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Marriott Dumped: Versa Food Services In

by David Ryan

A 25 year food monopoly at Saint Mary's came to an end last Wednesday when the university announced that it would not be renewing its contract with Marriott Food Services. Instead, the contract goes to Versa Services, who, according to Director of Student Services, Keith Hotchkiss, made Saint Mary's an offer it couldn't refuse.

"Marriott has really helped out on campus, and on the human level you hate to say goodbye. I would like to recognize their efforts, but in terms of the marketplace, we did what was best for SMU."

Hotchkiss says that the financial arrangements that Versa offered are superior to those of Marriott, and also that there will be some major changes on campus. "The residence cafeteria is going to be renovated. Mainly this will involve changing the line so that what we will have is Marché or display cooking. You will be able to see food being prepared in front of you." The Student Center Cafeteria will also get some cosmetic enhancements, such as new paint.

Just as important as the changes are those factors that will not be effected by the transition. Under the new contract with Versa, all non-management positions will be protected. "It's kind of ironic," says Hotchkiss. "There is a new company coming in with a new look, yet we'll still have the same cooks working away and the same suppliers delivering our food."

Versa will also be maintain-

ing the current meal plan concept with the same prices. "Students really like the meal plans, and I want them to know that they aren't going to change. The only factor that could cause Meal Plan 1 to go up in price is if the government alters the way it administers what is now the GST. If things get worse we would have to raise the price of the plan in order to meet requirements that would keep the students from paying tax."

The decision to drop Marriott was made by a committee who reviewed numerous and extensive proposals from the bidding companies. Three students were on the committee: SMUSA President, Chris Webb, Vice President Student Affairs, John Francis, and Residence Representative, Kerry Reinke. Hotchkiss says that the decision was a difficult one, but that he expects the transition from one company to another to be smooth. "It sure is interesting because it's the first time we've been through this: Marriott has been here for 25 years."

Traditionally, food contracts begin on the 1st of July and end on the 30th of June, but Hotchkiss says that the university is trying to negotiate an earlier departure date with Marriott. "We would like to see Versa in here by the 1st of June. First, because there is a lot of work with the renovations and it will be a challenge to get them done over the summer. Also, we have a conference season to contend with, and we will need to have food services in operation for that."

University Mourns Student's Passing

by Paul Fitzgerald

Luis Soto, a Saint Mary's student from Chile, died Sunday afternoon from a brain tumor.

"He went into a coma early

that morning, so he didn't suffer," says Alana Robb, a coordinator for the International Centre here on campus. Soto was a volunteer and an employee at the centre for a number of years.



I LOVE THIS GAME! A YOUNG FAN COULD BARELY CONTAIN HIS ENTHUSIASM AS HE WATCHED THE AUAA CHAMPIONSHIP AT COURTSIDE THIS PAST WEEKEND AT THE METRO CENTRE. ST. FX WON THE FINAL AND WILL REPRESENT THE MARITIMES AT THE CIAU TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND AT THE METRO CENTRE.

Robb admits that his death is unexpected news.

The centre initiated a



fundraising campaign for him last week. Robb announced yesterday that they have raised well over \$3000. The money will be used to pay for his parents flight here from Chile, and also to pay for any medical costs.

"He had the ability to make people feel happy and good about themselves," she says. "You never heard him say anything negative about other people. He always had good things to say."

Soto was also active on cam-

pus and in the Halifax community. He did a lot of work at the centre, and he was an employee at the Patrick Power Library. He was a key organizer for the 1995 Halifax Peoples Summit, which dealt with issues discussed during the Halifax G-7 Summit. Also, he was even involved with one Irondale Ensemble production that dealt with immigration issues.

Anyone wishing to donate money should contact the International Centre.

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SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY NO STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION Summer

Publication created by Tracey MacDonell

ATTENTION GRADS

by Kelly Boutilier

From March 17th to March 27th there will be a table set up selling all you need for a fun filled and memorable graduation week.

There are many events planned for graduation week. We start the party off in Myrtle Beach for the 90 graduates lucky enough to be going.

Then on May 6, the Grad Class has planned for the following events in Halifax:

- **Tuesday, May 6** Karaoke in the Gorsebrook \$3/ticket
- **Thursday, May 8** Pub Crawl \$11/T-shirt and two coupons
- **Friday, May 9** Semi Formal @ WTCC \$10/ticket or \$18 for two
- **Saturday, May 10** Harbour Cruise \$12/ticket

Or all four events for \$25, that is \$11.00 in savings. Plus you can buy another Semi Formal ticket for just \$8.00 more. We are selling grad clothing too. You can buy a grad sweatshirt for \$32 or grad boxers for \$13.00. Remember the table will only be set up until March 27th, so get your tickets ASAP.

We are also having a grad Auction in the Gorsebrook Lounge on March 19th from 9:30pm - 11:00pm. There are lots of great articles to be auctioned away, like a **GRAD RING** from the Bookstore, Bookstore clothing, Moosehead gear, restaurant gift certificates and much more from Bacardi, the Tower and many other sponsors. So come out and bring some cash.

You get into the Pub for free if you're a grad, just say you're a grad at the door.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH !!

SMUSA would like to congratulate it's February employee of the month, Mohammad Ali Khan. Ali works in the SMUSA Communications and Marketing Department, he is also International Representative on the SRC. Ali was chosen for his hard work and dedication for the month.



Congratulations Ali!

WIN A Labatt Blue CANOE!

From Monday, March 17th till Thursday March 20th you can qualify to win a 16 foot Labatt Blue Canoe. Fill out a ballot at the Gorsebrook Lounge and Bob Lambert will draw the lucky winner at 12 midnight on Thursday.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD TIME?

By John P. Francis

People lost, running around having a good time, discovering their new surroundings. While it may sound like an exotic vacation holiday on a remote island in the South Pacific unfortunately, it is not. It is a regular occurrence that happens at Saint Mary's University every September. Every year a bunch of young, naive individuals show up on campus ready to experience their new found freedom away from their parents and high school. Yes I am talking about the rowdy hoard known as "FROSH."

In history Frosh week has been the largest event on campus. It takes many long hours of planning and organizing to make sure the weeks events run smoothly.

CHARTER NIGHT

By Adrian McCardle

What is Charter night? The Saint Mary's University Students' Association holds this annual banquet to show appreciation and give formal recognition to students and non-students whose efforts have made significant contributions to student affairs at Saint Mary's University

Nomination forms were in circulation for approximately a month to choose some of our award winners. The awards range from Society of the Year to the Gold "M" which is the highest award granted by the Students' Association to graduating students who have excelled in extra-curricular activities at SMU. The winners are chosen by a committee of approximately twelve students.

Invites are given to all employees of the association, the award winners, societies and some outside associates of SMUSA. We at SMUSA would like to thank everyone who

have made the year a success.

While it is the responsibility of the Vice President of Student Affairs (VPSA) to be the lead organizer and planner, they cannot run the week themselves. The VPSA relies on a group of energetic, dynamic individuals to help make the week a success. This group of people are known as "Froshleaders." These people make froshweek the success it is. They make sure events run smoothly, get people out to events, and most importantly are the hosts of the biggest party at Saint Mary's.

So if you feel you have what it takes to be one of these individuals please feel free to sign up at the SMUSA offices on the fifth floor of the student centre. This is an opportunity for you to get involved and have a good time doing it.

BUSINESS DINNER

A SUCCESS

By Joe Richards

The 23rd Annual Commerce Society Business Dinner held on March 12 was a great success. Featuring Mr. Roger Pielt from Maritimes & Northeast pipeline. The crowd of close to 300 guests got a glimpse of the economic and employment possibilities associated with the Sable Island natural gas project.

Though many businesses attended to make deals and connections, many others sent their recruiters to meet with students. Business cards were passed around, and job interviews were set up. All in all, everyone had the opportunity to benefit from the event.

Along with the 1997 Professor of the Year Award given to Dr. Paul Dixon, other awards and presentations such as the Executive of the Year to John Webster and members of the Year to Jeff Keizer and Julie Turcotte were given out.

To those students who made it to this sell-out event, I hope you managed to make some contacts with the business community. For those of you who couldn't attend -- there's always next year.

SMUSA is Hiring For The Following Positions:

- Communications Personnel
- F.R.E.D. Operator
- Gorsebrook Staff
- Husky Patrol Drivers
- Information Desk Attendants
- Pub Cleaners
- Functions Attendants
- Summer Bartender
- Yearbook Co-editors
- Yearbook Photographer

All resumes and coverletters to be forwarded to:

Adrian McCardle
Vice President, Administration
Student Centre
Saint Mary's University
Halifax, NS, B3H 3C3

Resumes will be accepted no later than 5:00pm, Friday 20th of March. Applicants must be a SMU student with G.P.A. of no less than 1.5.

In The PUB!!

- Wednesday, March 19th:** Grad Auction Bands
Love Dogs & Full Circle
- Thursday, March 20th:** Live in PUB
"Bob Lambert"
Labatt Blue Canoe Giveaway
- Saturday, March 22th:** Black Nova Scotia
Student Society night
- Sunday, March 23th:** Movie Night
"Maximum Risk"
- Monday, March 24th:** Wing Night
- Tuesday, March 25th:** Tall Tin Tuesday

Candidates Attack Liberals, Promise Brighter Future

by Paul Fitzgerald

The candidates running for the Halifax MP seat unveiled their platforms at Saint Mary's University on Thursday. It was a post-secondary education debate, hosted by the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA).

Droves of media, and almost 100 students and faculty attended the event.

The candidates mainly took aim at Liberal MP Mary Clancy. Tory candidate Terry Donahoe, Reformer Stephen Greene, and Federal NDP Leader Alexa McDonough, told the crowd that the Liberal's cuts to post-secondary education are unacceptable. They estimated that the total cuts to the social safety net over the last two years add up to roughly \$6-billion.

"The problem is that the Liberals don't have anyone in the House of Commons challenging them. They are getting a free ride," said McDonough, who added that her party is committed to making education and health a central issue in the upcoming Federal Election.

She said that the only reward for students today is graduating into a mountain of debt. "Ottawa is making it much more difficult for students to obtain an education. Tuition keeps going up, and now there is less and less work available," she said.

Clancy defended her Liberals, saying that the recent cuts to education will improve the economy in the near future. "We realize that the unemployment rate is unacceptable, and we also realize that it's tough these days for students," she said. "The best thing right now is to create a good fiscal environment so that students can get jobs when they graduate."

She indicated that her party is dedicated to improving youth employment, and a newly established \$800-million Canadian Innovation Fund will bring rewards to the Maritimes. In addition, she pointed out that larger loans and further debt relief are now available for students.

Donahoe said that over the last three years universities in Halifax have been pounded by dramatic cutbacks by the Liberal Government. "The reality is severe cuts to post-secondary education. The funding cuts must stop," he said. "The funding for universities must be increased." He promised to implement a national assistance program for students, and adopt more bursaries that would help to alleviate debt loads.

Greene feels that every student should have a right to an education. "Why is it that education cuts have forced Dal Med School to cut its budget by \$192,000, but the government wants to fund a golf course?" he

asked.

He indicated that the Reform Party will allow for an income contingent loan scheme. This would mean that students could pay back their loans based on their rate of pay. In addition, he promised tax cuts for families, and also said that a voucher system for students should be made available. Such a system would allow for students to have control over the money for education. "A voucher gives students the marketing power of genuine customers," he said.

Political Science Prof, Leonard Preyra, said it's going to be a close election. "The debate was about the candidates who were positioning themselves for the upcoming election. The debate was also about the traditional student concerns, such as student fees, student loans, and jobs," he said. "I thought it was a very good debate. Not only were all the candidates there, but a lot of faculty and students were there as well." He also noted that SMU President, Dr. Kenneth L. Ozmon, and Vice President Academic, Dr. Colin Dodds, attended the debate. "The amount of people who showed up certainly reflects the importance of post-secondary education," he said.

The Federal Election is expected to be held in early June. The exact date has not been announced.



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Husky Patrol Numbers Nearly Double



by David Ryan

This fall, SMUSA added another van to its Husky Patrol service, and questions as to whether that endeavor was worth while have now been answered.

Brian Leadbetter, the Husky Patrol Coordinator, says that the number of people using the service has now reached 11,000, up from 7,500 last year. "It's been a major success: the reaction of students in addition to the numbers is really positive," he says.

In addition to the extra van, the Husky Patrol has expanded its actual service. They now offer a twice-weekly shopping expedition for students who have no way of reaching affordable shopping outlets. On Wednesdays from 3 to 6pm and on Saturdays from 11am to 6pm, the Husky Patrol shuttles students to the Bayers Road Shopping Centre. Leadbetter points out that students should be aware that services like this are confined to their designated hours. "I wouldn't want people to think that they can call at any time for

a shopping excursion. Our primary task is to get people to and from campus safely, and mainly during evening hours. The security of students is of great concern."

On that end, Leadbetter says that much of the credit belongs to Chief of Security, Bill Promaine, along with all of the security staff at Saint Mary's. "Security acts as a liaison between us and the university. They take calls for the service and direct them to us."

Students can call security at 420-5577.

CFSM Holds Hope In Referendum

by David Ryan

Elections are here once again - this time for positions on the SRC, Board of Governors, and the Senate. Equally crucial are two referendum questions that are on the ballot, particularly one which will help determine the fate of CFSM (Radio Saint Mary's).

On the executive ballot last month, a question appeared which asked students if they would be willing to add \$4 to their student fees in order to make up for a lack in funding for societies on campus. Many students did not realize that the \$4 was really for CFSM, which badly needs a large increase in revenue if it is to get an FM licence.

At council last week, SRC members agreed to run the question by students again, this time worded specifically for CFSM. When one council member suggested that SMUSA might wait until next year, President Chris Webb said that, "we offered CFSM assurance that if it failed

the first time, we could do it again this year." Webb also addressed a concern that it might be dangerous to secure a large amount of funding for the station when its future is uncertain. "The funding will not be locked in," he said. "If there were a problem with CFSM next year, for instance, the executive and SRC could hold another referendum to discontinue the additional funding."

A second question is asking students if there should be an increase in fees for part-time students. Currently, full-time students pay \$80.40 to SMUSA, and part-time students pay only \$11.50. However, council members feel that the disparity is too great when the services that each get are similar. They argue that the only service that part-time students don't have access to are those of the Tower. The question will propose an increase from \$11.50 to a rate that is 50% of the full-time fee. Currently, that would be \$40.20.

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Ripped Off At Kinko's

by Elizabeth McCarthy

Ever get the feeling you've been ripped off?

A few weeks ago, I was looking for a printer to put together the portfolio I would need to apply to journalism school. I had a selection of articles which I'd written for this newspaper over the last three years, and was willing to pay to have them assembled for submission in a polished, professional manner. I chose Kinko's.

I called the Brenton Street location. I spoke with service representative Gordon. Could they copy my articles onto larger than average, good quality paper, create headings for each article, put

on laminated paper covers, and bind it? Yes. Could it be done before March 1, my application deadline? Yes. "Great," I said. "And can you give me a ballpark figure as to how much all this will cost me?" Gordon's firm, ready answer was that it was impossible to say, it depended on "the finished product." So, no estimates. How odd. I'd hardly gone to a printing place for photocopies before, much less for something as important as this; I had no idea what kind of figure range I was in. All well, I told myself, I'll get it from him tomorrow, when I'm there in person with the portfolio materials.

By the end of my visit on Friday, and after leaving all needed

materials with them, I still had been given no figure as to what the cost would be. I was leaving for Alberta the next day; and the portfolio would basically be ready for me next Thursday morning, in time for my Friday deadline.

On Thursday I was surprised to learn that none of the portfolio articles had even been copied over yet. However, I still had until Friday morning. Final instructions were given, and all would be ready by then.

Friday the 28th at eleven o'clock, I arrived at Kinko's to pick it up.

The cover of my portfolio (which *wasn't* laminated) had the title mysteriously printed

twice. Most of the articles, copied onto \$2.89/sheet paper, were nonetheless visibly crooked, as were most article headings. One page featured a heading which said "1996" twice due to incorrect trimming—someone was obviously asleep with the scissors. And the price? \$168.42. This is how Kinko's does business.

I didn't leave the store for over another hour, during which Rob, the on-duty store supervisor, didn't step in to help until the confused guy serving me could do no more.

The talked down price? \$75.54. Incidentally, Assistant Manager Mel Lucas was seated right behind me (as I, by now completely fed up, made a bit of

a scene), happily chatting with someone. What a wonderful, professional store. Costs (even flat rates) are kept secret, so that you don't shop around, I guess. If the job you're paying for is sloppy and could have been done better by you yourself...hey, isn't your deadline tomorrow? Pay up. This is Kinko's idea of standards. This is their idea of "quality control" (Rob's words).

Take it from me: next time you have a job, get out those yellow pages and skip right over Kinko's. There are too many printing businesses in metro to put up with foolishness like that. I'd know...I got ripped off.

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“Piett Piper” Spreads Good News To Annual Commerce Society Dinner

by David Young

Last Wednesday, before a capacity crowd, Roger Piett enlightened students, administrators, and faculty from Saint Mary's, plus many prominent members of local industry, about the enormity of the Sable Offshore Energy Project and its associated pipelines.

A professional engineer with Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline, Roger Piett spoke fondly of the construction phase scheduled for the summer of 1999 and displayed photos of other projects he had worked on. He admitted not being involved with the finances on a day to day basis, but, despite this, he engaged in questioning with attendees who were interested in route choices, pricing policies, and other economic issues.

A representative from KPMG said later that the presentation solidified all the different bits of information he'd been hearing but had never connected. Many regular attendees commented

that the speaker at the annual event needs to be as topical as possible and, “you can't beat the pipeline for topical.”

The event was also used as a platform for recognizing “Top Prof.” at the business school. Dr. Paul Dixon, Dean of the Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce was named Professor of the Year. “To be recognized by the students you teach is a great honor” said Dr. Dixon. “Teaching undergraduate classes is rewarding for me and I find getting into the classroom keeps me in touch with what is important to our students... I like being in the trenches,” he quipped.

The dinner itself was a huge success as well. Poached salmon, perfectly prepared, followed by a divine chocolate desert, made it easy for everyone to enjoy the social aspect of the evening.

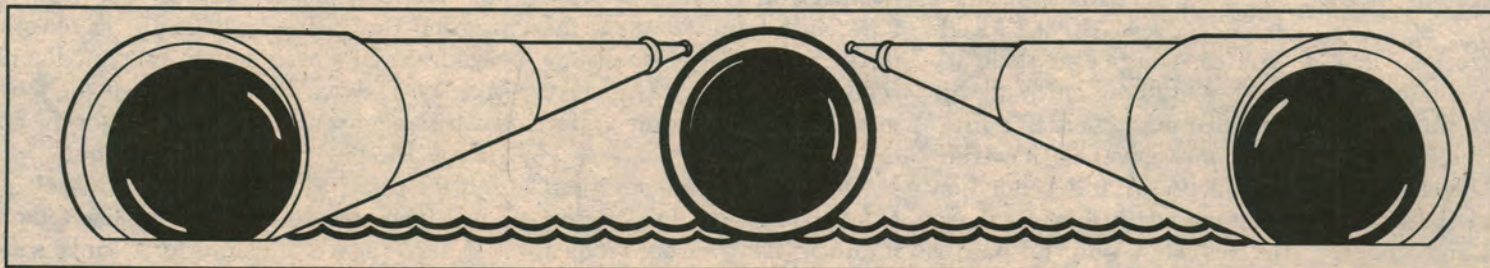
“The importance of this dinner for establishing strong relationships with industry cannot be understated” said Kerry Reinke, a commerce student at Saint Mary's. “This is an important night for us, individually, and as a school.” Joe Richards and John Webster, the President and Vice-president of the Commerce Society, kept the evening running smoothly and are looking forward to “just working the curtains” at next year's dinner. All students were taking the opportunity to make potential employers aware of their great skills and enthusiasm.

Because employment opportunities are what it's all about, our SMUSA President elect, John Francis, wasn't afraid to ask; “As perspective graduates, how can we get jobs associated with this project?” It turns out, most work,

and therefore the opportunities for employment will come in 1999 when the pipeline is constructed. The statement: “The project is committed to providing full and fair opportunity and first consideration to qualified individuals in Nova Scotia where the employment services to be provided by such individuals are competitive” comes straight from the home-page of the SOEP. In addition, “The highest number of local employment opportunities will come from contractors that have established labour pools and hiring practices consistent with the Canadian Nova Scotia Benefits principles.” This policy was reiterated by Roger Piett at the post-dinner reception when he was quizzed about specific opportunities. His response was, “local established suppliers will

benefit the most on a short term basis but there will be some long term positions associated with the operation of the pipeline after construction.” The project will be in the producing stage for approximately the first 25 years of the 21st century: the working years of the present university student.

Natural Gas is coming to the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline is just waiting for the final nod to start clearing and establishing access to the required lands. \$3 to \$4 billion, all private enterprise money, will pour into our region over the next few years and whether students find direct employment with the Project or not, we'll all benefit from the economic prosperity. And, in the words of Roger Piett, “there'll be no more running to the corner for propane, just flash up your natural gas BBQ and cook yourself a steak.”



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Rusty's Right, Keep It Here

Rusty White is a fanatical university basketball fan who has a strong belief that the annual CIAU Final 8 Basketball Tournament should stay right where it is - Halifax. He's an alumnus of Saint Mary's University, and for years he has attended every tournament at the Metro Centre. Rusty is a little worried about the CIAU Tournament leaving this metropolis of the east. But he has good reason to worry. Next year, the AUAA-CIAU contract is up for bids, and Rusty, and even others, fear that the tournament will fold and move elsewhere. The problem is that cities such as Toronto and Hamilton want the tournament with a passion, arguing that they could sell out to larger crowds. Rusty and his friends are just as passionate as those Upper-Canadians when it comes to this tournament. They have launched a "Keep It Here" campaign, and their bandwagon is only getting bigger. All of us here in the east should support this campaign. You see, while this is about a basketball tournament, it is yet another example of how those Upper-Canadians want all the pie. Well, for a change, I think it's time that they came to the east for a taste of the pie. Too many sports/entertainment events are always going to Southern Ontario, and the east always seems to get the wrong end of the stick (know what I mean?).

There are many benefits to having such a tournament in Halifax. Just look at the fact that the three day attendance each year has been over 25,000, and the economic benefits are calculated at approximately \$1-million. The CIAU Tournament is normally held in March, a commonly slow season for tourism. Rusty argues that we need the tournament here to boost the economy. Now the economy doesn't necessarily peak when the tournament is in town, but anyone will tell you that any economic benefits at this time of the year are better than none.

But this issue also has to do for the love of the sport. Halifax, after all, is labeled by the public and the media as the basketball capital of Canada. Why should we loose out on such an event? The problem is that the decision making is being based on money. The corporations in Canada who want to cash in from this event are pushing to move the tournament. This leaves us out here in the east with an unfair disadvantage. The head offices for most large corporations are in the heart of Southern Ontario. They have the power, and they control the decisions. And it is this that leads many of us to believe that the tournament will therefore move. Besides, will they really sell out such a tournament in Southern Ontario? I mean do people there care about watching teams from out of the province play? They can't even come close to selling out the Vanier Cup each year, so how will they sell out a basketball tournament?

However, the big corporations don't bother Rusty. In fact, he is moving full tilt with his campaign, sending out the message to as many people as possible. Even the national and local media are giving his campaign lots of coverage. We can only hope that all this support will keep the tournament alive in Halifax.

None of us should take it for granted that our city will in fact have such a tournament here forever. We should always know that events such as this are up for grabs from time to time.

And Rusty's right, leave our damn tournament alone.

P.F.

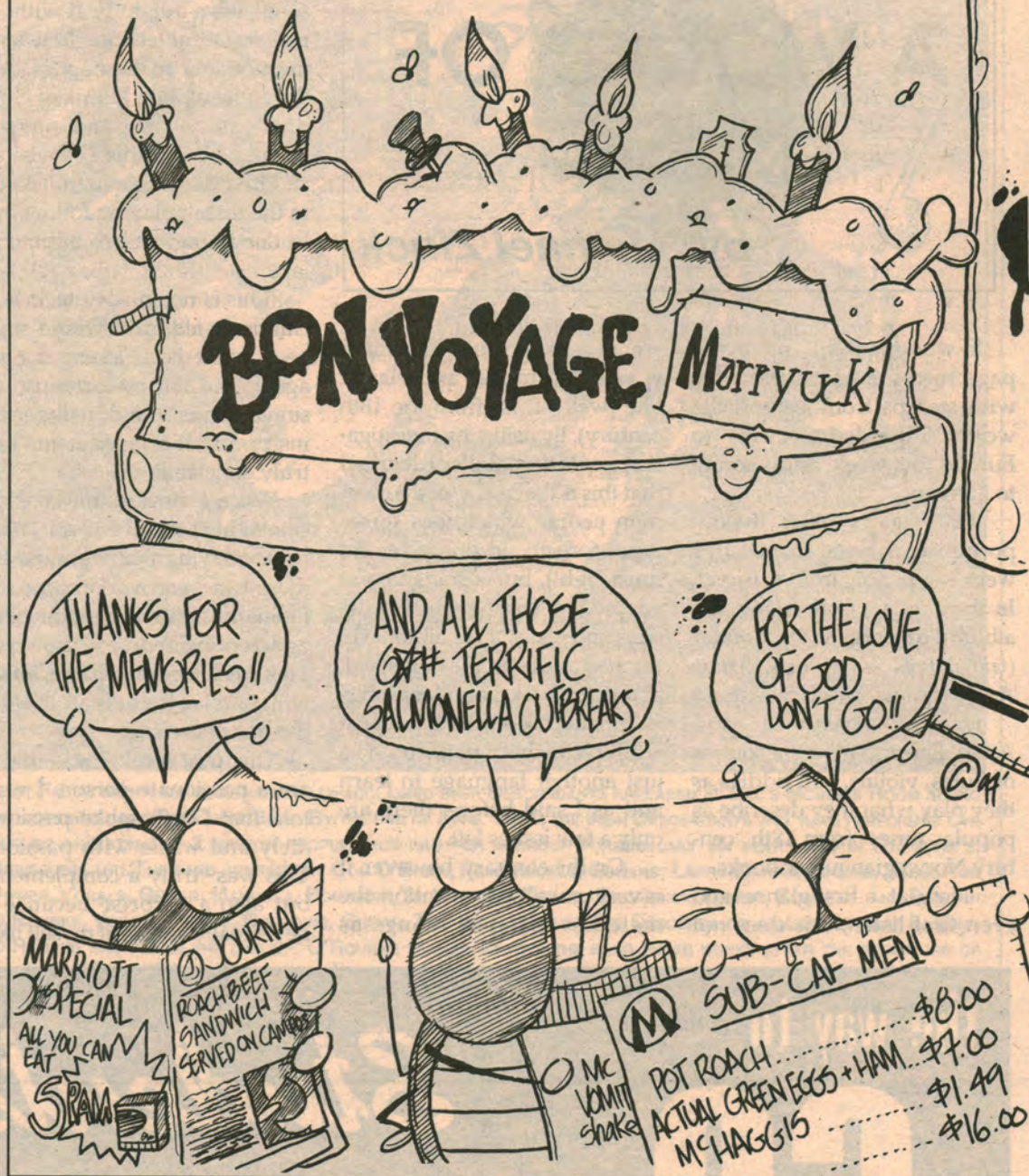
You're Wrong

Dear Editor,

I am writing about your article on "Students, Don't Be So Apathetic." In your article you quoted on the women's volleyball team and said that this was our only varsity team that made it to the nationals. This is not true. We had athletes from our first ever cross-country team and

track and field team attending the nationals. Jeff Gorman, a first year student, attended the CIAU national cross country championships and made the 2nd all-Canadian cross-country team. This is a great feat for a first year student. Our track and field team sent three athletes on the same week as the volleyball nationals. These people included

AS WE BID FOND FAREWELL TO THE LEGACY OF MARRIOTT FOOD SERVICES ON CAMPUS, WE GATHERED SOME OF THEIR STRONGEST SUPPORTERS TO WISH THEM WELL.



Drew Higgins (60 meters), Amanda Wanigatunga (60 meters), and Lee Myrick (60 meter hurdles). These athletes worked very hard to achieve their goals and represented Saint Mary's very well. These people deserve at least some credit. To say that our volleyball team was the only team to make it to the nationals this year is wrong.

Maybe before you go criticizing the student body on fan support and their knowledge on

sports, maybe you should get your own facts straight.

Chad Decker

Can Anyone Solve This Problem?

Dear Editor,

I came to Saint Mary's University as a mature student in

1994 to do a Master's of Clinical Psychology Degree. If this program is discontinued, where does this leave me? I am not aware of an institution in Metro that offers this degree, other than Saint Mary's. I was naive enough to believe that the 1996/97 Academic Calendar offered this program. Can anyone out there help me solve this dilemma?

V. Peters

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A Whimsical Norway



In working to fill up every page in my musical passport with stamps from around the world, I decided to travel to Europe this week, and venture to Norway.

Once again, I had the opportunity of being loaned this week's selection from a friend. In the words of my friend, the album *For Borgere Og Bondere* (translated as "For Citizens And Peasants"), is excellent.

Hans Olav Gorset and Anon Egeland mix the sounds of flutes, violins, and fiddles as they play what they describe as popular tunes from 18th century Norwegian music books.

Now, at a first glance and even first listen, this does not

seem very appealing. The music is very whimsical and classic like (well, it is from the 18th century). By using my investigative reporting skills, I learned that this is the music of the common people which was sometimes foreign in origin (world music eh!), but arranged and adapted to suit Norwegian desires and tastes. Like albums in the past, to specifically speak about the background of songs is difficult. To learn Norwegian would help this, but it would be just another language to learn and as I said before, there are only a few issues left.

On the contrary, however, it is very possible to mention the melodies of such songs as

"Schomager Tanz" and "Contiliong Menue." These songs have a light beat with a real innocent feeling. In listening not only to these songs, but the entire album, I think of children's story books and nursery rhymes. With this I envision children dancing and frolicking in the forest, playing follow the leader as they march around a lake.

This is not to say that it is a children's album. I would suggest that it is an album for all ages. The soft melodies, occasional lyrics, and wonderful instrumental arrangements are truly enjoyable.

When I come to the conclusion of my articles I always find myself saying that we must be more aware and accepting of different music so that we can also be accepting of diverse cultures. This week is no exception, and I will continue to advocate this for the rest of my life.

This past week I was told I am a passionate person. I was told that I both spoke passionately and wrote with passion. This was truly a complement, but also a surprise because I never really looked at myself like

this before.

I stopped for a moment and reviewed the essence of this column, wondering if my purpose was too visionary and idealistic. I quickly concluded that this is not the case and that the bridg-

ing of cultural gaps is possible, but we must all develop the same desire.

I think everyone is passionate towards this vision and concept...aren't t you?



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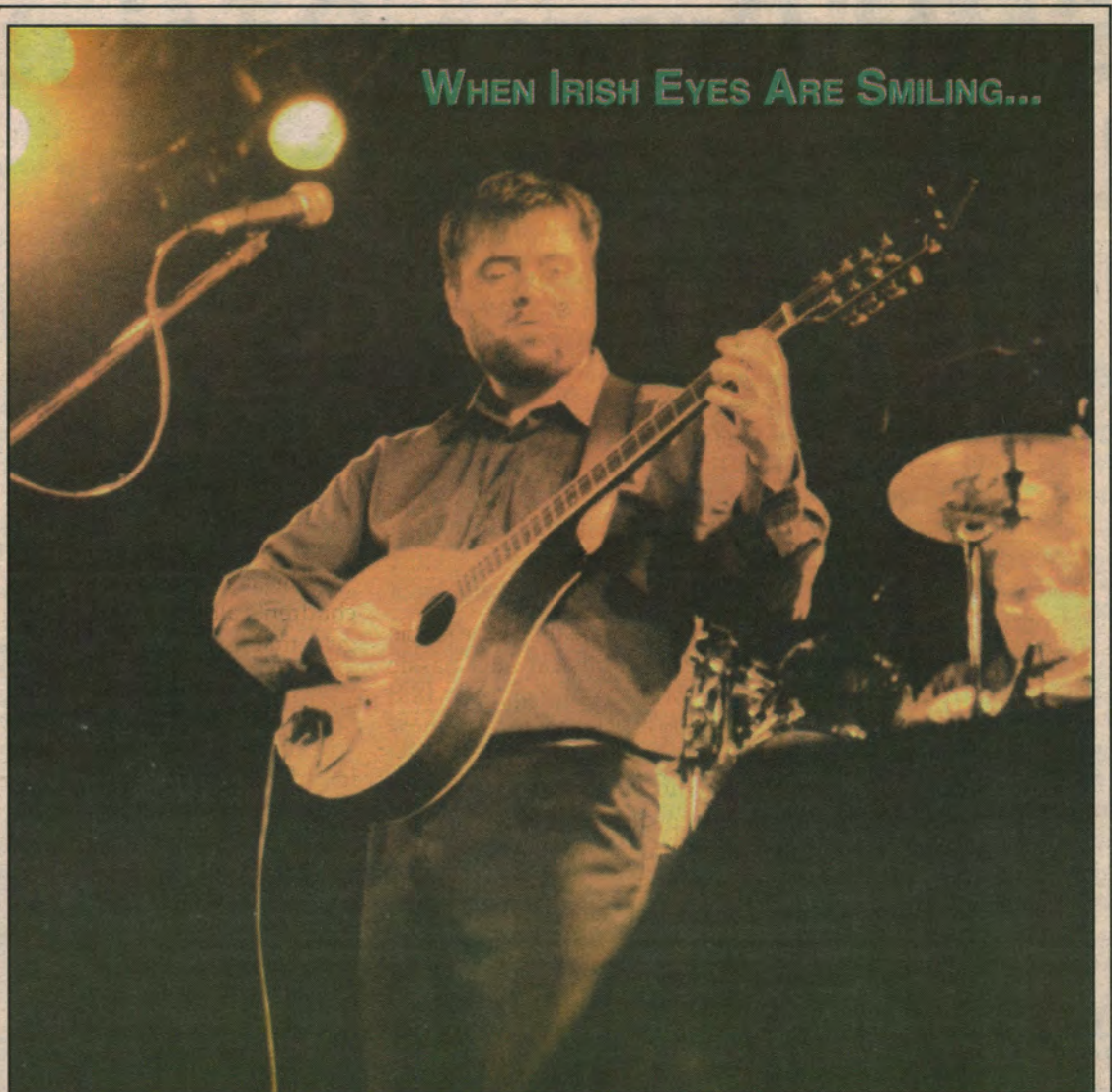


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Artist	Title	Label
1. Redd Kross	Show World	Mercury
2. Thrush Hermit	Sweet Homewrecker	Elektra
3. Jon Spencer Blues...	Now I got worry	Matador
4. Len	"Get your legs broke"	Fun Trip
5. rusty	Sophmoric	Handsome
6. Various	A tribute to the misfits	Caroline
7. Various	Plastic compilation...	Nettwerk
8. Archers of Loaf	All the Nation Airports	Alias
9. Rome plows	Self titled	Indie
10. Pavement	Brighten the corners	Matador

Show World



LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, THE INTERNATIONALLY-ACCLAIMED IRISH DESCENDANTS APPEARED AT DAL'S McINNES ROOM ALONG WITH OPENING BAND THE CHOIR BOYS. BY THE END OF APRIL 1997, THE IRISH DESCENDANTS WILL HAVE PERFORMED LIVE BEFORE AN ESTIMATED 2 MILLION PEOPLE...NOT BAD FOR A GROUP FORMED ONLY SIX YEARS AGO IN ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND. THE BAND CONSISTS OF CON O'BRIEN, LEAD VOCALS, GUITARS; LARRY MARTIN, VOCALS, BASS; RON POWER, VOCALS, GUITAR, MANDOLA, BOUZOUKI, TIN WHISTLE; GERARD BRODERICK, DRUMS, BODHRAN; AND EAMONN O'ROURKE, VOCALS, FIDDLE, BOUZOUKI, GUITAR. THIS PAST JANUARY, THE DESCENDANTS ANNOUNCED THAT EAMONN O'ROURKE HAD JOINED THE LINE-UP. O'ROURKE TEAMED UP WITH THE BAND THREE WEEKS AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF FOUNDING MEMBER D'ARCY BRODERICK. AS LAST WEEK'S HALIFAX SHOW PROVED, THE MORE THINGS HAVE CHANGED, THE MORE THEY'VE STAYED THE SAME FOR THE DESCENDANTS, WHO PLAN TO RETURN TO TOWN IN THE UPCOMING FUTURE. WATCH FOR THEM, AND IN THE MEANTIME, CHEERS!

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SMU Drama Society Launches Latest Production

by David Young

Last Saturday evening, the Saint Mary's University Drama Society (SMUDS) gave a preview performance of James McLure's "The Day They Shot John Lennon."

The work actually contains only a few references to Lennon, but is set in a park across the street from his apartment building the day after his murder. McLure used the 1980 tragedy to set the stage for a social commentary very similar, at times, to JD Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye*; many of McLure's characters are confused over the same issues, and are almost as bitter as Salinger's Holden Caulfield and just like the novel, it leaves the answers up to the audience in the end.

There were no extraordinary performances on Saturday, just good quality amateur theatre.

Joe Bishara in the role of Morris, an elderly Jewish man with no interest in John Lennon, kept the small audience entertained with a great accent and stage antics typical of this type of character. This is his fourth appearance with SMUDS, and his veteran acting skills showed.

Brian Crocker had an intense role to play with the character of Silvio, a Vietnam vet with a twisted outlook on the world. He started slowly but moved into his character as the evening progressed, convincing me he was Silvio in the closing scenes.

Tom Tassé had the most polished performance of the evening, although his character, Brian, was a one-dimensional, stereotypical adult male with little to contribute to the plot. The character's main purpose was to act as a backdrop for the more highly-strung, socially responsible Fran, well played by Darlene

MacNevin.

The most outstanding contribution to the show was the addition of live music. The original script did not call for it, but director Tommy Hurst felt that something would be missing otherwise.

Musical director Paula Danyluk assembled just the right choice of both Beatles and John Lennon tunes, at just the right moments, throughout the play. I believe it was the character of Fran who called Beatles tunes "the background music for our lives." This is a wistful, yet accurate point; most Boomers and Gen-Xers can remember at least one Beatles tune, and associate it with a particular time in their lives.

For those of you much younger than thirty, many of the songs and lyrics may seem unfamiliar, but the script of "The Day" could have been written



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yesterday. Its social commentary rings as true now as it did when McLure penned it after Lennon's death.

The show opens tonight, the 19th, and will run until Saturday the 22nd. All performances are

in the Theatre Auditorium of the McNally building and begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for all others. If you have the chance, it's worth seeing, and SMUDS would appreciate your support.

Eight Arms To Hold You

by Aaron Brooks

Louise Post and Nina Gordon were musical soulmates from the time they met and came together with an unexpected name, derived from the children's movie, *Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory*.

Veruca Salt's 1994 hit, "Seether," caught on as a catchy and energetic song. The term "one hit wonder" may come to some people's minds, but personally, I've been anticipating their new album in order to check it out.

With their new release, *Eight Arms to Hold You*, there has been

an obvious evolution; their music is expressed through a more confident and mature sound. Their songs still seem to be shorter than average, but this seems to be characteristic of them. I suppose only "masters of music" can perform long songs without them getting boring.

In any case, this 1997 release was worth the wait. It has a more polished sound, and the right amount of personality, which the last album lacked.

The band entrances the listener once again with their trademark catchy guitar riffs—this time with "Volcano Girls", the first release from this album.

Yet on this album they also branch out more, vocally and acoustically, proving that they are more than just a hard rock/pop girl band.

Like some other very talented bands, Veruca Salt has started young, and will grow musically as they are around longer.

If you enjoy Veruca Salt at all, I would recommend the CD.

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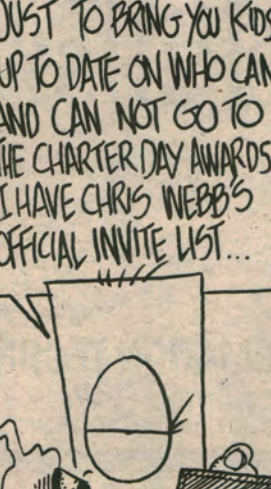



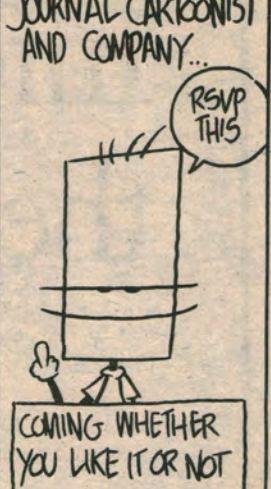
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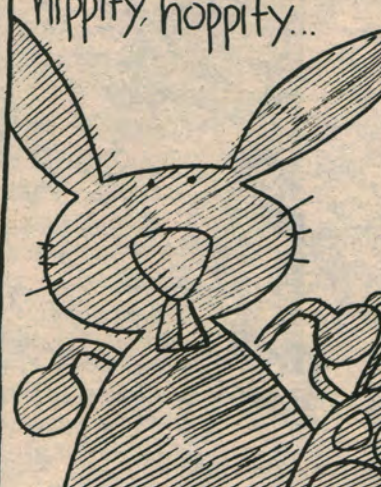

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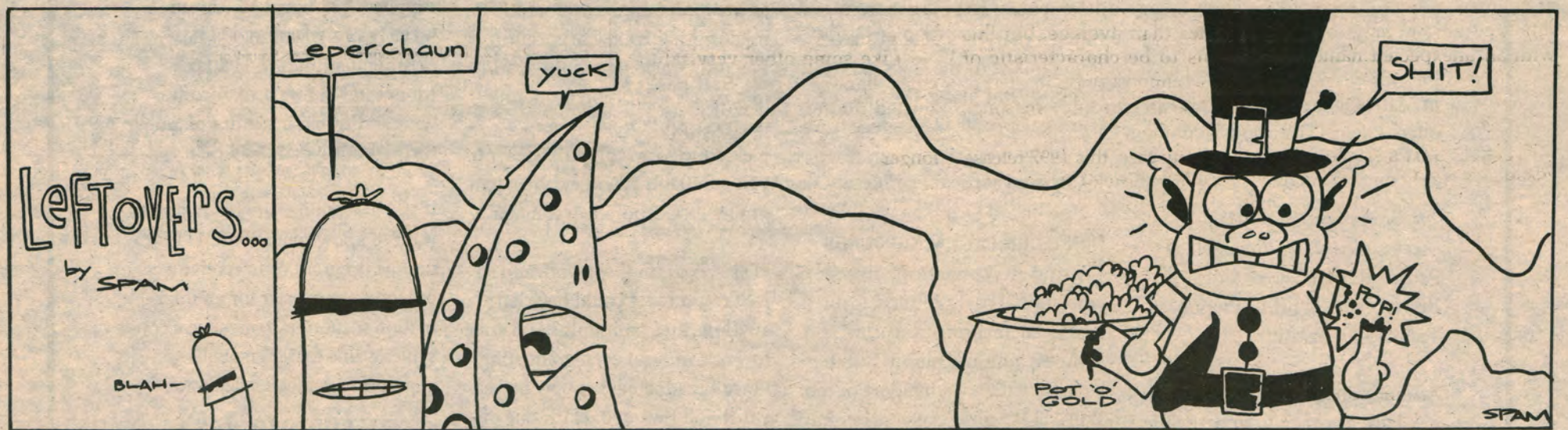
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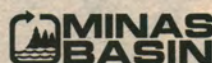
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GORDON MACNEILLY OF UNB WAS SOARING HIGH AS HE PUT ON A SHOW IN THE SLAMDUNK CONTEST LAST WEEKEND.

The AUAA playoffs were destined to be an interesting weekend as no one team was being slated as a true favorite. Opening night had Dal beating the Capers which wasn't much of a surprise but the Acadia - SMU game would be more interesting. These two teams had tied going head to head this year. SMU should have been able to take this one but with Medford out of the lineup, the Huskies had a tough battle ahead of them. Medford had missed practice earlier that day and the team voted to not let him play. SMU was down for quite a bit at the half but came back in the second frame and had the lead for a while before losing to the Axemen.

Saturday's matchups had the #1 Seahawks lose to the Axemen. Despite the fact that Memorial had done so well, they had never played in the Metro Centre and seemed to have difficulty with this change.

The game of the weekend was X vs Dal. It came down to the wire and ended with the X-Men on top. The crowd was going crazy in this one that ended with former Huskie Jeff Piers sinking two free throws to for the winning point. The championship game was the Axemen vs the X-Men. Both teams brought their own band and the place was full of excitement as Acadia was not supposed to have made it this far. Coach Nutbrown was uncharacteristically composed during this game that went back and forth the entire time. In the end, the blue and white emerged as the AUAA champion and will be back at the Metro Centre this weekend as the sole representative for the AUAA.



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Acadia 65-Saint Mary's 52
- March 15 Acadia 85-Memorial 75
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- March 16 St.F.X. 59-Acadia 54

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Intramurals Head Into The Playoffs

COED BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

The opening round of the playoffs featured 4 games. Above the Rim easily handled 24-40 by the score of 78-32. Erin Delaney and Jill Boudreau paced Above the Rim with 28 and 26 points respectively. The Golden Gooses faced off against Lim Choy's Underlings who fell 67-50. The Goose's rode a balanced scoring attack with three people in double digits, Christine Brimson 20, Glynn Hall 15, and Andrea McIssac with 20. The third game of the opening round saw the Pub Club and Shooters R Us play to a 59-49 Pub Club victory. It was ironic that the Pub Club had struggled all year to field a team and miraculously came to the playoffs with a full squad. The other opening round game was a default with Below the Rim advancing to the second round. The first semi final matchup pitted the Golden Gooses against Above the Rim. It was a close game with Above the Rim pulling out the victory 58-51. Jill Boudreau led the way with 21 points while Glynn Hall poured in 23 in a losing cause. Anonymous sources quoted Bill Perry after the game stating that Above the Rim had the finals locked up. The other semi final game featured the new and improved Pub Club versus Below the Rim. This sleeper ended in a 54-33 Below the Rim victory. Tanya Yuill led the way with 16 points for Below the Rim while

Charles Barker added 10. The chemistry just wasn't there for the Pub Club who were led by Jodi Flieger's 9 points. The final game featured the two best teams in the regular season, Above the Rim and Below the Rim. The game turned into a blowout with Below the Rim winning the final 106-76. Charles Barker led the way with 20 points while Tanya Yuill added 13 and

Tanya Reddick 19. Jill Boudreau contributed 23 points in a losing cause. Below the Rim wins the Championship going undefeated and are now back to back Champions. P.S. - Adam Purcell for Below the Rim did actually score a few baskets; he hit 3 three pointers in the final game to bring his total for the season to 11 points.

LOYOLA/RICE BASKETBALL GAME

The 90 or so fans that turned out for the Loyola/Rice Basketball Game were treated to a fast-paced game that went down to the wire. Loyola pulled out the victory 85-76. Player of the Game Nick Scott led the way for Loyola with 22 points, including 3 three's down the stretch. Stephen "The Legend" Jones

paced the way for Rice with 18. These two players faced off at half time in a three point shootout. After Mark Reynolds and Mike Dougay had been eliminated from the shootout, it came down to "The Legend", who had a high score in the early round, and Nick Scott. Nick Scott won the three point shootout with a score of 13, while Stephen Jones ended with a score of 8.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY TENTATIVE PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Friday, March 21st - 1st round

game 1
9am 8th position A vs 1st position A

game 2
10am 8th position B vs 1st position B

game 3
11am 7th position A vs 2nd position A

game 4
12pm 7th position B vs 2nd position B

game 5
1pm 6th position A vs 3rd position A

game 6
2pm 6th position B vs 3rd position B

game 7
3pm 5th position A vs 4th position A

game 8
4pm 5th position B vs 4th position B

Saturday, March 22nd - 2nd round

7pm winner game 1 vs winner game 7 (tier A)

8pm winner game 2 vs winner game 8 (tier B)

9pm winner game 3 vs winner game 5 (tier a)

10pm winner game 4 vs winner game 6 (tier b)

Tuesday, March 25th - final series

10pm tier A final - game 1
11pm tier B final - game 1

Saturday, March 25th - final series

7pm tier A final - game 2
8pm tier B final - game 2

Tuesday, April 1st - final series

10pm tier A final - game 3
11pm tier B final - game 3

Back On The Ranch

by Joe Rogers and Adrian McCardle

MESSAGE TO THE BIG SUGAR: Ray, stick to shadow boxing with Cindy because you and a boxing ring is dangerous. Here is a guy who has retired more times than Pierre Trudeau. Hector Camacho with a career total of six KO's put you out. Ray I'm begging, you stay down.

LISTEN UP: Any of you so called metro sports reporters, I have a great idea for you. A team goes undefeated, great personality, and a schools first shot at a national championship in volleyball. Just thought it might make a good story but who am I.

LIVER MUST BE SICK: The Leafs trade Gilmour and put an end to those soft porn milk ads here in Canada. The trade looks good for both teams. Doug and Dave put New Jersey over the top while Sullivan, McCullay, and Smyth will help the Leafs in the future which is a plus because right now they are done like dinner. The second trade made this week by the Boston bottom liners dumped 7 mill in salary to acquire a goalie who can't stop a beach ball, an underachieving bum in Jason Allison, and a kid with 34 NHL games under his belt. Other than this, a great trade for the Bruins. A side note to Harry Sinden lose those Third Jerseys.

THE MOOSE IS LOOSE: Finally truth in Advertising, the Mooseheads really cannot be stopped. Wow!

CELEBRITY PICK OF THE WEEK: Our celeb this week is the Mexican hotel guy we met over break across the border. When we asked him for a pick he gave us a blank look but did mention that the Mexicans would spank us in soccer. Good Call.

Well that is it for this week. Adrian and Joe can be reached at sports@journal.stmarys.ca Did you know they do not have Hockey Night In Canada in Mexico. WEIRD.

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