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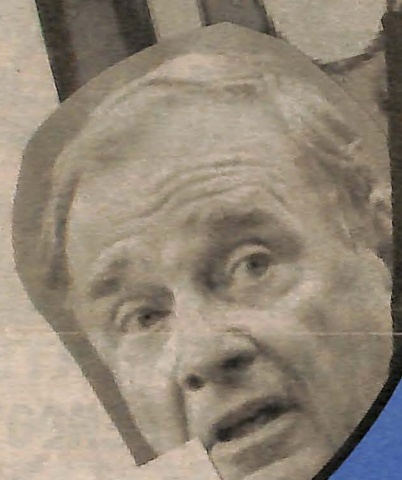
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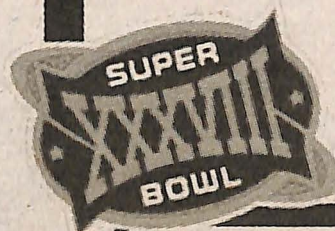
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Coup D'état

by Keiran Gibbs

There is a great deal of injustice in the world. There are, as we all know, far too many to describe in detail for such a small segment in the newspaper. Ideally I would have the time, space and energy to follow through with such detail, inevitably such horrific stories would resound with the good nature of all of you who would take the time to read it, thus causing mass effective change by Jargon readers.

Back to reality and a little closer to home. I will try to concentrate on the issue I see as an injustice we can all relate to which affects all our lives,

even here in lil ole Halifax. It is the triumph of money over social good, and the sad corruption of seemingly good people whom acquire the scent of a little bling bling under their noses.

In my own personal sphere I've just had the experience of a local cafe/bar/art venue shut down because the inescapable greed of the (evil) landlord. Regardless of the fact that the person who opened the space made no profit yet allowed and encouraged many non-profit and social-action oriented groups to converge in the space, that artists could inexpensively showcase their work, and that it was a place for the community to get together while supporting someone local, evil still won over good. In the eyes of the law only one thing mattered, and that is prop-

erty rights. In the eyes of the landlord who orchestrated the closing of La Bella Muse only one thing mattered, money honey.

So goes one story of a million, where someone with some creativity attempts to break the mould and gets crushed by an unrelenting and, as I would argue, an unjust system. Yet, we sit back, apathetic, concerned only that we

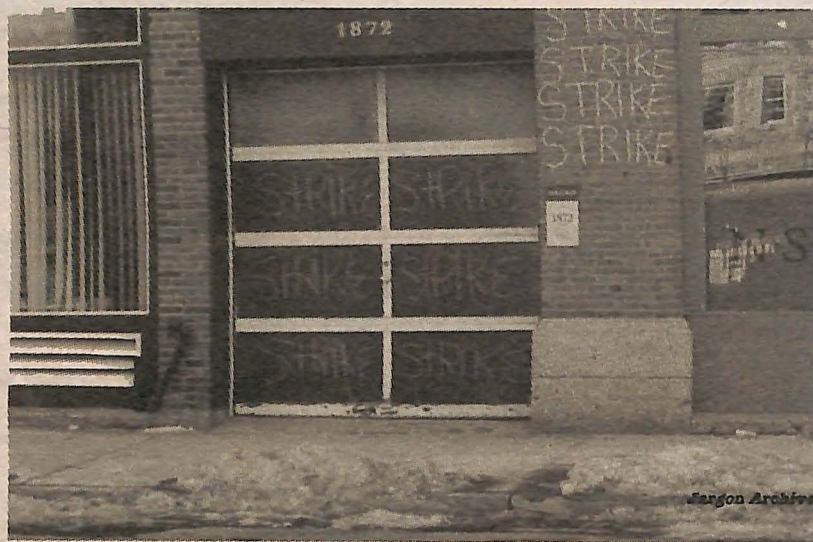
think that the more likely situation will be a collection agency hounding you down like a dog with rabies. Is it right that money has more power over our lives than even the greatest of social good? I'm not asking what is already, that is obvious, but what I am more interested in is what is right.

Is it right that a greedy self serving landlord ought to have the final say on the existence of a place which meant so much more to the community than monetary figures can portray on paper. I personally do not think so, which is why I'd like to personally address James, owner of the space which was once known as La Bella Muse: When we lazy bastards who

actually give a damn about what is right finally get off our asses to do something about this situation, you'll find all the money you have saved screwing people over won't put the bling in your pocket. Until then, I hope you enjoy the place you've taken from us and put it to some good use, that is if you know how to put something to use that actually has the outcome of good.

As for the rest of you Jargon readers, I invite you to fill the coup d'état space next month with your own stories of injustice you have silently been witnessing over the whole of your lives. We look forward to publishing them.

Hasta luego.



might be able to see our names in print proving us as a member of a system that operates without morality. It has become generally accepted that money will prevail, and according to most it even should. To speak of anything else having higher importance, like the good of a community for example, is as if to ask to be called a naive idealist, or even worse, a Marxist.

But don't just take my word for it please, that would be far too passive; I would rather a critical analysis of the situation. For example, if you are a student currently borrowing from the government or a bank consider what your situation will be after you graduate. Do you think that the government will be proud of you for completing your studies, or do you

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ORDER OF POINT

Welcome to a new column in our Jargon that will tackle issues through the power of voice. For the rest of the year, one meeting a month will be dedicated to a discussion of an issue selected by the entire Jargon staff. The topic will be chosen a week before the scheduled discussion to give each participant an opportunity to research the topic.



Matt MacNeil



Tim Fisher



Scott MacDonald



Shaun MacMullin



Ty Treon



Keiran Gibbs

The first topic chosen was Paul Martin, Canada's 21st Prime Minister, and these are the opinions of the Jargon staff that participated in the discussion. In our ideal little world we will make some of you angry and you will contribute to the next issue about our ignorance. Enjoy.

3:00pm Thursday January 15, 2004

Reported by Tim Fisher

Tim Fisher

From what I read about the guy, I like him. I read him on CBC webpage, they didn't write any criticism about him, it was just facts about him and his history. It sounds like he is not in politics for his own self-interest like Bush has portrayed himself to me. I get the impression he is in it to better the country. I like the fact that one of his policies is to put money into research and development of the technology sector, which is really important for Canada to concentrate on because as a developing nation we need to continue to progress our research and development of Canada. So before I develop a final opinion of the guy, I would like to hear what everybody has to say.

Tarium (Ty) Treon

I saw an interview on CBC and he [Paul Martin] was being interviewed by these two prominent journalists. First interviews about a lot of prime ministers and presidents around the world don't seem as enthusiastic as he has been or he is, and he seems to be the kind of guy that really wants to make changes. I don't know how far he can go and do that. And the thing that really caught my eye is that he really wants to improve relations with the United States. It's very very very very important for Canada and its economy, because it's [Canada] still heavily dependent on America. That's Canada's largest trading partner with 88% of our goods going down there. I don't know how far he will go. Also has he promised money to the military?

-Mmm hmm, says a mysterious voice in the background.

-Yeah, says most certain mysterious voice in the background.

And that's something that I think is very necessary. I was talking to you [Scott] about this earlier, says Ty.

-Yeah he is going to paint the sea kings, says an educated miscellaneous voice in the background.

Yeah, they don't even know what the problem is, they keep dropping from the sky's down on earth, Ty continues.

-Yeah that's the problem, they keep dropping down! The problem with the sea kings is gravity, so you can blame sir Isaac Newton for that, Scott passionately argues.

He seems a lot better than...we needed someone like that [Paul Martin] because Jean Chrétien was kinda disap-

pointing, he pretty much didn't care what was going to happen at the end.

Shaun MacMullin

Just from what I've seen about him, there is something about him I don't like. He just has this one quality that I don't like. He reminds me of Eric Lindross, from back in the day. Eric Lindross was supposed to be the next big thing...the next Gretzky. That's the way people were talking about him [Paul Martin]. Paul Martin now, I think, is going to just shit the bed eventually. Like, the one thing he had going for him, in my opinion, is he wanted to legalize marijuana.

-Did he really? Asks one curious member at the table with a look of hope in his eye

-No, a suspiciously well educated member at the table responds.

And that's what I heard, but that didn't go through. I don't know, he might be good for Canada but I just don't trust him, he makes me want to vote NDP.

Scott MacDonald

My personal feeling are that with his strong ties to the business community, I find Paul Martin just...he is so blue sounding, and by blue I mean to the right wing in terms of his views of the economy and business. He just doesn't seem that liberal and seems more oriented on money money money. And he seems to be playing the media card a lot, saying he is going to do this, grinding up support on all kinds of areas and the change he seems to be talking about seems in some ways changing things back, like he says he is not against changing back the gay marriage bill to what it was before which was more pandering to the west of Ontario vote because with the Canadian alliance, aka conservatives in general with the vote trying to round up the right wing vote seems to be trying to play all the cards to attract trying to round up any kind of vote. He seems to be saying anything to get any kind of vote. On his web site they don't refer to him as the right honourable Mr. Martin, they just call him Paul which has this wholesome quality to it, and more like a village of the damned quality to it, where the children just stare at people and want to kill themselves, not that Paul Martin wants to induce death or anything, or maybe he does!

But I just don't like the sounds of him, he is an old white guy, just get someone else in there, make a women prime

minister, like you know, make something happen, make some changes. Instead of the same thing since 1867, some old white guy has got like the right plan for the country. Then you've got Kim Campbell for less than a year, and it wasn't really her fault because she came in after Brian Mulroney, who did a complete fucked job for the country. So what do we say about poor Kim Campbell, we cant have a women prime minister because of her? No. I don't think we shouldn't have a man prime minister because of people like Paul Martin. Give it a break, go play pool or golf or whatever you do on Sundays.

Matt McNeil

Paul Martin, his initials are PM, he was born for it...eh? What do you think?

- Does that mean Jean Cretien was born to be Jesus Christ? Asks a natural born acronym maker.

I think Martin will resurface a lot of bad stuff from Mulroney and before he [Martin] gets on his knees, I don't think he will surrender too much to them [United States].

Keiran Gibbs

Do you think if Paul Martin was in power, he would have supported the war? Do we want these types of contracts? Do we want the type of situation where people over seas are angry with us because our businesses are coming in and stiffening money out, you know that's what happens a lot. A lot of times the money doesn't stay in the country so do we want our companies, our brands, and not to say Paul Martin doesn't already do this. Because his company, Canadian Shipping Line, already does, as soon as he took ownership of it, fired all of the Canadian crew and hired people from Bermuda and Siberia and set up tax loops for himself. And he has got 18 ships roaming around where he does not pay taxes on his goods and services. Do we want to be perceived this way over seas? That's the way I think.

And the thing I hate is that we don't have any alternatives. I don't like Paul Martin at all because he runs the country like a business. You'll find he got us out of deficit and eased our debt during the 90's. Apparently during the 90's it was the worst time in terms of economy for Canada. And this was the time he apparently saved us. He made all these social cuts to education, it is out of their hands, but, who else could be future prime minister of Canada? This is the thing that scares me, he is evil.



Relations, Where Do You Think This One's Going?

By: Tarun (TY) Treon

So, finally the two met. The American President George.W.Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin had their much talked about and anticipated meeting in Monterrey, Mexico on Tuesday, January 13th 2004 at the summit of the Americas.

It makes me wonder, how many Americans really paid any attention to this meeting and how many media houses in the US covered the story in-depth. Answer, just a few. Guess most Americans have been too busy with the run-up to the presidential elections and Iraq, than to bother about what the leader from Canada had to say to their president. But for us in Canada, it was one of the most important and anticipated meetings in recent political history of this country. The two giant neighbours have not seen eye-to-eye in the recent past on a number of important issues. Let's take the mad cow disease for example. The discovery of one cow in Alberta having bovine spongiform encephalopathy or mad cow disease and another Canadian born cow in the US infected with the same disease has severely disrupted the cattle industry in both countries. The fact that the Canadian cattle industry was and is suffering heavy losses because the Americans have banned Canadian beef was one of the reasons why this meeting was so important. After all the US is our most important ally and trading partner. Whether we like it or not the Canadian economy depends heavily on America. Softwood Lumber is another very contentious issue, both neighbours have been battling over the north to south lumber trade for many years and although Canada has the right in this issue, it's the Americans who have the might to impose heavy tariffs on all lumber coming from Canada. This was another issue discussed by the two leaders. But the issue of security was the top priority of talks between

the two, which ranged from the 'War against terrorism' to the deportation on Canadian citizens from the US to a third country (The Arar case) to the Canadian involvement and participation in

helped at all. But now that Chrétien is done as Prime Minister, the American anger towards us decreases which in turn gives us a better chance of having a BIG involvement in rebuilding Iraq.

It is clear that, Prime Minister Martin has made the Canada-US relation's as one of the top priorities of his government. It is very important for us to maintain a healthy relationship with America; after all they are the worlds only 'Superpower' and our good ol'southern neighbour. I had seen a recent interview of our new PM, which was aired on CBC last year. The man according to me seems to be very enthusiastic and passionate about leading this country. There seems to be promise in his eyes and hopefully he will deliver. Many say that he is not the right man for Canada, I have one question for all those 'Martin-Haters', if not Paul Martin then who? So what did we achieve out of the first meeting with President Bush? Well we did get our hands on those contracts to rebuild Iraq and there seemed to be a good vibe between the two leaders and President Bush promised to 'work-together' with the Martin government in order to find quick solutions to the pending issues. Although this was only their first meeting, expect many more to come in this year but at the same time do not expect major changes in the relations between the

two countries. Both the nations will be busy preparing for elections which will most likely take place in Canada and which will definitely take place in the US.

Just one advice to the Prime Minister as of now, Improve relations with the Americans but be very careful not to get too close.

Profile of Paul Martin by: Keiran Gibbs

the much talked about American missile defence shield. The fact that Canada did not support the US led war on Iraq was an icing on the cake of bad relations between us and the Americans at least in recent times. Jean Chrétien and Mr Bush have had a very testy relationship which has not

Rough beginnings

By: Afton Doubleday

The Progressive Conservatives and the Canadian Alliance have merged their two parties, but they have yet to 'unite the right'. The new Conservative Party of Canada is not yet united under a leader or policy platform. This is likely to be a divisive time for the new party, as people of two separate ideologies come to the issue of their fundamental values.

In June 2003, Stephen Harper, leader of the Canadian Alliance, approached the newly elected leader of the Progressive Conservatives, Peter MacKay with the idea of joining the two parties in parliament to oppose the Liberals. Talks progressed and on October 15, 2003 a formal agreement was made between the two leaders to abolish the two parties and form one party called the Conservative Party of Canada. The merger was finalized by a vote in both caucuses on December 6, 2003.

Though the merger received ninety-six percent of the Alliance delegates' support and ninety percent of the Conservatives' support, there are many who strongly oppose it.

Paul Orchard led the campaign against the merger in November. Orchard dropped out of the Conservative leadership race last year as part of an agreement with Peter MacKay. In return for Orchard's support, MacKay agreed not to discuss a party merger with the Alliance. In November Orchard filed an injunction with the Ontario Supreme court against the December 6 convention. He attempted to prove that the vote would violate the party constitution. His case was dismissed on December 5.

Another group of Progressive Conservatives, led by Hanson Dowell of Nova Scotia, have made a request to the elections regulator that they are allowed to continue to register themselves as the Progressive Conservatives. Other Conservatives have chosen to leave the party altogether. Quebec's only Conservative MP, Andre Bachard has decided to sit as an independent. Former Conservative leader Joe Clark and New Brunswick MP John Herron will also be sitting as independents in parliament. Kings-Hants MP Scott Brison left the

Conservative party to join the Liberals and is now Parliamentary Secretary for Canadian and American Relations.

Opposition to the merger came mostly from the Progressive Conservative party. Many feel that Alliance members and ideas will dominate the Conservative Party of Canada. These feelings are not eased by the fact that the only officially declared candidate for leader of the new party is Stephen Harper. The one hundred thousand dollar fee excluded many of those who were expected to run. Jim Prentice of Calgary dropped out because of lack of funding. Peter MacKay and Bernard Lord were top candidates from the Conservatives, but both decided not to enter the race.

Millionaire Belinda Stronach and former Ontario health minister are expected to announce their candidacy late in January.

The differing views of the party members will be made clear when they attempt to establish the party's policy platform. Members of the Alliance are known to be more rigid in their social policies and strongly minimalist in social and economic policy. Members of the Conservative party known, as the Red Tories are much more socially progressive and support social services. With these two groups at the extremes, there is bound to be disagreement over policy, especially in regard to social issues.

The expected spring election will not leave much time for the party to organize its platform. It is not likely that the Conservative Party of Canada will cause a disturbance in the Liberals' long-held power. The voters have not gained enough trust in the new party to give it power.

Talks Break Down

By: Chris Spencer

The Mount Saint Vincent University Faculty Association (MSVUFA) has asked Environment and Labour Minister Kerry Morash to appoint a conciliation officer. At a membership meeting on Friday, January 16th, faculty overwhelmingly voiced their approval for this next step in negotiations.

Bargaining talks between the Association and University broke down shortly before Christmas. Faculty have been without a collective agreement since last July. The issues on which the two groups are unable to agree include salary, pension, retirement options, and full-time faculty complement.

When the Mount's mainly female faculty unionized over 15 years ago, they had the dubious distinction of being the lowest paid in Canada. At that time, both

Employer and Union were committed to the same goal: the achievement of regional parity. In spite of that commitment, Mount faculty, at every age and in every rank, are still paid well below their regional counterparts, and below the vast majority of faculty unions across the country.

While tuition fees have increased by vastly more than the rate of inflation over the past ten years, salaries at MSVU have not even kept pace with it.

"It is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit new faculty to the Mount," says MSVUFA Chief Negotiator Chris Ferns. "We simply can't compete with the salary packages offered elsewhere in the Maritimes, let alone the rest of Canada."

First degree merger

By: Matt McNeill

Steven Harper and Peter MacKay kept up the handshakes and smiles through the proposal and the Las Vegas quickie, holding back the saliva caused by naïve expectations. The Marriage of the two parties united like an arranged one with an overwhelming majority of votes in favor of the merge from both sides. Pat each other on the asses boys, you accomplished step one. Step two should come easy. Choosing a leader for the new party will be held in March. Those in the leadership race are Stephen Harper the creepy passive aggressive robot, Tony Clement a former PC member,

Chuck Strahl formally of the Alliance party, and Belinda Stronach a Business school drop out riding on the coat tails of her father. Whoa what a line up, I'm as exited as a stool passing through the colon of Joe Clark after "swallowing" the leftovers of the Tory party. I give my sympathy to the Tories, like watching a close friend's Grandfather slowly become senile. Alliance

The newly merged party was manifested out of desperation

presence Within the New Conservative Party remains dominant. While the Alliance stay unbuckled in the driver's seat former Tories are left gagged and blind folded in the trunk. Since the official merge, Scott Brison and a handful of other true blue Tories made like the NDP and left (Bwaahahaha that's gold) the New conservative party. Leaving me suspicious as to what was going on behind closed doors. Maybe Brison walked in on Stephen Harper holding a Paul Martin voodoo doll, chanting in tongues, and sacrificing Bloc Quebecois backbenchers to Brian Mulroney.

The newly merged party was manifested out of desperation and will most likely remain in that state under the Liberal umbrella for the next couple of thousand years unless of course the libs screw up bad like merging with the New Nixon Baby Eating S&M Porn Party.

As the price of a Mount Saint Vincent University education rises exponentially alongside the rest of Canada's universities, today's students demand a quality post-secondary education with qualified educators.

A recent financial profile of the university reveals that the University's finances are extremely sound, with a debt-to-equity ratio that places the school in the top quartile of universities Canada-wide.

"Our requests are totally reasonable," adds Ferns. "We simply want a fair and just settlement. That is something the University is well able to afford."

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OPINION

Where are the boys at?

By: Lauren Hopkins

Mount Saint Vincent started as an Academy established by the Sisters of Charity in 1873. The original purpose was to train sisters as teachers, but the Sisters quickly recognized the need to provide university level education for other women as well. Men were first admitted as students in 1967. Today, men only represent 15 per cent of the enrolment.

So where are the boys you ask? I would actually like to know myself. I have heard on so many occasions "You go to Mount Saint Vincent... isn't that a girls school?" and I reply with, "Yes...kind of... But you are more than welcome to enroll here." Although girls are the majority sex here, there are some boys. Smart ones might I

add... what guy would not want to attend a school with 85% girls and.... 15% GUYS! I have to say that the odds don't get much better than that.

I have heard people my dad's age say that they used to come over to the Mount from Dalhousie 1 night a week to go to the pub. Well... WHAT CHANGED? Keep them coming!

With this in mind, I suggest all of you RECRUIT. Make a good name for Mount Saint Vincent! I have heard some pretty lame excuses from guy friends who are too lazy to come out to the PUB NIGHT. Here are some of the terrible excuses... followed by YOUR REBUTAL.

Question #1 - I don't want to go all the way to Bedford...

Answer #1- Mount Saint Vincent is not IN BEDFORD. It is simply on the Bedford Highway.

Question #2- The Mount is sooo far away from downtown

Answer #2- No it isn't... if you built a highway from downtown straight to the Mount. It would take 3 minutes.

Question #3- Cabs are so expensive

Answer #3- TAKE THE BUS, or Option number two share the cab with some equally good looking friends.

Question #4- But nothing ever goes on at the Mount

Answer #4- Did I mention 85%...

Question #5- Where will I sleep?

Answer #5- Luckily enough, each apartment in the New Res (Westwood) is equipped with a large couch, not so comfortable, but good enough.

Question #6- I haven't even heard of Vinnies, it probably sucks

Answer #6- No it does not suck... it's a place for some good wholesome fun.

Keeping all of this in mind I again encourage you all to invite your male friends to Mount Saint Vincent so that we, as the female population of students, can have the complete university experience.

Retractions:

We're making mistakes left right and centre. Apologies to:

Scott MacDonald for not giving credit where credit is due. The 1950's Culture is back essay was his and not Tim Fisher's, who has now officially had his ass kicked for that.

Aaron Ashcroft for misspelling his name in the caption underneath his great artwork on page 10 in the very first issue.

The whole of Jargon staff for including them as co-conspirators in the editorial section known as Coup D'état.

Jill Bornemann for not including her name in the Social Action Coalition article. Sorry, sorry Jill.

I need to vent!

By: Matt Currie

Is it just me or is going to University becoming harder and harder? Papers to write, reading to do, tests and exams to study for, practicums to get ready for...but surprisingly school work has become the easiest thing about going to University.

There isn't a day that goes by that you don't hear a student complaining about the problems they are having with student loans. What is happening here? Aren't student loans supposed to provide students with aid while attending University? It seems as though everyone is getting the run around when calling the customer service center. In my experience, I have spent countless hours waiting on hold and being misinformed over and over again. When I am finally connected with someone, I ask a question and it seems as though I get a different answer every time. I feel more confused when I get off of the phone with them then I was in the first place. I mean, correct me if I'm wrong, but aren't we borrowing the money and paying them back with interest?

As if it isn't bad enough starting

back to school with no student loan (which in turn, means no money for books, school supplies, etc.) On Sunday, January 11th, many of us students received an email from MSVU Financial Services threatening that if all tuition fees were not paid by Friday, January 16th, students would be de-registered from all their classes. I understand that the University is a business and they rely on this money, but it seems a little drastic to start threatening students to pay off their balance in the second week back to school. Suddenly, the repercussions for paying late have risen to a new level. As if interest charges and withholding marks was not a big enough punishment for paying late. (which is stated in the Academic Calendar)

My point is this; most of us just want to get an education, which is becoming more essential by the day. Why does it have to be so difficult? Are these services (i.e. Student Loan, Financial Services) trying to discourage students from getting a higher education?

Jumping ship

By: Matt Mansfield

It seems more like a game of Musical chairs than Canadian politics, as of late. We've seen threats, accusations and defections, and it's not likely to be over.

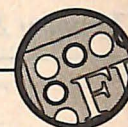
Sheila Copps, a veteran of the Liberal Party for over 20 years, has been rumored to be considering "jumping ship" to the NDP party. Copps is accusing Prime Minister Paul Martin with forcing her out of politics by constructing new rules to prevent her from winning her Hamilton riding. She is up against Transport Minister Tony Vareli. Copps publicly commented on the possibility of running NDP. New Democratic leader, Jack Layton, has encouraged Copps to do so.

The creation of the New Conservative Party has not been met with total appease from

members of both sides. Three Tory MP's decided not to join the new party. Quebec MP, André Bachand; New Brunswick MP John Herron; and former Prime Minister, Joe Clark, all elected not join the newly formed party.

Nova Scotian MP, Scott Brison, defected from the Conservatives to the Liberals in December. This switch was highly scrutinized by his former colleagues who labeled him a "traitor" for turning his back on the party.

With Peter MacKay dropping out of the New Conservative leadership race, this clears the path for former Alliance leader, Stephen Harper. It is likely that more Tories will defect upon a Harper win.



Conrad Black or is it Comrade Black!

By: Sir Nigel Wickworth III

I first met Conrad Black and his lovely wife Barbara at a royal reception at Buckingham palace three years ago in London. Conrad had recently become Lord Black of Crossharbour and both he and Barbara were dressed for the part in the most stylish clothing straight from the runways of Paris and Milan. I struck up a conversation with the two, and told them of my own illustrious pedigree, myself being descended from the House of Stewarts. Conrad and Barbara were impressed, but I could also sense a degree of apprehension, it was as though they felt they did not quite belong among us. They were charming and amicable enough and seemed to express the correct political opinions. But then something happened which has ever since caused me to have great doubts about the facade both Conrad and Barbara have presented to high society.

One of the damned serving staff tripped nearby his platter of champagne and caviar falling to the ground. I watched in amazement at this most unprofessional behavior from the hired help when all of a sudden Conrad rushed forth and attempted to help the servant to his feet while Barbara was picking up the platter and saying to the servant "Oh you poor dear are you hurt... let me help you clean that up". I quickly glanced around the room in disbelief and could see looks of utter shock on those present. I looked back at Conrad and Barbara, they were becoming aware of the room full perplexed people, their mouths agape, observing this uncharacteristic act. Conrad then let the man drop to the ground and went back to sipping his champagne and Barbara immediately went over to a friend and made a comment about the fact the

good staff are exceedingly hard to find these days.

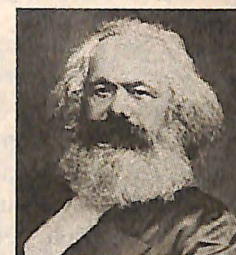
For most at the reception this incident went unremembered, but I went away from that evening being confused by the behavior of this couple. It is not that showing empathy to the hired help is a bad thing, all people should treat their servants with the greatest respect and care provided they know their place. But Barbara and Conrad had always made such a point of putting themselves above the common working man that this act of altruism was quite out of character. Conrad Black is of course one of the worlds most powerful media barons. Up until recently he had a media empire that stretched around the world. He has been wined and dined by all leading members of society. And his newspapers have been a leading source of common sense thinking in the western world. It is the ire with which left wing nutcases loathed Conrad and Barbara that has led to them being admired by all in high society. But after a year of intensive investigation this reporter has found evidence that Conrad and Amiels vigorous defense of the political and economic status quo is nothing but a well orchestrated deception with the final aim of destroying capitalism and aristocratic society!

My case is as follows. In 1917 V.I Lenin Dictator of the Russian people and communist thug laid out a plan in order to destroy the western democracies. Essentially it called upon western communists to disguise their evil intentions and infiltrate the capitalist system. Once they were in a powerful position they were to then become the most evil corrupt capitalist imaginable in order to prompt a workers Revolution. Have you noticed how cool and collected Barbara and Conrad are when questioned by

the media about the current scandal surrounding the collapse of Hollinger. It is almost as though they both are acting like their exposure is not something to be ashamed of, rather that everything is going as planned and they are heading towards the ultimate goal of a communist revolution! I know my dear



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readers that it may sound far fetched, why would two very wealthy people undermine their own power and wealth. The fact is Barbara and Conrad have been foot soldiers for the communist conspiracy since an early age! They decided that they would be willing to die for the communist cause, but then thought, would we be willing to go down in history as the worlds most "evil capitalists" in order to bring about world revolution?

The answer was yes.. In University Barbara Amiel was a well known member of a Trotskyist organization, soon she underwent a transformation into the Classy right wing woman we know today. Can a communist change her stripes. According to political commentator and intellectual Ann Coulter, no, once a communist always a communist. Ann Coulter is currently working on a book, declaring that Sen Joseph Mcarthy saved the United States from communism during the fifties.

I decided to take my knowledge and confront the leader of the communist conspiracy here in Canada. Miguel Figaroa leader of the Communist party of Canada. You will note in the following transcript; how close it hit to home by his absolute denial and his need to resort to Ad Hominem attacks:

Nigel Wickworth: Is it not true that Conrad Black and Barbara Amiel are secret members of your party bent on a mission to overthrow capitalism.

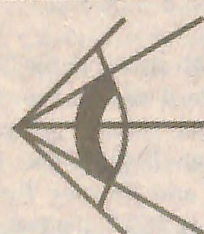
Miguel Figaroa: Um...Nooo

NW: There's no use denying it Mr Figaroa, I have evidence. Conrad Black and Barbara Amiel have been working under your direct orders.....

MF: Your Crazy. I have to go now, But I would be happy to send you any information on the communist conspiracy that you require.

NW: Don't hang up I demand answers!!!

It is difficult to say whether Barbara and Conrad will succeed at their evil plans for world communist domination and enslavement of all free peoples. But I hope that this article will be a warning to all freedom loving peoples of the nefarious methods used by communists. Any time a boss mistreats his workers, any time a corporation steals money or a British lord commits a crime, any time capitalism looks bad. Ask yourself who is really doing it and for what purpose.



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Tuition Crisis

By: Mark Fultz

Universities are funded primarily by the federal government and administered by the provincial government, so government policies determine the quality and accessibility of Canadian post-secondary education. Tuition fees, student financial assistance and research funding are all set by both levels of government in one way or another. As a returning student to MSVU, I'm old enough to remember a day when my tuition was less than \$3000 a year for a full course load. Over the 4 year span of my absence my tuition has increased to almost \$5000. And I'm only taking 4 units.

The decline in federal funding for universities has dropped so significantly over the past two decades that university administration responded by increas-

reduction in fees, like BC and Newfoundland, did so as a response to public outcry; moreover, pressure from students.

MSVU Inc?

If negative trends in government assistance continue, the Canadian university will no doubt have to move away from a public institution to a more private type, for example, universities becoming businesses where education is the product being sold to consumers (students). Already 12 Canadian universities have privatized the "full cost" of their graduate programs. Tuition fees for these 1 to 2 year programs can run between \$20,000 to \$80,000. A 12 week international MBA at McGill would cost a new



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February 4, 2004 is the tentative date but you will no doubt hear more about this as the time draws closer. If you pay student union fees at MSVU then you are

From 1990-91 to 2000-01, average undergraduate tuition fees rose by 135%. That's more than 6 times the rate of inflation over the same period.

ing tuition administration fees to replace these costs. What's more, Nova Scotia students pay the highest tuition fees in Canada! From 1990-91 to 2000-01, average undergraduate tuition fees rose by 135%. That's more than 6 times the rate of inflation over the same period.

Average undergraduate tuition fees in Nova Scotia are currently \$5,557. That means a student would pay \$22,228 in tuition for a four year program. That's not including books, living expenses and other university fees. Just under a decade ago, user fees made up 18% of an average institutions operating budget, now after the decline in government post-secondary spending the amount has risen to 32% in 1998-99. Since the massive increase in tuition fees, student debt has increased 300% from 1990. On average, students will carry a \$25,000 debt load after a 4 year program. Rapidly rising tuition fees are making post-secondary education out of reach of many Nova Scotia and Canadian citizens.

In a poll done by the Canadian Federation of Students, 46% of low income Canadians cite lack of money as the reason for not attending University. Access to universities for low and middle income Canadians is now suffering because of these statistics. The University of Guelph conducted a study and demonstrated that 40% fewer students from low income families were attending university due to the tuition increases. So, the cost of post-secondary education and increasing debt are a major reason why many students do not continue education after high school.

Some provinces have taken some form of action after cuts in federal spending. Some have frozen tuition fees and some even reduced them. In Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Nova Scotia however, the opposite has happened and tuition fees have increased while provincial student aid has decreased. Most provinces that saw a freeze or

graduate \$78,000. The government of Ontario has even considered sending their unpaid OSAP loans to private collection agencies. If an agency is successful in collecting the money they are entitled up to 50% of the amount. Some universities have already sought privatization. UBC president, David Strangway plans to "offer better schooling to those who can afford it."

Why not have University run like a business? Increase of corporate interest through donations would also increase control over many university operations by having more corporate representatives sitting on university boards and fully owning research facilities. You can be sure that business, management, commerce and some science programs would have little changed except for the addition of Royal Bank management classes and Pepsi Ethics 101, but I don't think women's studies, child youth studies, many arts programs including music would have much of a place in IOU. (Irving Owned University).

Canadian Federation of Students

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is an organization that strives to provide students with an "effective and united voice". As a lobbying group composed of approximately 450,000 students from Canadian university student unions, the federation represents students' issues and concerns to government. Among many actions such as participation in petition drives and mass mobilizations (protests), they have enabled students to pool their resources and form organizations such as Travel CUTS, The International Student identity card, the Student Saver Card, Homes4 students.ca, the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) and the National Student Health Network.

Another child of the CFS, the "Day of Action", is a day where students can unite to protest the lack of assistance by the federal and provincial government.

already a member of the CFS. And if you are attending university, you have a strong reason to protest. So I urge you to help your fellow students to create a voice which will be heard on February 4. "Someone's gotta give" and I would like to keep my universities public. Sadly, government will act only when it is in its own best interest. The only way to convince government of the need for change is to have a voice with a large enough number of eligible voters to let them know they want change.

Grants not Loans

One idea that the CFS have been pushing on the Canadian government, is the administration of student grants instead of loans. Canada is one of two nations in the world without a national system of need-based grants for full-time study, yet students in Canada have some of the highest tuition fees in the world. The CFS states that "the only way to adequately begin to address the student debt crisis is for the federal government to introduce a Canada Student Grants Program for full-time students." These grants would help reduce student debt significantly, and allow more low and middle income families access to post-secondary education. CFS also argues that grants are a more efficient use of government funds than loans or loan remission. "For every three dollars the provincial government distributes in loans, it pays one dollar to administer and maintain the loans. That money would be better spent on reducing student debt."

If you need more information on the Day of Action or if you are curious about why you pay so much in tuition fees visit www.cfs-fcee.ca, CFS's official site or www.voteeducation.ca, another site brought to you by the good folks at CFS that will give you lots of information on where parties stand on issues that affect you as a student.

Remembering An interview with Sandra Bornemann

By Tim Fisher

Mount Saint Vincent hosted The NAMES Project, an organization to manage a collection of cloth panels designed as memorials to those who had died of AIDS. The display touched the lives of many around the Mount community says organizer Sandra Bornemann in an interview with our Jargon. The display ran from January 13-16, 2004, as a part of sexuality awareness week.

Can you describe the AIDS memorial Quilt Project?

Well the project started in San Francisco in 1987, and then the Canadian component started up in 1989. Each panel is 3 feet by 6 feet and is made by family and friends of someone who has passed away by AIDS in memory of their life. They were then sent away to the NAMES Project and sewn together on a 1' foot by 12 foot section. There are about eight panels on each section. There are 77 panels in total in Canada and they are currently working on some more. We had number one and panel number 7 at the display.

Did you speak to any of the members from the families?

Some people came in looking for certain panels. We didn't have all the panels people were looking for. We only had 12, but there were people that came and found panels of people they knew. We spent so much time organizing the event, we didn't realize what it would actually take to run it. Just the emotional toll that it really took on all the volunteers, and the opportunity to talk to the visitors and to have people share their experiences, whether they knew people on the panels, or people they knew that had panels, or they knew people who have or had HIV or AIDS...it was difficult.

How come you thought it was important for The Mount?

There were three reasons why we brought it in. One was as an educational tool in order to show the impact that HIV and AIDS has; To put faces, real faces to the disease; To encourage safer sex practices, and safer drug use, and the wide spread impact that it does have. Secondly,

after talking to a lot of people, you realize how important it was as a memory. And how we can't forget that HIV and AIDS exists; And all the people who have suffered from it and do have the disease and are living with it; And all the family members and everything. It's just very important for the memory of HIV and AIDS. Thirdly, to support the International Students Society's campaign on AIDS. They did an amazing campaign around World AIDS day. I felt that this was an extension of that.

Did you guys raise much money?

Not a lot of money. But in something like this, any



amount of money is important. The Students' Union was very good in funding the event, which goes to The NAMES Project of Canada and also the AIDS coalition of Nova Scotia. We did take donations. We were selling a little bit of merchandise. While we didn't get a huge amount of donations, some people were incredibly generous. But all that money together in total did go to the right places. The focus was more for education and less as a fundraiser.

Did you face any opposition in bringing in The NAMES Project?

We didn't face any opposition; everyone was very supportive. I was kind of blown away by the amount of support. And there was enough different groups involved in it, Queer / Straight Alliance, the Women's Studies Society,

and the Students' Union that put it together. I think we were able to pull enough weight from each end.

I'm really impressed, and I've talked to a lot of people who were really excited that The Mount could have a display like that. Not only students, faculty and administration, but community members that came in. That was...it was amazing to see, and it was amazing to experience. And I'll never forget it...and that sounds really tacky...but *laugh*.

Has it had much impact on you personally? Do you think it has had much of an impact on others?

For me personally, I think I realized what an important issue HIV and AIDS is. Not only in Canada, but in the world itself right now. And just what a human impact it has on people. I think for a lot of people it did help put a face on HIV and AIDS and you know to realize that this happens to people, all sorts of people. I think it was an eye opening experience for a lot of people. To think, you know, this could happen to me is kind of scary. These are some of the comments I got. I mean, I'm hoping that is what people got out of it. This has kind of encouraged me; it opened a whole new field of work. I may want to go into social work or something in that realm. And I'm like wow, there is The NAMES Project of Canada, the Aids Coalition of Nova Scotia, and all sorts of organizations. Right now, the day after the display left mind you, I'm feeling this is something I'm considering working in, the field of AIDS awareness. It had a large impact on me.

I also want to really get a hold of the volunteers, we had 20 volunteers. They've been amazing, just amazing people. Just how willing people were willing to help out and come back when it wasn't even their shift and just be there and help out with anything. It would be nice to kind of make connections and talk to everybody and see how they are all doing. Because it was, it was a very powerful display. I couldn't put one person above the other; they were all amazing and I would like to thank everyone who organized, volunteered and helped support the event.

For more information on The NAMES Project Canada itself can be found at: www.quilt.ca

Canadian issue with human rights

By Chris Vyse

When we know that someone is suffering, perhaps from a mental disorder, a physical ailment or a personal hardship, we often take solace in the belief that somehow, somebody is helping the afflicted with their affliction, maybe in a terribly slow fashion but nonetheless we're sure that advancement prevails. The problems of starvation and malnourishment are perhaps the most fundamental and most cruel forms of suffering faced by humankind. I had understood for some time that the impoverished and malnourished received aid and training in farming. I believed that progress was

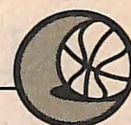
being made, and I believed that the government took care of that, because that is what we wish them to do. I was deceived or perhaps just ignorant. When examined, Canadian and US governmental policies regarding food and foreign aid should prove unsatisfactory for many readers.

Many African nations in particular suffer from sickening power struggles which produce roaming communities, costing hundreds of millions of dollars in aid each year in order to finance refugee camps and other aid. Additionally, it is the lucky that

receive aid. Others simply die: just under nine million every year from starvation alone. I don't have numbers for the rest of the world but we can be sure the costs are similar and there is no doubt that certain regions of south-east Asia and the Balkans are in similar crises.

I can only speak for myself, but I can assume the much the same is true for many people: it has been my entire sixteen truly conscious years that I have known about poverty in the world and that it is "bad" and that we "ought to fix it". It was only recent-

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ly that I discovered the complexity of the situation. It involves generous subsidies in rich nations, governmental food policy, quiet small arms deals to warring nations and the fruitless battle between self-styled "activists" and hardcore capitalists. The problem no longer appears to me as the sheer ignorance of the affluent, but a philosophically charged argument between collectivists and individualists. Some people may call collectivists socialists, and individualists capitalists but neither translates so simply. Let it be established that this issue is deeper than the statements "George Bush is Hitler" and "the young generation of hippy-activists has much to learn about the world in which we live" could ever express.

Some argue that if we weren't to drive our economy with expensive goods, we wouldn't be rich, and more arrogantly, if there were no poor, there would certainly be no rich. We eat hamburgers, which take twelve pounds of grain and 2500 gallons of water per pound of beef to make. Ultimately, these sorts of things drive our economy, the same economy that provides for other countries' aid packages. In 2002, Canada pledged \$6 billion over the next five years to strengthen foreign aid to Africa. The United States budget for "Foreign Operations" in 2002 was \$15.2 billion. "Foreign Operations" includes AIDS relief, global health, nonproliferation of arms, peacekeeping, anti-terrorism and "advancement and support

of democracy". But can the rich nations really, truly afford to give up that quantity of money?

Others argue that we ought not to be so self-centered and that we should devote ourselves to helping those in need. Perhaps many of the very policies that make us rich and powerful are at fault. To change things, the government must know that we reject those policies. As an example of our obligation, much of sub-Saharan maize production, a major part of Southern and Eastern African diets, is inefficient, producing 42% less than that of other developing nations. This is due to farmers having so little money to invest to manage nitrogen-deficient soil, drought and insect pests. Knowing this, why is it so difficult to provide these people with the resources they need in order to start or continue productive lives after starvation or war? Why can't the rich nations forgive more foreign debt in order to give these farmers the investment money they need for self-efficacy? Shouldn't it be a crime against humanity not to do so? The US "Foreign Operations" fund and Canada's financial commitments to humanitarian aid are simply not as substantial as they may appear.

What you get from these arguments is, of course, up to you. I find myself stuck in the middle. A little sense tells me that very few of us are willing to give up many of our luxuries because humans are not

selfless. It would seem that helping others is 'going against the grain'. However, the United States, for example, places an \$80 billion priority on disabling one country, and then by a conservative estimate, an additional \$55 billion to reconstruct it. By comparison, it would cost \$80 billion to provide basic social services and end starvation for the hardest-hit nations worldwide. In my opinion, it seems that we are not required to be selfless to give some relief to everyone who needs it or at least to kick start self-efficacy.

If the reader should take anything from this humble columnist it would be to write our foreign affairs minister, write ambassadors to other countries on the issues mentioned here. Join Amnesty International, join OXFAM, it doesn't really matter as long as it is understood that taking a side merely to fight the other does nothing. This article mentions many things upon which I hope to greatly expand in the future and is only intended to serve as an introduction to the vast picture of "World Affairs" and a Canadian student's position therein. If you hope someone will change the world for you, back away slowly; it's not going to happen. Governments hold the power and we hold the will, so let it be sober and educated and with a stamp, let your will be known. It's the Canadian thing to do.

Nova Scotia hockey

By: **André Cain**

2004 has started off rather bleak for hockey fans in Nova Scotia to say the least. The New Year is supposed to start off great and gradually start to decline, usually sometime during April. Unfortunately for hockey enthusiasts in Nova Scotia, April has come early this year. The downward spiral began three months ahead of schedule, January 5th to be exact, the date of the gold medal game which would determine the champion of 2004 World Junior Hockey Tournament held in Helsinki, Finland.

Team Canada faced off against one of their biggest hockey rivals for junior hockey supremacy, the United States. Canada controlled the tempo for the better part of the game, however, as fate would have it the gold medal was destined to be the property of the United States. With just over 5 minutes remaining in third period of a tied game a freak goal slips past the Canadian net minder eradicating Canada's bid for the gold. It was a gut-wrenching defeat for our Canadian team, which led 3-1 after two periods of play and was primed to conclude a six-year gold medal drought. Instead, Canada took home a third straight silver medal after squandering a lead for the third consecutive year; losing to Russia the two previous tournaments.

This gold medal loss carries a greater significance to Nova Scotia than the two preceding years. Canada's entry at the tournament featured two Nova Scotia born players representing the province at the World Junior

Hockey Championship. This marked the first time in history that two players from the bluenose province appeared on the team at the same time. Stephen Dixon of Halifax and Sidney Crosby of Cole Harbour were the two young gentlemen sporting the maple leaf over the holidays.

With the bitter taste of defeat still strong in the mouths of many Nova Scotians, they were able to find some solace in the fact that the city of Halifax had a legitimate shot at hosting the 2006 World Junior Hockey Championships. Unfortunately this little glimmer of hope dissolved quite quickly, because the bid Halifax put forth to the selection committee to host the tournament was denied rather abruptly. Somewhat reminiscent of a scenario seen most Thursday nights at Vinnie's pub for countless patrons. Just like the age-old adage states, "when it rains it pours" Nova Scotia hockey fans still experiencing the impact of a heart-breaking defeat in the championship game to the United States were faced to deal with yet a second helping of unpleasant developments on the hockey front.

As opposed to the defeat on the ice, losing the opportunity to host the 2006 World Junior Hockey Championship held greater ramifications for Nova Scotia. The loss on the ice was merely sentimental and we all know sentiment does not pay the cost to be the boss (or the bills to all the non snoop fans), but Halifax

not being able to host the tournament in 2006 hurts the city financially.

Looking all the way back to 2003 (quite the stretch) when Halifax hosted the tournament record numbers were set in all aspects of the event. The 2003 tournament set records in attendance, television ratings and finances with a profit of 3.6 million dollars and an estimated economic impact in the region of more than 20 million dollars all Canadian figures. Unfortunately Halifax could really use the revenue the 2006 World Junior Hockey Championship would bring into the economy. Especially in the re-building process from the damage induced by Hurricane Juan.

If I may use an additional adage "always a bridesmaid never a bride" seems to fit well with theme surrounding hockey in the province at the start of 2004 calendar year. However before we pack this year in with regards to hockey it would be wise to wait a few months. Halifax has been awarded the IIHF World Women's Hockey Championship, starting March 30th and finishing April 6th 2004. Maybe this is could be the changing of the guards in a sense, with a gold medal in April for Canada. The balance of the universe would be restored. April no longer would be the scapegoat month and hockey fans in Halifax will have their gold medal fix which has eluded them in 2004 thus far.

Fear of the mullet

By: Shaun MacMullin

I don't have a problem saying that I discriminate against some people based solely on their appearance. When I see one of these people walking about, I immediately think, oh my God. How dare you show yourself out in public where good people like myself can see you? It is a complete abomination that they are allowed to walk around unhindered by the rest of society, flaunting their differentness in front of our faces. And I know that many people feel the same way that I do. There are even websites dedicated to the hate that normal people have for these freaks. Before you get all human rightist on my ass, let me tell you who it is that I hate so vehemently. The people I hate are not of a different skin colour than I, but they can be. They are not people of a different sexual orientation than me, but they can be. They are not a different gender than me, but they can be. They are neither the old nor the young, but they can be. In fact it is not so much the people that I hate, but the way they adorn themselves. What I hate is a type of body modification.

It is not multiple piercings that bother me, nor is it the ancient and wondrous art of tattooing. What I am talking about is the most heinous, vile and evil type of body modification. It is even worse than the people who, like myself, put hoops through their skin in order to attach themselves to the ceiling and hang there. At least the people who like to do that to themselves have a type of philosophy about what they are doing. No, my friends, the type of body modification that I hate beyond words is the ever feared, never good looking MULLET.

I hate mullets. They have no place in our society. I firmly believe that the mullet is the only creature on this entire planet that actually DESERVES extinction. I believe that every person on this planet has the right to do whatever



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they want to themselves if they think it will improve their life in some small way. But growing a mullet is just plain wrong. The mullet is something that originated, in the late 70's or early 80's. However, No one knows this for sure because the mullet is a creature that wants its origins left unknown so that it can continue its work of global domination unfettered.

You don't think that the mullet is working towards global domination, much like Hitler did 70 years ago, or "Führer" Bush is today? Think of it this way; As of last fall, there was a TV show about a pair of brothers who sported the old business in front, party in back haircut.

This show starred Loni Anderson from WKRP in Cincinnati and the guy who played J. Peterman on Seinfeld as the parents of these misguided youths. The show was called, appropriately enough, The Mullets.

This show is as much propaganda as it is entertainment. Just like AL-Qaeda I'm sure that the mullet organization has sleeper cells all over the world. Why else would people continue to wear them? I don't think every mullet is a sleeper mullet, but I would be willing to bet that 3 out of every 11 mullets have some ties to the mother organization.

As you may or may not know, the mullet, like people, comes in many shapes and sizes. I won't go into all the type that are around, to do that go to the web page www.ratemymullet.com and see some of these gentle but still foul creatures.

There are two mullet types, however, that deserve

some mention here simply because they boggle the mind. The first is the young mullet. This creature is found, much like a parasite, feasting upon the heads of children. It is the worst type of child abuse that exists. Every time I see a child with a mullet I want to go to a dark room and cry for that poor little miracle of life, walking around all happy and carefree, never knowing what it is that their parents have done to them. Then it is too late and their pictures have been taken and the mullet is recorded for posterity.

The second type of mullet is even worse because it is worn by people who ought to know better. This is the fem-mullet. Women ought to know that the mullet is wrong. It is my belief that men and women are equal in almost everything, with a few exceptions. Men are better than women at say, I don't know, penis modeling. And women are better than men at hair care. To see a woman with a mullet is truly terrifying. This implies that the mullet is so conniving that it can actually fool the average, smart, hair knowledgeable woman into thinking that the mullet is cool.

As bad and rare as the fem-mullet is, there is an offshoot of the fem-mullet that is even rarer. It is as rare as George Bush saying a sentence correctly. I myself have seen it only once, and even then only for a moment. It ran away like a leprechaun running to get a drink of moonshine. I am talking about the rarest of abominations, the fem-mullet camel toe.

So the next time you see a person wearing a mullet, run up to them and chop their hair off using whatever type of cutting utensil that is available to you at the time. Trust me; you'd be doing all the rest of us a favour.

Neo-Conservative hitler love child

By: Scott MacDonald

Women! Back to the kitchen! Gays and lesbians! Back to the closet! Immigrants! Back to whatever pagan stinking hole you came from! "Our swords will henceforth be pointed at the Liberals!" and that means you!

Oh Steven Harper. You have such a way with words and I have such a way in hearing what you're really saying to the people of Canada. I'm sure you'd like my combination of your subjective "truth" and the I-know-what-you-really-meant "truth" as much as you like sounding like someone from Lord Of The Rings.

In case you don't already know, little Steven's dream of uniting the right came true December 6th, 2003. The Conservative Party of Canada has been born. Isn't that lovely? Coming from the mind of the man who felt Brian Mulroney's (remember him? the guy who fucking ruined Canada in the 80's?) government was too much of a "liberal-socialist party", this party must be a dream come true. That is, if you're a closet Nazi lover like little Steven.

Now does he really sleep with a picture of Hitler under

his pillow at night? Well, if he did he'd deny it of course. He wants to win the next election, and the only way he can do that is to convince all the fucking idiots in Canada that we need radical change. But his ass-backwards ideologies on race, same-sex marriage (come to think of it, women's rights too) are enticing enough to grab the "I want things to be the way were back in the good ole' days! Damn Homo-Commie Loving-Tree Huggers! Time to set things right again!" vote. Which is just what the country doesn't need; a bunch of uninformed yahoo's going out to vote Canada's fate down the crapper. Gooooooooood-bye Bill of Rights!

Is anyone else willing to think about the possible implications this new party might have? Does anyone even care? I'd hope most students here at the Mount, and in the rest of Canada, know what it means to be truly conservative and maybe even realize how fucking redundant a self-serving, money grubbing, intolerant party of Canada's combined sleaze balls should be in this country. Aren't we supposed to be setting an example on how

people should and can move forward, not backwards?

So, let's examine a few issues that cause a lot of the conservatives to grind their teeth. First up, same-sex marriages; well if you were to ask me my opinion I'd laugh and say that only conservatives would find the idea of two responsible, consenting adults in love getting married

"offensive", "rebellious" and worst of all "sinful". Nothing like taking an issue essentially about denied human-rights, and twisting it into a battle into whether or not the federal government has the right to change "tradition".

Yes, the argument that the Conservative Party would use against denying gay and lesbian weddings is that it is goes against tradition and that's it's sinful. Well for one thing, marriage started off as a tradition where women were basically enslaved to men well into the 20th Century. As for the "sin" aspect, you can't seriously take one measly obscure Bible quote and use it to your benefit.

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That's one of the reasons the racist shit-heads in the southern USA claimed the right of slavery over Africans, and the Nazi's claimed right for...well, everything they did. I guess the Nazi-parallel wasn't so far off after all.

Oh! Oh! Let's look at that word little Steven hates so much; socialist. Well if he hates them, they must be horrible, awful people right? Yes, if you think daring to love and care about people living on the edge of society is horrible. Yes, if being willing to share some of your money and time to those who so desperately need it is awful. Yes, if you think

about

issues that don't affect you or you don't want special interest groups to run this country, if you want Medicare to be there for your children, if you want everyone to have a chance to live equal and wonderful lives, then yes, socialism is a horrible thing.

In case you haven't noticed, I have a strong dislike for The Conservative Party and all that it represents. If this column pissed you off, take a good look in the mirror and ask. Why?

Horoscope

Aries (March 21- April 19)



Who are you to say that brown is blue, Aries? You have come up with some pretty strange conclusions as of yet, and it's just going to get weirder and weirder, as will your own personality to be honest. Don't be surprised when you begin to believe your own illusions, you are odd like that.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)



You know that commercial you hate that comes on every time there is a commercial break during the football game. Your frustration for the commercial is misguided sexual aggression. Loosen up, take a deep breath and tell yourself others won't really care. Don't satisfy yourself where the lowest price is the law, remember to always eat fresh.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)



Just as there is a difference between a hammer and a wrench, yes there is a difference, there is a difference between like and love. When you like someone, do not excite yourself as much as you would when you love someone. As much as you want to jump the gun and fall in love, ask yourself why.

Cancer (June 21- July 22)



Turn up the music, stop being so prude, and ask the question. You see the pyramid in front of you, but your waiting for the elevator to take you to the top. One block at a time you need to suck it up, trust you won't slip on the sand and pave a timeless mystery of the world. It might be a long camel ride into the desert, but not even the Romans could break down the undying wonder of the world.

Leo (July 23 – Aug 22)



Stop imposing your feelings on others, if you're going to do stupid things, expect there to be consequences. Plant the seed into your inner self to realize the good about you and give yourself credit for all the beautiful aspects about your life. Everyone makes stupid decisions, the trick is to draw the stupidity line when you realize you've been stupid...stupid.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)



Now that you've made it through your inpregnation, it's time to depregnate. That's right Virgo, depregnate all of those metaphors and illusions you've been creating over the past month and re-virginate yourself.

Libra (Sept 23- Oct 23)



Are you confused these days Libra? The alignment of the vertical planetary motion says that this is indeed a very confusing time for you, especially in those deep-seated multi-rooted matters of the heart. You will be o.k. though, that I guarantee you.

Scorpio (Oct 24- Nov 21)



You'll find that you are out of venom this month dear Scorpio. You've had a fun time injecting others with your poisonous nature but you will soon find that you are all out, and have nothing but healing juices left to share. Others will be pleasantly surprised and you may even change a few lives along the way.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)



Your sign is known for its ingenuity dear, dear sag, but you're playing your cards awfully dumb this month. I suspect that we can simply blame oblivion, or perhaps the snow has blinded you to the truth of the situation. Whatever the explanation, it is time for you to smarten up, pull up your pants and relive the natural alignment of the planetary aspects which shape up perfectly to the creation of your smartness.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19th)



You desire prestige, money and fame. These things will all be yours, but as you are now well aware, it will take time, a whole lot of time. Do not let this discourage you, a discouraged Capricorn is no good to anyone, rather you should take the sudden rut you have found yourself in as an excuse to learn as much as possible in order to make you come-back that much more shocking.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)



Pull the chair out from beneath the desk, take a long sit because it may be the last time you have a chance to sit for a while. You have a lot on your plate so all tasty dishes must be pushed to the side, it's time to look in the mirror and tackle the quarterback. Remember, you're the one who will hike the ball, trust the meal will taste good.

Pisces (Feb 19 – March 20)



Take out the granny panties little Pisces, cause it's going to be a long time before you get any action. This isn't to say that you won't find quick sexual gratification, I foresee plenty of one night stands in your future. But when it comes to a deeper connection you will find nothing. On the plus side, those you do find are very fond of those granny panties you're going to be sporting..



Couch surfing 1101

By **Liam Gosset**

"Every exit is an entry somewhere else." - Tom Stoppard

Ah, the joys of sleeping. You nestle into your blankets, pull them up over your body, and feel the warmth of comfort settle into your bones. Then you reach over to place your cell phone on your nightstand, and instead hear it hit the floor with a kerplunk. Then you realize that you are not at home, you are not in bed...you are sleeping on someone's sofa, with borrowed pillows under your head, and god only knows the stories those blankets have heard. You are couch surfing, sleeping on the edge of cushions and friends gratuities, under a roof of autonomous rule. What could be better than this?

I remember the years I spent traveling on the road, moving from house to house, and crashing on couches under rent-free circumstances. It is not that I did not have a place to call home, but I would just rather be where my friends are, and wake up with them. I recall living on Vancouver Island, going on two to three day benders, and then heading over on the ferry to Vancouver to keep the party going. I would arrive at my friend's abode, push the buzzer (if I could find it in my inebriated condition), and the convivial process would start all over again - or, actually, keep continuing on from the last beer I had on the ferry ride over. We would hang out, maybe check out some of the nightlife, drink, eat, and be merry; then return

home and hang out some more. Eventually they would pull out some blankets, a few pillows, tuck me in, and say goodnight. This process would go for a couple of days, and then I would catch a mid-afternoon boat ride back to the island. The change in pace from a mad dash of rats to the slow burn of smoky leaves is hard on the body, so I would sleep the two hours away on another couch of hard leather and uncomfortable conditions. Back on the island it was a groggy run for home to grab my work clothes, tend bar till the wee hours of morning, and then continue the bender where I left it off - once again, with the last beer I had on the ferry ride back.

I would always make these trips a few times in the course of a month, and always counted on the hospitality of friends. I must say I miss the lure of the couch surf, with its combination of wood, layer of cushions, and used bedding that makes me feel alive again. I pass out at home on the couch, and for a brief second upon waking up, imagine I can smell bacon frying in the pan, and a chance to laugh with friends again. But no, that is not bacon I smell, and it is my roommate looking at me, saying, "Damn, man, you better get ready and go to school." Then I realize that the life I live now is better than any other possible reality I could ever have made up - the opportunity to learn, understand, and reach for that brass ring.

If you want to learn more about the road, or what may lie in store around the next bend, then I say pack a bag and head west. Head west, people, head west. A brand new world awaits. It wouldn't be fair to send you off into the wild blue yonder without some rules of thumb. I compiled a list of laws with my good buddy, Sneakers McNomad - himself an eternal couch surfer - and together we came up with these five points of reference:

1. Never, ever, complain about the comfort of the couch.
2. Always leave the room in as good, or better, state than you found it.
3. If you happen to find change in the cushions, then the old adage of "Finder's keepers, loser weepers" will always stand up in a court of law.
4. If you happen to be sharing your couch, it is always more comfortable sleeping head to toe.
5. Last, but not least, if you are sans underwear...for the love of all that is sacred, leave your pants on.



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How to...

By: **Lauren Oostveen**

Convince people that you are much smarter and more interesting than you actually are. This is easier than one would think, as the average person has a limited vocabulary and thus will not recognize any non-existent words or figures. Take advantage of this and revamp your wardrobe with slogan t-shirts! These can be made for four or five dollars at your local mall if you provide the blank shirt. Come up with obscure names of musical groups, and print them on said t-shirts. When asked about what your shirt means, explain that this is an underground Bosnian emo-core group that was popular among Slavic freedom fighters in the early eighties. Make sure to rip this shirt in a noticeable way, as well as washing it repeatedly so that the colours fade. Glasses spell success! Buy some black-rimmed spectacles to go with your spiffy shirt and practice glaring over them forebodingly. If it's cold you can wear duffel coats or thrift-store army jackets, nothing that will actually keep you warm.

Now that you successfully have smart (note the pun) clothing, you need to accessorize with the mainstay of the

intelligent: books! It is important that these books look well worn, preferably with frayed edges. The key in choosing books is to pick authors with names that are, or sound like they are German. Names that seem like they cannot be pronounced without extracting your own tongue and twisting it in several places are particularly good. When asked about the book and its author explain that the author is a fifteenth century monk who charted the course of the migration of the Mayan people, and explained how that influenced Eastern religion. Say words like "Tao", "transfiguration", and "the ruins of the great temple of Feghwea". When asked what religion you are, indicate that you as the last of your bloodline are the Guardian of the Shroud of Turin. Discard this if the person asking is has some knowledge of religion; instead you can spout off some Marx quotes and state that you are an atheist.

Computers are everywhere, and are not to be ignored as the truly superior will have vast quantities of knowledge when it comes to technologies. However, one must

not completely immerse themselves in the realm of programming and the internet, as that may leave you with the label of "creepy" rather than "hip in a sophisticated kind of way". When asked if you have an e-mail address, state that e-mail has none of the personal qualities that a hand-drafted letter has. Speak briefly about the dangers the internet holds towards young children until your subject's attention wanes; then you can present them with an address that should preferably contain the words like "Tao", "transfiguration", and "the ruins of the great temple of Feghwea". While a captive audience is at hand, state in a nostalgic voice that you used to do web design for Microsoft before they sold out.

On your first day of class, fear not. With this handy list you can ascend any elitist ladder, and impress your professors to boot. Hold your head high, keep your glasses on an off angle, maintain a grip on your literature, and smile! You're on your way up!

Go ahead...DO something!!

By **Heather MacDonald**

Things are heating up on campus this month...and it has nothing to do with the weather. Students and groups at the Mount have been taking initiative and creating new and exciting activities on campus that make it somewhere we can stay and play all month.

If ice skating on the pond was something that you have been looking forward to all semester, you may not have to wait much longer. Greg Brennan, RA of Birch 4, is planning a 24 hour hockey marathon to support The Children's Wish foundation. The tentative date for the

event is February 10th at ten o'clock in the morning and will continue through until Saturday at the same time. Hot drinks will be served at the event, as well as live entertainment. And for all on campus students this means you don't have to walk any further than twenty paces.

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The Public Relations Society is holding a Date Auction to support Phoenix Youth Program. On Tuesday, February 10th from seven to nine in the evening various students will be auctioned off to the highest bidder as well as gift certificates to various restaurants and entertainment facilities in the Halifax area. Admittance to the event is free and monies raised from the auction will go to the Phoenix Youth Program.

The Residence Society is also getting in on the action. The Annual Charity Ball, that also supports the Phoenix Youth Program, will be held on Saturday February 7th, in the multi purpose room in Rosaria. The event is always highly attended and tickets will be available soon.

Finally the 4th Annual Crow Bowl will take place on February 1st, or better known as Super Bowl Sunday. Vinnies staff will be taking on MSVU Resident students.

Have some pent up energy or frustration, take it out on Dave and the gang from the Pub! If you are not interested in the Physical Fitness aspect, come to the Super Bowl Party after the game at Vinnie's and cheer your favorite team to victory.

So stay on campus this month and show a little school spirit. You'll be helping improve the Mount community, and that's gotta feel good!

Lion King Just Doesn't Roar

A review of the Lion King on Broadway in Toronto

By **Darren P. O'Connell**



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There I was sitting in the sixth row at the Princess of Whales theatre anticipating the show of my lifetime. I couldn't get over how beautiful the theatre is and I thought to myself, if the theatre is this amazing I can't even imagine the show itself. The curtain goes up and the music begins; my eyes can't believe what they are seeing and my ears have never heard such grace and perfect pitch. The opening was not only spectacular it was inspirational and moving. The audience is amazed and can't contain themselves. The costumes are absolutely astonishing and I have never seen such images. The actors exemplify excellence and energy and after a while you forget that there are humans creating the movements and believe that the animals are real.

The Musical uses African like music mixed with familiar and popular music to create their musicals distinctive sound. The voices are impressive and well suited. The costumes involve stilts, masks, and puppeteers. The actors themselves exemplify excellence and energy with their physical performances, however their emotional interpretations are lacking in some areas. The scene when Simba is presented to

the animal kingdom is like nothing I have ever seen before and I was moved, as was the rest of audience. The elephant graveyard scene and wildebeest stampede was very extraordinary and scarily realistic

However, as the show progressed I lost interest and was watching the time more than the show itself and realized that acting was not particularly good. I do recognize that this show is original and quite different from your typical production. However, after the first half hour I did begin to loose interest. This production is exceptionally well done, but unfortunately it is just that, a production and does not tell a very good story. It maybe that I was so mesmerized by the costumes and stage that I could not concentrate on it. I also noticed that the songs that were not in the original animated film did not fit as well and lacked something the original songs had. As the Show went on it seemed the energy in the crowd diminished and the novelty was wearing off for them as well. 15 minutes after the intermission I realized this show might not be for everyone when I had to elbow the person next to me to wake him up. The marketing suggests that this show is for the whole family. I would have to disagree; I think this

production is way to complex and abstract for children to truly appreciate and most adults will suffer from boredom after while. Everyone no matter their age will be amazed by the costumes, but by no means will the average child truly understand the story. If you are bringing your young children to see this show because they loved the animated film, I suggest you wait a few years, for it may be over their heads, as it was almost if not over mine.

There is a very beautiful and moving message portrayed in this production, unfortunately the costumes and stage are so extravagant that most audiences will not get this message or be able to follow the storyline. I would recommend that people go see the Lion King just for the costumes and stage alone. However, if you are looking for something that is mind stimulating rather than mind blowing then this may not be the production for you. By know means is this show poorly done it is just too much over the top for my liking. I would give the "Lion King" 3 stars out of 5.

Hez Says

By **Heather MacDonald**

In!	Soo Five Minutes ago	Out!
Pink and Green	Brown and Beige	Black and White
Star sightings of Anne Heche	Star sightings of Shemar Moore	Star sightings of Bubbles
Faux fur trimmed winter bomber jackets	Peacoats	Columbia Jackets
Oprah	The View	Dr. Phil
Lowlights	Highlights	Perms
Sneakers	Mules	Stilettos
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Q and A with Pilate

By Heather MacDonald

Pilate has a hot new album, *Caught by the Window* and a successful single "Into Your Hideout" to match. So what more could the band ask for? Ruby Bumrah, the bassist for the band took a few minutes to help answer some questions about the band, the album, and their new found celebrity.

HM: How does it feel to have for first widely commercial success with the song and Video "Into Your Hideout"? Ruby Bumrah: It feels a little odd at times, to have people listening to your music and enjoying it. For me, my music has always been more of a personal affair, and to have it announced publicly is a little scary because you fear rejection.

HM: What are your favorite tracks on the new album?

RB: I have no idea what the track numbers are, but my favorite songs are "Fall Down", "Don't waste your breath", and "Out on my feet".

HM: Who, if any, are the musicians or groups that inspire you?

RB: I'm heavily influenced by bands like Depeche Mode, The Smiths, of course U2... It's hard to say.

HM: What was the inspiration for the style of the new video?



RB: We all had input on how we wanted the overall feel of the video, but the "Inspiration" came entirely from the director... black and white is always hot as far as I'm concerned.

HM: How would you categorize your music?

RB: Is "not crappy" a proper category?

HM: What type of success do you hope to achieve with the new album?

RB: World domination always seems like a good answer, but in all honesty, I feel as though the successes of the album have already been achieved. We've

created something that is dear to us all, we've put it out and people like it... What more could I possibly hope for?

HM: If you could describe yourself using one word what would it be?

RB: Introvert

HM: Why should people buy your album?

RB: I'd hope they'd have an opportunity to have listened to some of it and found something worth keeping.

HM: If collectively you could perform with any other band or performer who would it be?

RB: The obvious U2 comes to mind. Personally would have loved to play by somebody like Jeff Buckley, or even Jamiroquai.

HM: If you had to choose between losing musical integrity, but maintaining popularity, or staying true to your passion but being unknown what would

you choose?

RB: I'm already an "unknown"... I already take great pains to stay out of the so-called "lime-light". But to answer the question, I'd prefer to stay

true to my passion, but I do realize that my passion won't feed me or pay for my rent. Sometimes you gotta look at your pride in the face and say

"Sorry man, not this time"... there's a time and place for everything.

Movie Reviews

By: Robert Broderick

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Forget the final chapter of the Matrix saga, the real be all and end all of film trilogies is The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. The battle for Middle Earth is now in its final act. The combatants are chomping at the bit for what will be the match of the century - Good Vs. Evil. Peter Jackson took the huge task of creating J.R.R. Tolkien's world, managing to surpass everyone's expectations. Jackson is the contender for the "best director" award at the Oscars, which is no surprise to me considering the visual and epic scale of all three Lord of the Rings films. The Return of the King is the most epic of all the films. Every moment is treated by each character as if it were his or her last, giving audiences some real smash-mouth battles where no holds are barred, no punches pulled, and no quarter given. I found myself cheering on the good guys at the height of the fighting. The performances were excellent. I especially

liked Gollum (more than I did in The Two Towers). Andy Serkis provides the voice (and the occasional body) to Gollum, who is the most sinister character I have seen on film this entire year - pure evil in his attempts to manipulate Frodo and to procure the ring, his "precious." The fight between Gollum and ring bearer Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood) is a vicious dance of greed between two men who wish to possess the most malevolent force in all of Middle Earth. My only issue with the film is that the scenes with the wizard Sauron (Christopher Lee) were cut. Although those scenes will probably return on next year's d.v.d., I still feel that some closure is missing. I enjoyed Lee's performance as Sauron the White and I hoped to see him go down for the count in this last installment. Oh well, I'll have to wait until next Christmas. Overall, The Return of the King is a film for the ages. It is a movie that everyone will be talking about long after the credits are done rolling.

Mona Lisa Smile

In the tradition of *To Sir, With Love* comes a tale about a teacher who wants to make a difference. In *Mona Lisa Smile*, Julia Roberts gives an Oscar-caliber performance as the new teacher at an all-girls school in 1950's New England. Roberts plays an unmarried Art History teacher who tries to convince her students that there is more to a woman's life than getting married and doing house work. Some students are moved by this idea, while one student (Betty, played with maximum evil bitchiness by Kirsten Dunst) clashes with these new ideas. The real strength of *Mona Lisa Smile* is in the performances of Roberts and Dunst, as well as great supporting performances by Julia Styles as a young lady who aspires to be married while having the potential to be a lawyer,

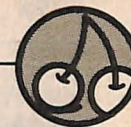
The Last Samurai

Truly, 2003 has been a year of sword-swinging action with films like *Kill Bill Volume 1* and the final installment of the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy - *The Return of the King*. Helping 2003 go out with a bang is the Tom Cruise epic *The Last Samurai*. Already, the film has Oscar hype - starting with several Golden Globe nominations. Cruise is up for best actor in a drama, while Ken Watanabe is up for best supporting actor in a motion picture. In *The Last Samurai*, a Civil War hero (Cruise) is summoned to Japan to help train an army to destroy the last of the Samurai warriors. When Cruise's character is captured by the Samurai, he begins empathize with their plight. The *Last Samurai* can easily be placed

and Maggie Gyllenhal as student who sleeps with married men and drinks a lot as a possible cry for help. The film itself starts out as the usual inspirational film about finding a voice, standing up for oneself, making a difference, and/or earning much desired respect from peers. In the end, I was disappointed in that little in the way of attitudes were changed by "the establishment" and that Julia Roberts' character was not triumphant in her conflict. Also, Roberts has to learn to make better lesson plans, and develop better classroom management skills (that's a little joke for my fellow Education colleagues). In spite of a disappointing ending, *Mona Lisa Smile* is a wonderfully funny and powerful film with a smart, strong cast of great talent. You will laugh, you will cry, and ... you will smile.

among some of the greatest epics in film history. The scenery in a beautiful lush landscape, the performances are outstanding (especially Watanabe as the leader of what remains of the Samurai order), and the battle scenes are brutal nail-biters which will keep you on edge. *The Last Samurai* is a wonderful story about the end of the old ways, and an ushering in of the new. As well, there is a strong theme of redemption and honor in every minute of film. Put your armor on, draw your sword, and watch an epic hardcore battle to the last man and samurai standing.

I hope you like that one. I will send more soon, especially *The Return of the King* and some video reviews as well. See you after the break.



Get your jolies

By: Julia Feltham

Dear Julia,

I am in a physical relationship for the first time and have some concerns I am too embarrassed to bring up with others, that I think you might be able to help with. My partner's ejaculation has a slight greenish tinge and tastes rather sweet...I actually enjoy it. The only problem with giving him oral sex is that when some of his sweet love milk lands on my face it results in a itchy unbearable rash. Are these all normal characteristics of man juice?

Rashfully yours,

Got (green) Milk.

Dear Milk;

Well, first off: the Mmm candy yumminess of it all is due to the fructose in your mans testicles o' love. Thats fine. So about that yellowish or green colour of semen... That can be scary. What do you get when your Sea Men turn green? The greenitude is a whole other matter. No, unlike pee it doesnt change tinge with intense amounts of asparagus. Though I did once hear a prolific story about a glowstick and jiz-zum. Unfortunately, guess what is a very big sign of infection? When he starts spitting out monet-like greenscapes of ejaculate, perhaps there are some issues. Normally, semen has an off-white or slightly yellow-hinted colour. Green can mean gonorrhea so one of your top ten plans is to get the guy tested because that could end up damn near eghadly. Not only for you, but for him. Gonorrhea can spread through your body and if he goes untreated he may end up having a doctor drain smelly gonorrhea puss out of his knees or various other places of his body. A doctor could clean that up quite well with simply some antibiotics, its worth the visit. Who knows though, you may be going out with the friendly green giant who failed to mention that it was so, who knows. Only a doctor could tell you whats going on with the jolly green gyser. As for your rash: it could be anything. Statistically, it is very rare that people are allergic to the protiens in and/or the contents of semen, though many people do report sensitivities. Headlines to the general effect of 'anaphylactic jiz shocks plague the nation' won't be sighted on any newspapers, but that sweet baby-makin' juice is made up of a whole lot of ingredients, not just tad-pole creatures of the testicular abyss. Because of the protiens in the semen of their partners, some women get poison ivy-like rashes in their vaginas. Try to refrain from subjecting yourself to that little ditty. Mmm, poison ivy clam. Nothing like it. Irritation, STD or allergy is all I can suggest. Get his wang checked, and if nothing is wrong there (which i somewhat doubt, our green-milked wonder), you should move to talking to your doctor or perhaps getting your allergies or sensitivities checked out.

Dear Julia;

I suffer from premature ejaculation. No matter



Julia Feltham as the lunch lady

how many times i have sex i get really excited and just 'get my jollies' too fast. Sometimes I am barely inside of her and the gun goes off. I've had four partners, and my current girlfriend is getting pretty frustrated and so am I. I heard that there are ways to stop this... could you help?

-Fast Blast

Dear Fast Blast;

hey, you're not alone. Most men, especially unexperienced or excited ones, suffer from that early spray at some time or another. But what can you do to avoid the unwanted explosive juice of joy? Everyone has their own remedy. Suggestions? Taking a sweet deep breath. When you're getting close, take a breath and try to think about something else. It sounds creepy, but it supposedly works. If you or your partner squeezes below the head of your pogo stick for ten or twenty seconds when you know you're going to peak, this can help prolong the fun by making you aware of your happy feelings. Make sure to not let her pop off your head, though. Light pressure will do for this technique. If you start and stop stimulation of the dong when you feel you're coming and wait until you've regained control you can make you and your partners pleasure last a much longer time. Don't get all anxious. Your happy-fun penis time should get better with time, If you're lucky, anytime now you'll have under-control, hour long fireworks display of spectacular screwing magnitude.

Dear Julia;

I'm a little concerned by my post-sex peeing. I heard to avoid infections, you're supposed to pee before and after sex. After sex, i always feel like i have to pee and when i go to pee barely any urine comes out, but it kind of burns and i still feel like i have to pee. Sex itself isn't painful, its just the peeing! Can you help?

-Feels like burning

Dear Feels Like Burning ;

When you have weird position sex, long or intense sex, you can irritate your pee-zone. Many forms of

'damn good' sex may end in peeing with fire. The urethra opening is pretty close to your yut, hence with all that rubbing and getting of it on sometimes there is a sting/burning affair which keeps you from fulling emptying your bladder. If you were a little dry in the gents, you could've irritated the sweet walls of your honey-pot. The thing is... if you're still feeling the burn after a few days or if you get intensely smelly discharge like, fish lets say, and you have to pee like a mad woman and you frequent the urination station on perma-pee alert, you could be suffering from a urinary tract infection. Which isn't usually that fun. It could also be a big pile o' STD that is making the burning persist. So, do it up with a doctor if that is the case, especially if you have gone sans a pap or pelvic exam as of late. Hopefully its just sexy rubbing making you sore. from now on i hope you have a pleasant pee time.

Dear Julia;

My girlfriend won't play any sex games. I just want her to dress up once in awhile before sex. Or maybe tie me up a few times. How would I go about asking her to do the nasty in costume or tie me up? thanks!

from

tie me up buttercup

Dear Buttercup;

It sounds more like she hasn't instead of she "won't." What kind of dress up are we talking about here? Like, dress up as a dragon and attempt to breathe fire at me? Dress up as a dude? Or perhaps even dress up as mom and punish me for stealing a "cookie?" or bun yourself up in princess lea form? Some people are uncomfortable with certain modes of dress-up, though they can be fun. But have you even asked her yet? If you make hints to the effect of "you know... you'd look pretty hot n' sexy in that big bird costume" I'm sure she'd get the point after awhile. If not, just ask her. She might feel a little silly due to the costume (especially certain characters... like mickey mouse), but just make sure she knows her costume turns your crank. As for tie ups, some people get confused as to what they're supposed to do once you've been attached to the bed and/or the doing-it device of choice. you're tied to the bed and then they pull a "now what?" Some people are a little iffy on a dominant sexual position. So discuss what you like with her and discuss the whole shin-nigan with the lady. And Hopefully the on-gettings will be up to scratch and your woman will be bearing a light saber and saying "i am your father" in no time flat.

Lube it Up, Baby!

By Rachel Dodds

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Lube has gone mainstream, baby, and its time you hooked yourself up with a good bottle of liquid gold! If there's only one thing you're going to have in your bedside drawer, make it a good bottle of personal lubricant. Trust me; as a self-confessed lazy hand-jobber, lube has made me a better girlfriend! It's the one single product on the market that can effectively enhance, and prolong I might add, all your personal experiences. And I truly mean all of them! Gone are the days when people associated lube with vaginal dryness. Lube is ideal for self-love, manual stimulation, oral stimulation, essential for anal stimulation, and some lubes can even be used as massage products. You can truly fill your boots with today's lubes.

So what makes a good bottle of lube? You may want to explore the lube offerings outside of the traditional drug store and grocery store shelves. Visit an adult store, go online, or attend a home party. Look for something that's long lasting, doesn't dry flaky or get sticky, and doesn't contain ingredients that can compromise a woman's health. Choose from water-based or silicone-based lubes. Water-based lubes are thicker and come in an array of pleasing flavours. Or go with a silicone-based lube that is very thin, very slippery, and very long lasting. Silicone-based lubes are hyper-allergenic and can even be used as a massage

product. If you're prone to yeast infections, try to avoid lubes with glycerin in them and go with something that offers vegetable glycerin instead. The sugar content is lower and won't promote infection.

So what doesn't make good lube? Whatever you do, leave the baby oil or worse yet, the olive oil out of the bedroom. You're not tossing a salad here, and anything oil-based will break down a latex condom and will promote infection for women.

The other reason lube is a good investment is its inconspicuous nature to change situations as you do. What do I mean by that? If you and your previous partner bought a toy together to heat things up in the bedroom, the toy should go with the girl if later things cool down. If a guy whips out something from the drawer that's not still in the original package, then his chances of getting any love at that particular moment, have dropped significantly. However, lube you can away with much easier. If confronted about the low content level of your bottle of lube, a completely suitable answer is that you used it up while having crazy hot fantasies about them!

So get on the lube train and go for a ride. You'll be glad you did!

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What's the best and worst about the mount?



Corey Walker
4 year BA

Best: Women
Worst: parking



Todd Rashad
2nd year Business

Best: The school newspaper
Worst: The Jargon



Tasha Hubley
1st Child and Youth

Best: The only university around that offers my program
Worst: Takes over 2 hours to get here by bus



Jereme (Jeremias) Ramsay
2nd year potential P.R. student

Best: Small school atmosphere and very social
Worst: The hill kills it, thats the worst thing!



Denise Kelly
3rd year B.A. in English

Best: Small classes are nice
Worst: No tunnel to Rosaria



Clarika Hall
1st year BA in Business

Best: Small classes, with one-on-one attention
Worst: The hills and Cafeteria cooking



Wadhah Hussain
3rd year BA in IT

Best: Small classes, and able to get professor's attention
Worst: The parking, not much activities



Ziad Ghanayem / Mohamad El-Khatib
2nd year BS²

Best: Small classes, and a lot of chicks
Worst: Parking



Nouran Dugmag
3rd year BA in IT

Best: Small Classes
Worst: Still feels like high school

POETRY

"Alarm clock blues"**By: Lauren Oostveen**

first morning
 woke up wet
 slightly twisted
 a malignant mind spreading disease
 we are not at ease
 The bare light bulb glows yellow
 casting a wicked sheen over us
 only here light has a colour
 I know why you slept in
 stuffing your ears
 with white sheets
 blocking out the noise of my false dawn
 Afraid of the notion
 That we awake when the machines do
 Wait for the sun
 pricking at your eyes
 at second morning

The Currency of People**By: Eric McBride ©2004**

I'm filled with woe the inescapable rhythm,
 Driving me weird, but I'm capable of giving,
 Able to help this one and the other,
 But not myself and never my brother,
 Only those we can be sure whose throats run dry,
 About who's despair, no tears to cry,
 Millions walk, march their planks of mud,
 Who's children, boys pay in blood,
 And young ladies pay in pained screams,
 Of violation for these there are simple dreams,
 To be relieved of the scourge,
 Of the poverty which each of us forge,
 It is them day and night, we kill,
 To feed us fine foods and pay the catering bill,
 More created every day replacing,
 So sigh relief and cease your pacing,
 We can enjoy the royal tour,
 For their backs will break for us once more.

"Unfreakintitled"**By: 1 init**

I'm shivering outside stone walls,
 And the wind powers up to make a call,
 The delicate fabric of tissue is ripped,
 But the comings and goings increase and blood drips,
 The elements scream and pace,
 faces damaged and on goes the race,
 Bowing out is unusual for loathers,
 When the party is over.

"Sometimes"**By: Tim Liboiron**

Sometimes on the sunniest days, it rains
 Sometimes when I am my most quiet, I'm screaming
 Sometimes when I let it get the best of me
 I lose
 Sometimes a secret becomes everyone's business
 You pretend to solve your problems for everyone else's benefit

Have you ever laughed on the outside and cried on the inside?
 Have you ever known you were one thing and lied to be another?
 Have you felt that you were so different that the faces around you were pictures of what you wish you were?

Have you ever..... I have

Have you ever been scared and confident at the same time?
 Have you ever put on your bravest face for people who really don't matter?
 Have you ever ran away from all your problems only to find that they can run faster than you can ever run, even on your best day

Have you ever..... I have

Sometimes you can skip in between those raindrops
 Sometimes when I am my most quiet, I'm not screaming
 Sometimes when I let it get the best of me
 I win
 Sometimes it isn't so bad

Have you ever?

"Football is War"**By: Lauren Oostveen**

The stadium is pulsing with the stark noise of the crowd stomping, screaming, panting in union. Two men stare at each other from opposite ends of the field; eyes ferocious and fists clenched. This is not a button-pushing, bomb dropping escapade in the dead of night, for that has no honor. In football we reclaim our pride of cold though sweat, blood, and injury. The sport is the brutal truth of inherent human violence. Football is war. Territory is marked off by provincial and state lines which are like black scars running through the salmon pink or cool green map of the country. We divide ourselves, and then begin the process ironically called drafting. Our players, the soldiers, are terrible in their weight and size. They grip conical missiles with powerful hands before sending them soaring with deadly accuracy. They represent us, in our flat which-tie-should-I-wear-to-the-office lives that long to be given a uniform and feel the tingling sensation of an adrenaline ridden body. We didn't see Korea, Vietnam, Kosovo, or Rwanda; all we took in were still pictures and dim, blurry videos of people running with wide eyes. To see the man flying through the air before landing with a sickening thump, all twisted arms and legs, is more real than the statistic of ten thousand dead. We mark X's and O's on clean white boards and instruct our Goliaths on how to move in for the kill. The stampede is something the redcoats would have approved of, no guerilla tactics or ambushes, but a straight-on collision at the sound of our war horn, the whistle. People die sometimes on the slick grass, limp body beneath helmet and jersey. When they do, there are many puzzled faces and talk of "It's only a game". We forget our veins pulsing and the hate that had courses through our blood. The chanting of "defense" when our minds screaming "kill", the well-loved tribal dance of the wave. The sport is popular because it allows us, the domesticated, to reclaim our vicious ancestry. It is battle the way it should be: the side with the greatest strength and cunning are the victors. To them go the spoils, many a night of feasting and drunken debauchery, the very best receiving shiny rings with precious stones any Viking would approve of. We hide our carnal lust of destruction. We dress it up with white IKEA furniture and five hundred dollar shoes. When the players take the field we tear off the leash of modern civility and relish in the sound, sight, and taste of a glorious feudal battle. Football is war, and we love it.



Jargon Survey



1 – Have you ever dated your stalker?
Yes No.

2 – Why do you think most of the guys are enrolled at MSVU?
A – Sexual desperation
B – Strong academic ambition
C – MSVU sports team
D – Access to Vinnies

3 – What is your Favorite genre of movies?
_____.

4 – Why do you read the Jargon?

A – Humour
B – Credible journalism
C – Interesting point of views
D – Pass the time
E – Catch up on Mount news
F – Or....have you run out of toilet paper?

5 – Do you know anyone who might want to advertise with us?
Yes No (jargon_staff@yahoo.ca)

6 – Do you have any ideas, but do not feel like writing them? Tell us.
_____, _____.

7 – What kind of news would you like to read about?
A – Mount news
B – Canadian news
C – Independent news
D – World news

8 – Do you think our paper is biased?
Yes No

9 – Do you want to see nude pictures of Jargon staff?
Yes No

10 – Should we write next month's issue drunk?
Yes No

11 – Should we change the name of the paper back to Picaro?
Yes No

12 – Do you think any of us have a huge fan base?
Yes...Who_____. No

13 – What political party would you vote for during the next federal election?
A – Red
B – Red & white
C – Green
D – Blue
E –Orange
F – Other _____.

14 – Drug of choice?
_____.

15 – Are the articles in Jargon too long?
Yes No

16 – Any last Words?

Completed surveys can be dropped off at either students information desks (1st floor SAC or 1st floor Rosaria). The Jargon will reports the find in a future issue.