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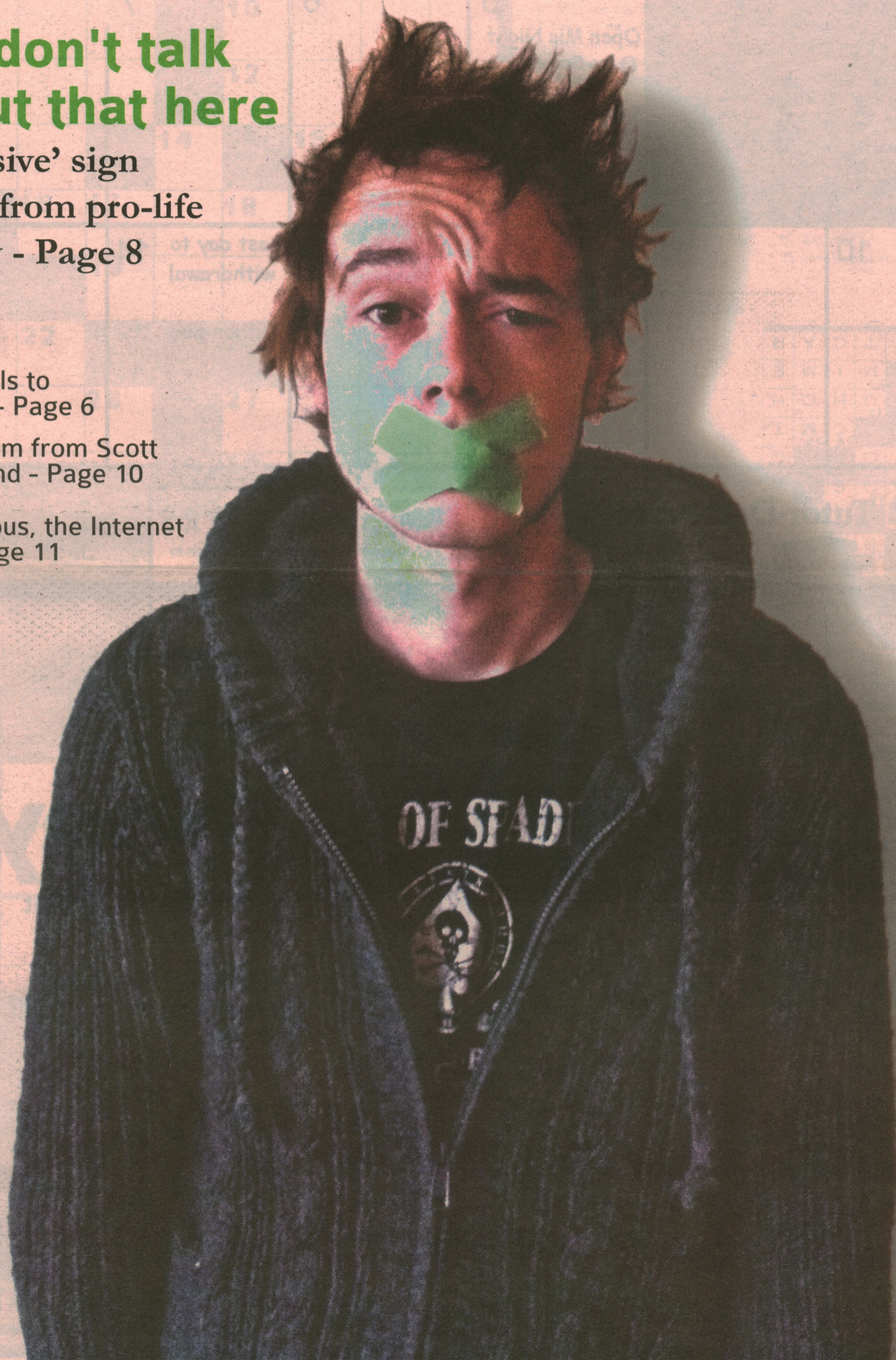
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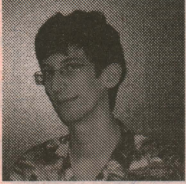
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## Letter From The Editor

With government funding being slashed to deal with budgetary constraints, education is a target. A government order has asked Nova Scotia public schools to analyze what a 22% cut would do to the educational system. Not surprisingly, the numbers were bleak. 70 schools would have to close to meet that size of reduction, throwing 4,000 people out of work and taking 200 buses off the roads. School closures aren't something the public will swallow easily, and managing such cuts has to be done in a certain way to save face. That's why some people believe this 22% exercise to be such a measure. Let's say down the road the cut is only 11%, it suddenly seems a lot better. Much like public perception of power rate negotiations, you start high, and settle somewhere in the middle, perhaps where the interested party wanted it to wind up anyway. I draw the same parallel with the O'Neill report. O'Neill wrote on deregulating tuition costs, and what other groups called 'shifting government debt into student debt'. O'Neill even presented his unpopular views to a university. In my opinion, the idea is to make the worst case scenario so widely known, that when it only half comes true, it seems like the crisis was largely averted. Now in a recent talk with press, Finance minister Graham Steele announced the budget has been balanced for the year, where it had been in deficit before. The only reason it was balanced is the fact that this year we didn't include provincial university funding on the balance sheet, which would have shown over \$340 million is spent per year. The amount universities will be getting is currently being negotiated, and will probably be settled in the next few months. Screaming and hollering at Graham Steele or Tim O'Neill is not the most effective way to deal with the situation at hand in regards to university funding. The real question is; how much of a cut is acceptable, and where should it come from? If I pick an arbitrary number (one that I certainly didn't snoop), like 3.7 to 4 million dollars, from where would there be an acceptable place to cut? For if cutting services wasn't an option, raising tuition would be the only other way.

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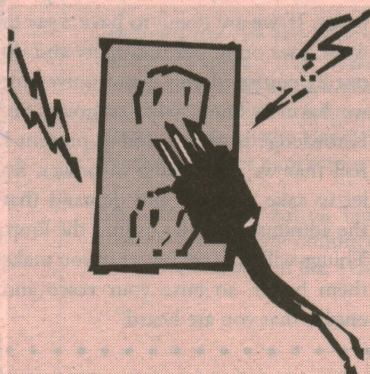
Our campus tends to brag about its sustainable approach in many areas. One of which that might be overlooked accidentally, yet demands notice, is the fact that even the Ecology department has its students pass in hardcopies of papers, I do realize that electronically there is the fact that a professor must read from a computer screen. There are also many formats in which Microsoft Word saves documents enabling or not enabling their access. If even one professor begins the trend of electronic submissions it will cut down on paper waste by however many students enroll in the class. Just some food for thought. I mean students have to write the papers electronically as the days of handing in hen scratched loose-leaf are over why not commence the trend of electronic submissions. Live up to our sustainable bragging and lose the leaf. Save a tree or something to that effect.

## Green Tip of the Week

When appliances and electronics are completely charged or not in use, unplug them from the wall for safety and to save energy.

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# Features



James Urquhart Features Editor

## The Cranky Professor How to make your professor cringe

Mark Mercer

Department of Philosophy

"What are your issues?" "We had some issues with the plumbing." "An issue we had interpreting the instructions slowed us down."

Before the late 1990s, people would have asked what are your concerns or what's bothering you. They would have said they had some problems with the plumbing. They would have explained that a difficulty they had interpreting the instructions slowed them down.

A concern, a bother, a problem, a difficulty—similar and overlapping, yes, but with shades of difference a speaker concerned to be precise would be keen to respect. Now each is simply an issue.

An issue didn't used to be just any old problem. An issue was a problem of a specific kind. An issue was a problem about which there was controversy. That is, a problem wasn't an issue unless there were two opinions about its solution. Actually, the problem wasn't the issue, the controversy itself was.

A blocked drain is merely a problem. Only if there are two incompatible suggestions regarding how to clear it is there an issue. The issue is whether using a solvent or using a plunger will clear it best. The issue is the intellectual problem raised by the physical problem of the blocked drain. The issue, the intellectual problem, is which competing view is the true one. At least that's how it was fifteen years ago.

The shift in meaning of "issue" from intellectual problem, the problem of figuring out which proposed solution is best, to any old problem, bother, concern, or difficulty constitutes a loss in the expressive power of our vernacular. We've lost the ability to mark a distinction quickly and easily just by the words we choose.

The same thing happened a few years earlier to "impact." An impact used to be a specific kind of effect. An impact was the effect produced when something struck something else forcefully, when it ploughed into it. An impact, or its sign, was a crater, or a hole, or twisted and melted iron.

The difference between "the effect

of gamma rays on man-in-the-moon marigolds" and "the impact of gamma rays on man-in-the-moon marigolds" was the difference between not knowing what will happen and staring at smouldering vegetable debris.

Back then, "impact" could be used to conjure an image. "The impact of these policies on the poor..." one would read. One would imagine an asteroid smashing into the needy.

Nowadays, "impact" means only what "effect" does. Where we once had genus and species, now we have two different words for the genus.

It's currently happening to "refute." "Refute" seems to be coming to mean nothing other than "deny." To refute a claim is, of course, to deny it, but it's to deny it while showing conclusively that it is false. (Philosophical sceptics deny that any claim ever made has ever been refuted, at least as far as anyone knows.)

"The reason Sally is late is because she had car trouble." "The reason is because" also dates from the mid-nineties, I think.

"The reason Sally is late is that she had car trouble" is how people used to express the idea. The problem with using "because" instead of "that" is that the concept "because" includes the concept "cause," just as the concept "reason" does. "The reason is because," then, involves a strange doubling of causes.

It's hard to think just what, literally, "the reason is because" means. "Is because" means "has as its cause." "The reason Sally is late is because she had car trouble" means, then, taken literally, "the reason Sally is late has as its cause that Sally had car trouble." This is a sentence about the cause of the cause of Sally's lateness.

Not all changes in the ways people talk are unfortunate or should be resisted. Occasionally a change is for the better. Most changes, probably, don't either help or hurt our ability to say precisely and fluently whatever's on our mind. Some changes, though, deplete our linguistic resources. "Impact," "issue," and "refute" each used to denote a species within a genus; nowadays, many people use them to mean exactly what the genus term means.

Other changes pry the literal meanings of our words apart from our purposes in speaking them. This is the case with "the reason is because." When a person says "the reason is because," her words mean something other than what she means by speaking them. This would be confusing were we not ready to understand her to be using an idiom. Speaking in idioms, though, is often at least inelegant, especially when one does so in ignorance.

"I refute the fact that Sally's reason for being late is because of the negative impact of her issues with her car." If you ever want to make your professor cringe, say something like that to her.

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## A New Year's Resolution for Saint Mary's

James Urquhart

Features Editor

With the coming of the new year, everyone finds himself or herself faced with that age old question: what will my New Year's resolution be this year? For some, it is an excuse to set a goal that they will never be able to accomplish, thus giving themselves a yearlong excuse to continue to settle for mediocrity. For others, it is a time to make some serious changes in their lives, which they have been wanting to make for some time, but lacked a good enough excuse. I have been thinking about the concept of the New Year's resolution for some time this academic break, and I have come up with the following resolution for Saint Mary's University. For the 2011 year, and beyond, the administrative body needs to work to be more transparent and honest with its student body.

I can site many examples of lack of transparency that I am reminded of over my 4 plus years here on campus. There are, however, 3 examples that I can think of that have been particularly damaging to my opinion of the administration here on campus. First, there is the cancellation of the credit card tuition payment option at Saint Mary's University. If it were not for the skillful digging of a certain journal staff member, who shall remain nameless, there is no telling how long it would have been before the

student body was informed that they will no longer be able to pay their tuition with a credit card in the coming years. This may not seem like a major concern to many of you out there, but it is this kind of closed door, behind-the-scenes bureaucratic shuffling that has made a great number of students distrustful of the universities administration. Another telling example is the way in which the administration decided to deal with the ugly "pro-choice protesters" incident two years ago. Instead of escorting the students out of the auditorium, they decided to move the lecture off campus, showing that the administration will not protect those who have something to say that is anything but conservative. I am not so much concerned with the decision itself here (although I think that it is horrendous notwithstanding); I am concerned that the procedures for making such decisions are shrouded in secrecy, as if they were some type of threat to national security; we are all big boys and girls here at Saint Mary's, we can handle the truth. Third, I have been very concerned with the way in which funds are allocated here on campus, and more specifically, I am more concerned that I am not made more aware of how and why the funds are being allocated in the way in which they are being allocated. I think that as students who pay tuition here at Saint Mary's University, to the betterment of the school, we deserve to know

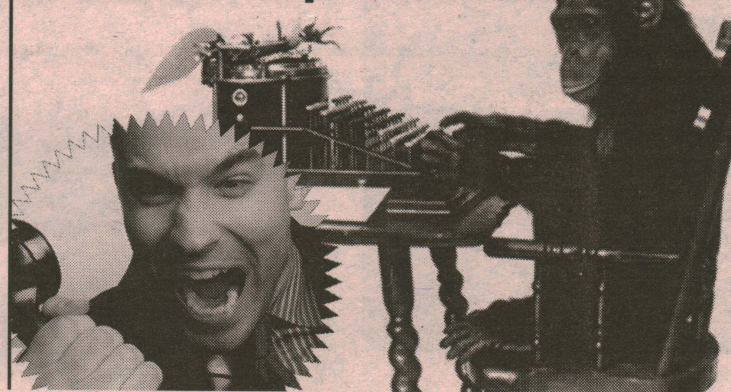
were the money is going. Perhaps it is the case that I could find this information through some labor-intensive search and rescue mission, but honestly I do not have time to do that. I think that as a student here, I am entitled to some forum, be it electronic or through some other type of medium, that would allow me to find the answers to my burning bureaucratic questions.

It may be the case that after reading this article you have formed the opinion that I am a very long-winded, bleeding heart who likes to complain. Although this may be true, I do raise a very good point. If we are going to have a say in what goes on in our university and do not be confused, this is our university, we have to know what is going on. Knowledge is power, and at present I feel that we are lacking in power. So let us take a stand, and demand that the administration let us into the loop. Things will only get better if you make them better, so raise your voice and ensure that you are heard!

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# Another "Free Speech Blunder" for SMU

**James Urquhart**  
Features Editor

If you are a follower of the Saint Mary's Journal, you will have read the articles by Dr. Mark Mercer, which adamantly advocate for complete and total freedom of speech. As you are probably well aware this is a fairly contentious thing to advocate; there are many who plant their flags on both sides of this battle. I, for the most part, agree with the contentions that Dr. Mercer raises in his articles. On a related note, you may or may not be aware that there was a demonstration in the student colonnade that was put on by the pro-life society here at Saint Mary's. As you will recall, if you are a devoted reader, I have views on this matter that tend to conflict with this group's views. These views of mine are, however, irrelevant with regards to this present article. The issue I want to discuss is this group's right to free speech; a right I feel was unfairly taken away from them by SMUSA, a group is in theory in place to protect the rights of students, or at very least look after their best interests.

Just before the Christmas break, the pro-life society of Saint Mary's put up a display, the purpose of this display was, to the best of knowledge, to try and educate students about why it is they should think seriously about their choices with regards to pregnancy. The particular feature of the display, which is of interest for the purpose of this article, is the slogan "Some Women

regret their abortions", which was part of the display. Now remember, I am not saying that I either agree or disagree with this statement; I am rather going to argue that this group had every right to make this claim if it is the case that it is a valid and truthful statement. I think that it goes without saying that this is a valid statement pertaining to their display. The statement is true insofar as at least two women have at one point regretted having an abortion as long as the practice has been going on. Given my lack of clairvoyance, it is impossible to say that the statement is true for sure; however, I feel rather confident in saying that it is most likely a true statement. So if the statement is both valid and is most likely a true statement, why should anyone have a problem with it? Even if it were the case, which obviously was the case, someone had a problem with the slogan, they have no right in censoring this group, or any other group with similar views.

So if it is the case that no one has the right to censor this group, then you would expect that this group was left alone to continue on with their peaceful presentation, one which was not being forced upon anyone. Well, if this was the case you would not be reading this article, and I would be writing on more pressing matters. I am not, and this is a very pressing matter which has become a reoccurring theme at Saint Mary's University. The problem in this case is that SMUSA, and more specifically SMUSA president Matt

Anderson, forced the pro-life group to remove this slogan from their display of they were to continue with their display. I had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Anderson, and he informed me that it was indeed the case that he had requested the slogan be removed. He informed me that a number of Saint Mary's students were offended by the slogan, and he therefore felt that it needed to be removed as to not further offend any more members of the student body at Saint Mary's. SMUSA did have jurisdiction to ask the group to remove the slogan because they are a registered society at Saint Mary's, and because SMUSA is the body that governs student societies on campus, it has the ability to enforce regulations if a society violates set regulations.

As I mentioned above, I disagree with the actions of SMUSA. I do not fault Mr. Anderson personally; he made a decision which was completely within his power to make. I fault the University itself for giving such power to a student. It may not appear that this is a very "big deal", but censorship is always a "big deal". As Canadians, we are supposed to have freedom of speech. SMUSA effectively violated this group's right to speak freely, and frankly I think that this is a major issue. It may be the case that certain students were offended by the slogan, and to these students I say, "suck it up". There are a great many things that will offend you in your life. The mark of a strong person is their ability

to frame an argument that shows why something offends them, and why it should no longer be allowed to be practiced, not whine and press on someone in a precarious position to make it go away. This group had every right to display their slogan, and this right was unfairly taken away from them.

As many readers will recall, two years ago there was an incident on campus where the university also handled the issue of free speech very poorly. A speaker was forced off campus to give his talk because the University made him leave rather than stopping the rowdy protesters that would not let him speak. Of course I am not trying to say that these protesters were not also entitled to their opinions; however, they cannot express their opinion at the expense of the opinion of another. With this most recent event on campus, I believe that it is time that the university take a step back, and consider seriously evaluating their position on free speech. I would certainly like to believe that these two isolated, but yet nevertheless important, events reflect the collective values of the administration at Saint Mary's University on this very important subject. I for one would strongly urge that the administration put forward an outline showing how incidents such as these are to be dealt with in the future, and ensure that it is indeed the administration who deals with such incidents. I would be glad to publish something in the features

section if the Universities' administration would be so kind as to provide me with the material in the coming weeks. I am simply concerned as a student at Saint Mary's that my voice might not be heard if need be, and I would feel much safer if the administration were to have a plan in place so that these situations be dealt with in a consistent, transparent, and above all fair manner. Were the money is going. Perhaps it is the case that I could find this information through some labor-intensive search and rescue mission, but honestly I do not have time to do that. I think that as a student here, I am entitled to some forum, be it electronic or through some other type of medium, that would allow me to find the answers to my burning bureaucratic questions.

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## News

# LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS IN 2011

**Rafael Romo**  
Contributor

The New Year will be big for female politicians in Latin America.

Brazil will welcome its first female president in 2011. Laura Chinchilla will enter her second year as president of Costa Rica, Alberto Fujimori's daughter has hopes of following in her father's footsteps in Peru and an incumbent head of state seeks to turn her political fortunes around in Argentina.

Dilma Rousseff, Brazil's first female president, was the former chief of staff for her popular predecessor, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Ricardo Gutierrez-Mouat, director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, said Rousseff will have her plate full.

"She has a really tough act to follow because Lula was the most popular president throughout Latin America, not just in Brazil," Gutierrez-Mouat said. "In Brazil his acceptance rate was something like 80 percent after eight years, which is incredible."

Jennifer McCoy, director of the Americas Program at the Atlanta-based Carter Center and a professor of political science at Georgia State University, said there will be some differences between Rousseff's government and that of her predecessor.

"I think we'll see a different style from Lula and perhaps more of a focus on the domestic agenda, including the social policy agenda, anti-poverty and, of course, the development of the new oil fields in Brazil will be a major portion of her presidency," McCoy said.

Rousseff is the most recent in a line of women holding power in Latin America, along with Chinchilla in Costa Rica and Chile's Michelle Bachelet (who was succeeded in 2010 by Sebastian Pinera).

A woman is expected to be a contender in Peru's April presidential elections. Keiko Fujimori, daughter of former Peruvian president Alberto Fujimori, wants to follow in her father's footsteps, but it won't be easy. She will face strong opponents with long political careers.

"The significant fact about this is that either candidate, (Luis) Castaneda, who is the former mayor of Lima, and [Alejandro] Toledo, the former president of Peru, both would win handily against Keiko in a runoff," said Gutierrez-Mouat. "She does have some not inconsiderable popular support, but not enough to propel her to the presidency."

Another Latin American woman has a chance of getting re-elected in 2011. But Argentine President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, too, will face an uphill battle in the October elections. The Carter Center's McCoy says that her "political fortunes will really depend on her performance in these next months in 2011."

"With the sudden death of her husband (former President Nestor Kirchner) two months ago, that threw the political scenario really open in Argentina," McCoy said, "and will most likely bring out a number of competitors that may not have come out if he were still living with the possibility of running himself."

Meanwhile, one male leader in Latin America seems well-positioned to consolidate his controversial regime,

while another is poised to loosen the reins of state control. In Venezuela, President Hugo Chavez will be able to govern by decree for the next 18 months, thanks to a law approved recently by the National Assembly. "His goal that he has stated is to deepen the revolution, to deepen and expand socialism, and to show the country his vision of his socialist experiment," McCoy said.

Gutierrez-Mouat took it one step further: "Chavez's game is to turn democracy against itself, so he has to play by the rules in order to win."

And in Raul Castro's Cuba, economic reforms, including the elimination of a half-million government jobs, will be implemented in 2011. McCoy said it will be a "major adjustment" as people try to find jobs in the nascent private sector. "This will not be an easy task, but it is a necessary one for Cuba to put itself on a more sound footing for the future, economically speaking."

The balance between economic and political rule is going to be interesting to watch, said Gutierrez-Mouat. "So we would have to see next year, the year after to what extent this liberalization fits or doesn't fit the autocratic system, the political system, which is not being

liberalized, Gutierrez-Mouat says.

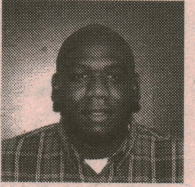
Another country to follow in 2011 is Mexico. After a record number of violent deaths in Mexico this year, President Felipe Calderon will be under pressure to take a second look at his war against drug cartels and whether he wants to make this strategy part of his presidential legacy

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# News

Keimeko Scotland News Editor



## NEW WARNING LABELS FOR CIGARETTE PACKS

KEIMEKO SCOTLAND

News Editor

Canada will use larger and enhanced warning labels on cigarette packs, the government announced on December 30, in a step critics said was unduly delayed because of lobbying by tobacco companies.

Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq said the new warnings will cover three-quarters of the front and back of cigarette packs, up from one-half. The new, graphic messages will include warnings about tobacco-related diseases such as bladder cancer and testimonials from cancer victims. There will also be a phone number for a quit-smoking hotline

"Canadian and international research has shown that to be effective, health warnings must be noticeable and memorable. They must also be believable and relevant", Aglukkaq told reporters.

Ottawa will begin drafting regulations with a hasty announcement designed to cover their tracks buried in the holiday season", said Liberal legislator Ujjal Dosanjh.

"Today's announcement is long overdue and suggests the tobacco lobby continues to have a tight grip on this government", he said.

Aglukkaq denied she had met with tobacco companies and said it took time to prepare a comprehensive package of anti-smoking measures,

which include targeting young smokers through social media like Facebook and setting up the phone line for quitters.

The graphic warnings will also change periodically to remain fresh and noticeable.

Canada was considered a world leader when it first put warning labels on the front of cigarette packs in 2001 but failure to upgrade has since caused it to lag behind other countries.

According to Aglukkaq, a 2009 survey for the new warning labels in early 2011, but has no specific timeline for implementation. Tobacco companies will have a chance to comment during the process and the new rules will be phased in gradually, officials said.

In September of 2010, the Conservative government confounded anti-smoking activists by freezing plans to update the warning labels after the health ministry spent six years devising the new campaign and agreeing on details with the country's 10 provinces, which administer public health care.

The policy change prompted the main opposition Liberal Party, to accuse the government of flip-flopping after realizing its stance was unpopular.

"Only public uproar over the influence of the tobacco lobby has forced them to change course and so here they are showed 18 percent of Canadians smoke with young adults aged 20-24 accounting for 23 percent of that overall figure. Some 37,000 Canadians



die every year from tobacco use.

Major producers of tobacco sold in Canada include R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co, Japan Tobacco's JTI-Macdonald unit, Rothmans Benson & Hedges Inc, which is partly owned by Philip Morris, and Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd, a unit of British American Tobacco.

Imperial Tobacco Canada said the government was ignoring the larger problem of cigarettes being illegally smuggled into Canada to avoid taxes that are kept high to discourage smoking.

"This announcement is simply poor policy for political gain and has little to do with its stated health objectives", John Clayton, a spokesman for Imperial Tobacco Canada, said in a

written statement.

But Rob Cunningham, a senior analyst at for the Canadian Cancer Society, said the new plan sets an example that should be followed by other countries.

One of the labels will feature an image of well-known Canadian lung cancer victim Barb Tarbox on her deathbed accompanied by the message: "This is what dying of cancer looks like". The family of Tarbox, a former model who campaigned against smoking before she died in 2003, has said one of her last wishes was that her picture be used as a warning label.

With files from CBC, AP and CNN News

## NEW VISA FEES FOR CANADIANS VISITING UAE

KEIMEKO SCOTLAND

News Editor

Beginning in January, Canadian citizens visiting the United Arab Emirates will have to pay as much as 1,000 Canadian dollars to obtain a visa, according to the website of the UAE Embassy in Ottawa.

This major change in policy is the most recent development in the ongoing altercation between both countries over airline landing rights.

Canadians, who until now have been allowed entry into the UAE without a visa and free of charge, will not only be required to pay for a visa starting this month, they'll also have to apply for one at least 15 days before departure. According to the embassy, Canadians will be charged 250 Canadian dollars for a 30 day visa, \$500 Canadian for a three month visa, and \$1,000 Canadian for a six-month multiple entry visa. The Canadian dollar is almost exactly equivalent in currency value to the U.S. dollar.

The embassy said in a statement

Thursday that "fees for all visas issued by the diplomatic missions of the United Arab Emirates in various countries around the world ... are applicable to all countries without exception," according to the Emirates official news agency WAM. The fees and visa categories are part of a "universal visa system which is used by all UAE missions abroad," the statement said.

The UAE decided last month that Canadians would have to obtain visas to enter the UAE as of January.

At the heart of the dispute is the number of flights per week that UAE airlines are able to make into Canada. The UAE maintains that the current level of six weekly flights for its carriers, Etihad and Emirates, simply doesn't come close to meeting rising demand.

In an October statement from the UAE ambassador to Canada, Mohammed Al-Ghaffi, posted on the embassy's website, he lamented the breakdown in discussions between both governments.

"The UAE is disappointed that despite intensive negotiations over the last few months the UAE and Canada have been unable to arrive at an agreement on expanding the number of flights between the two countries," Al-Ghaffi said in the statement. "It is unfortunate that this process has been so protracted and frustrating. The UAE entered negotiations in good faith on the understanding that a solution would be reached and that constructive ideas would be brought to the table. The fact that this has not come about undoubtedly affects the bilateral relationship."

According to Al-Ghaffi's statement, 25,000 Canadians live in the United Arab Emirates, 200 Canadian companies are active there now and the UAE is Canada's largest trade partner in the Middle East and North Africa. "Six flights per week," added Al-Ghaffi, "does not service the economic needs of both countries and the potential for growth."

With files from CNN News.

## NOVA SCOTIA HIKES POWER RATES, HALIGONIANS TO PAY MORE FOR WATER

KEIMEKO SCOTLAND

News Editor

Nova Scotians started paying more for electricity on January 1st, while Halifax Regional Municipality residents will see a big increase in their water bills.

Nova Scotia Power customers began paying 5.66 per cent more for electricity at midnight on December 31st, with much of that increase going toward the creation of greener power sources.

Nova Scotia Power, which provides 95 per cent of the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity in the province, says the rise in power fees is needed to cover the costs of buying cleaner, more expensive coal.

It had originally asked for an immediate nine per cent increase.

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board said in early December that it accepted the utility's costs as accurate,

but ruled Nova Scotia Power will have to go with staggered rate increases over the next three years.

Meanwhile, people in the province's largest city will also see a big increase in their water bills.

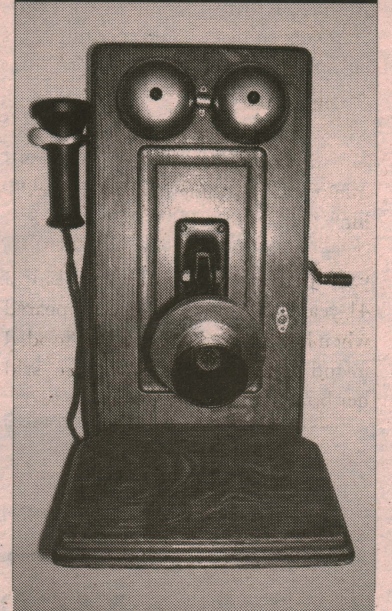
The bills of residential ratepayers to the Halifax Water Commission will jump about 27 per cent.

The commission says the extra money is needed to maintain and repair infrastructure, and had asked the utility board for an estimated 41 per cent increase for residential users.

With files from CBC News

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# MASSIVE FLOODS HIT AUSTRALIA

KEIMEKO SCOTLAND

News Editor

Large parts of Australia's coastal northeast were flooded on January 2nd in a spreading environmental disaster as thousands of residents fled their homes to avoid the runoff from a Christmas deluge.

Queensland State Treasurer Andrew Fraser described the floods as a "disaster of biblical proportions" and said the ultimate cost would exceed \$980 million.

The town of Rockhampton, 600 km north of the state capital, Brisbane, and with a population of 77,000, was cut off, with 40 percent of its houses expected to be flooded in coming days in waters over 30 feet deep.

Australia's Bureau of Meteorology has said flood waters in the town could reach nine meters and peak at 9.4 meters, a level similar to floods that hit in 1991 and 1954.

Parts of tropical Queensland could remain cut off for days by the floods, which have had a devastating impact on the state's economy, with coal mining and farming particularly badly hit.

One person was confirmed dead, a 41-year-old woman who disappeared when her car tried to cross the flooded inland Leichhardt River. Police said her body had been found about two



“ area larger than France and Germany under water ”

km away.

The rain has eased, but the waters are gradually working their way down the state's river systems to the coast.

Roads and rail links have been cut along the east coast, while Rockhampton, at the mouth of the Fitzroy River, was slowly being inundated. Flood waters have already reached 8.8 meters in some areas.

Mayor Brad Carter said the town was cut off and the river was rising faster than expected. A race against time was under way to lay enough sandbags. Viewed from the air, crops and isolated townships were all flooded, with only roofs and the tops of trees and yellow road signs visible in places above the surface of the brown water.

Thousands have been forced from their homes by the disaster, which in the last week has left an area larger than France and Germany under water and disrupted the lives of more than 200,000 people.

With more than a dozen towns under water, evacuation centers have been hastily set up, while military aircraft were on standby to help with evacuations.

Flood warnings have also been issued for parts of the Northern Territory while in the west of the country, oil and gas producers have been forced to suspend production by gale force winds brought by a brewing tropical cyclone.

# REFERENDUM MAY CREATE TWO SUDANESE STATES

KEIMEKO SCOTLAND

News Editor

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has said he will accept the results of a referendum this month that could see the country split in two.

Al-Bashir said "peace is our ultimate goal" with southern Sudan, which could become an independent state after the January 9 vote. He called on the government in the south to provide a safe environment for the referendum.

"The referendum process shall go on with God's blessings, with the trust of our commitment that we will renew at this moment," al-Bashir said, "and accepting the result that will come from the desire of the citizens and their choices."

Al-Bashir made the comments in a speech on December 31st 2010 marking Sudan's 55th Independence Day. He also promised to negotiate what comes after the referendum.

"Our acceptance of the final results will not be withdrawn or hesitated about," he said, "because the peace is our ultimate goal in our relationships with our southern brothers, even if they choose a path other than unity."

The referendum, which is part of a 2005 peace agreement that ended two decades of violence between the north and oil-rich south, has sparked fears of renewed violence. The conflict led to the deaths of 2 million people, many from starvation.

Al-Bashir, who is wanted by the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, on allegations of war crimes and genocide in western Sudan's Darfur region, where violence that erupted in 2003 has left at least 300,000 people dead has been leader of Sudan since 1989.

With files from the Associated Press.



## Student Life

# Entering the Digital Age

At the turn of the decade, universities agree it's about time.

Suvir Pursnani

Student Life Editor

St. Mary's does a great job keeping up to date with the latest technology and newest educational methods. Anyone who has walked around campus can agree with this. Take a peak in the chemistry or biology laboratories in science building. Log onto a computer and start up the various technical programs such as MATLAB and Solid Edge. The P-Drive might be a little antique, but still is a very efficient way to use technology to commute with students. Even the architecture of all our newest and recently renovated buildings include power outlets for the students who carry around laptops with them, which I may add is a large population. There's also that neat little feature on iTunes called iTunes U. This is probably one of the greatest uses of the internet that I have seen in a while. On iTunes U, your able to find a countless amount of information on any course ranging from human anatomy to micro economics, from advanced engineering to psychology, and everything in-between.

There are also a number of online classes available to us. I had a

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firsthand experience with this over the summer and, for the record, it was one of the most entertaining and fulfilling courses I've taken here at SMU. In previous courses I've had to complete and submit assignments online, these were graded and were a big part of the course's grading scheme. Science students have a whole new experience with technology too. Some of my friends in the sciences reported that they were given software to install on their computers at home. The software would allow them to simulate an actual experiment held in the laboratory. Sarah Peltekien, a 2nd year science student explains what she thinks about this. "Laboratory simulations are an excellent way for students to perform labs as if resembling that of a real lab in a safe way using technology that is up to date. I do enjoy using lab simulations for some of the labs

because the lab is well explained and enjoyable."

There is no doubt of the presence of technology around university campuses these days. Law professor and Canada Research Chair in Internet and E-Commerce Law at the University of Ottawa, Michael Geist, recently wrote an article in the Ottawa Citizen about this. "Yet while technology has become a core part of the educational process, it has often been treated as a complement -- rather than a replacement -- for traditional educational materials." Geist explained that universities still operate with a "two track approach" to educational materials. University libraries spend millions of dollars a year on traditional print materials and licensing fees for copying of said materials, while simultaneously making use of various technological innovations. However, he argued that the cost of maintaining this approach is becoming unnecessary, with the "tipping point" towards technology coming with Access Copyright's fee increase.

Access Copyright is the copyright collective that licenses copying on

Canadian campuses. A short while back, they demanded a major increase in their fees from \$3.38 to \$45 per student. Do the math and you'll realize that this would cost universities millions of dollars more. Approval of the new fee structure is pending a decision by the Copyright Board of Canada which is currently reviewing the agency's proposal.

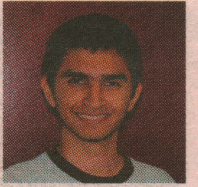
Several universities across Canada have already begun to come up with new methods for students to have access to these educational materials, methods that would be completely independent from all the copyright licensing of the past. One such example is the development of the Canada Knowledge Research Network. Stocked up with tens of thousands of books from over 5,000 publishers, this research network was compiled through both provincial and federal support. The 75 institutions part of the CKRN, which includes Saint Mary's, has access to the massive collection of information that the organization holds in its database. Through the network, member institutions don't have to pay additional copyright licensing fees to a third party publisher. The following is taken from the CKRN's website:

"The Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) is a collaborative program of Canadian universities that, through their libraries and in conjunction with regional and national bodies, is dedicated to providing expanded, equitable and cost-effective access to digital forms of research content, to the benefit of its members and the Canadian research community."

Several universities have already paved the road into the digital age. Several universities have also been recording lectures of various courses and posting them online to the general public...for free. This idea of "open access" where professors allow their work to be freely distributed provides students with a second major source for learning. Several journals have also started to make their content freely available too. Geist ends his article: "The longer-term benefits are enormous since publishers and authors will continue to be compensated through mechanisms such as CKRN and Canadian higher education will be able to leverage their massive investments in technology to provide students with better, more engaging and interactive learning experiences."

# Student Life

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## There's an app(etizer) for that

**Sarah Faber**

Contributor

Congratulations! You made it out of the loving bosom of your happy, delicious food-producing family back to cold, grey, solitary school. May as well pick up that knife...and make some enticing appetizers to woo friends, acquaintances and the delectable editor of the SMU journal over to your place! I always find myself feeling melancholy after the holidays. Siblings have gone back to school, I have to put away my Christmas tree and my new year's resolutions to start liking vegetables and save up enough money to buy some adult furniture are long abandoned. Also, without the promise of Christmas on the horizon, I begin to notice how cold and dark it actually is outside. In an effort to cheer myself up and cope, I try a whole bunch of new recipes and invite people over to guinea pig – I mean test – and watch movies. These recipes were taste-tested by my super awesome friends over the holidays and are guaranteed to cure loneliness, solitude and mild head colds. Enjoy!



### Stuffed Jalapenos

12 jalapeno peppers, halved lengthwise  
1 8oz brick of cream cheese  
12 slices of bacon, cut in half Preheat the oven to 400  
Cut the peppers lengthwise and discard the seeds and membranes. Be very careful while doing this – once the juice gets into your fingernails, it's there for a while. And burns. A lot. Usually use gloves. And by gloves, I mean plastic sandwich bags.  
Slice the cream cheese into jalapeno

sized logs and place into the halved pepper  
Wrap the bacon around the peppers  
At this point, you can refrigerate the peppers until your people show up  
Bake 45 minutes

### Stuffed Mushroom Caps

24 button mushrooms  
¼ c sliced green onions  
1 clove garlic, minced  
¼ c butter or margarine  
2/3 c bread crumbs (if you don't

want to buy bread crumbs, toast two slices of bread and blend or finely chop)  
½ c shredded mozzarella, provolone or cheddar cheese  
Preheat the oven to 425  
Wash the mushrooms and remove the stems, making sure to leave the cap intact  
Finely chop the stems until you have 1 cup  
Cook the stems, green onion, garlic and butter in a small pot until the stems are tender and the butter is melted  
Remove from heat and stir in the crumbs and cheese  
Stuff the new mixture back into the mushroom tops (genius!)  
At this point, the mushrooms can be put in the fridge until company shows up  
Bake 8-10 minutes

### Lazy Bruschetta

4 Greek-style pitas  
2 Roma tomatoes, or other medium variety  
1 small onion  
lemon juice  
olive oil  
pepper

Parmesan cheese  
Preheat oven to 400  
Brush the pitas with a light coating of oil  
Dice up the onion and tomatoes, toss together with a squirt of lemon juice  
Top the pitas with the veggie mix, pepper to taste and as much Parmesan cheese as you want  
Bake 10 minutes, or until the cheese melts

### Fondue

Believe it or not, some people need a recipe for fondue. This is a great way to power through leftover Christmas chocolates.

Fresh fruit, chopped into bite-sized cubes  
Chocolate! My favourite is milk chocolate toblorone. Mix in a few tablespoons of milk during the melting for a velvetier dip, more for darker chocolate. The darker the chocolate, the quicker it will harden.  
If you don't have a fancy fondue pot, melt the chocolate in a regular pot or in a microwave, then wrap it in a towel to retain the heat during the dipping festivities

## To Drop or Not to Drop?

That is the question

**Suvir Pursnani**  
Student Life Editor

So it's the beginning of the year and the beginning of a new semester. You've probably gone to some of your classes already; some that seem easy, some that seem a little tough, and some that are just ridiculous. Now you're thinking: should I keep this ridiculously hard course or just try my best to tread on through. No one likes a big fat W on their transcript. It certainly isn't anywhere as bad as an F, but in this article I'm going to focus on whether or not you should take a course in the first place.

Saint Mary's implements a grace period for us at the very beginning of each semester. This grace period, which lasts around two weeks, allows us to pick up and drop courses as we please. We're given this time to go to classes and see if we really like them or not. If we don't, we can drop out and pick up a new one in its place all in a matter of a few clicks. This semester's deadline for dropping or registering in a course is Jan 14. There's actually only one main question you need to ask yourself before you decide to drop a course: Will I be able to pass it?

I know one or two weeks can be a relatively short time to figure out if a course is worth taking. Melissa Erica Webb, a 3rd year psychology student,

enlightened me onto something. She explained how last semester she took a course which should've been easy but instead turned out to be a disaster. The reason why the course went terribly was because of the professor. Now I'm not going to name names, and I know some people will tell you otherwise, but the professor teaching the course plays a big role in how well you do. Melissa says "I withdrew from XXXXYYYY for this winter semester because I took a course with the same prof this past semester. He was very monotone, mundane and dry. There was no text book for the course and when grading your tests he wouldn't tell you where you went wrong, he would just put slashes on your test. Also he used to trail off a lot when talking, I thought the man was on drugs half of the time." Head on over to ratemyprofessor.com and check out which professors to take classes with and which ones to avoid. While you're there, go ahead and check if any of you professors are hot, no harm in a little eye candy.

Sometimes it's worth sticking through a course even when things might look a little difficult at first. Sylvia Gawad, a 2nd year science student, explained to me how she recently took up a new job on campus and was trying to figure out the best way to balance school and work. "I was really considering dropping a course this semester, bringing

my course load down to four courses from a previous five. I ended up taking the five courses; I realized that my first priority was school. It was more work of course, but I managed to get through it and did pretty darn well too." Even if things look hard from the start, you can still manage to pull through in the end.

Sometimes the worth of sticking in a class may be unclear. Beckie Bruce, a 2nd year arts student with a major in English, told me about the difficult situation she was in. "I decided to stick through a really difficult course, but ended up being unsuccessful. I did have the option of withdrawing from the course later on in the semester, but I figured I would stay in it and try my best. It also occurred to me that I could retake the class. This is what I'm going to do next semester, and since I stayed in the course all the way through, I know just what to expect." Luckily enough, here at SMU, we're allowed to re-take a class in an attempt to get a better grade. So whether we fail, withdraw, or just got a low grade, it's good to know that there is an option of doing the course over. It should also be noted that you can get money back from courses you withdraw from, depending on the date of withdrawal. The last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty is February 18.

## Frost Week

Welcome Back

**Suvir Pursnani**  
Student Life Editor

Take advantage of this first week of school; classes have only just begun, course work is low, your heads aren't buried in books as yet. All your old friends are coming back and there's also some new fresh meat around campus too. There are a few events here and there, certainly nothing as big as frosh week last semester, but it has equal potential to be just as fun. I won't be there for most of it, but I know that I'm missing out. Snow can be just as entertaining as the autumn sun.

I only know of two major events that are going to be popping this week. Bloody Beatroots DJ set will be going down on Thursday, January 6. The duo has some sick beats, and it definitely would be worth checking them out at The Palace this week. The next major headliner is JFK (from MSTRKRFT) who will be throwing down some massive tunes over at The Paragon Theatre this Sunday. If you love MSTRKRFT as much as I do, you should definitely hit this event. Other than these two, there aren't any other events listed on my events page on facebook for Frost Week. However, I'm sure that all the clubs and bars around will be banging; just in time

for the return for us party-crazed students.

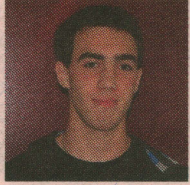
While this first week of school might be one gigantic booze-fest, we all have to remember not to fall behind. I'm sure everyone experienced the evils of procrastination this pas semester. It's easy to fall behind in university. It's a new year and it's also going to be a heavy winter. The snow is what kept me indoors studying all day instead of going out. That was my reason for doing better in school in the winter semester. Whatever your motivation may be, don't forget why you're here. Happy new year's SMU and all the best for the new year!

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Classic Album Review: David Bowie's Aladdin Sane

Kyle L. Trimper  
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Sandwiched between the ever-popular The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars and the tired Diamond Dogs, Aladdin Sane lies partly obscured within the David Bowie catalogue. However, Aladdin Sane may be the most solid of his releases.

Often heralded as "Ziggy goes to America", Aladdin Sane actually contains more European influences than American, borrowing heavily from the European burlesque-style music Brel, Brecht and Weill. The title track, "Lady Grinning Soul", and "Time", which contains some of Bowie's best lyrics (and music, for that matter), fall into this category. Mike Garson's avant-garde ragtime piano blends with Bowie's vulnerable vocal delivery to create a series of haunting, time-bending compositions.

The other half of the album is comprised of Rolling Stones-influenced glam rock numbers. "Let's Spend the Night Together", "Cracked Actor" and "The Jean Genie" allow Mick Ronson's guitar to supersede the piano, allowing for a more careless sound to come about.

“Aladdin Sane is often brought out for the sake of “The Jean Genie”, and then returned to its shadowed alcove in the Bowie repertoire”

“Drive-In Saturday” belongs on Hunky Dory, a cinematic song of epic proportions similar to “Life on Mars?” and “Oh, You Pretty Things” about a dystopian world in which its inhabitants have forgotten how to reproduce and must watch pornographic films in order to learn how.

“Panic in Detroit” remains one of the most curious songs on the album, due to its impeccable arrangement and instrumentation. The guitars, bass, drums and vocals intertwine to weave a tapestry of sound that remains long after the album has ended. If any instrument were to be changed, however so slightly, the song would lose its flavour.

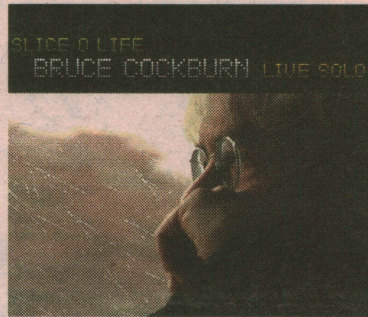
Of course, Ziggy Stardust and its predecessor Hunky Dory may be equal as albums, but the problem with Aladdin Sane is that it is often overlooked as the masterpiece that it is, overwhelmed by the popularity of the albums surrounding it. Aladdin Sane is often brought out for the sake of “The Jean Genie”, and then returned to its shadowed alcove in the Bowie repertoire. Perhaps it is the conflicting influences and musical styles that make it a problem for straightforward rock fans. Who will love Aladdin Sane?

## Album Review: Bruce Cockburn's Slice O Life

Kyle L. Trimper  
A & E Editor

“Good evening. Thanks for coming.” So begins Canadian musician Bruce Cockburn's latest and fourth live album. However, Slice O Life distinguishes itself from its predecessors being Cockburn's first album to be completely solo and acoustic, which is how Cockburn mostly performs his concerts.

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Recorded throughout ten tour dates in the United States during the spring of 2008, Slice O Life is exactly that. It's pretty much what you would expect if you went to Bruce Cockburn concert: Cockburn sits down plays a bunch of songs, tells a few stories, and then says goodnight.

While the album contains songs from various periods in Cockburn's career, and therefore serves as a cross-section of his music, it is not simply a re-hashing of the hits. Sure, some of them are there, but the album is comprised mostly of little-known album tracks, also including two new songs, “See You Tomorrow” and “The City Is Hungry”.

The real charm of Slice O Life is not only the songs, but also the stories Cockburn tells, and his interaction with the audience. In one instance, Cockburn breaks into laughter when a heckler responds to his revelation that he studied music intending to write for jazz ensembles with “...and you kept it all for yourself!” “That's the kind of prick I am”, says Cockburn, laughing. “I may not be able to sing now.” An audience member cheering at the mention of the Vietnam War is met with “Is that because you were there or you weren't there?”

Despite the breadth of the selections, Slice O Life does not serve as a proper introduction to Cockburn's work (compilation albums such as Waiting For A Miracle serve better), but it does form a substitute for the actual experience of attending a Bruce Cockburn concert.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## "Slowly" Does It: Halifax-Based Scott Nicks Band completes new album

**Geoff Lowe**  
Contributor

Three years of hard work is finally paying off for Halifax-based Scott Nicks Band. The group has just put the finishing touches on its second full length album entitled "Slowly" and all four members are looking forward to hitting the road and sharing their music with anyone who will listen.

The band has a couple of shows booked in the New Year including a January 19th appearance at Gus' Pub and a show at the Paragon Theatre on the second of February. Following a couple of more appearances in Halifax the group plans to head west with shows planned in New Brunswick and Quebec before landing in Toronto for some more live appearances.

The foursome, made up of singer/songwriter Scott Nicks, percussionist Jordan Murphy, bassist/producer Keith Doiron, and guitarist Justin McGrath, are happy to be keeping busy after the long process of recording and completing "Slowly". The writing and recording of the album began in 2008 in the band's hometown of Truro and

shortly thereafter the band completed what they thought to be the finished product. However, completion stalled after Doiron left for Toronto in the fall of 2009 to study music at Humber College and the band began to realize that the album was not exactly what they wanted it to be. What followed was a long process of adjustments and the creation what the band believes to be the perfect record. Nicks says the album's sound represents the group well. "There isn't a lot of producing done to the music as we want to keep our raw sound, but we want make sure the energy is still present in the recordings."

Although the group is identified as an indie rock/pop band it becomes obvious when listening to their music that it is impossible to place an exact genre on the Scott Nicks Band. Nicks thinks placing the group in a particular genre may not be in the group's best interest. "We try not to limit ourselves musically. We listen to a whole bunch of different kinds of music so it's good to experiment and try different things. Hopefully there's something to appeal to a lot of different tastes."



sees fit. This type of musical freedom is beneficial to the band's creativity while recording and during live performances. "Our personalities really come out in all of our playing, while keeping our roles on each instrument."

The band also feels that their surroundings have played an equally important part in influencing their sound and attitude towards music. "Being from Nova Scotia, especially Halifax, has played an important role for the band and has been a positive influence over our music. There's a rich musical history in Halifax where original music is appreciated and celebrated and we're proud to be a part of that."

Despite the fact that there is much on the horizon for the Scott Nicks Band in 2011 the most important thing to the group remains creating music, playing shows, and "having a hell of a time doing it!" It looks as though the Scott Nicks Band is going anything but *slowly*.

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With varied influences such as Weezer, the late Elliot Smith, Canadians Wintersleep, and The Beatles, all members of the group bring something fresh and interesting to the table. Nicks acoustic guitar and always interesting vocals teams well with the work of Doiron and Murphy who supply the rhythmic and dynamic elements of the band's music. McGrath, who has yet to record with the band, fills in during live shows with riffs wherever he

## Technology

### New technology for spinal surgeries

**Angela Lindsey**  
Technology Editor

An Israeli company known as Mazor Robotics has created SpineAssist robots – small robots that appear to reduce pain and complications for spinal surgery patients. Currently being used in the United States, Germany, Russia, Israel, South Korea and several other countries, the SpineAssist is a small robotic arm paired with a workstation that is used by surgeons to map out the patient's spinal anatomy before the surgery. The other portion of this robotic package being used currently is a clamping fixation device and software to control the robot during surgery.



“We envision this technology as ushering in a new era in spine surgeries, the same way laparoscopies transformed general surgery in the 1990s.”

Mazor CEO Ori Hadomi explains that the robot assists surgeons to avoid making deep incisions while repairing the spinal cord. "When we were founded, we were thinking that the technology we developed would be able to be implemented in a very wide range of applications—everything from the brain to the spine to the knee. But we acknowledged that, being a small company, we must be very focused. So we decided to focus on the area where we thought we had the greatest potential—the spinal cord."

Having been used in more than 2,000 different surgeries, SpineAssist robots boast impressive statistics. A study published in the medical journal Spine shows a 98% success rate in implant accuracy using the robots, while a presentation at a 2010 spinal

surgery conference claimed that use of the robots reduced the hospital stay of patients by a third of the time, while leading to a 70% reduction in misplaced implants.

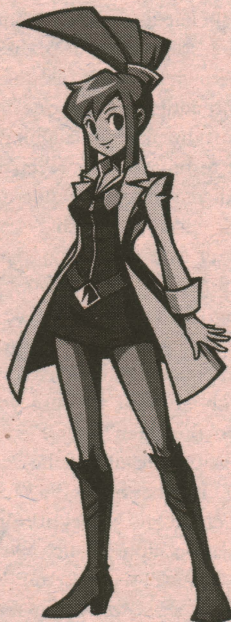
The robot is being used mostly in scoliosis surgeries, and Hadomi describes the SpineAssist as a form of "GPS system" for surgeons when inserting the spinal implants. "We envision this technology as ushering in a new era in spine surgeries, the same way laparoscopies transformed general surgery in the 1990s," said Sara Misuraca, program director of the Scoliosis & Spine Tumor Center at Texas Health Plano.

### This Week's New Games

**Angela Lindsey**  
Technology Editor

Be sure to check out these new games this week!

- 01/03/11 – 18 Wheels of Steel: Extreme Trucker 2 (PC)
- 01/03/11 – Guinness World Records Gamer's Edition 2011 (Wii / DS)
- 01/04/11 – Lost in Shadow (Wii)
- 01/04/11 – Sherlock Holmes: Mystery of Osborne (DS)
- 01/05/11 – Emergency 2012 (PC)
- 01/05/11 – Ghost Trick: Phantom Detective (DS)



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# Technology

## Who is Anonymous?

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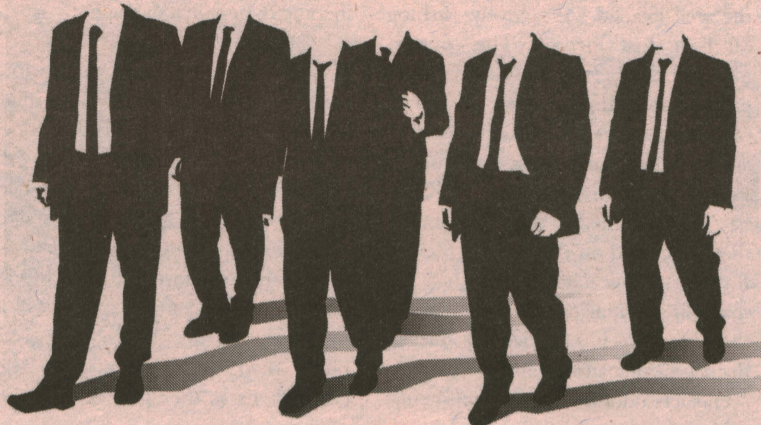
"Anyone who wants to can be Anonymous and work toward a set of goals...We have this agenda that we all agree on and we all coordinate and act, but all act independently toward it, without any want for recognition. We just want to get something that we feel is important done..."

Anonymous has been around since 2006, acting as a sort of "internet mob" and fighting for things they believe are unjust or wrong. Made more famous in recent years by larger-scale "attacks" and protests, their activities have been publicized on the internet and in the news, but not everyone fully understands what these activities are, who Anonymous is, or why they do what they do.

Who is Anonymous?

Anonymous is the name used on many internet websites to leave feedback of any sort anonymously, as the name implies. This was created under the impression that when users leave feedback anonymously, their arguments will be judged on their own merits, instead of personal association with the individual behind the argument. Because of the common use of the anonymous feature, it became common to refer to Anonymous as an actual person, which eventually evolved into the use of Anonymous as a collective of such individuals.

Chris Landers wrote in an article for the Baltimore City Paper about the



**"Anonymous is a group, in the sense that a flock of birds is a group. How do you know they're a group? Because they're travelling in the same direction."**

Anonymous attacks on the Church of Scientology that "[Anonymous is] the first internet-based superconsciousness. Anonymous is a group, in the sense that a flock of birds is a group.

How do you know they're a group? Because they're travelling in the same direction. At any given moment, more birds could join, leave, peel off in another direction entirely."

What has Anonymous done?

The most recent and publicized act of Anonymous included DDoS attacks against PayPal, MasterCard, Visa and Swiss Bank PostFinance following the pressure put on WikiLeaks to stop publishing their top secret cables. Because of this pressure, the sites

listed were no longer accepting donations for the website. After WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was arrested in London, Anonymous also launched an attack on the Swedish prosecutor's website. These attacks have been mislabeled in the media, being referred to as "hackers". However, a DDoS attack is a much different thing.

A DDoS attack (DDoS stands for Distributed Denial-of-Service) is an attempt to make a computer resource unavailable to its intended users. There are many ways that these are carried out on the targeted website, but the main goal of such an attack is simple: direct more traffic to the website than its servers are capable of handling, resulting in either complete loss of

connectivity, or speeds slowed to such a crawl as to render the website entirely unusable. This differs from hacking in that there is no need to breach the website's security - the files accessed are publicly available and often frequently used.

This is not the first major operation by Anonymous, however. They are normally attributed to any large-scale attack on the internet, but have been connected with some of the more popular sensations in the past few years.

Some of the most popular of these attacks include:

**"Project Chanology":** This was an attack against the Church of Scientology in 2008, caused by a leaked and uploaded video of an interview with Tom Cruise being removed from YouTube. The attack included DDoS attacks against Scientology websites, prank calls and black faxes (prank faxes sent that are normally of nothing but a large black square, intending to waste as much of the fax machine's ink, toner, thermal paper or disk space as possible) to the various Scientologist centers. Shortly after, a video was uploaded to YouTube declaring a "war on Scientology", followed by protests outside Church of Scientology centers.

**"YouTube Porn Day":** This was a different form of attack, against YouTube, in 2009. It's been claimed that this attack was due to the removal of music videos from YouTube. Instead of forming a DDoS attack,

members of Anonymous uploaded numerous pornographic videos tagged with family-friendly tags (such as Jonas Brothers), causing one victim to post a comment on one of the videos saying "I'm 12 years old and what is this?"

**"Operation Payback":** This is the original incarnation of the WikiLeaks support attack, except its efforts were focused on copyright organizations instead. This was started when several Bollywood companies hired a company to launch DDoS attacks on websites that did not respond to software takedown notices - essentially ordering the websites to take their copyrighted material off of their websites. The original plan was to attack the hired company, but evolved once they discovered that the firm's website had already been attacked by another individual.

Anonymous is always evolving - people get involved in their activities when they feel passionately about the subject, and since the attacks are normally large-scale, it's difficult to pinpoint the individuals involved. At times, the activities work in the law's favor - helping to discover the identity of someone who has done something wrong (as in the case of the cat bin lady in England) and sometimes they are more of a nuisance than anything. The real question is, will the group continue to survive and thrive as they become more and more popular with the media?



## New British Combat Vehicle Inspired by Batmobile

Angela Lindsey

Technology Editor

A new British combat vehicle concept has been unveiled by the world's second-largest defense company, BAE Systems. This vehicle has been called "The Raider", and uses design inspiration from the Batmobile design from "Batman Begins" and "The Dark Knight". This vehicle is currently planned to be used as "a small, highly agile autonomous reconnaissance and attack vehicle which can carry a variety of payloads."

thought might be a good idea, why not take a look at it and see if there's something practical we can develop. You see, it turns like a motorbike and it has the same wheel configuration."



Design project leader Hisham Awad was asked by a journalist during the press conference whether the British Army would actually consider using a combat vehicle inspired by Batman. To this, he replied:

"Well, why not? In all seriousness, we decided that we didn't have a monopoly on inspiration, and if we saw something in a film that we



## House Ban on Electronic Devices Lifted

Angela Lindsey

Technology Editor

A new change in the United States Congress will allow House representatives to use electronic gadgets such as iPhones, iPads and Blackberry devices while on the House floor, lifting the previous ban on the 111th Congress from using such devices. This rule is being changed in the hopes that it will allow for fact checking and referencing to assist with the issue at hand.

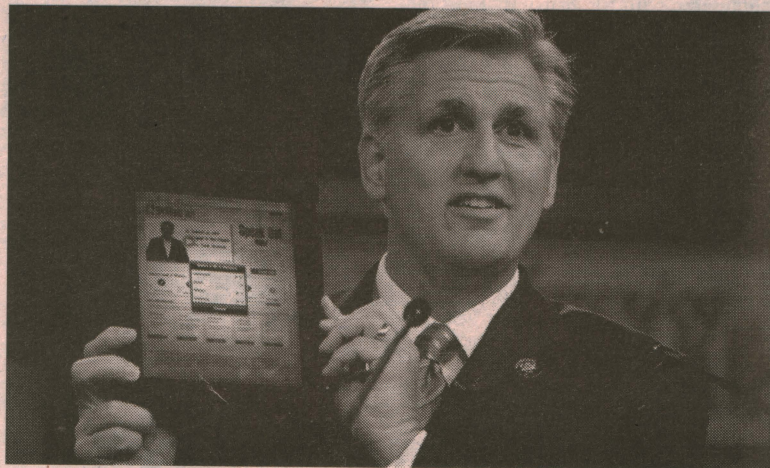
"Mr. Boehner [Speaker of the House] has deep respect for the institution and its traditions. This is not free license to Skype or pay bills online. But we recognize that people consume information electronically these days. It's just silly that the House wouldn't accommodate that."

Members of the House are still unable to talk on their phones while in the chamber, and are only permitted to use these devices for official business, as long as this doesn't "impair decorum" in the room. The rules regarding

**"We recognize that people consume information electronically these days. It's just silly that the House wouldn't accommodate that."**

allowed usage (such as the ban on certain headphones) will be clarified next month in an official document titled the Speaker's Announced Policies.

The United States Senate has no current plans to change these rules to affect Senators, but a leadership aide has stated that the rules committee could look into loosening these rules at any point in time.





Kerry J. O'Rourke Business Editor

# Business

## 2010: A Look back at some of its Economic Events

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As we've turned the pages of economic history over from the last year, now might be a good time to reflect on what has unfolded. As one would expect these issues are not simple but rather rather the issues are multifaceted. The events and issues that took shape are sure to have lasting impacts going forward. These issues, more specifically through their existence will have and have had enduring affects on people, governments, and countries all over the globe. As such, a quick reflection back to some of the more macro issues of 2010, might serve as a good indication of where humanity has been economically, over the last year and possibly where it is headed.

The BP oil spill is one event that should stand out in the memories of most. The impact of the BP oil spill earlier this year should not be quickly forgotten. On April 20th, 2010 BP's, Deepwater Horizon oil drilling rig

exploded. This in turn caused the fatal loss of life to 11 men & injured another 17 people. Due to numerous ongoing problems the wellhead where the oil was previously being extracted from continued to gush oil for another three straight months. Subsequently, it has been estimated the well headed over these three months released 205.8 million gallons of oil into the ocean. That figure works out to approx. 53,000 barrels of raw oil a day. Extensive, efforts were made on the part of BP, third party contractors, volunteers and the U.S. federal government to cap the well. As such on, September 19th, 2010 the U.S. federal government declared the well head effectively dead.

The lasting impacts of this unprecedented release of oil still linger. The oil spill itself not only caused tremendous environmental damage, but it also has had a huge affect on local communities. Local industries such as the fisheries & the fisherman that were not allowed to fish whilst

the well headed was actively gushing oil have lost income. The tourism industry has been greatly affected by pictures depicting beaches soaked in oil. This has resulted in a devastating affect, where in tourists choose to vacation elsewhere. More locally it has caused hardship on local families that have lived on the gulf of Mexico for years. This hardship can be seen through diminished house prices that have been experienced due to decreased demand to an area that has seen such a devastating environmental disaster.

Initially, BP sold assets amounting to nearly USD \$20 billion to deal with the relief efforts as well as possible litigation claims. This fund was also put in place to compensate individuals who had suffered a lose of income due to the oil spill. Going forward, revised estimates suggest BP's liability to be in the neighbourhood of USD \$40 billion. This liability stems from a plethora of claims relating to issues such as property damage, loss of

income & personal damages.

If one can learn from a previous, major oil spill the Exxon Valdez might serve as a good lesson. From a legal & environmental perspective the Exxon Valdez oil spill has not been fully resolved. Oil still remains soaked into the rivers banks & not all law suit have come to a close. Thus, in the case of this more recent oil spill It will be interesting to see how these issues reach their environmental & legal conclusions as they play out over the next decade.

2010 brought a new phenomenon to the freedom of access of global information via one simple website. This website is of course non other than Wikileaks brought to the world by Julian Assange. Wikileaks in an international non-profit that publishes public, classified & confidential sensitive government documents to the world.

The means by which they do it has

come under tremendous scrutiny. Foreign governments have shown through their words & actions that leaking very sensitive information is completely unacceptable.

Under such scrutiny the site has also received praise. On that note, The Economist magazine awarded the site the top honour of "new media award" in 2008. Julian Assange was named the readers' Choice for Time's person of the Year in 2010.

going forward Wikileaks has shown they have the ability to disclose information that would not be available otherwise. This information has been proven to be toxic and offensive to some. However, what's important to realize economically is that this information may prove valuable to understand what our government is doing with our money as well as who is receiving funds.

## Estonia joins the Euro-Zone

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You may not have heard yet, but Estonia has joined the euro zone and adopted the Euro as their official currency. In doing so Estonia becomes the first former soviet state to officially join the euro zone. Additionally, Estonia is now the 17th state in the euro zone.

Public sentiment to join the euro zone appears to be high. This may stem from the idea that, Estonia just as the rest of the world was not immune to the world wide economic downturn. As such, Estonia is coming fresh off a 2009 recession that saw a reduction of 14% in the countries economic output (GDP). The people of Estonia feel that joining the euro zone will help to strengthen Estonia's economy. Prior to officially joining the euro zone Estonia was already, financially speaking, well integrated with the Euro. By example, many of Estonia's mortgages are in Euro's backed by top nordic banks.

Estonia's Prime Minister Andrus Ansip spoke for the entire nation, when he was recently quoted as saying, "It is a small step for the euro zone and a big step for Estonia". He later added, "We are proud to be a euro zone member state".

Certainly Estonia's introduction into the euro zone should be applauded. However, things are also not as rosey as they may seem. Estonia is but a nation of 1.3 million people. with their

inception into the euro zone, Estonia will also automatically claim the title as the regions poorest country. To illustrate this point, one has to look no further than the fact that Estonia's GDP will account for 0.2 percent of the euro zones 8.9 trillion euro economy.

All things considered, Estonia's integration into the EU stands to benefit the country tremendously.

For the time being the Estonia's old currency the Kroon will be converted into euro's. Both the Kroon and the Euro will be legal tender for the next two weeks.



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## The (Past) Couple Weeks in Business

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**Virgin America:** This past December saw Sir Richard Branson launch his Virgin America airline out of Dallas Fort Worth airport. Virgin America is seeking to shake up the domestic U.S. airline industry with a much more fun and enjoyable travelling experience. As such Virgin America offers travellers a fleet of relatively new planes, in seat entertainment on the back of every seat and Wi-Fi access on every plane. Virgin America is seeking to shake up what is often thought of as an industry with a few major players that control the lion share of the business. Virgin does not agree and feels they can provide a better solution while in the process making in roads into the industry and further expanding their market share. It remains to be seen whether Virgin will be successful with their goals. As it currently stands, since Virgin America's creation in 2004 the airline has lost USD \$400 million. Regardless, Virgin feels the sky is the limit for now!

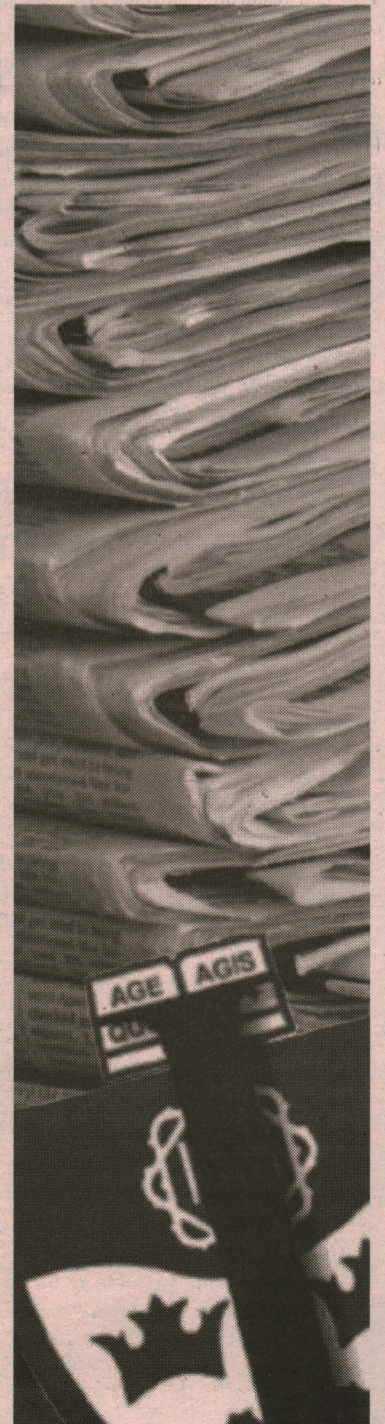
**Stocks:** As the market headed closer to the Christmas break a Santa rally began to emerge; defying many negative predictions. If one is to step back even further you can quickly see that the S&P 500 also rose 13% in 2010. What is principally driving this trend is the change in the sentiment of the market. Essentially, the market is looking for sustainable earnings growth going forward. As Main St. is

beginning to show Wall St. this is possible stocks too are following this trend. It will be interesting to watch and I hope this trend continues as, hey

**Nissan Leaf:** Nissan Motors is poised to release the first mass production & affordable electric vehicle of its kind. The vehicle is different from other competitor hybrid vehicles as it runs solely on electricity. The car does not have an internal combustion engine. The Leaf's closest competitor is the Chevrolet Volt that runs for 40 miles on electricity before switching to a small gasoline engine that allows the car to travel roughly 350 miles. However, the Leaf only has a range of 60 to 100 miles as it runs exclusively on electricity. After such a distance it needs to be recharged which takes anywhere from 30 minutes to 7 hours to recharge the battery (depending on the strength of the charging outlet). The vehicles themselves are certainly impressive but should not be the focal point. What is important to note is that the auto industry is evidently beginning to change from gas guzzling vehicles to more environmentally friendly vehicles (slowly but surely). The real question is how far this new trend in vehicles will go?



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## Post-secondary education is costly, but kids can give parents a tax break

Patrick Henry

Contributor

Post-secondary education costs are rising. Statistics Canada estimated that 90 per cent of students faced an increase in tuition last year, to an average of just less than \$5,200. Over three or four years, the costs can add up for both parents and students.

But students do receive a number of tax credits and benefits and some of these can be passed to their parents.

"No matter who pays the tuition, the university or college issues a T2202A to the student that indicates the tax credits they can claim," says Cleo Hamel, senior tax analyst with H&R Block Canada (hrblock.ca). "Students must use their credits first and then they can choose to transfer up to \$5,000 to a parent, grandparent or spouse."

If students cannot use all their tuition and education credits, they can carry forward the amount for future years. This can result in a sizable tax refund once they begin their careers.

"The decision to transfer credits is entirely up to the student," explains Hamel (1-800-HRBLOCK). "If parents do not have a signed T2202A, they cannot make the claim."

Even if they earn little to no income, students should file their own return to take advantage of tax credits and benefits. And once they turn 19, they may be eligible to receive the quarterly GST/HST payment.

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## WWF-Canada issues tacky sweater challenge on Wednesday, February 17

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Contributor

Remember that wacky snowman sweater that's hidden in the back of your closet somewhere? Well, dig it out, because tacky is back in a big way! WWF-Canada is calling on all Canadians to don the tackiest sweater they can for Sweater Day, this February 17.

The first official National Sweater Day, presented by Loblaw Companies Limited, is part of WWF-Canada's ongoing efforts to inspire Canadians to take simple actions to reduce their carbon footprint. WWF-Canada is calling on Canadians to turn down their thermostats by three degrees for the day and wear fun, funky sweaters to symbolize their commitment to the environment.

Residential heating produces about 44 megatonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year. But if every Canadian turned down their thermostat by two degrees each winter, 2.2 megatonnes of carbon dioxide could be saved every year – the equivalent of taking 350,000 cars off the road.

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### Dalhousie University MSc Clinical Vision Science with concurrent Graduate Diploma in Orthoptics and Ophthalmic Medical Technology

This professional two-year graduate program offered by Dalhousie University in partnership with the IWK Health Centre's School of Orthoptics/Ophthalmic Medical Technology provides students with unparalleled research opportunities in the vision sciences along with extensive clinical practice to prepare them for the profession of orthoptics/ophthalmic medical technology.

Orthoptists/ophthalmic medical technologists are allied health professionals who perform a wide range of diagnostic and highly technical procedures and, in consultation with an ophthalmologist, plan, implement and monitor treatment of a wide variety of ocular disorders, including disorders of binocular vision and ocular motility. They are engaged in a wide range of activities including research into ocular motility, education of other eye care professionals, patient education and vision screening.

The program involves 7.5 class credits, two extended practica and a thesis in an area of vision research. Students are permitted to exit the program after two years (prior to completing a Master's thesis) with a Graduate Diploma in Orthoptics and Ophthalmic Medical Technology.

Applications for the MSc (Clinic Vision Science) program beginning in September 2011 are now being accepted. Applicants must hold a four-year bachelor's degree with a minimum B average (GPA 3.0), with at least one undergraduate class in human anatomy and/or physiology, and a class in psychology with a laboratory component. Exceptional students may be accepted without these prerequisites on the condition that they are fulfilled either prior to or concurrent with the program. Work/volunteer experience in the health care field is considered an asset.

Students whose native language is not English must demonstrate the ability to participate in a graduate program conducted in English prior to acceptance into the program. The minimum acceptable score on the TOEFL test is 580 for the written test and 237 for the computer test.

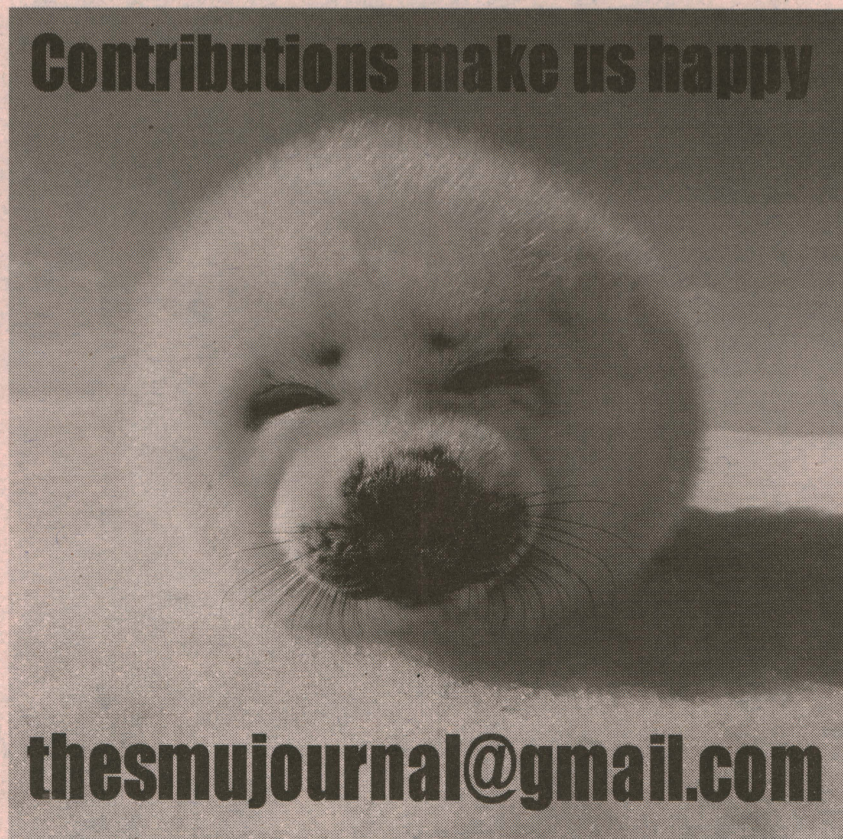
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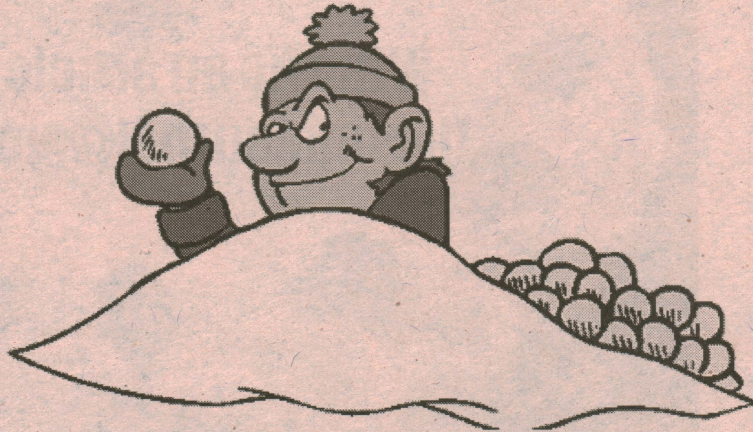
## Top 5 Winter Activities for 2011

James Urquhart

Sports Editor

5. Go to a Halifax Mooseheads Game: It's our very own band of loveable losers. They may not be very good, but Moosehead games are always entertaining. Furthermore, it is still hockey after all. There is nothing more Canadian to do in the winter than sit in the stands and watch a good old game of our nation's favorite past time. You may not be the one doing the physical part of the game, but it is nevertheless a good idea to get you out of that library cubicle and out doing something with a friend or perhaps use this as an excuse to take that special someone out. As an added bonus, because the Mooseheads are so bad, she or he will have much more attention to pay to you, so the Moosehead's lack of skills could actually work in your favor.

4. Go Skating: This is another activity that is a winter staple in our humble part of the world. We are unlucky enough to have ice everywhere else in the city (you know what I mean all you students who have to de-ice your locks every morning, while trying not to break your neck on the ice at your feet), so you might as well make could use of the ice that we actually want. It just so happens that there are plenty of places to skate around the city. In fact, you can skate for free at Saint Mary's University at the rink at certain times during the week. If you are feeling a bit more adventurous, then you can check out the newly build speed skating oval on the Halifax Commons.



3. Go Skiing: This might be a bit of a stretch on a student budget, but if you are willing to skip out on beer a few times in January I am sure you can make it happen. You can take the bus out to one of the various ski hills that the province has to offer; and rest assured, the trip is worth your trouble. All of the ski hills in Nova Scotia are well equipped with skis and accessories, and the views from the mountains are simply breath taking.

2. Go Sledding: Take a trip down memory lane. Do you remember when you were a kid, and you would get up and see the snow had some down heavy? You knew that there was at least a good chance that it was time to grease up the old toboggan, put on you long underwear and get your favorite toque, because it was time to hit your favorite hill for some good old fashion sledding. Even better, now that you are old enough to acquire

certain choice beverages, when you mix them with a J.T. or a crazy carpet, you know that you are in for a memorable afternoon.

1. Have a Snowball Fight: Pissed of at the mark that a professor gave you on that paper you stayed up until 4 a.m. writing? Are you still ticked off at your ex-girlfriend for keeping your friend warm through one of those cold December nights? Well look not further for a way to get rid of some of that pent up anger and frustration. This classic winter game requires skill, wit, endurance and force, all of which will benefit you in the classroom. So really, is there any reason you can think of not to get out there and hit someone with a ball of snow? This is why a good old fashion snowball fight is my choice of winter activity for the 2011 winter season at SMU.



## The "Vick" Saga

James Urquhart

Sports Editor

Generally Speaking, I try not to write about stories that do not involve the university (I leave those to you guys to contribute). However, it is pretty hard not to look at the Michael Vick situation in Philadelphia and smile. Regardless of what you think about Michael Vick the person, it certain is nice to see someone get a second chance and make the best of it. Do not get me wrong, I also think that what Michael Vick did was horrendous to say the least, but in the American penal system, the whole point of sentencing someone to a term in prison is so that he can pay his debt to society. Whether or not you think that he has paid an adequate price for his actions, he has paid the price he was given, like anyone else, and as far as Uncle Sam is concerned he and Vick and square. So think that it is worth my time to take a closer look at this story, and really show how someone can term it around with hard work and determination, with a little help from a friend or two of course.

When Michael Vick was released from prison just before last years season began, there were very few teams that were even willing to entertain the notion of taking Vick on as a quarterback, along with the certain media circus that would follow him to town. He was a convict, and convicts never changed, or at least that seemed to be the shared opinion amongst the leagues general managers. There was, however, one team that saw past the

stereotypes and negative press, and remembered Michael Vick the person; the quarterback; the All-Star. The Philadelphia Eagles took a gamble on Vick, hoping he could regain the form that made him one of the leagues most dynamic and explosive players before he was incarcerated. Now it was not the Cinderella story you might be thinking of; Vick came in as the third-string quarterback, and barely saw any action last season. Vick however made the most of the time he did spend on the field, dazzling and amazing fans. Vick caught a huge break when the Eagles decided to trade long-time, veteran quarterback Donovan McNabb to the Washington Redskins. At the beginning of this current season, Vick found himself as the number two quarterback behind Kevin Cobb. When Cobb started the season horrendously, it was Vick's turn to take the reigns, and man has he made the most of it. In only his second season out of prison, he is being considered for league MVP and is amongst the leader leaders in quarterback statistics.

This is really a feel good story. In life, there are certainly more that fail than there are those who will succeed. Michael Vick has shown that with your head on right, even the steepest of slopes can be climbed. So remember next time you think that there is no coming back from an early F, or that you cannot achieve what you set out to achieve, there is Michael Vicks out there in everyone, you just have to want it more than anyone else.



## Off-Season Improvements Needed

James Urquhart

Sports Editor

With this being the new year, and it being the case that I haven't discussed our favorite sports topic in a bit, Huskies' football, I thought that I would take this time to talk about the future of football at Saint Mary's University. This is my final year at SMU, but as all true football fans know, you never really leave your Alma mater behind, so the future of Huskies' football is very much a pressing issue on my mind. I think that although there were a lot of bright spots this season, it is evident that the Huskies have to get better if they are going to become contenders on the national stage. This year there are several key weaknesses that I observed that have to be rectified before the Huskies will be able to recapture the glory witnessed at the beginning of the last decade.

First, the huskies need to get a quarterback who is not only mobile, but also has an arm and can make things happen down field. Now I must say that I was pleasantly surprised

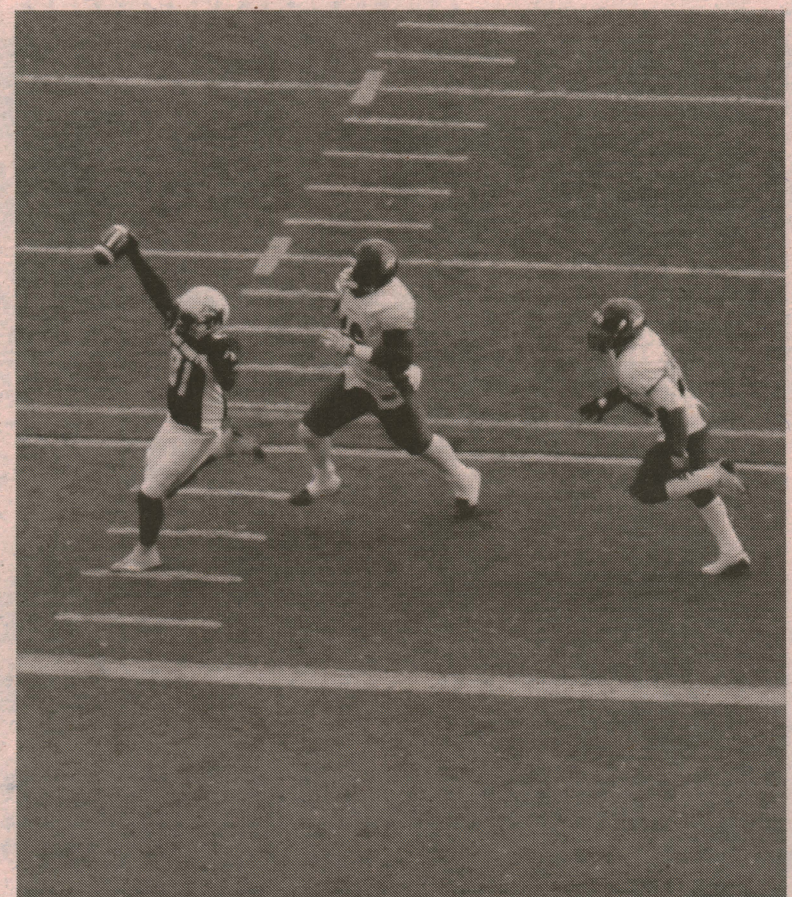
to see that the Huskies made some headway in this area with the signing of local quarterback Jesse Mills, who has one of the best arms I have ever seen on a Canadian born quarterback. Coach Sumarah seems to be really pleased with this signing saying, "The thing that he has right now going for him is incredible arm strength. He can pretty much make all the throws now at the CIS level..." I really think that this kid is the future of Saint Mary's football, and I think that he is going to fit into the SMU system very quickly.

The second thing that really concerned me this season was the Huskies' ability to defend both the run and the passing game. No offence to the AUS, but we should simply throw out all the stats against other teams in our conference, and focus primarily on the games against Laval and Calgary, the two best teams in the country this past season, and most likely the next few seasons. If we cannot compete against these two teams, who both shredded us through the air and on the ground last season, then we will not be able to go anywhere. In recent news releases it

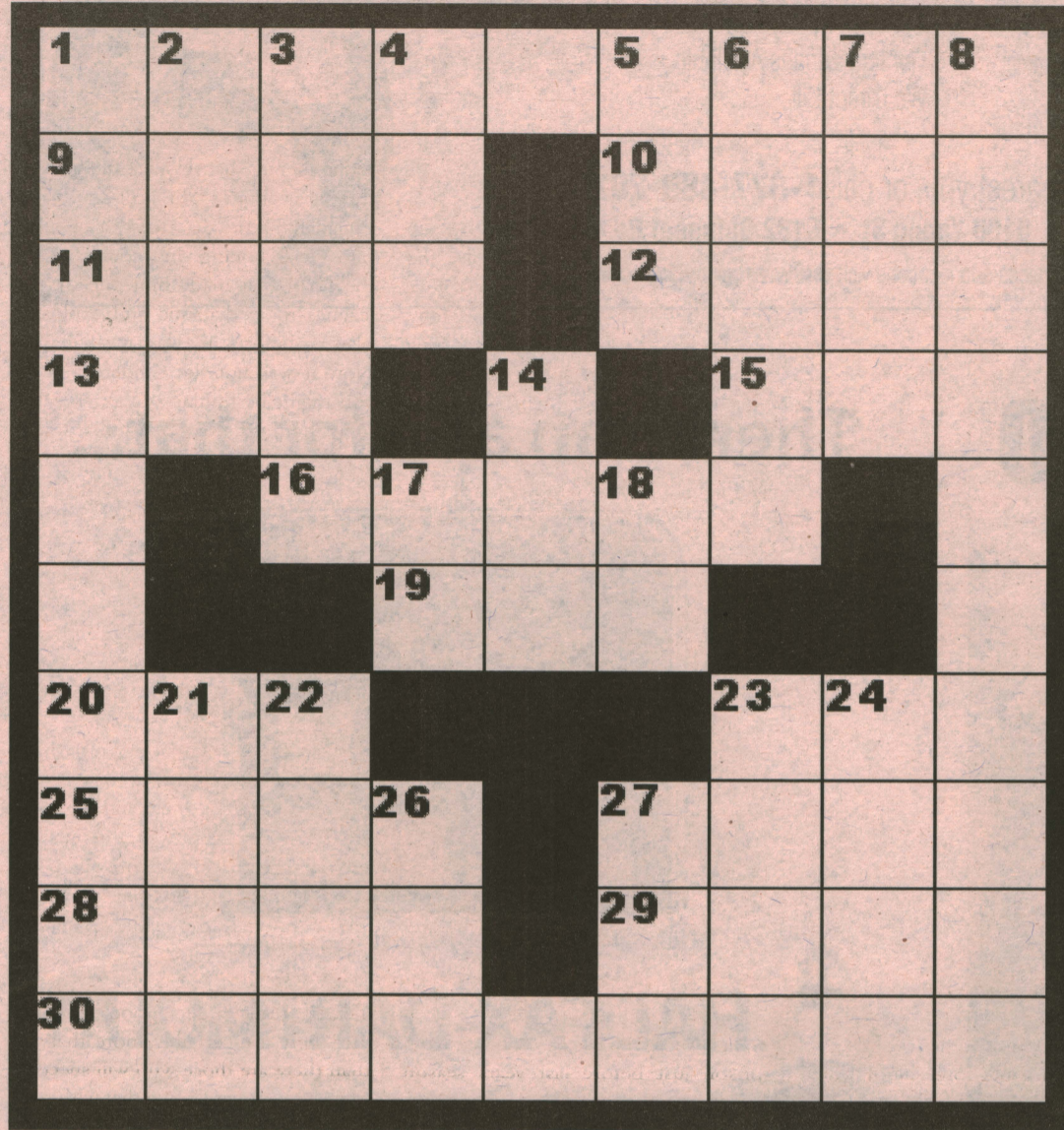
has become apparent that the Huskies are focused on improving defense in all areas in the off-season. This is great to hear, and should give fans confidence that Saint Mary's is serious about improving in the future. As

I alluded to above, this past season was not all negative. There were a lot of positive points that we should expect to continue next seasons. For one, Jahmeek Taylor was unreal this past season, putting up the kind of numbers that got him nominated as a potential CIS player of the year. Craig Leger was also very good this year, and should continue to run the ball well in the coming season.

So there you have it; as promised, a little new year's football chitchat. Just think there are only 8 months until football starts all over again. With the new additions, and continued devotion to winning, we should be excited for the upcoming season. I just hope that I am around to catch a game or two next season.



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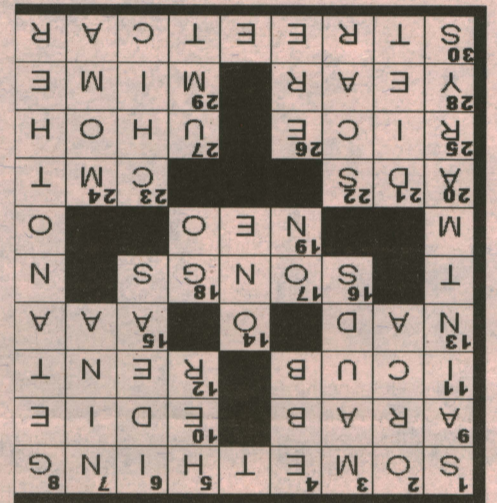


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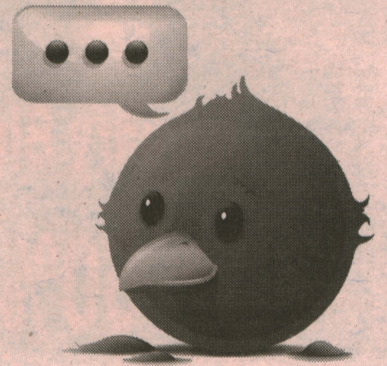
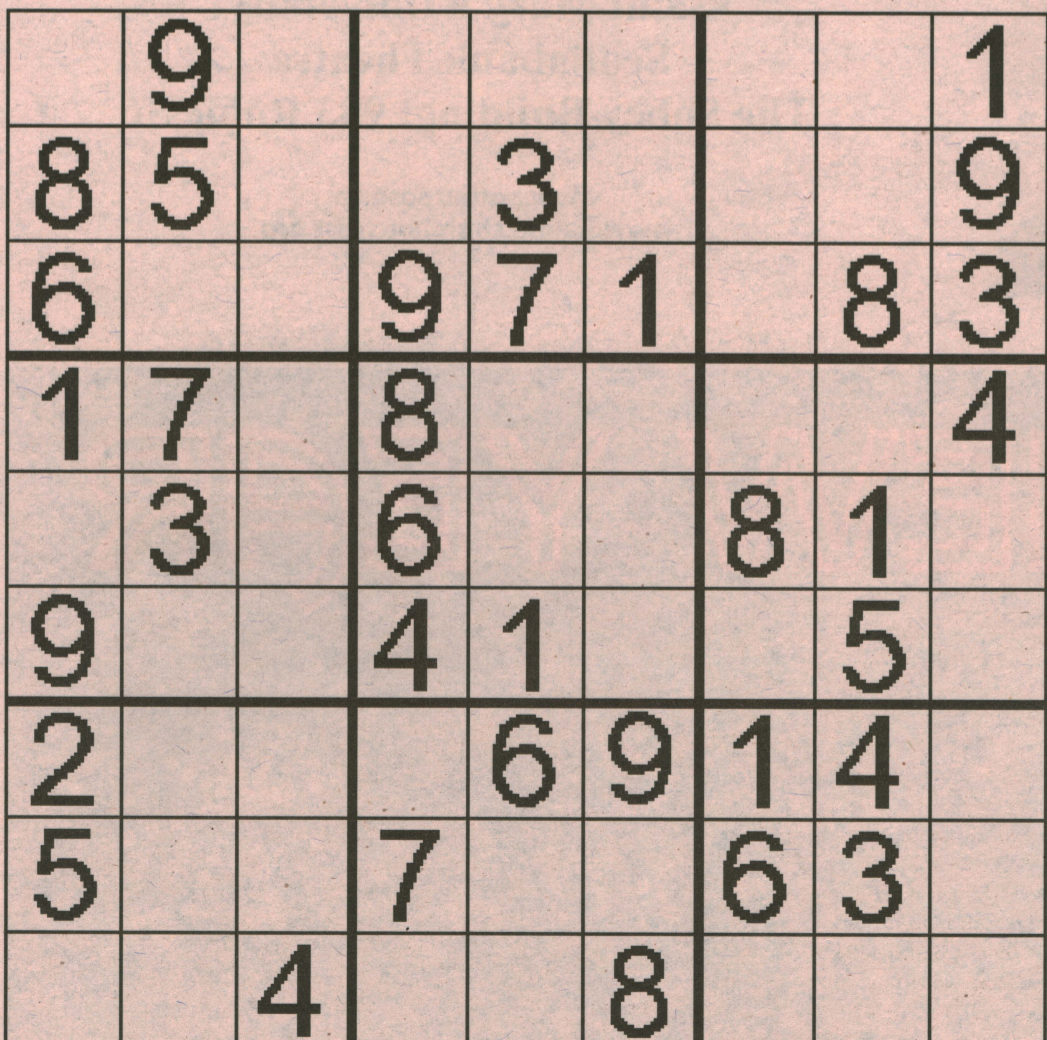
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11. Falco, of the Sopranos
12. Rock opera based on Le Bohème
13. Slang for testicle
15. Motor & leisure club serving North America
16. Tunes
19. Chosen one of 'The Matrix'
20. Paid announcements
23. TV Station playing Alan Jackson songs
24. Residence at SMU with kichenettes
26. Old game show starring 'The Punisher'
27. 364 1/4 days
28. Marcel Marceau, for one
29. There's one of these named desire

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1. University who once hosted the Uteck Bowl
2. Killer Whale
3. Flanders and Lewis
4. Outward movement of the tide
5. Objective for of the pronoun She
6. Concepts
7. Not the Pinta, nor the Santa Maria
8. What the Backstreet Boys think you should do about your boyfriend
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23. New york museum



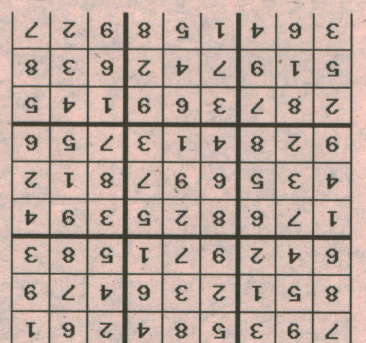
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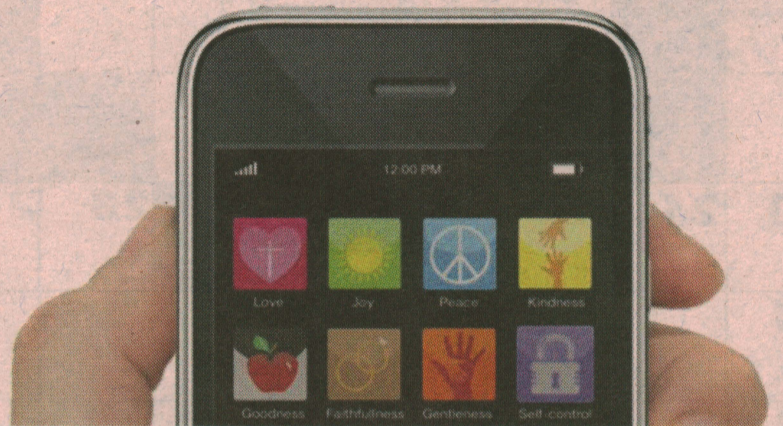
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