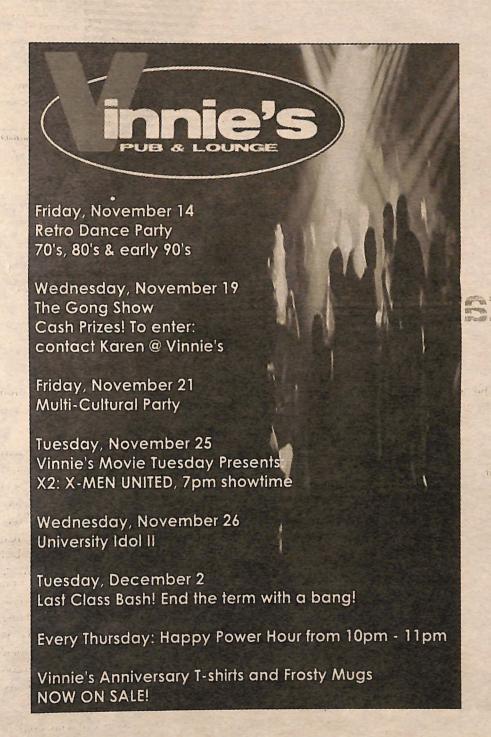


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I was out taking pictures of the destruction left by Hurricane Juan, then all of a sudden, it dawned on me! I ran into the forest to see if the Jesus statue was still up. I couldn't see him until I was right front of him, but there he was, still intact. There were trees down all around him, but Jesus had not a scratch on him, it was a massively religious experience. (photo by Matt Mansfield)

# Coup D'état

by Jargon Staff

Te know what you were thinking. Jargon was a one hit wonder, never again would it be released from the world of ideas into the world of solid the solid tangible shape of a real live student paper.

Just like our Student Union you were wrong, and we're here to stay...we hope.

Our raison d'étre is to try to make transparent the murky world of politics, we feel as though our delay should be explained, and apologized for, as we know you have been anxiously awaiting our return.

Firstly, Jargon started the year off on shaky ground at best. Due to a failed attempt to become an independent entity from the SU last year, the Jargon staff were denied access to the office. Please note: The "staff" attempting access to the room consisted of two people. A downtrodden situation you can understand, not much hope in sight.

The 23rd of September was the day the "staff" were finally allowed to access the room, however, things didn't look much better from the inside.

The office appeared to be lacking a printer, a camera, a scanner, a fax machine, a disc drive for the computer, the Internet, long distance on the telephone, staff and money. No, the situation had not improved much.

The SU on the other hand were completely willing to lend out a hand and help in any way possible. Jargon and SU have a mutual understanding of the esential role eachother has to play in the democratic nature of MSVU.

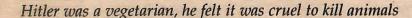
Hah. Just joking. In fact, once the paper finally got rolling... that is, we started accumulate a number of staff eager to produce a paper of quality, the SU condescendingly passed the motion you now see on the front page.

If you take a close look at the approved motion you will note that in the proposed contract we will be been "given" (whose money is it again?) just enough to print five issues for the year. Mind you, this covers printing costs only, so never mind a printer, a scanner, and any other necessities essential to a successful newspaper.

Did I mention that our whole staff, now consisting of seven, are all sharing one Mac computer, which is not compatible with Microsoft Word.

Never mind that the SU had \$4,000 more at their fingertips than they expected due to a higher enrolment than anticipated (see news section for a brief story). Yes, they have the money, but apparently there were more important things to spend it on...we'll get back to you on that one (see Student Hawk collumn). As well SU is always free to publish their perspective through Jargon on the situation. In fact, we welcome their comments.

There you go. The goal of the paper this year is to offer you diverse perspectives, considering no two people see the world the same. We hope to make your blood boil, to motivate you to share your own perspective.



#### **Bush administration** reject bill S-139

#### by Keiran Gibbs

ast Thursday the US Senate had it's first ever vote on limiting emmissions of heat trapping gases by power plants, through the inaction of bill S-

S-139, also known as the Global Warming Bill, was to provide for a program on scientific research to the effects of rapid climate change and to limit greenhouse gas emmissions in the US, as well as reducing dependence on foreign oil.

Senators John McCain and Jeseph Leiben co-sponsored the intorduction of the bill into legislation, stating that, "A healthy economy and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive."

In 2001 President George Bush withdrew the nation from participating in the global Kyoto treaty to cut carbon dioxide emissions to 5.2% below levels by 2008-12.

The Kyoto protocol was negotiated and signed in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Framewok convention on Climate change which Bush Senior agreed to 1992.

The Bush administartion opposed bill S-139 as being too costly for the economy. The US has tried a range of domestic and international voluntary efforts to reduce global warming pollution over the last decade, however, emmissions continue to rise and show no signs of decreasing. In China, emmissions have dropped more than 17% since 1997.

Developing countires such as the US contain only 25% of the population but are responsible for more than 75% of greenhouse gas pollution in the atmosphere.





(Photo Tim Fisher)

#### Low and Middle-income Students Hit Hardest by PSE Costs, Study Says.

(Courtesy of CASA)

study released by Statistics Canada suggests that Canada's system of post-second-Aary education does not provide a level playing field when it comes to financial accessibility.

"It stands to reason that when costs increase, the brunt of the impact will be felt by those of lower income backgrounds, and that's exactly what the data shows us," said James Kusie, National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

While the report indicates that there is no evidence to suggest that the participation gap between rich and poor has widened since the 1980's, the real cause for concern stems from the manner in which low and middle income students are gaining access to postsecondary education. "The question is not are the poor students participating, but rather how they are participating. The participation gap may not have increased, but the burden of participating on lower and middle income families definitely has," said Kusie.

The report shows that students responded to the tuition increases of the 1990's by borrowing more, especially those from low-income backgrounds. Furthermore, the correlation between university attendance and parental income became stronger as a result of the tuition increases of the last decade. Finally, participation rates of students from middle income families actually declined over the last decade.

The impact on students from middle income families has CASA most concerned. "We should be alarmed that this demographic of students is actually going to university less than they were a decade ago. The system just isn't working for them," said Kusie. He believes that flaws in the student assistance program, such as unrealistically high parental contribution expectations, are to blame for this trend. For example, in Alberta and Nova Scotia parents whose after-tax income is \$50,000 are expected to contribute \$6,200 per year toward their children's education. If they choose not to, students are left with a significant shortfall, totaling as much as \$24,000 over four years.

In order to address these problems, CASA is proposing that the federal government lower the expected levels of parental contribution and develop an appeal mechanism for non-supportive parents. Furthermore, a system of upfront grants targeted to students from lower-income backgrounds would help curb the participation gap between the rich and poor that persists in the system.

The finding released today raise concerns that Canada has created a two-tiered system of post-secondary education where students from low and middle income backgrounds are hardest hit when it comes to financing their education. This trend may have already begun to impact the choices that students make in terms of their post-secondary education, creating a situation where the rich have the luxury to choose, while the poor do

#### Government takes back \$1 million from Universities

by Tim Fisher

The Tory government announced on November 5 its plan to take back \$1 million dollars from all 11 universities by the end of this year. MSVU loses \$60,000, but the administration has no plan to increase tuition costs for the 03/04 year.

"While we are taking this matter extremely seriously and will find a reasonable solution, we want to assure our students that we will maintain our commitment to previously published student fees," says Amanda Whitewood, VP Administration.

Dalhousie will be hit hardest, losing \$500,000. There are rumors that they may raise tuition for the winter semester. The other schools will collectively lose \$500,000.

Kate Jenkins, Vice President of Student Events of the students' union (SU) at The Mount, is not impressed by the PC government. "In a province where tuition costs are so high, why should the government have to ask for money back? It shows how unstable the government is," she said. "Especially after an election. If I voted PC, I would have regretted it."

Darren O'connell, fourth year student and former vice-president academic for the SU, is also appalled at the government, "Obviously Dr Hamm's commitment is not as serious as he led us to believe before the election. This retraction is just an example of his government's poor character and they should be ashamed of themselves. I don't know if the Hamm government realizes the fact that secondary education is now a privilege and should be a right," he said.

For Rendell Witzell, a third year child and youth student at The Mount, this means she may be forced to pay a higher tuition next year. She doesn't have any other options because The Mount is the only place that offers her program.

"I don't know how I will get the money just yet, but I will find a way," she said.

Tuition costs raise an average of 4 per cent a year. This year, the government paid 3 per cent of the increase at The Mount. After their announcement to claw back \$60,000, this works out to be 2.5 per cent. Last year, the cost for one course unit was \$915. This year the cost rose to \$970.

"We will continue to work with our university administration to control tuition increases, but without a significant and stable government commitment, tuition will continue to skyrocket," said Ryan MacNeil, SU president.



#### Student Union Hawk

Imagine, you have a to write la paper using a couple Mackintosh computers, one ancient paper weight, and one modern Imac. You get your research together, but then you realize the computer does not run Microsoft word. Okay, that's not that big of a deal, you can always write it with a Mackintosh word processor.

After the unnecessary struggle with a foreign computer system, you discover you don't have a compatible printer. It's not the end of the world; you can email it to yourself and print it off in the computer lab.

But wait, the computer lab is filled with PC's. Now you have to convert the entire document to be compatible with a PC.

Your stress level soars through the roof, and you ask yourself why you are even trying to work in such impracticable conditions.

Unfortunately at the Jargon, this decision was beyond our control. So we face another year controlled by the Students' Union (SU) asking them for money in order to stay open. Fortunately, Mount students have a reliable SU to accurately represent all of us. But do we?

That's where I come in to play. Throughout the year, I will be the SU hawk. I am new to MSVU, and I honestly have no idea what the SU is up to. So I will attend their tedious meetings, swallow their methodic Robert's Rules and interpret what their up to in this column.



Do not get me wrong, I am not playing the part of Bush, and trying to "unstick sticky situations." I am just going to tell it as it is.

For starters, the student newspaper, who prints 10,000 issues distributed throughout Halifax, Dartmouth, and Bedford, at the very least should have a computer compatible with the rest of the school. Does that sound a little too unrealistic? Not to the SU, they don't even think we should have a compatible printer to go along with that ancient paperweight.

This is not acceptable. We can function with twenty five year old chairs, a couple desks to share with one another, our mascot (who we haven't officially named just yet, but you can see it on the cover, so feel free to write us some suggestions), but we cannot function without computers!!!

If I give \$5000.00 to Honda, I want a civic. Consider for a couple moments how much money YOU are paying to the SU. I gave \$5000.00 to MSVU, and I got a piece of paper with a class schedule on it, and a couple useless Mackintosh computers...

What are YOU are getting out of your \$5000.00? YOU are giving money to the student union because they represent YOU. Now it's about time they do.

What is the SU up to?

November 28, 2003 - Annual General Meeting. The only day of the year when Mount students have a vote equal to the SU

Debate with The Jargon over its freedom from the SU.

Debating whether to have a U-pass at the Mount, enabling Mount students to purchase discounted bus passes. The movement would charge a fee, over \$100, to all Mount students.

#### What's the Good News at MSVU?

(Courtesy of the Registrar's Office)

Enrolment is up at MSVU. This was good news contained in the preliminary enrolment report that MSVU sent to the AAU on October 1. MSVU reported an overall enrolment increase of 5 percent over last year's figures. Part-time enrolment across the undergraduate and graduate levels has increased by 3 percent. The enrolment of full-time students has increased by 6.4 percent. And most notably, our first-year students have increased by 17.7 percent.

Scott Dickey, a Biology student at MSVU, was part of the Canadian Canoe Team competing at the Pan American games in the Dominican Republic in August and earned the Silver medal. Scott competed in the one person (C-1) and two person (C-2) categories against world-class paddlers from 15 countries around the world. Congratulations Scott!

The Centre for Women in Business at Mount Saint Vincent University is going to be able to provide more support to women entrepreneurs. In September, the Honourable Gerry Byrne, Minister of State for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities (ACOA) announced an investment of more than \$800,000 in the Centre for Women in Business. \$430,507 of that funding will pay for the ongoing operating expenses of

the Centre. \$381,238 will provide expanded counselling, training and support to help women start their own businesses under a new program called the Women in Business Initiative.

Also in September, MSVU welcomed a \$2.1 million Government of Canada investment, which will enable the University to develop a completely new approach to e-Learning. The research partnership was announced by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) under the Atlantic Innovation Fund.

#### **Mount Saint Vincent University Confers Honorary** Degrees to a Piano Virtuoso and an Acclaimed

#### **Maritime Filmmaker**

(Courtesy of MSVU Public Affairs)

**Fount Saint Vincent University** Mhas announced an internationally acclaimed pianist and a celebrated Maritime filmmaker as this year's Honorary Degree recipients.

"These women allow us to celebrate and honour the power of creativity. Their outstanding careers demonstrate that artistic pursuits can enrich our lives and change the way we view the world. Whether it 's a breathtaking piano performance that moves its audience or a film that gives voice to the Acadian, Black or Native community, these women have used their talents to make a difference and we are proud to honour them," says Dr. Sheila Brown, President and Vice-Chancellor of MSVU.

The Honorary Degree recipients were: Angela Hewitt is an internationally renowned pianist who captivates and charms audiences around the world with her musicianship and virtuosity. She's been performing since age four and is hailed as "the pre-eminent Bach pianist of our time." She performs around the world and has produced a stunning collection of recordings. Her achievements have been recognized by the Juno Awards, the Order of Canada and the BBC Listener's Awards.

Shelagh Mackenzie is a celebrated filmmaker who for many years has helped to ensure that Acadian, Afro Nova Scotian and Aboriginal communities in the Maritimes find their voices. She directed and/or produced a long list of award winning and influential productions, including: "Fixed in Time: A Victorian Album," "Black Mother, Black Daughter,""Remembering Africville," "Mi'kmaq Family" and "The Acadian Connection." Ms. Mackenzie's contributions to the National Film Board, the CBC and the film community, along with her efforts to make her community a better place have been recognized by a long list of awards and acco-

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The two women received their Honorary Degrees at the MSVU convocation on October 19, 2003 at 1PM.

#### Westwood residence

By Tim Fisher

Three month ago, Megan and I Jodie did not even know one another existed. Today, the two are the best of friends. They are both in similar situations, first year students, and living removed distances away from home.

Megan Mac Innis, born and

raised in Port Hawkesbury, N.S., is studying Nutrition at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax N.S., three hours from home. After high school, Mac Innis sought for her freedom. She wanted a change of scenery but didn't want to be too far from home in case of an emergency.

M.S.V.U.'s new Westwood residence, fully equipped with cable television, phone and internet access, a mirror and sink, just to name a few luxuries proved to be the best place to accommodate her

Similarly, Jodie Waalderbos was

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drawn to Westwood. Born and raised in Amherst, N.S., Waalderbos chose MSVU because of its child and youth program. She felt leaving home was a major turning point in her life.

"I was terrified to go to such an unknown world, but everyone turned out to be in the same position, so it was easy to relate to one another," she said.

Mac Innis and Waalderbos, quickly bonded. No later than two weeks into the semester they were friends. Sitting together in Mac Innis's room, they both agree that everyone on their floor is like one big family.

The Westwood residence opened on time for the 2003-2004 school year. It has one floor of traditional residence housing, and four floors of apartment style housing. This is the first year MSVU has the apartment style housing.

Krista Mackarous, don of Westwood, is studying her second degree at M.S.V.U. She has already obtained a degree in child and youth, and is currently enrolled in family studies and gerontology. Mackarous, who has lived in all three residences says there is a definitely a difference in atmosphere.

"The new apartment style residences are great because students have the freedom of living off campus, but the convenience of living on campus," Mackarous said.

Frances Cody, manager of the housing office, said the first few months have run smooth. Cody receives a lot of positive feedback about the independent living style. Because this is new to M.S.V.U., they are still playing with policies to adapt to new situations, some positive and unfortunately some negative.

"What breaks my heart is that on the fourth floor, someone decided to jab their key from one side of the wall to the other. I haven't decided how I will handle the situation yet, but hopefully someone will own up to it. Otherwise we may have to hold the entire floor accountable," she said. "You would think students would have more pride than that."

Cody and Mackarous agree that the Birches have a greater sense of community than Westwood, but they are working hard to try to bring everyone together.

Jesse Fraser, first year student in psychology had the luxury of living in the Birches residence where 22 students are jammed into 22 individual rooms under one roof, before he chose to live in Westwood residence.

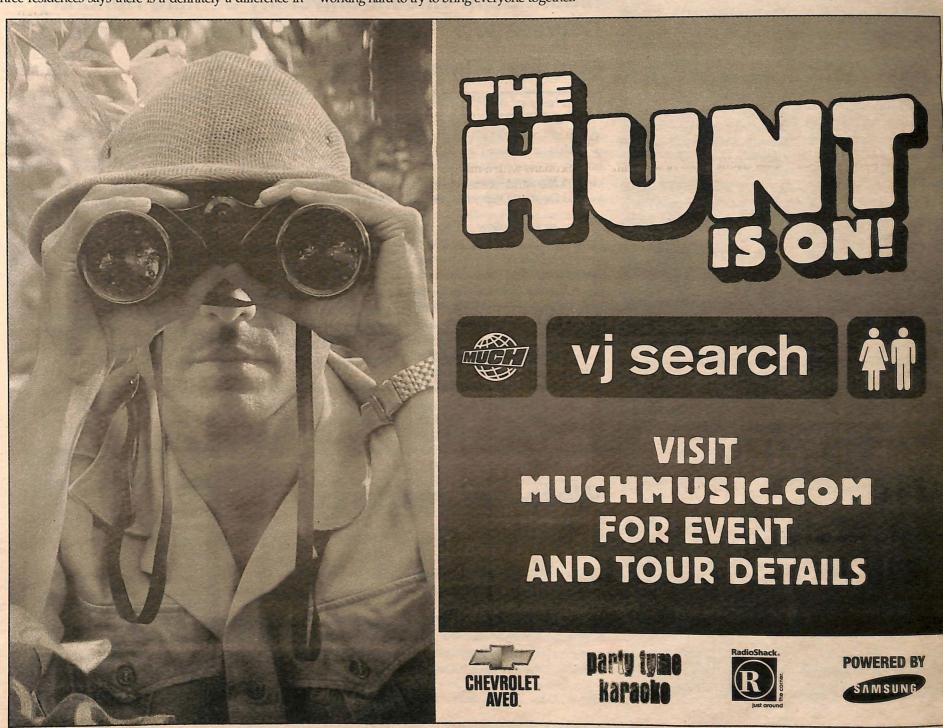
"In the Birches, I was more likely to hear a moan. I chose to live in the new residence because it is more of a quiet atmosphere," Fraser said.

Carrie Rawding, also studying child and youth uses a more profound explanation when comparing the Birches and Westwood.

"When I look up at Westwood, I see a mansion. I see a huge green building looking down on me and my birches, she said. "We feel tiny down here, we feel poor, and most of all, we feel inferior to Westwood."

Residence society has planned a downtown excursion for November 21st for those 19 and over.

Although Mac Innis and Waalderbos are too young to be able to go on the downtown excursion, they will not be short of opportunities to bond while living in residence together.





ccording to the circles of APR experts and elitists a paper of this sort is not really a paper without an editorial. While I stood on the brink of dissention for a short period of time, I of course eventually folded and decided that I might possibly not be able to live with the end product of Jargon if it did not contain an

#### My First Editorial

Editorial By Keiran Gibbs

But for who is the editorial really written? Do I, the enlightened editor really contribute favourably to the general public by expressing my opinion, or am I merely a check point of what is chic to talk about in politics.

Let's get down to business, the crises in the Middle East. Please tell me you've heard of the small little Mediterranean country recognized by a small amount as Palestine. Israel seems to be in a perpetual mode of attack and withdrawel, without any real effort to create an atmosphere of peace at any point in time. The near finished wall now surrounding the West Bank surely does little to convince the world, and especially Palestinians, that attitude of understanding and peace is attainable. The divito the problems presented, but I certainly am not getting paid enough to put the efoort into solving the Middle East crises. I just wanted to show you that those topics high on the political agenda are on my mind as well.

Next on the agenda, Hamm's decision to gut post-secondary and healthcare institutions in Nova Scotia. Anyone have enough foresight during the summer to see this coming? Or did you think the Hamm's were really concerned about giving back to Haligonian's money well deserved? Would the Hamm's still be in power, here in Nova Scotia, had we known what was coming?

I can't figure out how a conniving trick like bribing Nova

### The Neoconservative Ethic, under duress

by Chris Langille

The Iraqi adventure, beyond its weapons of mass destruc-I tion (WMD) justification, is a test case for the neoconservative ethic. Voiced in the language of world-democratization and American exceptionalism, the neoconsevatism ethic advances a sweeping presentation of American responsibility in our world disorder. Its idealism and naivety, however, serve as its ultimate downfall, with an ever-more-bloody Iraqi conflict being the demonstration of ideology's limita-

Neoconservatism is a peculiar, and wholly American, variant of conservative thought. In the words of neoconservative "godfather" Irving Kristol, it is "liberalism mugged by reality." A sharp definition, and one that properly alludes to its Old-Left heritage. Early neoconservatives served as anti-Stalinist socialists, supportive of integration and the civil-rights movements, while repulsed by the excesses of 60s new-leftism. Where socialism became the god that failed, then, neoconservatism emerged. Advocating a minimal social-welfare state, a vigorous (anti-communist) foreign policy, and a sympathy with "traditional" moral values, neoconservatism stood in stark contrast to both realist-conservatism and new-left socialism. And with the ascendancy of Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher, neoconservatism (under the leadership of Norman Podhoretz, Paul Wolfowitz, Elliott Abrams, and others) triumphed. Revolting against Kissinger-style detente, neoconservatives sought not to reform the Soviet Union, but to pummel it into submission.

History, and the ultimate collapse of the Soviet Union, leaves one with many questions and rarely an answer. Did neoconservative militancy win the Cold War? Perhaps, perhaps not. What was clear, however, was that without the Soviet threat, neoconservatism had lost its raison d'etre. Enter September 11th, 2001.

September 11th, by the cliché, changed the world we live in. Indeed, it changed the political direction of the Bush administration. Critical of Clinton-era "nation-building," Bush held to an America-first isolationism. Continuing to normalize relations with Communist China, and acting in large indifference to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Bush administration (in spite of the neoconservative critique) held to the very typical stream of realist-conservative thought. With the September-11th catastrophe, however, all bets were off and neoconservatism reemerged.

Under the banner of a new American century, neoconservatives (in the form of Paul Wolfowitz, Dick Cheney, and Donald Rumsfeld) supplanted the old threat of Sovietcommunism with the contemporary challenge of fanatical-Islam. Their intentions are clear to see, and manifest in the direction America has taken. The opening salvo in this new American century, the effortless toppling of the Afghan Taliban, served to bolster the neoconservative cause, and mark a fundamental shift in American foreign-policy presumptions. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict, once treated by Bush in most indifference, became a fundamental arena of

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editorial, as any proper paper should.

I can't imagine that my personal opinion on whatever the hot topic of the month is will hold substantial weight when balanced against your already well thought out, researched and tested by trial and error opinions.

As I have recently heard, an editorial is supposed to be a place for the "higher ups" to check that they are 'still with it' in politics. If you've previously been briefed on what I choose to write about, then you pass the test. If, however, you don't recognize the topic of choice, then you should probably flip the page immediately. Unless of course, you're going to a high end party tonight and you think that regurgitation of someone else's opinion will cast a better light upon your character, then by all means steal away.

sion seems more of a manifestation of the divisive attitude of Israeli Prez Ariel Sharon. Sharon and Prez Bush were obviously taught in the same mass manipulation class. Both won gold stars when they managed to target the lowest common demominator with the "Us vs Them" governmental policy.

Imagine life surrounded by a wall. Not a wall for your protection, as was the case in the days of strategic Kings. Rather, it is a wall to keep you out. Your entire race has been labeled terrorirsts.

Or imagine living with the stark reality that at any point in time the bus you are sitting on might explode. To feel like there are very few safe spots left. Snap back into reality, doesn't that way of living sound like a pile of shit?

I don't know if an editorial supposed to provide solutions Scotians with a meager hundred dollar and some check could allow for a victorious election.

Hamm should of have been thrown in jail. But then, were our justice system truly representative of the values it pretends to uphold most politicians would be in jail. Why aren't Bush, Sharon and Hamm all in jail?

Could there be something fundamentally wrong with our judicial system? Naw.....let's just say that there are those in the world who know what's best for the rest of debate, these people are bigger, better, and stronger than the rest of us could ever hope to be.





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#### **Confessions of a Wasted Mind**

#### by Shaun MacMullin

The legalization of marijuana? What foolish person came up with that? I am totally against this so called great idea. It'd be the same as turning 19 and being finally able to (legally) drink sweet, sweet alcohol. In other words, it takes the fun out of it.

Sitting in your friend's attic on an old couch that provides more pain than comfort you think back on the journey that lead you there. It all started 45 minutes earlier when you got off work and just NEEDED to unwind after dealing with ignorance all day long. You make the call to let your people know that you'll be in town this evening. When you get there you pick up your friend and drive over to the little dead end street where the local dealer, Birdlor'r, lives.

Birdlor'r is a dicey character at best. To look at her you'd think that she was old when the world was young. The more often you see her the more you come to believe that she is Eve, still regretting taking the apple from the tree. So full of anger at the world she'd slit your throat if you so much as look at her cockeyed. If she's home.



Celebrating Canabis Day.

(photo by Shawn Bossy)

Half the time when you drive up that street her sad little VW rabbit (year unknown) isn't there, but when it is you feel like dancing a mad little jig because you know have "the Fear". The Fear in this case is getting busted by the cops. If you're lucky, all they'll do is take your dope. Most often though, they make an example of you When you finally get that dirty little joint in your hands you inhale like a pro. Knowing what you went through to get to this stage makes it so much better. The

# That is what legalization entails so I say keep it illegal otherwise we wouldn't want to smoke it.

that you're gonna score. Sure you get ripped off more often than not when dealing with Birdlor'r, but it's to be expected. Driving away, smelling those precious little bags you are the most cautious driver that ever existed because as Hunter S. Thompson said it, you

because they hate "stoners".

You've made it safely back to your friend's attic, you're ready to unwind right? Wrong. First you make food to take upstairs with you knowing that you'll need it very soon. You can't come down and get it later because

you'll reek of the stuff and his parents will know what you've been doing and they'll flip out at you. "it's not the same as drinking" they'll say to you, "it's illegal". So, to be safe you carry all that food and take it up with you.

When you finally make it up to the attic and put the food down comes the next step, the fan and towel. The fan goes next to the open window (even if it's January and 30 below) to blow that unwanted smoke away. Then you put the towel under the door just in case some wayward smoke tries to leave the room and rat you out.

unreliable dealer who both hates and needs you, the terror that if you get caught you'll be branded with a scarlet D (Dope fiend) for the rest of your life. If it gets legalized all that goes away. You'd be able to safely buy it in a controlled environment with no risk of going to jail or being shunned by the community at large because let's face it, you're going to buy it either way.

Then there's the matter of the government. You just know that if they sell this stuff, it's going to be taxed and that tax money is just going to be put into something useless like education or health care. And you lose a lot of criminals because dope smokers are no longer committing crimes so the cops and courts will have more free time to concentrate on other things.

That is what legalization entails so I say keep it illegal otherwise we wouldn't want to smoke it. continued from page 7

America's neoconservative "war on terror." And Iraq, the persistent target of neoconservative scorn (Paul Wolfowitz had, since 1977, been critical of the Hussein-regime and critical of Reagan-era patronage), would become the ultimate testing ground.

The War on Iraq, despite official claims, is not rooted in concerns of WMD. And contrary to the expected claims of the granola crowd, it is scarcely a war of economic-pillaging. These security (WMD) and economic (oil) concerns are relevant, but largely the spillover benefits of a Western-oriented Iraq. What the war represents, in actuality, is an attempt to remake the world in America's image: a world free of statist and theocratic relics.

This ideology of American exceptionalism, with its current manifestation in Iraq, is not presupposed on simple greed or arrogance, but rather in a genuine belief in the Liberal-Democratic superiority. Premised on the idea of peace among democracies (the idea that Liberal-Democracies do not war with each other), the neoconservative ideal aims for a world market order, where war becomes economically infeasible, and without strategic benefit. A lofty and fantastic notion, and one that is the realm of pure fantasy. Namely, the road to such a worldorder demands near-perpetual war, with all its brutal consequence, and suggests that American interest can be best achieved through empire, rather than republic.

Neoconservatism, in the face of the Iraq reality, has not received a favorable treatment. American servicemen return to the motherland, minus life, at an approximate pace of two dead per day. Iraqi democracy, a principle goal of the intervention, is a condition not to be seen in any near future. And the Israeli-Palestinian conflict ... well, no comment needed. American neoconservatism, with its mission and lofty idealism, may be fitted to join communism in the dustbin of history. The lesson of all this, is that nations cannot be guided by lofty idealism (whether in neoconservative or socialist variety), but rather by rational self-interest and restraint: the consequence of neoconservative policy should bear this out.

Cheers.



#### Letters to the Editor

(The views expressed are not necessarily those of the editors or this newspaper)

Parking

I have a slight problem with the parking situation here at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Why is it that in the middle of the afternoon, it is nearly impossible to find a parking place? I've resorted to getting my boyfriend to drive me to and from school just so I don't have to deal with the headache of trying to find a spot. On many occasions this has made me late for class, even though I left with 30 minutes to spare and only live 5 minutes up the road. Even with all of that extra time it's still hard to find a spot. Many times I have to make my own place in a no parking zone, and pray that I don't find a ticket on my windshield when class is over.

When you pay \$115 for a piece of plastic to hang from your rearview mirror, you expect to be able to get a parking place. More students at the Mount this year, means more vehicles, so obviously more parking is needed.

So what can be done about this issue which I know others are also facing? Is there a possibility of making another parking lot somewhere on the premises? Or is there any way we can expend the parking lots that already exist? Or maybe, when we can't find any spots, and end up making our own, we shouldn't be penalized. If someone is parked in the middle of the road blocking traffic, then that's not acceptable of course. We must be sensible in deciding where to make our own

I am concerned because this is an issue that students shouldn't have to deal with. We pay \$115 for parking, on top of the already outrageous costs of books and tuition, and get little to nothing from it. So what can be done to solve this parking dilemma? There has to be a solution.

- Lauren MacDonald

#### A Message From A So Called "Spoiled Assisi Girl"

Have any of you ever wondered what it's REALLY like to live on campus? Well, I'm about to give you my point of view on the topic.

Living in Assisi Hall is not all as exciting as it is made to sound. Of course, I don't have to go outside to get food, exercise in the gym, books, drinks or candy... but does that really make a difference? It does to some people. I've only been here for a month and half and I've already been called a "Spoiled Assisi girl", "Assisi brat" and the list goes on. I often wonder why...

When Hurricane Juan came to town, I wasn't very spoiled at all. I live on the 11th floor of Assisi. Not only was it very dark and quiet, but also the elevator was not working. 11...flights...of.... stairs... That does wonders to a person. That meant every time I had to eat, 11 flights of stairs. Every time I wanted off campus, 11 flights of stairs. Then there was the obvious, no electricity. Which meant no computer, no CD player, no computer and no phone. I was basically stranded like a prisoner on the 11th floor for the entire 4 days I stayed in the Halifax area.

Then there is the cafeteria food. Where do I even begin? Living on campus or not, you probably know what it's like to consume the "wonderful" meals made my Aramark. If you consider green hard-boiled eggs, soggy toast, chunky mashed potatoes and pasta (everyday) to be appetizing then you shall enjoy!

Don't get me wrong, not everything about living on campus is bad. The girls in Assisi are great. Every so often we have floor meetings, and plan fun outings for the group. Along with that, every month we have a floor supper to celebrate birthdays. It's amazing how we all bonded together and became one big happy

So there you have it! The wonderful facts and issues about living on campus. Don't you just feel like moving out of your homes/apartments just to come and live in Assisi Hall or any other residence on campus? I knew you did...



#### By Julia Feltham

Dear Julia;



I am a straight guy who loves anal sex and always has, but my new girl friend isn't into it at all. What should I do? Should I try to persuade her or just let it go?

-The Anal AssAssin

Dear Anal;

Many people are very uncomfortable with the idea of anal sex. What could happen? Will it be unbelievably painful? Will I have a craptacular explosion and defecate all over

the entire universe? Start a shit river? Will my anus bleed? Will my bottom become a gaping hole for the rest of eternity? What if I clench and snap my partners penis off? If your girlfriend uncomfortable with the idea of hav-

ing a penis in her rectum, you should talk about it with her. She may not be aware that she can get pleasure from anal stimulation. Ask her if sometime you could use a lubricated condom over your finger and just play with her corn hole for awhile to see if she really does dislike ass-play in general. This will help reinforce the 'Don't knock it 'til you try it' principle. She may just not like the idea of the ass as sexual territory because of its taboo qualities or because she is nervous. Try to help her be okay with the concept. Talk her through it and prepare her. If she still is uncomfortable with it there isn't much you can do. It's her body. You'll have to get your jollies elsewhere. Any kind of sex can be painful once in awhile but especially fudge packing can be a rip and/or tear affair because of the rectum's anatomical characteristics. Be sensitive to her boundaries and be gentle. If you do persuade her to try it, you want to give her a good impression of the Hershey highway. Let her know that if she really doesn't like

it you will not force her to do it again and that there is no pressure. Always use lots of lubrication, never force entry, always use a condom (without spermicide which can irritate the rectum), do not vigorously thrust and be very gentle. Remember 'stop' means 'get that out of me' and always respect your partners bottom line.

Dear Julia;

I've only been with a few people and I'm very insecure about what my body is like in relation to other women. Particularly, I worry that I have abnormally large labia. I'm sure my lips extend beyond their normal parameters. Is there anything wrong with me? How can I find out if I am nor-

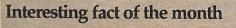
-Slappy McClam

Dear Slappy;

More then likely, there is nothing abnormal about your lips, but if you're genuinely tripping over your twat waffle you might

> want to worry. Some women with large labia may experience pain during intercourse because there is a pink torpedo trying to get into the portal of pleasure without opening the doors, but usually that is a simple case of rearrangement.

The discomfort may even go beyond that, into the realm of it being painful to wear certain types of clothing. There are some conditions that cause the labia to enlarge related to hormone levels, or you may just be genetically predisposed to large lips. If you believe it is more then just a form of self consciousness, have your gynaecologist examine you. Keep in mind that the common concept of what your oval office should look like comes from the age of porn and slice n' dice genitals. The labia you see on porn sites are usually just as real as the bosoms you see there. No one is perfect, and just like every other part of your body, your labia are yours and unique. There is no 'normal' length for your lips of love. Many men admit finding large labia majora and minora very sexy and adding to their pleasure during intercourse. So next time you hear an extra round of applause from between your legs, clap along with your clam.



The longest recorded pubic hair was 71.12 cm long.

#### Sexual Euphemism of The Month

"Winky the milk spitting tunnel ferret" For the penis, submitted by Thomas Gibson, Halifax Nova Scotia

If you have a question or concern about sexual health, if you'd like to add a good sexual euphemism to our vocabulary or if you have other questions or comments, e-mail Julia at: -Assisi Brat getyourjollies@ziplip.com



#### **Under Shadow**

By Dane Butler

The thunder claps and the rain falls, and there I sit huddled in the corner. The wind is blowing on my face, I thought I was safe in my house but the rain is falling on me, I'm cold and scared. Nothing makes sense as the world storms around me, nothing seems real and yet nothing seems fake. I can't even trust my own sense, because in reality I'm just lying in bed under a quilt trapped in dark thoughts.

And begins the cycle that is depression. I always find that the storm metaphor is useful when describing symptoms of depression. In case you weren't aware, depression is a condition that affects one in five Canadians. Due to this statistic the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) has set out on a public awareness campaign which includes a couple of excellent TV advertisements. The problem is that many people who suffer from symptoms of depression don't recognise them. For a very long time I was the same way. That's right, I admit it. I suffer from depression. One of the other issues is that people that suffer from

depression are afraid to talk about it.

Depression is officially classified as a mental illness, is common, and has varying degrees of severity and cause. Depression could be caused by a traumatic event(s) or simply through a chemical imbalance. The resulting symptoms of depression can be numerous and can include loss of interest in favourite activities, change in appetite, weight loss or weight gain, anxiety, and many others. When you add all of these symptoms together you get "problems". I suppose that's a good way to put it.

As for myself, when I look back I realise that I have been living with this for a long time. For as long as I can remember. I don't know how it started. I come from a wonderful, loving family. One of the problems I always had was that I never felt I "deserved" to feel the way that I felt. That is to say with all the pain in the world, with all the people who suffer, why do I always feel miserable and feel as though I want to end my life. Guilt can be a powerful weapon. There isn't enough space in this article to discuss why it is I have never committed suicide, and have never tried, but believe me I have been on the edge many times. I may use the past tense at times in the course of this article when referring to my condition, but I am not cured, although hopefully I am walking down that road now.

It's a lot like an addiction when you think about it. Or at least, it seems to me that I am addicted to feeling the way I do. But the biggest step for an addict is to realise they have a problem. That is much the same with depression. It is very important to realise you have a problem. If you don't think you have a problem, then you won't get help, and if the condition remains untreated if will simply fester and become all the more problematic. I am a shining example of this. It took me forever to realise that these feelings were a hinderance and that I should probably seek help. In fact I believe I was nineteen before I first tried to do anything about it. And in the subsequent years going to and from treatment I have realised that as I get older it is just getting worse, I need to fix it. And while I'm at it, why not try to make others aware at the same time. I know there are probably a lot of you out there, who are simply thinking to themselves that they can control their depression. Thinking that it's not actually holding you back. But trust me it is. You may not realise it at the moment, but if you were to seek treatment and come out of it you would realise what a difference

it is. And so would those around you, recognise the difference.

Depression can affect your mental capabilities. It may cause you to have a lower attention span, poor memory retention. You may have changes in your sleep pattern that affect your day to day function. There are many things depression can do to you, and many can affect your academic capability. You may think that you just have problems with school in general, but maybe it is something else. If you have feelings of hopelessness or despair when you are sitting in class, maybe you need to think about what is behind that.

There is plenty of places to turn if you need help. The Mount has counselling services, or you can talk to your family doctor. If you feel the worst coming on, and you feel you may harm yourself then you can go to emergency at the hospital and you will get help right away. If you need more information on the subject then please go to the Canadian Mental Health Association website www.cmha.ca . Remember, as I need to tell myself sometimes, that you are not alone. Help is available for you if you need it, if you want it. And things can get better, it's not as hopeless as it seems and it never will be.

#### Dalhousie University

#### **MSc Clinical Vision Science**

with concurrent

Graduate Diploma in Orthoptics and Ophthalmic Medical Technology

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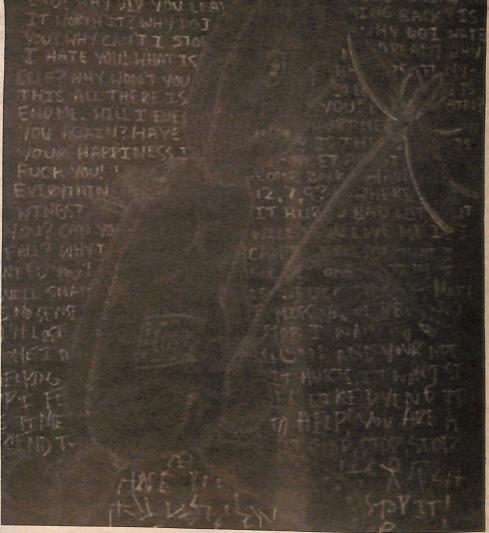
Students whose native language is not English must demonstrate the ability to participate in a graduate program conducted in English prior to acceptance into the program. The minimum acceptable score on the TOEFL test is 580 for the written test and 237 for the computer test. Financial assistance may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

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# POPULI In a word or two, describe your dream guy/girl:



Todd O'Keefe, 30 BA Student "Chick"



Taylor Harris and Laura Firth, "I like stuff"



Kate Jenkins, 19 PR Student "Cowboy Giddyup"



Ashley Bonang, 18 BA Student "Indescribable"



Erin Zinck, 18 BA Math Student "Everything"



Joey Habib, 23 IT Student "Female"



Lise Richard, 18 BSC Nutrition "Eccentric"



Monica Njoku,20 PR "Tave Diggs"



Natalie LeBlanc, BA(French) "Caring and

Considerate"

Poetry

#### "Main Street Melody"

The subway creaks Its soft, solid song In line, printed paper passes Every which way Littering lawns with lost inspiration

The pavement speaks of a tired sun, beating too long half-naked hussies shake their asses no one feeds the stray pup drowning in the river of our perspiration.

The fluttering pigeons crowd the tiles of anything out in the open ignoring the epidemic of their obesity. (Think I'll make like a rodent and live off of dirt)

And along the sidewalk the currency piles it blocks the view but we're coping with the landscape's intricate simplicity. The alternative is potent; the flesh must not hurt.

#### **Not Untitled**

by Robert Broderick

"untitled" is the title used by lazy poets whose creativity stops with a period on an end-line.

why bother letting the pen touch the paper if no effort is put into the title?

> the title is everything, no poem -

the words are then just random acts of thought with a cheap label that makes it look organized

are these well-organized thoughts?

no, it is planned B.S.

here's an idea - PICK A TITLE! or keep your thoughts to yourself . . . you must fill in that space with brilliance, otherwise you could become "Anonymous".

#### When man meets woman

by Tim Fisher

When worlds collide, they collide. That's why when man meets woman neither he nor she knows what to do with themselves. Take little old Johnny for instance. His story is heart breaking on so many levels.

Johnny's parents started him on medical treatment at the age of four. So, really, he has been dependent on medication since he could remember. "Its better this way," his parents always told him. From the view of a child, it is always better their way. He was the perfect human, conformed to absolutely every societal standard that existed in western world. So, his parents promoted that he live a life like most regular children do.

He started playing soccer at the age of six. He went on to experiment with most popular sports. The doctors feared that if a goal was scored against his team, he would lose it Johnny Cockrin style. You know, the type of fear you have when you find a spider on your pillow, that's the type of fear the doctors had when Johnny smiled. Under his natural sence of rage, there was no saying what this eight year old was capable of doing. So they used medication to block and prevent his evil. Although not everyone had the same beliefs Johnny's parents and the doctors had.

Many of his teachers objected to such high dosage of medication at a young age. For breakfast, Johnny was doped up on uppers. On uppers, Johnny proved to work well with his peers and on occasion, even showed signs of humour. That didn't last past 10am when he started to come down. He needed anti-depressants to prevent him from outright depression and pain relievers for back pain.

Doug Richmond, Johnny's arts and crafts teacher, said he would always give drawing assignments right before his uppers wore off. "It brings out the most creativity I have ever seen in an eight year old," he said. "My wife has her bachelors in psychology, and although she

is not a trained professional, I like to hear her opinions about the drawings. She has a soft spot for little Johnny.

Mr Richmond, went on to say, "I was particularly blown away from his assignment on globalization. Its like he felt the pain my children feel every day. I really feel for those poor children that make shoes all day. I once gave a lecture on the suffering of children in Asia, and well Johnny, Johnny collected all the toys in the sand box and used them to spell out 'we feel for all of you'. Now if that's not the work of a genius, then I don't know what is. Please stop such high dosages of medication, he deserves the chance to live a normal life." Mr. Richmond was later fired for his unethical teachings and for dictating socialist opinions on eight year olds. The town banished him forever. He and his wife were never seen again

When Johnny turned 17, his life changed forever. He met the love of his life, Jenny Schmit. When he first looked at her, he felt an uncontrollable love brewing in his blood. His doctor happened to be on vacation that day, so Johnny was not prescribed any medication to repress this uncontrollable love. "When I looked at her, I wanted to buy her roses. I once saw it on a television show, and the girl fell in love with Dawson. I bought her a dozen roses and I gave them to her and simply said, your beauty is enough to stop the world. She smiled, then I smiled and left."

Jenny was a suburban girl raised by hippies. She had a very healthy, down to earth upbringing. Her charm attracted all who talked to her to live life for all its worth, not live life for its deadlines. She saw a twinkle in Johnny's eye that not even his mother saw. Jenny new there had bound to be some good deep within his soul. She new he was interested in her. She could just tell by the look in his eye, so they hung out together.

Jenny charmed him with meaningless observations. "Do you ever notice that when you put your gloves on the wrong hands, they look, like, cool. You can wave hello to yourself."

One of her more profound observations was at the county fair. "Johnny, do u ever notice that when you conform to what society considers as normal, you are merely just a machine. You are not making any decisions on your own; you are just letting those doctors control you with modern science. It's totally unnatural what they are doing to you. If you just tell them 'no' once, and they will listen. Say to them that you are a human and you want to be treated like a human. Tell them the following anecdote. It's called the NoFeetie, the turtle that could.

'NoFeetie, the turtle that could, never used his feet, he didn't get really far. One day, Feetie the turtle said, 'try using your natural feet', so NoFeetie did, and he could walk all by himself'.

Johnny desired her more now then ever because she didn't care about his superficial challenges. This time when Johnny heard a voice in his head, it wasn't a daemon anymore; it was that of his own conscious. It told him to stop taking the medically prescribed drugs, "At least for Jenny's sake. You owe it to her, she loves you". So he listened to the voice.

The two lovebirds didn't see each other for a week. By that point, Jenny was worried, so she called him up and made a date. They decided to go to dinner then for milkshakes. She was right that Johnny didn't need the drugs. He was a perfectly normal human. In fact, he more perfect then most humans. The fact that he had been living such a conformed life all along, had not given him any interesting life experiences, so as a result, he was a boring guy.

This bored her, she told him she did not love him any more. He learned to cope with his broken heart and moved on.

# Horoscope

#### Aries (March 21- April 19)

It is very common for you to be self-assured in almost all aspects of your life Aries. New challenges have never wor-

ried you, as your take charge manner usually causes whatever the situation may be to bend to your needs, as opposed to you bending to it. This month, however, with the moon rotating around Jupiter, you will find some new wily challenges that you never anticipated, and may

not know how to deal with in your typical fashion. While you are not adverse to innovative sexual techniques, toe-sucking has unexplainably always caused you some anxiety. Will you be able to confront this new challenge, or will you allow it to let you burn out?

#### Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

In the case of a natural disaster, a hurricane for example, your cautiousness arouses respect from your comrades. You

are well prepared for such situations, filling the tub with water, unplugging all unnecessary electrical gadgets, consuming quickly what might possibly go bad in the refrigerator...but when it comes to sucking erotically on the bot-

tom digits of your loved one, your cautiousness causes a great amount of disputes. My advice to you for the upcoming month Taurus, is to throw caution to the wind. Disregard the multicolored toe jam if need be, let loose and do some toe-sucking.

#### Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

You are always looking for the logical foundation in every situation dear Gemini. As a thinker you want

explanations. However, when your lover makes an unusual request this month, such as casually asking to have her or his big toe sucked, I suggest you succumb unwittingly. If you analyze too much Gemini, you will take all the romance

out of it. With Mars in its current swirl stage over Venus, you should heed all intellectual pursuits to such quirky fantasies. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

#### Cancer (June 21- July 22)

As one of the more sensitive signs in the Zodiac, you are

going to be in for a pleasant surprise this month.
While the more aggressive signs are going to be coming to terms with newfound humbling activities, you are going to an instigator of such humbling experiences in your own personal life.
All of a sudden, you will not be afraid to ask for

what you truly desire dear Cancer. Thus, be prepared to have your toes sucked in abundance.

#### Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)

You're a leader Leo, and your take charge personality is inher-

ent within you. That is why it is going to be up to you this month, to instigate the leap for you and your lover onto the bandwagon of toe-sucking individuals. As always you know what you want, and what you want this month is to have your toes sucked.



#### Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)

In your usual practical manner you will be asking yourself a lot of questions as to the functionality of your desires. For example, it has always been a

dream of yours to sit back, relax, and have the little digits on the bottom of your feet devoured by the watery heavens of your significant other's mouth. This month throw all practicalities aside, no matter how hard you look you will find no reasonable explanation for your toe-sucking fantasies. Just enjoy it when it happens.

#### Libra (Sept 23- Oct 23)

You're known as the peace-maker Libra, the sign of balance. Well, this month such abstract ideas will manifest themselves in a tangible manner. However,

you must be able to recognize the shift from semantics to reality, for example the exact alignment of Uranus with Jupiter demonstrates that you will be getting a "piece" quite literally. You may wish to interpret this as you choose, but be aware that you will also be quite interested in the art of toe-sucking in the near future...

#### Scorpio (Oct 24- Nov 21)

Now is not the time to close up Scorpio. You have been determined for months to find that right person who would engage in your wildest fantasies, such as sucking on your ten vital digits down below...your toes. Now you have found a wild pack of hungry dogs just looking for the opportunity to chew on some tasty toes.

#### Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

It's your mission to travel the globe, seeing and doing as much as possible. However, you are aware that only those who are fit psychologically will gain the experience you are striving for when setting off. That is why you have come to such a pivotal moment in your life, and you have found that the only possible way to prepare yourself mentally is to suck someone's toes.

#### Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19th)

You're uncontrollable ambitions need not be controlled this month dear Capricorn. While you usually have to fight your exhibitionist tendencies, this month they will be welcome by all. Of course engaging in sucking and having other suck your toes is not necessarily considered to be an act of exhibitionism, but you can always add that element as well.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

Unconventionality is the name of the game this month, thus putting your element your precious little Aquarian creature. Don't even bother washing your socks this month, you won't need them. That's right, because your toes will consistently be in the mouth of others this month, as the rest of the children of the zodiac finally seem to adapt your sense of adventure and are looking for something new to try out.

#### Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)

There's not much you're sensitive nature is capable of dealing with I'il fishy, but thanks to your naturally curious disposition towards sexual behaviour you will not be offended in any way by the abundant requests you receive to have your toe sucked this month.

#### **Some Devil**

Dave Matthews

BMG RCA Records

There are three rules in approaching Matthews's first solo release. Rule number one; don't let the title scare you. Rule number two; don't let the video for Grave Digger scare you. Rule number three; don't let previ-

ous connections or resentment towards Dave Matthews Band sway or hinder your decision to purchase the album. Some Devil is a chameleon. The music slips on many different personalities in one 14 track disc. The first single off the album Grave Digger sounds similar to songs we would have found on Lilywhite Sessions, which eventually became Busted Stuff, produced by Stephen Harris, who also produces this effort. Songs such as the fore mentioned Grave Digger, An' Another Thing, and Too High are raw with emotionally driven lyrics that don't stick to the contemporary or shy away from the antagonism. Some Devil is also a highly collaborative effort, accompanying Dave on Some Devil are Phish guitarist Trey Anastasio and guitarist Tim Reynolds. Some Devil allows Matthews to create without hesitation the type of songs that are hidden in his albums with Dave Matthews Band. The contemporary, instrumental, and upbeat songs that are stereotypical of Dave Matthews Band are not found in this CD, with the exception of the first track Dodo. Increasingly interesting and ever changing, the more times you listen to it, the more you appreciate it and long for it to be playing.

In A Nutshell: Powerful and cynical all wrapped up in a perfect little package

#### Cheers

Obie Trice

Shady/Interscope Records

Eminem continues to push out players in his Shady Records roster that don't disappoint Obie Trice's debut album Cheers lives up to the reputation of previous attempts under the same label. There are many accompanying players on Trice's team, including songs where he is backed up by 50 cent, Nate Dogg, Busta Rymes, and Eminem. Trice has an ability to incorporate good tempo with true to life lyrics. There is substance to his songs, and he doesn't have to use shock tactics or reiterate that he had a tough childhood, growing up in Detroit in the same low income area as Eminem. The first single got Some Teeth is fun and danceable. There is no single list of stand out track because each one has a massive amount of entertainment value. Obie Trice has succeeded and continued the trend of amazing rap artist under the Shady/Interscope label.

In a Nutshell: Trice should be Cheering for his new album

#### **Heavier Things**

John Mayer

Columbia Records

John Mayer has a complexity issue with his body. Three tracks out of the ten on his new album have lyrics that have something to do with him disliking his body of feeling it is inadequate for his soul. In Clarity, one of the best tracks on the album Mayer writes, "I worry I weigh three times my body." Similarly on the first single off the album Bigger than my Body, Mayer laments "Cause I'm bigger than my body gives me credit for." Finally he is also concerned that his head is much too small for his brain. "I can barely survive, a night in my mind." We as listeners should be thankful that there is nothing severely wrong with the size of his hands or mouth, because both are required for this amazing disc. Mayer achieved critical and monetary success with his first CD and this follow up is equally exhilarating. Each song is an intricate ploy. They start out sounding like something you might want to raise your eyebrows to, and quickly turn into an ear pleasing mix of acoustics and charming lyrics. Stand

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### What's Hot!... What's Not;

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The Palace
Leather Accesories
Anything by Outkast
Skin

Student Staff
Pizza from the SACateria

National Defence Sooo Last Week

The Dome Leather Jackets

> 50 cent The OC

> > Frosh

Garlic Cheese Pizza from the Cafeteria

Out

Pitchman's
Pleather Pants
Anything by JaRule
Dawsons Creek
Randoms

Pizza from Lapalina's

Elastic Bottom Sweatpants Straight Leg Sweatpant

Straight Leg Sweatpants Anything but Sweatpants

Do you think that this list is full of crap? The Jargon believes in diversity and understands that our opinions may not reflect your own. So feel free to send us your list, or even outright bash this one.

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out tracks include the popular single, Bigger than my Body, Clarity, Split Screen Sadness, and New Deep. Mayer has also increasingly changed his style. In his first album each song was earnest and loving, with this album he has grown up into a stronger writer, with the ability to use sarcasm to create some thoroughly enjoyable contrast between each song.

In a Nutshell: Mayer should be happy with his body and with the songs he has produced.

#### Lover/Fighter

Hawksley Workman

Universal Music

When the name Hawksley Workman comes to mind I think of that obnoxious song about a year ago Jealous of Your Cigarette, it was new, different, and completely infectious. Then they fell of the face of the earth and many of us thought they were a one hit wonder, never to be seen or heard from again. Thankfully Hawksley Workman is back with an amazing new CD. The sound is new and exciting. Tonight Romanticize the Automobile sounds so much like U2, yet at the same time the songs is not in a style that it could ever be U2. We Will Still Need a Song and Anger as Beauty follow suit and provide the same intricate mix of soothing vocals and unique melodies. Each song on the twelve track disc is better than the next, and there are several that stand all on their own.

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#### **Back In Rotation**

by Heather MacDonald

Hundred Thousands songs are released every year. Singles are created so that the listening public might hear that song and purchase the CD because they like it and want to hear similar things. Unfortunately not everyone buys the particular album. Also songs may gain some notoriety but not in mainstream due to the fact that we as a society are transfixed on not only listening but viewing music and are a subculture that watches Much Music and MTV religiously. Therefore if a song is not accompanied by a video we have a tendency to never know it exists. Based on the most popular downloads on various music downloading sites and general consensus from students on campus this list of songs has been complied to demonstrate songs that may not have had a true chance to shine and be appreciated by the listening public. In other words they are Back in Rotation!

"My Happiness"Powderfinger
"The Seed"- The Roots
feat. Cody Chesnut
"In Love, Sadness"Jason Mraz
"Thin Line"- Jurassic
Five feat. Nelly Furtado
"Queen of Pain"Alkaline Trio
"Superstarr Pt. 0"- KOs

Former Picaro articles, it seems things haven't changed too much.

# Sign on the dotted line, please...

#### SU withholding funding from Pic until accountability contract signed

union is withholding the Picaro's funding until both sign an agreement making the newspaper more accountable for its finances and actions.

"Right now, the Picaro has no structure or board to monitor its operations and hold the editors and staff accountable for their actions," said student

president Sheldon Miller. "[SU] just gives them money to do whatever they want with.

"[SU] wants to make sure there is a accountability in place, ensuring that students' is money spent looking out for the best interests of students, who fund the union to

fund the Picaro."

contract The being currently negotiated stipulates the Picaro would have financially to be audited each year; SU and the paper would work together to establish an advisory board to deal with any grievances students have with the Picaro; and SU withhold arbitrarily.

future funding.

Tim Boudreau, the Picaro's editor-inchief, feels withholding funds gives SU an bargaining unfair advantage over the biweekly.

"Right now, the paper has very little money in the bank," he said. "There's a sense of urgency to sign the agreement. Money is being held over our

heads. That makes it difficult negotiations to be in good faith."

recently SU agreed to give the Picaro enough money to pay off recent expenses and print the upcoming issue, but won't transfer any other funds until the contract is signed.

weekend. Last student council passed a motion stating the Picaro and SU must finalize the contract for approval at the next council meeting at the end of the month.

Boudreau feels negotiations are going well, but worries agreement-which would come into effect year-would compromise

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"Sometimes I feel a little rushed," he said. "I don't want to jump into anything that would sell out the power of future editors."

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"The contract is about the selfpreservation freedom of the Picaro," he said. "One of the clauses stipulates that SU must fund the paper, but cannot govern it. The document should ensure the Picaro is around 20 years from

SU presented the contract to the Picaro last November, but Boudreau says the newspaper had its reasons for not jumping to the jumping bargaining table at that

"Last fall, I felt [SU] had been treating

us very poorly and unprofessionally in other meetings we had with them, regarding a controversial article we printed," he said. "T didn't feel like bending over backwards to accommodate the union's requests.

"And [SU] never once told us we had to

sign the contract to receive funding. I just found that out after Christmas."

Miller says he thought the Picaro understood that receiving funding was contingent on signing contract. apologizes for not making that clearer.

## Major Changes Made to Life in Residence

BY TIM BOUDREAU WITH SUPPLEMENTARY RESEARCH PROVIDED BY SUSAN BUTT

facelift this year. It's now home for some male students, and a place where those of age can drink alcohol.

As most know, in the past all residences here were all-female and number of vacancies last year, the Mount's housing office reconsidered some of its policies and made some drastic rules changes.

"After the vacancy last year, I was not prepared to have empty rooms again this year," said housing office manager, Frances Cody. "That's why [the university] chose to take a look and ask why did it happen, which eventually led to the change in

It appears the changes have solved the vacancy problem. "All of the residence rooms have been filled," Cody said. "Residence is actually overbooked and housing has arranged ten temporary rooms for

Originally there were plans to make one of the Birch residences entirely male; however based on enrollment numbers, that Birch became co-ed. The first two floors are for males and the third floor is for females," explained Cody.

Beyond mixing gender, Birch four also mixes age. Legal-drinkingaged students live with underaged students in an alcohol-permitted residence, "Birch four is a bit of an experiment," said Cody.

The changes in residence policy, as revolutionary as they may seem for the Mount, are not that different from policies present at other universities. "It's my other universities. understanding that the Mount was the only university in Canada with a no-alcohol policy," Cody said. "I did a lot of investigating into other universities' residence policies and 1 picked what seemed to be the best for

this school. [Housing] put a lot of thought into what would give the students the freedom and independence they need in the safest environment possible."
So fair, students seem pleased

with the changes. Angie McAuley, a 2nd-year public relations student, "Men living on campus is a good thing that makes the campus normal. I don't see how it could be a bad thing."

Forest Kenney, one of the males living on campus, said: "Residence gives me a convenient place to live. All the guys talked it over, and we agreed that we're going to treat our surroundings with opportunity for future students."

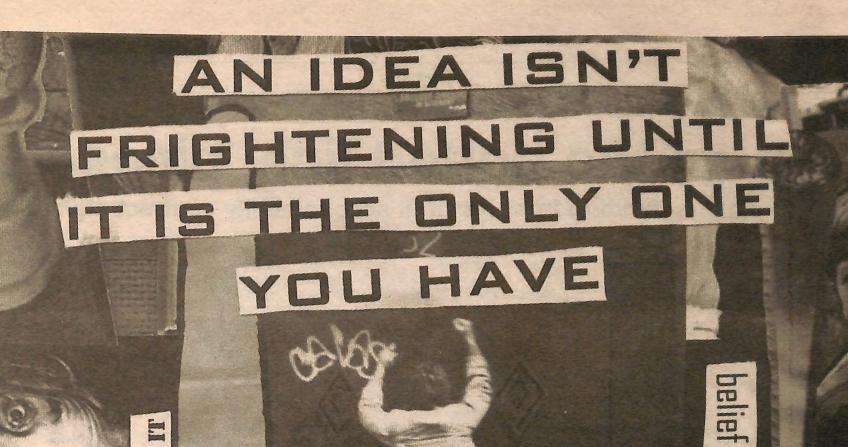
When asked what he thinks other students feel about the co-ed Birch, Kenney said: "All I've heard so far from other people is that our Birch is more fun than most other

atmospheres at the university. Our Birch is a meeting place for a lot of different people. Those who come over from the other Birches and Assisi compliment us on our festive

So far, Birch four has received more than one incident report; and an underaged resident was caught drinking there. And there are rumours the Birch partook in late night bouts of mischief, such as mooning security.

When asked about her predictions of the how the policy changes might work out, Cody said: "This is all on trial. But, I think things would have to go quite badly for us not to keep these new policies in future years. I'm very optimistic. We're looking forward to a really different and exciting year in residence. We're looking forward to the challenge it will bring."





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