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- 21st - Taking of Candidates' Photos
- 24th - All Candidates Meeting
- 25th-29th - Governance Training
- 31st - All Candidates Meeting - *Approval of Materials*

February:

- 1st - Campaigning Begins
- 8th - Board Candidates Forum
- 9th - Presidential Debate
- 10th-11th - Voting Days
- 15th-19th - Results Appeal Filing
- 28th - Final Appeals Hearing

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

How About A Little Positivity Sometimes?

JEFF CUSACK
Editor-In-Chief

According to a local Halifax paper which you likely read starting at the last page; 2009 was "the year of shit." Apparently, we "regular people" can no longer rely on anything. Our city failed us and allowed our sewage treatment plant to fail. Our provincial government was incompetent, so we got a new one that is, surprise, also incompetent. The Chronicle Herald laid off a large number of their staff, leaving only 'scrappy independents' (like us) to keep an eye on what the city is doing. Of course, during this entire time governments from local to federal to the world-changing one on Pennsylvania Avenue have been selling us out to corporations, and in general the forces of capitalism have been taking advantage of us more than ever. But wait! There is hope on the horizon. Regular people to the rescue! While everyone with a modicum of political or corporate power has been screwing things up due to their own selfishness, regular people -including you!-have been making the world a better place by virtue of how gosh-darn plucky and noble you all are. Pat yourselves on the back!

Of course the above is all bullshit.

Fun fact: Regular people aren't all that great. Beyond the fact that "regular people" is a term which means absolutely nothing, those of us without a ton of power still tend to screw up a lot, and many of us are assholes. Sure there are some among us who are awesome, but as a group, we aren't collectively keeping Halifax from sliding into the ocean. This begs the question: If only some of us are awesome, and the rest of us aren't, how can the awesome ones be called "regular" anymore?

The sort of stuff you see in the first paragraph of this article is called populism. Writers align themselves with the majority group, while blaming a minority group as the problem. When the minority group is a well-off cadre of people that includes major corporations or politicians, it becomes very easy to buy into these sorts of populist messages. At their heart though, these messages are structured the exact same way any anti-Arab message espoused by Glenn "I would have a problem with a Spanish speaking school or, you

know, one that only spoke Canadian" Beck, any anti-intellectual message espoused by Bill O'Reilly (damn kids with your universities), or any anti-Mexican sentiment espoused by Lou Dobbs. The only thing these messages do is encourage complacency by letting the majority feel good about themselves and feel negatively about the minority.

Negativity is dangerous. It's easy to claim that someone's negativity is simply a result of their critical thinking or questioning, but that's not always the case. Sometimes when critical thought is applied to an issue, the result is *gasp*, positive. Things aren't all that bad! When we see our politicians, our corporations, and everything else that isn't *us* painted in a negative light, we marginalize those other groups, and cut off communication with them. As a result, qualified people

who could become great politicians don't, and citizen engagement in the political process, which is so important to our democracy, drops off. A strong community is one which is supported not just by governments or corporations, but by citizen groups. Universal negativity stifles the creation of citizen groups. If we are all convinced that our nation is a boulder sliding downhill, how many people will decide to jump in its way? Sure there are some people who will rise to the occasion, but it takes the belief that it is possible to make a difference for change to happen.

I am not claiming that we should all be giving the thumbs up to our politicians or our corporations. I do not mean to denigrate anyone without a Wikipedia page. When apply critical thought to subjects it is important to address and change the bad, but also to point out and reward the good. What I'm arguing for then, is an end to negative populism that is aimed solely at making us feel good about being "regular" and to make us feel negatively about anyone in power. Many of the people we see in power, for good or ill, started off simply wanting to make a difference. It's easy to judge and do nothing, but guess what? If you decide that you want to make a real difference in the world, and you take action and are actually successful, there's a good chance that when you look in the mirror, you'll realize that now you're one of the ones with power.

I hope you all had a good break!

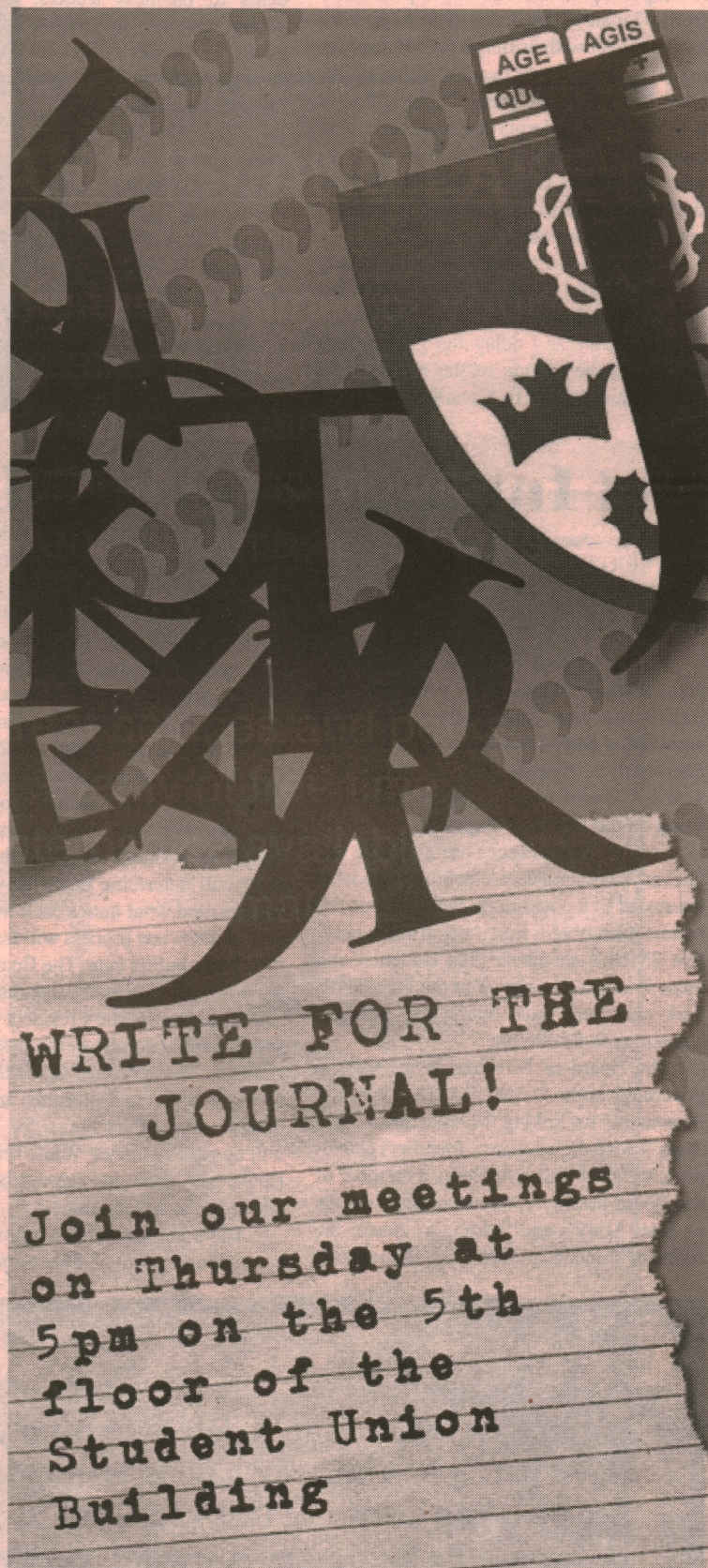


Living in a Culture of Fear

GRACE KENNEDY
Contributor

Judith Timson wrote an article last week in The Globe and Mail discussing what she calls the "fear factor" phenomenon which controls a baffling amount of our life choices and freedoms. The fear factor is the cultural (probably mostly in Western countries) obsession with fear. Obviously politicians and the media heighten fears, but it seems most people easily allow themselves to be emasculated by the phenomenon. The past decade has been filled with states of urgency; terrorist attacks, H1N1 and dismal economies. And although some fears are tangible and may rightfully influence one's actions, an overwhelming

amount of them are arguably not. Among students, which I am grateful for, the hysteria is subdued to some extent. But the television, the radio and newspapers have been drowned and continue to be, in obsessions of fears. The American government has spent the last decade warranting one of the most trivial fears of all, terrorism, to all parts of the world. Blunt as that seems, the time, effort and money spent trying to prevent so few attempts over the years is perplexing. And now with the latest security breach, the U.S. continues to do so as they enforce expensive, time consuming and inconvenient measures on our airport systems. Just imagine the issues that could be addressed if our time and effort spent on combating terrorism was spent elsewhere.



Note: The article in this week's "Letter from the Editor" and the submitted perspectives piece have topics that dovetail a little bit. Both articles were written independently and without knowledge of each other. Do you want to be part of the Journal? Send your articles to: thesmujournal@gmail.com. You don't need to attend a meeting or go through a screening process, you just need to send us your words.

NEWS

KIMBERLEY DARES
News Editor

Halifax Rallies Against Prorogation of Parliament

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News Editor

Over thirty rallies are being planned across Canada in response to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's decision to prorogue parliament until after the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

The Canadians Against Proroguing Parliament Rally planned for Halifax have received support from many prominent groups and officials including the MP's for Halifax and Halifax West, Megan Leslie and Geoff Regan. Organizations standing behind the event include the Council of Canadians and the Halifax-Dartmouth and District Labour Council which represents over 24,000 workers. Support is high for rallies across the country with Facebook support groups seeing dramatic rises in membership.

Harper's decision to prorogue parliament from a January 25th startdate to March 3rd has been met with criticism by Michael Ignatieff, Liberal Party Leaders, other politicians, critics and the general public. This is the second time Harper has had Parliament interrupted the first being in 2008 when he asked Governor General Michelle Jean to shut down Parliament in order to avoid a non-confidence vote.

It is speculated the motives for delaying parliament are to allow Harper and his Party to attend the Olympic Games throughout February and delay the proceedings examining the reports of the mishandling of Afghan detainees by Canadian Forces in

Afghanistan. It also allows for more media buzz around the Throne Speech which is scheduled for when Parliament returns

Brenden Sommerhalder, the Halifax rally organizer described the event as multi-partisan saying: "Our core planning group for the rally in Halifax represents people from every part of the political spectrum and a diverse sample of professional backgrounds." Sommerhalder went on to detail the diversity in supports of the rally: "Predictably, there are people who identify as Liberals or New Democrats on the team, but also people who identify as conservatives or Conservative voters, or who do not identify with any party at all. Our group ranges from university students to business leaders, young parents to retired adults. Harper's actions have generated an anger that blurs demographic lines."

The rally will be held Saturday January 23rd at 1:00pm at Province House located at 1726 Hollis Street. The event is being promoted as peaceful and family-friendly. The Halifax Rally organizers can be contacted by email (NoProrogueHFX@gmail.com) or on Facebook through

the group "Canadians Against Proroguing Parliament (Halifax Chapter)." Organizers are still working to secure performers and speakers for the event.



Get Involved With SMUSA!

KIMBERLEY DARES
News Editor

If you are looking for a way to leave your mark on Saint Mary's or get your ideas heard your opportunity is here! The nomination period has opened for students interested in running for the 2010-2011 SMUSA Presidency or those interested in being on the Board of Directors.

Nomination packages are available online at www.smusa.ca/elections. Students interested in a position on the Board of Directors must obtain signatures from twenty-five SMUSA members (aka students) and those interested in sitting at the President's desk next year must obtain one hundred signatures to be eligible.

The Board of Directors is the highest governing body of SMUSA. Directors are responsible for linking the students of Saint Mary's with the executive members (President, VP's) of SMUSA. Being a member of the Board means representing the students of Saint Mary's and fighting to ensure the rights of students are upheld, and their col-

lective voice heard. The planning, running or promoting of SMUSA events is not part of the Board of Directors job description.

Before the 2009-2010 elections last February SMUSA introduced a new structure of governance in that the Student Representative Council was replaced with the Board of Directors. Another major change that occurred was the move from a student-elected Executive (President and 4 Vice Presidents) to a student-elected president only system. Students will vote for who they want as SMUSA President and then the President elect will determine how many VP's they require (and what duties each will perform) and an interview process will then occur rather than a public vote. The Board will have the power to vote on legal and monetary issues and dismiss the President from office should that action be in the best interest of students. Those elected to the Board of Directors must attend monthly meetings and hold regular office hours for which they will be paid a stipend. While serving on the Board paid positions can not be held elsewhere in the Association.

There are currently 4 openings on the 9 member Board of Directors as current

members are eligible to serve a two-year term if they chose to. The vacancies are the result of graduating members and those interested in the Presidency.

The SMUSA constitution (available online) outlines the responsibilities of the President as managing and overseeing the daily operations of SMUSA and working to advance the interests of the Association. He or she must also work to achieve objectives set by the Board of Directors. The SMUSA President will represent students on the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors and the Academic Senate. Additionally the President is charged with representing the students of Saint Mary's at the federal and provincial level.

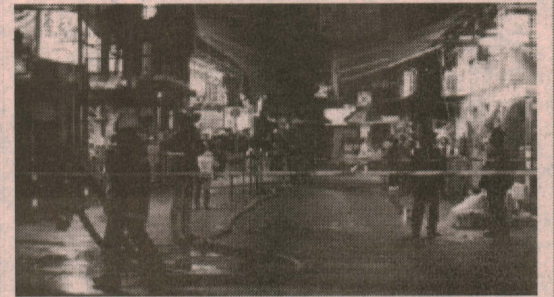
If getting involved with SMUSA is something that interests you, it's time to get out and start collecting signatures as the deadline for nomination packages is less than a week away! Any questions can be directed to the elections Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Adrian Lake (elections@smu.ca) or by stopping by the SMUSA office (5th floor Student Centre).

Newsfeed

California hit by 6.5 Magnitude Earthquake

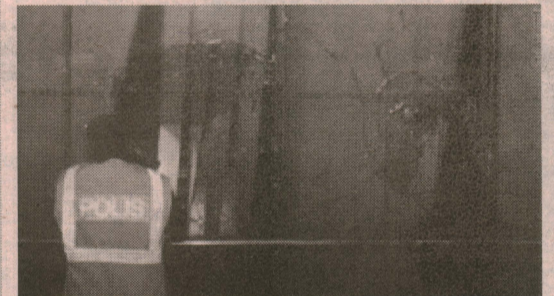
Northern California was rocked by an Earthquake with a magnitude of 6.5 over the weekend. The earthquake occurred just off the coast of the state's Northern coast, leaving thousands without power and damaging many homes and businesses. Gas, water and sewer lines suffered damage causing leaks. More than a dozen aftershocks were felt in the hours following the quake but no serious or life threatening injuries were reported. Although injuries and damage was relatively minor the quake was described by some residents as one of the more dramatic quakes in the past thirty years.

Acid Attack injures 30 in Hong Kong



One man was arrested in Hong Kong Saturday night following an acid attack that occurred at a tourist hot spot in the city. Police have said two bottles of acid were hurled at patrons of a busy outdoor market injuring thirty, including children. This is one of four acid attacks in recent months. The man was arrested on a rooftop after being found with bottle caps.

Six Malaysian Churches Firebombed in Three Days



Malaysia's high court controversially ruled last week that the word Allah can be used to refer to God which has upset minority groups in the predominantly Muslim nation. Over the weekend six Malaysian churches were firebombed in what is perceived as an intimidation tactic with the hopes the judges will overturn the decision. Government authorities and many Malaysians believe the word should be reserved for Islam to prevent confusion.

Olympic Torch Nearing BC



Over the Holiday break the Olympic Torch passed through Quebec, Ontario, and Manitoba and this week it will pass through Saskatchewan to Alberta. Just thirty days stand between the Relay and the start of the 2010 Olympic Games. Excitement can be seen from coast to coast as Olympic apparel appears to have been a popular holiday gift choice.

Snail Mail Prices Go Up

For those who like to send mail the old fashioned way be warned the price of stamps has gone up 3cents. The rise is to help Canada Post upgrade its mail processing equipment. Sending letter mail within Canada will now cost 57cents, letters to the United States have hit the \$1 mark and mail to all other countries will cost \$1.70. On the bright side a few years ago Canada Post introduced permanent stamps marked only with the letter P and unaffected by price changes so if you have a few stamps hanging around they are still usable.

Green Tip of the Week

If you have piles of notes left over from your first semester classes, clear them out! If you already have a final mark the only things you really need to keep are those that you want to. The rest can (and should!) be recycled! On campus there are recycle bins located in nearly every hallway, if you live off campus unsoiled paper can be placed curbside in a plastic shopping bag with garbage or your green cart every week. If you've already recycled last semester's work challenge yourself to reduce your un-necessary paper consumption this term. Write on both sides of the paper, save used printed pages to be re-used for printing drafts or other documents for personal use.

This Week At SMU

January 13th (Wed.) and January 14th:

About iMage will be on campus taking grad pictures for the yearbook and personal use. To make an appointment or get more information call 429-1977.

January 14th (Th.):

Oxfam and SMU's Women's Centre will be presenting Three Sheet live at the Gorsebrook. The show starts at 9pm and there will be \$4 cover, and a 50/50 draw.

January 14th- 19th:

The SMU Drama Society presents "My First Time" at the Saint Mary's Art Gallery. Opening night is pay what you can and the prices other evenings is \$5 for students and \$8 for everyone else. Doors open at 7:00pm and the show starts at 7:30pm. More information can be found at www.smuds.ca.

January 15th (Fri):

The Dalhousie School of Social Work will be holding an information session at SMU (LA 175) at 1:00pm to allow students interested in the program to learn more about the requirements and what the program entails. It is designed to give students the opportunity to ask questions about the program and talk with current students.

January 17th (Sun.):

Yoga by donation in the McNally Main Theatre Auditorium in support of the Conflict Resolution Society's upcoming trip to Northern Ireland over the February break. It is being taught by Guylaine Williams and the Society is requesting a minimum donation of \$5. It starts at 11am.

January 18th -28th:

Food for Fines at the library. If returning library books on time last semester proved difficult, now is your chance to make up for it! The library is accepting food donations in exchange for fine reductions. One donation will deduct \$2.00 from your fine balance and you can donate up to \$20.00 worth of food. It's a great way to reduce your fines and help the food bank!

January 9th - February 21st:

Pulp Fiction at the SMU Art Gallery. The latest exhibit in the Gallery is curated by Corinna Ghaznavi and circulated by Museum London. Admission to the Gallery is free! Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm, Saturday-Sunday 12pm-5pm and closed Sunday.

January 20th (Wed.)

The Saint Mary's Environmental Society (SMUES) and partners will be presenting a film Canada's Amazon: A Boreal Forest Journey, for cash donation to WildernessAid and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS). The movie will start at 7pm in the McNally Main Theatre Auditorium and complimentary popcorn and drinks will be provided.

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Preventative Measure or Privacy Invasion?

KIMBERLEY DARES

News Editor

Following the foiled Christmas Day terrorist attack targeting an American airport both the U.S.A. and Britain began using or considering the employment of full body scanning machines that perform a strip search without actually removing any clothing in their airports. The machines have raised questions about the privacy of individuals but are believed to make air travel safer.

The Canadian Government recently announced plans to order forty-four of the machines for airports across the country, including one to be installed at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. Although the announcement was made in the wake of the failed attack, plans to have one at the Halifax Airport have been in place since Fall 2009. Other Canadian airports to receive the machines are Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Ottawa, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Montreal. They are expected to be in place by Spring of this year.

The machines can see through the clothing of the individual being scan-

ned but newer designs do not detect the biology of individuals which may give some peace of mind regarding privacy. The scanners can easily detect concealed weapons, liquids, plastic explosives and other banned items. The machines have a price tag of about \$250,000 each.

Canadian officials also plan to set up an airport watch system that will allow travellers behaving suspiciously to be tagged and watched more closely throughout the screening process.

Similar announcements by British authorities have raised public concern about privacy rights and have claimed the scanning of children would be illegal as it would produce a sexually explicit image.

Canadian Transport Minister John Baird is reassuring Canadians that the machines will only be used in cases where passengers over the age of 18 are singled out for secondary screening. Individuals will be given the choice to go through the machine or be frisked by a member of the security team.

The images will be viewed by an officer who has not been in contact with the passenger and following

examination the images will be automatically erased and no copies will be made. The images created are holographic making the identity of the individual extremely difficult to decipher from the image.

While these measures are designed to make air travel safer, they still raise many questions. When does it become too invasive? Refusing to be scanned would only further raise suspicions and hinder one's ability to fly letting them screen you in whatever method they deem necessary and don't complain appears to be the direction things are headed. Although these new measures may seem a grand invasion of individual privacy it is something that must be accepted. Knowing your rights before heading to the airport can help ensure you aren't treated unfairly or improperly screened in any manner.

These new screening machines are only a part of the security reaction to the foiled attack, restrictions have also been placed on carry on baggage to certain destinations. Before you head to the airport check online for the full list of security measures for your destination.

Study Abroad Deadlines are Approaching!

KIMBERLEY DARES

News Editor

If spending a semester or year abroad in 2010-2011 is something that interests you it's time to get a start on the applications. This is particularly true if you are looking to spend a semester in Japan, as the deadline for application is this Friday January 15th. If you are interested in a study abroad experience in a country other than Japan there is still a little more time to work on the application as the deadline for all other countries is not until February 12th. If you aren't prepared to apply by these deadlines it's never too early to start considering your options for next year as there is usually another chance to apply in the Fall.

There are also opportunities to spend the summer semester abroad which offers the same experience but with a shorter time commitment. A summer semester is also beneficial as it allows students to have a study abroad experience without hindering graduation eligibility or the September-April academic year at Saint Mary's. Summer programs are a great alternative for students whose degree programs do not allow time for a full semester abroad. The deadlines for the summer 2010 semester are also approaching. There is a full list of possible choices on the International Learning website with deadlines of January 22nd, February 1st and February 15th.

Saint Mary's has a great International Learning Program, with over 30 study programs available at host universities in 18 countries, including France, Mexico, Australia, Taiwan, China, Japan, and Sweden. There is an agreement between many universities and SMU that allows students to pay Saint Mary's tuition for credits they receive at host Universities. Students are also able to spend a semester at schools that do not have agreements with Saint Mary's although the process is a little more

complicated. Once you have decided where you would like to study the International Activities Office can, in most cases, put you in touch with other SMU students who have spent a semester abroad. This is a great way to get another perspective of what life in that country is really like. This also offers an opportunity to get suggestions or little facts that may help on the trip that you may not be able to find out otherwise; tips such as how the public transit system works, how to save money on living expenses, what

Once you have selected a destination and a list of possible courses it is important to meet with an academic advisor to find out how, or if, your courses will transfer back as SMU credits. Depending on the marking schemes at host universities it may actually be better if the marks don't transfer back. Saint Mary's does however award credit for courses on a pass/fail basis without giving it a specific letter grade.

In addition to the "tuition swap" program there are plenty of grants, scholarships, and bursaries available to students once they are accepted into the program. With a strong commitment, budgeting, funding, and a plan studying abroad can be affordable for nearly all students making it worthwhile to consider the opportunity no matter what your financial situation may be. The cost of living in most areas is comparable to that of Canada with additional expenses for airfare, insurance, and initial set-up.

Also, there are often departmental Field Study opportunities which allow students and professors to travel for research purposes for a week or two. These trips allow students a chance for a hands-on approach to classroom material, as well as the opportunity to gain new experiences. For instance, during the February reading break a group of Saint Mary's students will travel to Northern Ireland with the Conflict Resolution Society to lead workshops with children in schools there.

If none of these programs are for you there are still many international learning opportunities right here on campus. Join a society, enrol in a language course, or attend an on-campus event that is focused on a culture other than your own, or just engage others in conversation, you never know what you might learn. International Week will be kicking off soon and will provide many opportunities to learn about a variety of cultures through activities, presentations and meet and greets.



Photo: Tourism Australia

to see, what to skip and other information only available from people who have lived the experience.

The International Activities Office (located in The Oaks building) is willing to offer lots of help and assistance to anyone considering a semester abroad; if you want more information check out the International Learning link on the SMU website.

Language is not a barrier as students can take courses taught in English even in countries where English is not the primary language. Interested students are also not limited by their GPA, as long as you are not on academic probation you are eligible to apply as selection criteria is focused on more than just Academics. It is beneficial for students to have demonstrated an interest in other cultures and be willing to adapt to new environments quickly. The opportunity to study abroad often works out best when students are in their third year of study, but with planning students may be able to go in other years as well. Graduate students are also eligible for the program.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Unoriginal, Yet Still Highly Anticipated, Movies of 2010

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Let's take a quick look at the biggest movies of 2010. Look up any publication or website's "Most Anticipated Movies of 2010" list and you'll find that almost all of them are adaptations, sequels, or remakes. Hell, we're not even two weeks into this year and already we have an adaptation of C.D. Payne's *Youth in Revolt*. Perhaps people are attracted to the familiarity of the characters, or maybe they want to see a certain director's take on a story. Do people fear new things? Whatever happened to originality? One could hypothesize the the prominence of unoriginality of the film industry in the 21st century and construct a lengthy diatribe until they're blue in the face.

But I digress.

There's no doubt that the biggest movies this year may be unoriginal, but sometimes there's no problem with that. Who doesn't want more of something they already know they love? Here's a few unoriginal movies to look out for this year: a sequel, and adaptation, and a remake.

Iron Man 2

2008's *Iron Man* was Marvel's first fully self-financed film, and lucky for them, people seemed to like it. The second-most highest grossing film that year, *Iron Man* pit Robert Downey Jr. as the iconic character from the golden age of comics. Despite comic book movies being a big thing these days, *Iron Man* stood out from the crowd with its blend of Downey Jr.'s witty take on the billionaire character and top-quality visuals.

This year's sequel picks up right after the first one ended, with Tony Stark announcing to the press as identity as *Iron Man*. Unsurprisingly, the press and the government are on Stark's case to share his technology with the military. Stark refuses, maintaining his fears from that it would fall into the wrong hands. Villains this time around include

Mickey Rourke as *Whiplash* (aka *Ivan Vanko*), a technically new character blending elements of comic book villains *Crimson Dynamo* and *Backlash*, and *Scarlett Johansson* as *Natasha Romanoff*, secretly the super spy *Black Widow*. *Don Cheadle* replaces *Terrence Howard* as *James Rhodes* (much to Howard's discontent), bringing with him the introduction of the *War Machine* character to fight alongside *Iron Man*. Seemingly a modern-day *Cold War*, *Iron Man 2* promises to deliver just as much or more than the original. Given the quality of the first film, this year's armored hero looks to be on a warpath to smash more box office records.

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World

Among the best Canadian graphic novels of the past decade (or probably ever) is definitely *Bryan Lee O'Malley's "Scott Pilgrim"* series. Currently 5 volumes in, with the last volume releasing this year, the series features title character *Scott Pilgrim*, a 23 year-old slacker in between jobs living in Toronto. He's the bassist for his band *Sex Bob-Omb* (yes, that's a *Mario* reference). Things are going decently well for him until he falls for a girl named *Ramona Flowers*. While their relationship blooms, *Scott* finds out that, in order to keep pursuing *Ramona*, he has to fight and destroy her seven evil ex-boyfriends. A wonderfully-



balanced mix of comedy, action and romance, combined with an indie rock atmosphere, the books flourish with quirky, spunky characters who are easy to relate with (until they venture into subspace and pull swords out of their chests. But trust me, it's cool).

The movie adaptation comes out this August, blends elements of all five volumes so far. Obviously there will be an entirely original ending, given that the final volume hasn't been released yet, but *O'Malley* reportedly fully supports this movie and its script, so *Scott Pilgrim* fans can feel safe to be optimistic. The film is directed by *Edgar Wright*, probably most famous for his film *Shaun of the Dead*, and stars *Michael Cera* in the lead role. Here's hoping *Cera* can move past the awkward teenage characters he seems to be typecast with and capture the confidence and loveable personality of *O'Malley's Pilgrim*.

The Three Stooges

I'm not sure why this one isn't getting more buzz, but the *Farrelly Brothers* are indeed making a modern-day remake of the classic slapstick trio, the *Three Stooges*. Not much is known about it yet, but *Paul Giamatti* (replacing previously-cast *Sean Penn*) and *Benicio del Toro* have officially signed on as *Larry Fine* and *Moe Howard*, respectively. *Jim Carrey* is reportedly in talks to play *Curly*. While *Giamatti* and *Carrey* both have strong comedic backgrounds, *del Toro* seems like an interesting choice, but apparently he's a huge *Stooge* fan, so he wants just as much as we do to make this successful. And seriously, how perfect would *Jim Carrey* be as *Curly*?

The brothers *Farrelly* have gone on record citing this not as a biopic, but as new, canonic episodes that take place in the present day with an overarching story involving the *Three Stooges*. Again, not much else is known about the project besides the casting, and the project has been in varying forms of development for quite some time now, so there's a good chance that it won't see release this year. Still, here's hoping.

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Leap Year: Cute But Predictable

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If Amy Adams wasn't so darn funny this movie may not be worth watching. The story follows Anna (Adams) on a journey to Ireland as she plans to propose to her Cardiologist boyfriend, Jeremy, played by Adam Scott, who is in Dublin on business. She was going to propose on February 29th "Leap day" because of an Irish tradition that proclaims it is appropriate for women to propose on that day.

Her journey is a difficult one however as she is on a strict timeline and is detoured due to bad weather. The detour finds her stuck in the Irish countryside under the care of a cranky innkeeper, Decklin, played by the charming Mathew Goode. Decklin agrees, under duress to help Anna make the journey to Dublin. The two bicker their way through the beautiful Irish countryside and Adams comedic timing makes for many laughs.

The story is a predictable one however as Goode's character transitions from moody and miserable to a much more pleasant romantic fellow. Anna struggles to resist his

charms and and it is hard to remember at times that they have only known each other a few days. To prevent spoiling the ending I won't share who she ends up with, but if you are a fan of the romantic comedy I am sure you can figure it out.

Amy Adams is a great leading lady and the chemistry between her and Matthew Goode is well acted. Sadly though good acting isn't enough to cover up for a lacklustre plot line. As far as romantic comedies go I would rank it somewhere in the middle of the pack as it's good, but not much more. It's worth a rental for movie night but I would recommend skipping the theatre.



BITE SIZE ENTERTAINMENT

Stuart Townsend quits Thor

Actor Stuart Townsend has suddenly dropped his role in next year's summer blockbuster adaptation of Marvel's superhero, Thor. Set to play Fandral, companion to Thor and leader of the Warriors Three, a band of Asgardian warriors. Normally this wouldn't be big news. Actors drop out of films all the time, right? What makes this case special is that he dropped this role THE DAY BEFORE FILMING STARTED. What makes this even more interesting that this isn't even the first time Townsend dropped a huge role; previously he turned down the role of Aragorn in Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, with Viggo Mortensen taking up the mantle.

Official details of the situation haven't been released, but reportedly there were "creative differences." The role was quickly filled by Joshua Dallas, a little-known actor looking for his big break. Well, good for him. Thor is set to release in May 2011.

SMUDS presents My First Time

This Thursday the art gallery will act as a confessional for the Drama Society as they perform their rendition of My First Time, a play featuring actors recounting the events leading up to and including the loss of their virginity. The play, written by Ken Davenport, actually features first-hand accounts from regular, everyday people, and was in fact itself a spinoff of a website of the same name and premise. Garnering attention from media outlets like CNN, Fox and TMZ, the off-Broadway production was a critical, if not controversial hit when it opened in 2007. Since then the show has seen productions all over the United States and the world.

The show will be in the art gallery in Loyola. Show dates are Tuesday, January 14th to Thursday, January 19th at 7:30pm with doors at 7:00pm. As of this writing ticket prices have not been announced. Seating is limited so get there early!

Jay Leno back to Late Night

Jay Leno has been booted from primetime by NBC. His latest project, The Jay Leno Show, was cancelled, ending production when the Winter Olympics start next month. Few details have been released, but NBC Universal Entertainment Chairman Jeff Gaspin said that while Leno's show performed well enough in the ratings for the networks, it did not meet the needs of NBC's affiliates. Gaspin goes on to say that he would like to see Conan O'Brien and Jimmy Fallon's late-night shows shift back half an hour, but nothing's been confirmed yet. Ideally, Gaspin would like Leno to have a half-hour program to air just before O'Brien's. He would like plans made by the beginning of the Olympics, so stay tuned.

Having Conan pushed back can't be good for his ratings, which have consistently been lower since he's taken the helm when Jay left.

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A small battle won for freedom of expression

Stephen Boissoin, a former pastor in Alberta, thinks that children "are being warped into believing that same-sex families are acceptable; that men kissing men is appropriate." Mr Boissoin urges us to "take whatever steps are necessary to reverse the wickedness.... Where homosexuality flourishes, all manner of wickedness abounds."

These sentences are from a letter Mr Boissoin sent to the Red Deer Advocate. The Advocate published that letter on 17 June 2002.

Another Albertan complained to the Alberta Human Rights Commission that Mr Boissoin's letter was likely to expose homosexuals to hatred or contempt and that Mr Boissoin had, thereby, violated Section 3(1)(b) of the Alberta Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act. On 30 November 2007, an Alberta Human Rights Panel found that Boissoin had indeed violated that section.

The Panel ordered Mr Boissoin to cease making "disparaging remarks" about homosexuals, to write an apology to the complainant, to ask the Advocate to publish that apology, to pay the complainant \$5,000, and to pay another party up to \$2,000. Mr Boissoin appealed the decision to the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench.

On 3 December 2009, Justice E.C. Wilson ruled in favour of the appeal. The Panel had no authority to order Mr Boissoin not to speak his mind and no authority to compel an apology. And, said Justice Wilson, the Panel erred in finding the letter to constitute hate speech.

Whatever one might think of it, the letter was not an expression of hate or contempt.

Justice Wilson did not, however, rule against Section 3(1)(b). Yet he agreed with Mr Boissoin's lawyers hate speech is a federal matter, not a provincial one.

Justice Wilson noted that since tenancy, goods and services, facilities, and employment are under provincial jurisdiction, they can properly be addressed in provincial human rights legislation. But, according to Justice Wilson, that implies that for speech to violate the province's act, it must indicate an intention to discriminate in the provision of one of the above.

Speech the provinces can regulate, then, is restricted to such things as ads for jobs or housing and signs in restaurant windows. If Justice Wilson's reasoning is sound, then our own commission, the Nova Scotia

Human Rights Commission, oversteps its authority when it investigates hate speech complaints not directly related to discrimination in housing, employment, facilities, or services.

This win for freedom of expression follows a significant development last September, when Athanasios Hadjis, of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, expressed his opinion that the penalty provisions recently added to the Canadian Human Rights Act have rendered unconstitutional the censorship section of that Act. In light of his opinion, Judge Hadjis declined to uphold a complaint that Marc Lemire had spoken hatefully on his website, though the judge agreed that Mr Lemire had, indeed, spoken hatefully.

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Those who support laws against the expression of hate worry that the effect of these rulings is to make it more and more difficult for commissions and tribunals to apply these laws. And, in truth, these rulings do make it hard to apply censorship laws. But that effect is to be welcomed, not feared. It is to be welcomed by all of us—not just by those of us who value freedom of expression for its own sake, but by anyone concerned to promote equality and fairness.

Hearing what Stephen Boissoin has to say about homosexuality and the homosexual agenda, even were it hateful, requires us to dispense with platitudes and to get down to the hard business of arguing for our position and explaining where the other side goes wrong. If Mr Boissoin is forbidden to speak his mind, we're deprived of a target to examine and critique. Even more, we are without opportunity to try to change the minds of those who agree with him.

The movement toward equality for homosexuals and acceptance of homosexuality constitutes one of

LAWS AGAINST THE EXPRESSION OF HATE ARE ENEMIES OF CANDIDNESS AND OPENNESS. THUS THEY ARE ENEMIES OF FRANK DISCUSSION.

the great stories of liberation of our time. We must remember that most of the success lesbians and gays have had came without help from hate speech legislation—and, indeed, depended on the frank discussion of the fears and distress of those opposed to equality and acceptance. Attitudes changed because of discussion.

Laws against the expression of hate are enemies of candidness and openness. Thus they are enemies of frank discussion. Frank discussion, though, is what we need if we're to move what Mr Boissoin calls the homosexual agenda forward. At least it is for those of us who hope soon to delight in a society in which men kiss men in public and no one minds.

New Year, New Goals

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Feature Editor

Every New Year it is tradition to set aside a list of life changing resolutions. The goal is for these changes to create a positive effect on our lives. For example, a lot of students resolve to losing weight, mostly women, while men plan on consuming less alcohol. The question is...even though you make them, how often

do you break them?

We all know that most New Year's resolutions don't last long due to them being unrealistic or even too difficult. Most often this is why goals are close to being broken. So let's think for a moment what exactly on your list from 2009 continued for the entire year instead of drizzling off in March. We all start off so dedicated to our cause sooner or later we find ourselves making excuses and doing what we don't want to do.

You are much more likely to hit your goals if they are attainable and realistic. Start off with picking relatively easy things that you know can make your life a lot easier and better for those around you. Your goals from last year are a good place to start and remodeling them so that they are easier to attain can bring you even closer to your desire.

Here's a list of ideas you can use to get started or even think about:

School Related

Read at least one career related book per semester just for fun. - University teaches you a lot, but it's good to take in other outside sources to increase knowledge of your major.

Time management- focus on completing tasks before the deadline and stop putting off today what can be done tomorrow. At the end of the term, the procrastinator morphs into the cramster. Why study fifteen weeks of material in ONE week?

Spend a little less time watching TV.

Spend a little less time on MySpace or Facebook

Help a friend with homework when needed.- A good gesture goes a long way, trust me - in the future you might need their assistance

Attend classes more and try to improving your attention span in class: don't be a college tourist and only show up when the spirit moves you. This decreases the participation that you have in class and will eventually make the course all the more uninteresting

Stop comparing yourself to other students who you think are smarter or more attractive. - Don't be a put-yourself-down-er. Self criticism gets you nowhere; start this New Year with a more positive attitude.

Take a class that pushes your comfort zone.

Your future- there is life after university. Start getting your resume up to date and prepare yourself for a job while you are still in university and develop some experience. That way when the time to search comes around, you would have already had a head start.

Non-School Related

Whenever possible, get an extra hour of sleep every night - This obviously goes without saying, but sleep does the body good. An extra hour of sleep does wonders for those early morning classes or work.

Pay attention to the news - As you grow and mature it helps to increase your knowledge of world affairs

Develop drinking rules- If you drink, consider setting a reasonable limit on how much you drink along with having a designated driver or someone to chaperone

Speak to your family more often- it's because of them that you're where you are today, so it means a lot to them when you show your gratefulness and how much you care.

Recycle- Make 2010 your time to go green!

Charity- If you have the time volunteer for a couple hours a semester at a local charity

Don't get involved in unhealthy relationships that are not good for you.

Then - If you're sexually active, always use protection (Dear students, somewhere between the points when you are excited enough to want it and too excited to care- think about your future!-Stewie Griffin)

Budgeting- Cut your "fun" spending by 25 percent. On average college students are very broke along with being bad with money. How many of us have been through personal finance training? Start by getting rid of your credit card...

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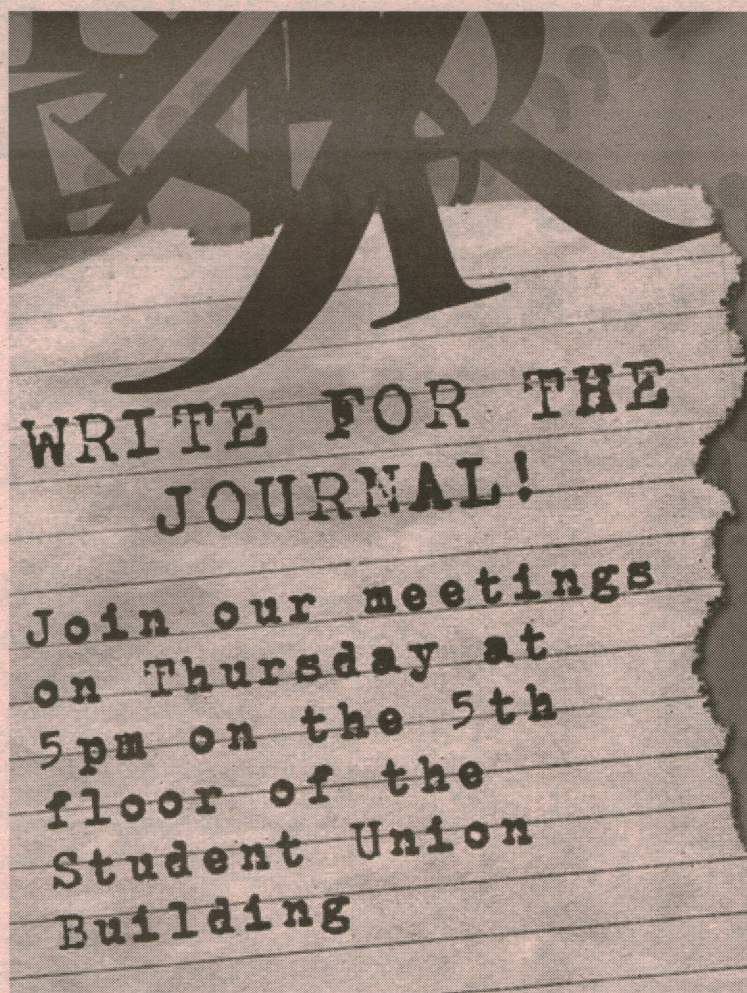
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Women's Centre

...one becomes one.” Simone de Beauvoir wrote those famous words in her ground-breaking work *The Second Sex*. It was the anniversary of her birth over the weekend (she was born January 9, 1908, and died April 14, 1986). Often thought of as the Godmother of second wave feminism, Beauvoir has been a huge influence on me and countless other feminists, so I thought I'd share a little about her and her work. She took a degree in Philosophy at the Sorbonne in Paris and came in second to Jean-Paul Sartre, her partner. After World War II she emerged with Sartre as one of the leaders of the existentialist movement. She wrote plays, novels, and a multi-volume autobiography, but her best-known work is *The Second Sex*, published in 1949 in France and 1952 in the United States. French women were given the vote in 1944 and the French Constitution of 1946

recognized women's equality in most domains, but Beauvoir's work did not emerge from an organized feminist movement. The *Second Sex* was the result of her preparation to write her autobiography, she explained: “One day I wanted to explain myself to myself...and it struck me with a sort of surprise that the first thing I had to say was ‘I am a woman.’” Beauvoir made it possible to discuss women in relation to all domains and disciplines; she was perhaps the first interdisciplinary feminist.

The main thesis of *The Second Sex* is that white men in Western civilization have been the central figures in their societies, and according to this definition, woman was ‘the Other.’ *The Second Sex* is indebted to existentialist philosophy. Beauvoir believed women were stuck in immanence, which is a confinement to a narrow range of banal activities. Immanence is the opposite of transcendence, which is man's freedom to take on projects with unlimited potential. What is worse than men's perception of women as immanent

is that women internalize this vision of themselves as Other, which means that they live in a constant state of ‘bad faith.’ Bad faith involves leaving meaning up to something or someone else, such as religion, or a father or husband. This is an idea that places blame on the individual. Beauvoir tempered this individualistic notion with her assertion that social situations influence how women act in the world and think about themselves. This is why she did not consider herself a feminist until 1972, when she joined the French women's movement. She said, “I am a feminist today, because I realized that we must fight for the situation of women, here and now, before our dreams of socialism come true.” Over sixty years after it was published, *The Second Sex* is a classic in feminist thought, perhaps because Beauvoir reveals how thoroughly women have been pushed to the margins in all areas of life, and because she is always concerned with the problems of knowing: knowing oneself and the world.



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Moncton, NB could be the recipient of rural Nova Scotia patients if the hospital workers go on strike next Monday, January 18. With thirty-three Nova Scotia hospitals affected, the pressure of the workload of the strike could also overwhelm the neighboring provinces. Employees of Capital Health are not among those who are about to walk off the job; however, the strike may affect HRM, as the hospitals here will have to assist with patient care. Some surgeries have been cancelled here in HRM to make room for incoming patients. Ann Keddy, director of public relations for Nova Scotia's Cumberland Health Authority, is aware of the pending workload that NB may have to deal with.

In anticipation of the pending strike, more than 3,000 surgeries were cancelled, as they depend on laboratory, X-ray, clerical and house-keeping staff. If you are still recovering from your Christmas holiday or have no sweet clue whether there was a pending strike, it's time to open your ears and eyes. Who knows... you may show up to the emergency room and there will be garbage up to your knee caps or no one to validate paperwork. There may also be a case where you're schedule for a gall bladder removal, but ended up with a heart transplant. The nightmare can

get worse: blood work and toxicology tests may be delayed. Basic parent care, chemotherapy, dialysis, and baby delivering services will still be available.

Since I covered the extreme of the situation, we can get down to the reason why there is a pending strike. The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), who represents the health workers, is demanding a 2.9% salary increase, but the government is only willing to give 1%. Seven thousand workers could be affected by the strike and could possibly be out of work. If the strike happens, cancer and emergency patients will be the priority. Those patients in hospitals waiting to be transferred to nursing homes will have to be cared for by their relatives in the hospital or taken home.

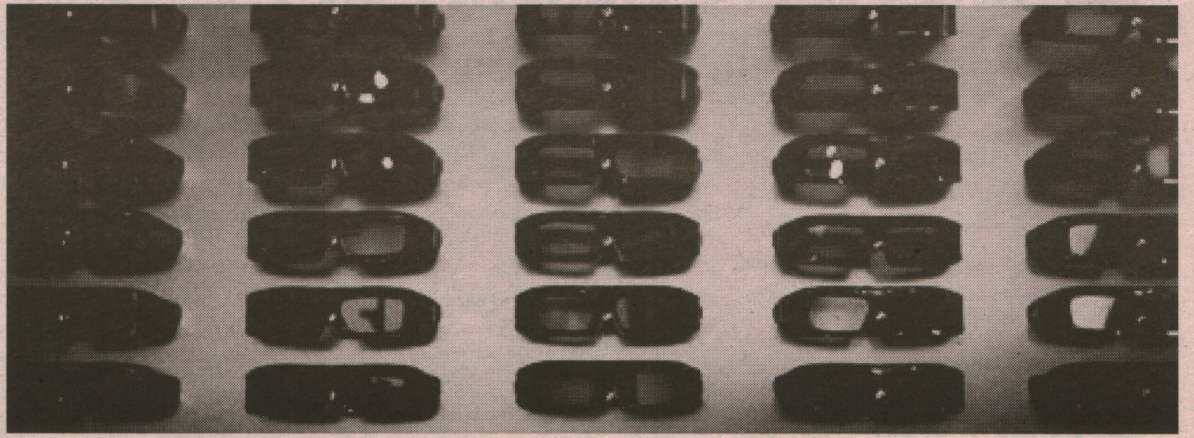
School support staff is part of this equation as well. They are also planning to walk off the job on January 18, as they are represented by the same union and demanding a pay increase as well. Though the 3,700 janitors and school bus drivers are preparing to leave, schools will remain open. The tab: 70,000 students at 261 schools outside Halifax and three French schools in the city. Schools in HRM will not be affected by the strike. Ed Davis, superintendent of the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board, advises that if the strike continues for a while school may not be able to remain open.

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3-D TV's

Third dimension is the new revolution. It makes you part of the action. Immersed in the experience of pretty pictures and mid-blowing-edge-of-your-seat action these eyes glasses are likely to penetrate the market as consumers are getting more and more addicted to being part of the action. Consumers are opting to remain in the privacy of their homes to avoid long line-up for movies and professional sporting events. They are also happy to avoid obnoxious patrons.

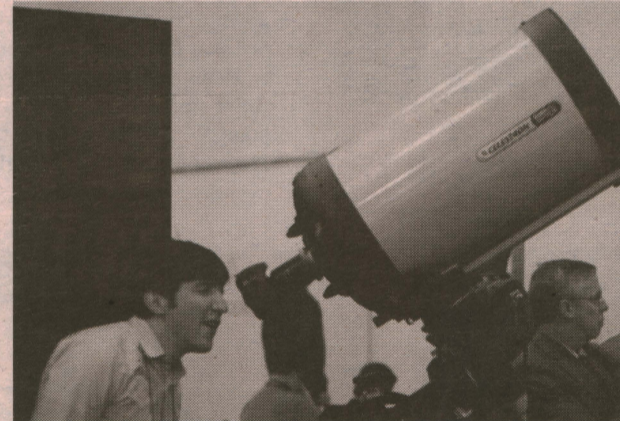


Unbreakable Phone

You can drop this phone from ten stories. It can withstand up to 20 feet of water for half hour. I'm not sure if you will be able to talk under water, but maybe you can text. The "unbreakable" phone can also be used as a hammer to nail something to the wall. It's unimaginable to think that someone would use their phone as an industrial device, but who knows, you may get stranded in the middle of nowhere Sounds too good to be true for me, but I guess some things in the world are indestructible.

Transparent Laptop

I'm not sure if most of the products on display at the CES trade show are in high demand when showcased, but a transparent laptop screen is quite innovative. The only event I can compare it to is a high-end fashion show with out-of-this world style, style so unique and intriguingly interesting that you would not wear it around the house.



Celestron CGE 1400 Aplanatic Telescope

A camera can be attached to this very huge telescope to take pictures of your findings. Worth \$10,000, the very passionate star-gazer will need a very deep pocket to pursue his or her dream of looking for life on other planets or tracking asteroids and UFO's that have lost their way.

Advice FROM THE SIFE Society

ACE SMU offers several scholarships to its members to help defray the cost of tuition. But we certainly didn't come up with the concept: thousands of institutions across the country and the world would be more than happy to give you money towards your education, because they realize that in a smarter world, we all win. And this isn't just for first year students - Check out ScholarshipsCanada.com, StudentAwards.com, or SMU's very own Financial Aid office on the 4th floor of the Student Centre, and get paid to learn!

Did you know that Saint Mary's is one of the most international campuses in Canada? It's true. But with that diversity comes long distance calling bills. Consider using Skype - it's a VoIP service, which stands for Voice over IP. Hey, you likely already use your phone like a computer, why not use your computer as a phone? Using Skype you can call anywhere in Canada, Germany, Japan, China, Dubai, and many other places for just 2 cents a minute!

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Huskies Basketball defeat UPEI in Back-to-Back Games

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The mens and womens basketball teams were both in action in two double headers against the UPEI Panthers.

The women opened their first game back from the winter break with a 74-44 win over the Panthers. The big difference maker for the Huskies was Rhonda Kennedy, the 3rd year player had 22 points, also a force for SMU was rookie player Justine Colley. Colley inspired the team and energized them through her play, making several rushes and plays deep in the paint where Colley broke through three defenders on numerous chances and netted 20 points.

The Panthers seemed to be out of their element and off their game towards the end. Rhonda Kennedy was in all the right places and hit all kinds of 3-point shots, shaking the Panthers and forcing them into a more defensive game.

Another factor that aided the Huskies win was their ability to draw fouls and hit the free-throws. The team looked rested

and full of energy for this game but had a hard time controlling their energy which resulted in some over-thrown balls and hard to control passes.

The men won a close victory over the Panthers thanks to the hard work of Mark McLaughlin, Joey Haywood and Ikeobi Uchegbu. The Huskies downed the Panthers 79-68 in their first regular season game following a big win at the annual Rod Shoveller tournament. The Huskies led each quarter but the score of each was extremely close.

The men seemed to be having trouble hitting shots from outside the key, Uchegbu made several rebounds from down low but had trouble hitting baskets from further out. The Huskies only made 5 of 15 attempted 3-point shots. The men seemed to have a hard time controlling the ball and needed to slow the play down and regain their composure in the 2nd half. The 4th quarter was the best for the Huskies, rookie player Ezenibe played extremely well, making good plays and hitting baskets from near and far. The Huskies also played a more defensive game in the last quarter, shutting down the Panthers rushes and maintaining possession and ball control.

Sundays game was much of the same for the womens team. Though facing a better prepared Panthers team, the Huskies played extremely well together with Kennedy and Colley working together to drive the net and sink 3-pointers from way out. The Huskies maintained good ball movement and a high level of energy with several players chasing down their own rebounds and lost balls in an effort to maintain the tempo and direction of the game. The Panthers maintained good pressure on the Huskies and had a strong defence but they were unable to make their efforts count in shutting down SMU's unbelievable offence. Final score was 58-38 SMU, player of the game was Justine Colley who had more than 35 points in two games.

The men's game on Sunday was higher scoring and more high paced than the Saturday meeting between the Huskies and Panthers. The Panthers came off their loss the last night with a greater determination to win and it showed, UPEI controlled much of the first half's play, leading SMU for the first quarter and most of the second. The Huskies were giving away easy rebounds and having a hard time clearing the man out from down low where the Panthers were able to keep a man and kept cherry-picking balls and scoring baskets. The second half of the game was plagued with fouls including a technical given to SMU coach Ross Quackenbush following a bad call by the referees. This game came down to free throws and which team was better at hitting them. Second year player Demitri Harris was the game winning factor for the Huskies with more than 15 points in the game Harris was named the Player of the Game in SMU's 90-70 win over the UPEI Panthers.

Huskies at Home

Men's Hockey, UNB @
SMU, 7pm Halifax Forum

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SMU, 7pm Halifax Forum

Women's Hockey, St. FX @
SMU, 4pm Alumni Arena

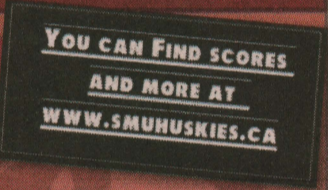


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SPORTS in a minute

Womens Hockey

Following the winter break the women's hockey team were back for two games in the 2nd half of the season. Their first game back was a 3-2 exhibition win over the Dalhousie Tigers last Wednesday night. The women's 2nd game back was a road game at the University of Prince Edward Island. The women lost 4-1 to the Panthers. The Huskies will be back at home January 17th when they take on the X-Women.

Mens Hockey

The Huskies closed the first half of the season losing 4 of their last 6 games but followed the winter break with 2 wins and 1 over-time loss. Facing the Tigers twice the Huskies outscored Dal 19-5 in two games. The Huskies faced Acadia January 8th losing 5-4 eight minutes into over-time when Acadia's Laberge snuck an unassisted goal past Conway. Though outshooting the Axemen in all three periods SMU was unable to capitalize on their chances and beat the Axemen. The Huskies also took more penalties than Acadia, including two in the overtime period which allowed Laberge to net the winner. The Huskies will be back at the Forum January 15th, 16th when they take on UNB and UPEI.

Mens Basketball

The Saint Mary's Huskies captured the tournament title at the Rod Shoveller Memorial Basketball tournament which was held in early January and hosted by Dalhousie. This year was the 19th incarnation of the tournament and featured The Dalhousie Tigers, Saint Mary's Huskies, Acadia Axemen, St. FX X-Men, Ottawa Gee-Gees, Wilfried Laurier Golden Hawks, Laurentian Voyageurs and Concordia Stingers. Ikeobi Uchegbu was named tournament MVP with 18 points for the Huskies win over the X-Men. The 3rd place game was between the Gee-Gees and Tigers with Ottawa out scoring Dal 72-52. Fifth place was decided with Laurentian's 79-69 win over Acadia. Seventh place went to the QSSF's 4th place team, Concordia defeated the Golden Hawks 62-60 in an extremely close game.

Volleyball

After more than a month between matches the women's volleyball team doesn't seem to have forgotten any of their moves, forcing a tie with the RMC Paladins in exhibition play January 3rd and also defeating the UNB Varsity Reds 3-1 in their first regular season match following the winter break. The volleyball team will be back at home for back to back matches against the Memorial Seahawks on January 23, 24. See Huskies at home for game times.

World Junior Hockey Tournament

A holiday tradition for Canadian families young and old was marred with a significant loss this year. For the first time since 2004 the Canadian World Junior team did not capture a gold medal in the 2 week long tournament. The Canadian team was gifted with a fairly easy pool in which they managed to outscore their opponents 35-6 in the preliminary rounds. From Group A Slovakia and Latvia were forced into the relegation round. Team Canada were the pre-tournament favourites to win, however the USA played extremely well, out scoring their opponents 26-9 in the preliminary round and forcing the New Years Eve game against Canada into a shoot-out. Following Canada's New Years Eve win the boys had 3 days off before they took on Switzerland in the first semi-final match up. The Swiss had just beaten the Group B favourite Russians in an epic 3-2 over-time win. Unfortunately for the Swiss, the Canadian team was unrelenting and defeated them 6-1. However the game was much closer than the score belies. Wanting another chance to take on the Canadian juggernaut the US beat the Swedes 5-2 in semi-final 2 to advance to the final game against Team Canada. The game was watched by thousands across the country and the world to see if the Canadians could win six straight World Junior titles. Unfortunately they couldn't. The US would win the game 6-5 on a fluky over time goal and secure their second WJHC gold medal.