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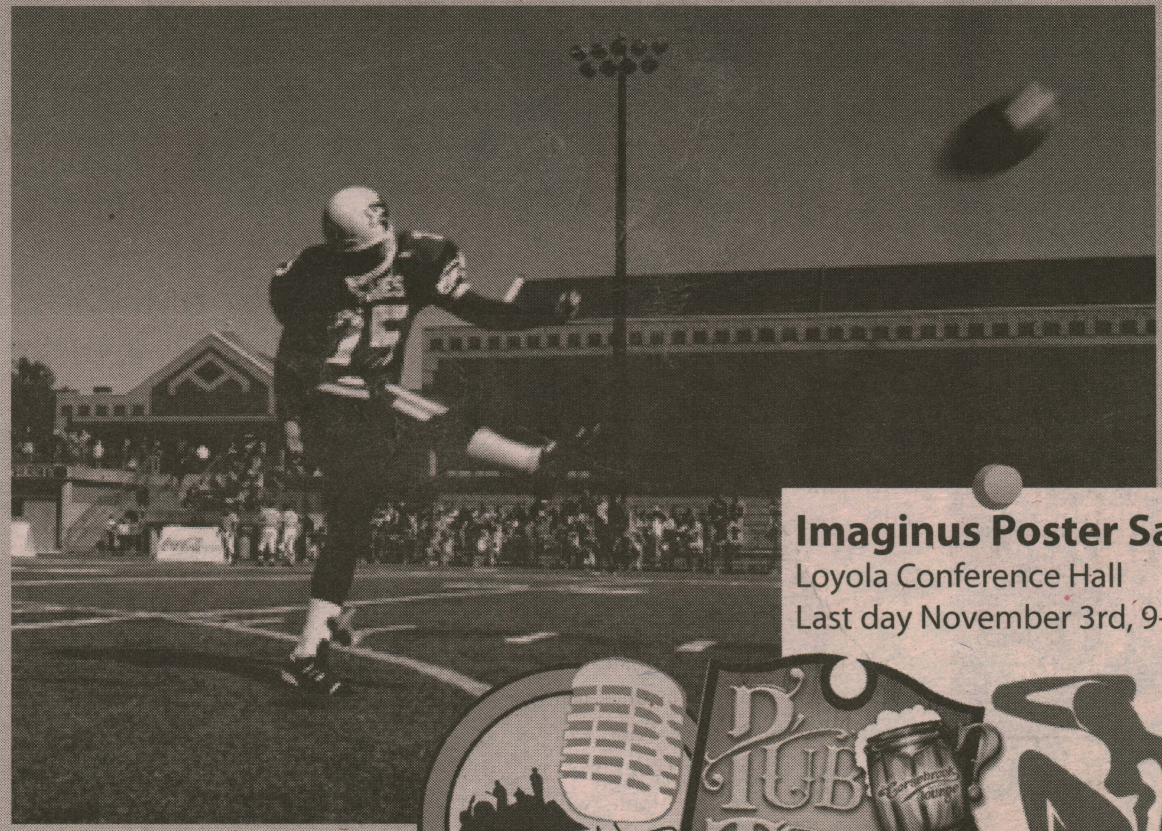


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The Journal: Perspective



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Letter From The Editor

October 28th, an exciting day for this Editor in Chief. I have been suffering a terrible withdrawal. My favorite reading material has been absent for so long now, months and months. It is daring literature, colorfully written, informative, interesting... But it has been gone for so long. My hands are shaking, I'm in a cold sweat. I've made some calls, and back by popular demand the publication has triumphantly returned to the internet. Yes, the Board of Directors meeting minutes have returned! Oh glorious day! Now I can follow my student government, know what they're actually talking about, see in all the myriad ways they are helping me! They were written so well last year, they must have hired a court stenographer; as a student I could tell even the mood in the room as they discussed their matters that directly affected me. The writing was honestly superb. I can't think of how they could possibly improve on them, and I click the link:

"Questions from the Board: Mr. B.J. enquires about CPI. Mr. Kerry enquires about U-Pass. He further asks about off campus housing and emails Mr. Alwyn questions about mechanisms being used to judge students' needs. He further asks about the Food Campaign Ms Ayesha questions about website and off campus housing Mr. Ali asks about Academic Advising Unit and also about off campus housing Ms. Grace questions about residence, and Journal All enquiries answered by Mr. Anderson."

What? These aren't the magnificent descriptions from days past! 2009's minutes had almost word for word what was being discussed. These don't even have the answers to the questions asked! In fact, I'm not even sure what questions ARE being asked. Therefore, to avoid disappointment, I am forced to fill in the blanks with my own imagination.

BJ: "I have some grave concerns about the Consumer Price Index."

Kerry: "Have you seen my U-Pass? I put it right here... Maybe I left it at Alwyn's place."

Alwyn: "Kerry, you don't even NEED that U-Pass, you need to go splits on a pizza with me."

Ayesha: "Sweet! We can order it online, and have it delivered to Alwyn's."

Ali: "I'm all for pizza at Al's, should I invite the Advisors?"

Grace: "They live on rez, right? I think I read that in the Journal somewhere."

Anderson: Yes! Pizza!

You and I both know this is not what was said. BoD does good work, and they work hard. As an involved student I just was a clear window into how it is they help me. I truly hope to keep the valued resource of accurate minutes.

Adam Faber

SMU Soapbox

Call the SMU soapbox at 496-8201 (or thesmujournal@gmail.com), and a monkey on a typewriter for an infinite amount of time will almost surely produce your rant. The best rant will win a free pizza compliments of the Journal!

Tuesday, October 25th 12:01 PM
I don't really have a rant. Things are actually pretty O.K. Bye.

Thursday, October 28th, 3:34 PM
Hey, stupid... I think you should be nicer to your friends, and stop insulting them all the time. If I knew you were going to be such a b**** I would never have taken so many classes with you.

Thursday, October 28th, 10:12 PM
There's not enough freggin' parking on campus. I pay for a parking pass, and I still wind up parking on Robie street because there is not enough spots! Would it be so hard to count how many people have bought passes and stop when there are too many? Nooo, that wouldn't make enough money! It's bull**** and a waste of my time.

Congratulations, you are this week's winner! E-mail thesmujournal@gmail.com to confirm your identity (tell us what we changed in your rant) and claim your free pizza!

Letter From The BOD

Written by: Ali Hamed

Hello Students,

So this year hasn't been busy, as of yet at least. We held our third meeting this past Friday and discussed different things including a report from the president, the revision of the elections policy, increased funding for students in terms of extracurricular academic activities, and some other policy issues.

This year will see an increased attention towards the potential hike in tuition fees proposed for next academic year, in accordance with the O'Neil report. SMUSA has been working closely with ANSAA to plan the next step ahead in regards of this issue. You probably have seen posters around campus about the "Tapped out" campaign. I strongly encourage you to go to the website mentioned in the posters and submit your petition. We can only do our best, but nobody can help having your voice heard as much as yourself.

In the presidents' report which we discussed on Friday, an especially important issue was mentioned; Academic Advising. We have heard from many of you some critical concerns regarding academic advising including not being provided with credible guidance and being treated unprofessionally and unfairly, to the limit that so many of you, including myself, avoid in many situations to go for academic advising! We have presented this issue to the university administration and found an encouraging response; the Vice President Academic is taking this issue seriously and encouraging more collaboration.

You want to see more of your concerns addressed? Please email, call, stop us in hallways, or come to our meetings!
Best regards,
Ali Hamed

Writing Centre's Tip of the Week

Written by: Katie Eaton

Midterms are over, but it's not time to relax yet. Convinced that you've got lots of time to start those big term papers or assignments looming a few weeks or a month away? Better think again. Want to save yourself a ton of frustration and sleep deprivation later? Start working on them now. I find it's really helpful to make a huge project into smaller, more manageable chunks. That way, you can work on it over a longer period of time, and won't find yourself trying to research and write the thing the night before it's due.

- Day 1: Come up with your topic, start researching ideas.
- Day 2: Narrow that topic and focus your ideas. Create an effective thesis statement, and plan for the paper.
- Day 3: Make a detailed outline for each paragraph. Include your points and any quotes that you'll need.
- Day 4 - 5: The brain work is already done! Follow that outline and start the rough draft.
- Day 6: Complete the rough draft and take a breather.
- Day 7: PROOF READ! A good way to do this is to read out loud: you hear mistakes before you see them.
- Day 9: Start on that final draft, be sure to include those revisions.
- Day 10: Complete and hand it in. You're Done!

A good thing to remember is to be sure to reward yourself when you finish each section of your paper or assignment. Go for a walk or watch some TV. Just do something to get your mind off the assignment so you'll have time to decompress.

I know it sounds like something that we've been told time and again, but trust me - it does make a difference. Another good idea after each small section that you finish, if you're wondering about your writing, drop into the Writing Centre and talk to a Writing Assistant. They can provide a pair of fresh eyes to look at your work with you to improve those writing skills.
Until next week,
Happy Writing!

Green Tip of the Week

Don't take your clean water for granted. Take shorter showers and turn off the tap of the sink while brushing your teeth to prevent wasting water.

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The Journal: News



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Earthquake, Volcano & Tsunami Kill Hundreds in Indonesia

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

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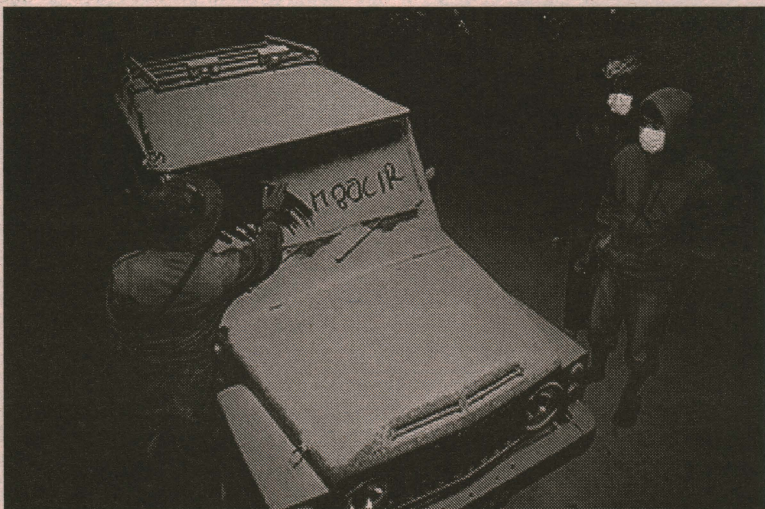
In a scene that looks like it came directly from the script for the movie “2012”, a massive earthquake that then caused a tsunami has hit Indonesia’s islands and to top it all off a volcano erupts the next day spewing lava and ash into the sky and onto the ground.

Hundreds have been killed, left homeless or reported missing and thousands evacuated after a magnitude 7.7 earthquake hit Indonesia and caused a tsunami on October 25. A day later Mount Merapi, located on the outskirts of Yogyakarta city on Java Island, erupted killing at least 35 people.

The US Geological Survey says the massive quake hit at 9:42PM local time and its epicenter was located 240 km west of Sumatra at a depth of 20.6 km.

According to reports coming out of Indonesia, a tsunami alert was issued almost immediately after the quake struck. The alert came too late for many; in less than 10 minutes after the earthquake, the entire village of Monai was literally washed away by the 10 meter high tsunami.

The majority of the 400 plus death



toll has been attributed to the tsunami and not the quake itself.

Indonesian government officials are struggling to cope with the intensity and scale of the disaster. Rescue and humanitarian aid efforts have been severely hampered by rough seas that forced boats and ships carrying aid and relief supplies to turnaround.

Mount Merapi erupted again on October 28, covering many villages with hot ash and forcing evacuations. An estimated 40,000 people have been left homeless, displaced or evacuated because of the devastating natural disaster.

Indonesia sits on the Pacific “Ring of Fire” and is prone to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Mount Merapi killed 1,300 people in 1930.

In December 2004, a tsunami caused by an earthquake of more than magnitude 9 off Sumatra’s coast killed more than 226,000 people. It was the deadliest tsunami on record. Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who had been due to take part in a summit of Asian leaders in Hanoi, flew back to Indonesia to meet with disaster survivors.

Parcel Bomb Suspect Arrested

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

Officials in Yemen have arrested an unidentified woman in connection with a suspected terrorist plot.

Acting on information from United Arab Emirates and U.S. officials, Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh ordered the arrest of the woman who was residing at a house in Yemen’s capital city Sanaa.

Authorities in Dubai had earlier intercepted a suspicious package aboard a FedEx aircraft headed for the U.S. Another package was also found at an airport in the East Midlands region of north London in the U.K. before it could be loaded onto a UPS aircraft.

British Home Secretary Theresa May has said that the targets of the plot could have been an aircraft.

“I can confirm that the device was viable and could have exploded”, said May in a press conference following

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an emergency cabinet meeting.

The devices found in both packages are reported to contain the chemical Pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN) which is one of the most powerful types of plastic explosives. The PETN was packed into toner cartridges. While U.S. officials have confirmed that both packages were destined for Jewish synagogues in Chicago, it is still unclear whether the intended targets were the aircrafts or the synagogues.

U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano has said that the plot “has the hallmarks of al-Qaeda” and U.S. President Barack Obama

said that the coordinated attacks represent a “credible terrorist threat”.

In the wake of the discovery of the plot, both the U.K. and U.S. governments have placed an indefinite ban on all airfreight originating in Yemen.

News of the thwarted alleged terror plot comes on the heels of a European terror threat alert. U.S. and European authorities had advised tourists and locals to be particularly observant and aware of their surroundings amidst fears of a Mumbai style terror attack.

Onlookers are now wondering if this most recently uncovered plot is cause to breathe a sigh of relief or if it’s just a precursor of worse things to come as Al-Qaeda steps up its anti-American rhetoric.

Prison Pub-Crawl Anyone?

Written by: James Urquhart

You may have noticed the signs around campus in the weeks leading up to Halloween advertising the largest pub-crawl in the city for students. Well it may not be a surprise to most that that pub-crawl was being put on by High Impact promotions, owned and operated by Jonathan DeYoung, who is well known among avid party goers in this city. His company is also responsible for the event known as the “world’s biggest pub-crawl”, which has become an annual summer staple in this city. It has become a symbol of excessive drinking and foolishness that this city has become so famous for. What you may not be aware of is the past week Mr. DeYoung was arrested by the HRPD and is being charged with 164 counts of fraud, forgery and identity theft. Mr. DeYoung was arrested October 22nd when police searched his Gladstone apartment and found a large amount of incriminating evidence there.

Many may be asking yourself how

such a respected member of society (ya right) could be accused of such a large amount of crimes, most of which are of a very serious nature, and could result in a very lengthy jail sentence. Well, Mr. DeYoung’s defense attorney has requested that Mr. DeYoung be sent to the East Coast Forensic Hospital so that he can undergo psychiatric evaluations. He is claiming that Mr. DeYoung cannot be held criminally responsible for his actions due to a longstanding and preexisting mental disorder. Whether or not this is the case is up for the courts and the psychiatric professionals at the East Coast faculties to decide, but this type of move is questionable given the success of Mr. DeYoung’s business and reports that have been gathered about his person and actions from various persons who know him.

Specifically, the police found several pieces of incriminating evidence, which they displayed for the media following his highly publicized arrest.

First, they found the actual machine that DeYoung is suspected of using to produce an unknown number of fake pieces of identification. They also seized at least 11 pieces of identification at that location, many of which contained information for actually people from this area and from other various locations in Canada. DeYoung also stands accused of having fraudulently obtained at least three payday loans from businesses in Halifax. He is also accused of having sold several people’s I.D. from one end of Nova Scotia to the other.

Whatever the outcome of these legal proceedings they should certainly be of interest to students (I suppose especially those students who enjoy going on pub-crawls). This certainly will come as a surprise to many students who frequently engage in activities organized by High Impact Promotions.

Possible 20% Spending Cuts: Halifax School Board

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

The chair of the Halifax Regional School Board has expressed optimism that Nova Scotia school boards may not have to implement a 20% budget cut.

Boards across the province received a planning document from the provincial government last week that

suggests cuts totaling as much as 22% over three years.

Halifax chair Irvine Carvery doesn’t believe that’s going to happen.

“It is a big number, but I don’t believe that that’s the number that is going to be reflected in our budgets,” he said. “We have to remember that this is a planning exercise. I believe the

government and the department are looking for us to let them know what the impact would be and then base their decision on that impact.”

Education Minister Marilyn More has said that with an enrollment drop of 35,000 students over the last decade, cost-saving scenarios have to be explored.

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Palin for President in 2012?

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

Controversial, outspoken, opinionated, politically inept, popular and beautiful are all words that have been used to describe former vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

At age 42 Palin became the youngest person and first female Governor of Alaska in 2006. Palin's subsequent surprise selection as John McCain's vice presidential running mate in 2008 catapulted her onto the national U.S. political scene. Over the course of the presidential campaign Palin would go on to capture worldwide media attention, usually for all the wrong reasons.

Unlike most politicians, it seems that Palin's defeat in the presidential campaign has made her even more popular. At a time when many republican voters in the U.S. think that their party has strayed away from the basic GOP principles, Palin represents a breath of unabashed political fresh air. The self-described "hockey mom" of five has played up her connection to the "grass roots" of the conservative right wing.

Almost immediately after the McCain-Palin ticket lost in 2009, political pundits have been asking the same question: will she or won't she run for president in 2012. Well they are now that much closer to getting a definite answer to that question.

In a recent speech at a conference in California Palin told the crowd of about 10,000 "We cannot undo the damage done by the Obama agenda until we replace Obama himself",

New Leader for Progressives in NS

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

Jamie Baillie, Nova Scotia's new Progressive Conservative leader, the only person who ran for the job, has promised to repeal a controversial sales tax hike and bring back a balanced budget law if elected premier.

Jamie Baillie told delegates at a party convention that he would reverse the HST increase brought in by the NDP only when the budget is balanced. "We will roll back that two per cent HST hike the NDP used to pay for their misplaced priorities", "Balanced budget first, lower taxes second. I believe that is the responsible way to go about dealing with the financial health of the province" he told a crowd in Halifax as he was officially named leader of the Conservatives.

With files from CTV and CBC news

"These two elections, 2010 and 2012, go hand-in-hand. ... The theme of 2010 has got to be rebuke their errors, reject, repeal; and then the theme of 2012 — it's renew, revive and restore".

In an even more recent interview with Entertainment Tonight when asked about the 2012 elections Palin said "If there's nobody else to do it, then of course I would believe that we should do this".

Palin has been building her "brand" and gaining political capital through her alignment with the Tea Party Movement, an ultra conservative grass roots group. Palin's endorsement of key Tea Party candidates, such as Delaware Republican Senate candidate Christine O'Donnell, have paid big political dividends with 67% of her endorsees winning in these 2010 elections.

So with increasing popularity, political brand equity and an apparent vacuum with the GOP of credible candidates to run against Obama, is Palin really the GOP's best shot at putting republican in the Whitehouse in 2012?

Well, maybe...or maybe not.

Looking back on the 2008/2009 presidential campaign there are some very valuable lessons to be learned. Hillary Clinton was hugely popular, much more so than Palin, and widely favoured to win her party's nomination. Yet that was before a spoiler appeared in the form of Barack Obama, almost out of nowhere.

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

Former Argentine President Nestor Kirchner has died of a heart attack at age 60. Kirchner's death has elicited an outpouring of national sympathy as large crowds turned out to pay their last respects as Kirchner's coffin was taken to the airport to be flown to his home town Rio Gallegos.

Current President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner was joined by other South American leaders, including Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva as Kirchner was buried in Rio Gallegos.

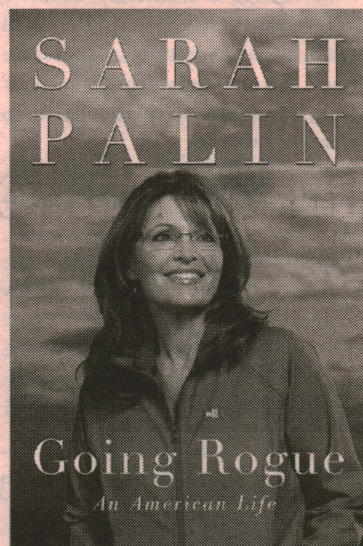
The Kirchner's had faced a great deal of criticism for appearing to circumvent the constitutional limit on two consecutive terms by alternately running for election to the

If Hillary Clinton, one of Washington's most shrewd political power players, couldn't become the first female president in U.S. history, then what makes Palin think that she can?

Palin has argued that Americans are tired of the ever expanding Obama government and their Wall Street bailouts. She argues that "common sense" American voters are going to make their voices heard and votes counted both in these 2010 and the upcoming 2012 elections.

She could be right.

The Obama administrations campaign slogan of "change you can believe in" is now generally seen as having promised more than it has actually



delivered. Unemployment is at an all time Post World War II high at 9.6% and most Americans don't "feel that the economic stimulus package is working". Obama's Whitehouse is facing midterm elections that will most likely see the House, and maybe the Senate, revert to Republican control.

While a lot has changed in the last two years and even will change in the next two, it is still very early to be making 2012 election predictions. Just as Obama did in 2008, some unknown republican politician may emerge to stun the Washington establishment. Or Obama himself may prove to be a much more difficult incumbent to dislodge than many are giving him credit. Even Obama's most ardent detractors would admit that he is one of the best campaigners ever in U.S. national politics; he has that certain indescribable gift for delivering inspiring and motivational speeches. Obama has "gravitas", something political commentator and former senior adviser to President George W Bush, Karl Rove says Palin lacks.

In an interview with the Daily Telegraph he questioned whether Americans thought she had the "gravitas" for the "most demanding job in the world". He also questioned her recent decision to make a television reality travel programme about Alaska, saying the public would struggle to see the star of such a show in the Oval Office. Yet there is something to be said for TV personalities and politics in America.

Let's also not forget that Americans

like to elect "popular" people to public office. Former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura was elected Governor of Minnesota in 1999; former bodybuilder and actor Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected Governor of California in 2003 and former President Ronald Reagan was also an actor.

Rove may have a point, but, and this is a serious but, most Americans probably don't even know what "gravitas" means. But they do know that they do understand Palin's simple, down to Earth populist rhetoric. Sometimes that's all that is needed, along with lots of money, to become president in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The media frenzy surrounding Palin's potential presidential candidacy also provides Canadians with a new reason to reopen the discussion about women in politics here in Canada. Canada's only female Prime Minister, Kim Campbell, only held the office for 6 months and never sat in Parliament as prime minister since her term began during the summer vacations and ended with the elections in fall.

With the political furor that both Hillary Clinton and Sarah Palin have been able to generate in the U.S., one has to wonder why Canada has yet to produce a female politician who can do the same on a national level within Canada as well as internationally outside of Canada.

Wouldn't it be really very interesting to have a female prime minister sitting in the Canadian Parliament?

Argentina & Barbados Mourn death of National Leaders

Written by: Keimeko Scotland

presidency. Just as Mr. Kirchner stood aside for his wife in 2007, it was widely thought that Mrs. Kirchner would step back and allow her husband to run in the October 2011 election.

The former president, who ran the country from 2003 to 2007, was his wife's chief political strategist after she succeeded him, and was also secretary general of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR). Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is widely expected to replace Kirchner as secretary general of UNASUR. Kirchner's death has created a power vacuum and a looming sense of political uncertainty for Argentina in the midst of a worldwide economic recession.

The island nation of Barbados is

also still reeling from the untimely death of Prime Minister David John Howard Thompson at age 48. Thompson, who had been battling with pancreatic cancer since early in the year, died at home on October 23.

Thompson, the sixth prime minister of Barbados, was born on 25 December 1961 in England but grew up in Barbados. After a career in law he entered politics, winning a by-election for the Democratic Labour Party in 1987. He became head of the DLP in the early 1990s and was elected prime minister in January of 2008.

Thompson's death strikes a serious blow to Barbados as the country struggles to deal with the impact of the global economic crisis that

has had devastating effects on many Caribbean nations.

Denzil Douglas, the prime minister of St Kitts and Nevis, said Mr Thompson's death was a loss "not only the people of Barbados, but also the people of the Caribbean".

Barbados Governor General Sir Clifford Husbands has appointed the attorney general and Deputy PM Freundel Stuart to head the government until elections in 2012.

The Journal: Feature



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"Found in the Great Lakes to the Acadian forests..."

The Cranky Professor

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The quality of public writing at Saint Mary's is dismally low. Should we care? If we should care, what can we do about it?

Let's begin with a few examples. Plaques in the classrooms instruct us what to do "In case of an emergency," rather than simply in an emergency. For about a year, a sign in the McNally Building advertised "accessible access" to the science building. Take a look at any of the plaques in front of the trees on campus. I haven't read one that wasn't incomprehensible, ungrammatical, or uproarious. (The title of this article is taken from the plaque describing an Ironwood tree.)

"Please note that the names of graduates listed in this program are subject to revision." That's from the Fall Convocation booklet. (I suspect it's the list that's subject to revision.)

Writing is bad just about everywhere on campus. It's not just signs and plaques. We can find bad writing in campus publications and university memos. Professors and administrators contribute more of it than do students.

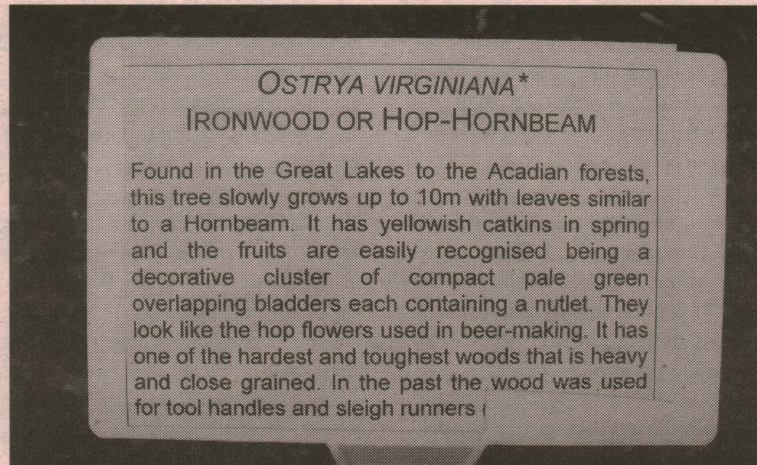
Now of course not all public writing

at Saint Mary's is flat, insipid, or ungrammatical. "This Week at Saint Mary's," for instance, is usually clear, direct, and easy to read. Our Academic Calendar is better written than one might expect, though it wouldn't hurt to turn it over to a good copy editor for a final revision. Nonetheless, one cannot spend a day on campus without encountering writing that is poor or worse.

It's not hard to write well, especially when you are writing just to convey directions or information. There are easy rules to follow that almost ensure that one's writing will be easy to read and that it will mean (only) what one wants it to mean. Write simply and directly. Pay attention to the most literal meanings of one's words. Use the active voice. (The first two sentences of this paragraph violate this rule.) No more than one adjective or adverb per sentence. That's about it.

Should we care about bad public writing? That is, should we care to complain about it, and should writers and administrators, whoever is responsible for campus signs, memos, and publications, heed our complaints?

As writers, we care to write well because we want to be understood



and enjoyed. As readers, we want to understand what we read and we want not to be pained while reading it. Of course, we like also to be entertained, and this creates a dilemma for us. The plaques in front of the trees are certainly amusing. Yet those who wrote and erected them meant to inform us about the trees. If our amusement distracts us from learning, the writers failed to do what they wanted.

What to do about bad public writing? We don't want to be nags, and, anyway, complaining won't work unless the people we complain to care. They might not care. That they don't care is evinced simply by the extent of the problem. If bad public writing on campus doesn't matter to editors and

administrators, then we might as well give up and get used to it.

But it's possible that it does matter to them, or, at least, that it would matter to them if we complained, louder and more often.

Here's my suggestion. Take a photo of a sign or plaque you'd be embarrassed to have written. Send it by email to the president, to the academic vice-president, to a dean or two, and maybe to some other senior administrators. Simply ask that they replace that sign or plaque with a well-written one.

When it comes to memos and campus publications, the matter is a bit trickier. We don't want to favour

style over content, we don't want to be pedantic, we don't want to rag on people for their innocent mistakes, and we certainly don't want to foist our preferences on others. (We're happy, of course, to discuss the merits and demerits of our different preferences. This should be done in the spirit of creating and refining our particular voices, not in the spirit of correction.)

So stick to obvious problems in syntax and clarity. Direct your comment to the editor of the publication rather than to the author. Send it privately. Don't expect a response, but send a thank you should you receive one.

Let's see what happens.

If the kids want to fist pump let them fist pump, just don't let them forget how stupid it is

Written by: James Urquhart

In our most recent issue of the journal, Student life editor Suvir Pursnani wrote an article tearing into the hit MTV television show Jersey Shore, and to an extent I thought he made a valid point. Could you imagine if the world was filled with "situations"? Oh what a wonderful world that would be! This got me to thinking; why are we so afraid of shows like Jersey Shore? Why do so many individuals become enraged at the sight of this type of ludicrous behavior, by obviously ludicrous individuals? I mean in the grander scheme of things, what are they hurting? I think that there is an even more pressing issue under the surface of these concerns; one I am sure those individuals who get all hot and bothered about Jersey Shore, and programs of a like nature, would much rather not have examined. Well I apologize to those for what I am about to do (but honestly you should have really already inferred what I am going to before I even get there, which only feeds into what I am about to discuss).

So then the question up for discussion is what is really wrong

with reality television? It is not the shows themselves, although they can certainly be asinine at times. But sometimes it is their asinine like nature that makes them so attractive to some of us out there. I for one love Jersey Shore, which may be hard for some to believe, but I find it to be a good way to escape from my everyday life, which comprises mostly of heavy duty intellectual endeavors. But you see, I think this is where the problem lies for a lot of people. The reason I can enjoy Jersey Shore is because I know that this is not how I am supposed to act. It is like when you play a video game, and the plot is to kill as many people as possible, does this then become your goal in life as well? I would certainly hope it does not, or we may be in a lot of trouble. The same should type of reasoning should follow from shows like Jersey Shore. You should get your kicks and giggles out of the show, and then move on with your life. But I guess some people seem to have a hard time following the simple metaphorical arrangement that I have suggested. And this is the issue that I believe is really concerning to those individuals who cry bloody murder

every time there is a new "Jersey Shore" introduced on television. They, like most people who have truly thought about this issue, know that individuals in this day and age have a hard time to think for themselves. The Beatles, in their classic song "Think for yourself", from the album Rubber Soul, hit it right on the head when they say "Although your mind's opaque, try thinking more if just for your own sake" (I know this taken a bit out of context, but I'm sure John, Paul, George and Ringo will forgive me). People cannot think for themselves in this day and age. It really is a shame; however, it is also synonymous with an even deeper and more troubling problem. How is it that we have come to live in a society in which many people cannot think about issues critically? The problem is much more fundamental than it would first appear. It is a structural problem that exists within the context of the entire social system. Think about it: when you were growing up, how many times where you asked by anyone to challenge assumptions and question your beliefs? I argue that this is no fluke, society is structured in such a way that if people started

to question it, it would all come crumbling down. And we go along with it, not because it is in our best interest, but because it is easier to be conventional and conform then it is to stir the pot. So I say what we need is not less Jersey Shore, but more individuals who are willing to take a stand and expose society for what it is: a mechanism to oppress critical and insightful thought. I know that I will feel far less guilty laughing at the situation when I know that I live in a world were people are laughing for the same reasons that I am.





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Ghana Internship: an unforgettable experience

Written by: Leah Ellingwood

I had never heard of Kintampo, Ghana before this summer, despite a local monument's claim to it being "The Centre of Ghana and the Universe." Now, I'll never forget it. I worked there for three months with the Kintampo Health Research Centre on an internship funded by the Canadian International Development Agency's Students for Development Program. And it was definitely memorable.

I helped with an ongoing epidemiological study of malaria in pregnant women and their children. In brief, malaria is an infectious disease caused by blood parasites and transmitted by mosquito vectors. It causes various symptoms, including fever, vomiting, headache, and results in 3,000 deaths worldwide daily, the majority in sub-Saharan Africa. Pregnant women and children are particularly vulnerable.

The study I worked on intends to establish baseline malaria prevalence for a birth cohort from birth to two years in the Kintampo and Nkoranza

districts of Ghana's Brong-Ahafo Region. It also investigates whether malaria during pregnancy affects children's susceptibility to malaria in infancy. Eventually, the results will be used for malaria vaccine studies and medical care decisions.

This was my first time staying in a "developing" country as well as being involved first-hand in public health research. I was hooked. For the first half of my internship, I worked with the fieldwork coordination team. In our Land Cruiser with an expert driver endearingly known as "Ajuma Wura" (Hard Worker in Twi, the most common traditional Ghanaian language), we braved bumpy, washed out roads whose "puddles" we nicknamed after the Great Lakes ("No, I don't think Lake Toronto is one of them").

We visited remote, often impoverished study communities where the children appeared in hoards to chase, glimpse, or stroke the hair of the elusive "obruni" (white person). There we resolved participant issues, including

blood draw refusal and data inconsistencies. We also discussed logistical strategies with fieldworkers, Ghanaians in their early twenties hired to live in the communities, collect monthly blood samples, and visit the study participants daily to ensure their health. Occasionally, we transported sick study participants to hospitals in neighbouring cities.

I also helped plan and administer a qualitative study on insecticide-treated net use among pregnant women. I was interested to learn about their commitment to ensuring the health of their families. When not in the field, I worked in the nearby clinic where study mothers bring their babies for sample collection and free medical treatment when they're suspected of having malaria.

After somehow maintaining my pallid complexion despite spending most days under the scorching sun (maybe it was the layers of SPF60?), I spent the second half of the summer training in the Centre's air-conditioned lab. There, blood and tissue samples

from various studies are processed.

Circulating through the hematology, parasitology, bacteriology, and chemistry units, I learned a variety of skills: I can now confidently identify malaria species in blood samples by microscope (unfortunately— or rather, fortunately— not so useful in Canada). Those nights, asleep under my bed net, I dreamt of floating *Plasmodium falciparum* trophozoite rings. I also know some of the methods used to diagnose bacterial infections. All I need is Gram stains, a microscope, hydrogen peroxide, and a bit of your urine to let you know if you likely have a *Staphylococcus* or *Streptococcus* infection.

Overall, the internship was an invaluable experience. It has enhanced my understanding of development issues and international health research. It also changed my career goals—I'm now considering a degree in Public Health next year.

If you're a student interested in an amazing summer doing work in a

developing country related to their degree, check out the Students for Development program. It funds three to six month internships in developing countries for students in 3rd and 4th year undergrad through to PhD students. Each year, the internships address different priorities; this year, they were increasing food security, stimulating sustainable economic development, and securing the future of children and youth (mine fit into the latter). Applications come out online in April. If you have questions, contact Maryanne Nduate, Project Manager of SMU International

Activities.

This project was undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). I am grateful to them as well as Kintampo Health Research Centre, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and Saint Mary's University International Activities office.

Labour Day reflections: Our prejudice is showing

Written by: Judy Haiven, Sobey School of Business

(Editor's note: This is a reprint of the article critiqued in Mark Mercer's column 'Is racial prejudice the cause?' - Oct 20th)

On Labour Day, we will be obliged to cast our minds to the triumphs and travails of working people. There is much to be alarmed about, as average earnings in Nova Scotia have dropped over the past 25 years as productivity has risen. But for one group of Nova Scotian workers, insult is added to injury. There are more than 19,000 African Nova Scotians. Their rate of unemployment is 15 per cent higher than among whites. Not only that, but when African Nova Scotians with university degrees do find jobs, they are paid \$10,000 less, on average, than other Nova Scotians. These startling figures come from the provincial government's Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs, and no matter what numbers you look at, it doesn't look good for African Nova Scotians.

The 2006 Canadian census tells us that more than 12,500 (of the 19,000) African Nova Scotians live in metro Halifax. They represent about four per cent of the population of metro. But results of my recent investigation paint a gloomy picture of African Nova Scotians' employment prospects. A count of visible minorities working at the "front of the shop" retail sales at over 300 establishments in HRM reveals that out of 965 people, only 23 or 2.3 per cent are African Nova Scotian. African Nova Scotians are under-represented by 42.5 per cent.

A look through scores of newspaper articles strongly suggests a reason

for this gross disparity: good, old-fashioned discrimination. Let's consider the HRM alone as an employer:

- In 2009, Charles Adams, the only black building inspector in his HRM office, complained to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission that he was subject to a "threatening, harassing and discriminative work environment." For example, an emailed message sent to Adams and his co-workers during African Heritage Month noted that one Monday was National Breast Day, and "we would rather have National Breast Day than Martin Luther King's birthday any day. Ha-ha-ha. Pass it on."

- In 2009, a group of black firefighters attended a closed-door HRM council meeting to present evidence of discrimination on the job; they also contacted the Human Rights Commission.

- In late 2008, Sgt. Robyn Atwell, a black police officer in HRM, filed a human rights complaint detailing racism and sexism by her co-workers.

- In 2008, Royce Hellesoe, an African Nova Scotian who had worked for HRM for four years as an outside worker, complained to the Human Rights Commission that a co-worker had called him the "N" word and that his co-workers and supervisors told racially offensive jokes. He also complained that he was denied better positions which were given to white employees - though he had more

seniority.

- In 2007, black constable Lewis Cain claimed he suffered discrimination from co-workers and supervisors in the HRM police force and was fired; he launched a human rights complaint.

- Mary Harnish, a civilian employee with the HRM police, filed a human rights complaint in 2005. She alleged that co-workers made racist comments to her on the job, causing her to quit

- In 2002, the late Randolph Symonds, who worked for Metro Transit, filed a human rights complaint that he was targeted and harassed by co-workers because of the colour of his skin. It was settled behind closed doors.

What can we take from these facts as Labour Day approaches? We Nova Scotians like to think of Scotians like to think of ourselves as "good people" who do not discriminate. But it has been 30 years since "adverse intent" - the excuse that we did not intend to discriminate - was dropped from human rights adjudication. If discrimination happens, no matter the intent, we can be held responsible. We do not have to look too far to see that we Nova Scotians are part of the problem. For instance, the mere idea of a designated seat on HRM council for an African Nova Scotian councillor has been met by an embarrassing surfeit of derision and anger. I daresay our prejudice is showing.

The Journal: Student Life



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Campus Construction

Written by: Suvir Pursnani

Ongoing construction in and around campus has been a major problem for us all the past couple of weeks. Scratch that; it seems like construction has been going on since I've got here. With the completion of the Atrium, the University wants to continue modernizing our beloved campus. This is great for us all. It's a little frustrating to deal with the noise while in class and it's not a great sight either. But try looking at the bigger picture; all this construction means a better campus for us all in the end. However, I do disagree with some of the projects happening on campus. My curiosity in the subject led me to the office of the Vice President of SMUSA and the man in charge of University Affairs, Mr. Michael Mercer.

"They're improving on our existing campus and making it more student friendly" says Mike. He continues "They're on a tight deadline and that's why there's construction going on all the time." This is true. Mike is on the committee that oversees the project. He explained to me that the university was given funding for the NCJ (North Campus Infrastructure) Project through KIP (Knowledge Infrastructure Project) and that the project had to be completed by a certain date. This date is March 2011. The only way the University can keep this deadline and remain on schedule is to work long hours around the clock. It's a nuisance but it has to be done. Frankly, I'll put up with the noise other inconveniences if that means a better campus.

When I say better campus, I mean a number of things. The interior renovation that's been happening inside McNally is fascinating. Do you remember how old and fugly some of those floors were? Now it's spectacular; all the renovated classrooms and labs with the new chairs, desks, whiteboards, overhead projectors, etc. The arts commons on the 2nd floor of the McNally Main is also a great asset to the University that just opened up. I'm sure the faculty is happy with their new offices too. There is also a lot that you can't recognize so easily. One of the goals of the project is to reduce the campus's carbon footprint. This meant that the energy efficiency of the whole building had to be reworked. And that's exactly what they did when they upgraded the lighting and air conditioning in various parts of the building. This updated energy efficiency plan also applied to the library and the Burke building. There's a lot happening with the exterior as well. You'll realize this if you went around to the front entrance of the McNally building. It's a great change from what I arrived to last year. We'll also see a big change by the end of the November with the extension of the quad. If you're confused with this last sentence, I don't blame you. It seemed that we blinked and all of a sudden there was hell in the middle of our campus. The construction going on behind McNally and next to Loyola is due to the extension of the quad. This means that a 'green space' will be replace all the pavement and concrete mess that was there

before. More trees, grass, and open area for us students to take advantage of. "I fought for this" exclaimed Mike with passion. \$23 million is being spent on this whole project and it will most likely be lost if renovations aren't completed by March 2011. "This explains the rush of things" says Mike. It seems like the Atrium and Science Building were just completed yesterday, I'm glad that they didn't slow down the momentum.

However, there is one thing I want to express my disapproval of: The Homburg Center. The Homburg Center is named after Dr. Richard Homburg who received his honorary PhD from Saint Mary's. He does a lot of philanthropy work around Halifax and contributes a great deal to SMU student funding through bursaries and scholarships. He wanted Saint Mary's build a center like this. The center's main goal is to provide the community with resources to live a healthier lifestyle. He donated a massive \$5 million for this project. The problem is that the project costs \$8 million. From what I've learned, Saint Mary's is in debt \$2 million for this center. I don't really see the point in a health and fitness center. "Sure it will be great for the athletes and a few people here and there, but I don't see it having a substantial benefit for the average student." explains Mike. He continues; "It'll be great to have a new shiny building, but I'm still not sure of the overall benefits relating to the debt we incurred or to the business case that says community groups will provide the revenue



to pay for the yearly operating costs. The University says that it will be great asset to the community and an inflow of money generated by the new center will be able to outmatch the costs. I'm not convinced though, I haven't seen any proof of this." I agree with Mike. If we're going to be in debt, I want it to be for newer classrooms or more academic facilities, not a fitness center. I've already been asked twice to switch classes because of the lack of space. This is very upsetting. I signed up for a course and I shouldn't have to be asked to switch over because the class doesn't have enough space accommodate the number of students. If this is the problem, BUILD BIGGER ROOMS! That's the solution. I pay to go to school, not to go to the gym. I know a great number of students who are also unhappy with the condition that our residences are in right now too. It's a matter of getting your priorities in

order. We're an academic institution first, not a fitness center.

It's awesome that we're expanding. We've built new buildings and I'm happy to see that the older buildings aren't being forgotten. Saint Mary's is definitely competing with the bigger universities out there. The new facelift will attract more staff, faculty, and students. It will create more space for research, and learning. It's a great process that I'm glad to be a part of. I just think our money can be better spent on things that are more important. The university exists to serve us, and right now I think everyone's thirst for fitness and athleticism is quenched. We give enough emphasis to sports and athletics as is. The last thing we need is another fitness center. There are just more important things our money can go towards.

The Husky Patrol

The Minivan Blessing

Written by: Suvir Pursnani

Hidden and sleeping at day, but awake and in action at night, the glorious Husky mobiles wake from the slumber to deliver us from the evils of the world. Maybe the service isn't that epic, but it sure is a great convenience to have. Not too many of us know about this great service that SMUSA provides for us. That's why I decided to go on a recon mission myself to learn more about the age old program.

My first objective was to figure out how to access the safe ride home. What better place to start than the SMUSA Information Desk over at the Student Centre. So, off I went on my journey, a foggy, rainy Wednesday night. There was no way I was walking home in this weather. I wasn't up for waiting on a bus either. What a perfect time to give the Husky Patrol a try. I went up to the nice lady at the Info Desk and inquired. All I

needed to do was hand my student card over and state my name. After about five minutes or so, she signaled the other students and myself that the van was ready for us out back in the parking lot. I didn't really know where I was going, so I followed Celene, a regular of the service, to the van. Celene explained that she had been using the service for as long as she can remember. She lived a far distance away and the bus times were incompatible with her class times. She loves that SMUSA offers a safe ride home for her every day.

At the pimped out Husky mobile, we were greeted by two SMU students; the driver, Ankush, and a campus security officer, Jordan. Two friendly guys who were doing their part in the whole program. After some exchanging of identification and roll call, I gave them my address, and so did the other students that were riding along with me. When I revealed that

I was part of the Journal, these two were up for spreading the word of the program. "It's a great service we offer to students free of charge" says Ankush. Jordan adds "We do get a fair share of students that take advantage of it, but most of them are regulars." It's too much of a good opportunity to pass up. By the end of our conversation, I was home. No more sore legs. No more muddy boots. No more time wasted on waiting for a bus. No more money wasted on a cab.

Two days later, I caught up with Ms. Cathie Ross, the General Manager over at SMUSA, to talk more about the Husky Patrol. "You can't put a price on safety" says Ms. Ross, "with all that's been happening (sleepwatcher, swarmings, etc) the value of a safe ride home can't be matched." We also spoke about future plans. The Husky Patrol will be offering Tuesday grocery runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., starting

next week to our nearest Sobeys grocery store at 1120 Queen Street. Students will be able to travel, using the Husky Patrol, to and from Sobeys for groceries to take advantage of their Tuesday student discount. Coming from a student who lived in residence, this is truly a blessing. Walking to Sobeys and back with bags of groceries wasn't always the most fun thing on my Tuesday to-do list. With winter around the corner, this could not have been introduced at a better time. Props to Sobeys and SMUSA for making this work.

The Husky Patrol program started in 1995 and was the first of its kind in the whole country. Since then, the initiative has grown to accommodate more students at various times. It's a service for us, the students. Take advantage of it!



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Halifax Farmers' Market Experience

Written by: Kerry J. O'Rourke

Mr. Bob Dylan wrote "The times they are a changing" and oh have they, at the Halifax Farmers' Market! The market has shed its old skin and grown a new one. What I'm getting at is this. The market was located in the Keith's brewery but has now moved to the Pier 21 spot (same general building). The time hasn't changed it's still on Saturdays but where it's held has.

There's no better way to improve our lives than seeing government dollars at work. As such the market has a beautiful new facility, I can only imagine was made possible via some government money.

Regardless, to try and put a value on fresh food is almost impossible. As the winter will be upon us shortly, unfortunately some great produce will be out of season, soon. Hence, that's what makes our very own Halifax Market so great. It allows anyone willing to get up early on a Saturday morning to get fresh produce straight from the Farmers' hand. Sobey's & The Superstore are great but buying something straight from the person that produced it, to me, can't be trumped!

If you're not specifically looking for produce, don't worry the market will also have you covered.

Let me suppose a hypothetical



situation to you. Let's say after your roommate reads this, they decide they want to go down and see the market for themselves. Well you've already been grocery shopping & have no need to get up early on a Saturday morning to get more food. Well tag along with him/her & here's why.

They call it the Halifax Farmers' Market, however that's not all it has. The market also has people that aren't selling food. I met a great young guy that goes the NSCC & is an artist. He sets up shop every weekend with some funky & great original T-shirts he personally designs, creates and sells. I had to get one they were so awesome! Well that's my 2 cents. I hope you now want to go too! Here's what you need to know, to go!

Opening Hours in November
Saturday Farmers' Market: 7am - 4pm
Sunday Farmers' Market: 8am-4pm
Location
Pier 21

This (Past) Week-In-Business: PT #3

Written by: Kerry J. O'Rourke

Welcome back for the third, installment of the weekly on this (past) week in business. Brought to you by The Journal!

INVESTING: As I previously reported on the surge in M&A is starting to warm up, so too is the economy starting to believe in the idea of renewed prosperity. Essentially, the Bears are going back into hibernation while the Bulls are about to run! What does that mean to you? Employers will have more money & need more people = a better chance at a job!

TECH: I love Apple Inc. Heck I'm writing this on a MacBook Pro & listening to music on my Iphone 4. However, Goggle is out there trying to change the world too. That is essentially why the Android (usually on an HTC product) is growing faster than iPhones. Now that's saying something. I personally prefer

Apple's products and won't change anything but the market is speaking with their desires & dollars. Goggle is getting stronger!

INNOVATION: Twitter I personally don't use it but The Journal does, tweet us!

Anyway, twitter has now become the most common used name in the English language, according to Global Language Monitor data for 2009. ("Obama" was a close second). When people sleep they dream. Hence the innovators are all in one big innovative race to create the next Twitter type word. They're not looking to create the next Twitter, just a name as powerful & make it well known!

Come back next week for all new content!

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Best rant gets pizza



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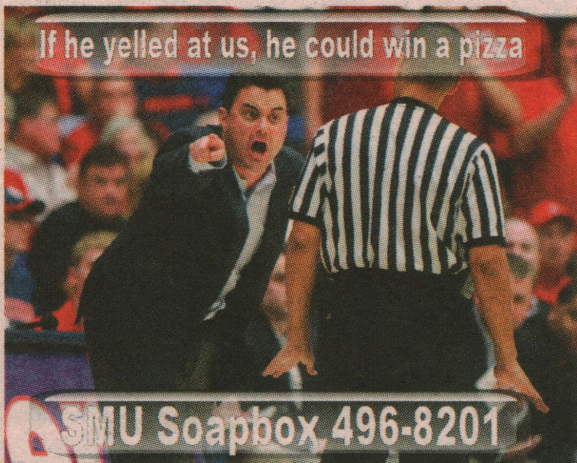
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Week in Tech: 10/23 – 10/30

Written by: Angela Lindsey

Actroid-F, made by Japanese robot maker **Kokoro**, has been billed by Guinness World Records as the “first true android”. There are videos on Kokoro’s website showing the robot replicating the operator’s facial expressions and body movements. Actroid-F made a public showing in Tokyo dressed as a nurse.

A **3G base station** has now been installed by **TeliaSonera** subsidiary **Ncell** at 5,200 meters (17,000 feet) which will reach the peak of **Mount Everest**. This will allow climbers to surf the internet from the peak, as well as make 3G video calls.

Mars rover **Spirit** had its wheels broken through the crust of the sand pit known as “Troy” in April 2009, and **NASA** gave up on extracting the rover in January 2010. However, the spinning of the wheels exposed soil which indicates that the surface of Mars may actually be wet. In the newly exposed surface layers, minerals such as hematite, silica and gypsum were revealed, which do not dissolve easily in water. However, under the surface, centimeters below the crust, it was revealed that iron sulfate minerals existed, which are minerals that dissolve easily in water. Scientists are hoping that Spirit comes out of hibernation when Martian spring arrives next month, but since the

solar panels were facing from the sun during the winter hibernation and Mars sat through colder temperatures than ever before, chances are slim.

China has passed the US and the rest of the world with the reveal of the world’s fastest supercomputer. The **Tianhe-1A** in Tianjin has achieved this record by using 7,168 NVIDIA Tesla M2050 GPUs and 14,336 Intel Xeon CPUs consuming 4.04 megawatts.

A 22-year-old mother from Jacksonville, Florida pleaded guilty to second-degree-murder after her 3-month-old son interrupted her **Farmville** game. She claims that she shook the baby, smoked a cigarette “to compose herself” and proceeded to shake the baby again. She believes that the baby may have hit his head during one of the two shakings.

2K Games has announced a retraction of its previous announcement stating that the downloadable content for **BioShock 2** would not be coming to PC, and have re-started development on these expansions. According to the developer, The Protector Trials should be expected sometime in December, but there is no timeframe for Minerva’s Den.

A study at **Vanderbilt University** in

Nashville has revealed that even when a typing error is corrected before it appears on a screen, subjects’ fingers automatically slowed down after mistyping a word. The typist wasn’t explicitly aware of any mistakes that they had made, but their fingers automatically wanted to correct the error. Psychologist **Robert Logan** says that this change in timing reflects a type of automatic performance assessment. “The body is doing one thing and the mind is doing another,” he says. “What we found was that the fingers knew the truth.”

A **DOS emulator**, developed by **FastIntelligence** and known as **iDOS** was briefly released for iOS, but was removed within a few hours of release. It seems that the reason for removing this emulator is simply because it is an emulator. The policies for the app store state that: [An application] may not itself install or launch other executable code by any means, including without limitation through the use of a plug-in architecture, calling other frameworks, other APIs or otherwise. No interpreted code may be downloaded and used in an Application except for code that is interpreted and run by Apple’s Published APIs and built-in interpreter(s).

Whistler Olympics 2010; From the View of an Unconcerned Employee, the series

Written by:

The Vancouver Whistler Olympics was successful however there was low moments; from the homeless being relocated, to riots in the city and the tragic death of a young Georgian / bobsledder. The project with an estimated cost of 1.76 billion with 580 million be transferred to taxpayers had many local resident wondering if the benefits outweighed the costs.

It was the day before the first event was scheduled to be held in Whistler the company I worked for was putting the final touches on the venues, shoveling snow, clearing walkways, etc. We watched athletes doing their final practice run before the biggest day of their life everything seemed ready. Around 11 AM we went into one of the break tents and saw an immediate difference the mood was very somber and everyone was gathered around a television. My co-workers and I watch with amazement as we see images of a luger who we now know was the 18 year old Georgian Nodar Kumaritashvili flying into a pole at 90 miles per hour and dying only minutes away from where we were standing. I was fortunate enough to not see however knowing this happened gave the Olympics a new realistic perspective to myself and the other who worked with me.

Being in Vancouver for the previous

months leading to the Olympics you could see the resistance from different groups. “No Olympics On Stolen Native Land” was stickered and postered all over the city, there was various social rights groups who claimed that the Olympics drove up costs even more in a city that already has claim to the country’s poorest postal code, the downtown eastside. And of course there were regular citizens who claimed that the cost was too high and many of the expenditures were unnecessary. Being there and seeing a culmination of all these factors I was not surprised to see the outcome; rioting in the streets, over 200 people terrorized downtown Vancouver; disturbing the peace, destroying cars and symbolically smashing the plate glass windows at The Bay a major Olympic sponsor.

The 2010 Olympics will go down in history as hugely successful but there were grey marks that most people will choose to ignore and put out of their minds and they should be remembered. In my opinion the Olympics was a positive, however; an opening ceremony failure, a gold medalist promoting binge drinking, displacing the homeless, rioting, a death..... More fun stuff next week, there is a Jamaican bobsled team!

This Week’s New Games

Written by: Angela Lindsey

Be on the lookout for these new games this week!

10/29/10 – Bakugan: Defenders of the Core (PS3/Xbox 360/PSP – Activision)
10/29/10 – Power Gig: Rise of the Six String (PS3 – Seven Studios)
10/29/10 – Greg Hastings’ Paintball 2 (Xbox 360/Wii – Majesco)
11/01/10 – The Last Guardian (PS3 – Sony Computer Entertainment)
11/01/10 – Game Party: In Motion (Xbox 360 – Warner Home Video Games)
11/01/10 – Otomedius Excellent (Xbox 360 – Konami)
11/01/10 – NBA Elite 11 (PS3/Xbox 360 – Electronic Arts)
11/01/10 – Mindjack (Xbox 360 – Square Enix)
11/02/10 – DC Universe Online (PC/PS3 – Sony Online Entertainment)
11/02/10 – The Amazing Race (Wii – UbiSoft)
11/02/10 – Fist of the North Star (PS3 – Tecmo Koei)
11/02/10 – James Bond: Goldeneye

(Wii/DS – Activision)
11/02/10 – Megamind Ultimate Showdown (PS3/Xbox 360 – THQ)
11/02/10 – Dance Dance Revolution (Wii/PS3 – Konami)
11/02/10 – James Bond: Blood Stone (PC/PS3/Xbox 360/DS – Activision)
11/02/10 – Time Crisis: Rising Storm (PS3 – Namco Bandai Games)
11/02/10 – Fist of the North Star: Kens Rage (PS3/Xbox 360 – Tecmo Koei)
11/02/10 – God of War: Ghost of Sparta (PSP – Sony Computer Entertainment)
11/02/10 – Blood Drive (PS3/Xbox 360 – Activision)
11/02/10 – Megamind Mega Team Unite (Wii – THQ)
11/02/10 – Pro Evolution Soccer 2011 (PS3 – Konami)
11/03/10 – The Conduit 2 (Wii – Sega of America)

Germ-Free Devices

Written by: Angela Lindsey

Flu season is creeping up on us, and with advances in technology, we find ourselves using touch-screen devices daily, as well as community keyboards at the computer labs here on campus. A study by Stanford University students claims that your phone is covered with 18 times more germs than a toilet handle! The study also found that if you put a virus on a surface, such as that of an iPhone, about 30 percent of the virus will get on your fingertips. From here, the virus can reach your eyes, mouth or nose, all of which are the most likely routes of infection.

Because of this, it is suggested that we take as many precautions as possible to avoid getting these viruses. The most obvious point to make is to wash your hands! Not just after using the bathroom or before eating (though you definitely want to do that) but especially after using something that is shared by the community: computers, public transportation, or a vending machine, to name a few.

You also want to do your best to keep your mobile devices clean and germ-free. Most of these gadgets come with cleaning instructions in the package, but there are a few

general rules of thumb to follow when cleaning them.

Use alcohol or disinfectant – sparingly. This advice is a bit controversial, because many items, especially those with touch-screens, are prone to damage from alcohol-based cleaners or disinfectants. If you are unsure of whether you can safely use these products on your gadget, go the safe route and use a slightly damp (not wet) lint-free cloth. If you are able to use alcohol-based products, it’s recommended that you use the bottled liquid and not pre-soaked wipes. This will allow you to better control the concentration of the product, and use it in small doses.

Use screen protectors, and change them often. Screen protectors allow you to use alcohol-based cleaners on items that you wouldn’t normally be able to, and give you a chance to take them off and put on a new one when you feel you’ve used it for long enough. The idea of being able to literally start fresh when you want to is wonderful, and also helps keep your screen scratch-free.

Clean the entire device. Don’t forget about the back or buttons – use a cloth on them as well. Be careful

of getting any liquid cleaner in the working parts. Most places recommend that around buttons (such as the menu button on your iPhone) you use a dry, dust-free cloth, simply to avoid any drips that would cause the button to stop functioning.

Research your options. There are many products on the market to help clean your mobile devices, from the Violight UV Cellphone Sanitizer (a device with two ultraviolet lamps to stop germs from replicating) to sprays designed specifically for cleaning iPhones and other touch screens. Always do your research, though, and if you’re feeling unsure of the safety of a cleaner, opt for the safe choice – dust-free cloth and lots of hand-washing!





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The Journal: Arts & Entertainment

UPCOMING EVENTS

Written by: Kyle L. Trimper

MUSIC

Gianna Lauren will be appearing at The Company House on Nov. 11 to celebrate the release of her album *Some Move Closer, Some Move On*. An opening set will be performed by Daniel Ledwell. The show begins at 8 PM. Admission is \$8.00, \$20.00 with a CD.

ART GALLERIES

"HABANA: An Intimate Portrait", by Anne Launcelott will be on display at the ViewPoint Gallery from November 4th to November 28th. The photography exhibit displays "an intimate portrait of the people, the culture and the vibe of Havana under the Castro regime". The exhibit is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 12 noon to 5 PM.

FILM

Ellen Page and Lil Macpherson will be hosting a screening of Mario Desmarais' documentary, *Sludge Diet* on November 7th at 7 PM at the Park Lane Theatre. All members of the public are invited free of charge. Organizers are challenging Halifax's municipal government and other local politicians to attend this event to hear the concerns and questions posed by the citizens of Halifax.



Gianna Lauren, who will be appearing at The Company House on Nov. 11 to celebrate the release of her album, *Some Move Closer, Some Move On*.

An Evening Of Grand Guignol: "Embrace The Cheese"

Written by: Kyle L. Trimper

"Embrace the cheese." That's what the press release for Taboo Theatre's "An Evening of Grand Guignol" said. "Embracing the cheese", as it were, in a play usually means one of two things: either it's a senior citizen's play and the actors are going to ham it up because they think that's what the audience thinks is funny, or the play is not very good and the participants know it, so they attempt to prepare the audience for the reality that the production sucks.

I didn't want to go at that point, and that's a big strike against the production right there. You see, writing a review on a play or album can be greatly influenced by factors that have nothing to do with the product itself. Maybe I don't want to be there. Maybe I have a headache or I'm tired. Maybe I'm stressed or upset about something else. All of these factors can invoke a bad review.

However, once the play started, I was glad I was there. The performance took place in the basement of the Fort Massey United Church, and the audience was seated around a clear spot in the room where we watched three short plays: the macabre "The Final Kiss", "Tics, or Doing the Deed", a witty satire on the sexual behaviours of the middle and high classes, and the bizarre "The Kiss of Blood".

Now, to clarify, Grand Guignol is a style of performance which consisted of a series of one-act plays, alternating bloody horror plays with outrageous comedies. This sounds pretty normal today, although the original Theatre du Grand-Guignol was notorious for its violence. This is also where these three plays began when they were first written. Once the play began, I was glad I was there. I was drawn in: the acting was great, the plots were witty, and the special effects were very

"...By trying to make excuses for any shortcomings, the company may have harmed itself..."

well done. With the audience only feet away from the action, the special effects in the play were under intense scrutiny; despite this, the blood and gore looked reasonably authentic.

In conclusion, I have to say that this is one of the best plays I have seen, and I feel that by trying to make excuses for any shortcomings, the company may have harmed itself. The play really wasn't that cheesy. Oh, sure, in the comedy play, the characters acted silly, but it wasn't cheesy or awkward. It was very well done. Embrace the cheese? Stop selling yourselves short.



TWRP: These Aren't The Droids You're Looking For...

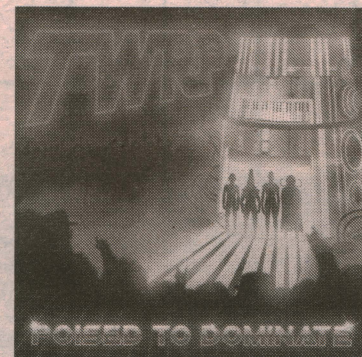
Poised To Dominate (2010)

Written by: Kyle L. Trimper

This serves as a testament to the power of the album cover. When I was handed a pink disc adorned with silhouettes of figures in gas masks, with the title, "Poised to Dominate", I wasn't sure if I had just received a new album to review, or whether someone had tried to hook me up with some sort of bizarre bondage porn. Being fairly naïve and usually disposed to giving people the benefit of the doubt, I decided it was the former rather than the latter. However, I thought that I would be assaulted by a barrage of death metal, so I prepared to turn my headphones down and brace for impact.

However, on researching the band on the vast internet, I discovered the real album cover and gained a new appreciation for the band. The cover is great. No cheesy obvious computer graphics, no air-brushed photos; just some colourful, eye-catching, 80's-styled artwork.

Anyway, on to the music, which is where I start to lose interest. This is not heavy metal album, so I was wrong there. Instead, it's some sort of electronic music that I don't really understand. I just wish the guy who yells out the songs' lyrics would shut up; he's ruining the music. Maybe it's the pylonhead guy in the band. Otherwise, the songs are actually pretty good as instrumentals.



"...Will they look back on this and be embarrassed?"

The album suffers, however, from cheesiness. Don't believe me? Just look at the band's costumes and the song titles. "The Droids you're looking for", "Funkasaurus Rex", "The Discocalypse"? Seriously, come on. The album is also structured as a concept album, trying to tell some sort of story about...well, I actually can't understand what the story is about, but it seems kind of lame to me.

What I really wonder about is this: when these guys are in their fifties and have kids and grandkids, will they look back on this and be embarrassed? I certainly hope so. If not, there are some problems...

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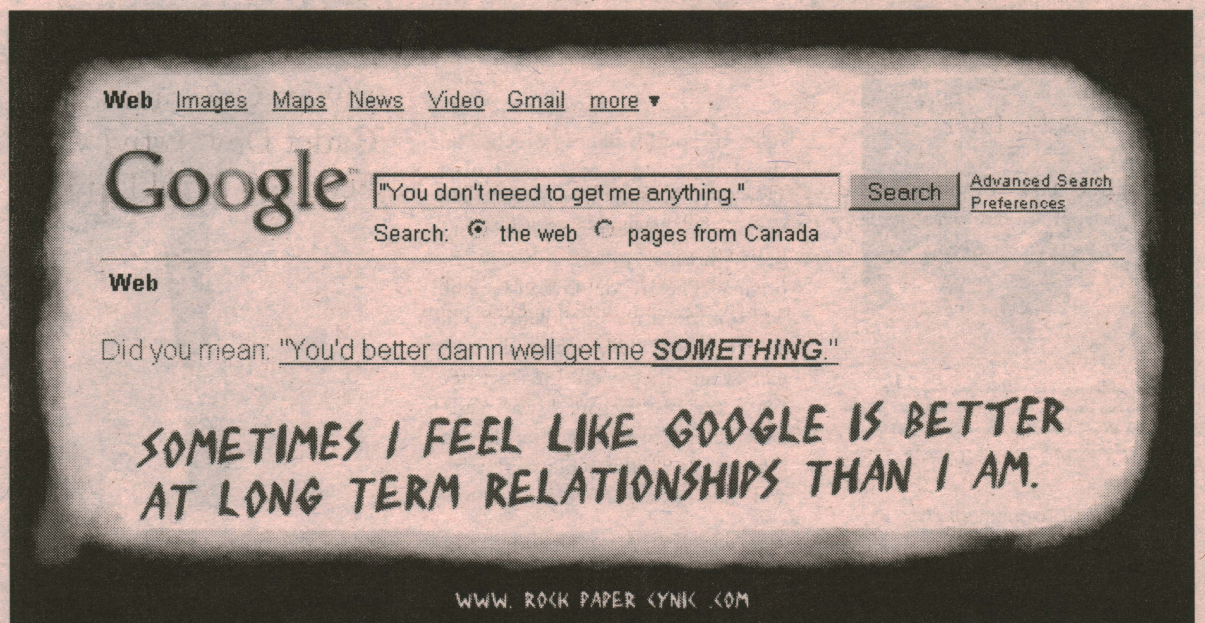
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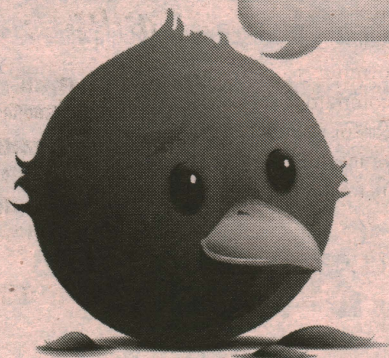
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- ER slang for 'Right now'

Rock, Paper, Cynic By: Peter Chiykowski



Answers

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The Journal: Community Focus

Death, Disease and Access: The Issues around Access to Water and Basic Sanitation

Written by: Sarah Singh

Imagine turning on your tap one morning and not a drop of water trickles out. Your initial reaction would probably be to scratch your head and wonder what is going on! WTF is the water? Now, just for a moment think about all the things that you're not going to be able to do because you have no water; flush your toilet, brew your morning coffee, brush your teeth, take a shower, make breakfast and the most obvious, drink water. Now imagine that the only option you had was to walk 6 miles to the nearest source of clean water to get the water you needed to carry on with your day. How are you going to get to class, work or do anything else for that matter? Not a good start to your day, now is it? It may not be for you, but this is reality for nearly one billion people all over the world, that's about one seventh of the world's population.

Yet we, and by we I mean people here in North America, take for granted that we can turn our taps and have access to clean drinkable water at our own whim. Unlike us, they live in fear of the water they do have; and the lack of sanitation facilities is making things even worse. Just imagine if there were no toilets and all of our human waste was just running off into our water supply? Well, sadly



for 2.6 billion people who have no access to basic sanitation facilities, that's also reality.

Here are some quick facts about the current global situation; In Africa, 300 million people—40 per cent of the population—lives without basic sanitation and hygiene, people spend 40 billion hours every year just walking for water, most of which is unsafe to drink anyway. Water- and sanitation-related diseases are responsible for 80 per cent of illnesses and deaths in the developing world, killing a child every eight seconds. At any given time, half the world's hospital beds are occupied by people suffering from water-and sanitation-related diseases. Every week, nearly 38,000 children under

the age of 5 die from unsafe drinking water and unhygienic living conditions. I could go on, but I think you get the point.

In light of these issues, the UN General Assembly has declared that access to safe, clean drinking water and sanitation is a human right; one that is vital to the full enjoyment of life and all other human rights. A basic human right, one that you and I enjoy every day but for the far too many of the world's poorest and most vulnerable, attaining this right is 40 billion hours away.

The solution to this problem is not simple; it involves looking at a myriad of solutions, as well as

understanding what factors are contributing to the problem. Nonetheless, there are many organizations working to tackle the issues surrounding access to clean water and basic sanitation. One of these organizations is WaterCan. Since 1987, WaterCan's programs have reached over 1.2 million children, women and men in the world's poorest regions, breaking the cycle of poverty and disease and increasing opportunities for health, education, gender equality, and economic growth. Working in partnership with indigenous organizations in eastern African, WaterCan supports small scale, community driven projects that are long term, sustainable development initiatives, which use low-cost, locally appropriate technologies to integrate water supply, sanitation and hygiene education. They emphasize community ownership and their projects benefit and involve women. They are working towards ensuring that this basic human right is attained, and they could use all the help they can in achieving this goal!

SMUWaterCan, is a new society that is supporting WaterCan's initiative to ensure access to clean water and basic sanitation and hygiene education are provided to as many people as

possible. Recognizing that organizations such as WaterCan cannot thrive without adequate funding, SMUWaterCan will be organizing various fundraising and awareness events to help raise money and increase awareness on the issues surrounding water. Check out <http://www.watercan.com/whatyoucando/chapterchallenge.htm> for more info. It only costs \$25 to provide one person in eastern Africa with clean water, basic sanitation and hygiene education for life. Think about that for a moment. \$25, that's a night downtown, or maybe even dinner with friends. While that \$25, may not seem like much, it is enough to transform an individual's life, for the rest of their life.

Here's how you can get involved if you're interested. Contact Sara Singh at smuwatercan1@gmail.com or visit watercan.com for more info.

Self-employment in Nova Scotia hits all-time high

Written by: Adam Faber

More than 60,000 Nova Scotians are self-employed — a number that grew by 11 per cent between the years of 2001 and 2006, according to the most recent Statistics Canada data.

"We have more Nova Scotians than ever before banking on themselves for their future," said Leanne Hachey, Vice-President Atlantic for the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB).

That change, along with several others, paints a picture of the evolving profile of the small business community in Nova Scotia, captured in CFIB's updated "Small Business Profile". Other statistics of note:

- Of the more than 54,000 businesses operating in Nova Scotia last year, more than 90 per cent had fewer than 20 employees
- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) employ 51.5 per cent of Nova Scotians
- 76% of SMEs earn revenue (not profits) under \$500,000
- In 2006, more than 4,000 businesses entered the market, nearly 94 per cent had fewer than 10 employees

"These numbers tell us a compelling story: small businesses are our future," said Hachey.

Of course, there are people and stories behind those numbers. In addition to compiling statistics, CFIB asked its members to share why they started a business. The answer ranges from interest to necessity to fulfilling a dream. Here's a sample:

"For us it is so much more than just a business and making money. It is about making a difference in people's lives, being true to our values and doing a small part to contribute something positive to our world by passing along information and knowledge and providing a high standard of service. — Joanne and Mike Zinck, Uniacke Insulators Ltd.

"The stories are heart-warming, inspiring and honest — just like the people behind them." Hachey said.

250 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Invites Community to Cadet Day Activity, Feed NS Food Drive

250 RCACS will be hosting its first ever National Cadet Day activity on Saturday November 6, 2010 from 12-4pm, in the Hammonds Plains community. Cadets young and old (12 years old to 16) will be taking part in this first ever event for the squadron, and area, of its kind. Cadets will learn and understand the need to step outside of the comfort zone, and make a stand against starvation at home. This community service activity will also show that youth are becoming much more equipped in helping their society rather than destroying it, through vandalism, hate crimes, etc. Youth mainly become bored, and then lash out on the community. Many youth programs, including Air Cadets, provides youth with an opportunity to learn leadership skills, do community service, and acquire a respect for their community so they can live in a better and safer world, for years to come.

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The Journal: Sports



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How to Stay in Shape and Still do Well: Push-ups

Written by: James Urquhart

Does anyone remember the classic movie by Stanley Kubrick "Full Metal Jacket"? Although it is mostly known for its cinematography, satire and memorable quotes, it can also teach us a very profound lesson about staying in shape: if you want to be ripped, you have to do push-ups. And really it is indeed the case that the proof is in the pudding. For years more contemporary exercise programs have been neglecting push-ups, and it has made the lives of those who have done those programs that much more difficult. In recent years push-ups have come back into fashion, and in some cases such as the P90x extreme home fitness program, they make up a large sum of the total exercises that you will do (and ask anyone who has stuck out P90x, push-ups work).

It's not as if you need to be in particularly great shape in order to do push-ups. In fact, the more out of shape you are, the faster you will see results. Another thing that is great about this type of exercise is the fact that it does not require a lot of time to do them. Do you have 15



minutes when you first get of bed in the morning? The you have plenty of time to knock out somewhere between 75 and 150 push-ups. Not enough? Repeat this cycle before you go to bed. Nothing will get your day rolling or be the perfect nightcap like a set of push-ups. You will feel great, and give a few weeks and you will begin to look great as well. As far as cost is concerned, I ask you

the question what cost? There is no equipment required except your willing body and the floor. If you want to get fancy you can go pick up some push-up bars and a yoga mat (although you should already being doing you since you read my section on yoga last week). Once you get a little stronger you may want to mix-up your push-up regiment a little bit by incorporating in some chair

variations and some different stance variations. This will not however cost you a thing (unless that is you live a household that does not own any chairs, but then you have more pressing problems than the one at hand). And if you still are not satisfied with these variations there is this wonderful site you may have heard of, it's called Google, and on this fantastic little website you will find all kinds of ways to challenge yourself and get bigger and stronger by doing push-ups (if you are crazy enough you can do push-ups upside down on one finger I'm sure, although I am not advocating that you do). Like I have said, the possibilities are endless with push-ups. Best of all, if you are not already doing them as part of your current exercise regiment, they will fit in quite nicely with whatever you are already doing. So tomorrow morning, instead of hitting the snooze button three or four times, drag your lazy butt out of bed and hit the deck solid. Your body will thank you and you will be glad you did. Good habits are generally closely followed by other ones.

Healthy Eating

Written by: James Urquhart



As extra motivation to get out of bed and do those push-ups here is a quick and simple recipe for a high quality protein shake. As with any product that I endorse, I have tried it and it is both delicious and does the job as far as nutrition is concerned. Here is everything you will need:

- 1-2 scoops whey protein powder
- 1 whole banana
- 1/2 cup frozen berries
- 1/2 cup uncooked oatmeal
- 1/2 tbsp natural peanut butter or virgin coconut oil (optional)
- 1 teaspoon liquid vitamins (optional)
- 16 ounces water, skim milk, or low-fat milk

Just through these ingredients in a blender and get on with your day! This gives you all the high-quality protein, good carbohydrates, healthy fats, and vital vitamins you need to start your day off right and maintain a high energy level throughout the day.

Sport Results from October 23rd to October 30th

<p>Football (Currently Ranked 9th in CIS):</p> <p>October 30th, 2010: Mount Allison @ Saint Mary's</p>	<p>Women's Hockey:</p> <p>October 22nd, 2010: Saint Mary's @ Saint Thomas 4 3 (SO/OT)</p> <p>October 23rd, 2010: Saint Mary's @ Moncton 3 7</p>
<p>Men's Soccer (Currently Ranked 8th in CIS):</p> <p>October 22nd, 2010: Acadia @ Saint Mary's 1 6</p> <p>October 30th, 2010: Mount Allison @ Saint Mary's 0 1</p>	<p>Women's Rugby:</p> <p>October 23rd, 2010: Saint Mary's @ Acadia 12 17</p>
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Lacrosse Team Set to Play for League Championship

Written by:

Lacrosse is a very popular sport in North America. In fact, lacrosse is considered Canada's second national sport, its official summer sport if you will. With a certain team scandal aside, it is also a sport with a relatively clean image, which is extremely rare these days (yes I am refereeing to your antics Roethlisberger). In the states, or at least in major universities like Duke, Virginia and Syracuse, lacrosse is easily one of the most popular varsity sports on campus. And what's not to love fast faced action, hard hits and best of all for Canadians, it is like hockey, but with increased mobility given the lack of skates and ice. Here at Saint Mary's we also have a Lacrosse program, but like many of the other varsity sports on campus the bigger programs like football, basketball and hockey often overshadow it. The Huskies play in the Maritime University Field Lacrosse League, which although unknown to the majority of students at Saint Mary's, comprises of all the major universities in the Maritimes (St. FX., Acadia, Mount Alison and

Dalhousie). Also, there website, <http://muffl.ca/>, is quite comprehensive (it is more comprehensive than many of this schools sport pages as I have found out this year). I would suggest that anyone who is a lacrosse fan, or even a sports fan in general to check it out!

I must admit, in my attempt to cover as many of the sports programs as possible here at Saint Mary's I forgot one of our school's most successful teams. The lacrosse team has had an immensely successful season. Saint Mary's finished their season 6-2, narrowly missing first place after losing their final game to Dal 12-11 in overtime. Other than another set back to St. FX., their season was flawless. And this season's success would not be possible if not for the talented complement of players that Saint Mary's has. The obvious leaders this season have been the team's captains Tyler Lemming, Ian Higgins, Jake Ellis and Dan Johnson. The leading scorer is third year attack Tyler Leeming who has 24 goals and

14 assists in eight games this season. From what I have heard from around campus and the league this guy is quite amazing and is really fun to watch. He reminds a lot of people an American style lacrosse player. After Leeming, First year attack Spencer Gallant is the second leading scorer with 15 goals and 12 assists. Attack Taylor Sykes has 20 goals and six assists, while Midfielder Ian Higgins has 15 goals and seven assists, and Midfielder Alex Fillmore has 14 goals and two assists. Three areas that are absolutely critical to a successful lacrosse team are goaltending, face-offs and defense. As we know defense wins championships, and if SMU is to win the conference championship then they will need solid defense. According to coach Dominic Nolasco, much of team's success on the defense side of the ball can be attributed to goaltender Jon Goguen and long-stick midfielder Kevin Cahil. Goguen started and finished all 8 games this season, finishing with an 8.68 goals against average. Cahil was instrumental in



shutting down opposing attackers, and also chipped in a goal and an assist. In coach Nolasco's own words, "face-off midfielder Josh Vincent (Halifax) was consistent all year long winning draws while also chipping in 5pts". I think it goes without saying that he was a big part of SMU's success.

received a bye into the second round because of their stellar play all season. I know I will try my best to get out and cheer on the Huskies, and really I'm guessing you could use a break from studying, so why not do the same?

The Huskies will be playing in the MUFFL finals at Dalhousie on the sixth and seventh. They have

Huskies Clinch First Place in AUS

Written by:

After starting the season in a manner that Saint Mary's is not accustomed to, the football team has rebounded nicely, and found themselves in a first place showdown with provincial rivals Acadia this past weekend in Wolfville. I am pleased to announce to those of you who are yet unaware that the Huskies were able to beat the Axeman in a very convincing fashion. In fact, Saint Mary's shut out Acadia 21 to nothing, putting on by far their most impressive all-around defensive

show of the season. This coming on the heels of a rather impressive offensive showing against Mount Allison the week before; the Huskies won that game 43-7. With this win, and in the process clinching first place in the division, the Huskies will get the following week of to rest and prepare for the winner of number two Mount Allison and number three Acadia, who play in the conference semi-finals this Saturday. Saint Mary's will meet the winner in the

conference final the following weekend in Halifax. So when the Huskies hit the field two weekends from now let's make sure the seats are all full of maroon and white, let's make lots of noise and lets cheer the huskies on to victory! Go SMU GO!



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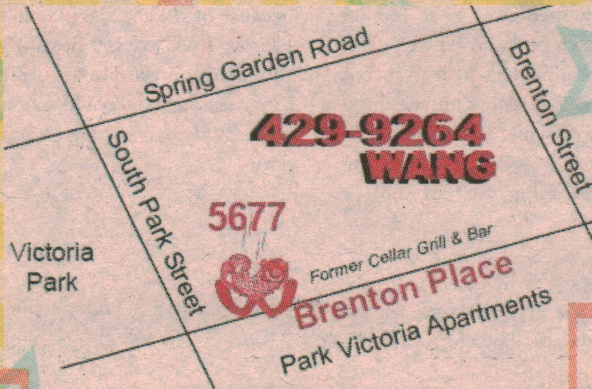
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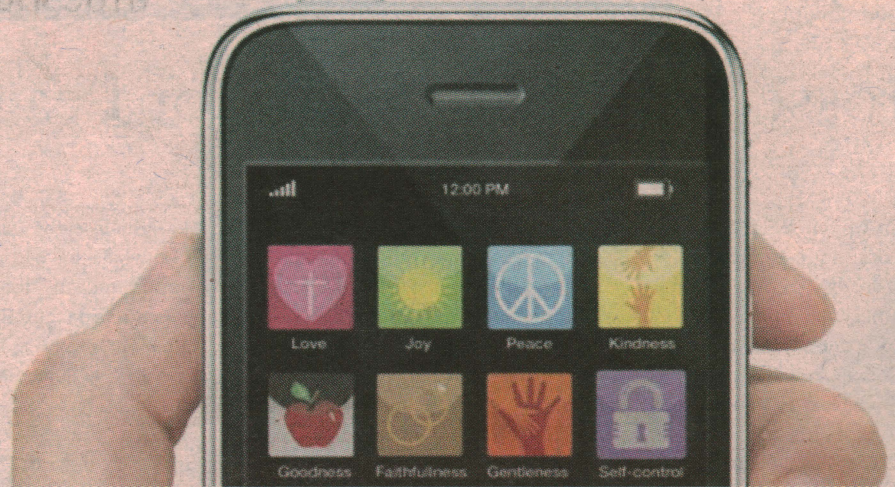
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