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## Budget follow up

by Jeremy Strong

This Thursday night the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors will meet to make the final decision about this year's proposed budget. In a document that has been prepared for Thursday night's meeting, Dr. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University, has outlined all of the expenditures for next year's budget. His recommendation is that the Board of Directors approve the proposed 2002/03 Operating & Capital Budget, which includes a 5.75% tuition hike and 18% residence fee increase (9% for family housing).

The document does allude to the fact that if the Provincial Government decides to increase the University's operating grant (which Dodds remarks upon as being unlikely), that those funds will be immediately diverted to bring tuition back down.

The document also predicts similar tuition increases in 2003 and 2004.

The document mentions the \$130,000 increase in scholarship and bursary funds, which is more than the last article mentioned (only \$100,000).

Dr. Dodds also cites the extensive and expensive renovations to the Loyola/Vanier residences as the primary reason for the 18% residence fee increase.

Continuing education programs such as OOST, IT Solutions, IT Business Consulting and CED have all been cancelled due to the fact that none of these programs met budget expectations.

For the first time ever, the Saint Mary's University operating budget will top \$70 million dollars.

Included in the report are outlines of some of next years expenses, including the one million dollar renovation to the first floor of the student centre.

Some students are understandably upset about the increase in tuition and residence fees, but the document also reminds the reader that Saint Mary's is competitive with other Atlantic universities.

The following document was received by The Journal,

from the VP Finance at the university, Larry Corrigan, which outlines some of the concerns about tuition increase and some possible reasons why it may be unavoidable:

**Issues with rising tuitions**  
Discussion points  
by Larry Corrigan, VP Finance

**Tuition is linked to amount of provincial funding**

After adjusting for inflation, 1990/91 grants = \$22 million, all other revenue combined = \$22m. Now, ten years later, grants are only \$20 million, putting Nova Scotia in last place for university student funding. Over this period Nova Scotia tuition has increased greatly - students are paying all the cost increases. In this year's university budget, we commit to reduce the tuition increase of our grant increases.

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SMU tuition for five full credits is \$4,440.

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Our tuition is generally higher than universities in other provinces, all of which receive higher grants.

**International differential fees provide fairness for Canadian students.**

International students pay double tuition - on the surface this seems unfair.

However, international students and their parents pay no Canadian income taxes which in turn support the Federal and Provincial grants that help fund universities.

Nova Scotia students tuition + education tax at least equal the double tuition paid by international students.

**Tuition revenue directly increases university quality**

Without increased revenue, inflation will lead to lower standards, increased

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photo by Georgia Go...

The Information desk girls take a break from the party this past weekend, as the Charter Day Awards Ceremony got into full swing.

## Youm al-Ard (Land Day): the present are absent

by Labeeb Bsoul, Professor of  
Middle East History, Saint  
Mary's University

On March 30<sup>th</sup> 1976, the Israeli Palestinians, in the Galilee and Triangle District, declared a general strike against new orders for the expropriation of their land. To pre-empt the strike, units from the Israeli army and police were dispatched to the region, where they attacked peaceful demonstrators, killing six people, injuring dozens and arresting hundreds. From that day on, the 30<sup>th</sup> of March has been commemorated every year as "The Day of the Land" to draw attention to the land robbery that has been taking place in Palestine since 1948.

In 1947, when the UN Partition Scheme was devised, the Jews in Palestine owned exactly 5.6% of the land. The Partition Scheme apportioned, for the Jewish state, 56% of the land. By the end of 1948, through military conquest, Israel was in control of 78% of the land of Palestine, leaving in Arab hands only the West Bank and Gaza, constituting 22% of Palestine.

Thus, Youm al-Ard is a day to commemorate the

expropriation of Palestinian land as early as 1940s onwards by the Israeli government. The Israeli government used the Arab's land, dwellings and possessions for its Jewish population, and primarily for recent immigrants. The first Israeli Prime Minister, Ben Gurion, admitted that he ordered the abandoned Palestinian housing be allocated to Jews.

He reported to the Knesset on April 26, 1949, that the government had settled 150,000 Jews in Arab housing.

According to Tom Segev, the government evacuated many houses in Jerusalem, Jaffa, Haifa and Acre and gave it to the government officials and Jewish immigrants.

The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) Forced residents out to make room for Jews.

The Israeli government, along with the Zionist parties and leadership, used many tactics and justification to empty the Palestinian land from its inhabitant and indigenous people. In terms of the land, the Israeli

government and the Jewish National Fund/JNF (Keren Kayemeth), prior to the establishment of the Israel in 1948, used the money to bribe ordinary peasants and take away their land after ward. With the unquestioning support of the IDF and the terrorist organizations such as Irgun, Lehi and Hagana - the Palestinian peasants could not resist the wave of raids and attacks by the Jewish community and leadership. They were forced to sell their land and were refused employment.

As a result, many Palestinians were expelled and they became refugees in many neighboring countries.

Theodore Hertzl indicated that taking the land and expulsion of Arabs was a complementary aspect of Zionism. Furthermore, he said it was necessary to get the Arabs out of Palestine. He insisted this policy of expropriation and removal of Arabs be carried out discreetly and circumspectly.

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# SMUSA PAGE

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For more information, call Yearbook Editor Fiona Gordon at 496-8705.



The final SRC meeting of this school year will be held on Sunday, April 7th, 2002 at 1pm in the SMUSA Boardroom.



## “Lockpicks” well received

by Jarrod Francis

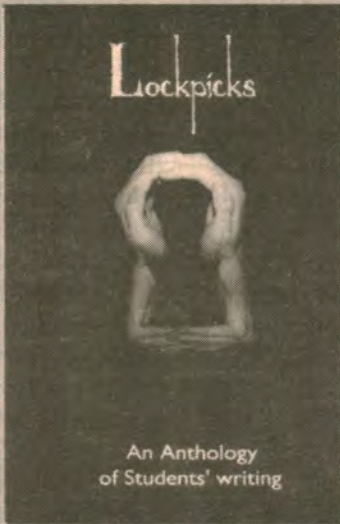
This past Thursday night, in the Art Gallery, the Saint Mary's English Society held a book launch to celebrate the release of their annual anthology of students writing. The anthology is a collection of poems, short stories and essays taken from the students of Saint Mary's, as well as professors and alumni. This year's edition is entitled “Lockpicks.” The book launch included readings of selected works from the compilation by their respective authors. There was also an awarding of the first annual professor of the year award by the society to Janet Baker, for her outstanding work in the English program.

Putting together the anthology is one of the most ambitious projects of the English society. The work involved, which includes reading submissions, discussing what is to be selected, copy editing, computer layout, and selection of pictures is estimated to take over 40 hours for each editor. The process was slowed this year as each student was given the opportunity to look over any changes made to the work in the

interest of their artistic integrity.

Krista MacKeigan, one of the contributing editors, said the anthology and book launch were important as they promote creative writing, give a voice to our student body and give recognition to the great amount of creative talent which exists at our school. It is encouraging for budding writers to see their work published for the first time. Krista also commented on how the anthology offers a broad range of genres. It also provides a chance to bring together the student writers of our university with the professors and alumni.

Contributing editor Ian Johnston said he was very excited with the quality of writing in this year's edition and that it will be difficult to surpass next year. This level of excellence will no doubt be continued in the years to come as long as the strong work ethic is maintained by the society. Perhaps though, it was James Key-Wallace, another of the tireless editors, who provided the most eloquent comment on the work when he said, “this year's book kicks ass.”



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### Land day

On March 30th, 1976, the Palestinian Land Day emerged as a response to the Israeli policy of land expropriated from the Palestinian people within Israel. The Israeli officials' response to these policies are to use these expropriated lands for security and government needs. It appears that these lands were expropriated for the purpose of building settlements for the Jews, and eliminating the Palestinian people's ability to be dependent on their own land, as a source of income and for building houses. Thus, the Hertzal plan was enforced and honored. The Palestinian people did not have any other alternative to challenge the policies, except to resist it through demonstrations and riots. On March 30th, 1976, Palestinian people held massive protests in major cities and villages to express their frustration and anger. The Government issued an order to shoot, kill, and imprison anyone who protested. Six Palestinians were killed, hundreds wounded, and hundreds jailed. This is a usual practice by the government, and many lives have been lost due to the Israeli land policies. As well, many people still remain in prison. Therefore, the Land Day became a memorial day to all of the lives that have been lost, and to the land they owned but have no access to. On the other hand the Jews who lived in the land of the Palestinians are equipped with all the means for a better life.

The world community, as well as the ordinary people, felt sorry for and sympathized with the Israeli people and government, simply because

first floor of the Student Centre this summer.

### Students receive an outstanding return on their investment in education

Even if my first four points are ignored – would a university education still be worth it? Yes.

Jobs for highly educated people are growing – in the past ten years more than 49,000 new jobs have been created in NS for post secondary students – over the same period, there have been 36,000 fewer jobs for high school education or lower.

A student that has completed a university degree in Nova Scotia will earn, on average, 84% more per year than someone who foregoes post secondary education, which is not a bad return on investment for your tuition.

they were not exposed to the truth and reality of the Palestinian catastrophe. The slogan was used in early 1940s “Land without People for People without a Land”. The JNF owned 99% of the arable land, and the remaining land is subject to high taxes as and it is not fit for cultivation, nor can it be used to support proper housing. Today a large percentage of the Palestinian population is living in refugee camps, and they are not entitled to return to their land that was taken by force and illegally claimed by the Zionist leadership. Yet, all the U.N. resolutions failed to address the rights of the Palestinian people, and Israel is free to override all the international law. They always are perceived as a victim by the super power. The Palestinians are always perceived as the oppressors and the Israelis as the victims, not the other way around, despite the catastrophe.

The 30<sup>th</sup> of March became a Palestinian anniversary. ‘Land Day’ is commemorated annually among Palestinians not only limited to the Palestinians within Israel, but also in the occupied territories and throughout Arab

countries such as Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Iraq. It was the first mass resistance by the Palestinians within Israel against the explicitly Zionist policy of internal colonization, a systemic process of expropriation that had reduced Palestinian land ownership from 94% of the territories in pre-1948 Palestine to less than 3% in Israel. Furthermore, the ‘Land Day’ reaffirmed the Palestinian minority within Israel as an inseparable part of the Palestinian and Arab nation. The explanation of the Israeli government for expropriating the land from Palestinian ownership is this: they need them for a military zone, natural resources and highways. This is not justified under the Fourth Geneva Convention; as well it is not an act of a civilized or a democratic nation to take away the land from the people who need it most. It is not enough, that the Israeli officials, in terms of employment, education, funding and taxes practice racist policies. They have committed an act of direct theft, and have taken advantage of the civilian farmer by force.

## Strike hurts SMU

by Jeremy Strong

If the Dalhousie Faculty Association and Dalhousie University do not reach a mutual agreement soon, students might not be able to graduate this year. But the effects are not limited only to students of Dalhousie University. Fourteen students of Saint Mary's University, who have been granted a letter of permission to take additional courses at Dalhousie, will not be able to graduate if an equitable decision is not reached very soon.

The DFA and Dalhousie resumed talks on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. with a mediator.

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### Budget

class sizes, and further deterioration of buildings – obviously not in the best interests of the student.

**You can't provide a first rate education on a third rate budget.**

In the past few years for example, SMU has used tuition increases to increase quality for students – increased scholarships, new residence, new technology in the labs and classrooms, centre for new students, expanded health services, off-campus housing office,

increased spending on library materials, created new faculty positions – on the revenue side we have even eliminated some hated fees such as the convocation fee and student ID card fee. Perhaps most important, SMU has continued to provide budget funding to reach realistic collective agreements with our employees and faculty. SMU has not had the crippling strikes that have affected, for example, Dalhousie on such a regular basis.

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Or, if you are interested in writing a news story, or being a news-writer for the Journal, please call 496-8201 and ask for the News Editor, Jeremy Strong.

## Hate group hides in Halifax

Disturbing pamphlets circulate campus

by Jeremy Strong

Perhaps you have heard of the group before; they call themselves "The Heritage Front". Recently, a concerned student (who will remain nameless) approached The Journal with two pamphlets he found tacked to the bulletin board outside the Patrick Power Library on the Saint Mary's University campus.

The pamphlets contain the contact information for the Heritage Front, giving a web address, telephone number and mailing address. The pamphlets also contain not very well hidden racist sentiments. Even the logo on the front resembles the Nazi swastika.

On the back of one of the pamphlets is a list of supposed facts about crimes committed by blacks compared to those committed by whites. The top of the page says "Just the facts! What you instinctively knew, but couldn't prove here's the proof!" This statement alone alleges that a normal person's (and The Heritage Front seems to believe normal means white) instinct tells them blacks are almost solely responsible for violence in Canada. This is clearly racist, unethical and goes against what it means to be Canadian.

After listing roughly 12 biased and misrepresenting facts about crime in Canada, the pamphlet states: "As an addendum to the statistics given above, a new Justice Department crime report raised the estimated number of rapes and attempted rapes each year to 310,000, still far short of the 683,000 annual rapes reported in a 1992 study by the Senate Judiciary Committee. As might be expected, the race of the rapists was not given."

I underlined the clearly racist line that concludes this pamphlet. Which, on a page full of blatantly biased questionable facts about black people, cannot be taken any other way. This line suggests that the bulk of rapists in our country are black. Overall, this pamphlet seethes with barely contained hatred. It made me feel ill to believe that someone from Halifax stapled this to the bulletin board outside our library, and that this person

quite likely agrees with its contained message.

I also spoke with a student who received a letter from The Heritage Front, inside of which were several pieces of propaganda relating to the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. One of the pamphlets (which is also a postcard) shows the second tower being hit by one of the planes and says "The results of poorly screened immigration. Must Canada be next?" And on the back the postcard suggests that Canada deport all people of certain races, which discriminatorily categorizes people of those races as terrorists.

The second sheet of paper has a quote from Osama Bin Laden, the lead suspect currently sought for the attacks. These insensitive documents are mailed to people in the hopes of recruiting more hate volunteers.

I did some investigating and found that this is certainly not the first time such propaganda has been distributed in Atlantic Canada.

In March of 2001, about a year ago today, a story was printed in the Halifax Herald about similar pamphlets, which were found in a music store in downtown Halifax. The reporter for the Herald, Randy Jones, refers to the group as neo-Nazi in his first sentence. This led me to assume that The Heritage Front organization had been accused of racism in the past.

By logging on to their website, I found that this assumption was correct. They have a backlog of articles written about their organization (both real criticizing attacks and also propaganda laced responses to Government actions - they seem to enjoy all media attention), and I found one about their group being denied by the Adopt-A-Highway program.

The group was outraged that the Manager of the program, Mr. Brian Gaston, denied them inclusion in the Ontario Adopt-A-Highway program. Mr. Gaston denied their application on the grounds that they were

contrary to the "Charter of Rights and Freedom and the Ontario Human Rights Code."

Mr. Gaston also accused the group of being "militantly pro-white". The militant group scoffs at this decision in their online response, claiming they are one of the few groups in Canada who properly use the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Although The Heritage Front uses the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, it is an abuse and not done constitutionally or for good purposes. This group tries to use official documents to justify and protect their right to be racists. Many of their online responses to articles written about their organization mention "Freedom of Speech" and "Rights and Freedoms". But what The Heritage Front fails to comprehend is that all Canadians have these same rights and these same freedoms, including the right to exist without being persecuted for the color of skin or religious beliefs.

In their online article, The Heritage Front encourages readers to write to Mr. Gaston and others to complain about their disqualification from the Adopt-A-Highway program. I would also encourage people to write to Mr. Gaston, but for a different reason. I would say that you should write Mr. Gaston and congratulate him for standing up to a blatantly racist group of Canadians.

The Heritage Front group shows their true colors on their website. It is not even difficult to find racially slanderous statements, inferences and obviously biased articles written by members.

Many may be familiar with the name Ernst Zundel. Zundel is the man who was denied Canadian Citizenship on the grounds that he is a threat to the security of the country. Zundel is famous, or rather, infamous, for writing a controversial and much despised book entitled: Did six million really die? The truth exposed. This book asserts many Nazi ideals and also downplays the tragedy of

the Holocaust.

The Heritage Front has proclaimed its support for Zundel, and in doing so, his ideals. The Heritage Front often tries to distract attention from whom their support by masking their real agenda with false pretenses of fighting for everyday human rights and freedoms. If it is true that they only support Zundel because they believe he has a right to citizenship in Canada, then why him? Why out of all those who struggle to enter ours or other countries did The Heritage Front choose to defend Ernst Zundel, Holocaust denier? Anyone with common sense can see that The Heritage Front, is a front.

The Heritage Front is just a name to front a group of racists and hate propagandists. They try to project the image of a decent concerned Canadian citizens group, and while they fail miserably, I do believe they partially succeed in disguising the true nature of their group, which is to spread hate like

cancer (quickly and in secret). They are Canada's Ku Klux Klan; they are full of hate, misdirected and corrupted ideals. They try to abuse the legal documents and constitution of our country by claiming they are not allowed freedom of speech or expression.

I tried to contact The Heritage Front to make my disapproval known, but my telephone calls and e-mails were not replied to. It appears that the Heritage Front only replies to those interested in membership or those who praise their organization.

There are three "Chapters" of The Heritage Front in Ontario, which appears to be where the group is based and was formed. There are also three other "Chapters", one in Quebec, one in Alberta, and then there is the "East Coast Chapter", which is based right here in our own city of Halifax.

I tried to find out how to contact the Halifax chapter, so that I could find out who runs

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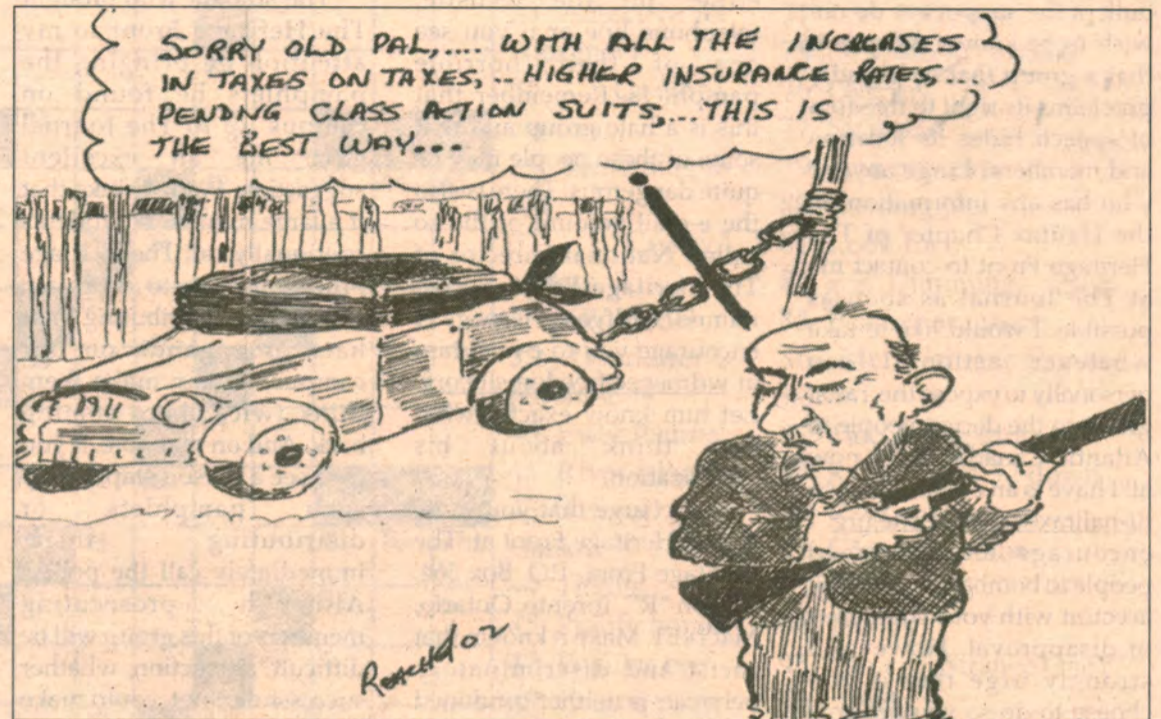
For my last serious editorial piece, I decided to pay tribute to our dedicated Editorial Cartoonist, Mike Roache, by publishing two of his comics this week. So, you are in for a much shorter piece. Enjoy.

## Too quick to complain

This is the last topic for the year, so I will keep it short and sweet. Take a look at how often you hear people, including yourself complain about something in the run of a day. Then take a look on how these frustrations and complaints are vented. Most often, I have observed that complaints are taken out on others, with whom the complaints have little to do. Why is it that we, as humans, feel this is necessary? Take as an example from campus, the Information Desk employees. I can only imagine how many times in the run of a day they are yelled at for the Coke machines taking someone's money, or for Husky Patrol being too slow. Another prime example falls with those employees who work for the Registrar's Office. Imagine having someone come up to you and getting angry with you because the course they need is full. What are you supposed to do? You are being paid to register students into the open courses while staying within the parameters outlined in your job description. Why should a student, who is considered an adult, receive preferential treatment because they could not get their registration done early? It seems ludicrous to me. Instead of resting on your laurels, get out and take charge. If you want something, go and get it. Do not procrastinate or wait longer.

There is a serious lack of respect for workers on this campus. Take for example Campus Security. Security personnel remove individuals who are too intoxicated to be present at The Gorsebrook, or other various functions, because they pose a danger to themselves and those around them. Why is it that people have a problem with this? The issue becomes even more prevalent when the individual being removed is you. I am unable to understand why and how people feel they can use pressure to try and persuade Security officers to bend the rules. Why do some people feel they are better than others?

My frustration being vented, I suggest that you take the time to thank these people for all they do for us. Realize they are just doing their job-what they are paid to do. I know it can be difficult, but try not to take your anger for things like the Coke machines eating your money out on the innocent people, such as Information Desk workers. I think we should set aside a day to thank these people for



helping us get our money back, preventing us from falling on our heads when we have drank too much, or making our days run a little more smoothly, though we may not have noticed. "To err is human, but to forgive is divine". If mistakes are made, attempt to be a little more forgiving and patient, I am sure someone else will greatly appreciate your kindness.

Go give someone a hug; share the love.

C.M.

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## Propaganda

it and the names of its members, but obviously the bulk of the supporters do not wish to be known. Why is it that a group that so proudly proclaims its right to freedom of speech hides its location and members? I urge anyone who has any information on the Halifax Chapter of The Heritage Front to contact me at The Journal as soon as possible. I would like to take whatever action I can personally to expose this racist group to the decent people in Atlantic Canada. Right now all I have is an e-mail address, [hf-halifax@freedomsite.org](mailto:hf-halifax@freedomsite.org). I encourage all concerned people to bombard this e-mail account with your comments of disapproval. However, I strongly urge that if you choose to do so you set up a temporary e-mail account with no links to your real name. The last thing you want is to be on the mailing list of a hate

group. I also strongly recommend that if you do decide to contact them with your disapproval that you are very careful not to be taken in by any of their propaganda, either on the website, telephone line or if you see one of their horrible pamphlets. Remember that this is a hate group and that some of these people may be quite dangerous. There is also the e-mail account of the so called National Director of The Heritage Front, a man named Wolfgang Droege. I encourage you to e-mail him at [wdroege@freedomsite.org](mailto:wdroege@freedomsite.org). Let him know exactly what you think about his organization.

I also urge that you write to The Heritage Front at: The Heritage Front, P.O. Box 564, Station "R", Toronto, Ontario, M4G 4E1. Make it known that racist and discriminatory behavior is neither condoned nor acceptable in our very diverse country. It is our duty as citizens to do what we can to protect the dignity of our

country by stopping hateful behavior.

Again though, I cannot stress enough that anonymity is encouraged, to protect yourself.

The student who brought The Heritage Front to my attention by bringing the pamphlets he found on campus up to The Journal gave me an excellent suggestion. Wade thinks that if a large number of students continually call The Heritage Front's hotline to complain about them distributing their hate propaganda on our campus; it may make them think twice about coming back. And on that note, if you ever see a person stapling up such pamphlets or distributing them, immediately call the police. Although prosecuting members of this group will be difficult, any action, whether successful or not, could make a difference.

In closing, the pamphlets found on campus says that The Heritage Front was "founded in 1989 as an organization of ordinary Canadian men and women who are dedicated to the European values and traditions upon which this country was originally founded."

Perhaps one might say that the values and traditions this country was originally founded on - like virtually destroying the native culture that inhabited the land, using

## Student action

by Eric McLeod and Robert Parker

A few weeks ago, a group of Dalhousie students began camping on the quad in solidarity with their striking professors. The tent-city was dubbed "camp travesty" in reference to Dal President, Tom Traves. The students articulated that the strike went beyond money—the students and their profs are upset with the status quo; essentially, they see decisions which directly influence their education (and their pocketbooks) being made by a cadre who are neither elected nor responsible to the University. The students, and the professors, are the University.

On Tuesday, the BOG (Board of Governors) and the President, Tom Traves, were served their pink slips by the students. "The students feel that you are responsible for the crisis [since] you have adopted a rigid position on the issues in the current labour dispute with the [Dalhousie Faculty Association], and

refused to negotiate in good faith, particularly in relation to the replacement of full-time faculty." On Thursday, the students pushed it up another notch: the camp moved from the lawn to the President's offices.† Activist Ezra Edelstein also charges the upper echelons of Dal power, are far too unaccountable for his tastes: "I think they've remained far too anonymous, from researching them I think there is a lot of potential conflicts of interest."

Traves and the BOG wish to be able to replace full-time profs, as they retire, with part-timers.† Many profs will be retiring in the next few years.† Part-time profs have much less recourse against unfair labour practices; also, the BOG can charge far less money.

Adam Squibb, during a "lie-in" outside the offices two weeks ago Friday, said: "It's a symbolic statement.† We've been walked over by the administration for a long time; they might as well just go ahead and actually walk over us."

## Day of the land protest

by G(eneral). U(nion). of P(alestine). S(tudents).

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1976, Palestinian residents of the town of Galilee and residents of several other towns held massive demonstrations to protest yet another Israeli order to confiscate Palestinian properties. In retaliation, the Israeli government issued a direct order to shoot and imprison anyone who participated in the demonstrations. As a result of these extreme measures, six Palestinians were murdered and hundreds of others were thrown in Israeli prisons.

The confiscation of land and the demolition of Palestinian homes are practiced indiscriminately and routinely by the Israeli government since the occupation in 1948.

The building of Jewish settlements has made hundreds of thousands of Palestinians homeless and forced them to take refuge in several Arab countries. In 1999, statistics showed a total of 10,476 homes were destroyed, bringing the total of Palestinians refugees to 3.3 million. The Israeli government claims that the land is necessary for security purposes and military zones. However, the truth of the matter is that the Palestinian land was used to build Jewish settlements. Under the Fourth

Geneva convention, it is illegal to expropriate land, and it is an unjustifiable criminal act. Yet, the Israeli government appears to be above international law.

In recognition of the 1976 tragedy, Palestinians around the world called the 30<sup>th</sup> of March the "Day of the Land" in memory of the Palestinians who lost their lands and homes. The Day of the Land signifies the suffering and diaspora that the Palestinians people have experienced for over the past 53 years of occupation, and sadly enough, still continue to suffer from.†This year, the General Union of Palestine Students plans to hold a demonstration on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> in commemoration of the "Day of the Land".†The demonstration will begin in front of the Public Gardens at 2:00pm.

The G.U.P.S. is asking students to support the Palestinian struggle by taking a few hours out of their weekend to protest the unlawful killing and occupation by the Israeli government.

For additional information, please check:

<http://www.un.org>

<http://www.badil.org>

For additional information on Canada's involvement in the peace process check:

<http://dfait-maeci.gc.ca/peaceprocess>

Chinese slaves to build our railroads, and continually persecuting those of different race, color, religion, and gender up to this very day - might not be the kind of

traditions we want to dedicate ourselves to.

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## Help wanted?

by Christina Dick & Jackie Janes

The school year is almost complete and the job search has begun. Whether you are seeking postgraduate career opportunities or a summer position there are many

means of the Public Service Commission and now do so internally. CCRA provides protection at Canada's borders, collects taxes, and also delivers social and economic benefits on behalf of the federal government. The CCRA offers many exciting

specific region as well as specific job categories. The site is updated daily providing a complete and diverse listing of jobs and careers throughout the country. [www.monster.ca](http://www.monster.ca)

This interactive website allows prospective employees the opportunity to post resumes and view various job postings across North America. Employers then have the ability to review applicants in an effort to fill positions. The site also includes links to various resources that may be both helpful and directional.

[www.cooljobscanada.ca](http://www.cooljobscanada.ca)

This site offers a comprehensive listing of hotel and resort jobs across North America and Australia. It also allows individuals to post their resumes with an easy to follow instruction set. The jobs listed are situated in unique and exciting setting and provide an excellent gateway to explore and work around the world.

[www.herald.ns.ca](http://www.herald.ns.ca)

By a simple click to the classified section the job opportunities of the day are at your fingertips. Although the information provided in many of the ads is somewhat vague, they do provide an excellent source of contact information.

[www.jobs.gc.ca](http://www.jobs.gc.ca)

The Public Service Commission of Canada offers a variety of positions in each of the federal departments, some of which include: Fisheries and Oceans, Justice, Indian and Northern Affairs and the Human Rights Commission. The positions are offered throughout Canada and include a competitive salary and excellent benefits. Also located in the Public Service Commission website is a link to the Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP). Included is the link to their specific application process. Once the online application is complete the applicant is added to a pool and can be drawn for positions within various sectors of the federal government. In the past year FSWEP referred more than 8,000 applicants to positions within the government.

Positions fill quickly this time of year and the resources available should make your search rather simple. The job market is highly competitive and the best strategy of all is to start looking soon. Happy hunting.

## Sinner or saint?

by Steven Marques



The opinions expressed by the writer alone, and are not necessarily those of The Journal, Saint Mary's University or its' affiliates.

Well, it has been an eventful week for all of us. The fact that we can feel the crush of exams, assignments, labs, and presentations bearing down on us means that there is no better time to insert a world-wide party to blow off some steam and give us an excuse to do some excessive drinking. Though we don't really need an excuse to drink. St. Patty was a pretty cool dude. Supposedly, he drove the snakes out of Ireland, well, maybe that was the pied piper I am not sure. But hey, he is immortalized as the patron Saint of little green leprechauns, shamrocks, and green ale, and for this we give him thanks and get really drunk, just as he would want us too.

St. Patrick's day is one of the days in which alcohol is consumed in large quantities; more patrons swill beer on this day than on any other day. Knowing this day involves a lot of alcohol, bar owners and managers look forward to this annual event as an increase to their sales and revenue. And, rightfully so. However, at what lengths do these industries go to generate profits?

Bars are governed by a Liquor Board which has stipulations to how to serve, sell, regulate, and enforce, the consumption of alcohol. These rules apply year round and are not exempt on any particular day, including St. Patty's Day. Unfortunately, these rules are not always followed or adhered to, such as our own Gorsebrook Lounge on campus. The rules are governed and enforced by the Halifax liquor commission. The commission advises that bartenders limit and cut-off customers when they have had too much to drink, and not keep serving them, even though they continue to order. This is especially the case, if these customers have been drinking for several hours, which often occurs on St. Patty's. This seems like a great deal of responsibility for the

bartender to be aware of; however, it is their burden. This was a rule that had seemed to be overseen on Sunday the intoxication of many grew, as did profits.

This article is not to place blame, only to raise the questions of why. Why were a certain group of individuals segregated from the rest of bar goers in having to have a posting position of campus security directly beside them? Why were certain individuals barred from the campus pub?

These individuals were barred with no reports coming from the bar managers, who would be thought necessary in the deciding of a punishment of this nature.

Well, maybe it was security. Whose call was it anyway? Should be the next question. If no consultation with any bar managers and no security reports describing the issue, it would appear that this specific group were being made to be a scapegoat. An example for others. Does this seem unjust?

The actions of these individuals were not of saints; as many others on this day of rest. However, the actions following suit in suspending their privileges without following procedure and filing reports or input from those bar managers, appears to be rather fishy. It is not fair for this group to be constantly monitored like prisoners or potential criminals about to commit a felony.

This just seems like bad biz. The concern should be placed on the patrons, not the bars pockets. The rules established should be followed year round without exception. No need to view certain groups differently than others. Security is there for the bar patrons. However, in doing a job, this security staff should have the word sacrifice silk screened on the inside of their shirts. This meaning they sacrifice themselves for the security of others not the other way around. Something is "rank in Denmark", or should I say Ireland.



resources available within arms reach. The days have past when looking for "help wanted" signs in windows was your best bet; today it is as simple as sitting in front of your computer. The Internet has proven to be the most efficient resource when job hunting. There are many websites catering to these needs. The following is a list and brief review of a few of these sites.

[www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/careers](http://www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/careers)

Over the past few years Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) has departed from hiring by

careers in a variety of fields including: Auditing, Customs Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, Administration, Clerical, and others. The website lists a variety of positions throughout Canada at a variety of levels including summer and postgraduate positions.

[www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)

The federal department of Human Resource Development Canada has put together a great site which allows you to explore employment opportunities coast to coast. The site allows the search to be narrowed to a





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## Bridges and Wicks are it

Press Release

Two management professors have been awarded for their hard work both in and outside the classroom by students in The Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce.

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in aiding students in their business studies and extra curricular activities on campus."

Dr. Wicks is an Associate Professor of Management and Chairperson of the Department of Management

Atlantic Canada's most talked about business events.

Francis, who assumed editorial leadership of Canada's Business Voice in 1991, has made The Post more informative and controversial than ever before. She has also



photos by Georgia Gosse

schools have voted Dr. David Wicks and Chuck Bridges as the top Commerce Professors of the Year.

They were both presented with their award at the Saint Mary's University Commerce Society's 28th Annual Business Dinner, held Wednesday evening in the Saint Mary's Loyola Conference Hall.

The event attracted a large number of students, faculty, government, and business people from across the region, all of whom applauded as Dr. Wicks was presented with the Full-Time Professor of the Year Award, and Bridges, with the Part-Time Professor of the Year Award.

"Dr. Wicks and Bridges are two professors who demonstrate excellence in teaching in the classroom," says Jonathan Miles, Vice-President of External Affairs for the Saint Mary's Commerce Society. "As well, both are very supportive

in the Frank H. Sobey Faculty of Commerce.

Bridges teaches management courses and is the Vice-President (Assoc.) External Affairs at Saint Mary's University. He also recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAEE).

Diane Francis, Chief Editor of the Financial Post and business columnist for the National Post, was last night's keynote speaker at one of

initiated improvements of the newspaper's coverage of financial markets and of investment opportunities, making it a popular newspaper for business, investment and political news, and its Opinion pages, which often propel the national agenda.

"The Saint Mary's Commerce Society is grateful for the assistance from students, staff, faculty and external organizations in making our event a success," adds Miles.

The Business Development Bank of Canada was the sponsor of the Saint Mary's University Commerce Society's 28th Annual Business Dinner.

The Business Development Bank of Canada plays a leadership role in delivering financial and consulting services to Canadian's small and medium size businesses, with a strong focus on the emerging and exporting sectors of the economy. They offer services in both English and French and hold over 80 branches across Canada.

The Saint Mary's University Commerce Society is a student run organization, whose mandate is to supplement the classroom experience of commerce students with practical experiences.



## Special feature

Local entrepreneur wanted

by Steven Marques

Many people dream of making millions and driving suped up cars, and being economically free. Free from nine to five jobs, supervisors and deadlines. Well, like many students aspiring to become entrepreneur's, Roger King is attempting this avenue. Roger has started a small business called U.S Sports Nutrition, specializing in supplying eastern Canada with U.S supplements at a low retail price. Perfect timing for getting buff for the upcoming beach season. Roger started last November when he met a U.S wholesaler at a trade show. Realizing the opportunity to bring this service to Halifax and the Maritimes, he gambled, and it is paying off.

Roger began

primarily working with the wholesale, targeting gyms and stores that didn't attract the larger nutrition company reps. His focus has now shifted to the retail market. He began in hiring knowledgeable sales representatives on a strict commission basis contract, seven in all designated around HRM. The result is a small business that grosses up to \$10,000 in sales monthly.

Roger attempts to expand through advertising campaigns consisting of newsprints and catch phrase T-shirts.

To contact Roger King and U.S Sport Nutrition, you can e-mail at [ussn2002@hfx.eastlink.ca](mailto:ussn2002@hfx.eastlink.ca) or call U.S.S.N at (902) 830-9205.

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## Speedbag on the street

This weekend most of the North American television audience sat in front of their boob-tubes and let the Academy decide exactly what flicks were the best of last years crop. I myself didn't catch the Oscars, I had to work and seeing as I work at a video store I feel as if it's ok that I missed them. So, I decided to use pop culture as my question for the week and scour the school for those who wished to throw in their two cents.

The questions, as they would appear on a Oscar ballot, are

- 1) Did you watch the Oscars? Why or why not?
- 2) What do you think should have won for best picture and who should have won for best actor / actress?
- 3) Why do you think Russell Crowe grew his hair long?

### Danielle Cullen

1) No I didn't because I'm a damn lazy bastard.

2) In The Bedroom / Will Smith because he's hot / Me...because I'm hot

3) He growing it because he wants to fit the stereotypical surfer boy look but he's really from New Zealand so he's really a loser.



Laura Maillet

- 1) No, I was working.
- 2) Lord of the Rings / Sean

hot.

- 3) He doing it because Tom Cruise did it and he wants to be cool like him.

### Jenni Bodis

1) Part of them, just so I could see the dresses.

2) Moulin Rouge / Sean Penn / Halle Berry

3) Midlife crisis. He's worried that he's not hot anymore, but

he never was anyway.



Matt Cameron

1) Parts of it, I was cooking supper at the time.

2) LOTR deserved it / Russell Crowe did a great job but I didn't see the other four nominees so I can't really comment / I didn't see a single movie in this category. Renee Zellweger should have got it because she's hot.

3) Matt didn't answer this question because I forgot to ask it. STUPID, SO STUPID!



Ed Hartling

1) Just the first couple awards. I had to go to the bars.

2) LOTR / Denzel / Halle Berry. I didn't see the movie but I just love her.

3) It's to fit his bad boy attitude that he has now, after his poem interruption.



Jason Ellsworth

1) I watched part of it but then Jackass came on.

2) LOTR, but I never saw A Beautiful Mind / Sean Penn / Hale Berry, but for her body in Swordfish.

3) He's trying to be like me but he'll never have the curls.



Jon Saunders

1) I did. I just wanted to see if my picks won.

2) LOTR / Denzel / Halle Berry

3) Maybe it's to throw the kidnappers off his trail.



Jeff Warford

1) No, I was sleeping (rough Charter Night).

2) Beautiful Mind / Russell Crowe / Nicole Kidman

3) He's trying to get that artsy look going on

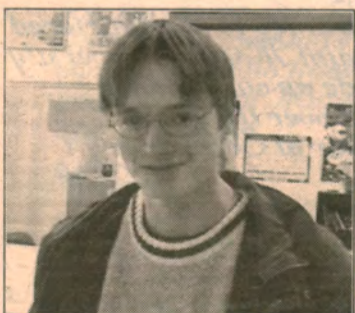


Kara Gammell

1) Yes, part of it. It's too damn long and I get antzy.

2) I don't know but I am glad that In the Bedroom didn't win / Denzel / Nicole Kidman

3) Because he is settling down now with a new woman and he is letting himself go, but he is still kinda hot.



Bruce Miller

1) No, I don't care about movies.

2) LOTR / Russell Crowe / Nicole Kidman

3) So he can put it into dreds and in ten years he can be some cool hipster.



Rob Parker

1) No way. I value my time more than that.

2) Don't know, don't care.

3) To annoy me.



Colleen Hall

1) I only watched the red carpet because that's all I was interested in and I had to write an essay.

2) Moulin Rouge / Denzel / Nicole Kidman

3) For an upcoming role maybe?



# Charter D

## AWARDS AND RECIPIENTS



### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

*This award is given to any student who has been a valuable aid to the Students' Association and the students of Saint Mary's University.*

#### WINNERS

*Leanne White  
James Key-Wallace  
Greg Dickie  
Jonathan Miles  
Benjamin Chambers*

### CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION

*This award is given to any student who has made an outstanding contribution to the Students of Saint Mary's University.*

#### WINNERS

*Heidi Degg  
Ava Muir  
Chad Babin  
James Duncan  
Donald Landes*

### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

*This award is given to that student at Saint Mary's in her/his first year deemed the outstanding Santamarian among freshman.*

#### WINNER

*Rob McIver*

### SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR

*This is awarded to that student deemed the most outstanding Santamarian among students of sophomore standing.*

#### WINNER

*Juliette Gonsalves*

### JUNIOR OF THE YEAR

*This is awarded to that student deemed the most outstanding Santamarian among students of junior standing.*

#### WINNER

*Jonathan Kincade*

### SENIOR OF THE YEAR

*This is awarded to that student deemed the most outstanding Santamarian among students of senior standing.*

#### WINNER

*Cecilia Matthews*

### GRADUATE OF THE YEAR

*This is awarded to that student deemed the most outstanding Santamarian among students of graduate status.*

#### WINNER

*Steven Lane*



### LITERARY "A"

*This is granted to those students/faculty for literary contribution to the University.*

#### WINNERS

*Katie Keyhoe  
Jan Johnston  
Jon Bruhm*

### HONOURARY GOLD "A"

*The highest award granted non-students for their contribution to student affairs at the University.*

#### WINNER

*Blake Nill*

### SILVER "A"

*The second highest award granted by the Students' Association to those graduating or graduate students who have excelled in extra-curricular activities in the area of student affairs during their stay at Saint Mary's.*

#### WINNER

*Patrick Daigle*

### GOLD "A"

*The highest award granted by the Students' Association to those graduating or graduate students who have given outstanding contributions and have excelled in extra-curricular activities in the area of student affairs during their stay at Saint Mary's.*

#### WINNER

*Daniel Carroll*

### SOCIETY OF THE YEAR

*An award granted to the chartered society at Saint Mary's University who is deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to student activities during the preceding year.*

#### WINNERS

*SMAC  
Engineering*

### MOST IMPROVED SOCIETY OF THE YEAR

*An award granted to the chartered society at Saint Mary's University who has made an outstanding improvement over the past academic year at Saint Mary's University.*

#### WINNER

*CS*

### REV. J. J. HENNESSEY

### S. J. MEDALLION

*This award is presented to that student who is deemed to be the greatest contributor to extra-curricular activities and has exhibited the spirit of being an outstanding Santamarian over the preceding year.*

#### WINNERS

*Scott Covey  
Chakib Najm*

# ay Awards

## AWARDS AND RECIPIENTS

### STUDENT LEADER

The award presented to the student at Saint Mary's who has shown the greatest leadership abilities during the preceding year.

#### WINNER

Paul Deveau

### GAMES RYAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Given to that member of the University Community who has given outstanding service to SMUSA.

#### WINNER

Sail Potter

### HAROLD G. BEAZLEY AWARD

Presented to the individual or group external to the University who has given the greatest assistance to SMUSA.

#### WINNER

Aramark

### KENDON MATHESON MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given to the student whose quiet contributions have gone unnoticed while at Saint Mary's.

#### WINNER

Savin Beck

### THOMAS WHITTY MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given to the SMUSA Student Staff Member who best exemplifies the qualities of kindness, unselfishness, and dedication to their work, which made Thomas Whitty such a valued part of St. Mary's University.

#### WINNER

Stacey MacNeil

### RHIAN MOOD MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given to the student who is deemed most outstanding Santamarian among students who have contributed to Intramurals at Saint Mary's University.

#### WINNER

Dave Possom

### DRIFTWOOD AWARD

This award started as a gag award but now has some prestige. It recognizes students or members of the university community who have committed many years to Saint Mary's but they just won't move on.

#### WINNER

Samantha Saltibus

### EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

#### WINNERS

Cathy Quinlan

Suzanne Fitzgerald

Jill Shaw

Jason Ellsworth

Steve Halfyard

Jeff Saudel



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## The G-Spot: Getting nothing but grief

by Kara Gammell  
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They say hindsight is 20/20. I guess "they", whoever they might be, have been right on the money on more than one occasion in my life. Many situations of this past semester are what I like to call "good from far, but far from good". My roommates and I were reminiscing about all the past sexual mistakes we have made, and some appear funnier than others. We came up with a few basic rules to keep in mind for future reference. And ladies, these are for you:

- Never trust a man with two first names. Experience has shown us that this is our first and most tested rule. Hands down, all around. We have no reasoning for this one, just bad luck.

- Avoid having relations with someone who gets your name wrong. A boy who cannot remember your name, no matter how drunk he is, is not worth the whisker burn.

- Never date a guy who will only date you during the week. Especially when you go to his house you notice a large number of empty picture frames. Yup, that's right, he has a girlfriend and you are the bitch he is cheating on her with - took one lady a few too many weeknight dates to catch onto that bastard.

- One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, (insert guy's name here). Alcohol may be a social lubricant, but it doesn't help you slip out of an apartment and avoid the walk of shame in your outfit from the night before any more easily.

- A guy, that when parking his car, continues to advance until he hits the wall of the building, is without a doubt an oddity and nothing good can result from that. Who does that anyway? Looked good on paper that guy, what a shame.

- Also, never go on a blind date with an "older" man. No matter how small the age difference, we've come to realize that "older and more mature" as great as that sounds, really means "wears cowboy boots and has a collection of fanny packs".

- What may seem like a good idea at the pub, will not in the morning. And without a doubt, in let's say around six weeks, it can, and will still haunt you like the memory of the time you got humped by a black Labrador retriever in front of your entire eighth grade industrial arts class. And try as you might, it is

impossible to let the memory of a drunken hookup ever become "faded" on this campus. Trust me, I've tried.

Having gotten that off my chest, I have decided that it's about time

I start seeing the fruits of my labour. I've had the pleasure of writing this column every week and now, all of a sudden, the letters are flooding in like female ejaculate. They are coming from everywhere and anywhere and let's just say my hands are more than full. I have decided to publish all the questions that I have gotten this week, even the ones that I normally wouldn't, except for the one about the guy who goes down on himself. There seems to be an onslaught of questions that I question the authenticity of, but who am I to judge?

So, finally for once this year and for the second last issue, I can be choosy. Because let's be honest - up until now, the only big contributor I had, never actually wrote me any questions, although he sure didn't mind lending me his pencil. So, here they are: the worst contributions to the G-Spot.

**Q: Why do guys insist that if they had boobs, they would play with them all day?**

**A:** Why? What kind of question is that? It's quite simple really: guys have a penis and they play with it all the time, so it only makes sense that if they had boobs they would do just the same.

**Q: What's the strangest term you have ever heard for**

**male masturbation?**

**A:** Three words - feeding the geese.

**Q: What does it mean if my girlfriend needs to watch porn in order to have good sex? It can't be because she doesn't think I am hot, because I am.**

**A:** Well, good for you. You say that you're hot, yet you can't understand why she likes porn. According to sexologist Anne Hopper, a dependence on porn could mean any of the following: your partner may have problems getting sexually excited and finds that this helps her with arousal and orgasm problems. She may have unintentionally conditioned herself to become aroused in response to porn, perhaps because she got used to masturbating to porn as a teenager. Or it could mean that she just likes porn - believe it or not - some girls do. Repeat after me, girls can watch porn too, and some girls really, really like it. And let's be frank here, at the end of the day, this may not even be a "problem" because obviously she feels comfortable enough in your relationship to share this aspect of her sexuality.

**Q: Everytime I talk to a hottie, she gets nip-ons. But, when I ask her what it is about me that turns her on, she gets pissed and tells me to go fuck myself. These girls want me don't they and are just playing hard to get - right?**

**A:** Oh, hell yeah. I mean,

we both know that it is never cold in the city of Halifax, especially in the ole Patrick Power on a dark night in January. So, absoul-frickin'-lutely - those girls, definitely want you.

**Q: What is the northeast thrust?**

**A:** This one cracks me up, probably because I had to resort to asking my guy friends about this one, and not only did they have a definition, but I also got a demonstration. What this is has nothing to do with the weather; it has to do with the penile penetration. (FYI: the demonstration I viewed did not involve touching me whatsoever - though I would clear that one up before you all start getting the wrong idea here) Apparently, from the perspective of the penis, it is inserted northerly into the vagina and then thrust to the east to create a different sensation. North - East. Nothing too fancy, nothing too complicated, but word on the street is that no one can even tell the difference.

**Q: So, I have a question (obviously). What point during the menstrual cycle is the "best" time to get a PAP test done? I know it's not at the end - that's useless and yucky! I know I've been told this before but I just can't seem to remember.**

**A:** Alright, so I am trying to sneak an educational question in, so kill me. When I worked with Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic, we would recommend to clients that they book an

appointment for approximately the tenth day of their cycle, which is ten days after your period started. Day one of your period is day one of your cycle, not the other way around where you think that your period is the end (damn those birth control calendars). This way it is easier to collect a specimen for the lab and don't have to go for a repeat Pap because chances are you love "scootching down" as much as the rest of us. And at least this way, you're getting more bang for your buck.

**Q: I am thinking of piercing my penis myself. Think this is a good idea???**

**A:** Hell no! Hot damn, that would hurt, and I don't even have a penis. You have to be careful when you start piercing your genitalia, because one can do some serious damage down there. Many people think that this will increase sexual pleasure, but quite often the opposite is true. Any damage to the penis will cause the development of scar tissue, which by nature lacks sensitivity. The main appeal of piercing lies in the fact that a partner may find it titillating. Penis piercing may offer slightly different sensations to a partner during intercourse, but are unlikely to make a huge difference.

And for the love of god and all that is holy, don't do it yourself. Treat yourself, spend a few bucks and have it done right. You only have one of those bad boys, you don't want it all mangled. Dear lord, I feel weak.

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## Badder and bloodier

by Sean F. Hamilton

*Blade 2*, wow. What more is there to say about this movie? I love the first one with an unhealthy passion, like the dark arts themselves. *Blade*, a veritable pleasure to watch time and time again, was a movie begging for a sequel and now we have finally received our just deserts.

Wesley Snipes reprises his role as the man-vamp with an attitude. He takes this role to the same plateau that made me love the first film. He's always wearing the shades and slamming stakes into mutated vampires, what more could you ask for? The movie, a bit lacking when compared to the originality of the first, is a gore-obsessed, cheese-loving film. Don't expect a lot of serious overtones or a message. *Blade 2* is a film that looks only to please those of us interested in effects and action. This movie centers around the fact that the vampires are pushed down a notch on the food chain. A virus has created a vampiresque creature that preys on humans and vampires and this bad boy mutant doesn't have a hint of prejudice in him. The big deal is that this mutant, after biting a victim, infects people and creates more of his own kind at an exponential rate. This movie sports a plethora of

effects that surrounds the mutant and just how damn cool he is. This movie also has a side plot that is quite easy to predict and somewhat boring.

I'm not going to preach that *Blade 2* is a historical achievement in film making, but it does show us that the summer blockbusters will soon be here. It also represents a trend in movies lately. We've been seeing more and more comic book movies being made in the past few years. I myself am fine with this; I love comics and movies both as much as the other. Yet, I do worry about the honesty that some movies will keep to in the future. With flicks like *Spiderman* and *X-men 2* coming out soon I hope that I don't have to slap customers in the face when they try to argue semantics with me. I sure as hell don't want to give someone a beat down when they tell me that *Spiderman* didn't create his webbing, but rather that it's a super power that he has CAUSE IT ISN'T! Well enough of that, go grab your leather pants, sunglasses, and a big bucket of popcorn because

*Blade 2* is a movie that will get you in the mood for that long summer of sitting in an air conditioned theatre trying to free yourself of the heat.

## "We all like loud"

by Jon Bruhm

Who should one picture when we hear the term Nu Metal? Some people think of Linkin Park and Incubus. Others visualize Staind and Finger Eleven. More envision the likes of Slipknot or Korn. But according to Mike Rizkalla of Bucket Truck, his band does not fall into this category.

Rizkalla, the Creative Director of the award-winning Collideascope Digital Productions by day, feels that "Nu Metal is more about image than it is about music...I think of the Limp Bizkit crap, where tattoos mean more than the music." Furthermore, he states that "We're a testosterone band, but there's no sexist or racist messages in any of our songs," contrary to the views often conveyed by several of the groups to whom his band is compared.

To put into perspective where Bucket Truck's style originates, each member of the sextet comes from a hardcore/punk background. Rizkalla remarked that his musical taste includes "everything that's loud, and I know that the rest of the guys are the same way." Big on bands such as System of a Down, Refused and At The Drive-In, he describes his group as "metal/hardcore/punk all rolled up

in one big mess." According to the guitarist, "I don't really have any problem with people calling us metal, punk, or anything else - I don't care. But, if someone were to ask me what I think we are, I don't think that we're Nu Metal. I just think that we're really loud."

Bucket Truck recently suffered a major setback. Since their move from Newfoundland to Nova Scotia, the band has released an acclaimed album, 2001's "Waiting to Talk", has embarked on successful tours, and has performed alongside numerous notable acts as Our Lady Peace, Green Day, and they are scheduled to play with SUM 41 in their hometown of St. John's in a few weeks. Everything seemed to be going their way...until the bomb dropped.

Bassist, songwriter, and co-founder of the band, Jud Haynes, has decided to leave the band, in a decision which has shocked his band-mates and the local music community. "He was an integral part [of the band], so it's weird to have him leave," said fellow co-founder and songwriter Rizkalla, "There were some issues there with touring and stuff and it just burned him out to the point where he felt like he had to go."

Haynes' band-mates took the news hard at first. "Everyone was mad and sad at the same time," said Rizkalla. While his decision to leave the band is not ideal, life will go on for Bucket Truck. "The whole Jud leaving thing has brought us closer together."

The split is amicable, according to Rizkalla. "It's like changing jobs. You don't always leave a job on bad terms." Also, Haynes is not completely finished with the band. In fact, he plans to participate in local shows and small tours until a suitable replacement is found, and has even offered to teach his successor the parts to Bucket Truck's songs. "He really wants to see the band succeed, but he just doesn't want to be in the band while we're doing it."

So while the chapter is nearly closed, the book ain't done. You can catch Haynes and Bucket Truck when they perform with King Benny at The Marquee Club on Saturday, March 30th. Rizkalla put it best when he said: "Expect it to be loud, rude, obnoxious and fun...If you're coming down to see a rock band, you won't like it. But if you're coming down to see a loud and obnoxious rock band, then you'll probably like it."

## On Top Of It All

March 27th - April 2nd

by Jon Bruhm

**Thursday:** KC's sunshine band The Gadjets with The New Breed and The Brokehearts at The Marquee as RangeLife explodes in Hell...Freaky Flow ... MC Flipside 'Keep it Live' at The Attic...Skratch Bastid with a rumoured appearance by Classified at The Velvet Olive...Inland jam at the T-Room...Day 1 of Punkfest at The Pavilion with The Plan and more.

**Friday:** Day 2 of Punkfest at The Pavilion with The Gadjets, The Dean Malenkos and more...Pretty much everything else is closed for Good Friday.

**Saturday:** \*\*Bucket Truck and King Benny like it loud at The Marquee\*\* with Amy Campbell, Rose Cousins, Craig Cardiff kicking off the BattleAxe Folk Songwriters Showcase in Hell...Chris Colepaugh & The Cosmic Crew and Heavy Meadows trip up to The Attic...RangeLife orbit The Planet...Dead Red and Jokes Over wrap up Punkfest at The Pavilion.


**Sunday:** Shadowplay raise the dead at The Marquee Club with ex-Eric's Tripper Julie Doiron solo in Hell.

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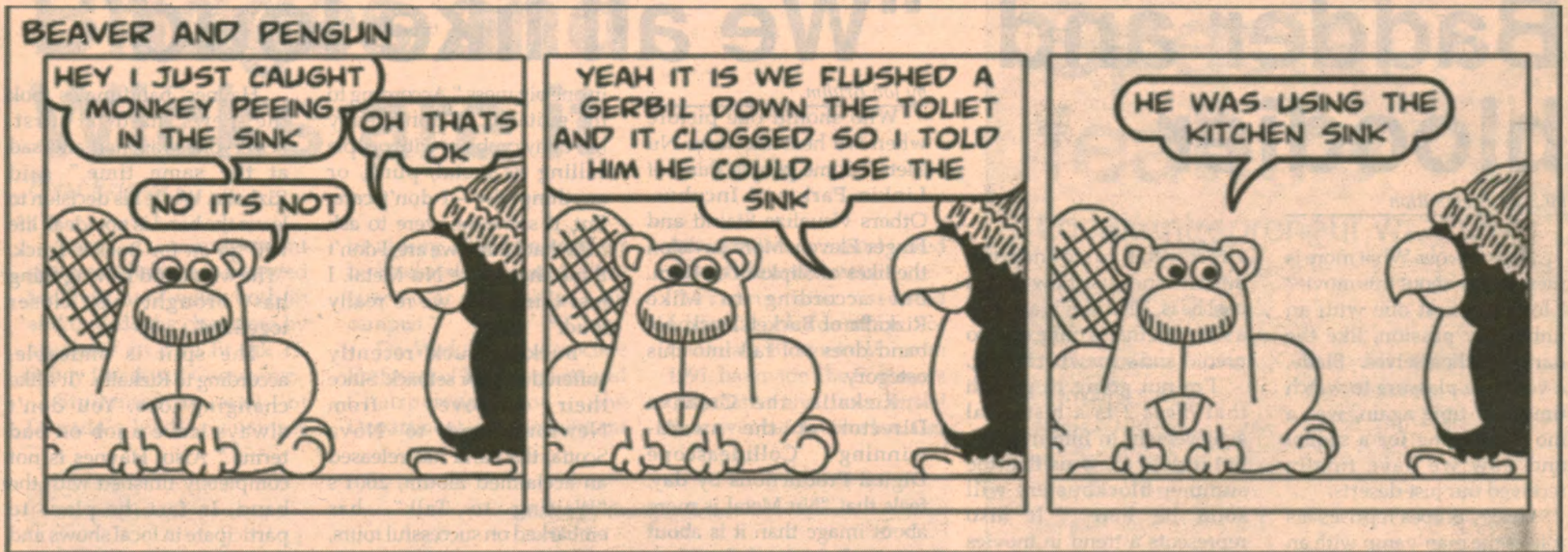
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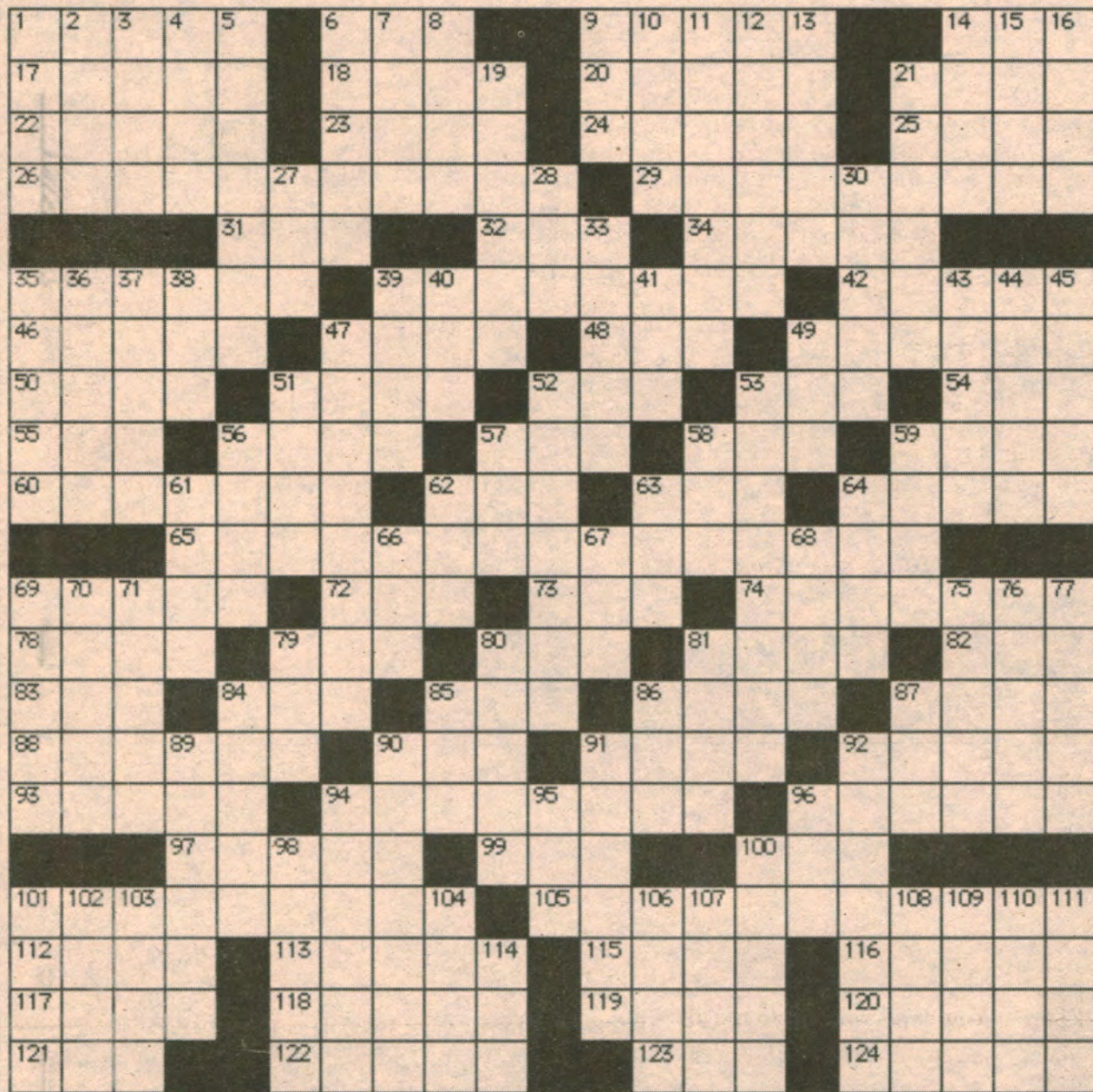
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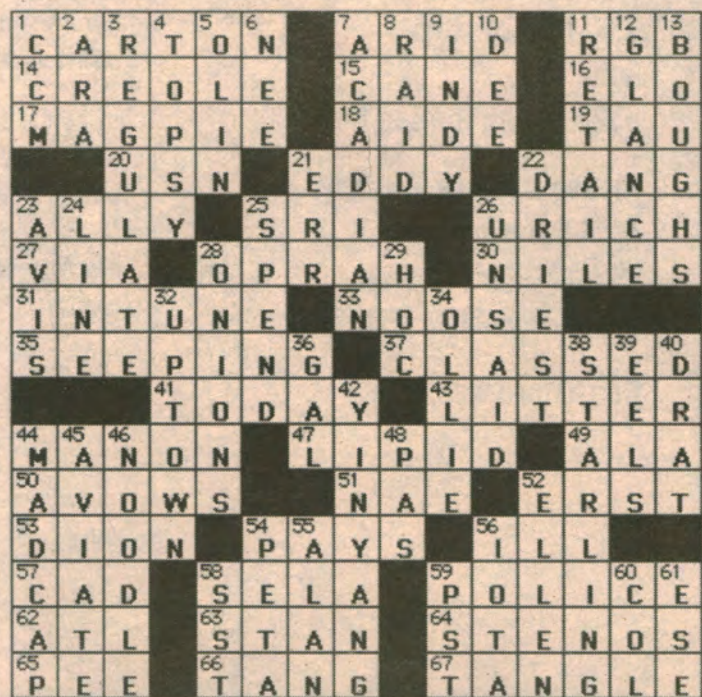
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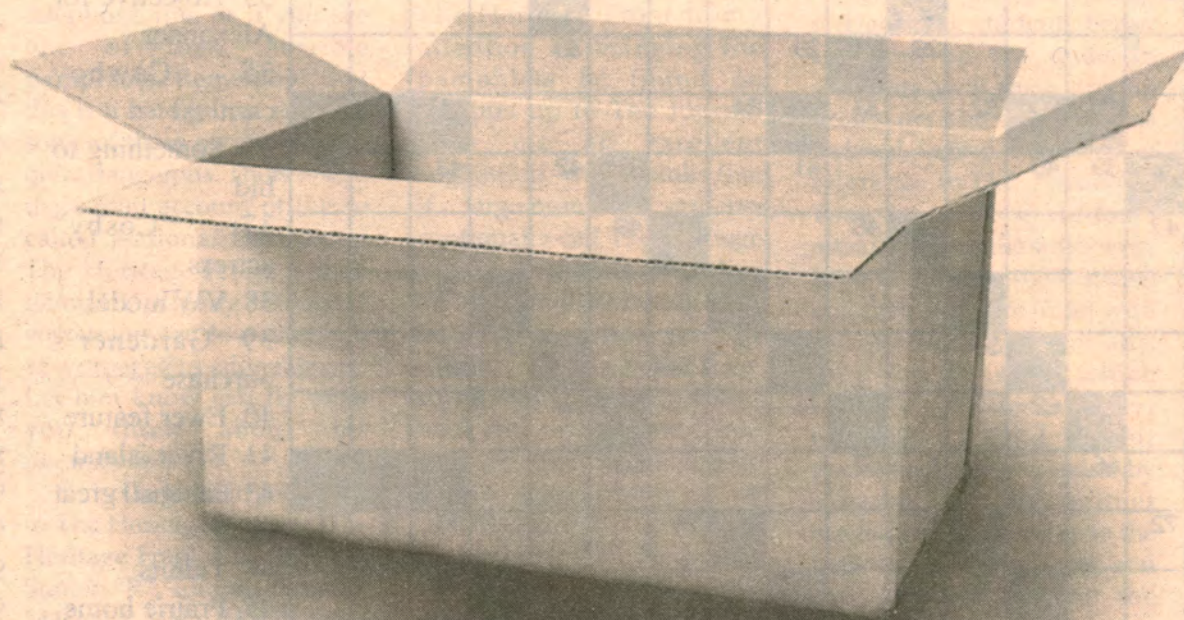
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## From the mouth of pros

Part two of the Journal interview with Winnipeg Bluebombers Herald Nash and Antonio Armstrong

by Daniel Bonner

Two weeks ago, the Journal brought you an interview with Winnipeg Bluebombers Herald Nash and Antonio Armstrong. This week part two of the interview, focusing on dealing with adversity, and dealing with success.

With 99% of the people who pursue professional football being unable to realize their dreams, it is invariable that there was a key person or two along the way that really made a difference. For these two professionals this was certainly the case.

**HN:** "For me, I think as far as football goes, it would have to be a coach I had in my first year in Shreveport, (former Acadia coach) John Hewitt. He took to me pretty fast, I was the kind of guy he liked, I did my job and kept my mouth shut. Coach Steve Dennis, another coach at Shreveport, said to me, 'one day someone gave me an opportunity, so my gift is to give someone else an opportunity.' There were guys at that camp just as good as me, but for some reason they decided that I was their pick. That moment right there

made my transition into pro football possible. I could name a slew of other people outside of football, like my mother and father for instance, but within football I think that the coaching staff at Shreveport really helped me get on my way."

**AA:** "I would start with my mother definitely. Inside the game of football I would have to say Coach Bob Davies (former coach of Notre Dame) and one of his assistants Kirk Doull, coaches at Texas A&M. They brought me into A&M when I was just a raw talent and really didn't know much about football. At the time I thought they were the cruelest people to ever walk the earth, but now I realize they were just trying to put some fire in me. Now I can see that they molded me into the football player I am today."

Herald Nash certainly knows what losing is like in the CFL, beginning his career with the dismal Shreveport Pirates, of the doomed expansion to the United States. The Pirates lost a lot of games, and therefore the fans never really turned out,

thus spelling an end to the expansion. Did American football fans just not like Canadian football? Mr. Nash certainly doesn't think so.

**HN:** "They really enjoyed it. It's an exciting game to watch, you can't take that away from them. I think it would have done well in Shreveport, but we didn't put the product on the field. I think there were a number of factors why it was unsuccessful, but the fans, they loved it. They would have meetings at night to figure out how they could keep this team here. So, you can't take anything away from the game, because it was a really exciting game to watch. But in Shreveport, we had to put the product on the field. I mean, the last game of the season we had 32,000 people, but again, the Americans are patient at times, but if they see no progress, they just let the bottom fall out from underneath us. They were like 'no, we can't deal with this, it's not first class,' in terms of football, it had to be first class. And we didn't give them that, and that was just the boots of

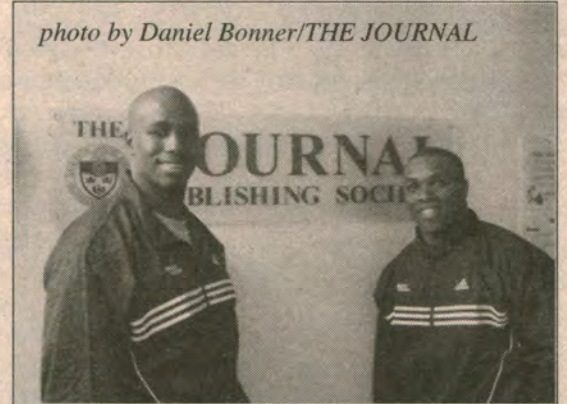
it all."

Antonio Armstrong has experienced his share of adversity in his attempt to get to and stay in the NFL. First, fresh out of college, Armstrong made the San Francisco 49ers, only to break his leg in late training camp, and eventually being cut on his birthday. Following that, after a breakout year in the CFL in 2000, Armstrong seemed poised to make the leap yet again, only to break his ankle in the last game of the year, ironically again on his birthday. The injury plagued him in the offseason, and the NFL clubs looked at it as a liability, therefore effectively ending his chances yet again. Armstrong, however, takes everything in stride, and looks beyond himself for guidance.

**AA:** "I would say that in '95 it was all because of God's grace that I have the strength to continue on. In '95 I was just concerned about a young getting an opportunity to get out there and play football so I continued to fight, but as time went on it's an amazing thing about this weird kind of hope, when you have hope, and when you continue to have hope, and you hope and you have faith, you continue through all adversities and everything that happens in your life. And now I'm at the point where at the end of this season I have a chance, you know Houston, Texas just opened up, and I had the opportunity to go and work out for them, but I couldn't because I just had surgery on the same leg I broke last year. So I came to the point that, you know, God's in control of my life, and whatever he sees fit to happen for me is going to happen, I know where my desires are, and where I want to go, but I'm going to come back with even more passion and desire to win a Grey Cup. I have unfinished business to do in the CFL outside of just the spiritual aspect of it, I got unfinished business on the field too. And until that's completed, I don't want to leave."

The tables turned for both of these players in the 2001 season, however, as the

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Bluebombers rattled off 14 wins, including 12 in a row. Their luck ended in the Grey Cup, as the Calgary Stampeders knocked Winnipeg off. Does Winnipeg feel as though there is unfinished business?

**HN:** "Yeah, oh yeah, no doubt. Like teasing a dog with a stick or like someone teasing you with a sandwich. You run and you run and you finally catch them, and they eat it. So, we're hungry. We got the same core guys back, so obviously were not shopping around, we're not acting in a free agent mode, just keep the same guys. We want the same hunger, we got the same appetite. And once we finish it, then the dynasty will begin."

**AA:** "Definitely, I feel the same about this unfinished business. I think of all the teams to be scared of (if you want to say that we've scared other teams), we're definitely a team to watch. We had a sense of knowing we couldn't be beat. We're going to find some way to win the game, I don't care what the score is, or what's going on, if it's 3-0 or zeros across the boards, we're going to have a chance to win the game. And that's the way our season ended up, we were winning games in all types of ways. But when we realized that we could be beat, I think that's what really woke us up, and now Calgary woke a sleeping giant. People think that we played football well last year, I think this year you're going to see an even better team. A mature team - that's the biggest thing - a mature team, a more focused team, and you're going to see us put up better numbers this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing them."

Check back next week for the conclusion to this interview series, when the guys talk more about why they were on campus just last month, and the transition to professional ball.

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## SMU cooks in the Kitchen

by Daniel Bonner

The Saint Mary's hockey Huskies had little rest after knocking off the Dal Tigers in an action packed five game series. The Huskies had ten days to recoup after the tough physical series with the Tigers before heading to Kitchener Ontario to compete in the 2002 University Cup. The Huskies had high hopes to win the first National Championship in the school's history, but first they had to get past Saskatchewan and UQTR.

SMU started their tournament off against the other Huskies in Kitchener, those from Saskatchewan University. The action drew 1,400 fans on the first night of the tournament, and those fans would be in for a whale of a game. SMU opened the scoring, as Clark Udle, a member of the SMU energy line, found the twine behind Saskatchewan netminder Steve Nelson. The second period proved to be all SMU

as the Santamarians outshot the green Huskies 13-6. SMU also extended their lead, as Brett Gibson scored one minute in to make their lead 2-0 after forty minutes. Saskatchewan made the game more interesting in the third period, as they solved SMU goalie Brent Zelenewich for the first time on the night, on the powerplay, six minutes in, to make the score 2-1. The green Huskies pressed hard in the remaining time, outshooting SMU by a 13-2 count, forcing Zelenewich to stand on his head. Stand on his head he did, however, and the Huskies iced the game with an empty net goal late, courtesy of Clark Udle, making the final in game one of the tournament 3-1 for Saint Mary's.

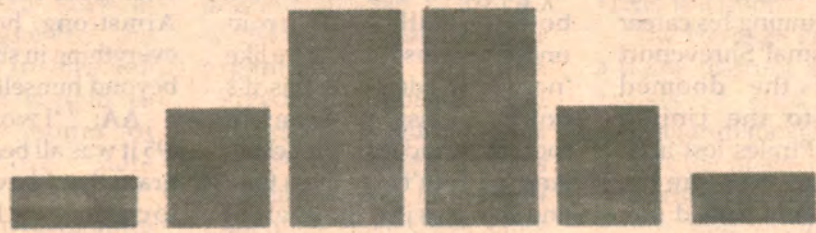
UQTR defeated Saskatchewan by a 4-2 score on Friday night; meaning that who ever took the SMU vs. UQTR game would advance

to face Western in Sunday final. Last year UQTR dashed the hopes of the AUS, when they defeated the St. FX X-Men in double overtime of the finals. This season they would dash the hopes of the AUS yet again. Trios Riviere flew out of the gates on this particular evening, taking a 2-0 lead in the first ten minutes. Jason Cannon scored the third goal by the energy line in the tournament, and the Huskies first of the game, making the score 2-1 at the first intermission. The 1500 strong crowd witnessed a second period very similar to the first, as UQTR opened the period with a pair of goals, to extend their lead to 4-1. The Huskies again answered late in the period as Steve Gallace, playing in his swan song tournament, found the twine behind Eric Dejardain, to make the score 4-2 after the second period of play. The Huskies, long known as a

third period team, were going to have to turn it on if they had any hope of claiming this game, and giving themselves a shot at the title. SMU outshot the Patriotes by a 17-7 margin in the third period, and with four minutes remaining Lindsay Plunkett scored to narrow the lead to 4-3. While pouring the pressure on in the final minutes, the Huskies watched their dreams fall away as UQTR fired one into the empty net to lock up the 5-3 victory.

The loss ended the Huskies season, however, this has proved to be one of the greatest in their history, as SMU advanced out of the AUS for the first time in 25 years. Steve Gallace took home some hardware on his trip to Ontario, winning the Dr. Randy Gregg award for best combination of on-ice performance, in classroom marks and extracurricular

volunteer work. How do you top a National Championship that went to double overtime last year? Easy, send the game into triple overtime. UQTR would eventually lose to the Western Mustangs in triple overtime in Sunday's final, by a 4-3 margin. Next year could see some key losses for the Huskies, as defensive anchor Steve Gallace will be gone. Reportedly captain Jim Midgley is undecided as to if he will return for his fifth and final team. Among the other losses are Alex Halat and Robin DeLaCour.



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## The year in photos



**Football:** This year has proven to be the most successful for the Huskies in twenty years. After losing in the 1999 Vanier cup, and the 2000 Atlantic Bowl, the Huskies were definitely due for the Vanier victory. Finally it came as SMU handed it to the Manitoba Bison 42-16 in the showdown at the SkyDome. Next year the Huskies have some key losses, forcing many bit players to step up, if the dogs are to repeat as National Champions.



roll in his sophomore season, and the team could not have asked for more, as Zelenewich's play was often the main reason the Huskies were in each and every game. Next year will be a challenge for the Huskies to repeat in the always competitive AUHC.

**Men's Soccer:** The men's soccer team would have what should be considered a great season, however, after being ranked number one in the country for most of the year, their eventual failure to take the National Championship proved to be a huge disappointment. Like a lot of teams on campus, this version of the Huskies loses a number of key components, making next season rather unpredictable.

**Women's Volleyball:** Yet another team here at Saint Mary's that has enjoyed a very successful season, defeating the eventual champions, the Udm Blue Eagles, twice in the year. The Huskies would bow out to a surprising Dal Tiger squad in the playoffs, thus ending their quest for their title in five years.



**Women's Rugby:** The Saint Mary's lady Huskies had perhaps their best season so far, but they were unable to derail the St FX juggernaut, losing to the eventual AUS champions in the playoffs. Next year looks promising, in what is quickly become one of the elite rugby programs in on the East Coast.



**Hockey:** The hockey Huskies enjoyed a great season as well in 2001-2002, claiming their first AUS crown in 25 years. The Huskies were led by Jim Midgley, Brett Gibson, Travis Kennedy and Jeff Tetzlaff up front, and anchored by Steve Gallace, Chris Manchakowski and Jason Maleyko on defense. Brent Zelenewich stepped up into the starting



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### 2001/2002 Intramural Awards Banquet

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:30 p.m. Courtside Lounge

All participants invited, winning  
teams admitted FREE!

**Officials Pay Night**

Wednesday, March 27th

6 to 8 p.m. Courtside Lounge

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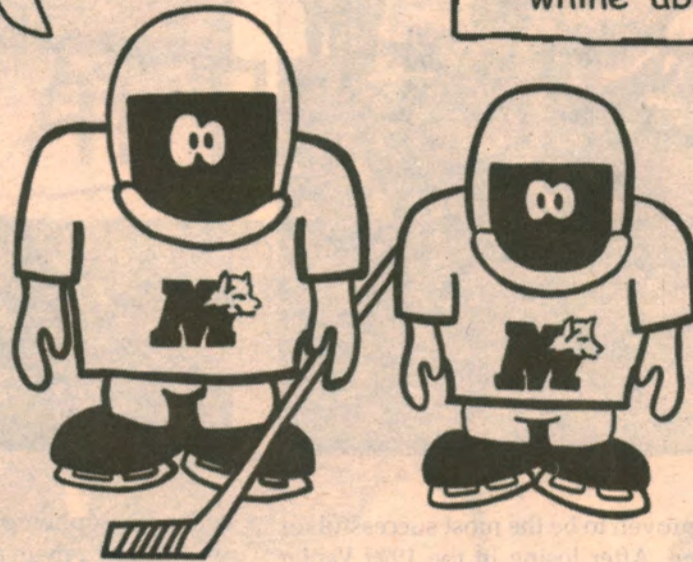
## The Journal Caption Contest

Congratulations to the winner of the  
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