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OUR HUSKIES ARE NOW 0-2 This weekend we battled it out with the Acadia Axemen, and lost our first home game in nearly 10 years.

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SMUSA Blamed For Tampering With Pay

by Paul Fitzgerald

There is growing concern that during the summer, Executive members from the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) made adjustments to the pay period, in order to receive extra pay without the consent of Council.

However, since the issue has come to light, it has forced three Executive members to receive a reduction on their next pay cheque to make up for the increase in pay. Even though the problem has been fixed, some Council members feel that if the incident had gone unnoticed, the Executive would not have informed them on the issue.

The confusing issue stems from Executive members rearranging their traditional pay structure.

When Executive members take office in May they are paid an hourly wage until the end of August. Normally, on September 4th, each year, Executive members begin their honoraria, which is the same amount of pay every two weeks for the entire academic year.

However, Council is concerned that this year the pay period was pushed ahead, past September 4th, allowing Executive members to earn approximately \$100 more during Frosh Week activities.

At last Sunday's Council meeting, SMUSA Vice President Administration, Libby Biason, blew the whistle on her Executive colleagues: President Boris Mirtchev, Treasurer Mike Cooze and Vice President Student Affairs Fraser Gould. Now all three will have the \$100 extra they earned taken from their next pay.

Two Arrested In Tower Thefts

by David Ryan

Saint Mary's Security Manager Bill Promaine, says that the involvement and co-operation of witnesses and staff at the Tower Recreation Center led to the arrest of two individuals who were stealing personal property from public lockers. The individuals, who are not students at Saint Mary's University, were arrested and charged with two counts of theft on Tuesday, September 19th. A third charge, relating to a similar theft that occurred on the night of the 18th, is pending on further investigation.

Halifax police would not reveal the names of the two individuals, or any details as to the proceedings of the investigation thus far. According to Promaine, the thieves purchased day passes in order to gain access

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Biason was the only Executive member that told Council of the problem. She brought out her concerns in the section of the meeting dedicated to new business, which came after all the reports were presented from Executive and Council members. Biason demanded that something concrete regarding the issue be put in

writing, so that Executive members, during the summer, can't decide on when to end the hourly pay period. She is requesting that, when Executive members, or even Council members, feel that they deserve more money, then everyone as

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IT'S NOT WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE... APPROXIMATELY 2,400 FANS TURNED OUT IN SATURDAY'S DRIZZLE TO WATCH THE HUSKIES DROP THEIR FIRST HOME GAME SINCE 1986. SEE STORY PAGE 13.

Sex Month At SMU

The entire month of October will be dedicated to one topic: Sex.

The Saint Mary's University Students Association (SMUSA) Vice President Administration Libby Biason and other members of the community will be educating students and others on campus about the issues surrounding sex.

Biason says that "usually there is only one week at SMU for the issue to be addressed. There is just more to sex than AIDS and condoms."

She says that many events will take place during October. "Irondale Ensemble will be performing a play about AIDS,

there will be movies every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the pub, sex education and awareness will be made available for students, there will be a safety week which also includes a free self-defense class for women and safe sex seminars."

Biason says that the month-long activities will enable students to accept sexual responsibility, make them more aware of sexual diversity and inform them how to protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases.

"We plan to run this so that everyone learns and becomes more educated about the issues," says Biason.



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Ozmon Warns Of Cuts In Faculty Positions, Programs and Services

by Paul Fitzgerald

What lies ahead for the future of post-secondary institutions in Halifax worries faculty, staff and students at Saint Mary's, including the President, Dr. Kenneth Ozmon.

So far, tuition across the country is rising, and by 1998, the tuition fee is anticipated to be just over \$4,500. At most universities in Halifax, morale is low as faculty members and Deans of departments are trying to find ways to save money without virtually destroying current and future programs of study. But for many, the answer is obvious: Universities in Metro will face drastic cuts and some programs will vanish.

Presently, there are three proposals being debated: Universities in Halifax merging; one business school for Metro; and the Partnerships model of Metro institutions sharing services and programs.

By the middle of October, the Minister of Education, John MacEachren, will receive the final recommendations drafted by Metro university presidents, and then make his decision. By April 1996, a new cost savings system will be put into place for all universities to follow.

Dr. Ozmon told members of the Saint Mary's University Students Association (SMUSA)

of the issue on the table for Metro universities at last Sunday's Council meeting. He indicated that cutbacks in faculty positions and in course programs will be a reality for Metro universities.

"Within the last year, the rationalization process has taken a new turn. The federal government is talking about cuts to transfer payments and this will effect social services, health and post-secondary education. Over the next three years in Nova Scotia means us being cut \$330-million... that is a lot of money. From the large sum are the cuts to post-secondary education, which will range from \$40 to \$60-million," said Dr. Ozmon. He added "these cuts will require some major adjustments by the universities. Already you [students] have felt the cuts from the increase in tuition, because universities have been raising tuition at a fairly rapid rate in order to make up for the cuts that have already occurred. Independently from the federal cuts, the provincial government has also made cuts to the universities."

Partnership Model

Dr. Ozmon says that all seven Metro universities have banded together to see if there

are some ways to find cost savings. "We are talking about sharing resources and attempting to provide services to our campuses in a way that can save us all money."

He said that all the presidents are working on two streams. One is the non-academic side that deal with services ranging from registration, paying tuition, Health Services and counseling services across all seven campuses. "The principles under which we have been working are that we will maintain the autonomy of the various universities, and that each university will have a meaningful role in the consortium [shared programs and services]. So there is no attempt to change the governance structure of the universities, or to take away what universities consider to be their set of unique characteristics within the group of universities in Metro." He added that, "we [presidents] are working at attempting to see how we can work in a non-academic area by discussing something like a single agency which would provide certain services to all of the institutions."

In addition, Dr. Ozmon said that on the academic side, programs that are being offered will be looked at very closely.



SAINT MARY'S PRESIDENT DR. KENNETH OZMON, IS ONE OF METRO'S UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF CUTBACKS.

"We want to see that if there is some way that we can provide access to courses on the other campuses if we had to cut back on certain courses at some campuses," he said

Funding

Dr. Ozmon said that in 1994/95, Saint Mary's received 54% of funding from the government. He also said that "the distribution of funds was supposed to be equal for all universities in the province. But Dr. Ozmon said there is a problem with how the government distributes funds. Each university receives a different formula of funding per student. He said "an Arts student would be worth \$2,400 at Saint Mary's, where at Acadia an Arts student would be worth \$3,000." He said that Saint Mary's receives the lowest amount of funding in the province. With the Nova Scotia Council On Higher Education - a group formed five years ago to find ways to save money for education - proposing to the provincial government to significantly reduce the 94/95 funding formula, Saint Mary's and all institutions will experience dire consequences. From the proposed \$40-million in cuts for education for all universities, Saint Mary's would lose \$8-million in funding from its present \$18-million.

Over the next two weeks, Dr. Ozmon and all other university presidents in Metro will be finalizing their Partnerships Plan for the government to consider.

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CASA Launches Campaign

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) released its strategy for renewing the country's higher education system in a document entitled **Making Higher Education Work**. At the same time, it announced plans for a nation-wide blitz called the **Real Choices Campaign** to promote a pan-Canadian vision

for higher education and to challenge the Liberal government to match its rhetoric about creating a "learning culture" with some concrete action. "CASA is committed to finding ways of maintaining and improving higher education while at the same time reducing costs and raising revenue from sources

other than tuition fees," says CASA National Director Alex Usher. "Our goal is to make higher education as cheap as possible for students and taxpayers alike." The Real Choices Campaign features two distinct elements: a referendum campaign and a signature campaign. In the first, student unions across the

country are being invited to hold a referendum asking students whose approach to higher education they prefer: CASA's or the federal government's? The referendum results from across the country will be released on the evening of October 25th. CASA has sought the federal government's participation in these referendums so that both sides of the issue can be properly presented to the voters. Yet despite having made a verbal invitation to participate to Mr. Axworthy's office over a month ago and having sent letters to Ministers Axworthy and Martin and Prime Minister Chretien with similar invitations, the government has yet to respond to the offer. CASA's Atlantic

Regional Director, Pat FitzPatrick, is enthusiastic about the referendums. "This is a chance for students across the country to send a strong message to the government and endorse a solid, workable and pro-active plan to reform higher education in Canada, says FitzPatrick. "And the best thing about it is that it is done through a democratic process. There's no picketing, no egg throwing; just a simple vote."

At the same time as campuses are running the referendums, CASA will also be conducting a signature campaign. Copies of the document "Making Higher Education Work" are being sent to every parliamentarian in the country, to business, labour and community leaders.

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"representatives of the student body should decide."

However, as Biason presented more information to Council, the tone in her voice became sharper. She said that the decision of extending the hourly pay period was made by SMUSA President Boris Mirtchev and two other Executive members. She said, "I do not feel that the President, nor the Treasurer, nor the Vice President of Student Affairs (VPSA) has the right to say that 'I have done some extra work so give me extra money'."

Biason summarized the issue by specifically stating: "I do not think that if we know that we can make an honoraria salary for the school year, that we can push ahead some other salary that we made in the summer in order to compensate for some extra hours."

She indicated that at present, Executive members can make financial decisions during the summer, and with full Council not in session there is, in reality, "no higher body to police the police." She added that "from what I have seen over the summer is the decision of the Executive to allocate money somewhere else."

Biason presented a motion to Council that would allow future Representatives to determine the pay structure. She stated: "Be it resolved that the Executive or Council members cannot arbitrarily amend the pre-arranged salary structures beyond the time of election."

She then said that "I do not feel that it is the right of the Executive to decide whether or not they should receive extra money for the work they do." Biason told Council that the motion would alleviate any inadequacies in pay structure.

During the Council meeting, neither Mirtchev nor any other Executive would refute Biason's allegations.



•Libby Biason

Instead, Mirtchev agreed to draft a policy that would confirm the end period of hourly wages and the start date for honoraria.

However, he did tell Council that "the salary of the VPSA was increased, and for the Treasurer and myself, it was extended an extra week. We have discussed this with the General Manager and when he gets back we will have to have that extra money taken off our next honoraria pay."

Biason then told Council that when waiting to start her honoraria pay, she noticed that she received her summer pay instead, which was a total of 20 hours. She said she noticed this because she makes more when she starts receiving her honoraria pay in the academic

year. She then said that "I noticed the discrepancies in my pay cheque as compared to the other Executives because they were still being paid for 40 hour week... although this may have been discussed informally, it was never discussed in any minutes or in any kind of formal motion." She added "I was disappointed that the Executive pushed ahead the summer hours and then left out my honoraria."

In an interview with Mirtchev a day after the Council meeting he said that "this is a grey area, and it is our duty to fix that area... personally I do not see this as a big deal. It has just been made a big deal."

When Mirtchev was asked if he received extra money, he stated: "The only person who had hours increased was the Vice President of Student Affairs."

Mirtchev said that the Executive felt that the VPSA deserved more pay for the increase in hours during orientation week.

When he was asked if he and the Treasurer made more money, he said "no, because it was all a mistake, and we will now have it deducted by next pay."

He did say that Biason is only irate over the situation because she never received an increase in pay. "The VPSA had a lot of work to do, and the VPSA received an increase. The issue of Libby's job and more hours is a separate issue. On October 15th, Council will further discuss the issue and then vote on Biason's motion."

Two Arrested in Tower

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to the Tower locker facilities. They were first seen by other Tower members on the night of the 18th, and appeared to be exhibiting "suspicious" behavior. During that evening, one locker was broken into, and its contents were reported missing.

On the evening of the 19th, the thieves were seen again at the Tower, but this time, the staff and members were on the alert, and police were called immediately upon the discovery that two more lockers had been robbed. "As soon as the police got there, witnesses were giving them accurate descriptions of the two suspects," says Promaine. "Because of this, they were apprehended only a short distance from the university."

Promaine then says that the suspects were brought back to the Tower, where the witnesses positively identified them. They were found to possess credit cards, I.D., and cash, which had been reported missing from the two lockers. Promaine says that this is the first incident of theft at the tower this year. "This is definitely an isolated incident. However, I would advise anyone who uses the Tower facilities, to avoid keeping valuables in the lockers. The locks, though a deterrent to some extent, are not impervious. I suggest that people bring only the essentials." Promaine is not sure how the locks were removed, but suspects that they were snapped off with a prying object like a crowbar.



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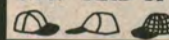
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The Single Parent Dilemma

by Stella Roche

I am not trying to trivialize what being a single parent is all about, however, Canada no longer has the resources to allow people to be "double dippers" and it is not just single parents who are. A system needs to be put in place that allows people who really need the assistance to obtain this financial support, whether it be from Student Loans, Social Assistance, subsidized day care or any other programs that are available.

As a full-time student and a single parent my understanding of the so-called "welfare" system that is in place in this country is that it is supposed to be used for short-term measures, not long-term. Each of us has our own idea of what long and short term measures are. My idea of short term is for a period not exceeding two years and in this time frame one could obtain training at a Career or Community college that would allow them to re-enter the work force. Long-term is what I consider attending post-secondary education, which generally has a three to four-year term for the majority of the Bachelor's programs offered. Post-secondary education is NOT a right, it is a privilege that we all strive to reach.

University educational costs today have risen greatly. People are under the impression they

have a God given right to a Student loan. Reality is - if one were to go into a bank and apply for a loan without a job their chances of getting a loan would be - Zero. Banks are profit-driven corporations. Student loans are loans that have low interest charges. People that are on Assistance should only get their tuition, books and a small amount of extra funds over and above what they receive on Social Assistance. What has to be kept in mind here is that the Student loan has to be repaid and the monies from Social Assistance do not. I have had to fight to get a Student Loan just like the majority of people attending university.

Being a single parent at the best of times is difficult not only financially but emotionally as well. Sometimes being a single-parent is not something that we choose to be, but it happens and we deal with this fact, and move on. Most of us do not expect special treatment because we are single parents. Circumstances have put us in this situation and many of us are achieving the goals we have set, without any financial support. What we receive in child support is not only inadequate in supporting our child/children but it is considered **TAXABLE INCOME**. Single parents on Social Assistance are saying that they should have the right to full student loans and the

right to borrow the maximum amount of monies that the student loan offers. Have they ever once considered that they are guaranteed at least some income every month, whereas, the rest of us are unsure if we will have any income for that particular month? We would like to know what gives the single parents on Social Assistance the right to assume that they should be eligible for not only full-tuition student loans, but also full cost of living loans. When in fact their cost of living is already provided for by Social Assistance which is **interest and tax free dollars**. I receive Child Support from my ex-husband and the only assistance I receive from **TAXPAYERS** is subsidized day care. Therefore, my burden on the taxpayers is far less than those who receive all financial income from tax dollars. It has cost me a large sum of money in order obtain this child support that is **NOT Tax Free**.

In reference to the article in your paper dated September 20, 1995 refer to comments made by Saint Mary's Single Parents Representative Debbie Grant. "The DOE says that..... requires a total of \$290 per week to get by.....Family Benefits only get \$220.....". What Ms. Grant forgot to mention is the fact that this \$220 last year was added on to what they receive a month in Social Assistance making the total amount to be

received by a single parent on Social Assistance with one child to be over \$1000.00 per month that is Tax Free. The monies that are received from Social Assistance barely cover the cost of living, plus daycare. But the costs are covered and they do not have to worry if they will have money next month to pay the rent. Just because you are in receipt of child support there really is no guarantee that you will receive it.

As a single parent, if I was getting my costs paid for by the taxpayers and receiving a \$10,000 Student loan I would be upset if this was suddenly cut off. Why not have "your cake and eat it too," so to speak. They are "double dipping". The playing field is one that is grossly uneven for the rest of us out there that are not dependent upon Social Assistance to cover our cost of living expenses. Our cost of living expenses are covered by child support, part-time work and student loans. What Ms. Grant has omitted in her statement to the press are some of the following facts:

1. They did receive up to \$200 a month if they were a student which covers travel and child care expenses (child care expenses are generally subsidized) over and above whatever they receive on Social Assistance; (I do not know if they still receive this money) which in most cases the total exceeds \$1,100 per month. Providing of course the child/children father(s) is paying no child support. If he/she were supplying child support it is 100% deductible against Family Benefits. In many cases there is no court order in effect saying that the father is to provide support but in many cases the father does pay some support. It appears that Social Assistance is not made aware of this extra income in many cases.

2. Other financial assistance for Social Assistance recipients may include: Christmas Daddies, Goodfellows, Food Banks, free clothing, coats for kids, etc etc. These are also available to those of us who are have low incomes.

3. Some single parents on Social assistance own a late model vehicle that is in good condition and many take trips outside this country.

All monies received by Social Services recipients are in **fact tax free income**; whereas, child support is **taxable income**. Therefore, the majority who receive child support pay taxes, it may not be a lot but we pay taxes. Contrary to popular belief, if I were to leave university tomorrow and get a job the following things would happen:

1. My ex-husband has the right to return to court and ask for a variance in payment

because circumstances on my part have changed.

2. Once I have become employed I would have no choice but to pay taxes on the child support that I am receiving. Although it may be that I would get some of this back in April when I fill out my taxes, in the meantime I would have to structure my funds in such a way as to compensate for these taxes.

3. If I were to get a job above \$17,000 per year (the poverty line in 1995 I believe is \$18,000) I would have to pay full daycare costs

4. Child support can be stopped at anytime without notice regardless whether a court order is in effect. I have had this happen.

5. Like everyone else after my six-month grace period I would have to start paying back my student loan.

So the myth that those of us who are not on Social Assistance do not face the same problems as those who are is just that a myth.

I am (using the four year mark to show some quick calculations) guessing that the single parents on Social Assistance have been at Saint Mary's for four years. For argument's sake I will use two figures. These figures are estimates of what a Social Assistance person receives with one child according to 1995 standards. Lets say they received \$1,100 per month \$1,100 x 12 = \$13,200 per year times that by 4 years \$52,800 **tax free dollars**. The second figure of \$856.00 per month \$10,272 per year times that by 4 years \$41,088 **tax free dollars**. If one were to maintain this standard of living (\$13,200) in the work place one would have to make at least \$28-\$29,000 per year. This does not include any other obligations that this money has to pay, i.e. Student Loans. These figures are excluding any monies received from student loan. This is presuming that the single parents in fact received their Bachelor's degree. In order to pay back these tax free dollars one would have to have a rather substantial income.

"The students say they will accept nothing less than a full reversal of the policy." This quote was cited by some single-parents who are in receipt of Social Assistance. This to me is a bitter pill to swallow, considering I am a single-parent and child support is my income. I wish I had that right to demand that somebody pay me tax free dollars plus give me a low interest loan on top of my child support. Then maybe I could drive a late model car, take vacations and take my son on a vacation. Isn't life wonderful when we can make demands from taxpayers and not pay any taxes.

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It Takes One To Know One

The Executive members of the Saint Mary's University Students Association (SMUSA), who have been accused by one of their own people, Vice President Administration, Libby Biason, of tampering with the pay periods in order to earn some extra cash, is an issue that must be seriously reviewed.

As a student, and Editor of this newspaper, I decided to look into the situation. But I, like other SMUSA Council members, who have expressed concern, have become very suspicious and confused over the situation.

At last Sunday's Council meeting, Biason proposed a motion that would "alleviate any inadequacies in the pay structure." Her motion states: Be it resolved that the Executive or Council members can not arbitrarily amend the pre-arranged salary structures beyond the time of election." If there was nothing wrong with how the Executive dealt with money in the summer, then why would Biason propose such a motion?

Three SMUSA Executive members - President Boris Mirtchev, Treasurer Mike Cooze and Vice President Student Affairs (VPSA) Fraser Gould - were said to have pushed the pay week ahead in order to earn more money. In the summer, the Executive is paid on an hourly basis. Traditionally, September 4th is the start date for Executive members to begin their honoraria, which is a flat rate of pay every two weeks during the academic year. The concern is over the fact that Executive members decided to keep the hourly wage period in existence during the first week of September. This would mean that during Frosh Week activities, the Executive would earn more because that is the time period they are supposed to be on for their honoraria. And since it was Frosh Week, they could add up more hours instead of just working on a flat rate of pay. If September 4th is the traditional start date for the honoraria, then why wasn't it followed this year? Why would Biason storm out of an Executive meeting earlier last week when discussing the issue? And lastly, why are there no minutes to the meeting that discussed this issue? I asked all of these and received no answers.

But at last Sunday's Council meeting, neither Mirtchev nor Cooze would refute Biason's claims of them extending the pay period. There was no argument of "no Libby, you are wrong." Instead, both of them agreed that a financial policy was needed, in order to avoid further confusion over the matter. Mirtchev did say that it was a mistake in the pay period and that it would be adjusted as soon as possible. But it makes me wonder why four weeks later a "pay problem" would be fixed. At this university, or at other organizations, big mistakes in pay are noticed quickly. Four weeks later seems like a long time.

But what Council members are concerned over is the fact that if Biason had not brought the issue to light, then would it have been solved?

Biason is adamant over the situation. The tone in her voice at the meeting clearly indicated that. She is mad that other Council members were not notified that the pay week was extended. But during that meeting, Mirtchev told Council that the VPSA was the member who had his hours increased, because originally, the hours assigned were not enough to compensate for the work. I think if the VPSA deserves more money then that is completely fair. I know Fraser Gould, and he puts in a lot of hard work for the association, especially during Frosh Week. But Biason didn't seem to place all the blame on the VPSA. She seemed very concerned over the pay week being extended, and other Executive members also feeling that they deserved more money.

However, all this seems ironic. Some members of the Executive are also on The Journal Publishing Board of Directors, the same board that shut this newspaper down for almost four months. They accused our General Manager of financial mismanagement. They said we, as a society kept students in the dark by not recording minutes of our meeting.

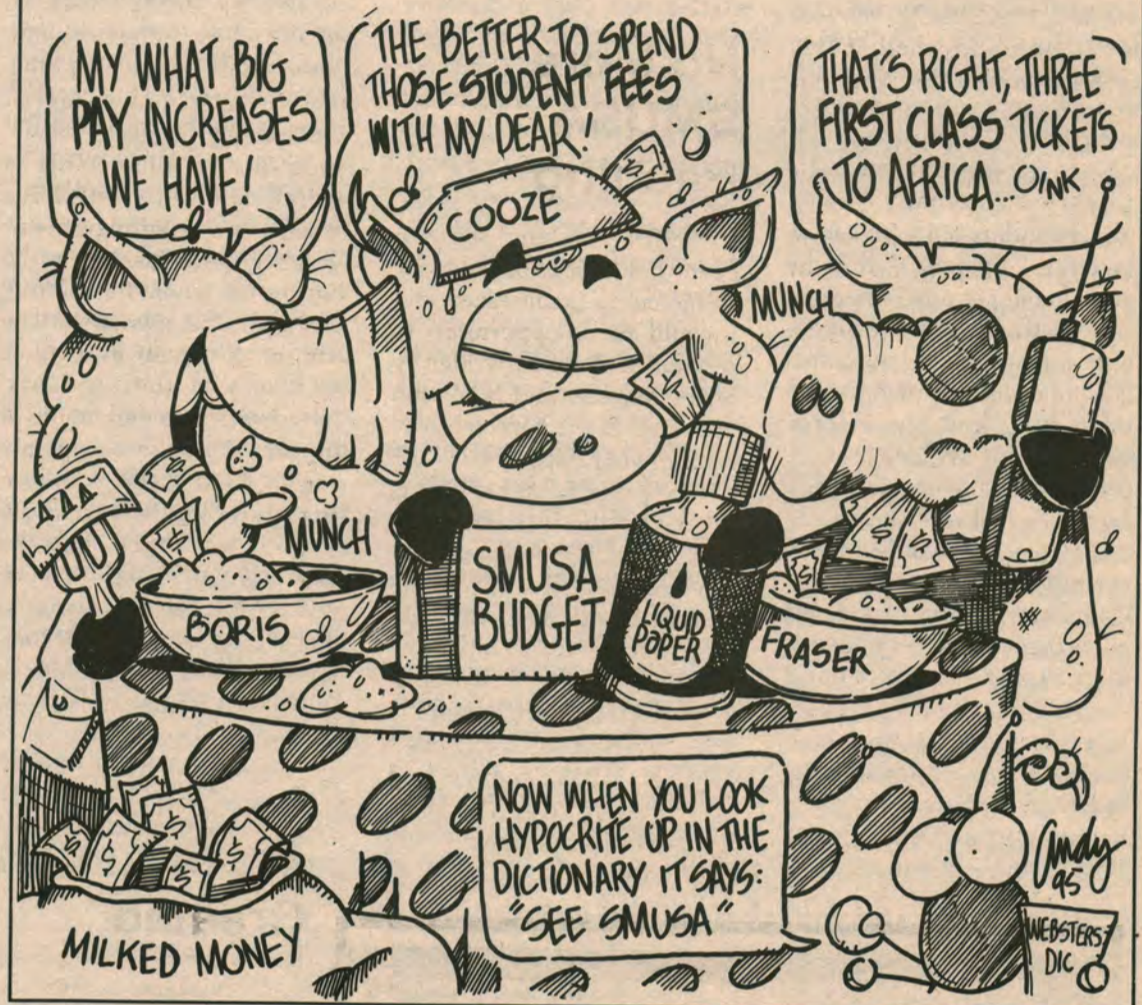
But I won't shut SMUSA down. Their lawyer, Tim Hill, is a bit pricey for me.

P.F.

After accusing *The Journal* of misusing funds, SMUSA is now accusing itself of the exact same thing.

Soon to be adapted by Mother Goose comes...

GoldiSMU and The Three Bears



The Viscous Attack

Last weeks edition of *The Journal* carried an editorial which contained viscous attacks on the political organization to which I belong, the International Socialists. In particular, *The Journal* Editor Paul Fitzgerald railed against a picket of the Reform Party rally in which a handful of IS members participated.

The reader is led to believe that the picket was solely the work of the IS and that no other groups were involved. In reality, the counter-rally was organized by the Metro Coalition for Social Justice, The Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council and the constituent members of each group. Picketers included black activists, feminists, lesbian and gay activists, and trade unionists. Speakers at the picket included NDP city councilor Howard Epstein, and the Canadian Labour Congress representative Paulette Sadoway. If the 40 or so people who attended the picket only 4 were members of the IS, but for some bizarre reason, Fitzgerald felt the need to single out our tiny and relatively defenseless group for abuse.

It is clear that Fitzgerald was upset by anti-Reform Party rally and did not believe it to be an appropriate form of political action. We disagree. Organizing to oppose and expose the Reform Party is both appropriate and necessary in the current political context.

The world economy is in crisis. Everywhere corporate profit margins are falling to dangerously low levels. Governments of all stripes have responded by cutting corporate taxes, and attacking wages, benefits and social programs in order to prop up falling profit rates and forestall economic collapse.

The cutbacks have produced a massive decline living standards. Not surprisingly, the universal descent into poverty has produced a bitterness and

Sandy Ryan
International Socialists
(IP)

Single Parent Issue Causes Concern

Your cover story regarding the Student Loan for single parents in receipt of Family Benefits has understandably caused an enormous amount of opinions to surface, here at SMU. Conversations overheard, have balanced on both negative and positive sides of the spectrum.

Since I was quoted in this article, I would like this opportunity to give additional output based on the negative reaction of the readers. I do not wish to bash down all of the positions held by these letters, the writers are entitled to their opinions.

My message is to all the Single Parent students with whom the article pertains. Don't let any of the negative letters presented in this

Letters, Letters, Letter

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newspaper deviate you of your focus. Remember, you are not here to prove to any other person that you belong in university. you do not have to justify your circumstances to any one who may or may not know, what it is like to walk a mile in your shoes. After all they do not make decisions on how much you can or cannot borrow.

You are here, like every other student, to try and better your life and become financially independent member of society. No one here can determine whether you will accomplish this or not. It is up to you.

Throughout life we all encounter many individuals who may like or dislike certain aspects about us. It is important that you keep in mind for whom you are pursuing goals - yourself or others. If you think that your pursuits are worth while, then go after them regardless of the opinions of others. I find that articles such as this one often generate various opinion regardless of the nature. Remember, DON'T ALLOW ANYTHING TO INTERFERE WITH ACCOMPLISHING YOUR DREAMS!!!!!!

Also, there has been some concern as to the nature of our plight. It has been mentioned that our situation has had an alienating affect on single

parents who receive income which is not Family Benefits. I would like to respond to that and say that I was not aware of any other single parents receiving this drastic a cut. Yes, every year, the DOE tries to cut corners in giving out assistance, however, this particular group, has to my knowledge, been the hardest hit.

Debra Grant
SMU Single parent
Representative.

No More SMUSA Bashing

"SMUSA bashing" seems to be the hot topic as of late as far as *The Journal* is concerned, and I would like an opportunity to respond to the letters written by Shane MacKay and N.M. that appeared in the September 20 issue of your paper.

The Students' Association is not responsible for the summer shutdown of *The Journal*, that decision was made by the paper's Board of Directors. As an executive member of SMUSA, I feel as if my name has been dragged through the mud by Journal staff, even though I have never had anything to do with The Journal or its shutdown.

I do not blame Mr. MacKay or N.M. for their letters to the editor. These two individuals are uninformed about the whole *Journal* situation, as is most of the student population of Saint Mary's University. Two members of the SMUSA executive, as well as our General Manager do sit on the Board of Directors, but this constitutes only 3 of the 9 voting members of the Board. SMUSA does not have near the power that *The Journal* implies. If Mr. MacKay had won his presidential bid last year, he would be in the exact same place that Boris Mirtchev, myself, and many others at SMUSA are in right now - shouldering blame for a situation that we have absolutely no control over.

Mr. Editor, please leave me out of this whole fiasco. You, and a handful of your staff are dragging myself and other members of the Students' Association into the middle of something we don't want any part of. I feel that if you have any journalistic integrity at all, you will print an apology to the Students' Association and start dealing directly with those who you should have been dealing with all along - The Journal's Board of Directors.

Fraser Gould

A Confusion Created

I would like to correct a misunderstanding that was inadvertently created in the "Framework of the Metro Halifax Universities' Business Plan," which was reported on in a recent issue of the *Journal* - Report Calls For Drastic Cuts." Taking into account the numbers of faculty in particular programs and the ages of those faculty members, the "Framework" document took a very hypothetical look at what the impact would be of non replacement of retiring faculty or those who might consider early retirement. Some programs would be much more affected than others in such a situation, Religious Studies/Comparative Religion in particular. The "Framework" document merely meant to point that

out. It did not recommend that these programs be closed, though unfortunately it created that impression.

At Saint Mary's, Religious Studies is a very vigorous, productive department, with a strong majors and honours program, as well as interdisciplinary links to a variety of other programs within the University (Asian Studies, Atlantic Canada Studies, and International Development Studies, for example) and beyond. It also makes an important contribution to the University's stated mission to give special emphasis to the Christian tradition and values in higher education."

I deeply regret, therefore, the impression which may have been created that Saint Mary's is not committed to Religious Studies or that the program is being considered for closure.

Sincerely yours,
Michael Larsen
Dean of Arts

Hells Bells

I wanted to write and vent my frustration over the fire alarms that rock the Loyola Building at 2 and 3 am. I have been informed that these particular alarms were set by students. If this is true then I have one question: Do you have any idea of the fear the children feel being pulled out of bed at such a late hour? My two sons are very young and every time an alarm sounds they worry about there being a fire. Try for one second to imagine how scary a fire is to a small child. Their only possessions in the world left behind to a force they do not understand. This is not the totality of the problem. After reassuring my sons that there is no fire and we will still be able to go home I have the job of getting them back to sleep. Usually at this point it is almost time to get up and start the day anyway. So now we have traumatized, tired children to deal with for another day.

I want to make this point very clear, if it is your desire to pull fire alarms in the night, you obviously lack the mentality it takes to be a student at this University. You should be thank-ful that it is not

me that gets to dole out your punishment when you are caught, because if it were up to me you would never see the inside of this University again. You should never get a second chance to upset my children or any of the children in this building again.

Maragret Harris

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An Evening With the CBC.... And Natalie McMaster

by Elizabeth McCarthy

On Saturday, October 7, CBC Radio will present the premiere airing of its new program, "Atlantic Airwaves." The show will feature a different performer lineup each week, composed of a mixture of both well-known and up and coming Atlantic Canadian artists. Each show is going to be hosted by Natalie McMaster, the young Cape Breton fiddling sensation, along with Halifax comedian Tony Quinn.

Earlier this week I went to the Commons Room of the Holiday Inn Halifax, to join the audience for a live recording of the premiere show. The evening started off with a lively number from McMaster, followed by an introduction and standup segment by Quinn. As I looked around the crowded room, I saw that the

audience included people that ranged from the middle-aged and elderly to the younger generations.

The featured performers of the evening were Evans and Doherty, a team of musicians, and Buddy McMaster, uncle to Natalie McMaster and a legend in Canadian folk fiddle.

Evans and Doherty took the stage after McMaster. The duo played a series of mainly comic songs, including a rather interesting one which "examined" English slang.

The musical performances were then interrupted by a "surprise" appearance by Gen. John Cabot Trail, the popular Cape Breton comic who is known to make the occasional appearance on CBC's six o'clock news show, "First Edition."

Buddy McMaster's long-awaited repertoire began with

a beautiful waltz that metamorphosed into a lively tune, to which many in the informal crowd clapped.

The evening's taping came to a close with a few duets from uncle and niece McMaster, enthusiastically received.

The taping evenings of "Atlantic Airwaves" will be open to the public with admission, and all will be held at the Holiday Inn on Robie St. The shows are small and intimate in audience size, and allow for much interaction with the performers. The next scheduled tapings will be held between October 24-27.

In the meantime, you have the finished shows to tune into. The premiere night will air on CBC radio on October 7 at 5:05 p.m. Following performances will air on October 14, 21, and 28.



East Meets West at the Birdland

By Sean Peddle

The first song of the set left me with the feeling that, if I was behind the wheel of a car, I would be inclined to drive above the speed limit. The band I am referring to is Jr. Gone Wild and the song is entitled *Coffee Break*, a song that is down and dirty rock and roll. This past Friday I had the pleasure of hearing this band from Alberta at the Birdland in Halifax. Both the band and their label, Stony Plain are based in Edmonton. They are touring in support of their latest release "Simple Little Wish."

The band has several awards to its credit. They are as follows: Six Alberta Recording Industry Association awards since 1990 and the 1992 excellence of achievement in the performing arts award from the city of Edmonton. They have received rave reviews from such publications as the Calgary Herald, the Los Angeles Times, Network

Magazine and the list goes on. By writing this article I am adding the Journal to the list. It's difficult to classify their sound. I would say that their sound consists of a conglomerate of rock, country rock, and pop, along with their own added twist, which no method of classification can pin down.

Mike handles most of the parts and has written the majority of Jr. Gone Wild's material. His guitar sound ranged from a Chuck Berry inspired solo on the song *Coffee Break*, to a sound with just the right touch of fuzz. Dove, on bass guitar, has mastered the art of the back beat. It's nice to hear a bass player who doesn't play like a six string guitar player. The bass really stands out. Dove also displays great vocal talent. Larry Shelast, on drums, never lost the beat. Being a musician myself, I know that the whole band depends on a drummer to lead the way musically during a

performance. Shelast did a superb job. Anne Lore, on the Keyboards, did a fine job. What impressed me most was the sweet harmonies she produces

with her voice. Other high points of the performance at the Birdland included the songs "Juliet", "All Talk" (which had a great country rock melody),

and the song "What's Going On" which brought the majority of the crowd onto the dance floor. Cheers to Jr. Gone Wild for a job well done.

Book Now For Travel

Take this as a warning. If you're planning on flying home for the holidays, you need to book your travel now. Why so early? Because Christmas is the busiest travel period there is. More people fly during the Christmas holidays than at any other time of the year. As a result, flights get booked early and quickly. The most popular destinations, dates, times, and most importantly, fares are often sold out by early fall. This year, Travel CUTS is encouraging students to book their holiday travel early. "Every year, people come to

our office at the last moment wanting to book a flight home for the holidays," says Travel CUTS Manager, Susan Vincent. "Sometimes, all that's available are high fares with departure dates that don't fit the student's schedule. With our *Christmas Comes Early* campaign, we are encouraging people to book early, to make sure they get home for the holidays at a price they can afford." As an added incentive to book early, Travel CUTS will be giving one lucky person a free flight home for the holidays. "This is my chance to play Santa," laughs Susan. "When a client books and pays

a deposit towards a flight home for the holidays, we will enter their name in our contest. On October 16th we'll draw the winning name. A free flight home for the holidays is a pretty major Christmas present, if you ask me!" To book your holiday travel now, visit Travel CUTS located at Saint Mary's University. Don't forget your good luck charm for the draw! For more information, contact Susan Vincent, Travel CUTS Manager, Saint Mary's University, Student Union Building 902-494-7027.

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Inuktitut Celebration

by Marni Offman

On Saturday night my friend Emma and I went to see Susan Aglukark perform at Mount Saint Vincent University. The two-time Juno Award Winner was embarking on her first Atlantic Canada tour. The concert was sold-out and the audience was a mix of all ages, waiting patiently for her appear on stage. We had to wait awhile because she had an opening act, Brent Mason from Saint John N.B., who performed five of his own songs, written about his travels across Canada. Mason performed quite well for not having a band of his own. If you like Lenny Gallant, then you'll definitely want to buy Brent Mason's CD at Sam's on Barrington.

Finally, Aglukark emerged

on stage, and everyone was immediately put into a trance, as we all listened to a beautiful collection of melodies. I really liked her second number *Still Running*, which is from one of her earlier recordings *Arctic Rose*. It is refreshing to see a performer so proud of where she came from, which was illustrated when she was on stage. She sang a multitude of songs from her new CD *This Child*, her first recording for EMI. The majority of the songs were co-written by Susan. She mixes her Inuk heritage with contemporary pop music. The audience was definitely captivated by her voice. They enjoyed all of the songs that she performed with her highly rated band. They especially liked *O Siem*, a song about the joy of seeing friends and family. My friend and I were touched

by the powerful lyrics in *Kathy I*, a very important song written in honor of her best friend who committed suicide. Aglukark had the entire audience on their feet and clapping their hands when she performed her final number *Hing Nulto* (celebration), a tale of surviving a winter. We also received an encore presentation, a song sung in her native tongue Inuktitut. You didn't have to understand Inuktitut to know the meaning of this song. *Amazing Grace* was the song. Like everyone else I had a great time at the concert. I was pleasantly surprised because I usually don't like this type of music. But after listening to her I'm definitely recommending that people buy *This Child* and try to catch her in concert the next time she comes to Halifax. You won't be disappointed.



The Word On The Street

by Margaret Harris

At 10:20 am, I was sitting in Tim Hortons on Spring Garden Road, waiting for my friend Barb, so that we could begin our rounds at The Word On The Street festival. The street was already bustling with activity and I was amazed at the variety of people in attendance. I was actually feeling anxious, as it was my first time attending anything like this. For anyone who likes books, this was like Christmas morning. As a matter of fact, even Santa Claus was there. He showed up in a red Ford pick-up. There was face painting, dancing, singing,

and best of all, readings.

My first stop was at Smith Books. They have the audio versions of your favorite books priced anywhere from \$12.95 to \$29.95. John Grisham fans would be delighted. The Bedford/Sackville Literacy Network need tutors and anyone interested can call 832-1777. The Authors display was great for anyone who writes and would like to become published. For only \$6.00 you could purchase a packet with many samples of writing from their members. I met with Malcolm Mills, one of the writers for Authors. He has been writing for Authors for

only 4 months, and I must say his writing is excellent. Membership is only \$29.00 for six months. You have your work published, read the writings of other members, and have a chance to win money and memberships. Your submissions are printed as submitted, with limited corrections.

Derick Reid was attending the Black Focus Magazine booth. He was kind enough to give me a copy of *Justice Reform and The Black Community Of Nova Scotia: The case of Donald Marshall, Jr.* This pamphlet gives the reader a condensed background on the Donald Marshall case and the recommendations by the Royal Commission after the investigation of the wrongful conviction and subsequent eleven year imprisonment of Donald Marshall Jr. The book also summarizes what

happened after the recommendations were made, and how many have actually been implemented. **Black Focus Magazine** is a quarterly publication available for \$13.95, including taxes. Its focus is on issues such as family, business, religion, African Canadian History, personal profiles, art, culture and much more. **Black Focus** was founded in June 1995, developed and designed to allow Canadians of African descent to have some control over the type of information written about and by Black people. I had a great chat with the folks from *Pottersfield Portfolio*. They are under new editorial management and are looking for submissions for the next issue. Currently, they are trying to get the book *Pottersfield Portfolio* into stores and recommend keeping a watch in Frog Hollow in the very near future, possibly by the first week of October. The Writers Federation of Nova Scotia was there and gave out their latest newsletter, as well as a membership and application booklet. Memberships are only \$15.00 for students and include a variety of services and writing competitions. With each newsletter, a calendar of events

for that month is included, with dates of workshops and readings. Creative Publishers of Newfoundland offered some fantastic buys on books. I bought a copy of *'AWoman's Almanac'* for a mere dollar. It is filled with facts and interviews from many women. They were also offering copies of *'Not so much a Rainbow'*, a Newfoundland fairy tale written by Robert Burt for as little as .50. Frontier College reading tent performed *'Good Families Don't'*, a book by Robert Munsch and Alan Daniel. Absolutely hysterical! Jespersion Publishing has come out with something new. *'Boneman: an Anthology of Canadian Plays'*, edited by Gordon Ralph. They are trying to have this book incorporated into the Grade 12 English program and it looks promising. I was promised a copy to read and review so I'll keep you posted. I did, however, purchase a copy of *'Too Many Parties, Too Many Pals'* by Jack Fitzgerald. Jespersion does have a catalogue available from which many excellent books may be purchased. At Breakwater Books I purchased a copy of

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Perchance To Dream

by Clayton Willie

Hari Das is a professor of management at Saint Mary's University. He is also a man who had a goal and achieved it.

Starting out in his homeland of India taught him patience, for the laws of that country made his dream basically an impossible reality. However he knew it could be done, so he set out on a path to a place few knew about and even less can find. Knowing that he could not just jump into film-making, he turned his interest to school, and a future career in management.

Many people have heard of the American Dream and for someone from Canada this concept would be more or less a plausible reality. However, in other places around the world, this American Dream is not anything we could fully understand. To Das, it was nothing less than a great ray of Hope. What is a dream for millions of people like ourselves, is a promise of spiritual contentment for others around the world. Hari Das did not want to get rich quick. He wanted to reach his goal - to be a film-maker.

When he finally came to North America the realization had intensified. Finding some much needed freedom and time, he decided to study at New York University, to learn everything he possibly could concerning the field of film production. His mind knew it was time to put forth his full potential and to grasp all the knowledge that was available, for to be knowledgeable in one area, one must be knowledgeable in all surrounding areas as well. While attending his classes at New York University, he would find himself venturing to the library, during any time he could spare, reading the material on film-making, along with its related areas. This ambition and yearning for knowledge brought Hari Das to his present plateau, in plain sight of the few dreams he has left in front of him, and the countless at his back.

Upon leaving New York University Mr. Das settled into his place here amongst us, while working his way even further up the film-making ladder. As his past and present students have seen first hand, Mr. Das has been making documentaries for the lecture

room for the past eight to ten years, along with numerous other film-writing and producing endeavors, including the past five years as a very active member of the Atlantic Film Makers' Co-op.

So why all this stuff about professor Hari Das? Simply put, this is a recognition of his dream being fulfilled. As you may have read in last weeks copy of *The Journal*, the Atlantic Film Festival is coming to town and a film by professor Das is going to be shown. *Moornilonnu* is its name (and as they say) suspense thriller is its game.

Twenty-one days, and one hundred thousand dollars, was all it took to create this film, due to the ability Hari Das has as a leader and film-maker. However, it was not as easy as it sounds.

Filming in Kererala, India, is different than what any reader would be use to if they knew anything about the North American film industry. (there were so many obstacles, I'm not sure where to begin). To start with, this was Hari Das's first feature film, and with that goes the pressure (if it's not good you will not get a second chance), along with the feeling

inside you which wonders if you are truly ready for the task that is at hand. The next thing for him to do was to find a crew that would best suit his talents and weaknesses. This was probably the toughest task of all. After getting two helpers from North America, he was off to India. In India his search for the right crew began and ended.

Now, a little bit about film-making politics in India. First, you have the director, than everybody else. Henri Das did not want this gap of power and after a few days it did not exist. He brought himself down to his crew's level, all members, from that moment on, they worked as a team. Das started off by giving pointers to the camera man and some other members of his crew. They saw that Das knew what he was doing and was willing to help. Then, he got everyone involved, by keeping an open mind, listening to all ideas and possibilities. By the third day they were as solid a team as you

could find. Some of the more remarkable things (at least for Indian film making) were camera shots that were suggested by actors and used in the finished product- even the bellboy had pointed out a setting flaw that was missed by the entire crew.

The most satisfying part of the whole process for Hari Das came after production was over. He was told by his crew that they all wished to work with him again, but just as important were the evaluations of his peers. He was given many compliments on his directing style and his production capability. Some marveled at the fact that he was getting five or six shoots in a day, while other movies at the same time were sometimes not able to finish one.

I doubt very much that you will have as much fun watching the movie as Hari Das had making it, but then again, it is difficult to describe how one feels watching a dream unfold in front of his or her eyes.

A Song Spun

by Barbara O' Hearn

The Atlantic Film Festival opened its 15th season with *Song Spinner* at the Oxford Theater on Friday September 22. This delightful film could make anyone over the age of seven want to enter a world of fantasy. Most of its charm lies in

the two central female roles. Patti Lupone, of television's *Life Goes On*, plays Zantalalia, a bold gypsy who comes



home to save her small village of Shandrilan from the cruel dictatorship of Captain Nizzle of the Noise Police, who has imposed Hush Laws on the people to prevent them from making noise. I'm sure everyone watching must have been thinking "What a ridiculous law", but it is the fear of his loyal subjects who follow this madman that keeps the audience's attention. The only one willing to admit joy at the sound of music is a 10 year-old girl, Aurora, played by Meredith Henderson. Although this film is based on a fable, it is worth seeing in case you ever have to live in a place where it is a crime to listen to music.

A lot of credit should go to the director, Randy Bradshaw, and the other marvelous actors, John Neville, Brent Carver, and Wendel Meldrum. The location is Louisburg, Cape Breton, in the icy month of February. There are picturesque winter scenes of Cape Breton's coastline and several close-ups

of frosty, glistening tree boughs, brought into superb focus by the cameraman. The costumes, setting, and lighting

compliment this endearing film. I doubt if anyone in this tale would say "Silence is Golden", and I'm quite sure the loud applause must have been a welcoming sound to all the established actors. Everyone who remembers those magical moments of innocence will enjoy this fine film.

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The Strawman Cometh

by Dan Henderson

When I first received this CD, I was a little skeptical as to its worth. When I read the bio, and the comparisons were drawn between them and old Alice Cooper, Iron Maiden, and Black Sabbath, I felt that my suspicions were justified. The lead singer does sound quite a bit like Alice, and some of the tracks, like *Crucify*, do have a sort of Alice type feel to them. As far as the comparisons to them and Black Sabbath go, find me a rock band that wasn't influenced by them. With regard to their comparisons to Iron Maiden, well, two out of three ain't bad. And yet, while it was influenced by the past, there is no actual copying, no cover tunes. It is similar but different, more advanced in some ways.

The disc is a refreshing change from the usual almost assembly line grunge the

listening public has been subjected to as of late. A quote from another review I have read describes this perfectly "dressed all in black and wearing warpaint out to kill grunge dead" Although I realize agreeing with this statement will alienate me from the Cobain worshippers out there, I don't feel too upset about it. Not that there's anything wrong with all grunge, I like quite a bit of it myself, but there's only so much of anything you can like.

It does have more of the earlier feel that it claims, combined with its intelligent writing. (something the 80's were woefully short on.) Some of the tracks I really enjoyed. *Children of Cain, Freak, and See How They Run*, all have a genuine creepyness about them. One of the tracks that sticks out in this respect is *Shootist*, your basic frustrated sniper/disgruntled postal

worker song, and a track I truly enjoyed. These people have really worked on their material, their riffs are clear and there isn't quite so much postulating over guitar solos. Well, there are some, but I guess that can't be avoided. After all, they are supposed to be reminiscent of the early days of rock, so the phallogentric guitar wailing comes with the territory.

But the creepyness doesn't end there. There are all sorts of quotes on the inside, little slips

of poetry and ranting from the severely disturbed. (whether these are all real I don't know) They add a nice feel to the lyric sheet and add to the general creepyness of it. "Carrying the gift of death like magi three generations rags to riches to rags mother courage pouch of pennies to plant on the lids of boys black, white, yellow, white, red, play no favorites indiscriminate" The quotes and snippets on the insides of the lyric booklet definitely add to

the feel that Strawman is trying to get across. The songs are all of a similar nature to the quotes, in that they are more like modern free verse than your traditional rhyming scheme

This is Strawmans first release, a solidly put together CD, 13 tracks and well practiced material give you a good disc for your money. If you like rock, and miss the old stuff, then buy the Strawman disc.

The Word On The Street

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'Necessary Secrets', the journals of Elizabeth Smart, which I cannot wait to read. The I.W.K. offers three books, available separately or as a package. The books are 'Being Here', 'Being Here 1991', and 'Being Here 3'.

All three can be purchased for a total of \$15.00. These are a collection of writings from children at the I.W.K. They are touching, talented and absolutely wonderful. Contact the Child Life Department at the I.W.K. for your copy. Child's Play offers some wonderful

educational books and games. Their focus is to promote self esteem, confidence and decision making skills to children. They also offer career opportunities through home parties. Contact Suzana Cabrita-Petite at 835-7837 for more information. And last, but certainly not least, I was fortunate enough to meet two very special people, Frances Abbass-Nearing and her brother Paul Abbass. This brother and sister team, with the help of Jennifer Strong (illustrator) and Kurt Hahn (musician/songwriter) have put together *Herbie and the Lawn Tractor*. (Tommy Tunes Publishing) The story behind this book is truly amazing. Paul told me the story of growing up with his brother Tommy and how Frances would tell him stories. These stories were continued for over 20 years and now have become published for everyone to share with their children. Tommy is very special to his whole family but especially to Frances. She dedicated her childhood to him and he became her best friend. Tommy could not walk or talk but was able to give something very special back to Frances. "He listened when I needed someone to hear me, and he seemed to know instinctively when I needed a hug." Available with this book is either a cassette or CD. The music is wonderful and the story is excellent. I recommend this to anyone who has children, nieces, nephews, or a brother or sister. As Paul said; "it is to show children that sometimes things are different". There is a lesson here for all of us.

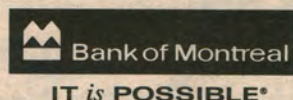
I am so glad I got the chance to attend this festival and meet the people I did. The turnout was excellent and there was something for everyone. Great deals on books and lots to see. If anyone missed this, you really missed out on something extraordinary.

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A Dog Day Afternoon

by Lawrie Livesay and Wade Banks

With the 0-1 Huskies looking for their first victory of the season, the identity plagued team fell short to arch rivals, the Acadia Axemen 31-17 at Huskies Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Right from the start of the whistle it seems the Huskies were behind the 8-ball as Acadia quarterback Larry Jusdanis completed a 50 yd pass to David Stefnitz 5 minutes into the first quarter giving the Axemen the early lead.

It wasn't going to get any easier for the Huskies either because on the next possession a costly turnover put the football back in the hands of Jusdanis who punished the Huskies by capping off a 6 yd pass to Lee Barrette.

With the infamous Dog Pound and 2400 fans in the stands the Huskies were looking for a break, and when the defense stepped on the field that's just what the Huskies got as #77 Enes Medanhodzic sacked Jusdanis causing a turnover that the Huskies turned into a touchdown with a 7 yd sweep by Mike Messam.

In the 2nd quarter the Axemen came up empty on their next drive and the Huskies took control and marched the ball up the field, but fell short of a TD and had to settle for a 15 yard field goal by Mark Dalla Riva which brought the Huskies within 4 points of Acadia.

The only other bright spots in the first half was the second sack from Medanhodzic and an interception from Brian Walker but this wasn't enough as Jusdanis seemed to weave and

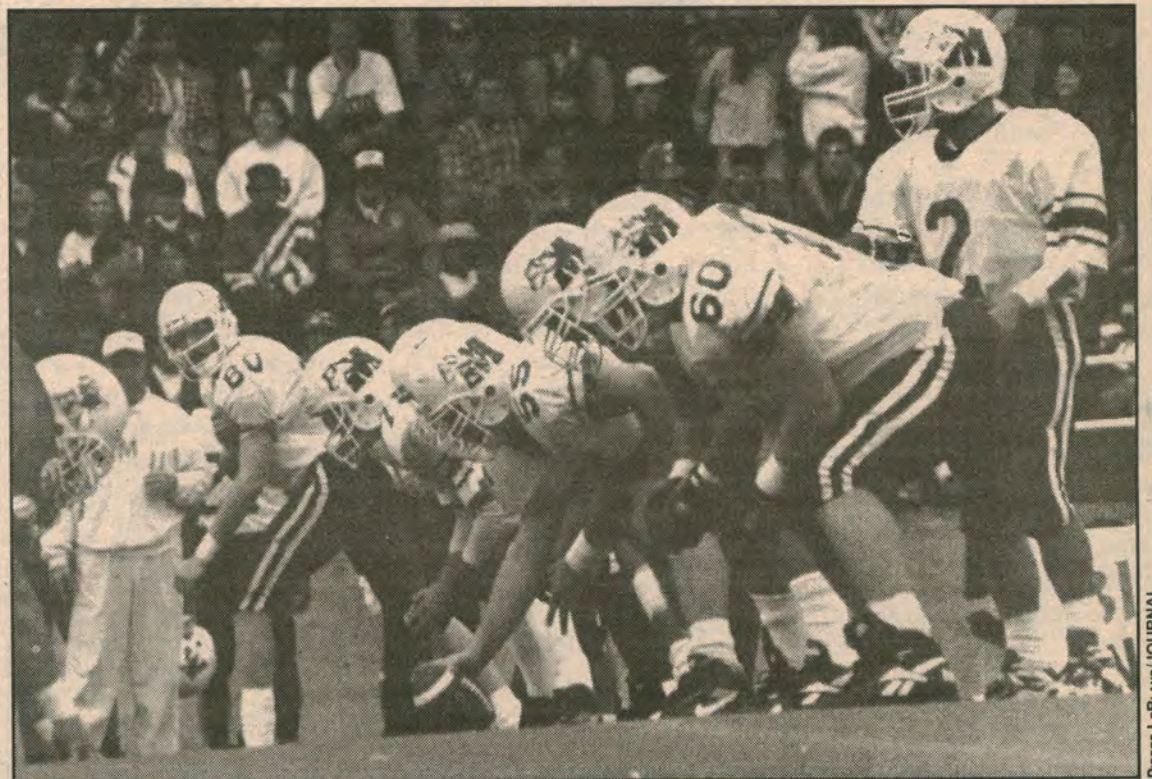
pick away at the Huskies secondary leading to two Axemen field goals by Godfrey bringing the score to 20-10 going into the half.

With the start of the third quarter the Huskies received the ball but were unable to move it effectively this forced Dalla Riva to leg out one of his 6 punts on the day. As the ball was returned to the Axemen once again Jusdanis worked his magic over the Huskies defense completing a 31 yd strike to Barrette. Two downs later Jusdanis capitalized on the play by calling his own number on a QB sneak for the touchdown. Godfrey's convert was good giving the Axemen a 27-10 lead.

Things did not appear to get any better as the Huskies were held at bay by the strong Axemen defense who seemed at times to be two steps ahead of SMU. Huskies Linebacker Scott Purdie credits the strong defensive play of the Axemen and their gameday preparations to former Huskies defensive coordinator Stu Francis.

As time became another enemy for the Huskies, so did the score as Godfrey chipped in his third field goal of the day bringing the already one-sided score to 30-10 in favor of the Axemen. The Huskies picked up their offensive play and were rewarded for their efforts as Mike Messam for the second time in the game made good on a short rush for a TD bringing the Huskies total to 17. This was all the Huskies offence could muster up against a very stingy Axemen defence.

With many of the fans looking on in utter disbelief, they were witnessing the first regular season defeat on home turf for the Huskies since 1986.



SAINT MARY'S WAVED GOODBYE TO ITS DECADE LONG WINNING STREAK ON HOME TURF AFTER A DISMAL SHOWING THIS WEEKEND AGAINST ACADIA.

Receiver coach, Bill Scollard, said that, "We didn't execute very well on offence and as a we team have to adjust our game to the personal we have on this team."

Head Coach Larry Uteck also seemed to be concerned with the Huskies offense. "We weren't consistent enough," mentioned Uteck, "it seemed that when things started to click there was either a penalty or a forced fumble and that's just the way the game went for us."

So being 0-2, one would

think that the Huskies are getting desperate, but as QB Perry Marchese exclaims this is definitely not the case. "With our players coming together, we are developing as a team. Our defense was much stronger this game and our offense just had a couple of tough breaks."

Although it was a rough outing for SMU a couple of the bright spots included all-star running back James MacPherson who had another good afternoon picking up 150

rushing yards on the day, while on defense Andrew Nicholson played well getting an interception in his first time dressing in a Huskies uniform.

Huskies next action will be Saturday Sept. 30 at Huskies Stadium as SMU hosts its Third annual Shrine Bowl against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

Oh, by the way SMU fans I wouldn't worry about the Huskies being 0-2. The YorkYeomans just had their 47 game losing streak come to an end on this Saturday.

Intramural Corner

COED SOFTBALL - September 17th - The Foul Tempered Rodents kicked off their season with a win over Generation X. In defense of their title, Derek Voycey said, "It's not a problem, I don't see much competition out there." Better back that up Derek. In other action the Dirt Devils were all over Hit and Run by a Score of 20-6 while the Mooseheads won their thriller 4-3. The most exciting game of the evening saw Charlie's Angels pull out a 9-7 win in eight innings. September 24th - Charlie's Angels had a mental let down after last week's exciting win with an 18-15 loss to 2417. Charlie's Angels blew a 9 run lead with 2 outs in the last inning. In other action the Capers won by default, Generation X won 11-5 over

S.M.U.G., the Foul Tempered Rodents continued their drive for 95 with a win over the Potato Skins, Toole's Fools took their game 11-6, Kev's Disciples got crushed 13-4 by the 9th Floor, the Dirt Devils extended their winning streak to 2 games with a 10-5 decision over Loyola Lightning, the Elongated Elephants won by default, the Curious Onlookers took a 5-4 decision over Loaded Guns, the Mooseheads crushed Inurmountable Odds 15-5, and in the final game of the evening it was Hit and Run over Ed's Dream Team II 9-6.

MEN'S TOUCH FOOTBALL - Kilted Yaksmen shut out Gangsta's Paradise 35-0 in the opening game of the season. Les Berry's 2 touchdowns, 2 converts game more than made up for a bad performance from O.J. Croox.

Defending champion America's Last Stand defeated the High Fiven White Guys 6-0 on Blair Mann's touchdown catch. The Foul Tempered Rodents rolled to a 28-8 victory over 15th Loyola. Chad Veinotte was the big man with 3 touchdowns for the rodents, and Jeff Lambertson tallied all the points for the 15th. Saturated Lucifer's Revenge blanked the Moosebutts 21-0. The Commerce Society had the ball inside the Warpig 10 yard line with one play left, but they could not complete the rally. John Kent had two touchdowns for the winners. In the second night of action Gangsta's Paradise and the 14th Floor Blues struggled to a 6-6 tie. The last game of the night saw Ripped Like Milkbags and the Moosebutts fight it out to the always exciting 0-0 draw.

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Disappointing Start For Soccer Huskies

by Ron Smith and Jason Kyme

Coming off an exciting 3-0 victory over St. F.X. the Huskies were looking to put on an impressive home stand against U de M and UNB this past weekend. The first home game for Saint Mary's was played on Friday against the University of Moncton Blue Eagles. The Huskies came out with high hopes of securing a four point win, for playing an out-of-province team. However, the Blue Eagles had other plans in mind.

The Eagles game plan from the beginning was to keep the ball in the air, where, given their height advantage, would thwart the Saint Mary's potent passing game. Their strategy appeared to work, as the Huskies became more frustrated as the game went on. The situation did not improve as the Huskies saw two of their starting players, Kevin O'Carroll and Gareth Smith having to leave the game with a broken wrist and a sprained ankle respectively. In the end, Saint Mary's drew with the University of Moncton, 0-0, thereby only receiving two points. Two bright spots in the Husky lineup were Chris Matheson and Jeff Fennell, who both showed spirited play.

Saint Mary's hoped to improve on their previous day's performance, in the second game of their home stand, which was played against the University of New Brunswick Redmen. However, once again, this was not to be the case. Implementing the same game plan as the Blue Eagles, the Redmen were also able to hold the Huskies at bay. The game was hotly contested as one yellow card was handed out to a Husky player while four UNB players received yellow cards. UNB struck first with fluke tip in, in the first 12 minutes of the game. The Huskies never recovered from this, as they saw the Redmen net two more goals to go into halftime with a 3-0 lead. In the second half, Saint Mary's were able to get on the scoreboard when Idris (Vinny) Mert struck a beautiful volley past the UNB goalkeeper. However, Saint Mary's bark was soon silenced by yet another UNB goal less than two minutes later. Saint Mary's showed determination and were rewarded with a goal by Rod Hutchings in the final few minutes of the match, which ended in a 4-2 loss for the Huskies.

The weekend homestand for the Huskies, all in all, proved to be a bitter disappointment as they only managed to secure 2 out of a

possible 8 points. Full-back, Mark Butler's comments about the past weekend's results reflected this disappointment. Butler emphasized the point that after last weekend's victory against St. F.X., the team's mental attitude was perhaps one of overconfidence. Butler mentioned that the team as a whole was not aware of the significance of the home stand, and what it meant to a playoff berth. Concern was also expressed over the lack of intensity during practices and

on the playing field. Butler felt that because the team did not stick with their strategy of keeping the ball down on the field, and instead played long ball, they were not as effective. Coach Stewart Galloway was disappointed with the team's play on the field, and also said that the results do not indicate their ability. Galloway felt that the Huskies had a few bad breaks in the matchup against UNB, and were never able to regroup as a result. Galloway, like Butler, also expressed

concerns over playing the ball in the air, "To be effective, we need to keep the ball on the ground".

The Huskies hope to improve their home record when they face cross-town rivals, Dalhousie Tigers on Wednesday, September 27 at 6 p.m. Every point is now important for the Saint Mary's as they will have more of a struggle than they had hoped for in order to make the playoffs. With 10 points of the season behind them, and only

22 remaining, Coach Galloway foresees the next ten days as being critical to the Huskies drive for the playoffs. Within these next ten days, Saint Mary's will be facing Dalhousie, Mount Allison, University of Prince Edward Island, and Acadia for a possible 14 points. Given the Huskies depth and talent, intensity and focus will be the keys to victory in these upcoming games.



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Huskies Take Bite Out Of NB

by Sean Francois and Matt Robinson

The women's soccer Huskies went into the weekend with a record of 0-0-1 ready to match up against the two teams from New Brunswick. On Friday they matched up against the Universite de Moncton Blue Eagles and Saturday they tested their skills against the UNB Varsity Reds.

Saint Mary's got off to a good start on Friday by defeating the Blue Eagles 7-0. The first half started off as a conservative affair with both teams playing very defensively and not creating very many scoring opportunities, but SMU finally solved U de M's keeper by netting a beautiful goal from midfielder Terynn Boulton in the 38th minute. A cross came through the middle of the 18 yd box and Boulton promptly headed the ball in the top right hand corner.

The second half was a totally different story as the Huskies were able to break

down Moncton's defense and convert on all but a few scoring chances. Their constant drive to the net resulted in 6 additional goals which made it virtually impossible for the Blue Eagles to get back in the game.

The second half goal scorers went as follows: Barb Rasmussen 47th min, Terynn Boulton (2nd goal) 55th min, Debbie Pottie 67th min, Kate Macquaid 73rd min, Tanya Yuill 79th min. and to round out the scoring, there was a goal from Lynn Wright in the 81st min. Saint Mary's also got an exceptional game from netminder Heather Richards who held fort and earned her first shutout of the season.

On Saturday night the Huskies had to contend with a much stronger team: The UNB Varsity Reds. The game was a defensive battle with few quality chances at either end. The highlight of the evening came when Huskies keeper Heather Richards made a diving save turning away the Big Red Machine. As the game



THE WOMEN'S HUSKIES HAD AN OUTSTANDING WEEKEND AT HOME, ATTAINING SIX OF A POSSIBLE EIGHT POINTS, WINNING ONE AND TIEING THE OTHER AGAINST U DE M.

wore on so did the fatigue which resulted in two key injuries to the Huskies which made room for less experienced players to get their feet wet in

an important match.

The game finished the same way that it started in a nil-nil draw. It was a strong weekend for the lady Huskies who

captured 6 out of a possible 8 points. The Huskies next contest will be against the defending national champs, the Dalhousie Tigers.

Huskies Varsity Schedule

Sept. 27-Oct. 04

Women's Soccer

DAL @ SMU - Sept. 27 4p.m.
 SMU @ MtA - Sept. 30 1p.m.
 SMU @ UPEI - Oct. 01 2p.m.
 SMU @ ACA - Oct. 04 4p.m.

Football

SFX @ SMU - Sept. 30 2p.m.

Men's Soccer

DAL @ SMU - Sept. 27 6p.m.
 SMU @ MTA - Sept. 30 3p.m.
 SMU @ UPEI - Oct. 01 4p.m.
 ACA @ SMU - Oct. 04 7p.m.

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- 2) Who won Canada's only track and field medal at the 1976 Montreal Olympics?
- 3) What New York Rangers net minder once donned No. 00?
- 4) What National League Baseball club was dubbed "The Whiz Kids?"
- 5) What NFL division was once known as the Black and Blue division?

Answers
 1) Gerry Cooney 2) Greg Joy 3) John Davidson 4) The Philadelphia Phillies 5) The NFC Central

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