Killers
 Iron Maiden



Lead singer Bruce Dickinson and guitarist Jannick Gers provided a riveting performance Sunday night. (Moore Photo)

A Cultural Exchange: Learning First-Hand

by Sarah Eaton

The summer of 1991 will see the third student exchange between Saint Mary's University and the Hakodate University of Education in Japan.

Last summer, two SMU students visited the Japanese for three months. Selim Ozcan and Steve LaChance both received two and a half credits for Japanese language and culture. Upon completion, these credits are automatically applied to the student's SMU transcript.

Currently, there are 8 Japanese students studying at Saint Mary's.

While at Hakodate University, Ozcan and LaChance were housed by a home-stay programme, similar to the North American way of billeting students.

Ozcan said, "It's a tough agenda (but) the Pacific Rim opens

up a lot of opportunity—especially Japan. You meet a lot of people. They [the Japanese] are very curious about Canadians."

During Ozcan's stay, Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, Saint Mary's University President, made a visit to the sister university in Japan. Ozmon described the Japanese as "immensely hospitable and very friendly."

"The International programs add a real dimension to Saint Mary's," stated Ozmon. "I'm excited about a lot of the international programmes we



Selim Ozcan and Dr. Ozmon living it up in a Japanese night club.

have," he continued. He added that there are also exchange programmes between Saint Mary's and universities in France and China. Saint Mary's is also working towards an exchange programme in Orono, Maine.

Ozmon stated "This year, the percentage of international students is up by 25 to 30 percent."

by Maki Niida, Shoko Abe

Five months have passed since we left Japan. Eight of us came here to study English as exchange students from Hokkaido University of Education, Hakodate, which is a sister university of SMU. Hakodate, a sister city of Halifax, is a very beautiful city by the sea. The night view from the top of Mt. Hakodate is famous in Japan. It also has a citadel like the one in Halifax.

At first, we had a very hard time to make ourselves understood in English, and we were worried about the classes. However, thanks

to the professors and our Canadian friends, we managed to adjust to our new surroundings.

We have found some very interesting differences here at SMU. One of them is the presentation of the classes. Canadian students often speak their own opinions and ask questions in class.

Another advantage is the large body of international students in this university. This is an opportunity for us to make friends with foreign people.

To our surprise, the tax rate is very high in comparison with Japan; on the other hand, the cost of living is lower than that in Japan.

During our vacation, we went to Newfoundland to spend Christmas time with Canadian families. It was an unforgettable experience. We have only 3 months left, so we want to do whatever we can to further enrich our foreign experiences.

NEWS

Malaysia - A Land of Treasures

East Malaysia, comprising Sabah and Sarawak, breathes in the romance and excitement of Borneo. Tales have long been told about it; of its near impenetrable jungles, longhouses crammed with the grisly trophies of headhunters, the sacred hornbill which carries the souls of Dayak tribes and the orangutan, the "wild man of Borneo."

Kuching, the capital of Sarawak, harks back to the 19th Century, when the land was ruled by James Brooke and his succession of "White Rajahs". The bronze and porcelain discovered in both Sabah and Sarawak reveal centuries of trade with China, exchanged for treasures of Bornean bird nests and kingfisher feather which were given as tributes to the Chinese Emperor.

Take a trip to the longhouses

along the Skrang River, near Kuching, and the communal dwelling houses of the Iban, Kayan and Kenyah tribes further north along the Rajang River. The

human habitation. Here intrepid men scale 60m long bamboo poles to claim the edible swallow's nest, prized by the Chinese are rare delicacies.

To the south of the Typhoon Belt is Sabah, the Land Below the Wind. Near the capital of Kota-Kinabalu is Southeast Asia's highest mountain, a challenge to climbers. The surrounding forests are rich in plants, birds, hot spring, swift clear streams

and natural bathing pools.

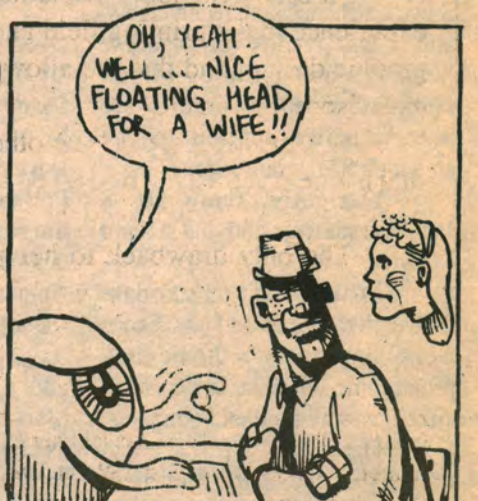
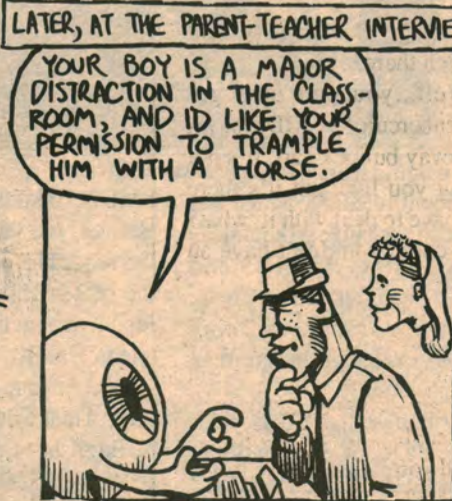
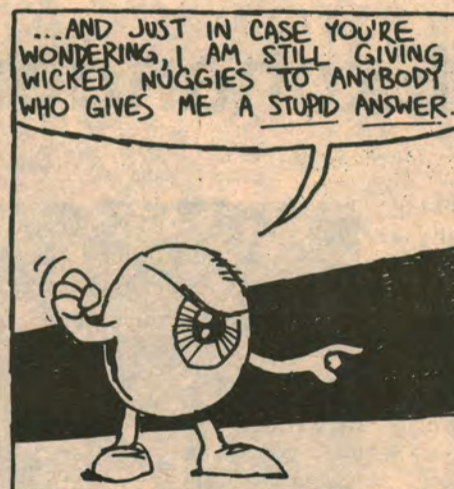
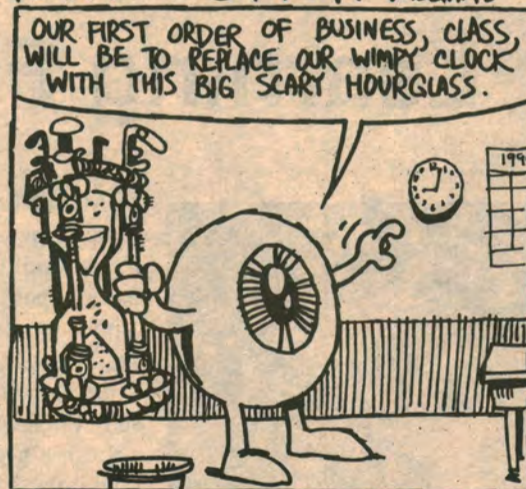
Mingle with the locals at a lively Sunday market. See the stall of a Bajau horseman. Take a rugged safari through the mountains to the home of the Rungus people. Pick a pearl in the eastern city of Sandakan. Visit the world's biggest orangutan sanctuary at Sepilok. With almost 30 tribes, Sabah is a land of exciting diversity.



The National Monument at Kuala Lumpur

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INTELLIGENT HUMOR BY CHRIS WILLIAMS





Anne West: Adding Zest to Public Affairs at SMU

by Nadine Marchand

Anne West, Assistant Director of Public Affairs and Editor of the *Saint Mary's Times*, was born in Hampshire, England. Since her father was in the navy, she never lived in one place for very long. "Naval families are very moveable," said West.

West went to an English Girl's School where she completed her ordinary levels—the equivalent of first year university. She never received a degree. She furthered her studies at a community college where she took English, French, and geography at advanced levels. This enabled her to get into the civil service.

In 1959, West came to Canada "for adventure". According to her, "lots of English people were coming to Canada to work," so she decided to take that route. Living in Montréal, she worked as an English secretary which, at that time, was known as a "prized" profession.

In 1970, West went to live in Newfoundland. The newspaper, *The Evening Telegram*, needed a journalist to cover the Burin Peninsula. She got the job and was paid \$60 a week. "I didn't know anything about journalism at all," she said. "I had no idea what a journalist did." The first story she had to cover was a rape.

In describing her experience at the time, she recalled, "I had a wonderful time. I learnt to be a journalist quickly. It was a crash course."

Arriving in Halifax in 1982, she worked as a freelance journalist in the oil and gas field. As a result, she spent a lot of time on drilling rigs.

In 1986, when the offshore oil boom crashed, she was offered the job at SMU. She only edited the *Times* then. She is still the editor, as well as the writer and photographer.

"It's a great job," explained West. "I have experience in the printing field and writing field and graphic design, and this job allows me to use all my experience."

She further added, "The other thing about it is that it's here at SMU. I find SMU an exciting place to work."

The only drawback to her job is that "it gets busier and busier every year we do more publications."

"I came into journalism quite by accident," she said in conclusion, "and now I'm hooked."

Editor's Note: Anne West has lent her expertise to *The Journal* numerous times in the past. We at *The Journal* would like to thank her help.

The "Ethnic" Dilemma: A Dozen Ways To Annoy Your Favourite Paki

by Ayesha Adhami

Okay. I admit it. I am a Paki (Canadian)...so what? He's a Newfie (Canadian) and you're a snotty Upper (Canadian). Big deal.

I don't mind when people ask about the 'culture' and the 'homeland', but there are some questions you just never ask a Paki...

1) Is Pakistan a city or a province in India?

Neither. In 1947, India was partitioned to give a separate homeland to the Hindus (India) and the Muslims (Pakistan).

2) Are you the ones with the turbans or the dots on your forehead?

Gawd. The religious denomination of Sikhs wear the turbans and the Hindu WOMEN wear dots on their forehead. (No apologies to numerous white stand-up comics who play on this cultural ignorance.)

3) How do you say 'Hi' in Pakinese?

That's Urdu, thank you, and it's "Assalam-Alekum" which means "peace be with you".

4) Do they have electricity in Pakistan?

Yes, moron. (Sorry to be rude but really, some people are so ethnically retarded.) We also have running water, cars, cellular phones, airports, tennis courts and indoor plumbing (well...sometimes).

5) Do you have a machine gun and/or camel?

(Groan) I would like to clarify at this point in time that not all Muslims are gun-toting fanatics. In fact, the majority of us - unfortunately silent - are totally opposed to war. Besides, my machine gun is at the dry cleaners along with my camel.

6) What do you eat?

Pizza. Spaghetti. Lasagna. Usual ethnic food. Why? What do you eat?

7) You can get some really cool drugs down there, eh?

Well...you can also get malaria, tuberculosis, AIDS or hit by a runaway bullock cart. It's not something you like, but it's there and you have to deal with it, what?

8) How come you don't have an accent?

I am coming to Canada when I am only one month old. It is very difficult to be picking up an accent when on an airplane, I am sure. (This is usually followed with...)

9) Oh will you please do that funny accent again?

Get a life. Get a new stereotype. Alright, okay, I know it's funny, but you've got to remember I have relatives everywhere. Someone could hear me...my mother talks like this...I could be camel feed... speaking of relatives...

10) Are you related to Professor-with-the-unpronounceable-name?

No. No. No. NO. Despite rumors to the contrary, we brown people are not all related. If you look close enough, we don't all look alike either.

11) How come you're not taking commerce? (Assuming the Paki you're talking to isn't, of course)

Wellll...mysocio-economic background combined with my ethnic origin would seemingly compel me to gravitate towards that field of study - but hey, I'd rather be an English major. If it's any consolation, my sister's taking commerce.

12) But what's it really like in Pakistan?

Come on over, have a coffee. We'll chat. Earnest questions definitely merit honest answers and I'm more than happy to oblige...any day. But let me tell you from the outset, you're as likely to get macaroni and cheese as you are curry. Remember, Pakis are people too!

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An Ounce of Tolerance is Worth A Pound of Peace

For those of you who haven't figured it out yet, this is our International Issue. To the best of my knowledge, it's the only one that's ever been printed by *The Journal*.

With the Persian Gulf in an uncertain position, and further unrest in Soviet Republics, the issue of international communications and co-operation is one that, at the moment, looks bleak. If we are to prevent wars in the future, we must not only improve our knowledge of other countries and their systems of belief, but we must also learn to respect or improve already-existing respect of other cultures and their ways of living.

Big hairy deal, says you. Yes, says I, especially if our generation or the next one, is the one to start another war. Most of us have no idea of what war is like, and those of us who do probably did not experience it in Canada. (Sorry folks, Oka barely scratches the surface in comparison to a full-fledged war.) So, the next time you call someone a Nigger, a Paki, a WOP or whatever other ethnic debasements are in your working vocabulary, just remember that you are helping to contribute to the very narrow ways of thinking which precipitate occurrences like the ones in the Gulf.

Once we can look at our neighbors - all of them - and call each and every one of them "equal", we are on our way to a better way of living. But, so long as we make fun of, hate, and act against others who are different from we are, we might as well be living like heathens. It would be more honest than having a pseudo-tolerance which only serves to cover up the symptoms, not cure the cause.

In Your Own Words

Freedom of Expression Has Everything to do With Censorship

Dear Editor:

Last week, you printed a letter by Margaret-Anne Bennett. She said that SMUSA's decision to allow the Gorsebrook Lounge to air an Andrew Dice Clay video was not an issue of censorship. Ms. Bennett implied that the issues were sexism and racism.

Ms. Bennett seems willing to sacrifice freedom of expression to ensure sexual and racial equality. She feels that SMUSA has the right to tell me what I can't watch because I will be exposed to feminist, racist material. That's paternalism.

Ms. Bennett means well. She is following the paternalist example set by our government which, through its laws, tells me I have to wear my seat belt, and I

can't do drugs. But I don't wear my seatbelt and avoid crack because the government tells me to. I do these things because I have been informed, through education, of the consequences.

Less students do drugs in the 90s than in the 60s because of education; not because drugs are illegal. People have learned that drugs ruin lives, and there are countless stories and heaps of scientific evidence to support that. I didn't go to see Andrew Dice Clay's video because I was taught that what he stands for is wrong, and he disgusts me. I didn't learn this from having my viewing rights curtailed, but from being given the opportunity to choose freely what I may see.

Equality among the sexes and races will not work if it is enforced. Humans naturally rebel against dictatorship. Education is the key to creating a fairer world. People have to be taught not to be sexist or racist. If we forget this at Saint Mary's, a learning institution, we are in a heap of trouble.

Sincerely,

A Ray Bradbury Fan

Library Meets Needs of the Few, Not the Many

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you to express my concern and dissatisfaction at the SMU library's current lending policy on magazine's and periodicals.

With an enrolment of over 7000 students, and a growing number of faculty and staff members, the demands on services our library has to offer is even greater than before. As far as I know, a majority of magazines and periodicals are available only in single copies. Considering the large user base, having only one copy to serve the needs of these users appears unrealistic. Add to it the library's policy of allowing a one week loan for these periodicals, and access is reduced even further, even if it helps the lucky handful

who manage to get their hands on it before anyone else. Finally, the follow-up on overdue periodicals, which is not computerized and therefore done manually, is almost entirely inadequate.

Let me illustrate this point with an example. Four popular (in my view, at least) weeklies (Time, Newsweek, MacLeans and Businessweek) and one fortnightly (The Economist) are usually never available on the racks on time. By the time one finds them in the library, they are more than a couple of weeks old - and of little interest or value to most people.

To increase access of such reading material, other university libraries in Canada (eg. Dal) disallow the lending of current magazines and periodicals. Why can't we do the same?

To make this criticism a constructive one, may I also suggest that the library should order additional copies, budgets permitting, of widely read periodicals. (I'm sure the library could afford an extra couple of hundred dollars from its six-figure budget for additional copies of Time

and Newsweek.) These could then be divided into library-only and circulation copies. Also, the loan period for weeklies should be reduced from one week to one or two days, with a punitive fine for delays.

(Also, why isn't there a Suggestion/Complaint Box at a prominent place in the library?) Sincerely,

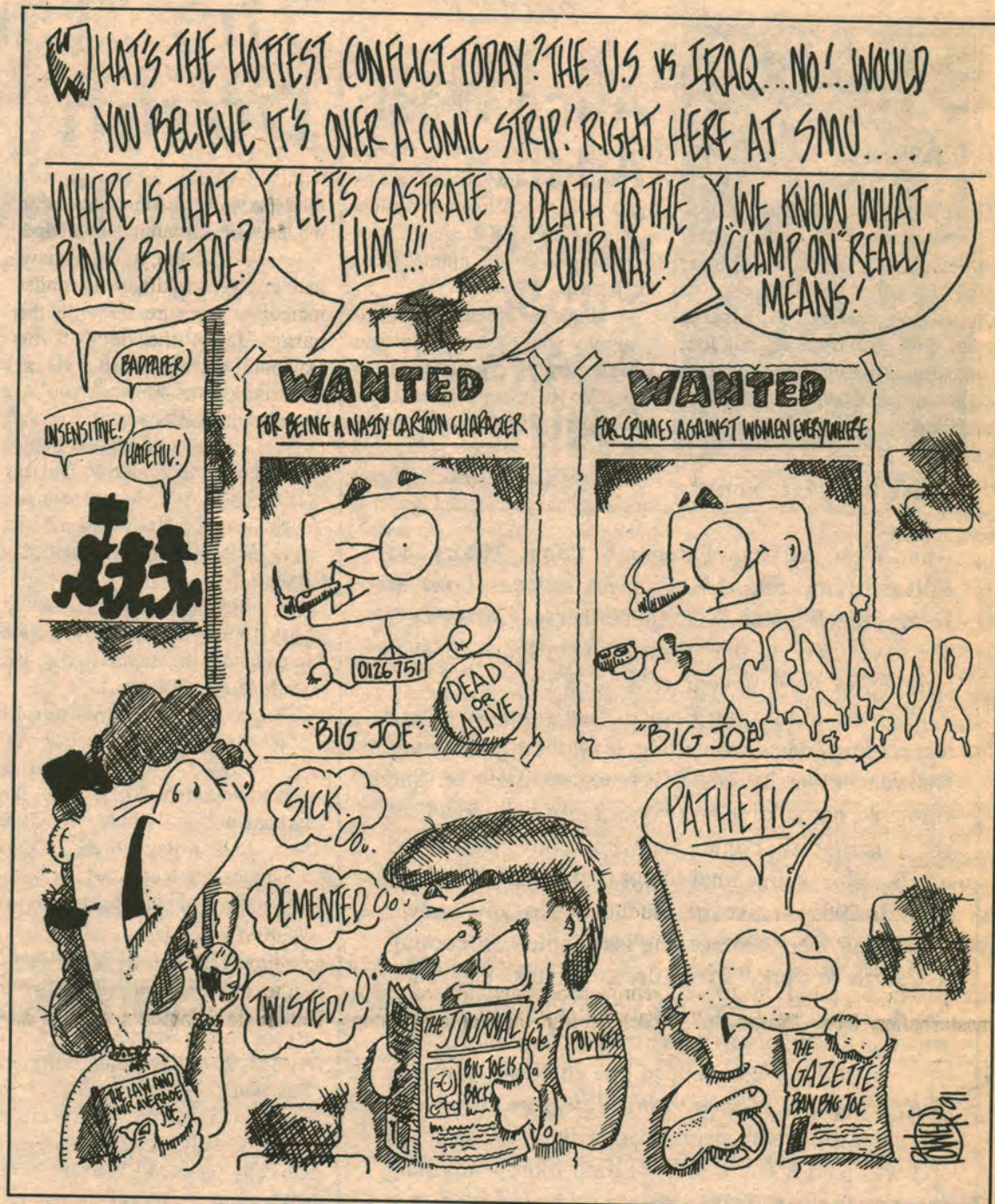
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Letters, continued

Big Joe's Big Fans Speak Out

Dear Editor:

This letter is a response to the editorial written by Andrew Bowers in the January 10, 1991 issue of *The Journal*. Once again, you've successfully managed to miss the point. The point is not that Big Joe forgot to add a male cheer-leader to his entourage of corpses but that he shot the stereotypical female cheer-leaders as opposed to the all male football team. You conveniently chose un-descriptive terms in retelling the scenario of the comic strip. Instead of saying "Big Joe killed Western's cheer-leaders", you hid behind the meek and totally inappropriate phrase "taking care of the competition's cheer-leaders". Do you really believe that, by changing the words you use to describe a violent scene, you have eradicated the connotations that are very obvious from the comic strip? You may not have caught the implications of Big Joe's comic shooting of women during the Week of Reflection at Dalhousie, but there are plenty of women who have.

As well, I refuse to believe that you expect people to derive masturbation from "clamp on",

especially when it comes from a man who has just killed female cheer-leaders. Violence against women comes in many forms, beginning with an unintelligent comic strip.

I am particularly perturbed as to why you were so concerned with the length of time it took to respond to your poorly edited comic strip. Being a student and aware of how society meetings operate, my first impression would be that they probably have meetings once a week, if not once every two weeks. This would then mean that there would be a time lapse between the group meeting to discuss the letter and you receiving it.

Finally, your depiction of the Women's Group as people who have nothing to do but "browse and discriminate" is a far cry from telling it the way it is. You screwed up and they called you on it. If you can not take the truth about a perpetual system that violently abuses women, which you assisted in fuelling, then you are ineptly employed.

By the way, if you had reprinted the comic strip along side the letter from the Women's Group

and your editorial, I'm sure you would have had to change your blurb because it would have been rendered unsubstantiated garbage.

Sarah Eaton, you either have balls and wear a skirt or were under incredible pressure to write the paragraph at the end of the Dalhousie Women's Group letter. Of course, there is no direct connection between the game football and the Montréal Massacre, but the issue at hand is not the game of football. Instead, the comic strip depicting the killing of women in a *Journal* issue that appeared simultaneously during the Week of Reflection at Dal. The connections are there for you to awaken to. Frankly, I'm surprised you allowed the comic strip to make it in print.

Angela Pasceri
Political Science, SMU

Dear Editor:

Regarding Andrew Bower's editorial of January 10, 1991, I am dismayed at the apparent apathy of the editor of a university newspaper to the concerns raised by the Dalhousie Women's Group in

response to the Big Joe comic of November 15, 1990.

It seems to me that the comic depicting the shooting of women cheer-leaders from Western University was hardly something light-hearted and entertaining, especially since it appeared in the issue immediately preceding the Week of Reflection. In case you were not aware, the Week of Reflection is an event designed to bring awareness to Canadian university communities of the issue of violence against women in its various and horrifying forms, while remembering the 14 women who were murdered in L'Ecole Polytechnique on 6 December 1989.

Your attempt to explain the rationale behind the artist's motivations while expressing your sincere joy at having a comic to lay out is a touching sentiment. However, you miss the mark entirely. It is hardly my place to

comment on the character of Big Joe (not knowing him personally), and frankly, his character is not the point. While he may be a "nice guy" and not want to hurt anyone, even women, he does a fine job of demonstrating a way of doing just that. To advocate the use of violence against women, even if it is in conjunction with a football game (as if that should make a difference!), is a blatant expression of the way this society views women and tolerates their abuse.

Instead of attempting to guess at the motivation and intent of the Dal Women's Group, I would suggest that you take a closer look at the material you publish in *The Journal* and consider the broader impact of your newspaper on those who read it. Contrary to what you

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Through Eric's Eyes

Perceptions Of the Gulf - January 11, 1990

by Eric Miller

The issue which dominates the press and dinner table conversation around the globe is the showdown in the Persian Gulf. The world is drifting toward a devastating and bloody conflict and with the failure of the Geneva talks, the chances for peace seem more and more remote. I'm writing this on January 11, 1991, and the situation could be drastically different by the time this appears in print. So, this is the situation as I see it, four days before the deadline expires.

A war, by all realistic accounts, would bring thousands of casualties on either side. That kind of mass slaughter would have a devastating effect on an entire generation. Lives would be lost. Others would be scarred forever. How easily we forget the consequences of past battles fought. Also, they would be small compared to the destructive potential amassed in the deserts of the Middle East, including nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. To many, 40,000 dead seems an acceptable

level on paper, but when it's their brother or son or daughter, those figures take on a whole new meaning.

As well as casualties, there could be a devastating effect on the environment. If Saddam Hussien uses a "scorched-earth policy" when retreating from Kuwait, the consequences would be incredible. He has pledged to light the oil fields ablaze on any pull-back. It is predicted that this could speed up global warming by thirty years.

The United States has said that it will have a quick and decisive victory. However, when war breaks out, anything is possible. If the American air strikes fail, the battle could grow long and bloody. History tells us that wars seldom go as planned.

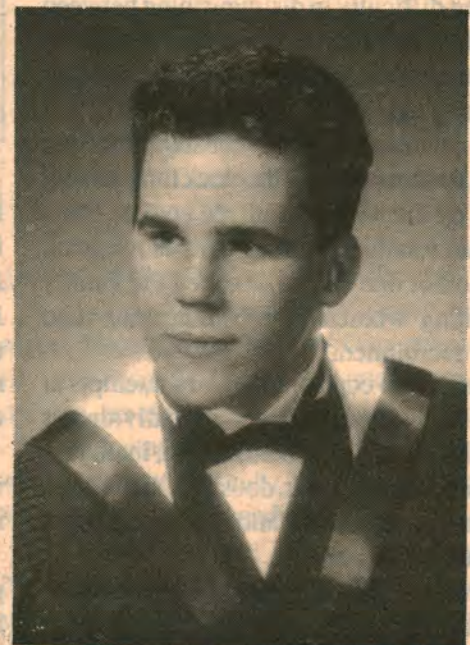
Saddam Hussien should pull out of Kuwait because it is in his interests to do so. A war against the United States and its coalition partners would destroy him and his powerbase. If he retreated, there would be no justification for war and the foreign soldiers would go home. However, his military would

remain intact and his nuclear programme could continue. Iraq would remain a Middle East superpower. If Hussein fights, it would devastate his armed forces and surely mean his downfall and they would once again become a second rate power.

As far as Canada's role, we shouldn't send ground forces. Our military involvement in the region should be limited. It's not really our war to fight. I was glad to see the Prime Minister recalled Parliament so that we won't be dragged into a war with no questions asked.

As January 15 approaches, so many questions remain answered. Will Israel be brought in and the war spread to the entire region? that danger is very real. Also, what will happen after? Who will succeed Hussein and will there be a new wave of terrorism? What about the economic impact? We are currently in the middle of a recession. The situation is very dangerous. As we ponder these questions, let us all hope there is peace.

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Behind Closed

What happens to a person when they join a cult? Destructive cults exist only for the material gain of those running them. Their practices serve to increase the member's commitment to the group and its leader. Although some people claim positive influence from their involvement, the majority of ex-members cite extreme negative personal changes and loss of control over their lives. One article from *Science Digest* quoted more than twenty serious physical, emotional, and mental effects resulting from cult life.

Continuous chanting, prayer, training sessions, attending of seminars, long working hours, sleep deprivation, and poor nutrition play havoc with people's minds and behaviour. Members spend hours fund-raising on the streets, often using fraudulent means to incite money from the general public. Many have daily quotas to fulfil. If members question the deception used, dishonesty is rationalized as being for the ultimate good of the group or member.

Rather than finding their new life leading to spiritual or personal fulfilment, many members soon develop extreme negative emotions such as fear, guilt, depression, sexual dysfunction, and suicidal tendencies. Physical symptoms include weight gain or loss, abnormal skin conditions of rashes, eczema, and acne. Women experienced menstrual dysfunction, and in men - reduced facial-hair growth and higher-pitched voices.

The most frightening effect is distortion of psychological sensory ability such as awareness, perception, memory, and the ability to adequately process information. Members complained of drifting in and out of altered states, experiencing nightmares, delusions, and hallucinations, and the inability to break the mental rhythms of chanting and speaking in tongues. Members claimed difficulty in distinguishing between fantasy and reality, inability to remember their lives before joining the cult, to make any type of decision, or to function socially again within normal society.

Cult life revolves around constant motion, exhausting menial labour, around the clock fund-raising and recruitment all intertwined with the endless ritual activities. Sexual relations in most cults is minimal, with the exception of one cult, now called the Family of Love, exploiting women as prostitutes for fund raising and new recruitment.

Inability to cope or voluntary attempts at escape will often lead to an individual's physical or emotional punishment, including beatings, cold showers, dousings, starvation, isolation, sleep deprivation, and long hours of humiliating labour.

A daily schedule for most members includes three to seven hours spent chanting, praying, meditating, or training. Other ritual activities include confessional, sensitivity sessions, guided fantasies, and psychodramas.

An additional twenty to thirty hours per week is often spent at lectures,

workshops, and seminars, averaging 55 hours per week spent in various mind-control practices. Because of this exhausting schedule, cults are not interested in people over the age of thirty.

Ex-members often complain of feelings of going insane, being afraid of life in general, cognitive inabilities, uncritical passivity, and feeling shattered physically, mentally and emotionally.

Sometimes members, having become dissatisfied with their way of life, will voluntarily leave a group, but in many cases a deprogrammer, at the request of family or friends, forcibly removes the person from the group in a legal conservatorship. Cults influence their members to resist deprogrammers, calling them "agents of Satan" who attempt to dissuade them from their chosen faith.

Author Colin Clay quotes, "Deprogramming should not be seen as another kind of brainwashing as that practised in the cult. It is an attempt to restore that man or woman to the person he or she was before the entrapment occurred."

The first category of cults, the Youth Cults, are

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led by authoritarian leaders. Some of these groups include the Unification Church (Moonies), the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (Hare Krishna), the Family of Love (formerly Children of God), and The Way International. While some are mobile, others travel only small distances from a main temple.

Many recruit new members, not only on university campuses, but at airports, train stations, and in busy areas of larger cities.

Some groups rely on the influence of Eastern philosophies to attract members, which although not a harmful element in itself, is used deceptively by making people think such philosophies can provide individual therapeutic treatment. Often, these types of groups fall into the second category of cults.

The second type, Therapeutic Cults, attract both genders from all age groups who are seeking a personal fulfilment, a cure for problems, or the chance to "better themselves and their lives."

Says Lee, "They take you in, sometimes for a single session, sometimes much longer, charge you an

exorbitant fee, then cut you down to make you feel like dirt, building you up again according to their own values."

A few of these groups call themselves churches. The following are listed in Colin Clay's book mentioned above. One well known group is L. Ron Hubbard's Church of Scientology. Scientology follows a program called Dianetics, which is basically a program of mental treatment to supposedly alleviate physical ailments caused by a person's mental outlook. Scientology will often ask a person to fill out a questionnaire and mail it back to a Dianetics Center. The person will then be phoned and asked to come to the center. Occasionally they will appeal to youth through newspaper ads and false job offers.

One group, The Way International, which now operates out of a Canadian base in Ontario, encourages anti-Semitism, throwing doubts on the existence of the Holocaust.

Lee states, "some of these youth groups operating on campuses throughout the North American continent are fundamentalist Christian sect groups, and are often Aryan Nation types, running on a White Supremist philosophy geared at being anti-Native, anti-Semitic, anti-Feminist, etc."

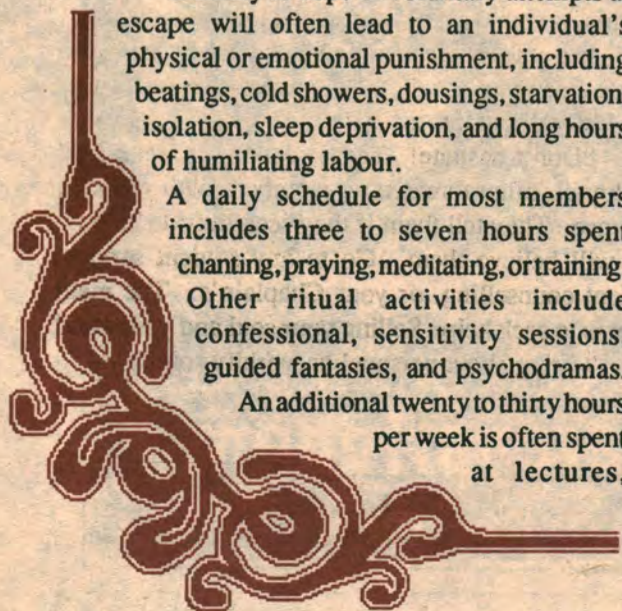
Therapeutic cult sessions are often held in hotels, using brief sessions to supposedly "cure" participants. They are authoritarian in nature, commonly humiliating those attending. Apart from the high costs and initial sessions, most groups usually require people attend further sessions, drawing them deeper and deeper into the deception.

The third group focuses on Fundamentalist Christian cults. Much of this activity takes place across the country, in cities as well as small communities. They will often deviate from, and simplify Holy Scriptures to suit their own means. They are commonly run by people lacking proper seminary training. Misunderstanding of Scripture often induces abuse towards women and children, such as interpretations of corporal punishment. They will exploit and use unruly discipline to control members of their congregation.

These groups are sometimes called "Non-denominational" or "New fundamentalist sects." They often appear on university campuses, using religious slogans to entice new members.

Finally, the fourth category in the list deals with the issue of Satanism. It tends to be the most low key and mysterious type.

In the last several years the media has focused more attention on Satanic activity taking place in Canada. Again, although such material is often sensationalistic, law enforcement, social services, educators, and other professional groups are beginning



Doors - Cults



to take this type of activity more seriously.

A book called *Ritual Abuse*, published in 1988 by journalist Kevin Marron, focused on an Ontario court case involving child abuse that included such acts as pornography, cannibalism, ritual murder, and torture involving other children. Highly secretive in nature, this forth category often eludes public exposure.

Although it is debatable whether or not Satanism by itself leads to vicious or selfish acts, it is probably influential in promoting aggressive

behaviour in certain individuals already predisposed towards violent and pathological acts. Satanism sends a message to youth stating that compromise with any form of authority is a sign of weakness. It encourages the release of aggressive, and even sexual instincts normally seen as socially immoral.

Satanic literature is readily available in most bookstores at inexpensive costs. One example is Anton LaVey's *The Satanic Bible*. Its main message is "Do What Thou Wilt Shall Be The Whole Of The Law." The message being sent out is strongly appealing for those in conflict with authority figures, be it parents, regulations, or the law.

The four subgroups of Satanists are listed as follows:

Level 1: Dabbler - least sophisticated, attracted to Satanism through books, and not usually affiliated with a larger group or cult. This category is the most common. Adolescence, in reference to this topic,

"... voluntary attempts at escape will often lead to an individual's physical or emotional punishment..."

averages between ages 9 to 19.

Level 2: Psychopathic Satanists - people attracted to Satanism because it appeals to impulses already existing within them.

Level 3: Religious Satanists - are publicly known groups such as the Church of Satan, or the Temple of Set. These organizations advertise, give out application forms, and conduct themselves like other small religious

groups. Services, marriages, and burials can be arranged for any individual through Satanic religious groups. Seen only as a religion, although still horrifying to much of society, the simple act of belief is not illegal in itself.

Level 4: Satanic cults - act in secrecy, appear to be responsible for some ritual abuse cases.

One theory put forth to indicate an attraction to Satanism is a point listed earlier concerning the artificiality of some mainstream religions. Another, is the sense of belonging to a group, and the ability to shock others. It can be said that although some Satanic activity focuses mainly on youth, often it acts as a cover for the exploitation of illegal activities such as drug dealing, prostitution, and pornography, run by adults controlling those involved through threats and fear.

One controversial aspect of Satanism is the implication of Heavy Metal music as a determinant of aggressive acts. Lee feels there is little connection between this music and cult activity. On the other hand, many studies indicate that certain forms of Heavy Metal music do, indeed, promote aggressive behaviour in those individuals already tending in that direction. Some song titles include "Sabbath Bloody Sabbath", "Looking Down the Cross", "The Number of the Beast", "Suicide Solution", etc.

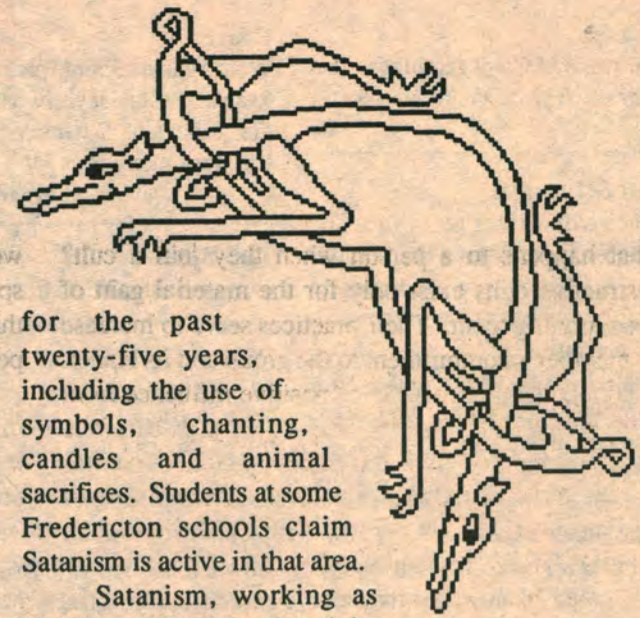
The predominant themes in this type of music focuses on suicide, ritual killing and mutilation, with suicide being urged as the solution to problems in life. It can also be interpreted, according to Satanism, as ritual or courageous and devotional religious act.

Even more disturbing is that murder and mutilation are viewed as catharses. If some youth listen to these songs regularly and obsessively, the effects can be obvious. Again, various articles state that although the music itself may not promote pathological behaviour, there is a correlation between it and the behaviour of some influenced by Satanism.

Another element of attraction for people involved in Satanic activity is a "thrill high" connected with destructive acts against others. Normally this is achieved through the systematic torturing and killing of animals without feelings of guilt or remorse.

Although most information on this topic comes from media coverage, professionals are seeing a rise in this type of behaviour. They indicate that it often has more to do with a mere fascination with the occult rather than actual Satanic involvement.

Various articles appearing in Canadian newspapers in the recent past include titles such as *Satanic Cults at Alarming Level* - *Chronicle Herald* (March 17/89), *Be on the Watch for Satanic Child Abuse* - *Toronto Star* (March 20/89), *Satanic Cults more Active* - *Globe and Mail* (March 20/89). In a June 1990 issue of the *Miramichi Leader*, an anthropology professor at the University of New Brunswick claimed the Miramichi is no stranger to Satanic activity. She further stated that the Miramichi and St. Stephen area have had the largest occult activity in New Brunswick



for the past twenty-five years, including the use of symbols, chanting, candles and animal sacrifices. Students at some Fredericton schools claim Satanism is active in that area.

Satanism, working as ideology or through cult activity, can and does have a negative impact on certain individuals, especially concerning young people. As with all of the cult activity in this article, public awareness is needed to help counteract their ruinous influence.

Says Lee, "Ask plenty of questions before becoming involved with anything." A legitimate organization will readily provide you with information. An illegitimate one will be elusive. This applies to all cult activity. Be sceptical of any religious organization. When a group or individual becomes defensive, you have to ask yourself why is that so? If it all seems too

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good to be true, that's probably the case."

Lee goes further to warn young adults to never accept disparaging comments from anyone about their life or friends. Do not go with one person's or group's opinion, no matter how persuasive they may be.

If a student, or anyone, does become involved with a destructive cult, Lee stresses that he or she should seek help immediately.

"Don't hesitate! These groups use emotional blackmail, often threatening members with physical violence. They tell them if they seek outside help no one will believe them. Go to any student service, student counselling, or your Chaplain's. The main point is to seek help. Selling your soul and your mind doesn't bring about personal or worldly solutions."

• Quotations have been taken from *Science Digest*, January 1987.

• All the names of people interviewed have been changed because, in the past, people who have spoken to the media about this very sensitive subject have received telephone harassment, hate mail, and even death threats.

• The writer of this feature wishes to thank all who provided information.

'Fieds

Coach:
We're back! Can't get rid of us that easy! See ya on the b'ball court!
Us

Red & Blondie:
When will we ever get to wear one of those G.D. T-shirts?
Brunette

M. Jordan:
Ahh - B'ball season - and what a team we have, I think. No matter, there's you and I...
Isiah

Tool Shed:
If he keeps wearing that beeper he's going to miss out on more promising opportunities than just being one of our humble teammates!
#8

Kenny W:
If you think you're still up to it, the challenge is still on. See ya on the turf!
The opposition

Nik and Jo:
Welcome back guys! I thin it's time that you admitted the truth - bitter as it might be - you have picked a sorry excuse of a team to root for. Hope your Xmas wasn't ruined be the Bulls usual great play! Suckers!
Wen

Coach:
What a game! Should pick another team to emulate if you want to beat me. Rematch? Later maybe, after I'm done gloating.
Warren Moon

Tool Box:
Get a job, life, TEAM!
Mother of Nielle

#8:
What a game! Let's bring some protective gear next time, OK?
#23

Jackie:
How the hell are ya? Bring your friends to V-ball next week... we'll need the help!
Clumsy

Boof:
Poke on the nose. Uh-huh.
Gund

Ogre:
Has anyone told you lately that you're very annoying?
Everyone

406 Gang
The times they are a'changing! You look around and everything's gone, but you - true friends - are still around! Thanks.
Bathroom Hog that Need Not Worry

Chantale,
Thanks for the tour of Halifax, but don't make travel-tourism a career.
The Bartenders

P.A. Adonis,
Despite the grey hair, 33 is still too old.
Pel

D.C.,
Next time try shoulder pads rather than rodents.
Mo & Pel

Pretty Boy,
"Look sir, it's Coleridge! Where? Where?"
Fellow Flynn Friend

Nodwell,
Our place. Saturday night. Don't forget the P.J.'s!
Four Fab Foxes

Sinead,
Congrats on your new found accomplishments, both Friday and Saturday night!
The P.J. gang

Mark,
Thanks for the bud, bud. Been to any Dionisiac Festivals lately?
Mo

The sign of the times: apologize for nothing.

Mo,
Nice try, but don't attempt mountain climbing. I'm not particularly partial to 4 year old doctors!
Jacob's Ladder Buddy

Scoop
It is a cruel gift you have given me, for you have set me apart from my own and destroyed the pleasures of my old joys, my soul is marked with it. This love and like you, I shall never be able to return to what I once was.
Call Me

Tee,
We had a great time, despite the fire alarm. Thanks for everything.
The Slumber Sisters

Geraldo(Mr. Optimist),
Women problems? Remember, for therapy we're only aphone call away.
S.M.U. Psych Dept.

Ayesha, Asna & Paul:
Come over for tea and a discussion of Saddam Hussein any time.
S&M

Don:
How was your weekend? Are you back yet, or still there, stuck in the snow, not reading this 'fied? Call!
Manni

Big Letters, Continued

might think, I am not suggesting that you create a censorship review board; rather, that you open your eyes to the larger picture and perhaps you just may see the connection between this particular comic about football and the senseless massacre of 14 women students in Montréal.

Helping to raise someone's awareness about an issue of such pressing concern to the realities of so many women's lives, as violence is, is an essential step on the long road to cooperation and harmony between the sexes. But it's almost impossible to educate someone whose eyes are shut so tightly. I hope yours have opened, if only a tiny crack to let in some light.

Chris Bellon
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Every once in a while out there in video land, the powers that be barrage us with a multiple of B movies - that is, movies that no one has ever heard of and no one really cares. These low budget flicks are the ones that litter the racks of your local video shops (in most cases collecting dust). The following fall into that category, so join me if you dare.

NIGHTLIFE (R/1990/92min/Horror)

stars: Scott Grimes, Cheryl Pollak, John Astin

Archie Melville is your average geeky teen with your average problems: Girls, Tuition, Zombies. Yes, zombies. When four fellow students die in a car accident, Archie (who works part-time as a morgue attendant) gets the morbid responsibility of preparing their bodies for the funeral. Unfortunately, a freak electrical storm reanimates the bodies and they seek revenge. This campy macabre tale is the definitive zombie flick for the 90s. Spiced with terrific, above par effects and a good sense of humour, Nightlife is an unexpected surprise. **A**

THE WILLIES (PG13/1990/92min/Horror)

stars: Sean Astin, James Karen, Jeremy Miller

Talk about your pathetic piece of trash, this horror spoof tries to be funny and original, but ends up suffocating in its own stupidity. The Willies comes off as a hodgepodge of less successful flicks hacked apart and then put into one sorry movie. Supposedly spooky stories told by a campfire include: Carnival Ride Murder, Monster in a Bathroom, Deep Fried Rat and the old Poodle in the Microwave. Please, as the title states You'll Laugh, You'll cry, You'll Puke... I only did one. **F**

CIRCUITRY MAN (R/1990/85min/Sci-fi)

stars: Jim Metzler, Vernon Wells, Dana Wheeler Nicholson

Combining aspects from other films such as Mad Max, Dreamscape this slickly paced Science fiction thriller is set in post-apocalyptic America where the new drugs are microchips and some people will kill for them. This includes Plughead, the nasty crime boss, who loves the rush of plugging into other's minds - including bodyguard Beautiful (who is the object of his perverse affection). It's a cross country chase for a stolen cache of chips and no one can stop Plughead from his demented goal. Strictly for Sci-fi buffs with some interesting effects. **B-**

KING OF THE KICKBOXERS (R/1990/98min/Action)

stars: Loren Avedon, Billy Blanks

And I thought Jean Claude Van Damme Movies were pathetic. Boy, I didn't think anything could be this overacted or low budget, and disappointing even if you're one of the many violence mongers out there who require no story, plot, or decent characterization. If you just thrive on a lot of blood, blood and more blood then this monumental turkey is for you. Watch as a young fighter avenges his brother's death (now there's a new concept). Any movie that creates sonic booms for each karate chop is bound for one thing... the trash. **F**

DREAM TRAP (R/1990/92min/Comedy)

stars: Sasha Jenson, Kristy Swanson

Undoubtedly this movie could have been a wonderful romantic fantasy, but it is reduced to another bargain basement Animal House rip-off supplying nothing more than a forum for gratuitous nudity. Alvin Tingsley is having problems with his fantasies; they seem to be interacting with his real life which is wreaking havoc on his social life. Matters get worse when he meets Sue (a dead ringer for his fantasy girl). Can Alvin put his daydreams aside and win the heart of Sue or is he bound to become a social hermit for the rest of his life? Somewhat recommended. **B**

So, if you liked that slew of B titles, then join me next week for a special double remote control as I salute the B movie. Until next week, Aloha.

Wham! Bam! It's Really Bad!

Lion Heart Vandammed

by Andrew Bowers

Somewhere out there I believe there is actually some form of intelligence in Hollywood. However from time to time this faith is tested when a really bad movie is hurled upon the unsuspecting masses. The masses (meaning us) must be warned to avoid a royal turkey out there in metro; it's waiting, lurking; it's Imperial Studio's (?) new release Lionheart starring the newest hunk on the beefcake line of martial arts wizardry, Jean-Claude VanDamme.

The story itself is a bit off the beaten path; Legionnaire (of the Foreign Legion) Lucien gets word that his brother has been brutally injured in a drug deal gone sour. Begging to be let go so he can travel from his South African post to L.A., his pleas fall on deaf ears. Desperate, Lucien makes a break for freedom and hops an outgoing ship on it's way to the U.S. of A. His destination falls short, however, and he has to settle for New York.

Along the way he meets Lucas, an ailing ex-fighter and now would-be manager, at a street fight. However it's no ordinary street fight, for it leads Lucien to a sinister underworld of high society mixed

with waged fights between chosen warriors. Lucien needs the money and accepts the challenge, making proverbial mincemeat of his would-be foes. Money in hand, he turns down an offer to make more dough by the evil Cynthia who has more on her mind than just a making a quick buck. Lucien is the apple of her eye and she wants to show him a couple of moves of her own. Unfortunately for our lusty lass, Lucien passes on her offer and, with Lucas by his side, makes the trek to the west.

Sadly Lucien is too late - his brother has already passed away from multiple burns from his unfortunate encounter. Leaving behind a wife and child, Lucien feels it's up to him to provide for them. Too bad that the widow in question wants nothing to do with our heroic deserter since she blames him for her husband's drug related demise. Being the big hearted guy that he is, Lucien risks life and limb to re-enter the shifty world of Cynthia's realm. As if that wasn't bad enough, he is pursued by two heavies from the Legion sent to bring him back dead or alive.

Sounds like a pretty conceivable solid plot for a movie right? Well, maybe if they had cast

an entire new ensemble of actors, realised a fairly substantial budget, and lost VanDamme they may have had a chance. The actors in question either overblow their performances or are reduced to monotone idiots seemingly programmed to deliver lines without feeling. Even the little girl that portrays Lucien's niece comes off as a Little Orphan Annie hopeful reject.

Not to mention the actress who portrays the slutty Cynthia, who for half her screen appearances looks like a chipmunk on anabolic steroids and the other half comes off as an anorexic caffeine freak. The fight scenes are sloppily assembled and try to compensate with supplying extra blood. The script is agonizingly bad - leaving you wondering if Ernie and Bert are the authors.

Partially responsible is VanDamme who had co-producing credits on this film and that's probably why none of the large studios picked up Lionheart for distribution.... the movie is weak, contrived and completely unsatisfying.

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JOE + ANDY'S EXCELLENT ADVICE



Hello and welcome to *The Journal's* latest article. This column will be completely ridiculous so, please do not take it seriously. (ie: if we tell you to slit your wrists, don't!) This is the first advice column in *The Journal* since the pathetic and annoying Doom and Goom column of 1987-88. The difference between that column and this column is that ours will be funny and exciting while theirs was political and boring. With that said, let the hack session begin!

Dear Joe and Andy,

I am a third year Arts student here at SMU. My problem is that I'm madly in love with (and lust) Phil Donahue and I spend all my time thinking about him. What should I do?
Doug S.

Joe - Dear Doug,

So what if you're gay and you're after Phil's buns? I don't. Please don't insult my high intelligence with such petty problems. If you're so infatuated with Phil Donahue, fly down to New York and ask him out. He'll probably decline your pathetic proposition but may put you in next week's show which features freaks who like fellow freaks. Other people who will join you will include Pat from Saturday Night Live fame, Roseanne Barr's singing ass and Oprah Winfrey's cellulite. You're a freak. Not because you're gay, just because you wrote to us. Andy?

Andy - Dear Doug,

Well obviously the S in your name stands for slob. I mean get real. It's A.O.K to proudly admit you are a homosexual, but let's set a limit: old Phil is way out of your league. Now, that idiot Geraldo may not be much to look at, but he's probably as desperate as you are! On the other hand he has money, fame and babes whereas you are a pathetic drifter sentenced to live life as a social outcast, living in dumpsters, eating cats and dreaming eternally of being in a Turkish prison with Phil as your tour guide. DREAM ON YOU LONELY WANK. Next letter.

Dear Joe and Andy,

I am a first year Commerce student at SMU. My problem is, I have trouble making friends. What should I do?
Loner, not by choice.

Joe - Dear loser or is it loner? Who cares? I don't. The solution to your problem is simple. Look at yourself in the mirror in the morning and say, "maybe I'm not a pathetic mutant to society." That is - unless you really are! In which case, I will send you a copy of Joe's Quick and Painless Guide to Suicide. (just kidding.) Look loner, only you can change your life. Stop licking people's armpits in public and start talking to living things rather than Q-tips and toasters. You are a freak. I hate you. Andy?

Andy - Dear Loner,

I would have to disagree with Joe on that one. The reason you have no friends is because you are a boring, stale, idiotic sponge on society. You have to liven up. To become popular try my helpful hint to making friends; dip yourself naked in a vat of petroleum jelly and run around screaming "I'm Biffy the human phlegm ball!" Believe me, you'll meet a lot of interesting people that way, including members of law enforcement. But when it boils down to it, you have no one to blame but yourself for being a shallow weasly jerk with no life. Next victim.

Dear Joe and Andy,

I simply can't live with myself anymore. I'm a closet metal head. I pretend to like Wilson Phillips, but in reality I want to bang my head to the sounds of Burning Church. I'm scared I'll be hated by all. What should I do?
Hidden Head Banger.

Joe - Dear Banging freak,

I am appalled!! You should be proud to know that others think you are a heavy metal, smelly and irritating drug-pusher. There is absolutely nothing wrong with people thinking you're Satan's sex toy or that you are piercing other people's noses in the name of the Neo-Nazi Federation of Dartmouth!! Some of my closest friends are metal banging slugs of the earth and they are happy. Just because Bangers supposedly rape appliances, kill computers and eat chocolate pop tarts while listening to the sweet sounds of Metal, doesn't mean they should be embarrassed. They believe in themselves. Now go out and buy the latest Burning Church CD. Rock on you whimpy, pathetic and stupid irritant. Andy?

Andy - Dearest Disco Reject

I personally have nothing against Rock 'N Roll Sadists like you. Just because I'd rather see you slurp a Drains shake, hurl chunks, and croak doesn't mean you're not a nice guy. I'm sure you have many prominent assets - like that sawed off shotgun you wasted that old lady with last night or how about that pentagram in your back yard where you sacrificed the mailman. All I can say is you should be proud to be you since your parents obviously aren't proud of you! Listen to what you like. Do what you want to do, but I'd suggest getting your scrawny spike-licking butt out of town since you were on Crime Stoppers last night! I'm gonna turn you and your gang in and turn a nifty profit! Wilson Phillips forever.

Remember this column was only in fun. Sick fun, but fun nonetheless. If you would like to be hacked in print, write Joe and Andy today!!!! Until next week. Take off!!

Thoughts About Being New To Canada...

by Trudy Glasgow

It was the first time I had ever seen snow.

Coming from the West Indies, I had always imagined snow to be sort of star-shaped, light and flaky. But it was nothing like that at all. It was like looking at frost inside a freezer.

Canada in its entirety, and Halifax in particular, is like living inside a refrigerator. I remember my Dad saying that Halifax has three seasons - cold, colder, and coldest. And how right he is!

I love Saint Mary's University. Everyone here is so warm and friendly. Halifax is a beautiful city, less the freezing temperatures and ten inches of snow.

There are West Indians here - many from St. Lucia - where I come from as well as from Barbados, Dominica, Antigua, and Bermuda. But this university is basically swamped with Canadians from Halifax or other parts of Nova Scotia; Yarmouth, Bedford, Dartmouth, and even Toronto.

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SPORTS

SMU Icemen remain in playoff hunt

By Jody Jewers

The Saint Mary's Huskies were involved in a pair of close contests at home in Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference action recently, dropping a 3-2 heartbreaker to the Kelly Division leading Dalhousie Tigers Wednesday before rallying to tie the defending national champion Moncton Blue Eagles 4-4 on Saturday.

After battling through twenty scoreless minutes, the Huskies drew first blood on Wayne Morrow's marker just 1:20 into the middle stanza. SMU upped its lead to 2-0 when Tim Gilligan took the feed from Steve Kluczkowski and deposited it behind Dal netminder Kevin Stairs. Jim Izzard also drew an assist on the power play tally. Dalhousie appeared to have scored with just over a minute left in the period but the goal was disallowed by referee Francis Reppa who ruled that the puck did not cross the line.

That was all the motivation the Tigers needed as they came out hustling in the third period, spoiling Graeme Harvey's shutout bid just 41 seconds into the final frame with Alan Baldwin connecting for the 11-2-3 Tigers. SMU continued to scramble under the persistent forechecking of the Dalhousie club, allowing two goals in the final three minutes by Tony MacAuley and Kelly Bradley, who potted the winner with just 48 seconds left, sending the near-capacity crowd into silence. Dalhousie's third period superiority was also evident in the shots on goal department as they held a big 16-4 advantage and a 31-25 edge overall.

Saturday's contest appeared

to be more of the same as Moncton opened scoring just 26 seconds after the opening face-off on a goal by Richard Gravel. Izzard answered for Saint Mary's as he poked a pass from behind the net by Jamie Hartley past Marc Delorme in the Moncton cage. Richard MacKenzie, who played his first game after being sidelined with shoulder and knee problems, made his return a big one as he tipped in a low shot from Joel Cousins at 1:24 of the second period to put SMU up 2-1.

That lead was short-lived however as a bad clearing pass by Harvey was intercepted by Louis Melanson of the Blue Eagles, who then fed it to teammate Hugh Batherson who fired it into a wide open SMU net. Moncton regained their one goal lead with just over two minutes remaining in the period as Eric Boisvert took care of the scoring for the defending champs, who went to the dressing room with a 3-2 lead.

MacKenzie pulled the Huskies even with Moncton 5:33 into the final frame only to see Moncton go up by one again on another bad giveaway by the Huskies as Danny Gauvin took advantage of the SMU miscue, apparently sealing the win. However Ron Pitre, who did not dress Wednesday, lifted Saint Mary's into a 4-4 draw by ripping a slapshot over Delorme's shoulder into the Moncton net with just 3:11 left to play.

MacKenzie believed that the Huskies, despite their 4-10-1 record, are still very much alive in the playoff race.

"I honestly believe so," said

the second year Arts student from Truro. "We have the guys on offence and defence, so hopefully we can put it all together. Graeme has been solid and there's still a lot of time left in the schedule."

Saint Mary's will need to post some victories away from home if they are going to make it to the post-season. Wednesday they

visit Dalhousie for a return engagement with the Tigers at 7:30 p.m. This weekend they are on the road for two games. Saturday they meet the St. Francis Xavier X-Men in Antigonish at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday they face the UCCB Capers at 2 p.m.

Husky Tails - Coach Norm MacAuley has done some shuffling

in his line-up recently. New additions to the team include left winger Corey Smart and goalie Jamie McGuire. No longer with the club are John Campbell, Darren Kiley, and Rob Hudson... This week's road trip must be successful for SMU to make the playoffs. However, the Huskies are a dismal 2-6 on the road.



Saint Mary's played defending CIAU champion Moncton Blue Eagles to a 4-4 tie Saturday at Alumni Arena. (Young Photo)

Lady Huskies drop Axettes, fall to UNB

By Jody Jewers

It was a week of ups and downs for the Saint Mary's Huskies women's basketball team, as they played their best game of the season in soundly defeating the Acadia Axettes 68-52 on Thursday, but were downed 73-59 by the University of New Brunswick Red Bloomers on Sunday.

SMU came out running against the Axettes early and it paid off as they went on a 27-11 run to open the game and cruised to a big 38-23 margin at half time en route to their first victory of the regular

season. Cindy Flynn paced the Saint Mary's offence with 21 points while player-of-the-game Sharlene Falk had 19 points and 6 rebounds in a winning effort. Suzanne Muir and Tina Creelman chipped in with 13 and 10 points respectively while Allyson Cushing took care of the offensive and defensive glass, hauling down a game high 10 rebounds. Acadia's offense was led by Patty Hayden with 13 points while Jennifer Lloyd and Norma MacIntyre contributed 12 and 10 points plus 17 rebounds for the 3-2 Axettes.

5'2" guard Jill Jackson was the story in Sunday's contest as she

engineered a potent UNB attack with a 21-point effort as the Red Bloomers went on a 12-3 run to open the second half after being up 44-34 at the intermission. Kara Palmer was the only other New Brunswick player in double figures with 12 points. Flynn and Falk once again combined for over half of the SMU offence, the duo meshing 18 and 17 points for the 1-3 Huskies, who currently sit 6th in the Atlantic Conference.

Saint Mary's will try to better their record on the road when they travel to Dalhousie Wednesday, January 23, for a 6 p.m. tilt with the Tigers.



Cindy Flynn (12) scored 18 points in SMU's 73-59 loss to UNB Sunday at the Tower. (MacEachern Photo)

Huskies comeback bid falls short Moore leads Acadia to triumph

By Joe Meahan

Wolfville - The Saint Mary's Volleyball Huskies dug themselves an early hole and Krista Moore made sure there was no way for SMU to see the sunshine again last Sunday as Acadia defeated arch-rival Saint Mary's 3-2. Acadia won the contest before questionable officiating towards both sides in a match that lasted two and a half hours.

Moore, who was able to capitalize on front court positioning, posted 32 kills on the afternoon as her Axettes took a 2-0 set lead before hanging on for the five set victory. Acadia won by scores of 17-16, 15-5, 14-16, 10-15, 15-13. The powerful New Minas native also recorded three stuffing blocks and three service aces on the day. The victory was Acadia's third straight as they upped their record to 3-3 on the season. Saint Mary's fell to a disappointing 3-7 with the loss.

Moore made herself known at the outset as she was finding open holes on a listless Huskies

team. Saint Mary's regrouped late in the set as they fought off five set points before losing by one. Monique Rafuse led the Huskies offence with 18 kills and 6 blocking stuffs but she nor blockers Jackie Parks and Marlene Ouellette could stop Moore in the crunch as Acadia took a convincing second set win.

"We played poorly to start off the match," said head coach Joan Matheson. "We have to start playing the way we finish matches in order to be successful."

"I think this was a learning experience for us as well," the sophomore coach added. "We have seven rookies in the line-up and are definitely a team of the future. We're just going to have to take each match, one at a time."

The match looked destined for an Acadia sweep as the Axettes took a commanding third set lead. With Acadia leading 11-5, Saint Mary's looked frustrated and weak. Give the Huskies credit, however, as they turned what looked like a blowout into an absolute marathon. A spirited effort by Parks, who

finished the game with 11 kills and key setting by Tracey Clinch gave the Huskies the next two sets, setting the stage for a memorable climax. Moore, in the meantime was constantly stuck in the back-court and her poor defensive game enabled the Huskies to come back from the dead.

In the final set, Acadia received fine back-up from Nicole Collins and Angie Carmichael, taking pressure off Moore as Acadia won 15-13. The story in this match, however, was the errors the Huskies made. Both teams looked a little rusty, coming off the Christmas break, but Saint Mary's made crucial errors when key points were on the line. Late in the match with the fifth set tied at 13-13, Anne O'Neill, who had a fair game recording 10 kills, served into the net to give Acadia an important lead. A lead they would never relinquish.

Matheson gave Acadia credit for the win. "Although I still feel we are a better team than Acadia, I give them full marks for their effort today," said Matheson. "They are a lot stronger than last season and have a lot more this year than just Krista Moore."

The Huskies return to action tonight at The Tower as they host cross-town rival Dalhousie. The Tigers are coming off a successful weekend which saw them capture the McMaster Invitational in Hamilton. Opening service is scheduled for 8:00pm. The Tigers nipped the Huskies 3-1 in the two teams only other confrontation of the season.

Player of the game -

Krista Moore, Acadia.



Joe Meahan - Photo

The Saint Mary's blocking game played well but not well enough as Acadia nipped SMU in a five set marathon last Sunday in Wolfville.

Huskies set for "Classic" Volleyball

by Joe Meahan

The Saint Mary's Huskies will get a chance to face some of Ontario's finest women's volleyball squads this weekend. Saint Mary's will take part in the Twelfth Annual Dalhousie Volleyball Classic at Dalplex.

The Huskies will compete in Division B of the women's field where they will face two Ottawa based universities and a conference rival from the A U V C. Competing in their division will be the Carleton Ravens,

the Ottawa Gee Gees and the defending AUV C champion Mt. Allison Mounties.

Other women's teams in the tournament include the host Dalhousie Tigers, the Moncton Blue Angels, the Western Mustangs, and the Ontario West Division leading McMaster Mauauders. The defending champion York Yeowomen will not be participating in this season's tournament and thus a new champion will be crowned.

Saint Mary's, who finished last in the past two classics, will be

out to climb out of the basement. Last season the Huskies played very well in the tournament, taking set wins over both Carleton and Brock. Coming into the tournament, Mt. Allison looks very good with a perfect regular season record of 8-0, Ottawa is 4-1 in OUAA action -

losing only to the nationally second ranked Yeowomen from York while Carleton enters the Classic with a 2-3 record on the season.

The Huskies will open the tournament at 4:30 pm on Friday where they will face Mt.

A and then go against Ottawa at 9:00 pm before rounding out the round-robin play against Carleton Saturday at 1:00 pm.

The men's field will consist of Dalhousie Tigers, Queen's Golden Gaels, Manitoba Bisons, and Moncton Blue Eagles in Pool A. While in Pool B, Sherbrook Vert et Or, UNB Rebels, Waterloo Warriors and Winnipeg Wesmen will make up the field. The championship games are scheduled for 11:30 am on Sunday (men), and 1:00 pm Sunday for the women.



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Hoop Huskies continue torrid pace

Grab hold of second place

By T. Paul Woodford

The Saint Mary's Huskies coasted past the UNB Red Raiders 103-84 in AUBC action last Sunday at the Tower. The win came on the heels of SMU's come from behind 74-70 win over Acadia on Thursday.

The win upped the Huskies record to 5-1, good for second place in the conference. The UPEI Panthers lead the AUBC with a 7-1 record.

Forward Brian Thompson led the Huskies' offensive barrage on Sunday. The fourth year Commerce student poured in 28 points and was named player of the game. Chris Rowarth added 14, Dale Stevens chipped in with 13 while rookie Tom Dobson meshed 10 points for the winners.

Vinod Nair led UNB with 13 points, Alex Kidney contributed 11 while Yaw Obeng and Bobby O'Brien each added 10 for the Red Raiders.

The Huskies, who led 50-33 at the half, used their entire bench throughout the game. Eleven different Huskies did the scoring in the one sided contest.

Saint Mary's coach Ross Quackenbush was pleased with the play of his bench.

"When you've got a lot of different guys in the lineup it's kind of hard to expect them to make things run as smoothly as the regular players but I thought our entire lineup did a pretty good job today," said Quackenbush.

The Huskies No. 9 national ranking has fans and players excited about the prospects for this season.

"We're playing to our potential and we're starting to come together as a team," said guard Chris Rowarth. "We've still got a lot of things to work on and we can only get better. I think the team really gelled around the Dal tournament and the guys started playing as a team."

"We won the AUAA's in my first season back in 1986 and I think this year's team is better than that team. Anything short of an AUAA championship and a trip to the nationals would be a disappointment," added Rowarth, who is in his final year of eligibility.

On Thursday, rookie guard Jeff Baltzer came off the bench and breathed some life into the Huskies' anaemic attack. Acadia led by nine points with 5:48 to play before SMU tore off an 11-2 run to tie the affair at 66. Baltzer put the Huskies ahead to stay when he stole the ball from Acadia's Danny Eveleigh and went in for a lay-in to put SMU ahead 70-68 with 2:29 to play, they Huskies went on to post a 74-70 win.

The Huskies will entertain the Axemen again this Friday at 8:00 pm at the Tower. Friday's game will be Pepsi-Cola Neon Hat Night, the first 500 fans in attendance will receive free neon hats.



Saint Mary's manhandled the UNB Red Raiders 103-84 last Sunday at the Tower. (MacEachern Photo)

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Huskies Volleyball

Athlete of the Week



Richard MacKenzie

Richard MacKenzie of the hockey Huskies is the Oland's athlete of the week. MacKenzie scored two goals in SMU's 4-4 tie with Moncton on Saturday night at Alumni Arena.