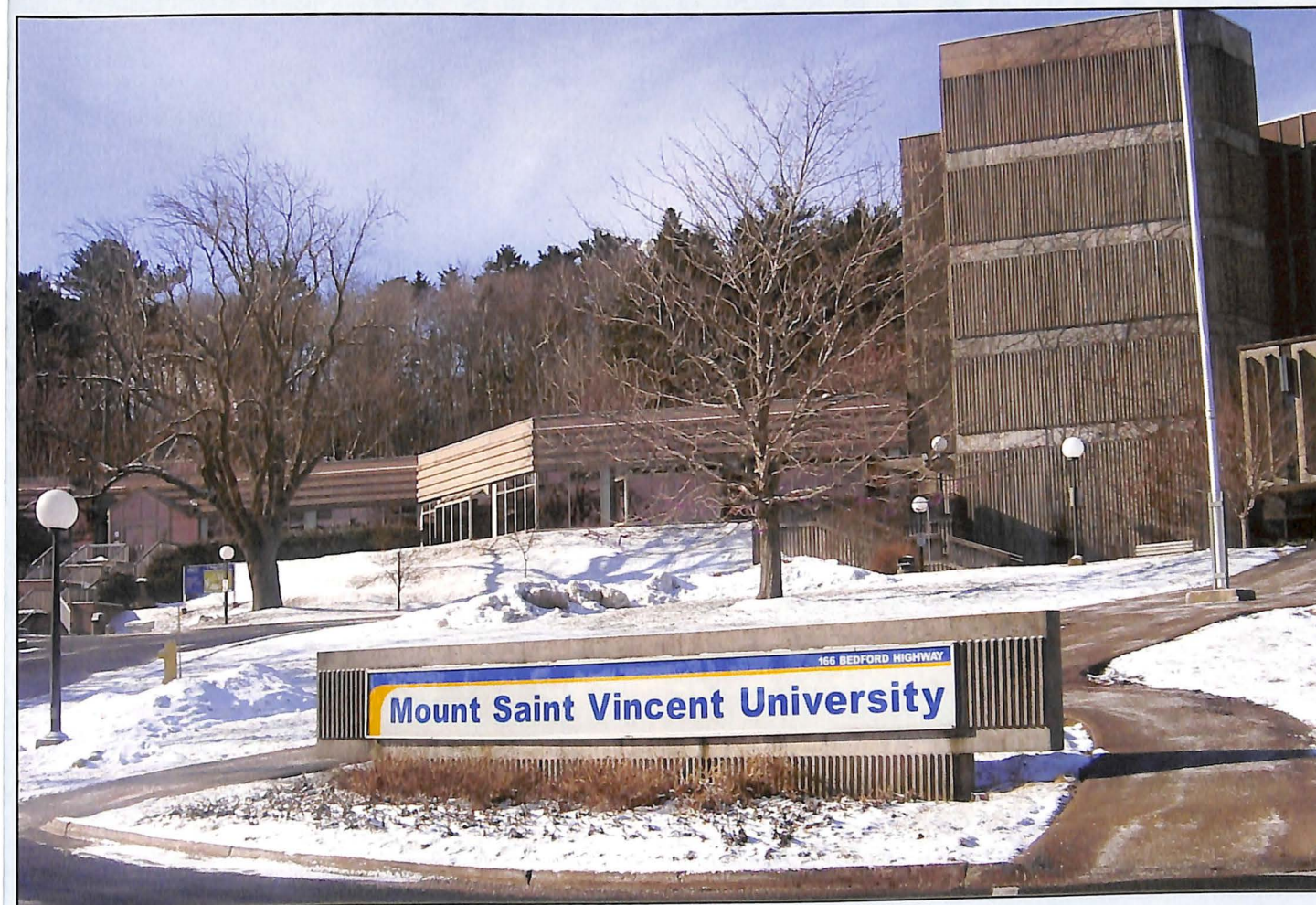


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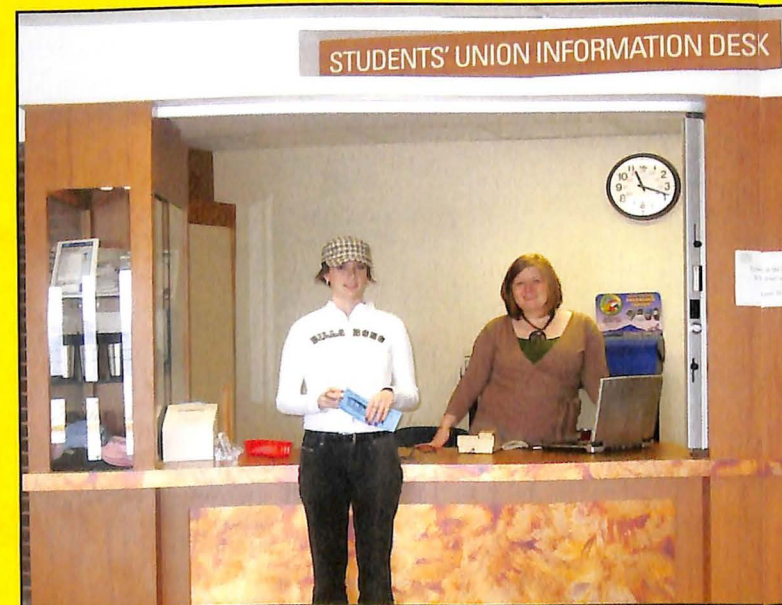
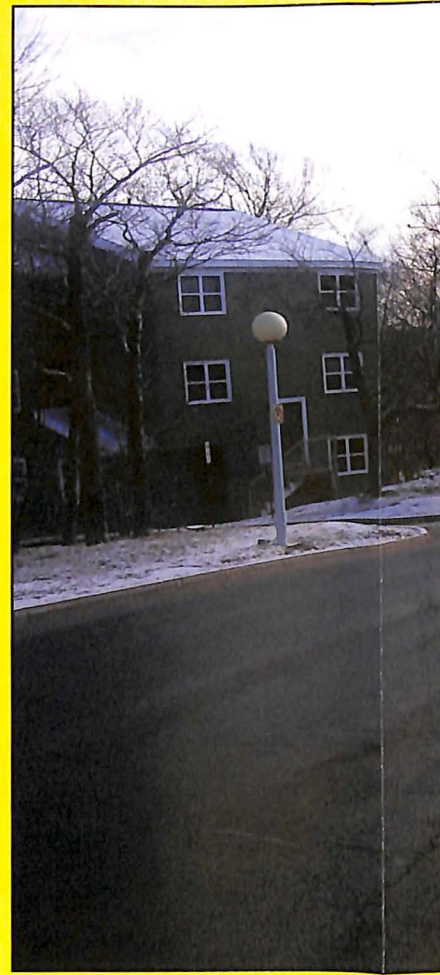
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Population: 4875

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

LIFE AT MSVU



At MSVU, we operate under a constant state of change. Each year brings more development and an increased desire for improvement – making what is already great even better. Over the last few years the Mount has undergone a long list of transformations: Westwood was built, The Birches were renovated, the sign on the Bedford Highway was constructed, the Seton Student Information Desk, Vinnie's Pub, the Cornerstore and the

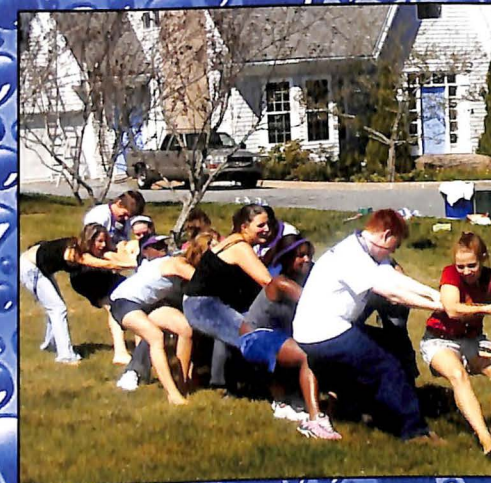
Crow's Nest have all had a complete make-over, enrollment is higher than ever and yes!... there are more males choosing the Mount. "Under Construction", the theme of MSVU's first yearbook in over 10 years, reflects the continuous growth at Mount Saint Vincent University. Change is the true Mount experience... enjoy!



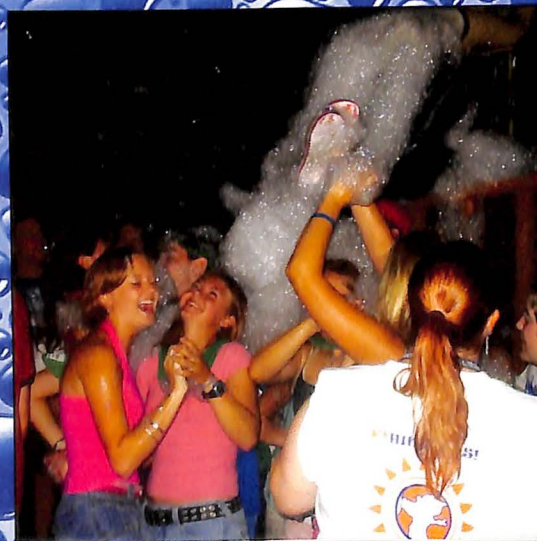
FROSH



WEEK



With more students participating than ever before, the 2005 frosh week was bound to be a success! The entire week from September 4th – 10th was jam-packed with events to welcome the new MSVU students. Some new events at MSVU this year included a concert (co-headed by SMU) featuring local talent as well as K-OS; and a very wet and extremely wild Foam Party. Annual events were also big hits and included Frosh Warz, Damien the Hypnotist, a Comedy Show featuring BJ Woodbury, The Wacky Olympics, a Downtown Excursion and Sex with Sue.

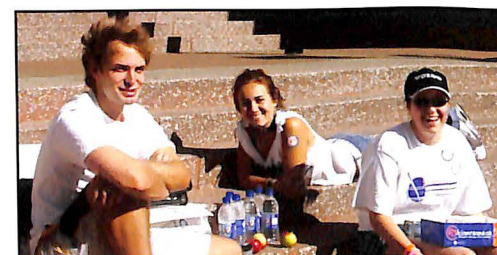


SHINERAMA

Shinerama is Canada's largest post-secondary fundraiser involving students at almost 60 university and college campuses across Canada. While Shinerama began in 1964 as a shoe-shining campaign during Orientation Week, it has since grown to include a wide variety of shining and non-shining activities under the Shinerama banner.

MSVU has been participating in Shinerama for 7 years now, and this year has been by far the most successful. Over the past 7 years, MSVU has raised totals varying between 2000.00 and 7000.00 in support of cystic fibrosis, but this year we raised a whopping 12,000.00 for cystic fibrosis research. With more than 100 volunteers participating in this year's campaign, we were also able to raise more awareness of the worthy cause.

SHINE ON!



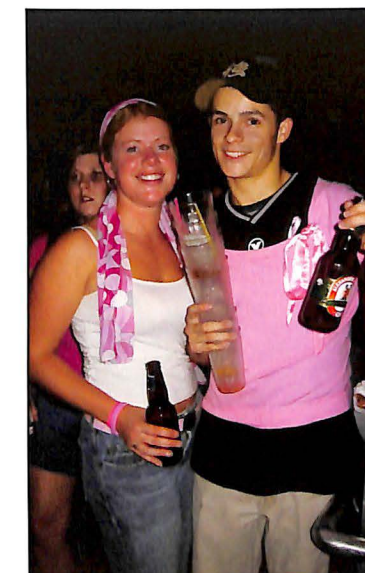
Think Pink

Breast Cancer Awareness Week

MSVU Students' Union held the first annual Breast Cancer Awareness Week from September 26th to October 2nd, 2006. With MSVU at the forefront, all metro universities including DAL, SMU, NSCAD and Kings took part by planning events at their respective campuses to raise awareness regarding Breast Cancer and funds to support the cause. At MSVU, information was distributed to the Mount community via displays around

campus and events included a "Think Pink" pub night held at Vinnie's. The pub night was a huge success – the crowd was great and showed their support by wearing anything and everything pink!

The week was brought to a close as Team MSVU participated in the CIBC Run for the Cure.





Halloween



Congrats to Josh King for best costume at Vinnie's & to Westwood 2 for the best decorated floor!



Whether you remember it for the good times or the not so good times, whether you hooked up or broke up, whether you made money or spent money; we've all got fond memories of good ole Vinnie's!

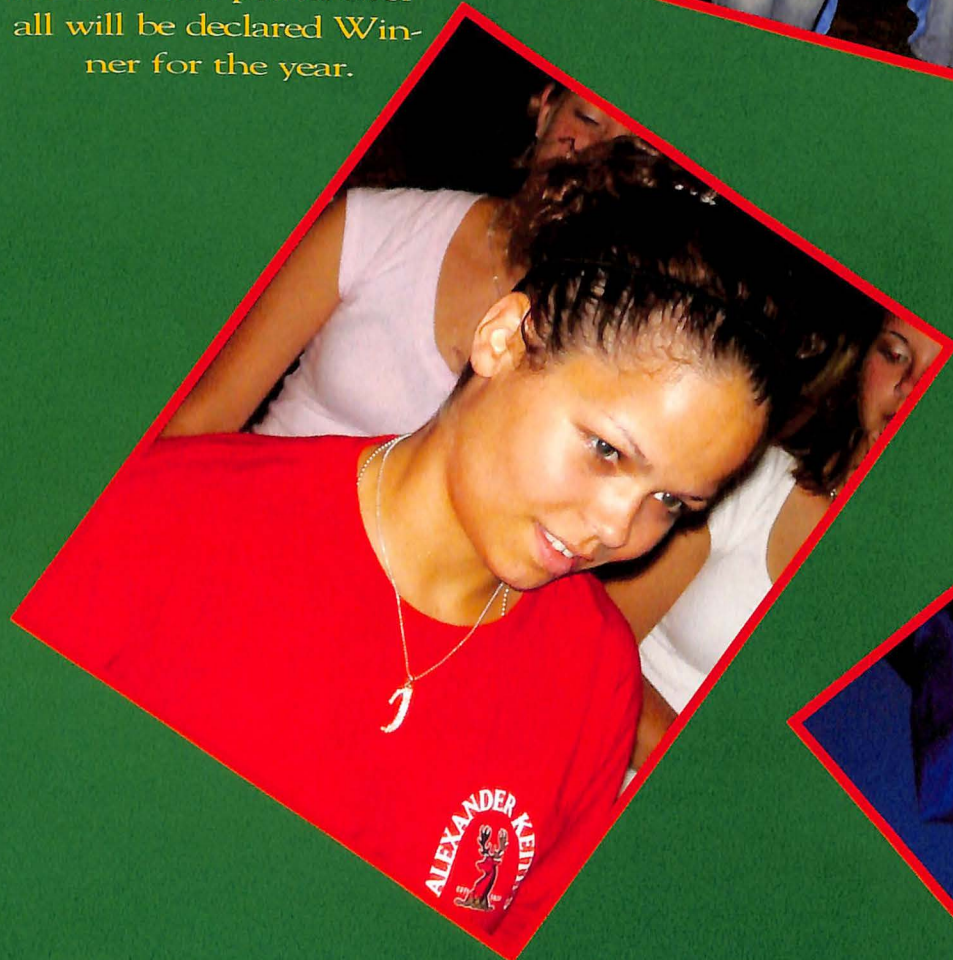
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KEITH'S CUP

The Alexander Keith's Cup Challenge is a points-based contest between the residences of MSVU. Teams compete for points by attending various events on campus and competing in a variety of challenges. At the end of the competition, the top 3 scoring teams will compete head to head in a full day of competition. At the end of the day, the team who has the most points overall will be declared Winner for the year.

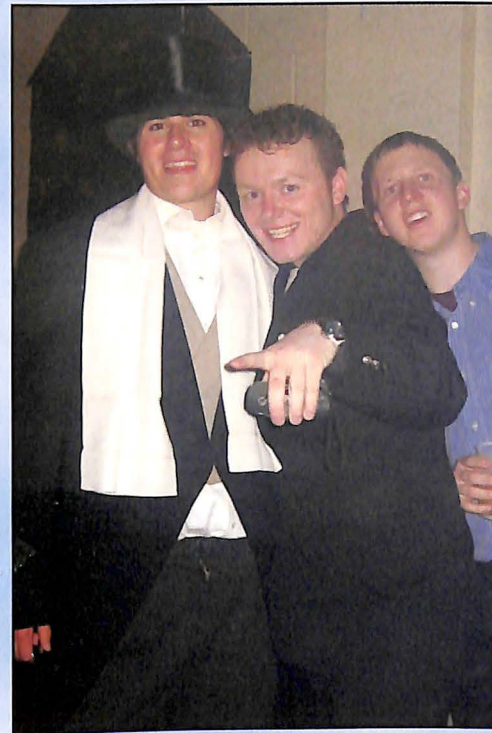
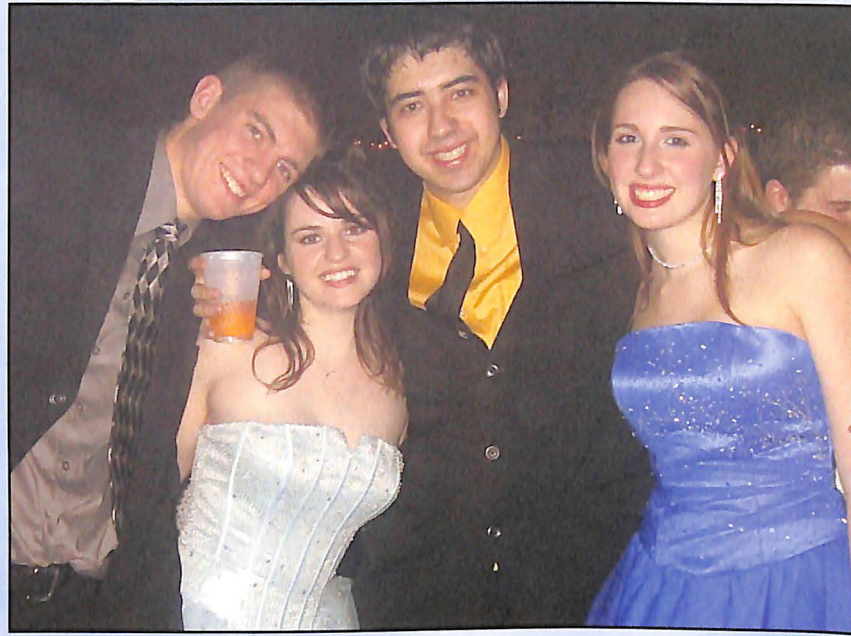


CHALLENGE

As of February 28th, 2006 Westwood 2 – The Green Unit is in first place, but there are challenges still to come and anything goes when it comes to Keith's Cup.

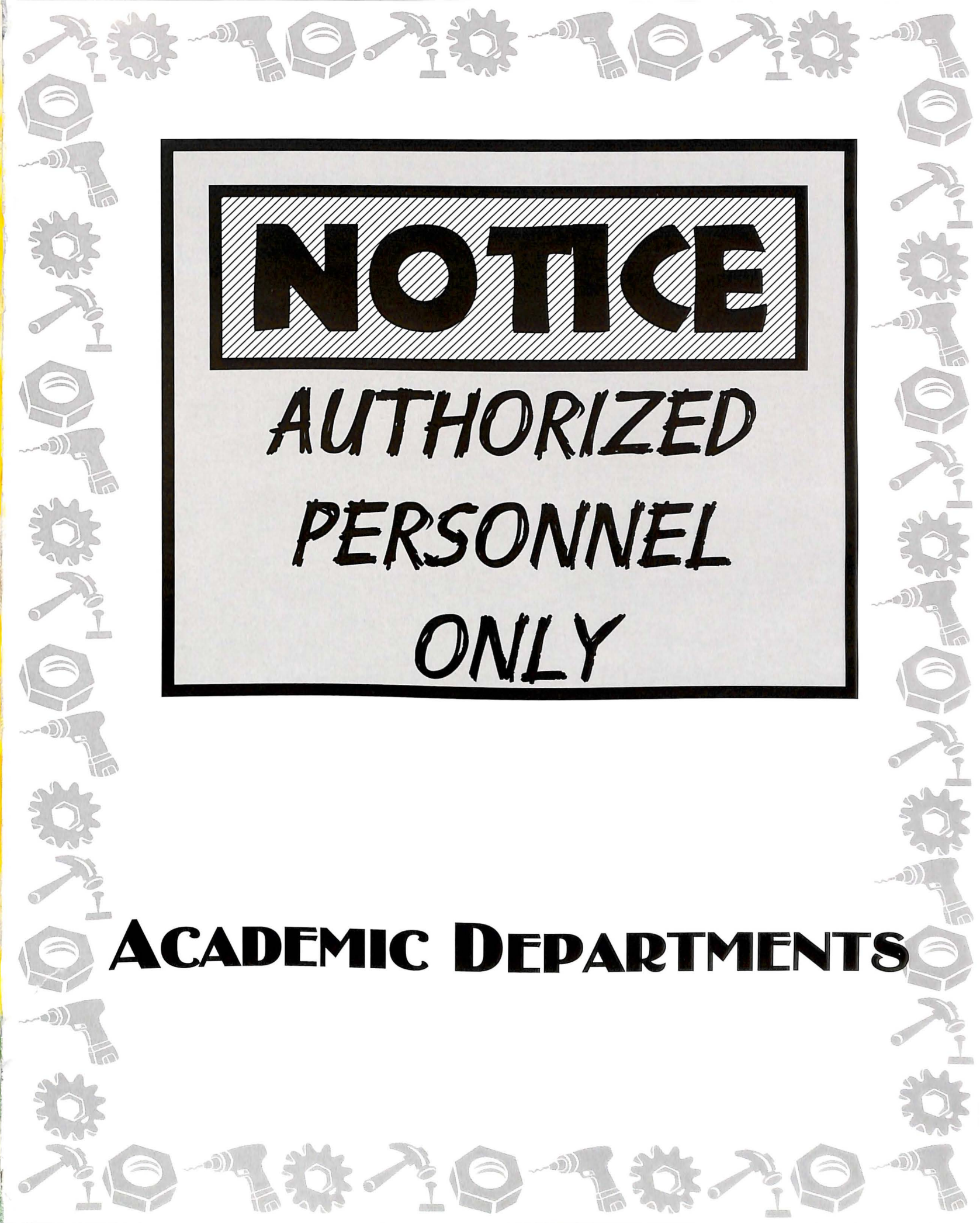


Charity Ball



The Annual Charity Ball was held February 11th, 2006 at MSVU. Charity Ball is a fundraiser in support of Phoenix Youth Project a local non-profit organization dedicated to helping homeless youth get off the street. This year's event-planners included society executive, Colin Davis, Odessa O'Dell and Glenn Myers, along with society members who lavishly decorated the MPR in a "New York, New York" theme. Nearly 350 people attended the event and over \$4500 was raised for Phoenix Youth Project. In addition to Charity Ball, Residence Society also held a clothing drive, collecting donations of like-new clothes for under-privileged youth.

AROUND MSVU



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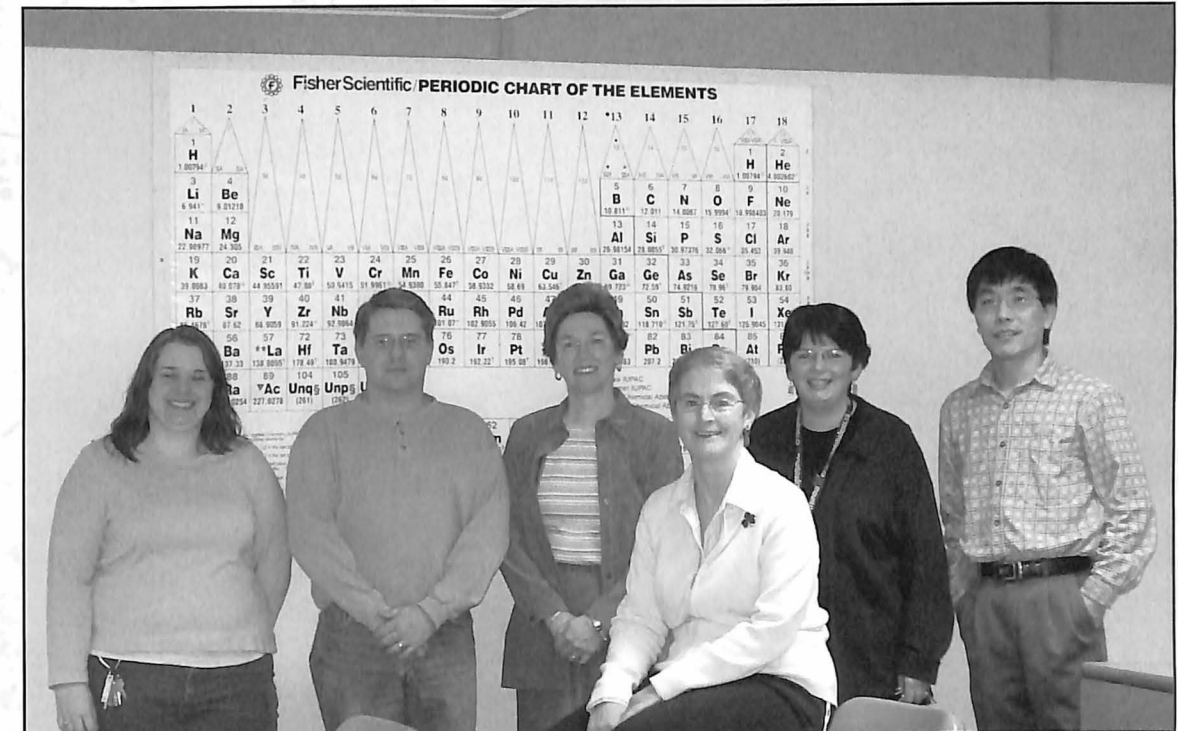
L-R: Prof. Daphne Lordly, Dr. Theresa Glanville, Judy Fraser Arsenault (Internship Coordinator), Prof. Linda Mann (Chair), Dr. Kwan Wong. Missing from the picture are Dr. Janette Taper and Dr. Patty Williams

BIOLOGY



L-R: Sheilagh Martin, Daphne Themelis, Greg Coakley, Germán Avila-Sakar, Ron MacKay, Ami Fröhlich

CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS



L-R: Holly Cook (Stockroom Technician), Ian Pottie (Assistant Professor), Susan Boyd (Professor), Nancy Cook (Laboratory Instructor), Kathy Darvesh (Associate Professor, Department Chair), Aibing Xia (Assistant Professor)

CULTURAL STUDIES PROGRAM



L-R: Dr. Patricia Baker (SOAN), Dr. Randi Warne (Chair, Philosophy/Religious Studies and Coordinator, Cultural Studies), Ingrid Jenkner (Curator, Art Gallery), Dr. DeNel Rehberg Sedo (Public Relations), Dr. Adriana Benzaquen (History). Missing from the pictures is Meg Raven (Library).

EDUCATION



L-R: (first row) Cynthia Mantley, Stephanie Mills, Jocelyne Lavoie, Dimitri Manos, Susan Walsh, Bev Williams (second row) Robin Neustaeter, Bill Hare, Valda Leighteizer, Lynne Foley, Michelle Forrest, Nancy Taber, Michelle Malloy, Heidi Wilkins (third row) Bob Sargent, Fred French, Jim Sharp (Dean), Donovan Plumb, Eva Knoll, Robert Bérard, Susan Church, Marlene Ruck Simmonds, Dawn White, Angele Brennan, Dana Benntt, Susan Church

ENGLISH



L-R: Dr. Peter Schwenger, Dr. Reina Green, Dr. Steven Bruhm, Dr. Karen Macfarlane, Dr. Chris Ferns, Dr. Anna Smol, and Dr. Rhoda Zuk. Missing from photo: Dr. Susan Drain, Dr. David Monaghan and Dr. John Morgenstern

FAMILY STUDIES & GERONTOLOGY



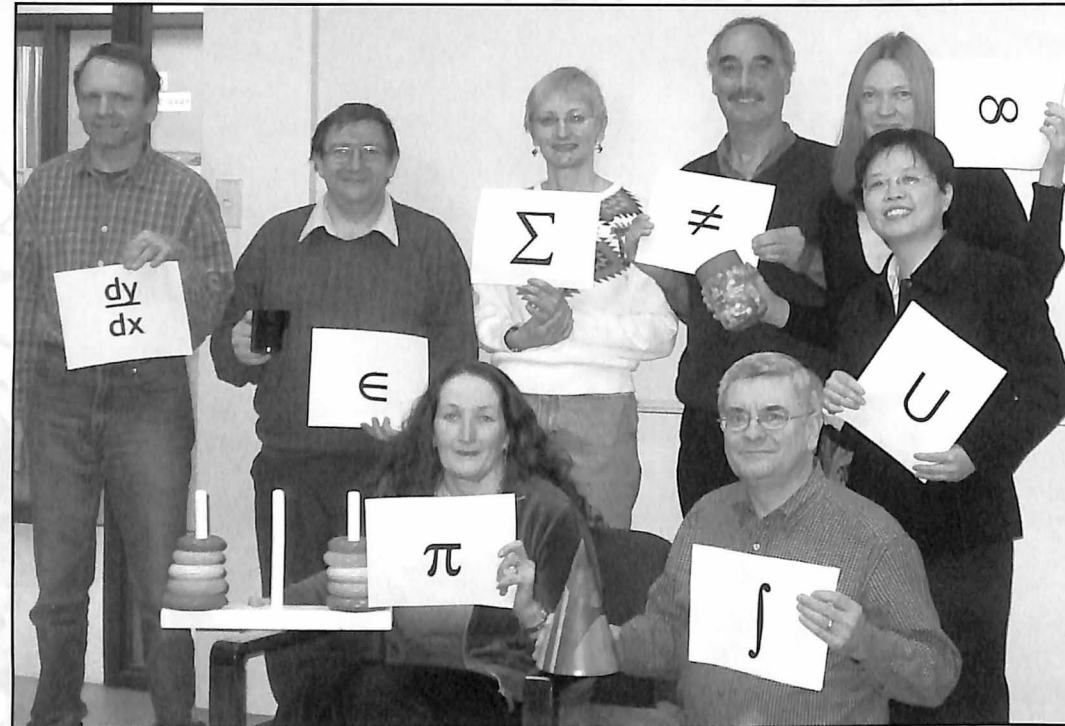
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HISTORY



L-R: Brook Taylor, Reg Stuart, Tracy McDonald, Roni Gechtman, Wayne Ingalls, Adriana Benzaquén, Ken Dewar, Frances Early

MATHEMATICS



L-R: Dr. John Reid, Dr. Ilya Blum, Dr. Suzanne Seager, Dr. John Sayre, Dr. Michele Millar, Dr. Hui Li, Dr. Tina Harriott, Dr. Charles Edmunds. Missing from the picture is Dr. Frank Bennett

MODERN LANGUAGES



L-R: (back row) Dr. Marie-Lucie Tarpent, Pamela Johanson, Language Lab Supervisor, Dr. Leighton (Larry) Steele, Chair, Dr. Francois-Xavier Eygun, (front row), Prof. Denise Nevo, Phoebe Smith, Department Secretary, Dr. Lise Lapierre, Dr. Florencia Carlino

PHILOSOPHY/RELIGIOUS STUDIES



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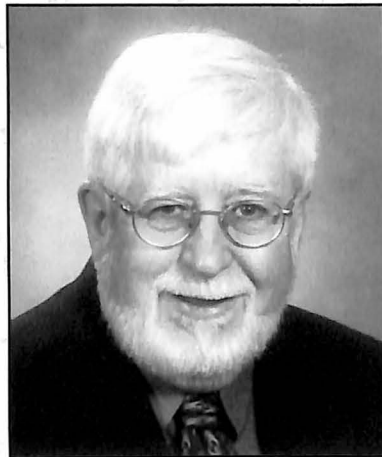
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Canadian Studies
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Women's Studies

In Loving Memory



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Patrick O'Neill, who passed away suddenly on Thursday, April 27, 2006 in Ireland where he was working on his research.

Patrick was highly regarded not only as a teacher and researcher, but also as a cherished colleague at Mount Saint Vincent University for more than 30 years. He was recognized for his excellence in scholarship and, in particular, his outstanding contribution to preserving Canadian theatre history, having published extensively in the area. In 2004, he was awarded a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship in acknowledgement of his stature as a leading scholar on Canadian theatre. His outstanding research contributions were recognized by Mount Saint Vincent University by awarding him the Award for Research Excellence in 2002.

His dedication to teaching and to his students was of the highest caliber. He coordinated the program in Speech and Drama at MSVU. His students speak glowingly of him. He will be remembered as well for the many years he involved his students and other members of the community in highly successful and entertaining drama presentations on campus, such as *Getting Out*, *Swingtime Canteen*, *Nunsense II*, *The Compleat Wrks of Wlm Shkspr (Abridged)* and *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Patrick's dedication to Mount Saint Vincent University is evident in his extensive involvement in University service. He was Director of Research and International Liaison Officer for 2002-05. He served on many of Mount Saint Vincent University's major committees, giving his many talents to the fullest. Patrick touched the lives of all those who knew him. He will be sorely missed.

Forever in Our Hearts.

Address to Graduates

May 2006

Congratulations on your graduation from Mount Saint Vincent University. This is a very significant milestone you have accomplished. You have accomplished so much and we celebrate your achievements. I am confident that the knowledge and experience you have gained at MSVU has prepared you to face the exciting challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

As you convocate your connection with MSVU will continue. As a graduate you have an important role in ensuring that the quality education you have received here is continued for future students. Please share with others your experience here and the distinctive role MSVU has played in preparing you for the future. By doing this you will help us to move forward in achieving our strategic goals. We hope you will stay involved and spread the word about your alma mater.

I am proud to know that the values and knowledge fostered at MSVU have prepared you, our outstanding students, to succeed in the world beyond these walls. Once again, congratulations.

Dr. Shelia Brown
President and Vice-Chancellor



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Health Plan Manager

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General Manager

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VP Student Life

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VP Academic Affairs

Chantal Brushett
President

Lois Oyuko
CFO



Congratulations on a
successful 2005-2006.
Best Wishes!

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SU President's Message to Graduates

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your success - your success in graduating from university, your success in marking a new milestone on the journey of life and your success in becoming MSVU alumnae, a title you should carry proudly.

Throughout your university career, I am certain that there were ups and there were downs. When you walked across the Convocation stage, those ups and downs were celebrated. Every time you look at your MSVU parchment you should remember both the ups and the downs because they are now a fundamental part of who you are. Your parchment not only marks your academic achievements, but it marks everything you endured and achieved along the way, the good and the bad - it is all a part of what makes you a university graduate.

On behalf of the MSVU Students' Union, I would like to wish you all the best of luck in the future. Just remember, success doesn't come to you, you go to it, and ladies and gentlemen, you are well on your way!



Chantal Brushett, BAA (MSVU '04)
MSVU Students' Union President 2004-2006

Mr. Student Loan & Me

The time to graduate high school was drawing near,
My Mother announced, "We did not save for your education dear."

That's how my parents made it known,
I was soon to meet my new best friend, Mr. Student Loan.

It was decided that my learning experience was to continue,

I wanted to go to a post-secondary institution
Known as MSVU,

Painful paperwork began to ensue,
How did I plan to pay? One little knew.

I realized that to earn my Bachelor's Degree,
I would need to pay an enormous fee,
I felt anger and sadness and least of all glee,
That was the beginning of the relationship,
Between Mr. Loan and Me.

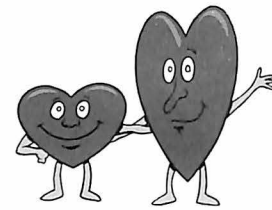
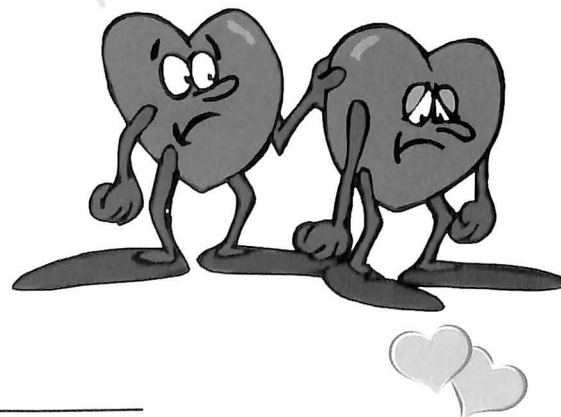
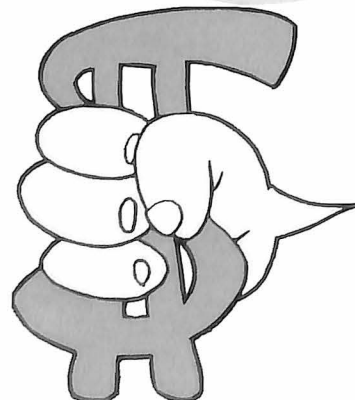
It became clear that university would cost me a tonny,
I asked Mr. Loan kindly, "Will you lend me some money?"
He replied, "I expect it all back, with interest honey!"
Needless to say I did not find his remark very funny.

He gave me the funds and I fell in love,
Mr. Loan and I were closer than a hand in a glove,
However years quickly passed and push came to shove,
He demanded, "I want it all back, you silly dove."

My Friend Student Loan seemed like a blessing at first,
But now that I almost finished university he's become a
haunting curse,

And I find myself currently in some serious debt,
I wish, Mr. Student Loan that we had never met.

--BAA Student



Love Letter to My Student Loan

Student loan how I loath thee...

Every September and January you bring me deeper into my damnation of eternal debt. You will never know how much I think about you. Everyday and every night you are with me. You are in my nightmares following me around ready to cut me in half. You are in my dreams when my debt is suddenly erased like in the new Visa commercials.

The endless paper work that I am required to keep covers my desk every year. I feel like one of these days my corpse will be found in my room after being buried alive from the constant piles of paper. Each paper I receive reminds me of my doomed future. I am doomed to years of repayment schedules. I will have to repay my student loan with my pension by the time I finish my degree. It is a constant battle each year to keep everything straight and now you have gone and changed again. Now my debt is even bigger... thanking you so much...

Sincerely,

BA Student

A Letter to My Love, Loan

It's hard for me to express the love-
For you my loan.

As you get bigger and bigger,
How much I depend on you is more
Than you've ever known.

Never knowing how much you'll give
I wait for you to come.
Then after too much waiting,
I find out my minuscule sum.

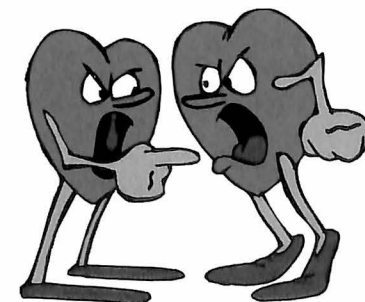
You tell me that I can appeal
That you might give me a second try.
But when you reject me
I have nothing to do but cry.

In my back account
You stay within.
I feel bad if I take you other places
Spending you feels like a sin.

But then it happens,
You are all gone.
The pain of you is with me,
It goes on and on.

No need for the sadness
No need for the tears.
Though I can no longer see you
I'll be paying you back for years.

-BA Student



ANGEL OF INSIGHT

**DROWNING IN ALL THE DREAMS
A STUDENT CAN POSSESS
YET EVERY BILL AND STATEMENT COMES
AND MAKES MY DREAMS
A MESS**

**I BEGGED FOR WEALTH AND HAPPINESS
AND HOPED FOR SOME RELEASE
AS TIME WENT ON PAIN-TAKINGLY
I SEARCHED FOR IN-SIGHT AND PEACE**

**AND THERE YOU WERE QUITE SUDDENLY
MY ANGEL FROM ABOVE
A HELPING HAND TO GUIDE MY NEEDS
MY STUDENT LOAN, MY LOVE**

**YOU GIVE ME EVERY-THING I WISH
YOU HELP ME WHEN I DROWN
AND SOMEDAY I'LL DO THE SAME FOR YOU
WHEN I'M NO LONGER DOWN.**

**BY: KRISTA HILL
BA STUDENT**



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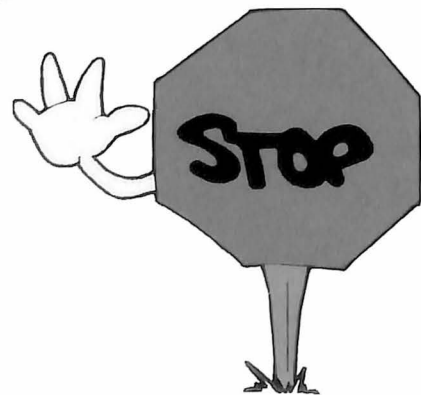
Walking the Walk: MSVU Students Want Action on Busy Crosswalk

Cars on the Bedford Highway zip past Janie Whyte as she stands on the sidewalk across from Mount Saint Vincent University, waiting for the No. 18 bus to pick her up. She has had several close calls while using the crosswalk that leads from the bus stop to the university's main entrance.

"Vehicles speed along the highway," says Whyte, who commutes every day by bus from her parent's home in Halifax. She uses the crosswalk because it is next to the main bus stop for the university. "Drivers don't expect that a crosswalk is coming up, so they don't slow down," she says. "Several cars have screeched their tires in order to slow down fast enough while I've been crossing. It's really scary."

Whyte is one of many students who regularly use the crosswalk, and their concerns have prompted the university's student union to lobby Halifax Regional Municipality for more than six months to install a stoplight. Student Union President Chantal Brushett says students are at risk and cites two separate incidents since January in which students have been struck at the crosswalk. Neither student was seriously injured, says Const. Mark Hobeck, public information officer with Halifax Regional Police.

"Paramedics with Emergency Medical Services examined them at the scene



and released them," he says.

The student union began its crusade for a stoplight in February with a letter to Mayor Peter Kelly. Brushett says the mayor "assured her in writing" a review would take place. The student union has not been told of any progress, even though they have made several more attempts to contact the mayor.

"It's frustrating," she says. "We have students who are getting hit. We will have students that, one of these days, are going to get injured badly or going to get killed. I don't think we should have to come to that."

It turns out the city has decided not to grant the student union's request. Alan Taylor, transportation planner with the city, sent a letter to Dr. Sheila Brown, president of the Mount, on Aug. 25 informing her of that decision.

The letter says traffic count data shows there to be no need for a stoplight and that prior to the two pedestrian accidents at the crosswalk this year, there had been no reported pedestrian collisions there in at least the previous five years. It also pointed out that on busy roads like the Bedford Highway, too many traffic signals can disrupt vehicles and pedestrian flow, and may also create a false sense of security for pedestrians. The student union was not notified of this decision.

John O'Brien, spokesperson for HRM says the city monitored the crosswalk on Mar. 30 and 31, recording the number of vehicles passing by and how many pedestrians use the crosswalk at 15-minute intervals. It was decided the flashing amber above the crosswalk is an effective way to caution motorists. The two accidents would not have been prevented if a stoplight had been there, says O'Brien.

"One was caused by an impaired driver and the other was caused by a driver who had failed to clear the frost off the windshield," he says. "Whether there were traffic lights or crosswalks or any-



thing else, these accidents would have occurred."

O'Brien advises the student union to launch an education campaign on how to use the crosswalk safely.

"Putting up a light is not going to protect the students," he says. "A light is simply a signal. A light can't stop a car. At every intersection, whether it's marked or not, there is a crosswalk. Obviously, we want motorists to be aware of that, but by the same token, when a man and a machine meet, who's going to win? So the pedestrians have to exercise caution as well."

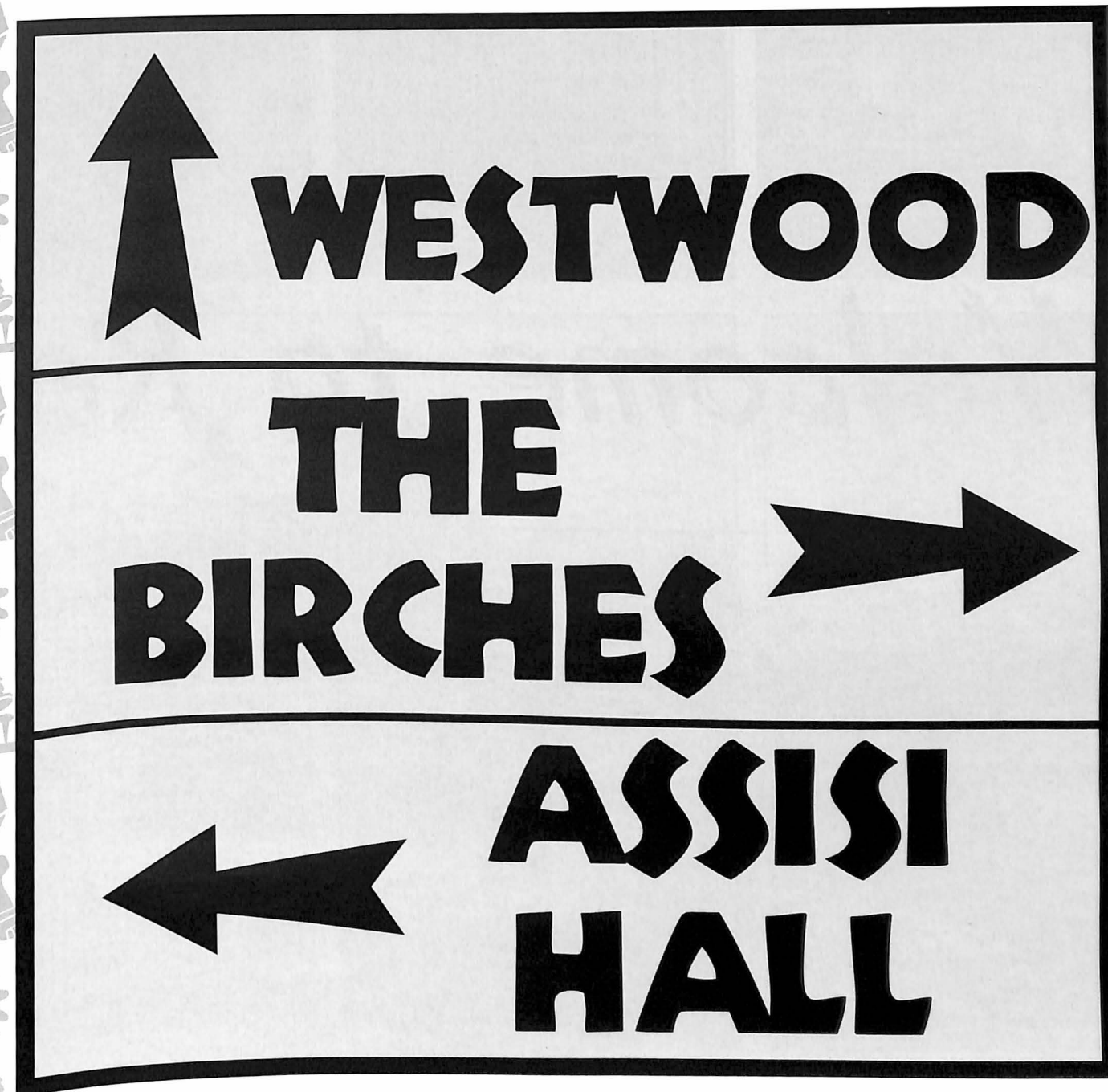
Brushett says the student union is already educating students about crosswalk safety through a poster campaign on campus.

The student union will continue lobbying city council until they get a stoplight, she says.

A petition is being circulated among students and the student union is also seeking support from community members in Bedford. Brushett says members of the student union are considering attending an upcoming council meeting to further press the issue.

"This is something that's extremely important to us," she says. "All departments of the university are highly supportive and the students are too. As long as the students are behind us, we're not going to stop fighting for the stoplight."

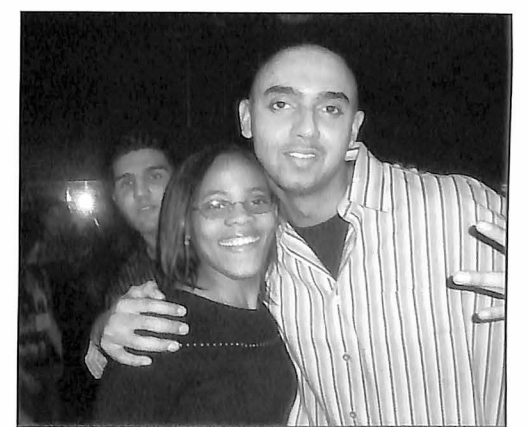
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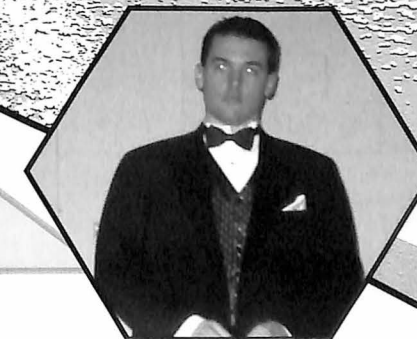
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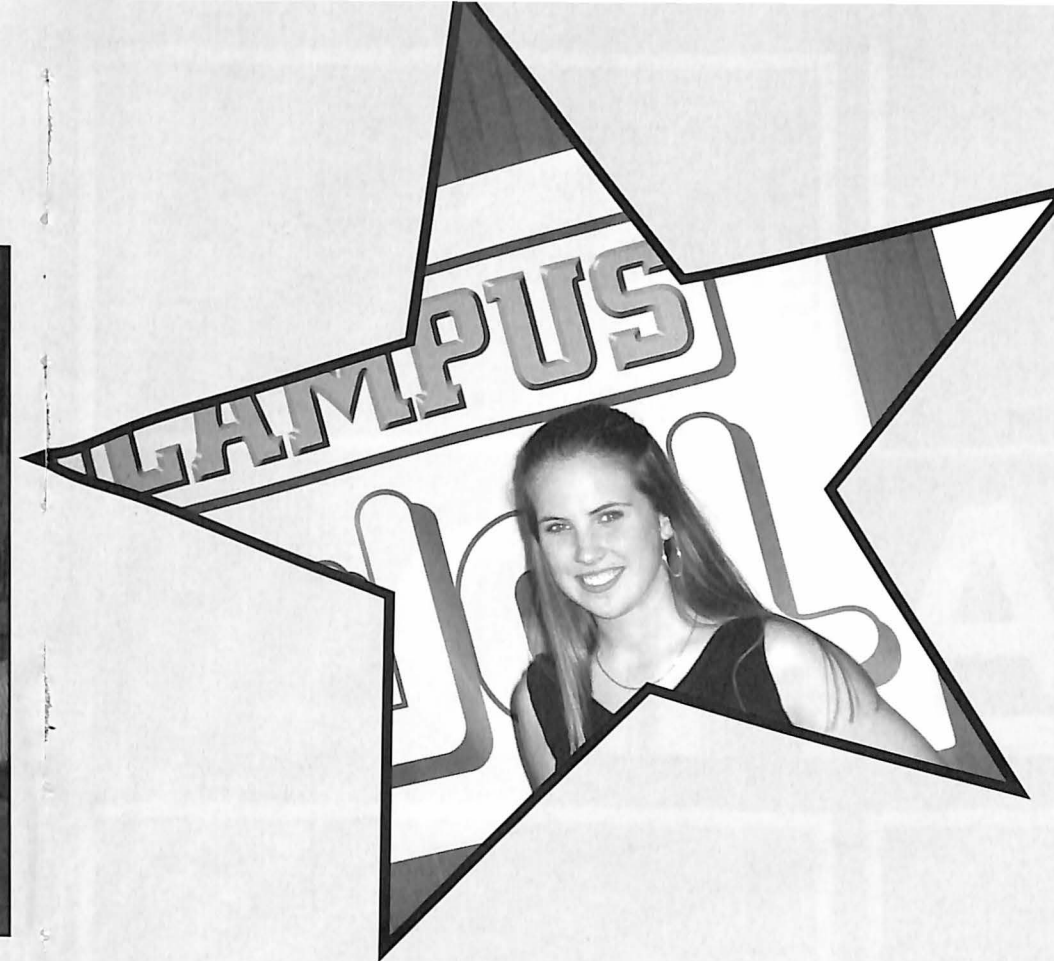
Mr. Mount



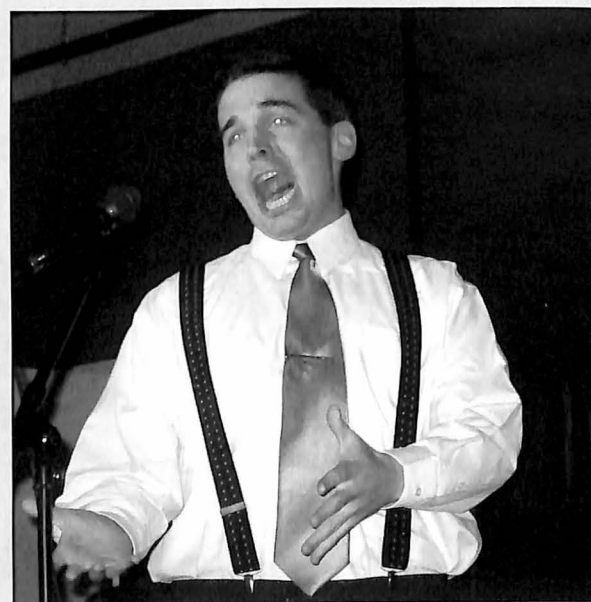
Festival of the Mount



Mount Idol



Although the contestant from SMU was awarded the East Coast Campus Idol title, Lindsay will always be our Campus Idol!



Congratulations to Lindsay Smith who was named the 2005 Mount Idol!

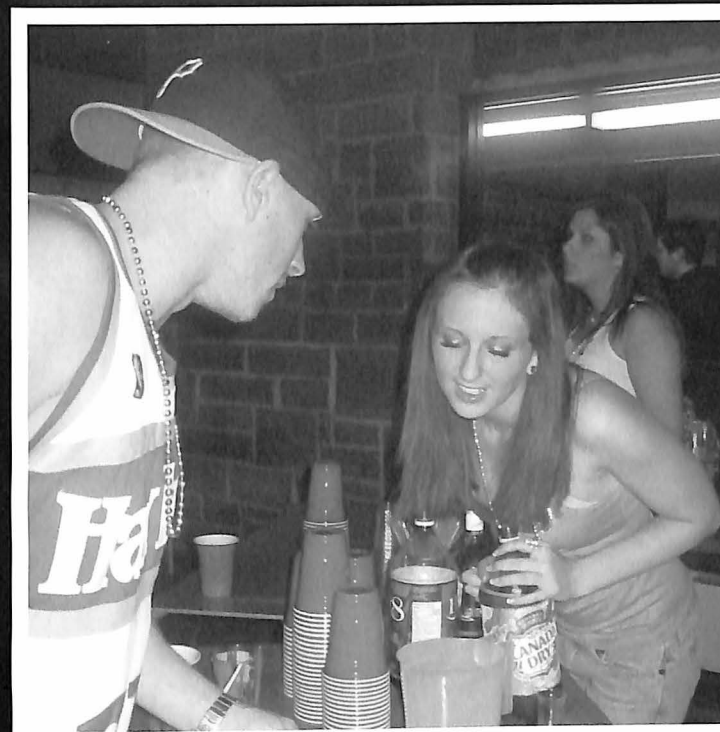


University Idol



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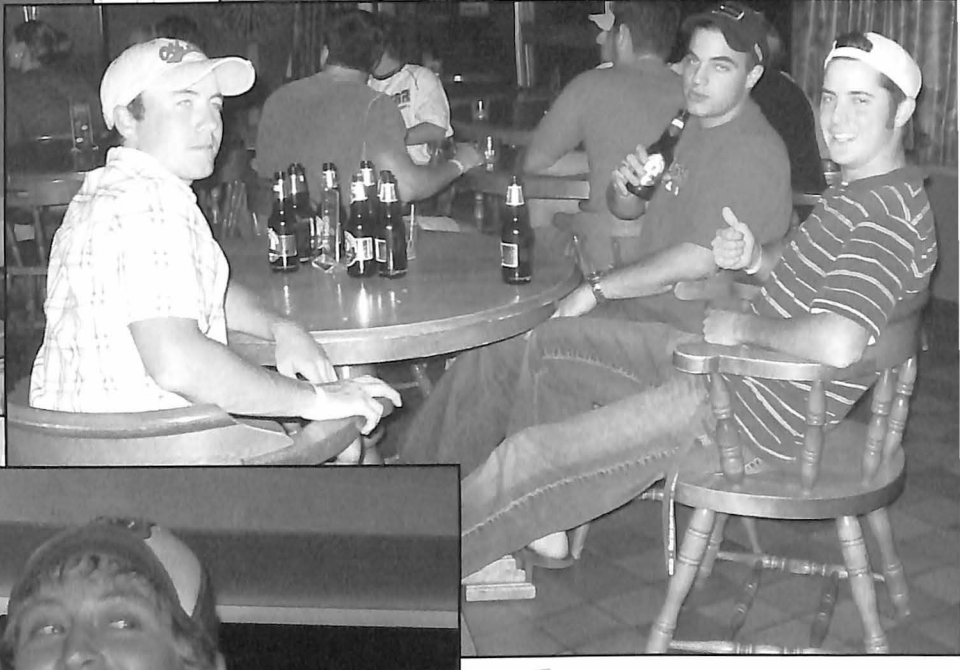
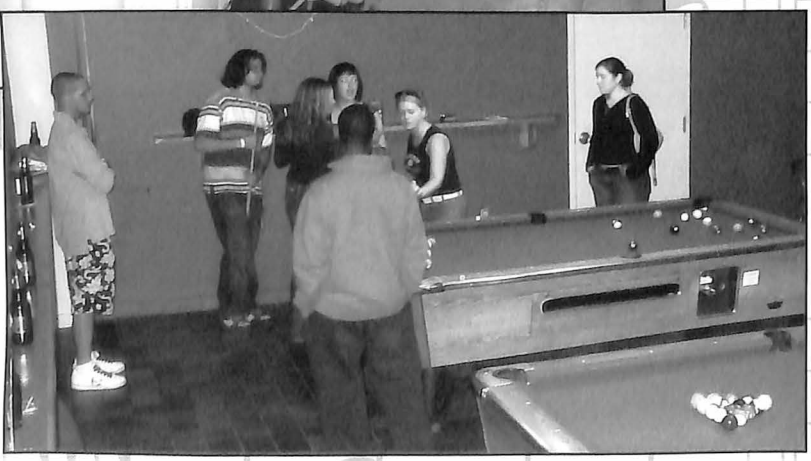


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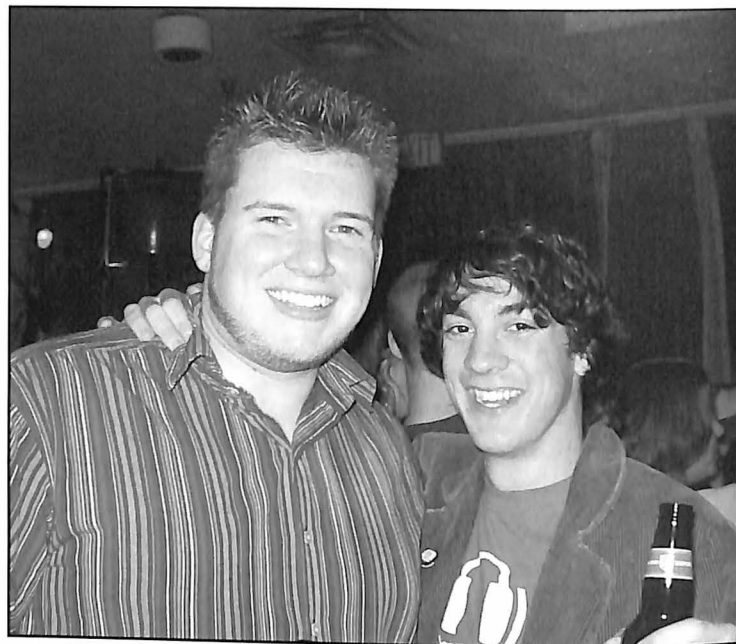
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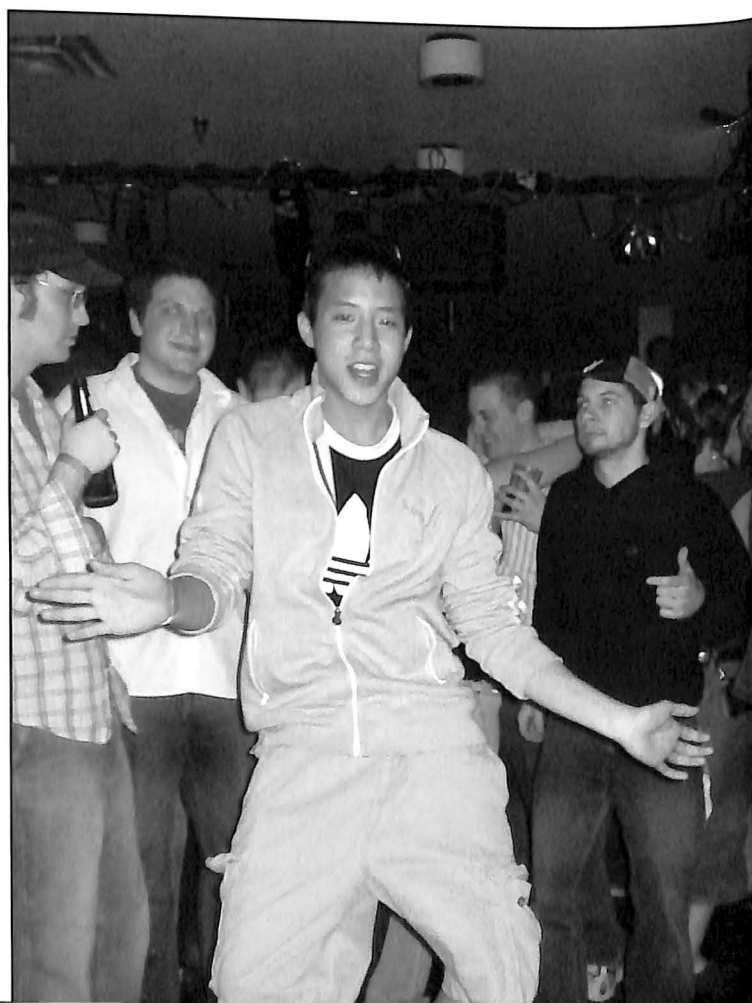
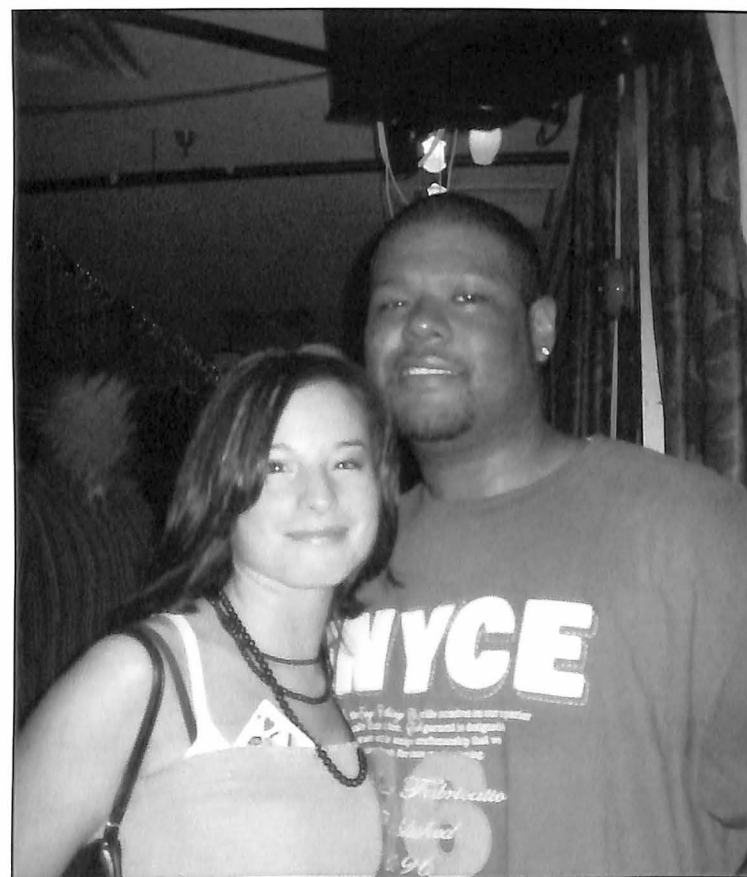
Open Mic & Wings Night



Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.
~ Berthold Auerbach



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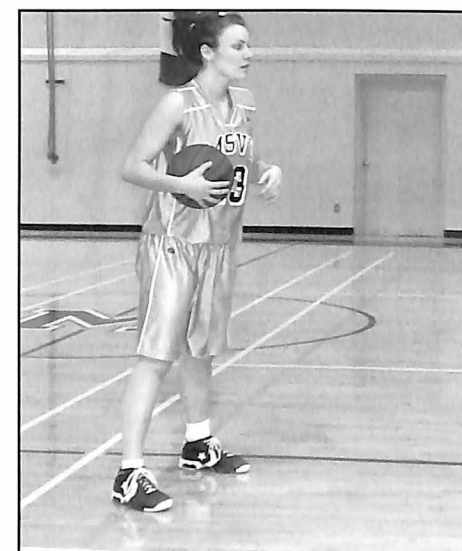
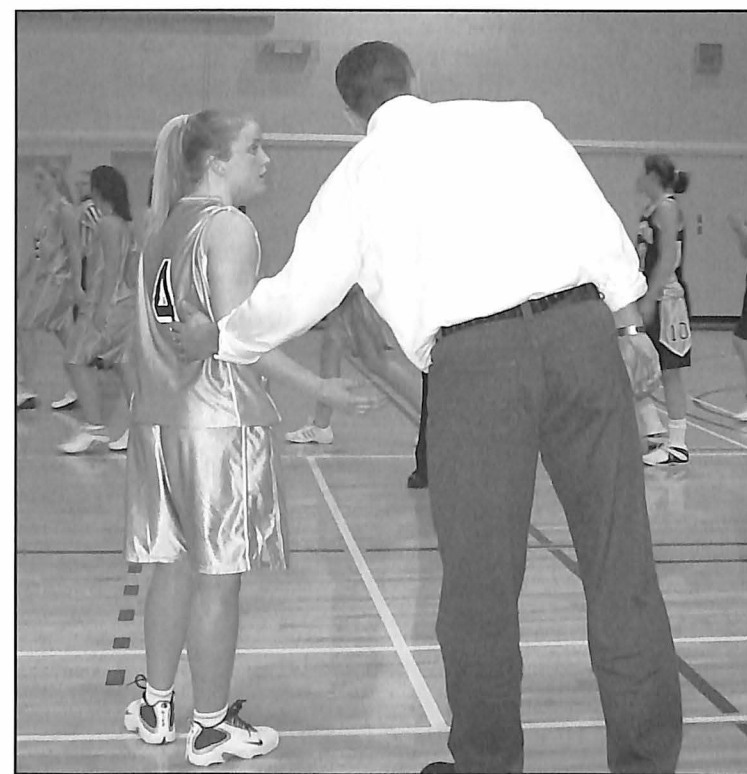
STUDENT-ATHLETES AT WORK

ATHLETICS

THE MYSTIC ~WOMEN~



Back Left: Kirk Bonnar (Assistant Coach), Shauna Aucoin, Jen Kendrick, Ashley Gould, Ashley Jordan, Wendy Hutchinson, Erin Zinck, Amanda Irving (Assistant Coach), Dyrick McDermott (Head Coach). Front Left: Sarah Rudderham, Diandra Phipps, Elaine Horne, Jenna Dunn, Lyndsay MacKinnon, Melissa Berry, Katherine Brien.



**Basketball doesn't build
character it reveals it
- Author Unknown**

The Women's Basketball team finished the regular season with a 21-3 record and in second place in the ACAA standings. The team enjoyed a 27-5 record overall and had wins over CCAA teams from British Columbia (Kwantlen), Ontario (Algonquin), Quebec (Vanier) and Maine (Fort Kent). Although the team lost a hard fought ACAA semi final in overtime to eventual ACAA Champions Mount Allison, they are proud of what the team achieved and had to overcome this season. Congratulations to Head Coach Dyrick McDermott who was awarded the ACAA Coach of the Year.

GO MYSTICS!

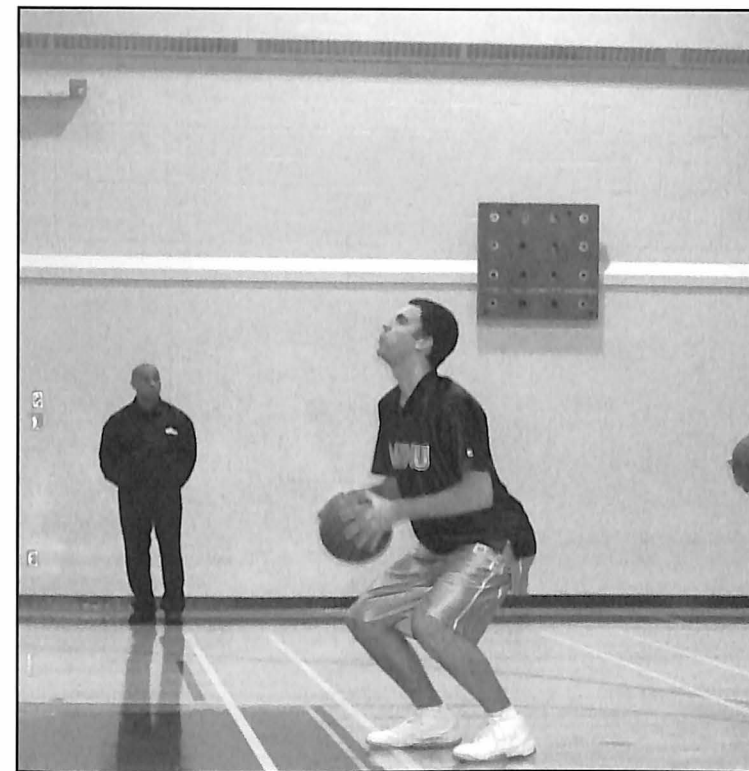


Congratulations to ACAA Most Valuable Player and CCAA All Canadian Erin Zinck.

THE MYSTIC -MEN-



Back Row: Trevor Boutlier, Adam Jewkes, Joey Sampson, Ian Baker, Mike Pearson, Mike Wilson, Shawn Clarke, Steve Morris, Matt Gamblin, Dave Brien (Assistant Coach). Front Row: Carl Wickstrom, Brendan Arnold, Ibrahim Toulany, Mark Brien, Devon Burke, Ben Hunter. Missing: Rick Plato (Head Coach) & Danny O'Blennis



Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will
- Mahatma Gandhi

We are back!! After a six season absence, the MSVU men's basketball team regained the Championship banner by defeating King's College in front of a standing room only crowd at the Mount gym in the ACAA Championship game. Led by ACAA Most Valuable Player and CCAA All Canadian Brendon Arnold, and seniors Danny O'Blennis, Mike Wilson and Shawn Clarke, the team was able to overcome a seven point half time deficit and win the Mount's 8th ACAA title. The entire Mount community would like to congratulate the team on an incredible season. Here's to another amazing season.

GO MYSTICS!



Some people say soccer's a matter of life or death, but it isn't. It's much more important than that.
-Author Unknown

This season's women's soccer team featured many new faces. Although the team graduated many of last season's championship team, they did not let that slow them down as they finished the regular season with nine wins and one tie. The team continued their dominance in the playoffs and captured their fourth league title in five seasons. All Conference players Jessica Rose, Megan Ingram and Amy Fisher led this years young team to the CCAA National Championships in Vancouver where the Mount finished in sixth place. Congratulations to the team and ACAA Coach of the Year, Jacques Boudreau.

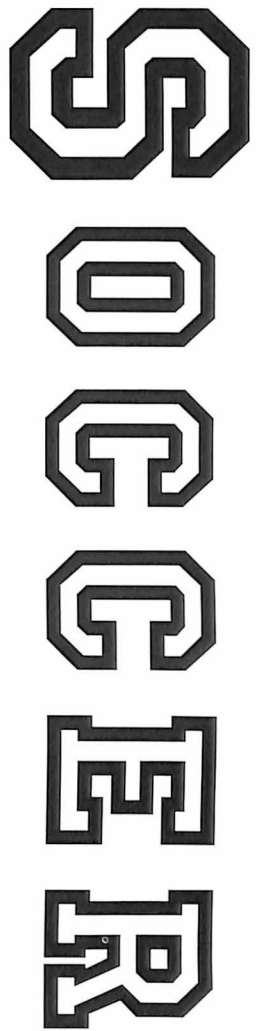
GO MYSTICS!



THE MYSTIC ~WOMEN~



Back Left: Jacque Boudreau (Head Coach), Deirdre Gormley, Ashley Atkinson, Colleen Flemming, Sara Edsall, Anna Suutaria, Amy Fischer, Sarah Mather, Megan Ingram, Robyn Homens (Assistant Coach), Vanessa Aube. Front Left: Amber Trimm, Keri MacNeil, Laura Kingston, Jamie Caldwell, Natasha Sanford, Kristina Van Eden, Jessica Rose, Nicole Baxter.



The rules of soccer are very simple, basically it is this: if it moves, kick it. If it doesn't move, kick it until it does.

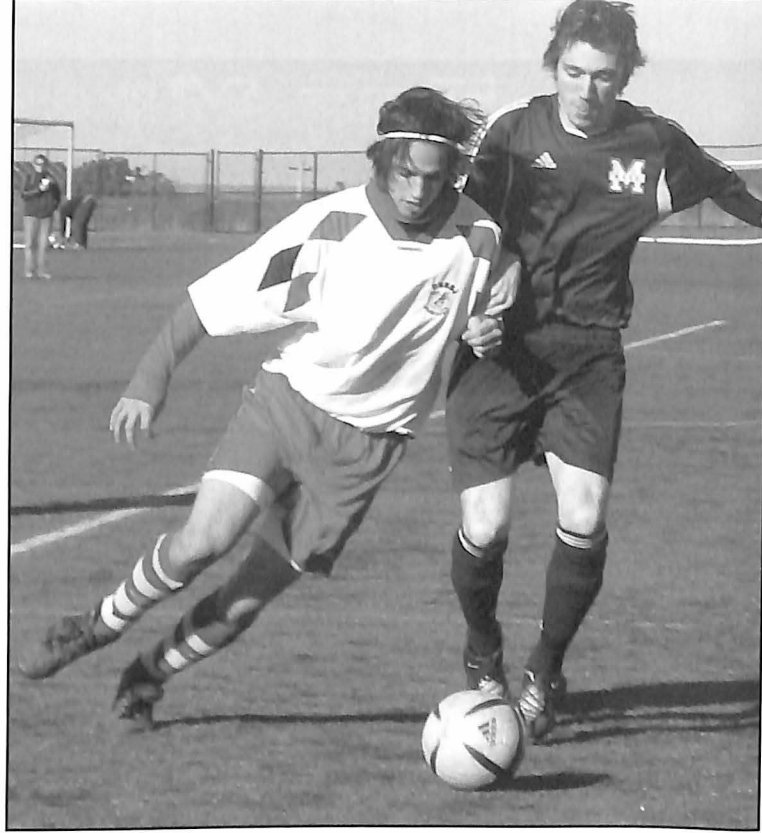
-Phil Woosnam

In their second year of existence, the MSVU Men's soccer team surprised the league by defeating the undefeated and first place King's College team in the league semi finals and advanced to the ACAA championship game.

Although the Mount fell to UNBSJ in a hard fought battle, their year will now inspire next seasons team to set new goals and win the Mounts first Mens' Soccer banner.

Congratulations to ACAA All Conference, league MVP and All Canadian winner Sandy Donaldson. The team would like to thank all their supporters for making this season an exciting one.

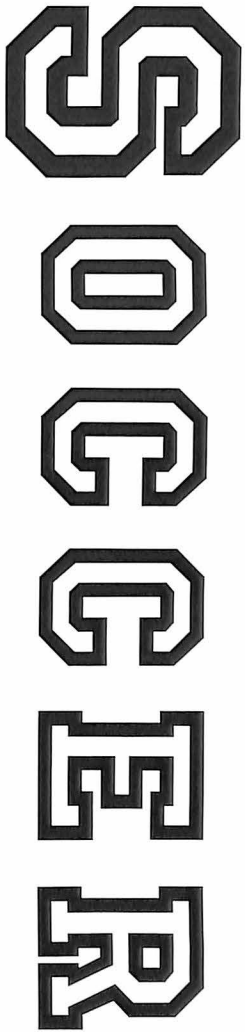
GO MYSTICS!



THE MYSTIC -MEN-



Back Left: Ryan Hassler, Randy Headley, John Cianfagione, Matt Szeto, Kirk MacDonald, Bantu Campbell, Mark Harnish, Patrick Johnstone, Marlow Reeves, Luke Corey (Assistant Coach), Chris Roper (Head Coach).Front Left:Kenzie Urquhart, Stefan Sears, Shane Lynch, Sandy Donaldson, Murray O'Quinn, Javon Minors, Mark Theriault, Brad Taylor, Jordan Tinkham. Missing: Dave Delbridge



WOMEN'S

VOLLEYBALL

The Mount Mystics had a great season and ended league play with an 18-6 record. The Mystics traveled to UNBSJ to compete in the ACAA Women's Volleyball Championships and three of our players were honoured by being named to the ACAA All Conference Team.

Laura Bonia first team, Allyce Holden second team and Allison Saunders second team. In semi final play, MSVU came out ... guns a blazing and never looked back. They took the MTA

Mounties 25-6, 21-25, 25-11, 25-15. The team had split in league play with MTA but proved that they were the stronger team this year. Allyce Holden was named player of the Match!

On Sunday, the Mount Mystics took on the defending ACAA Champions St. Thomas University. STU took the first game and MSVU answered back with a convincing win in the second game. STU went on to win the next two but certainly had to work for every point. The final scores were 25-22, 12-

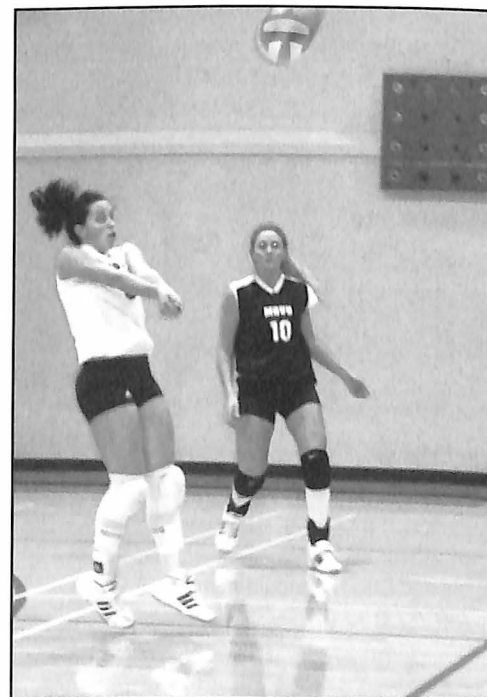
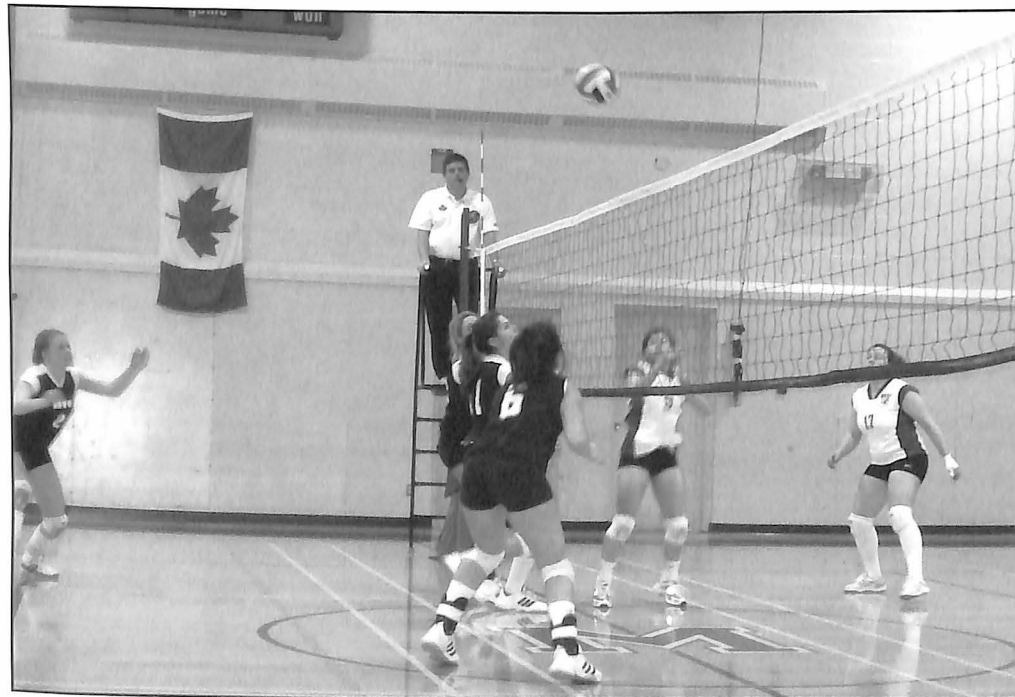
25, 25-18, 25-21. Laura Bonia was named Player of the Match!

The MSVU Women's team are an amazing group of Student Athletes who gave it their all. We are so proud of all of you. Congrats on a great season. We also want to wish all the best to our Captain Leigh Ann Bishop who is graduating from Education this year.

GO MYSTICS!



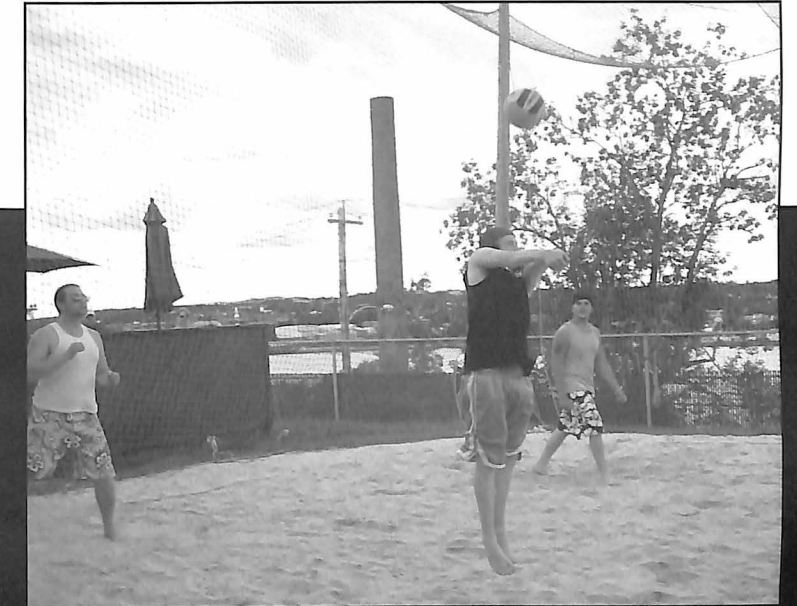
Back Left: Susanne Dittmer (Head Coach) Candace Garland, Jamie Wolfe, Vanessa McEvoy, Leigh-Ann Bishop, Nicole Marshall, Allyce Holden, Rhonda Phillips (Assistant Coach), Debbie Johnston (Assistant Coach). Front Left: Jessica Gover, Amanda Haggerty, Kelsey Myles, Allison Saunders, Charlotte Carter, Laura Bonia, Kelly Smith. Missing: Megan Corkum



Good girls are a dime a dozen,

but an aggressive leader is priceless. -Red Blaik

SHINERAMA VOLLEYBALL



The MSVU Students' Union raised over \$500 for Cystic Fibrosis Research on Sunday, August 13, 2006. The Volleyball Tournament was held as a secondary fundraiser, in addition to the infamous Shinerama, which takes place during Frosh Week in September. The SU would like to thank The Fleet Club for hosting the event and everyone from the Mount and HRM community that came out to play and cheer!



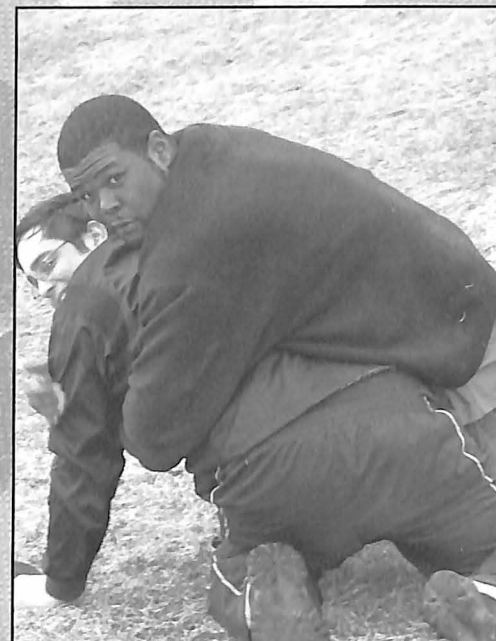
CROW BOWL



And they're off!!



Master of the BBQ



"You're Next!!"



"Get Him"



"Get Outta My Way"

CrowBowl is an annual co-ed football game usually held on Superbowl Sunday. This year, due to weather and bad timing it was postponed until March 26th. Throughout the day roughly 60 people showed up to play football, enjoy the BBQ and have some fun.

Organized by the Mount Football Club, this year CrowBowl was used as an opportunity to raise funds for a charitable cause. Approximately \$200 was raised in support of the World University Services of Canada (WUSC). The committee, which is brand new at the Mount, hopes to raise enough funds within 3 years to bring a refugee in pursuit of an education to MSVU.



Showin' off for the Ladies



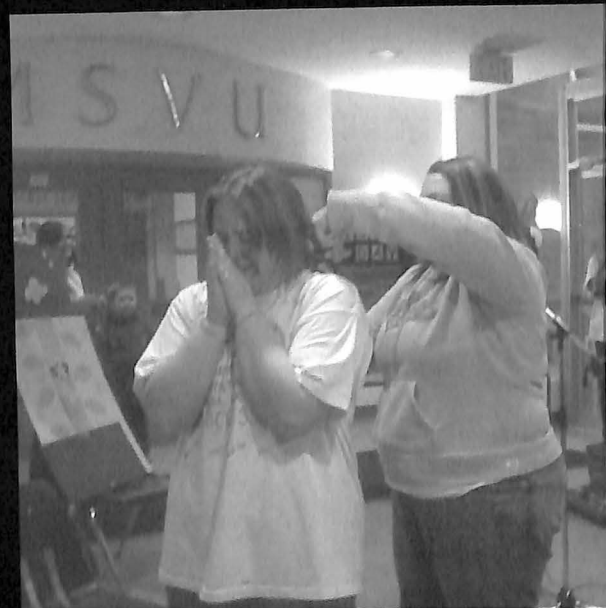
Faceoff - Big vs Small



Wish Day

IN SUPPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION

The 3rd annual Wish Day was nothing, but a success! With dedicated hockey players, head shavers and volunteers; the members of the housing staff, with the support of the Recreation Office, were able to put together a day filled with fun and excitement. Although the weather wasn't too cooperative, we still had many people show up for the events. The goal of the day was to raise \$3500 for the Children's Wish Foundation; however, we were able to raise over \$9000! The silent auction brought in over \$1200, the pledges brought in approximately \$2300, and the student and staff who were brave enough to shave their heads raised over \$4000 together. A special thank you to all those who helped out in making Wish Day a success including anyone who donated money to the Children's Wish Foundation!



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MSVU Students' Union Wins Crusade to Ban the Use of Turnitin.com at MSVU

March 6, 2006, Halifax – The Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union (MSVU SU) is elated to announce the successful end of their crusade to ban the use of Turnitin.com at MSVU, the first ban of its kind in Canada.

At a University Senate meeting on Monday, March 6, 2006 Senators voted to ban "the use of Turnitin.com and any other plagiarism detection software that requires that students' work become part of an external database where other parties might have access to it."

MSVU SU President, Chantal Brushett is one of four students who sit on the University Senate. "I am ecstatic with the results of Monday's vote" she says. "Plagiarism detection software, such as Turnitin.com com, raises an array of litigious, human rights, and intellectual property issues and I am thrilled that the Senate of Mount Saint Vincent University recognizes these issues and is willing to guard their students against them".

The current Students' Union first brought their concerns regarding Turnitin.com forward to university administration in September of 2005. The plagiarism detection software ban will become effective when summer session one commences in May.



ROCK THE VOTE



PARLIMOUNT



ParliMount took place in September from the 12th to the 16th. The event gave students the opportunity to ask questions to the Liberal, Conservative and NDP MPs. Guest speakers included Mike Savage (Liberal MP), Peter MacKay (Conservative MP), Jack Layton & Alexa McDonough (Leader of the NDP and NDP MP). A Canada Student Loans information session was also put on by EduLinks during the week. This presentation helped students identify the key elements related to applying for student loans as well as managing the payments once finished school.



Keith's Cup Challenge

AND THE WINNERS ARE... BIRCH 4!



As a year of competing in event after event came to a close, Birch 4 also known as 'Sex on the Birch' displayed a great show of teamwork, brains and willingness to do just about anything... everything goes!

In the final event, teams battled in an all day series of competitions including a 5 hour game of Wheel of Fortune, Bobbing for Gummies, Jumbo Scrabble and The Ultimate Obstacle Course.

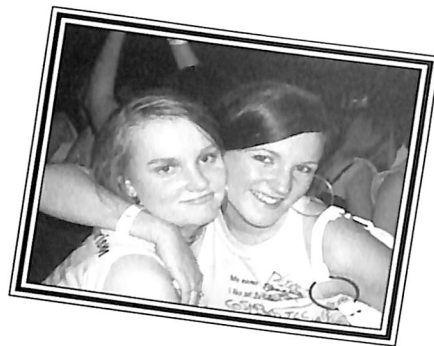
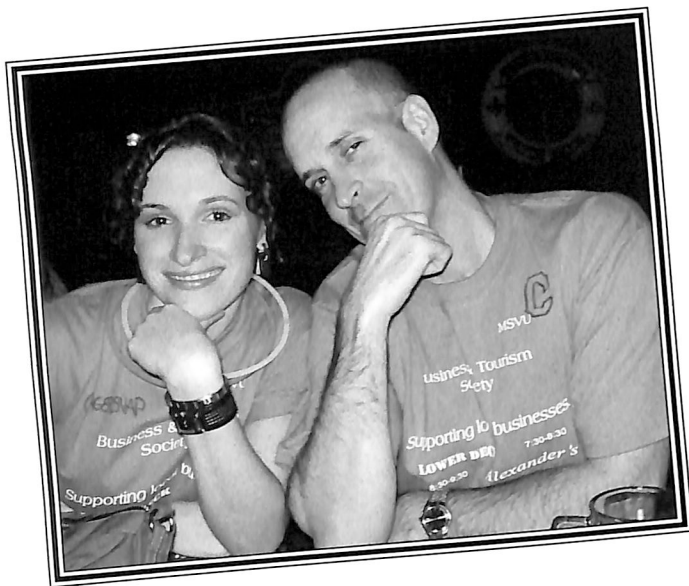
Congratulations to everyone that participated the

the Keith's Cup Challenge 2005-2006 for making this year the most successful to date.

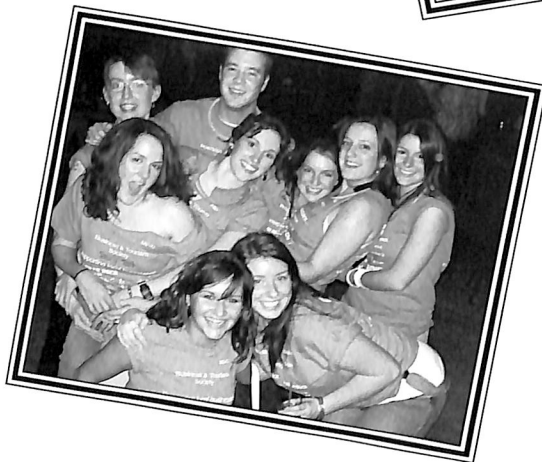
Special thanks goes out to the Students' Union and Athletics/Recreation for thier creativity and enthusiasm while hosting the events!!

The Victory Party...





There's nothing
better than a DT
Social!



Business & Tourism Society



Congratulations to the PS Society
for being named Society of the Year
2005-06!



Political Studies Society

Canadian Studies Society



O Canada!
Our home and native land!



True patriot love in all
thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we
see thee rise,



The True North strong
and free!



O Canada, we stand on
guard for thee.

From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on
guard for thee.

God keep our land
glorious and free!

O Canada,
we stand
on guard
for thee.



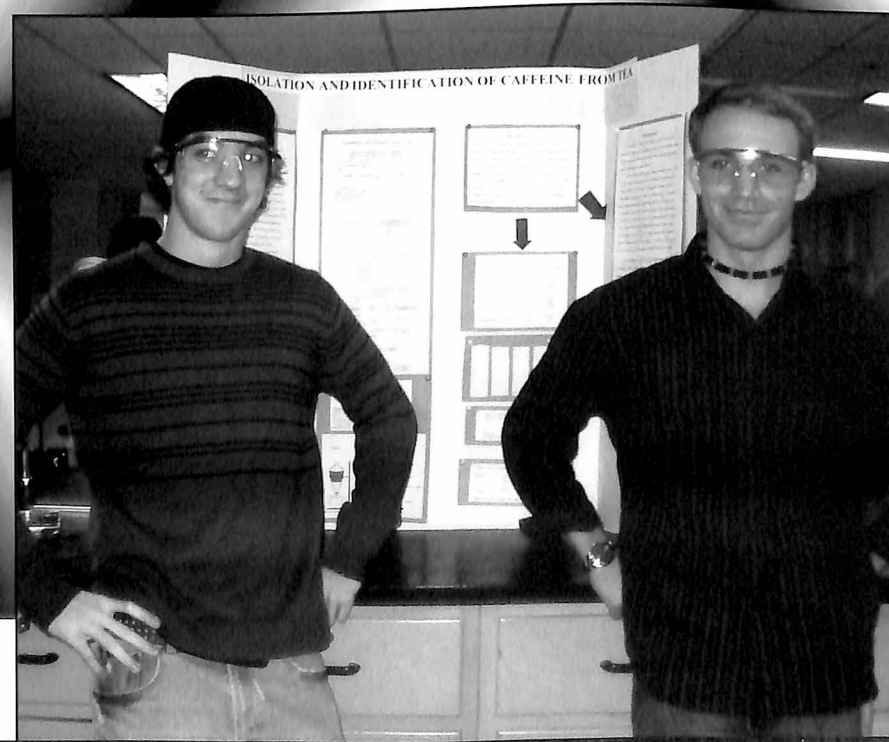
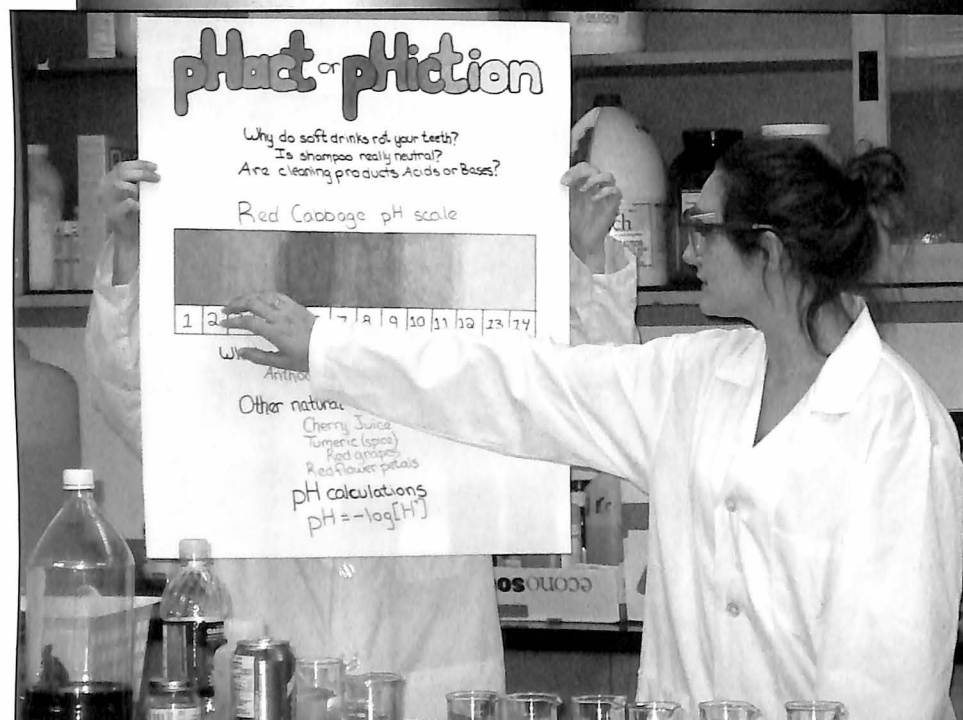
Canadian Association of Food Professionals



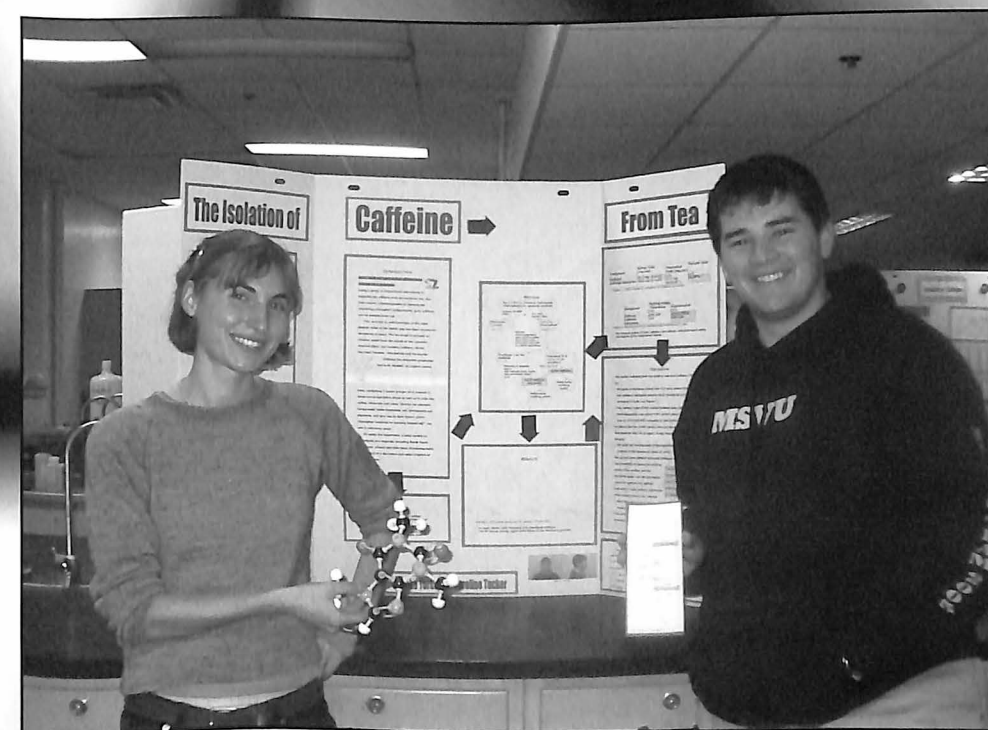
Congratulations to CAFP on their very successful Trick or Eat event. CAFP raised 740 food items for the MSVU food resource centre!

Thank you to all MSVU societies who sent in event pictures!

Future Scientists



Hard At Work



The Chemistry Lab will no longer look as it does here. The Mount has major plans for the much needed renovations that will soon be done to the labs. The students in these photos will be the last to perform their end of term Chemistry Demos before the renovations commence. Just another way in which MSVU is experiencing growth and advancement.

Things I Wish I'd Known

Before Coming to University...

...You do need a calendar to be reminded what month it is...

...Some Profs do notice if you don't go to class...

...Care packages from home are a godsend...

...You can love a lot of people in a lot of different ways...

...Every clock on campus will tell you a different time...

...Procrastination is a way of life...

...It is possible to function on little to no sleep...

...It is easy to forget what it feels like to drive in a car...

...It doesn't matter how smart you were in high school...

...University students throw paper airplanes too...

...Home is a great place to visit...

...Being rich means having more than \$10 at the end of the year...

...It doesn't matter how late you schedule your first class, you will sleep through it...

...You can change so much and barely even notice it...

...At least 80% of your education is actually obtained outside of the classroom...

...You can study for hours, know absolutely everything and still fail an exam...

...You will become one of those people your parents warned you about...

...Sunday is a figment of the world's imagination...

...Friendships are what make this place worthwhile...

...Friends are for more than just partying...

Mount Saint Vincent

University Is...

...Getting lost in Seton...

...Planning classes to avoid going up and down the hill...

...Learning that the Crows will not hurt you, but that they might poop on your head...

...Learning that you are not just a number...

...Discovering the trials and tribulations of Student Loans...

...Pulling your first all-nighter, vowing never to do it again, and doing the same thing next time...

...A severe lack of boys and abundance of girls (but it is getting better)...

...Appreciating that you are not just a student number...

...Taking naps in the library...

...Having no class on Fridays, so that you can hit Vinnie's Thursday Night...

...A lot of hard work, but well worth the effort...

...Mastering the art of procrastination...

...Emptying your bank account at the bookstore...

...My work, my play, my school, my life, my home...

...Lifelong friends, lifelong memories and lifelong choices...

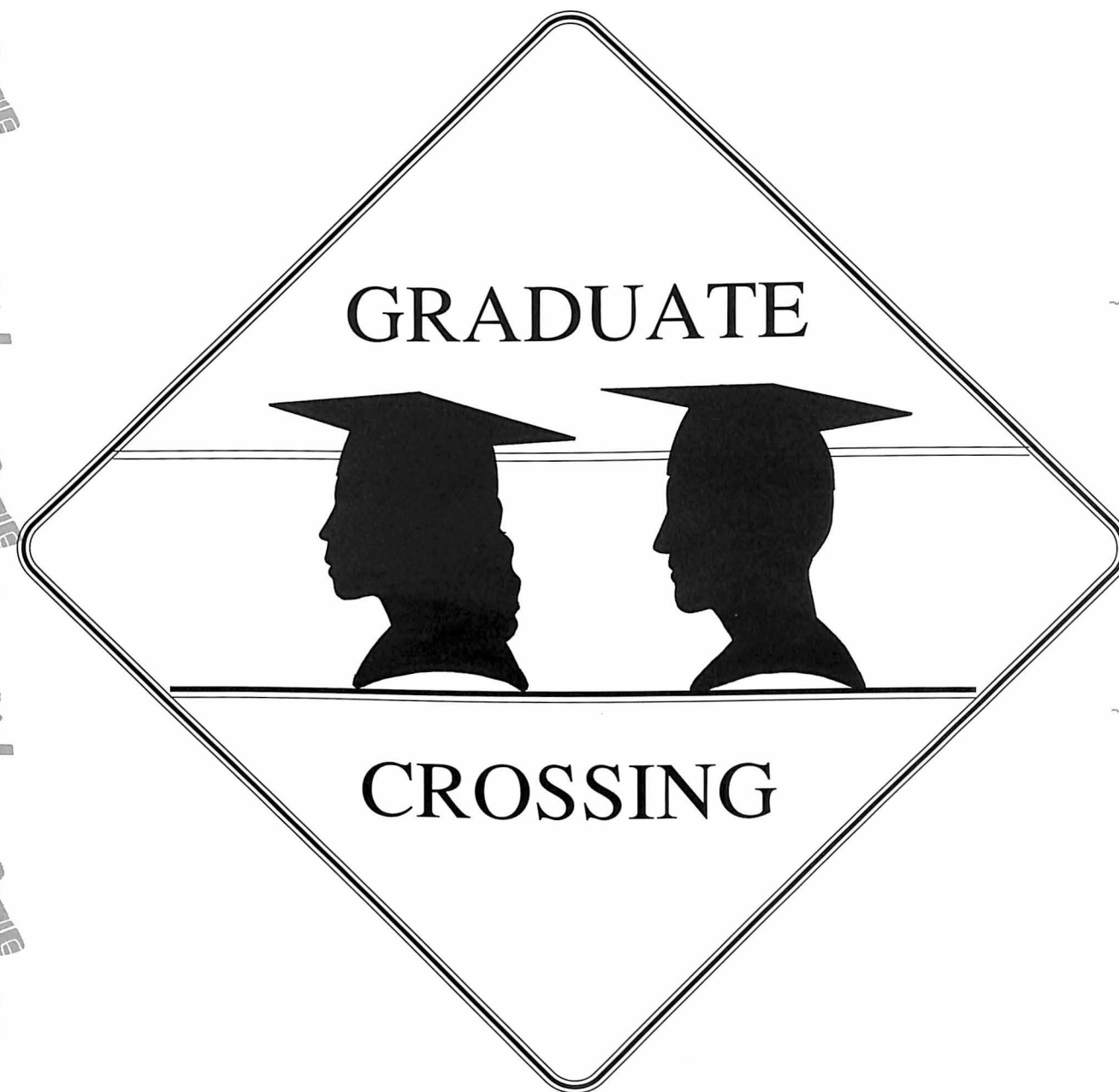
Grad Party



The Alumnae Office along with the Students' Union hosted an amazing pre-graduation 'After Party' at Vinnie's this year. The evening consisted of all-you-can-eat-

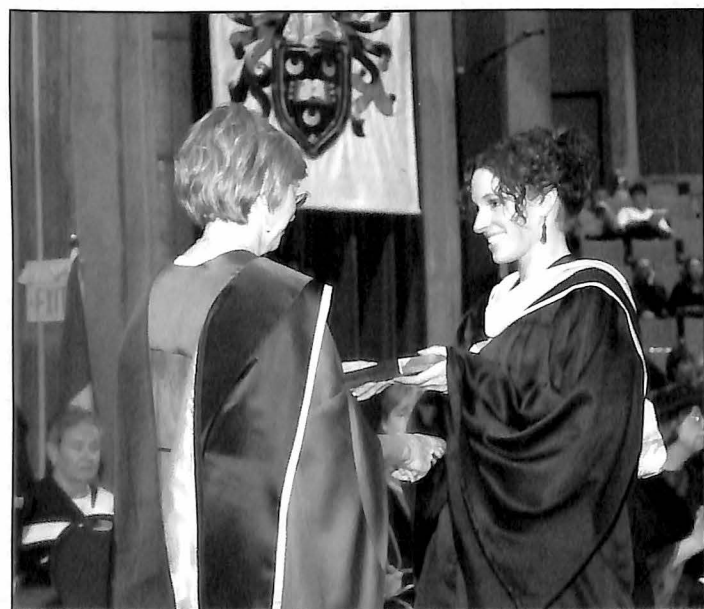
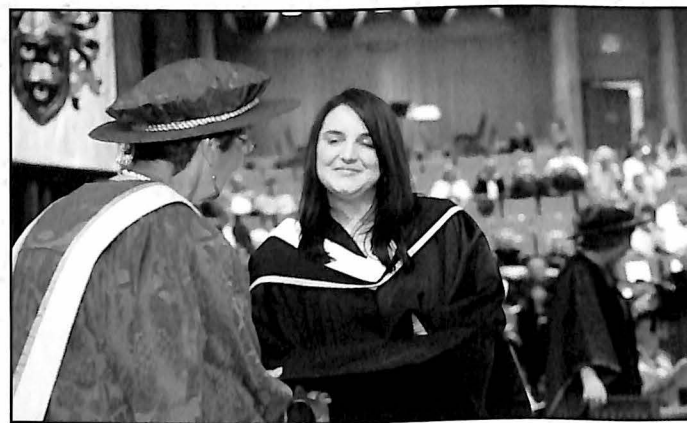
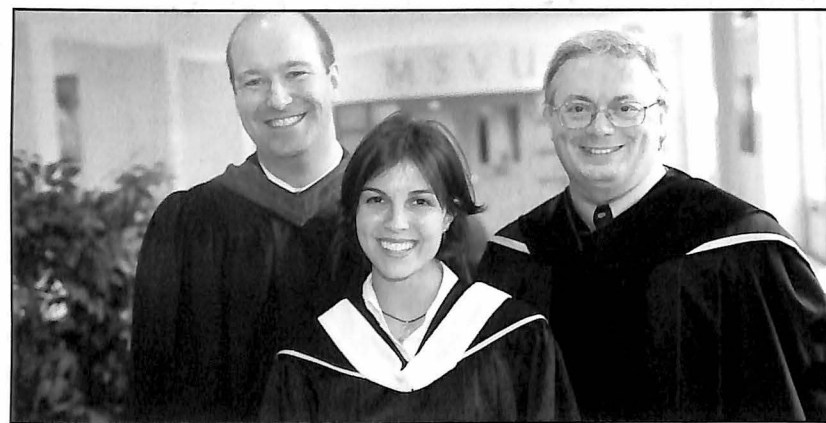
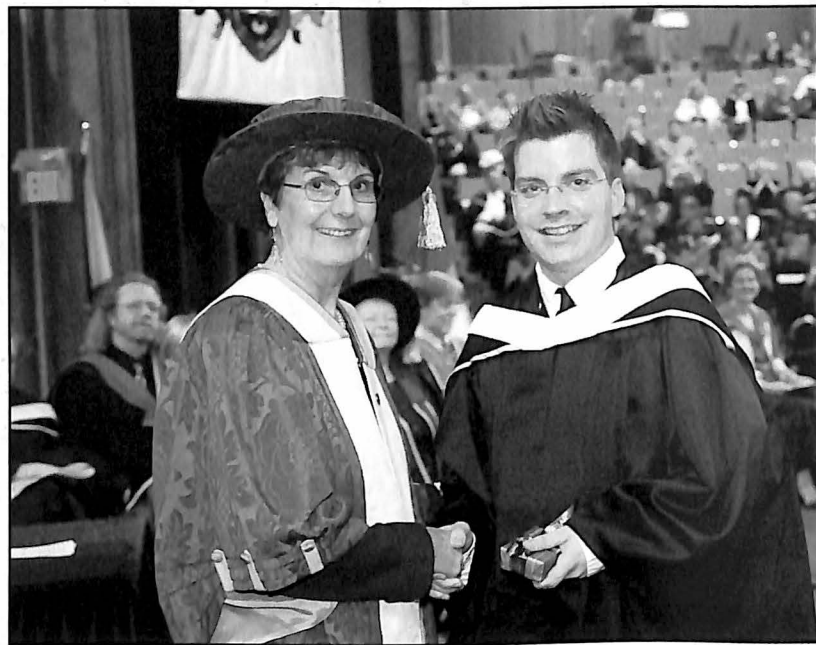
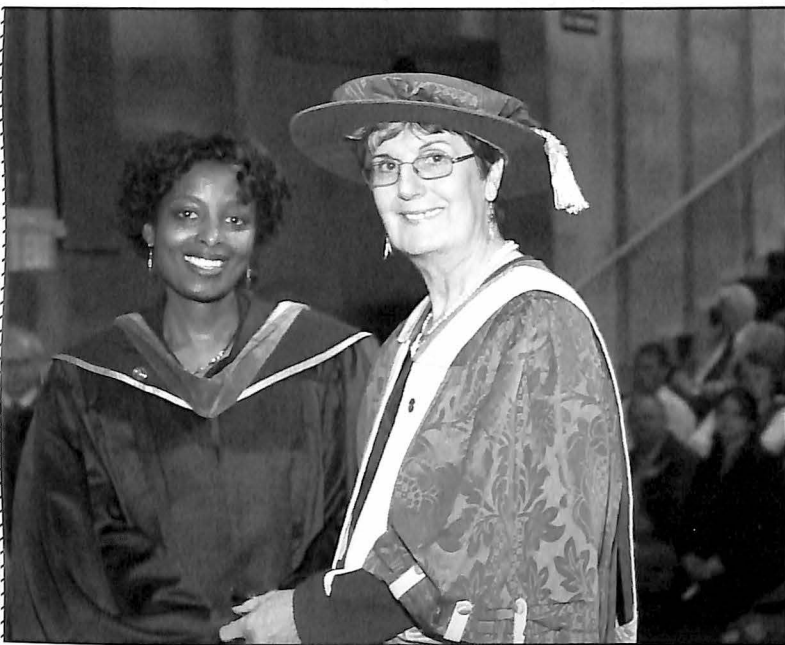
wings, drink specials and a exceptional performance by the band NEVER. It was a chance for graduates to get together with fellow grads, friends and faculty after class and

enjoy an evening of superb entertainment and delicious food. Although the turn out was lower than anticipated, all students in attendance had an excellent night out.



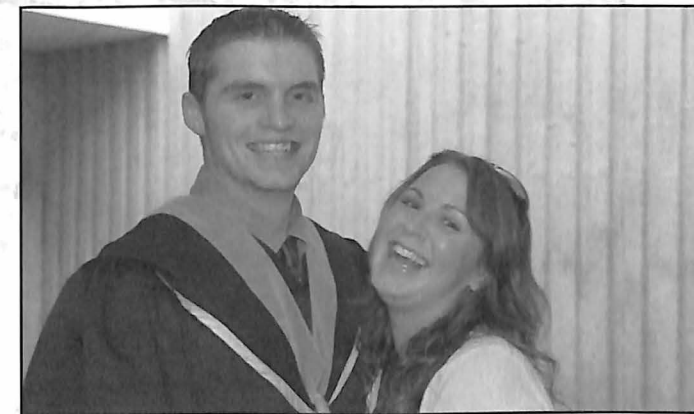
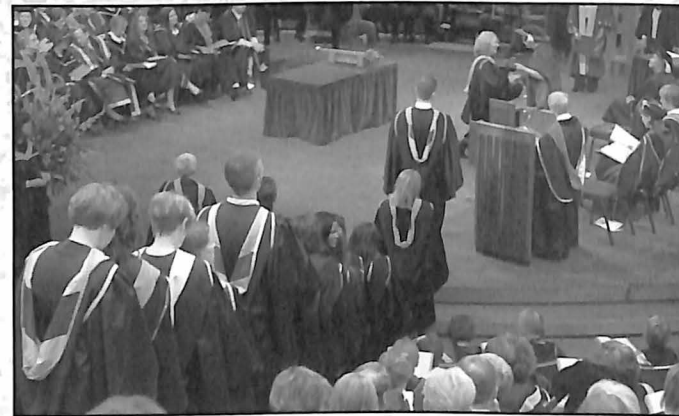
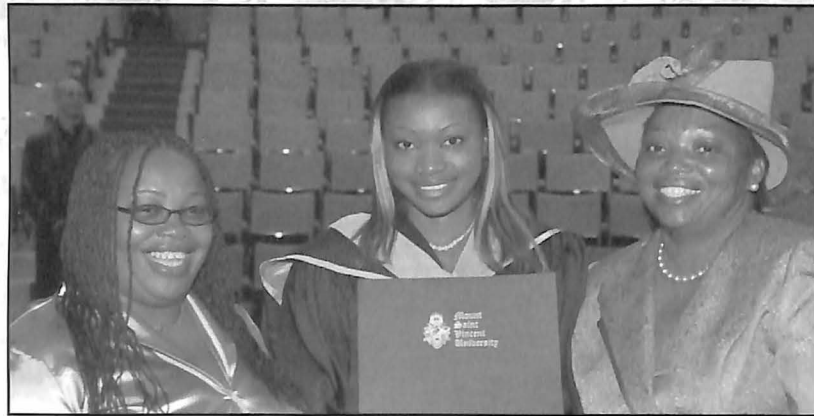
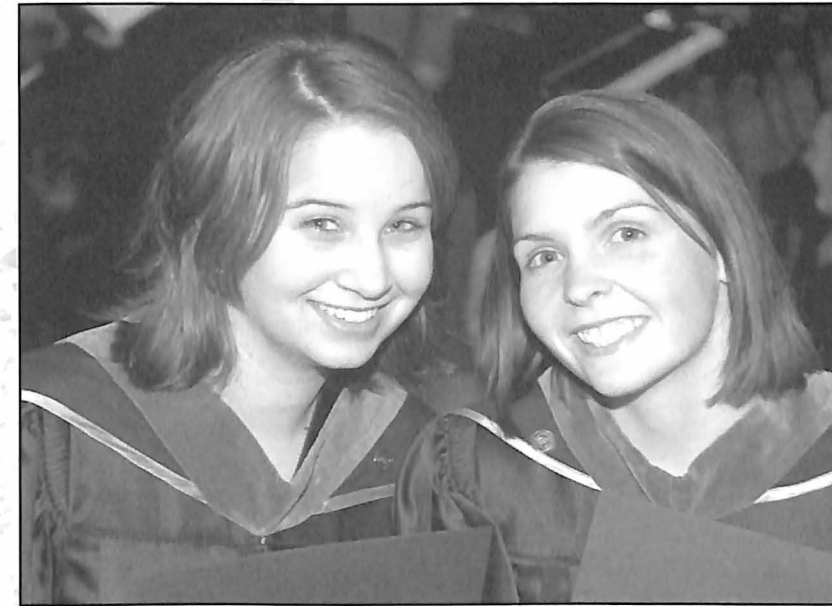
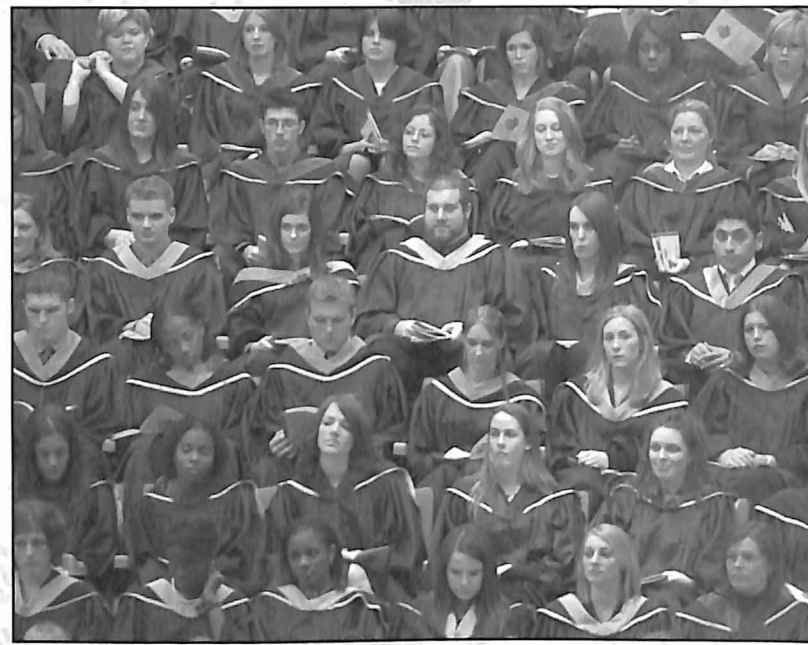
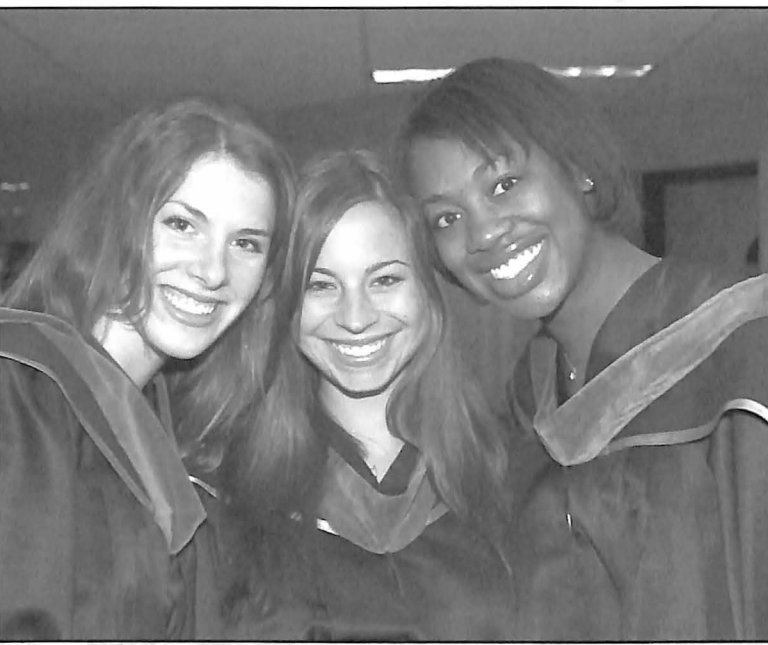
CLASS OF 2006

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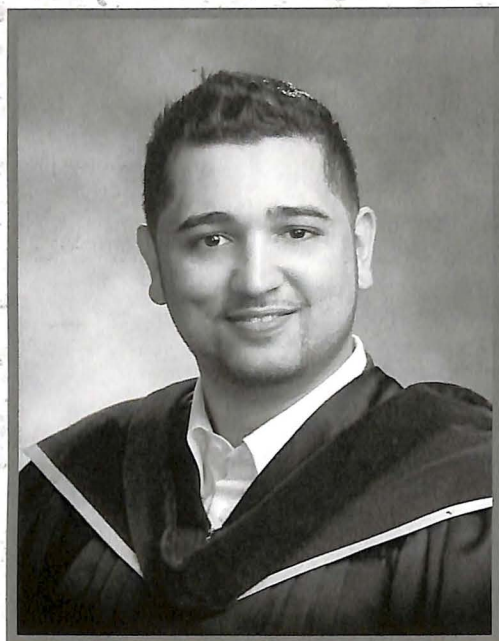


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CONVOCATION



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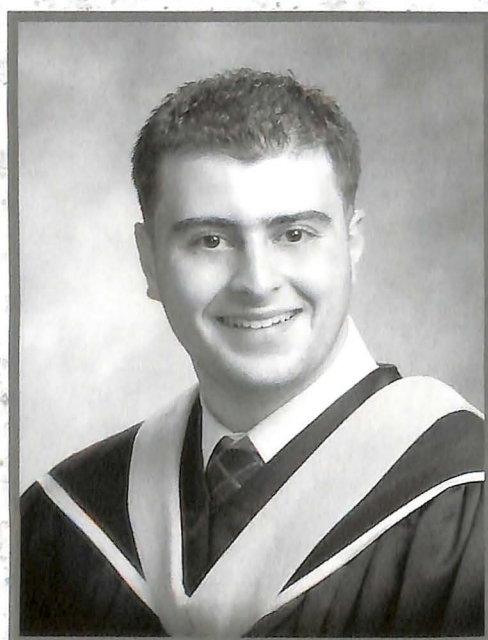


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(Linguistics)

Al-Arashi, Shaima
Bachelor of Science
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Biology

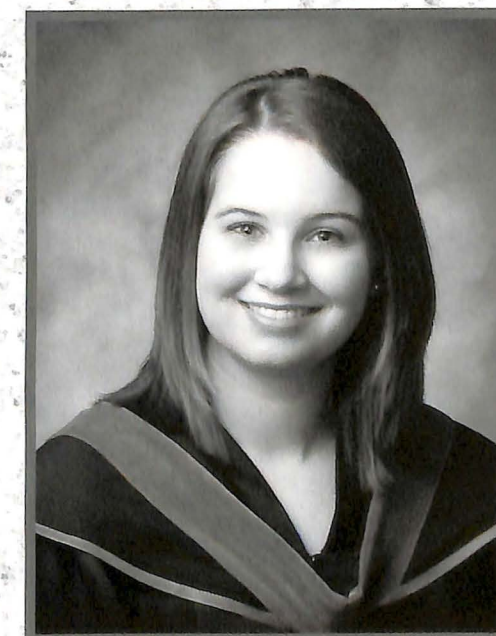


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Bachelor of Science in Applied
Human Nutrition
(Nutrition)



AlBorno, Motaz
Bachelor of Business
Administration

Badger, Gillian
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French





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(Chemistry)
with distinction

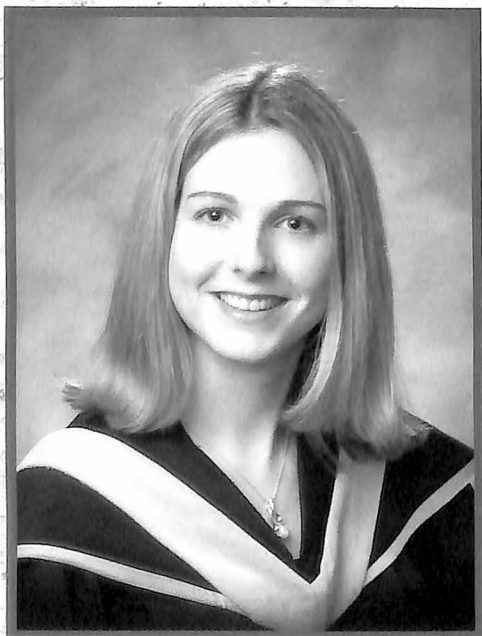
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Bowen Cyrus, Gail
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(Elementary Education)



Brown, Amanda
Bachelor of Arts
(Advanced Major)
Psychology



Bowser, Jennifer
Bachelor of Science in Applied
Human Nutrition (Honours)
Dietetics

Brown, Tanya
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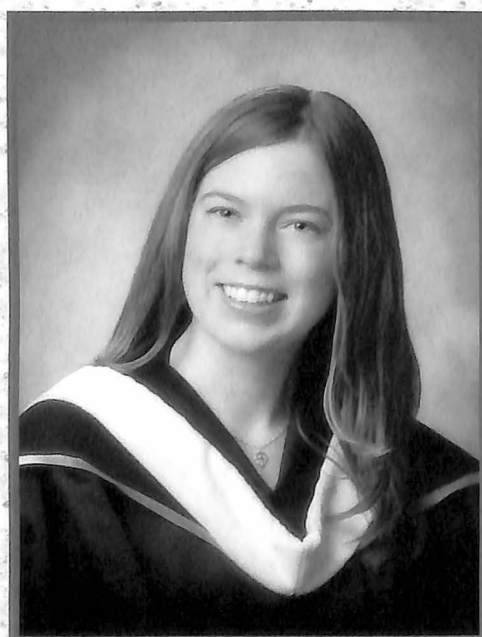
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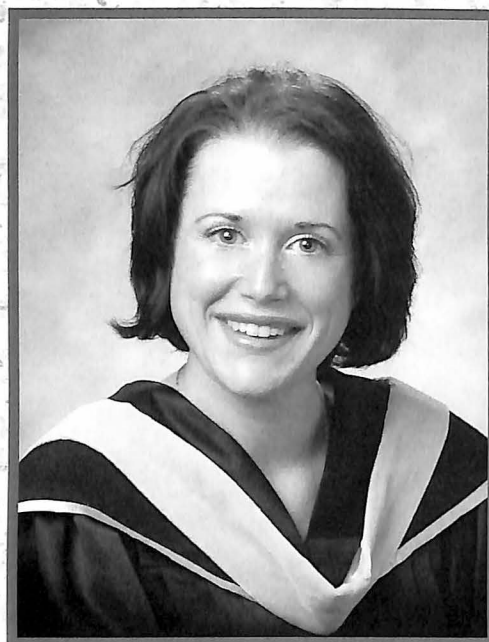
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Chemistry
first-class honours



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Carrier, Amy
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Human Nutrition
(Dietetics)





Casey, Danerra
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Clement, Amy
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Cashin, Sonya
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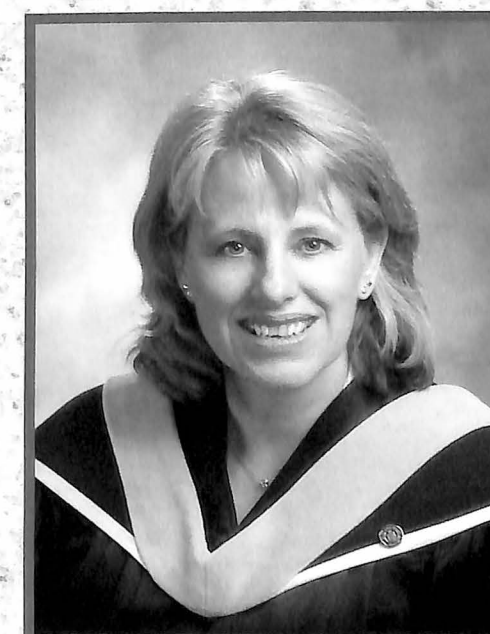


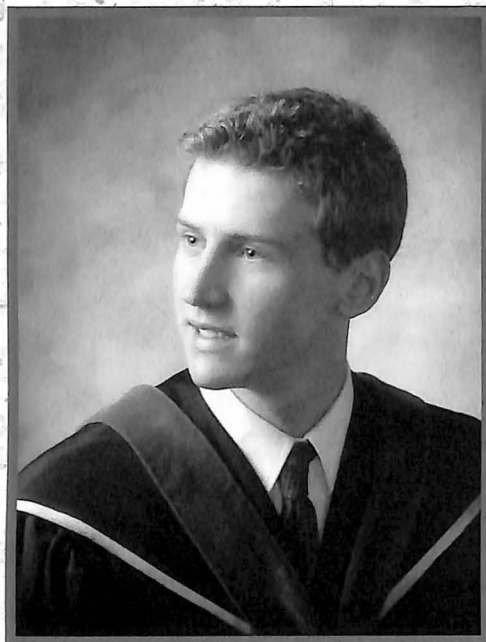
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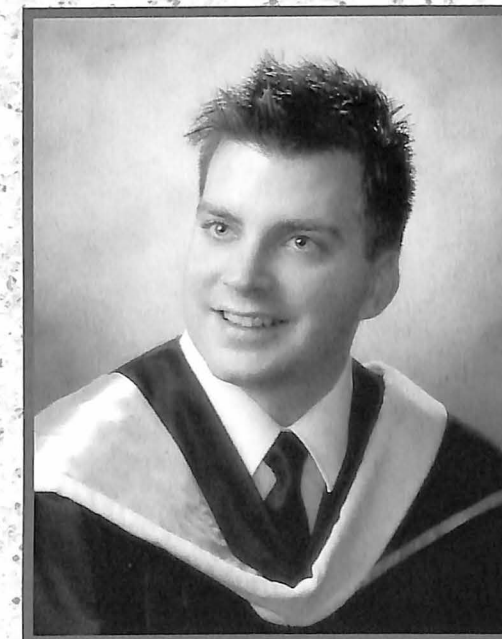
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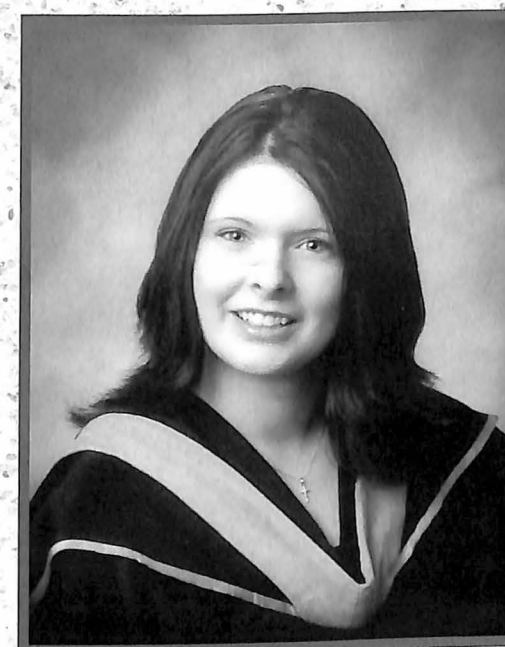
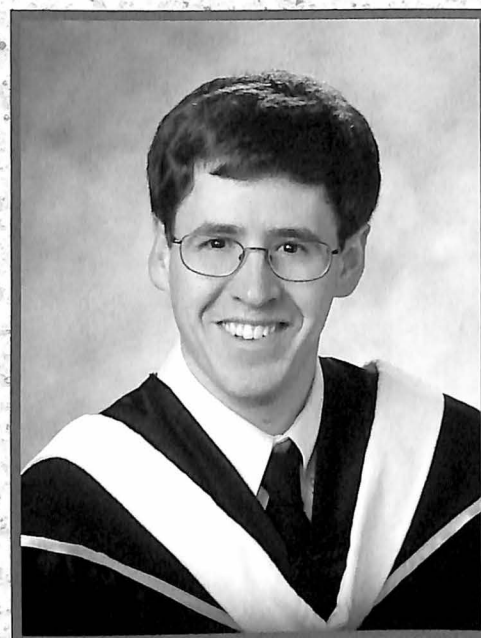


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Cuming, Daniel

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with distinction



Davidson, Jennifer

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with distinction



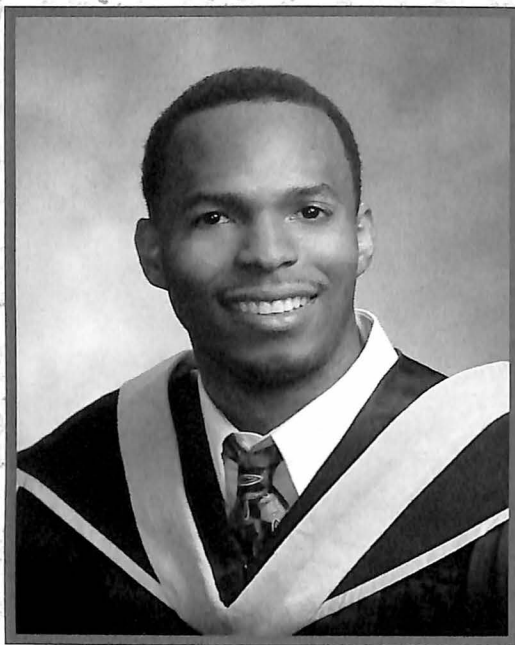
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*with distinction and highest
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De La Chevotiere, Robert

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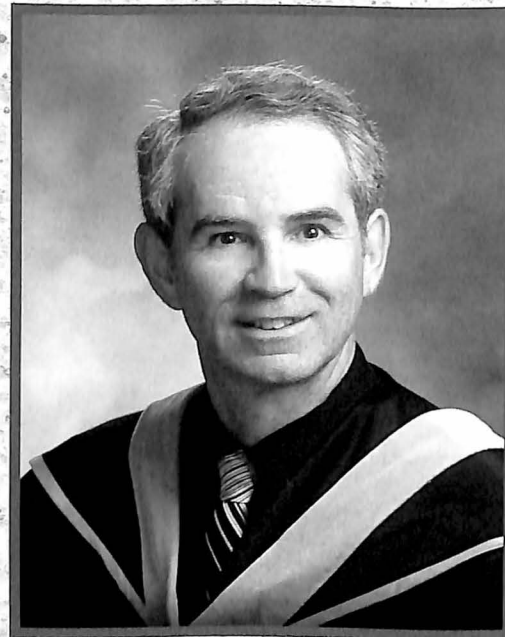
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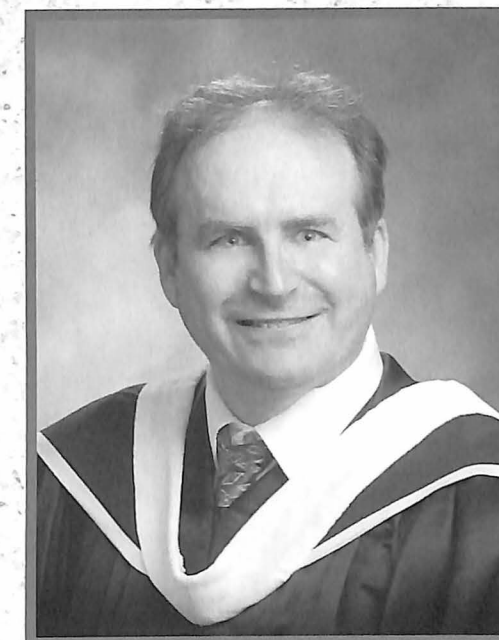


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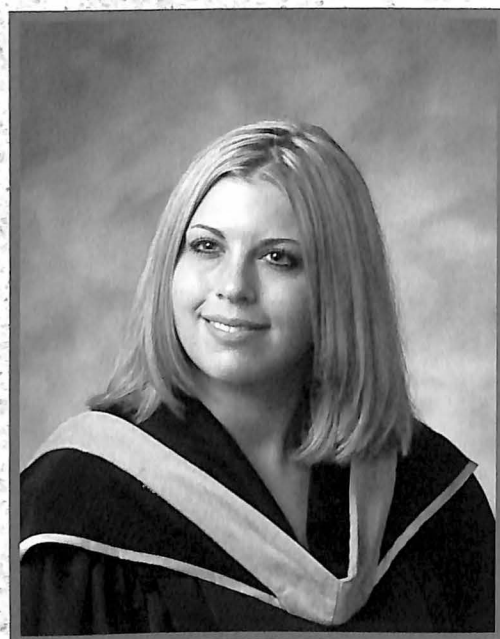
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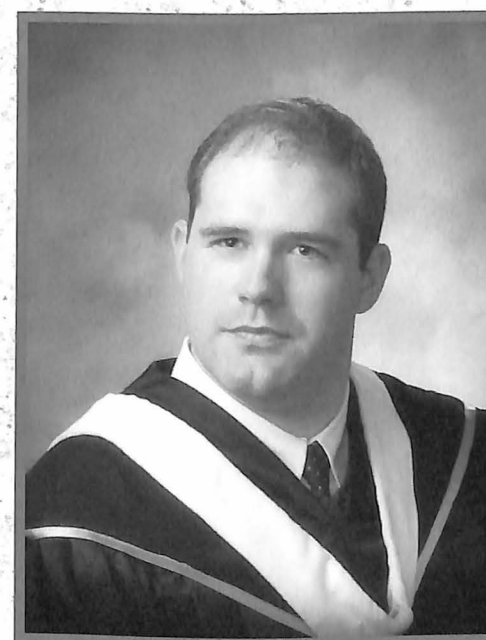
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Garber, Todd

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(History)



Fitzgerald, Heather Catriona

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(Practica)
with distinction
Certificate in Business
Administration

Gautreau, Maryanne

Bachelor of Arts
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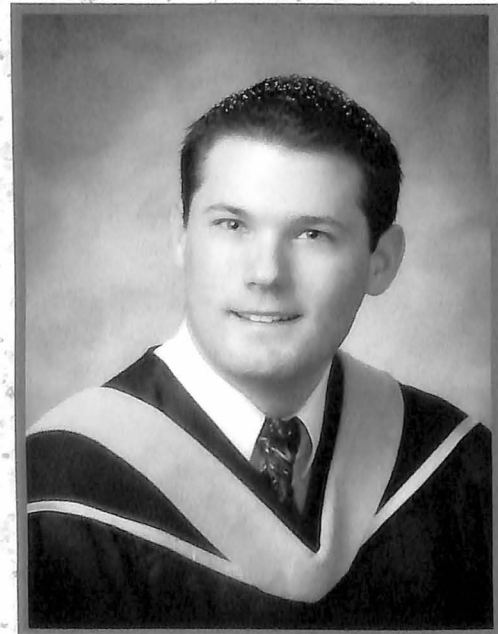
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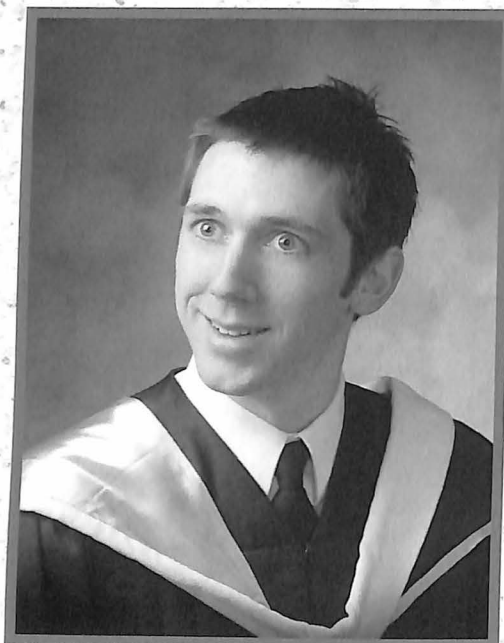


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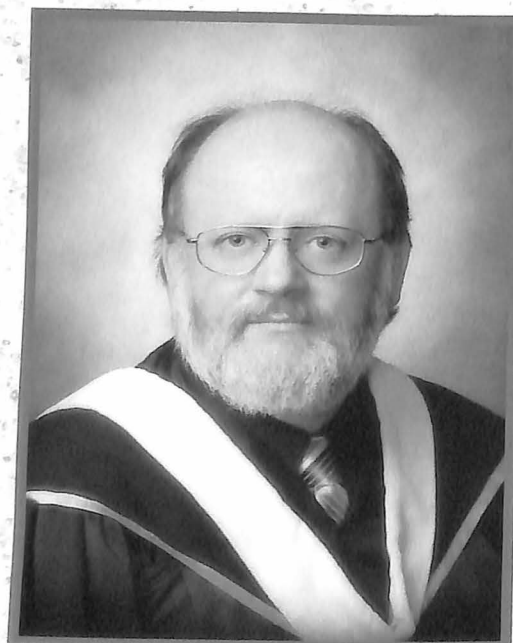
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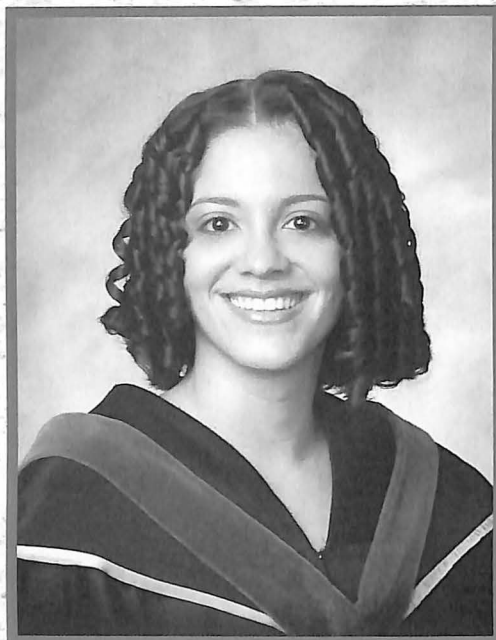


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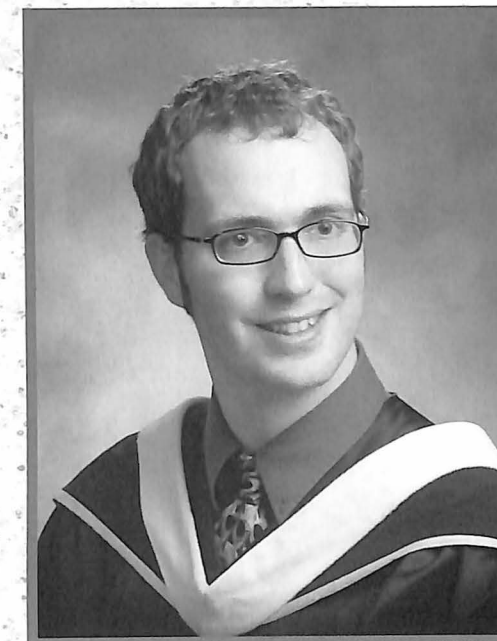
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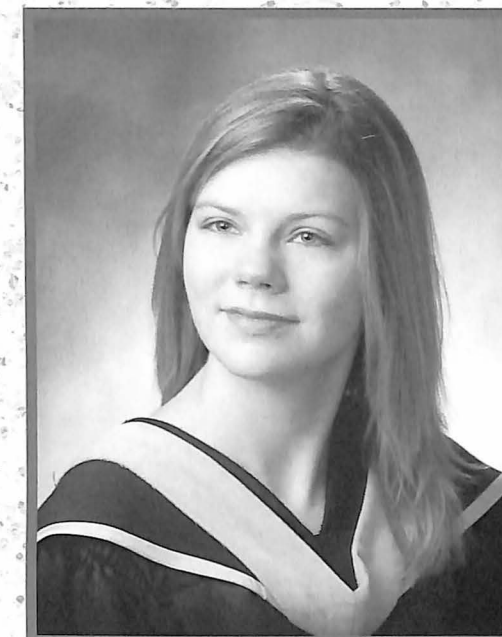




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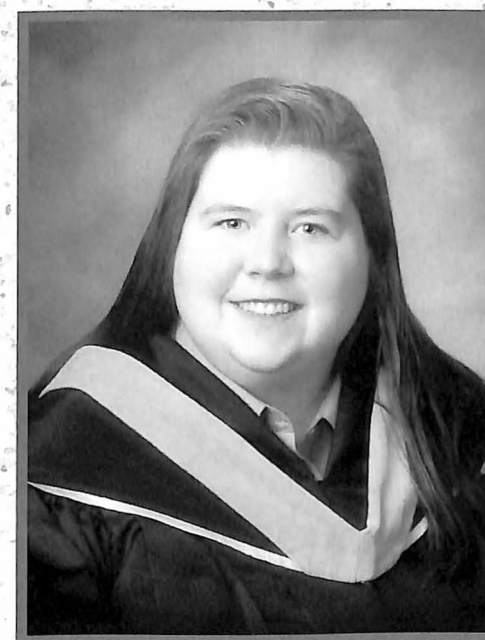
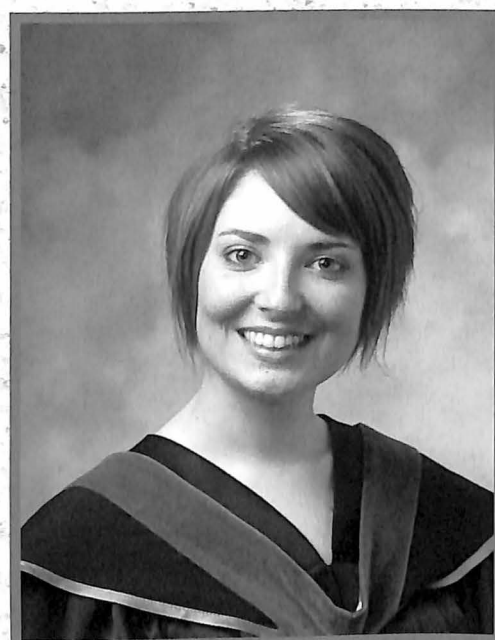
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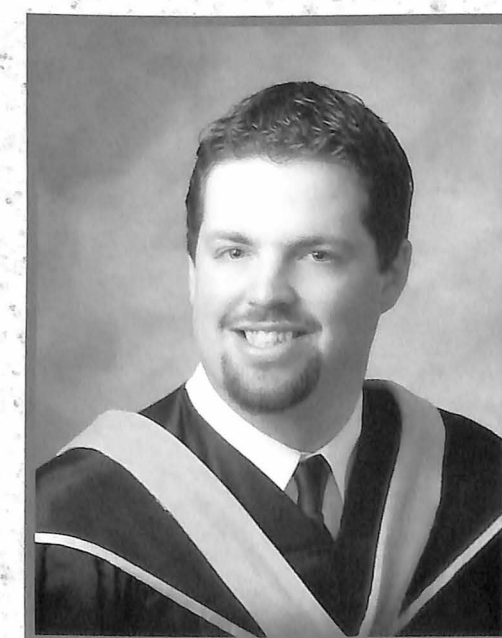
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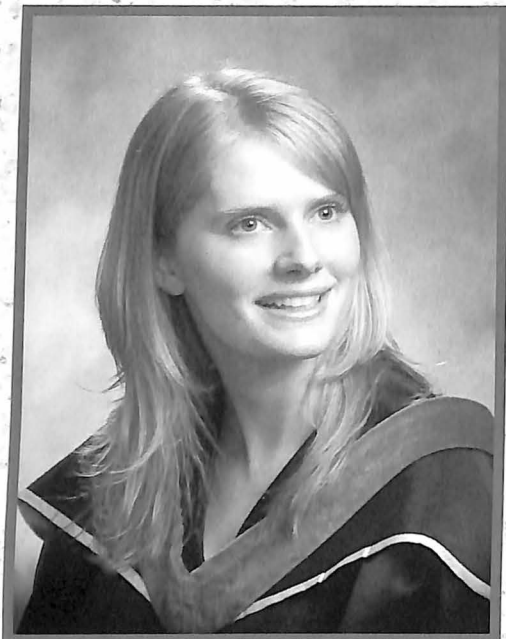


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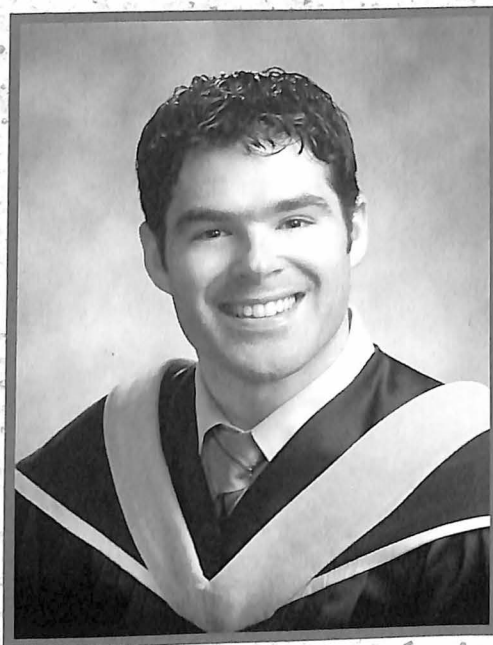


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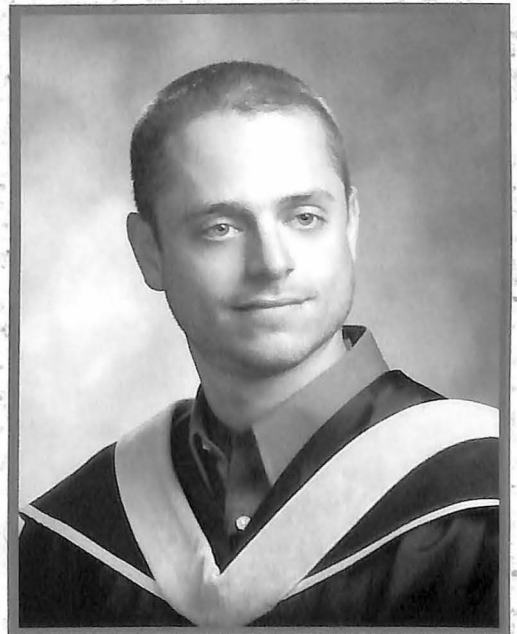


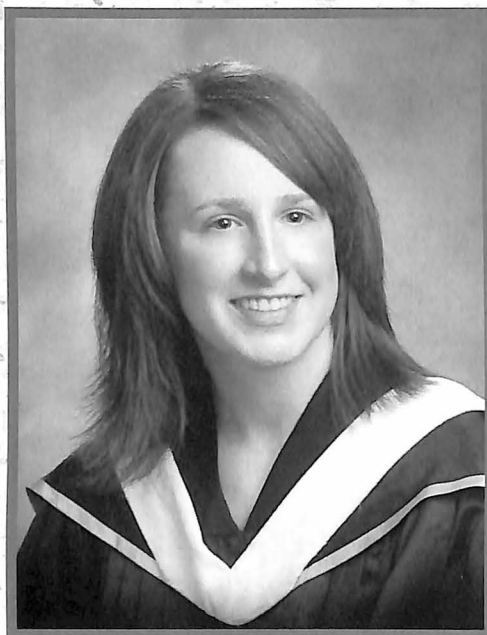
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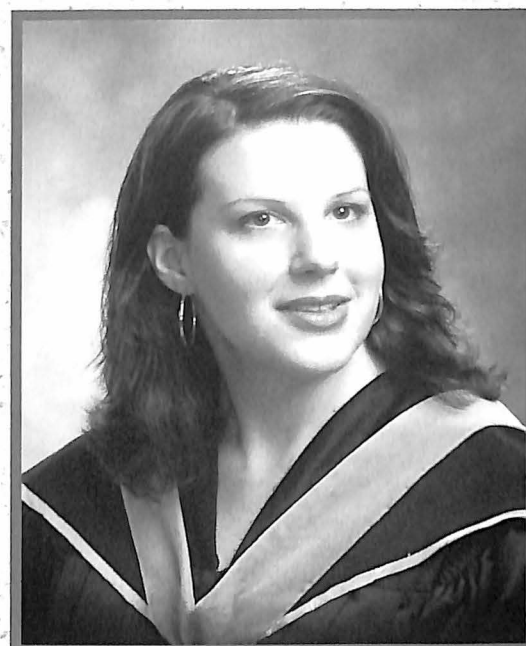


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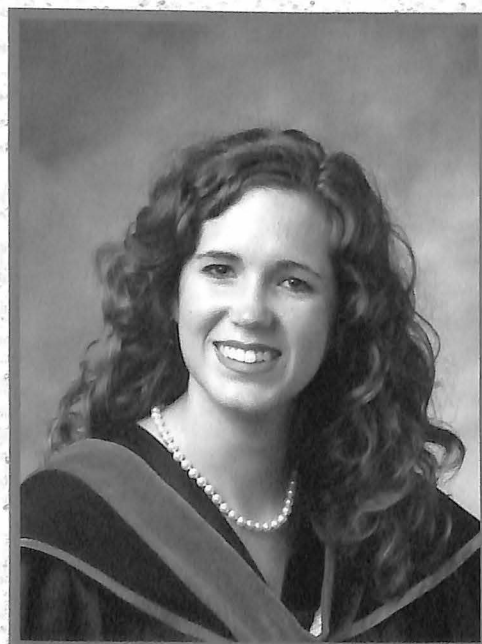
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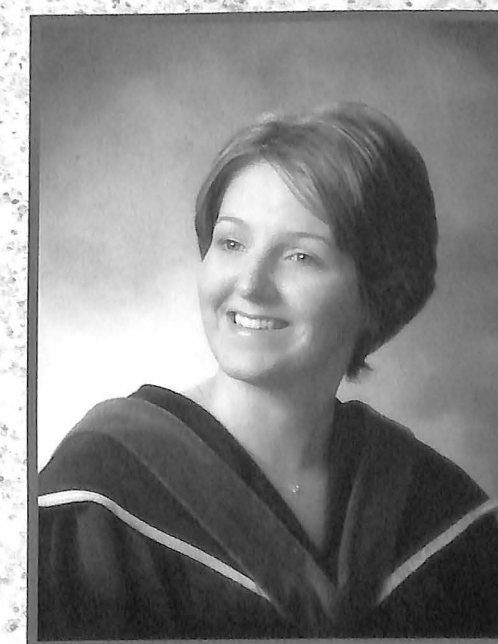
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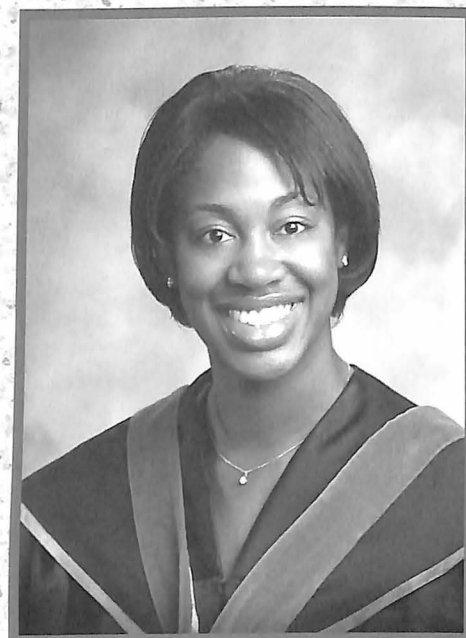


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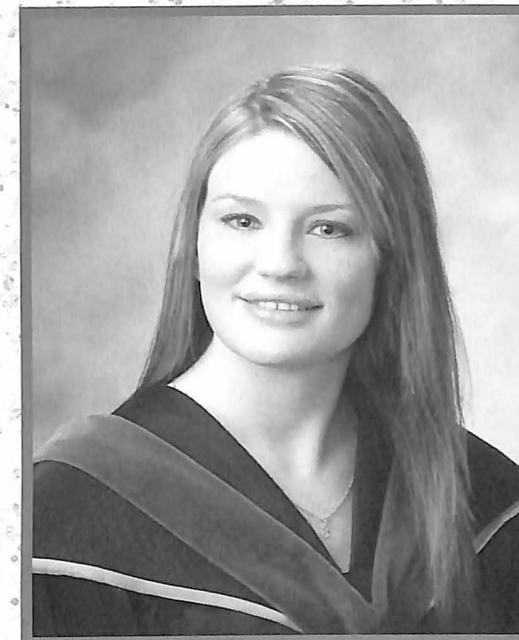




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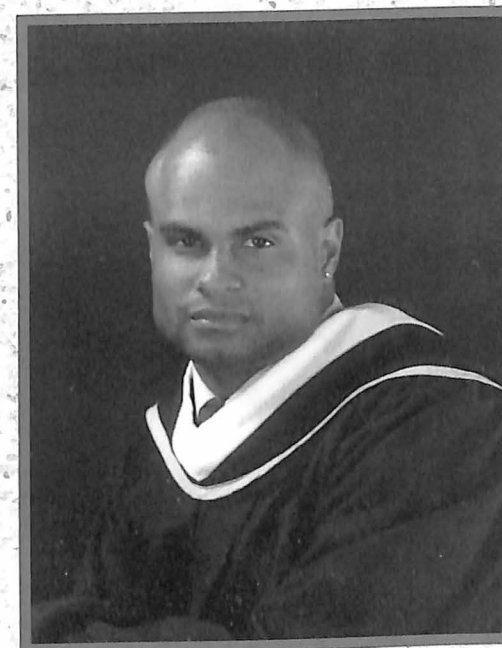


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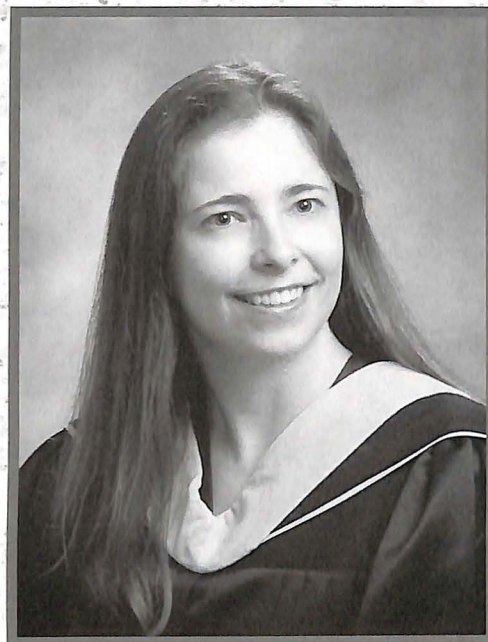
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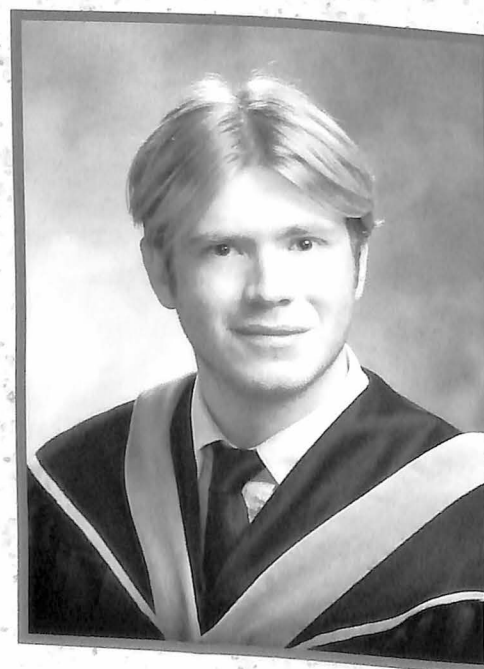
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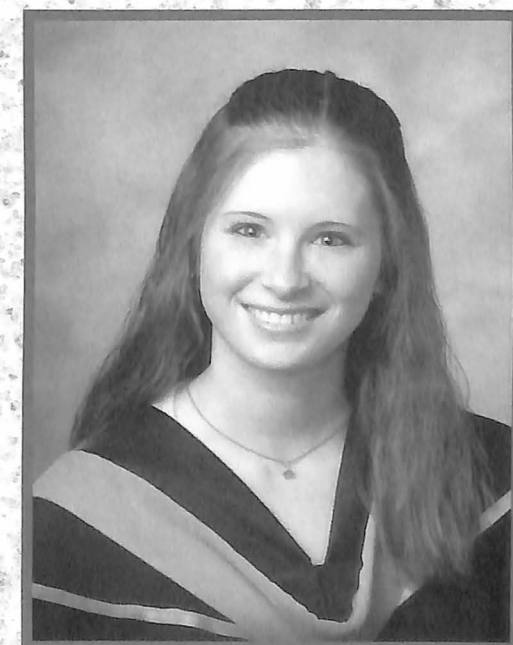
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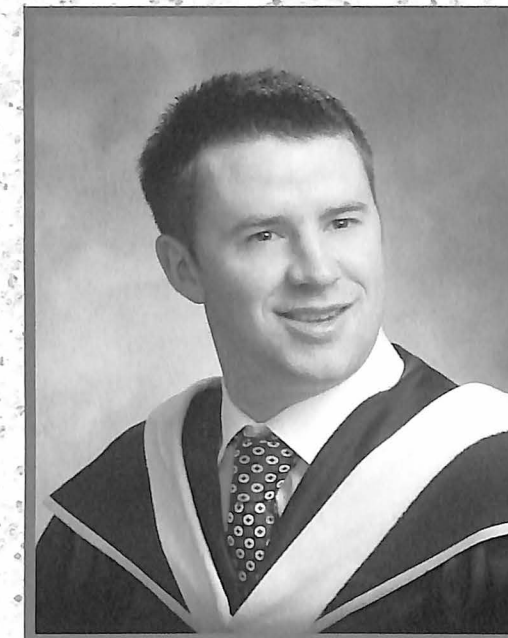


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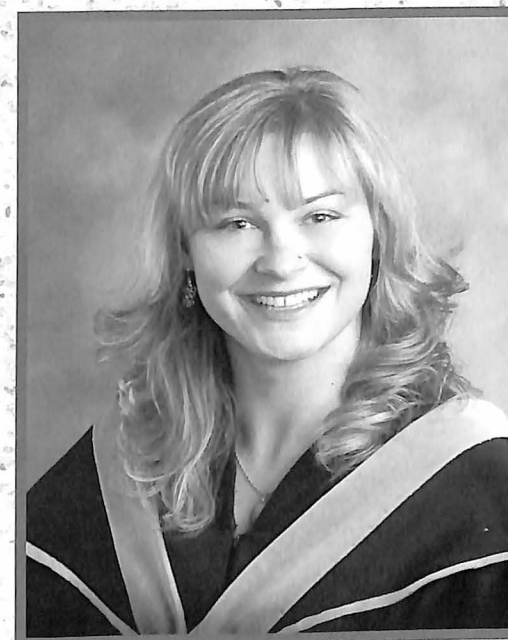
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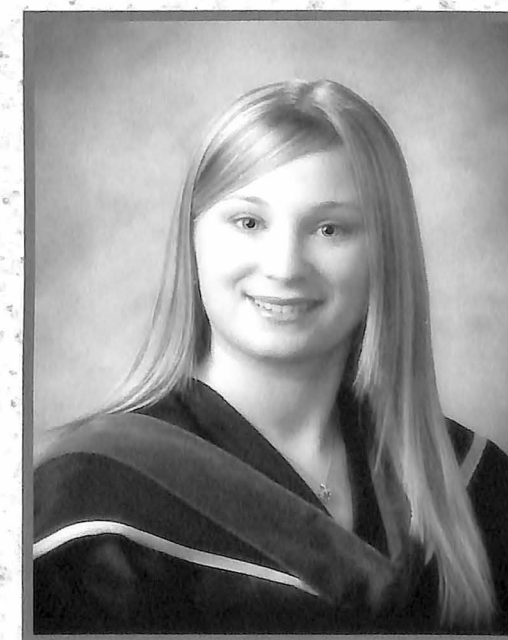


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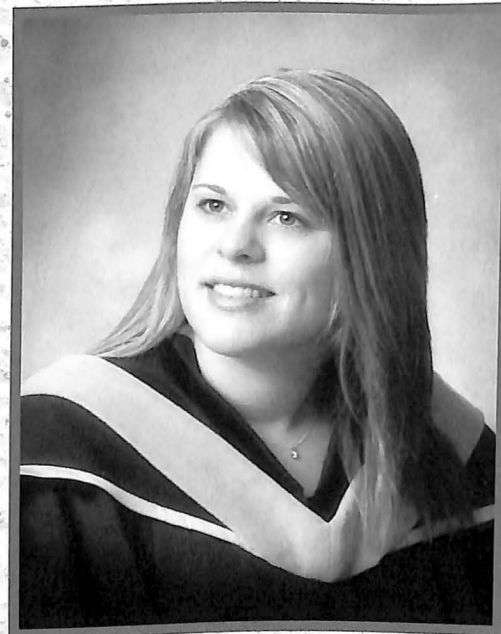


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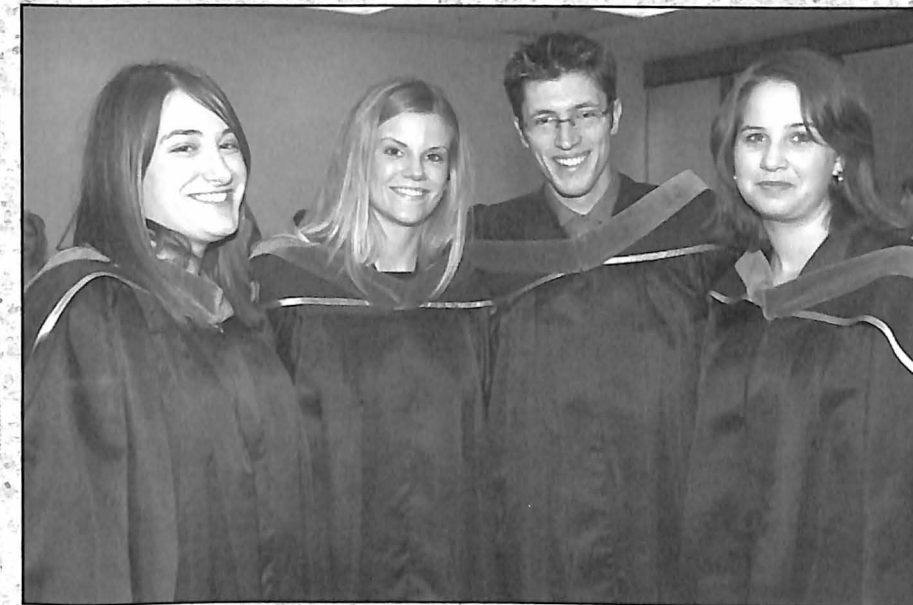




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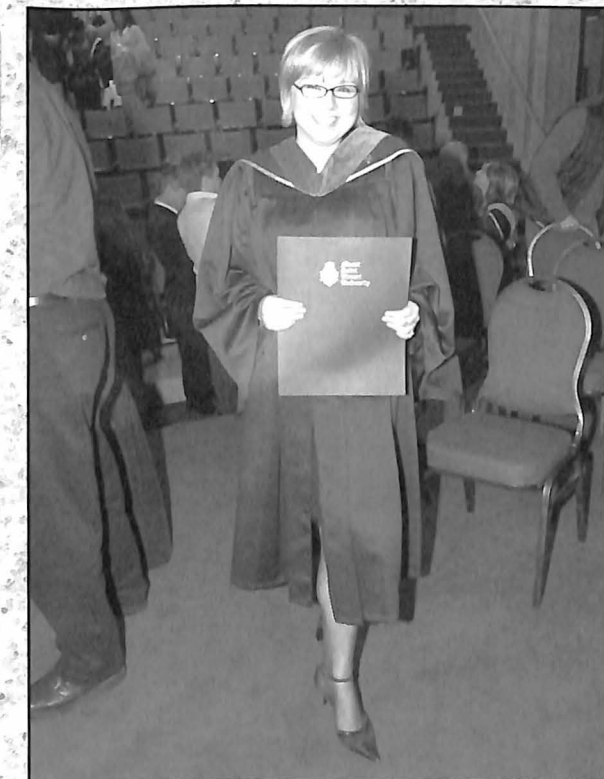
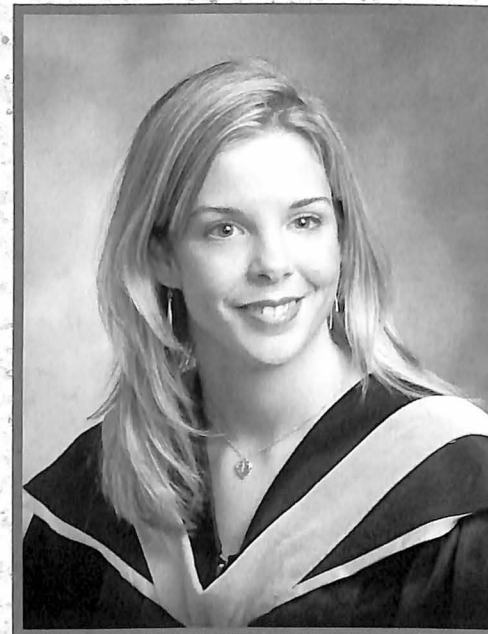
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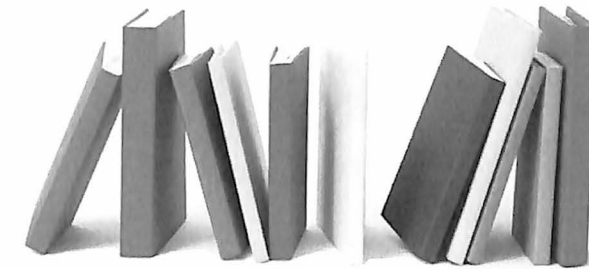
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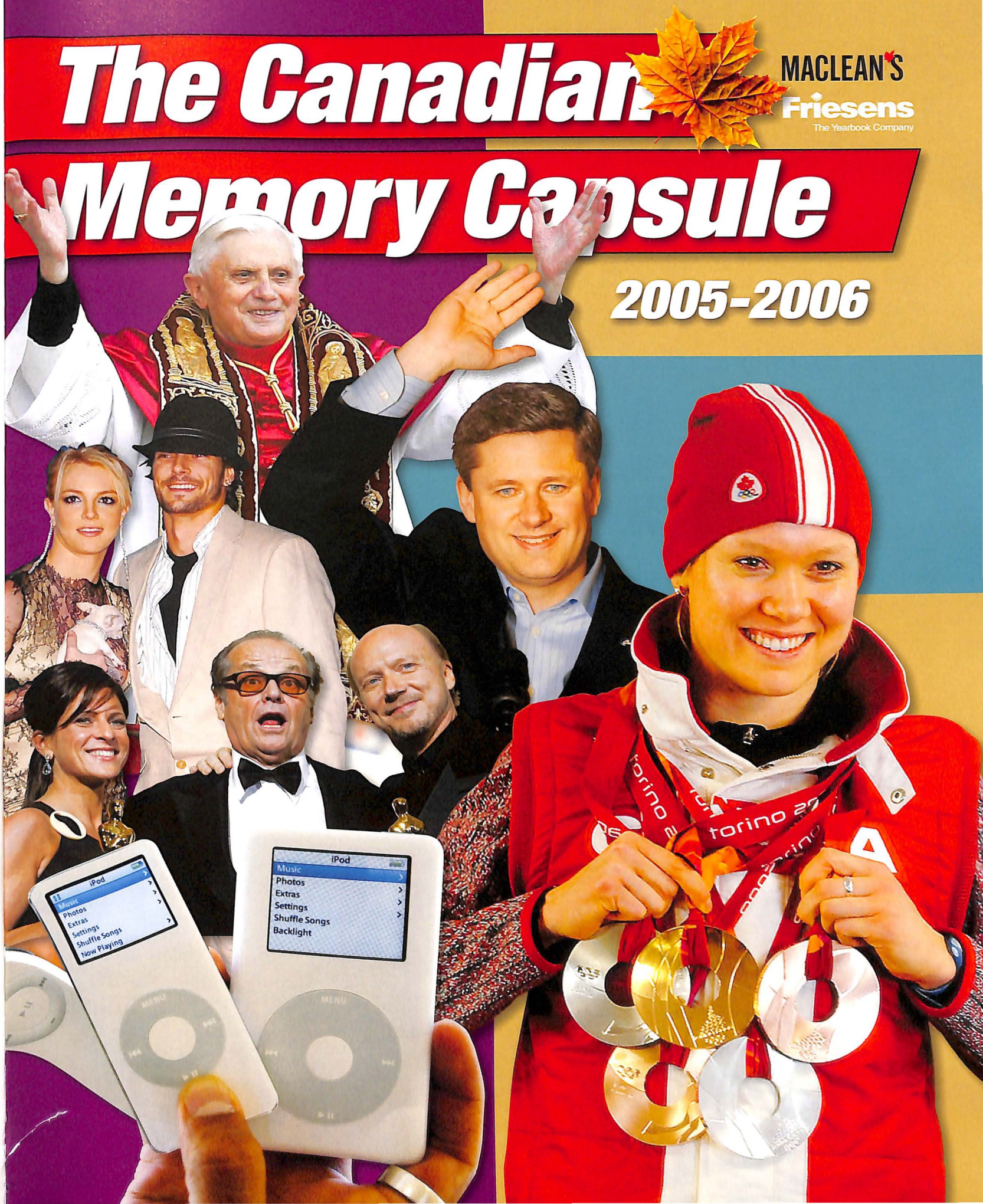
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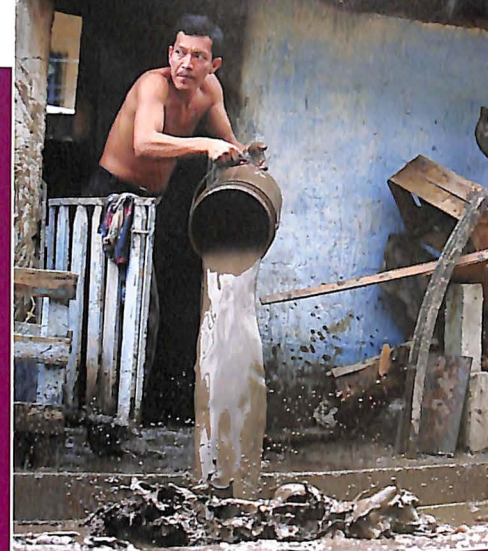
Welcome to the





◀ **MONSTER STORMS.** Hurricane Katrina killed more than 1,300 and caused US\$70 billion in damages along the U.S. Gulf Coast. Mississippi took the brunt of it; in Gulfport, for instance, the storm surge tossed giant shipping containers inland. In Louisiana, New Orleans was spared the highest winds—but then the levees broke, submerging 80 per cent of the city, including Canal Street, under oily, fetid water. In all, some 1.3 million people from the region were evacuated, including 7,000 who were sheltered in the Astrodome in Houston. A scathing congressional report criticized government officials at all levels—city, state and federal—for the fumbled response to the emergency. Then, while Americans were still dealing with Katrina's messy aftermath, hurricanes Rita and Wilma wreaked even more havoc before the longest and most expensive tropical storm season on record was finally over.

(David Purdy-Bloxi Sun Herald/KRT)



▲ **KILLER COUSIN.** After making landfall, hurricane Stan's torrential rains caused massive mudslides in the highlands of Guatemala. Entire villages were engulfed, in effect becoming mass graves. In all, hurricane Stan left about 1,300 people dead in Central America and thousands homeless.

(Kent Gilbert/AP)



▲ **BREAKING THE MOULD.** Angela Merkel (above with Bono), leader of the Christian Democratic Union, became Germany's first woman chancellor. Her achievement was also notable in that she is an Ossi—someone from the former East Germany—in a political system traditionally dominated by West Germans.

(E.T. Stodhalter-World Economic Forum/KRT)



▲ **THE BUMBLEBEE SHOULDN'T FLY EITHER.** The world's largest airliner, the Airbus A380, flew to Iqaluit, Nunavut, in Canada's Far North for extreme cold-weather testing before going into commercial service in late 2006. Europe's Airbus consortium spent more than 10 years and US\$13 billion developing the behemoth, which has room for 555 passengers, bars, gyms and duty-free shops on two decks.

(Fabian Blumner/AP)



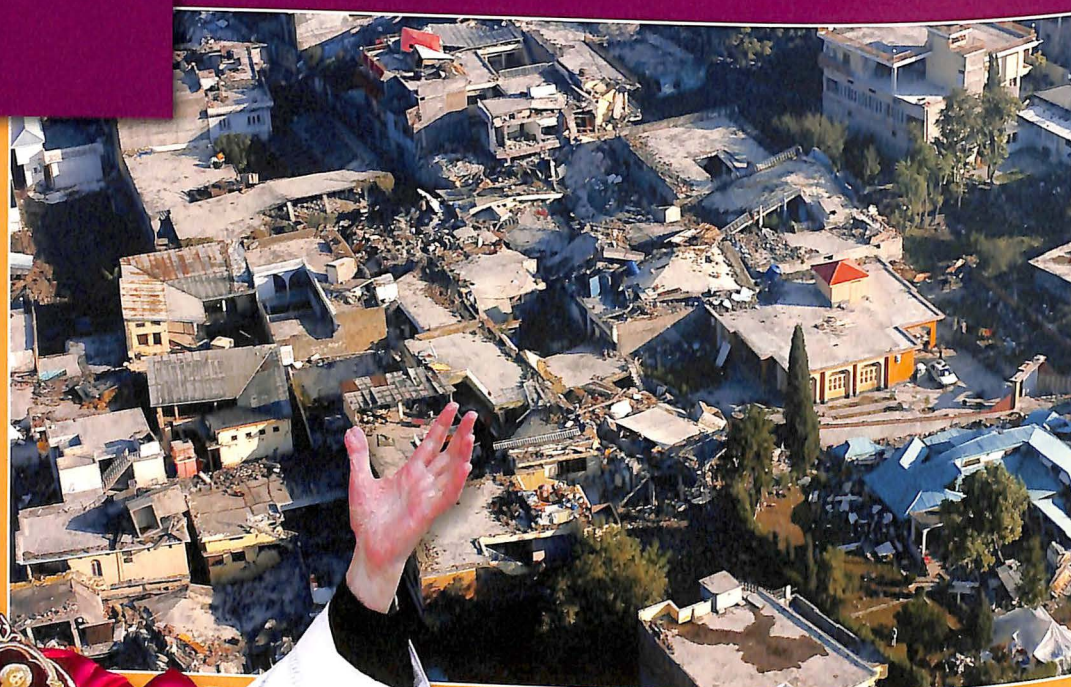
▲ **BIRD FLU MIGRATION.** Although millions of birds were culled to try to eradicate the H5N1 strain of avian influenza, it continued to spread throughout Asia—and on into Africa and Europe. The flu also killed more than half of the people who were infected, probably from close contact with diseased birds. Scientists feared the virus could mutate into a form easily passed among humans, unleashing a global pandemic.

(Greg Baker/AP)

World

▼ **MAKING HIS MARK.** Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger is the first German pope since Hadrian VI in 1523. Even so, some Germans had reservations about a hard-line conservative as spiritual leader of the world's one billion Roman Catholics. But other Germans saw his election as a national honour and gave Ratzinger, who assumed the name Benedict XVI, a hero's welcome when he made his first trip as pope to Germany for World Youth Day.

(Laurent Zebulon-Abaca Press/KRT)



▲ **AFTERSHOCKS.** A massive earthquake rocked the Kashmir region bordering Pakistan and northern India, killing more than 73,000 and leaving some three million homeless. With aid efforts hampered by the remoteness of the region, relief workers feared the death toll would continue to mount long afterwards.

(Timothy Smith-U.S. Navy/KRT)

► **SITTING TALL.** Rosa Parks, whose dignified act of defiance helped spark the modern civil rights movement in the United States, died at age 92. In 1955, Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus to a white man. Her arrest for breaking the local segregation laws gave rise to a protest movement that eventually changed the course of American history.

(Kirthmon F. Dozier-Detroit Free Press/KRT)



▲ **'IT'S GREAT TO BE ALIVE.'**

Even after he was rescued and back home on Canadian soil, James Loney (right) said he could hardly believe everything that had happened. Four months earlier, he and three other members of an international Christian aid organization had been kidnapped in Baghdad and held by a group that threatened to kill them unless Iraqi prisoners were freed. The body of one of the hostages, American Tom Fox, was later found, but the fate of the other three was unknown until a tip led a team of British and U.S. soldiers, RCMP officers and members of a Canadian special forces unit to an unguarded house. There they found Loney, fellow Canadian Harmeet Singh Sooden (left) and Briton Norman Kember, who were in chains, but otherwise okay.

(Christian Peacemaker/AP Photo)



▼ **UNDERGROUND TERROR.** London's busy transit system came to a standstill when three bombs exploded on the Underground and a fourth blew apart a double-decker bus. Two extremist Islamic groups claimed credit for the 56 dead and more than 700 injured. Three of the four bombers, who all died in the attacks, were homegrown, not foreign militants. Two weeks later, a second wave of attacks failed and British police quickly made four arrests. The manhunt continues for co-conspirators.

(Dylan Martinez/AP)



► **NO LAUGHING MATTER.** When a leading newspaper in Denmark published 12 editorial cartoons that violated the Islamic prohibition against depicting the Prophet Muhammad, Danish Muslims objected. Told it was a free-speech issue, they sought support in the Middle East. From there, the local controversy morphed into an international incident as Muslim outrage spread across the Internet—and spilled onto streets around the world. The cycle escalated as more publications in Europe and North America reprinted the cartoons, boycotts were mounted, ambassadors recalled, and protests in some parts of the Muslim world were so violent that nearly a dozen participants were killed.

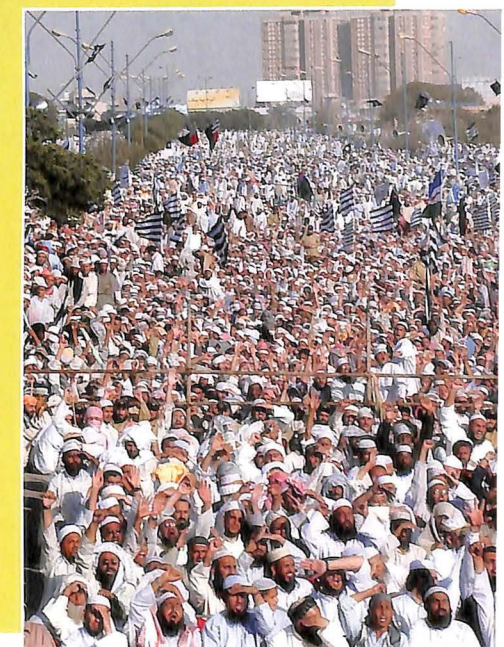
(Shakil Adil/AP)

World

◀ **SOME PEOPLE COLLECT STAMPS.**

British adventurer Steve Fossett has set world records in mountain climbing, sailing, hot-air ballooning and aviation. He added No. 110 to his collection—the longest flight by any aircraft—by piloting the Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer over 42,486 km in 76 hours 45 minutes.

(Terry Renza/AP)



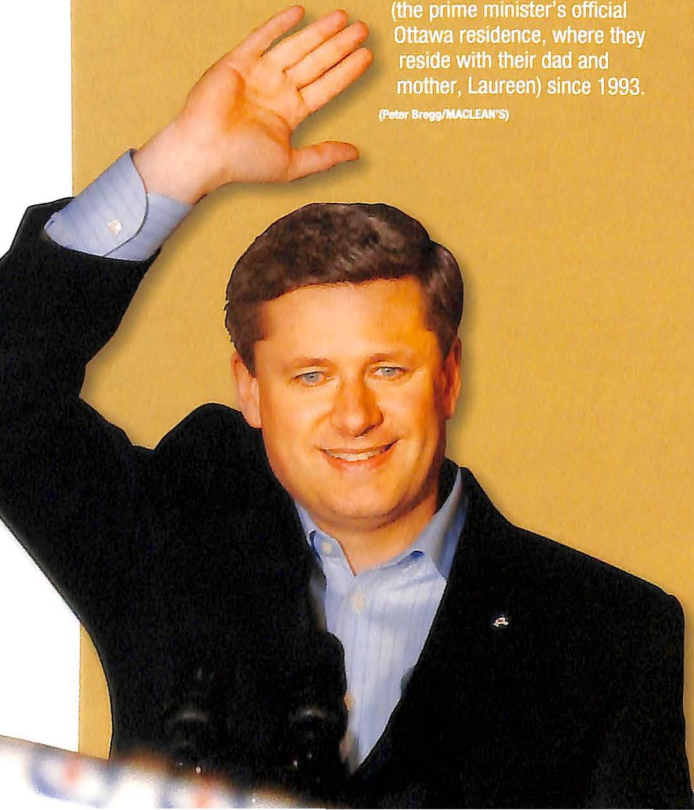


Canada

▼ **A VOTE FOR CHANGE. SORT OF.** Stephen Harper ended 13 years of Liberal rule and became Canada's 22nd prime minister after the Conservatives captured enough seats—124—in a federal election to form a minority government. The rare winter campaign was triggered after the Conservatives, along with the New Democratic Party and the Bloc Québécois, toppled the Liberal minority government of Paul Martin. The Liberals elected 103 MPs, the Bloc 51 and the NDP 29 to the House of Commons. How long can all these politicians get along before sending Canadians to the polls again? History suggests less than two years. In any event, Ben and Rachel Harper are the first

kids to live at 24 Sussex Drive (the prime minister's official Ottawa residence, where they reside with their dad and mother, Lauren) since 1993.

(Peter Bregg/MACLEAN'S)



▲ **CLEANING UP OTTAWA.** Justice John Gomery had an unenviable task: sort through the often contradictory testimony at nine months of public hearings—during which politicians and public servants pointed the finger at one another; figure out how the sponsorship scandal arose; and recommend how to prevent something similar from happening again. The inquiry was called to look into how nearly half of the funds intended for national unity initiatives in Quebec ended up going to Liberal-friendly advertising firms, often for little or no work. In his final report, Gomery made 19 recommendations aimed at making the workings of the federal government more impartial, transparent and accountable. Afterwards, he said he was glad to be heading back to his regular job on the Superior Court of Quebec.

(Jonathan Hayward/CP)

◀ **WE'RE NOT SURPRISED.** Vancouver took the top spot in a ranking of 127 of the world's cities that took personal safety, infrastructure, and the availability of goods and services into account. In the survey by the Economist Intelligence Unit, a British based research firm, two other Canadian cities made the Top 10: Toronto at No. 9 and Calgary at No. 10. The worst? Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea. (Chuck Stoddy/CP)

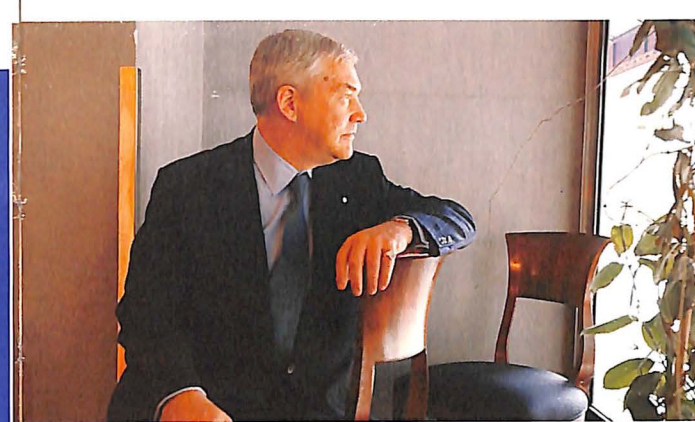


▲ **RIDEAU HALL'S NEW RESIDENT.** Michaëlle Jean became the 27th governor general, succeeding Adrienne Clarkson as the Queen's representative in Canada. A francophone who is fluent in five languages, Jean was born in Haiti and grew up in Montreal where she worked with battered women and children before carving out an award-winning career as a broadcaster and documentary filmmaker. (Jonathan Hayward/CP)



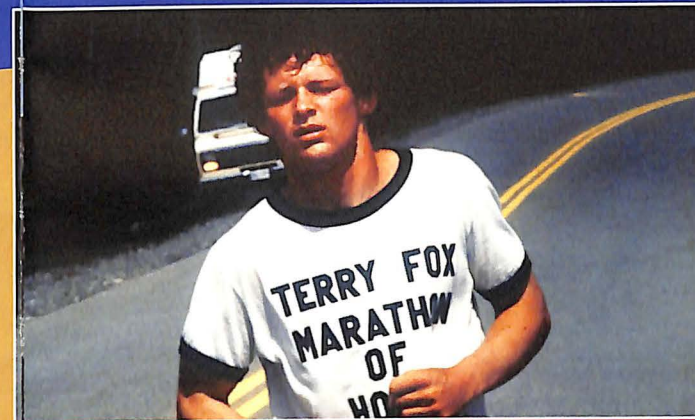
▲ **THIS IMPRESSES HER.** Country-pop superstar Shania Twain, who has sold some 34 million CDs worldwide, was inducted into the Order of Canada for her work to eliminate child hunger through school breakfast programs. Twain, who grew up in Timmins, Ont., was one of 43 Canadians at the November 2005 ceremony who received the country's highest honour for lifetime achievement. Other recipients included Ronald Tasker, a world-renowned neurosurgeon and professor emeritus at the University of Toronto who is also active in environmental organizations, and Thelma Finlayson, a trail-blazing entomologist and professor emerita at Simon Fraser University, who continues to demonstrate her lifelong concern for young people by voluntarily providing academic counselling.

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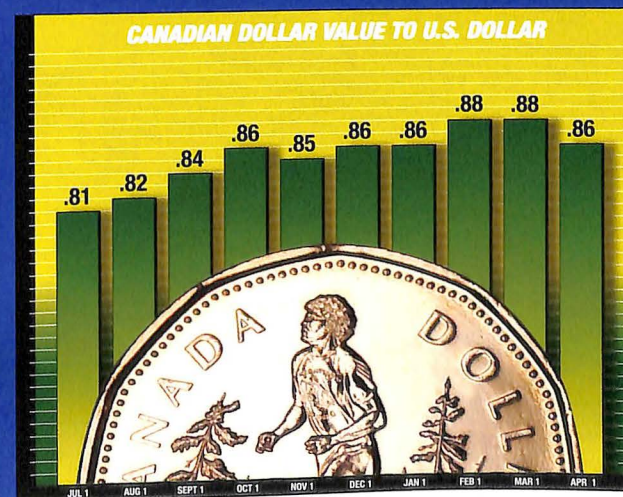


▲ **BLACK AND BLUE.** Conrad Black found himself under siege on yet another front when prosecutors in the United States charged him with 12 criminal offences, including fraud, money laundering and obstructing justice, that could net him 95 years in jail. This is on top of civil fraud charges, and a Canadian class action suit, in connection with the unraveling of Hollinger International Inc., once one of the world's leading newspaper publishers, after Black and other high-ranking officials allegedly siphoned off millions. Black pleaded not guilty in a Chicago court and vowed to fight all charges.

(Peter Bregg/MACLEAN'S)



▲ **HONOURING A HERO.** To mark the 25th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope, more than 3.3 million students at 10,000 schools from coast to coast participated in the Terry Fox National School Run Day. The largest student event in Canadian history was in honour of a young man who died before they were born. In 1980, Fox, who had lost a leg to the disease, planned to run from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific to raise \$1 million for cancer research, but had to abandon his journey in Northern Ontario. The cancer had spread to his lungs and he died 10 months later at the age of 22. Since then, nearly \$400 million has been raised in his name for cancer research. (CP Photo)



▲ **SOME CALL IT A MIRACLE.** An Air France Airbus A340 overshot the runway while trying to land at Toronto's Pearson International Airport, skidded into a small ravine and burst into flames. Yet all 297 passengers and 12 crew members survived, some suffering just minor injuries as they evacuated the airliner in less than two minutes.

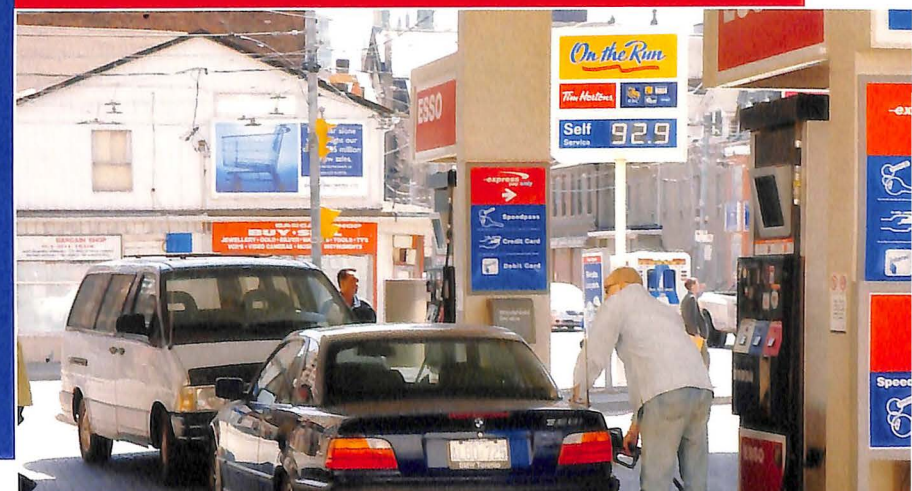
(Jorge Rios/CP)



◀ **SOUNDS LIKE OLD TIMES.** CBC News programs were significantly curtailed, and in the case of CBC Television, replaced with newscasts from the BBC, when the public broadcaster locked out 5,500 of its unionized employees for 50 days. The workers had been without a contract for more than a year when the dispute came to a head over the issue of contract employees. A mediator broke the impasse and soon the regulars were back on the airwaves. (Nathan Denette/CP)

▼ **ALL PUMPED UP.** As crude oil prices soared past US\$70 a barrel on world markets, Canadians felt the pain at their local service stations. Prices pushed past a loonie a litre, before settling back somewhat. Still, that's a relative bargain; consumers in the Netherlands, for instance, were paying \$1.35 (euro) a litre, or about C\$1.95.

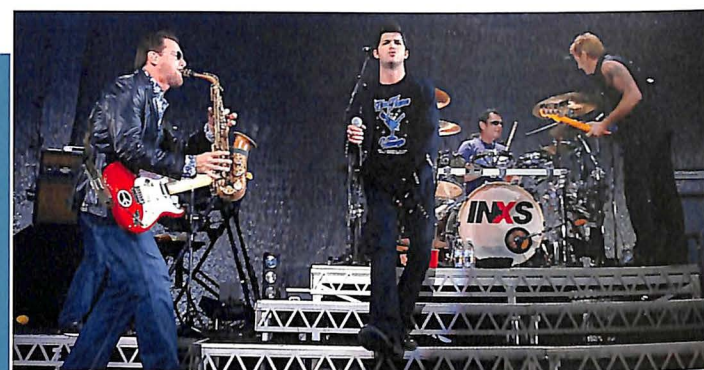
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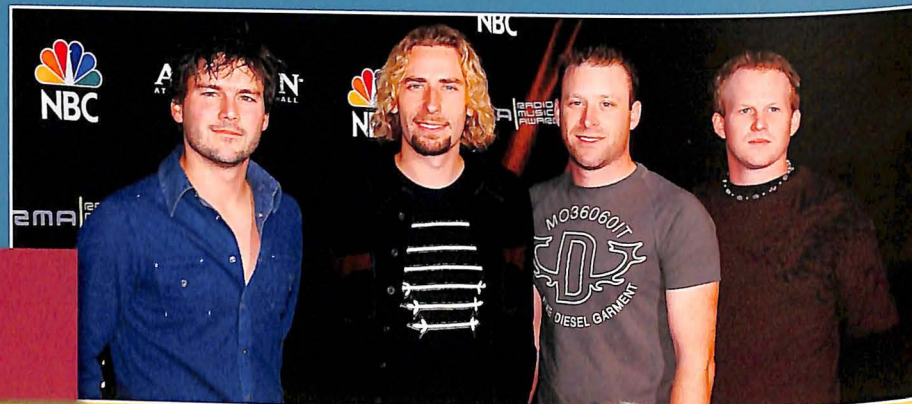
◀ **BONO-FIED STAR POWER.** It was a good year for Bono who opened the London leg of the Live 8 concert with Paul McCartney. The lead singer of U2 was also on hand when the perennially popular Irish group captured five more Grammys—for a career total of 20—for *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*, including best album and best rock album. Now maybe Bono can go back to lecturing world leaders about the environment—or flogging iPods.

(David T. Foster III-Charlotte Observer/KRT)



▲ **REVERSAL OF FORTUNE I.** It would be easy to dismiss the TV contest *Rock Star: INXS* as just a gimmick, except for the results. The venerable Australian band, floundering eight years after the suicide of lead singer Michael Hutchence, got a hip new front man. In turn, Canadian J.D. Fortune (second from left), a struggling entertainer who lived in his car before entering the contest, achieved a long-held dream, beating out 14 other wannabes for the gig. A new hit album, *Switch*, and a sold-out North American concert tour followed, showing the band picked the right guy.

(Jose Carlos Fajardo/Contra Costa Times)



▲ **BUT MUSIC CRITICS STILL DON'T LIKE THEM.** Nickelback's latest CD, *All the Right Reasons*, became the first album by a Canadian band in more than three decades to simultaneously debut at No. 1 on Canadian and U.S. *Billboard* music charts. Meanwhile, *Photograph* was downloaded more than one million times, making Vancouver-based Nickelback just the sixth act to have a single pass the million-download mark.

(Lionel Hahn-Abaca Press/KRT)

► **WALKING TALL.** *The Dukes of Hazzard*, the even lamer update of the lame TV show, had a big opening weekend—and for that the movie's producers should thank Jessica Simpson. The Texas pastor's daughter made her film debut and starred in the accompanying music video, *These Boots Are Made for Walkin'*, portraying the bodacious Daisy Duke. Not surprisingly, the sexy video—at least one Christian group said it was *too sexy*—was one of the most frequently downloaded in 2005. And just in case we hadn't had enough of the tabloid-fodder celeb, Simpson launched her own line of footwear, including—yup, you guessed it—cowgirl boots just like Daisy's.

(Lionel Hahn-Abaca Press/KRT)



Music

▼ **LIVE 8 ROCKED.** In 1985, Bob Geldof was the driving force behind Live Aid, a global music event that raised millions for Ethiopian famine relief. Twenty years later—and now Sir Bob—Geldof organized Live 8. The free concerts, held in 10 cities the week before a G8 summit in Scotland, were designed to pressure leaders from the world's richest nations to not only give humanitarian aid to Africa, but to establish concrete methods for tackling its poverty. More than one million attended the free events, while an estimated two billion watched on TV. They sent some 26.4 million text messages to help drive home the Live 8 message delivered by the star-studded lineup of performers, among them Paul McCartney and Coldplay in London, Bon Jovi and Destiny's Child in Philadelphia, and Neil Young and Mötley Crüe (below) in Barrie, Ont., near Toronto. Perhaps it worked: the G8 promised to increase aid to Africa by US\$25 billion and to cancel the debts of the continent's 18 poorest countries.

(CTV Photo)

Top 10 Albums • 05

1.	THE MASSACRE	50 CENT
2.	ENCORE	EMINEM
3.	AMERICAN IDIOT	GREEN DAY
4.	THE EMANCIPATION OF MIMI	MARIAH CAREY
5.	BREAKAWAY	KELLY CLARKSON
6.	LOVE. ANGEL. MUSIC. BABY	GWEN STEFANI
7.	DESTINY FULFILLED	DESTINY'S CHILD
8.	HOW TO DISMANTLE AN ATOMIC BOMB	U2
9.	GREATEST HITS	SHANIA TWAIN
10.	FEELS LIKE TODAY	RASCAL FLATTS



◀ **SMART MOVE.** Green Day earned even more respect for their concept album *American Idiot*. Released in 2004, it has since sold more than 11 million copies and gathered an impressive collection of hardware. A year after winning their first Grammy (best rock album) for the innovative punk-rock opera about the post-9/11 world, the San Francisco Bay-area band won the record-of-the-year Grammy for their second No. 1 single from the CD *Boulevard of Broken Dreams*. Mike Dirnt, Billie Joe Armstrong and Tre Cool then picked up the 2006 People's Choice Award for favourite group and swept seven awards out of eight nominations at the MTV Video Awards. Meanwhile, rumour had it that cameras were getting ready to roll for a movie version of *American Idiot*.

(Frederic-Abaca Press/KRT)

▼ **THAT'S GRATITUDE FOR YOU.**

Kelly Clarkson, who in 2002 was voted the first *American Idol* winner, also became the first of the reality-show songsters to pick up a Grammy. In fact, she took home two—best pop vocal album for *Breakaway* and best female pop performance for her hit song *Since U Been Gone*. Funny thing though: in her acceptance speeches, a teary Clarkson thanked everyone but the TV talent show that made her famous.

(Hahn-Khayat-Abaca Press/KRT)



◀ **MORE LIKE \$50 MILLION.** No wonder *Billboard* magazine named 50 Cent its Artist of the Year for 2005. The rapper (real name, Curtis Jackson) followed up the monster success of his 2002 CD, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, with a love-him-or-hate-him lead role in the semi-autobiographical movie of the same name. The ex-gangsta turned rap star and record mogul had another success on his hands with his sophomore album, *The Massacre*. And in the newest metric of success, his hit single *Candy Shop* was the No. 1 downloaded ring tone for the year.

(Michael Gibson-Paramount Pictures/KRT)

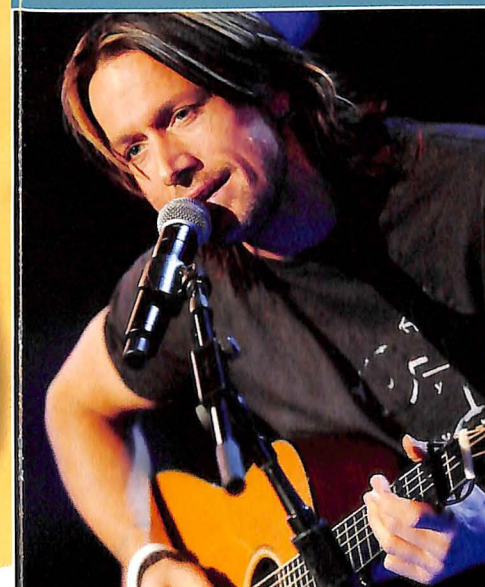
► **WHAT ELSE?** What do you do with a duo that defies easy categorization, records on analog equipment older than they are and won't even clarify if they are siblings or were once married? Well, if you're talking about innovative Detroit-based rockers Jack (right) and Meg White of the White Stripes, you give their smash hit CD *Get Behind Me Satan* the Grammy for best alternative album.

(Nicolas Khayat-Abaca Press/KRT)



◀ **WE'LL THINK OF HIM.** Country music sensation Keith Urban, who grew up in Australia dreaming of Nashville—his home for real since 1992—has earned the reputation as one of the most electrifying performers around. So it's really no surprise he took home the 2006 Grammy for best male country vocal performance for *You'll Think of Me*, a cut from his triple-platinum album *Golden Road*.

(Lionel Hahn-Abaca Press/KRT)



▲ **REVERSAL OF FORTUNE II.** Mariah Carey's once high-flying career was in a nosedive. That, however, was before the R&B-pop diva signed with a new label and released *The Emancipation of Mimi* to critical and popular acclaim. With almost five million copies sold in 2005, the CD was one of the year's top sellers, garnered her three Grammys, and gave her a No. 1 hit single, *We Belong Together*, which *Billboard Magazine* named song of the year. Carey's got her glitter back.

(David P. Gilly-Deetroit Free Press/KRT)



XBOX 360



► SMALL DEVICE, BIG STAKES.

With more than five million BlackBerry subscribers in 50 countries, Waterloo, Ont.-based Research in Motion dominates the wireless email industry. But in its largest market, the United States, RIM found itself in a protracted legal battle with patent-holding company NTP Inc. of Arlington, Va. With hundreds of millions of dollars at stake the obscure patent case morphed into a widely watched international drama. After almost five years of wrangling—and faced with the threat of a court injunction that could have shut down BlackBerry service in the U.S.—RIM agreed to pay NTP US\$612.5 million to settle the case. (Richard Drew/AP)



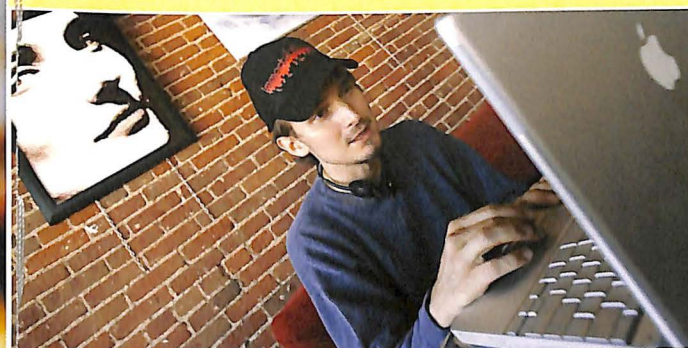
▲ **SUPPLY AND DEMAND.** The Xbox 360 is an awesome machine with a console up to 10 times more powerful than its predecessor; high-definition content; digital surround sound; and off- and online gaming with massive multiplayer games. At least that's how the lucky few who managed to get their hands on one of the home entertainment systems reviewed it. Microsoft blamed a "short-term manufacturing challenge" for the limited supply that caused sales of the Xbox 360 to get off to a much slower start than anticipated. (John Froschauer/AP)

▼ THE POWER OF PORTABILITY.

The latest high-tech gadgets, including Sony's Playstation Portable, are dramatically changing how and where we get news and entertainment. The PSP is a gaming platform, but like certain makes of cellphones and other mobile devices, it can also play video. The proliferation of platforms is forcing a content revolution, too, and in what is perhaps the clearest sign that "convergence" is finally more than a buzzword, TV producer Mark Burnett of *Survivor* fame signed on to create a real-life treasure hunt available exclusively on AOL. (Richard Drew/AP)



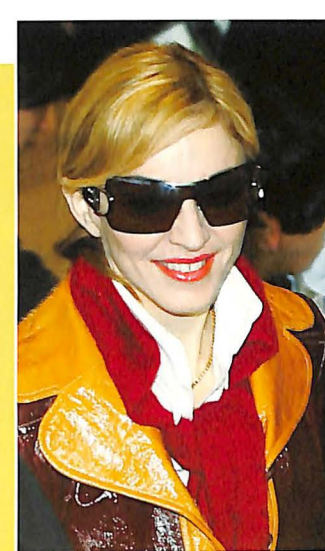
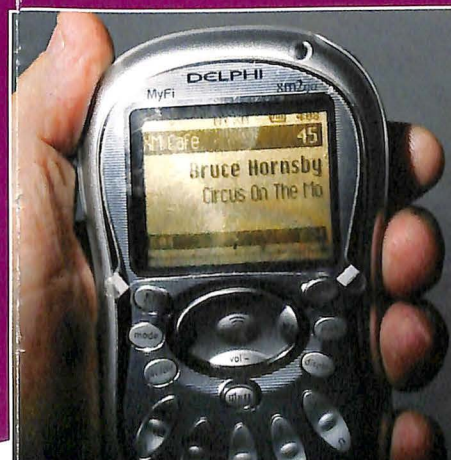
▲ **SINGALONG TIME.** A cellphone just for talking? How quaint. To the list of must-have features, such as MP3 players, cameras and text messaging, add customized ring tones, preferably a different sound snippet for each caller. At a cost of up to \$3 per download, it's no wonder the global ring-tone market is pushing US\$9 billion. (Charles Osgood-Chicago Tribune/KRT)



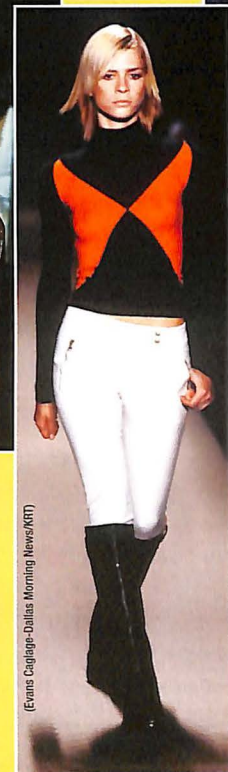
▲ **X MARKS THE SPOT.** Wi-Fi hot spots, which provide wireless connection to the Internet, continue to sprout like mushrooms after a rainstorm. Businesses like coffee shops, hotels and airports were among the first to recognize the service's appeal to those with notebook computers and other mobile devices. And now a growing number of universities and municipalities offer the service free to those within their boundaries. It gives new meaning to the boast "I've got connections." (Raul Rubiera-Miami Herald/KRT)

▲ **MUSIC À LA CARTE.** It's funny what a difference 99 cents makes. Downloading tunes may have had a controversial start (think Napster), but direct-to-consumer music sales on a pay-per-song basis are now legit—and big business. Use of the industry-leading iTunes application on Apple's website hit 20.7 million unique visitors in one month alone. That must be music to Steve Jobs' ears. (Damian Dovarganes/AP)

▼ **GET SERIOUS.** Digital satellite radio arrived in Canada as Sirius Canada and XM Canada began broadcasting a wide assortment of channels to subscribers with special compatible radios. The CBC has a 40 per cent stake in Sirius Canada—which ironically puts the public broadcaster on the same satellite dial as American shock jock Howard Stern. (Jonathan Hayward/CP)

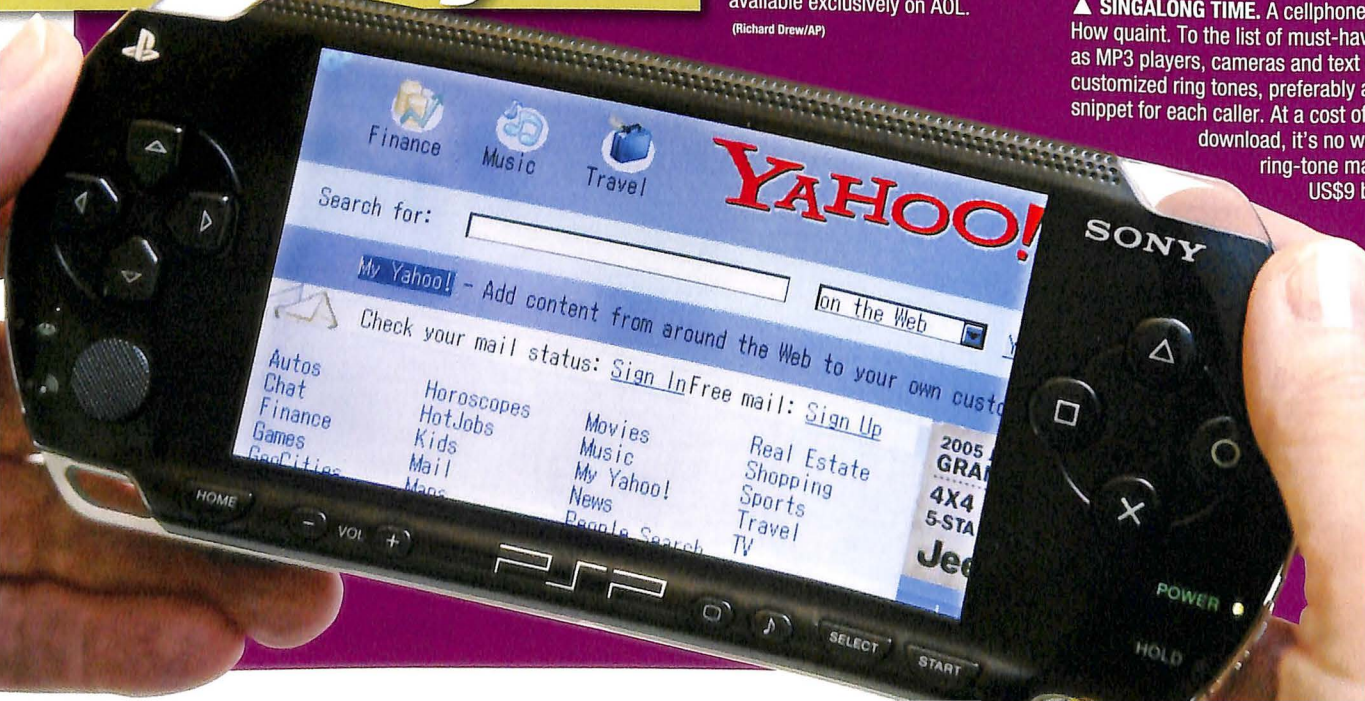


▲ **RETRO COOL.** Fashionistas continue to mine the '60s for the latest looks. Jeans, of course, are always in style, but the denim du jour, whether ripped and/or worn tucked inside boots, has that groovy, hippie thing going on. As for sunglasses (as sported by Madonna, above), they haven't been this oversized since Jackie Onassis hid behind dark shades. (Shizuo Kambayashi/AP)



Lifestyle

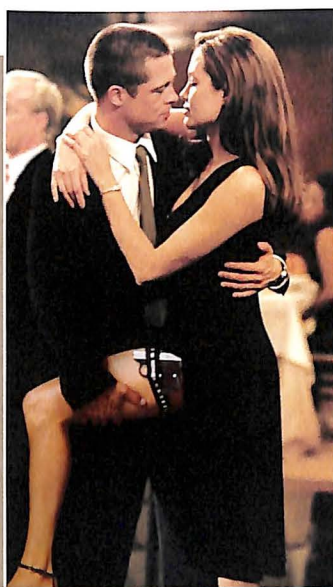
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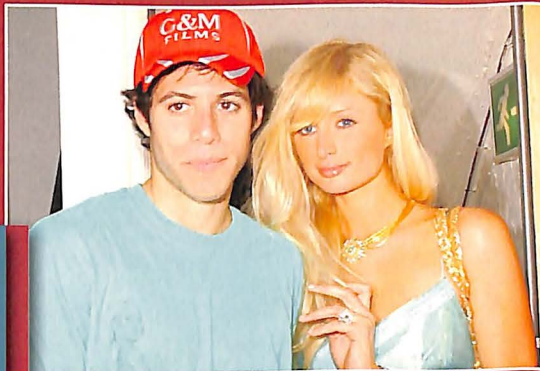
► **TEENY BUT NOT WEENIE.** The iPod Nano was a surprise replacement for the iPod mini, which Apple took off the market the same day it launched its fourth digital audio player. But with its slim good looks and flash memory that makes it immune to skipping, the Nano just might be the coolest member of the iPod family yet. (Paul Sakuma/AP)



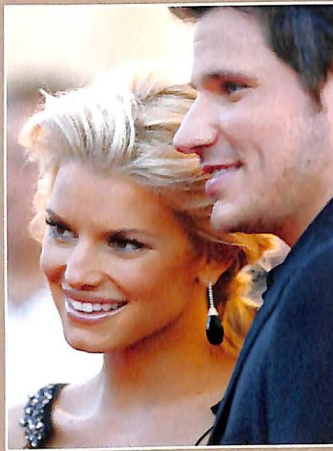
▲ **MAYBE IT'S HER DOUBLE.** Lindsay Lohan has been before the cameras since she was 3, but it's her off-screen antics that make the news. Then again, any model/singer/actor who has three car crashes, loses a dramatic amount of weight, and is hospitalized with a serious asthma attack, all within a few months, can expect to draw a little attention to herself. (Lionel Hahn-Abaca Press/KRT)



◀ **THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE.** What had been tabloid fodder for months turned out to be true: Brad Pitt had indeed left his wife, Jennifer Aniston, for Angelina Jolie, his co-star in the hit flick *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*. Same for the rumours that Jolie, the mother of two adopted children and a goodwill ambassador for the UN, was pregnant. But don't shed a tear for Aniston. The former *Friends* co-star appeared in four movies in six months and found a new beau in Vince Vaughn. (Stephen Vaughn/20th Century Fox)



▲ **WHO ARE YOU CALLING AN HEIRHEAD?** Perennial party girl Paris Hilton was engaged to Paris Latsis, the scion of a wealthy Greek shipping family, for all of four months. Still she walked away with a 25-carat white diamond ring and a 21-carat canary diamond ring worth about a cool \$10 million. Not that the heir to the Hilton hotel fortune needs the money. (James Fox-Express Syndication/KRT)



▲ **FLYING SOLO.** They were billed as America's favourite couple on the hit MTV reality program *Newlyweds*—but that was before Jessica Simpson filed for divorce from hubby Nick Lachey. Still, the blond Texan, who hit the big screen as Daisy Duke in *The Dukes of Hazzard*, remains as popular as ever. (Lionel Hahn-Abaca Press/KRT)



▲ **LIP-LOCKED AND LOADED.** A cynic might see Tom Cruise's hyperbolic protestations of love for Katie Holmes on *Oprah* as the antics of a slightly over-the-hill actor trying to reignite his career. But romantics, noting the couple's marriage and baby on the way, are no doubt certain that Tom does REALLY LOVE HER!!!! (Gerald Holubowicz-Abaca Press/KRT)



◀ **A STAR IS BORN.** Rachel McAdams's (right) big Hollywood breakthrough is no fluke. The St. Thomas, Ont., native showed she can do it all, with head-turning performances in *Red Eye* (horror), *The Notebook* (romance), *Wedding Crashers* and *The Family Stone* (comedies). (NEW LINE CINEMA/KRT)

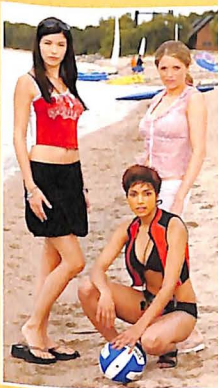


◀ **IDOL NOT IDLE.** When this picture was taken, there were 16 *American Idol* semifinalists—and only one of them was destined to go home happy. Still, the real winner is the program itself. Ratings for *American Idol*'s fifth go-round were even higher than for past seasons—a feat unmatched by any other reality show. Meanwhile, *Canadian Idol* was a ratings juggernaut on its home turf. (Ray Mickshaw/Fox)

Television

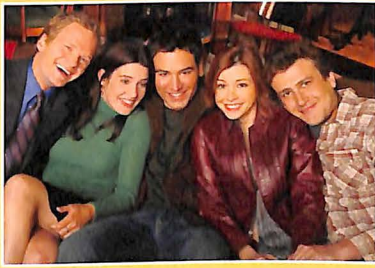


◀ **SMOOTH OPERATORS.** *Grey's Anatomy* became the hottest new show of the year thanks to its radical surgery on the hospital drama format. Take the case of Dr. Cristina Yang. Canada's Sandra Oh won a Golden Globe for her portrayal of the nakedly ambitious intern who gets to deliver some of the most cutting—and hilarious—lines on TV. (ABC Television/KRT)



▲ **TROUBLE IN SUBURBIA.** The characters on *Desperate Housewives* may look perfect. But true happiness eludes (from left) Susan Mayer (Teri Hatcher), Gabrielle Solis (Eva Longoria), Bree Van De Kamp (Marcia Cross) and the other residents of Wisteria Lane, what with all the murder and misbehaving in their midst. But their misery keeps fans of the nighttime soap opera tuning in. (CTV Photo)

▲ **WE'RE NOT IN CALIFORNIA ANYMORE.** *Falcon Beach* has all the teen angst—not to mention buff bods and raging hormones—that helped make hits out of shows like *The O.C.* But those are definitely not palm trees behind Tanya (Devon Weigel, left), Paige (Jennifer Kydd) and Erin (Melissa Elias, crouching). The Canadian drama is set in a fictional resort town on the edge of Lake Winnipeg in Manitoba. (Global TV Photo)



▲ **THE SUSPENSE IS KILLING US.** In "flashbacks" to the present day, Ted Mosby (Josh Radnor, centre) is looking for the woman of his dreams. Given the title, *How I Met Your Mother*, and that he's talking to his son and daughter 25 years in the future (narration by an unseen Bob Saget), we can assume he found her. The mystery at the heart of the sitcom: who is she? (Global TV Photo)

► **BREAKOUT HIT.** Your brother is in jail about to be executed for a murder you believe he didn't commit. So what do you do? If you're structural engineer Michael Scofield (Wentworth Miller, left) on *Prison Break*, you plan to bust him out by getting thrown into the same slammer. With tattoos on your torso that are really blueprints of the joint, escape should be simple, right? Not when there are assassins on the outside and low-lives like T-Bag (Robert Knepper) on the inside to contend with. (C. Hodess/Fox)



▼ **THE DNA OF SUCCESS.** Some popular TV shows set fashion trends or turn obscure tunes into hit songs. But *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* (cast, below) and its popular spinoffs, *CSI: Miami* and *CSI: New York*, can top that: they have their own effect. Legal experts say some jurors are disappointed—and at some trials even refuse to convict—when they're not presented with the sort of cutting-edge forensic evidence that, for now at least, exists only on the series. On the upside, the so-called *CSI* effect is credited with increasing college enrolment in forensic and related science courses. (CTV Photo)



◀ **FAMILY DYNAMICS.** *Gilmore Girls* may have started out as a critics' pick, but with its light touch on serious subjects, including the relationship of single mom Lorelai and daughter Rory, it eventually found a loyal audience. The Teen Choice Awards named it best comedy and Lauren Graham (front left) as Choice TV Parental Unit, while Alexis Bledel (front right) scored twice, as the Choice It Girl and TV Actress Comedy. (Global TV Photo)



◀ **AN UNCOMPROMISING HIT.** With its ensemble cast and intricate, interwoven story lines, *Crash* is an unflinching examination of racial tensions in Los Angeles. So even London, Ont.-born Paul Giamatti (right) seemed surprised when the movie he wrote and directed won the Oscar for best picture. But if the cheer that erupted from the audience attending the Academy Awards is any indication, maybe it wasn't such a long shot after all.

(Michael Goulding-Orange County Register/KRT)

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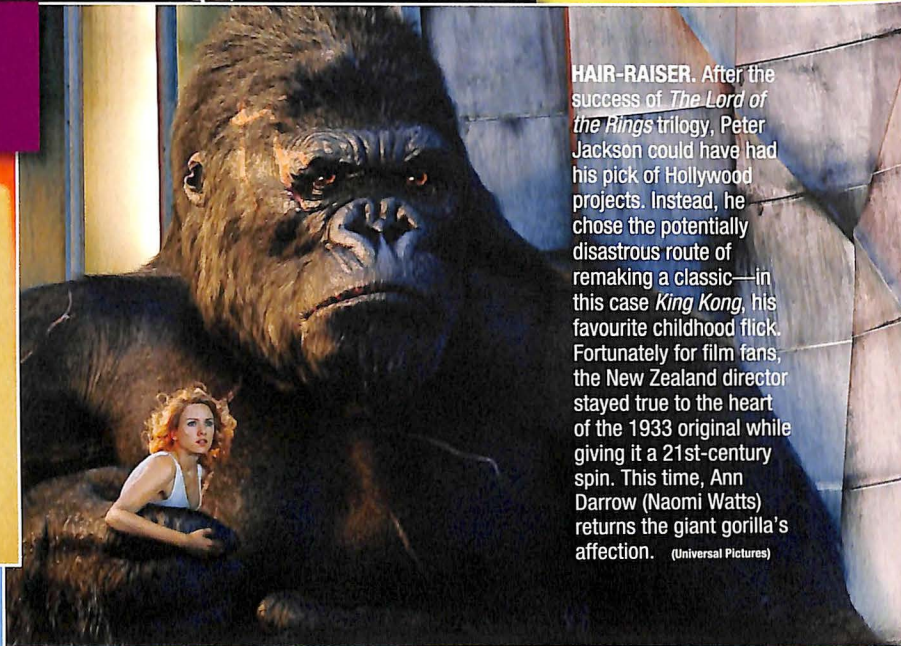
▲ **HOW WE GOT BRADGELINA.** In *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*, John (Brad Pitt) and wife Jane (Angelina Jolie) are trapped in a dull marriage, oblivious to what the other does for a living. But as assassins for rival firms, they're instructed to dispose of each other. Some highly stylish shootouts ensue—but thanks to what happened off-screen, it was Pitt's marriage to Jennifer Aniston that got annihilated.

(20th Century)



▲ **A ROARING START.** *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* does a dazzling job of bringing to the screen the first of C. S. Lewis's seven books about four siblings evacuated to the English countryside from wartime London who discover a mythical land. The lion, Aslan, speaks, but there's nothing anthropomorphic about this fearless feline.

(Phil Bray)

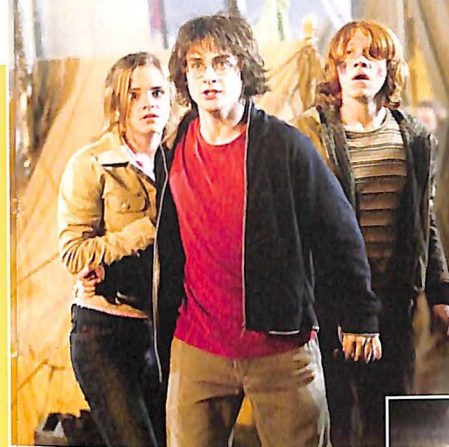


HAIR-RAISER. After the success of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, Peter Jackson could have had his pick of Hollywood projects. Instead, he chose the potentially disastrous route of remaking a classic—in this case *King Kong*, his favourite childhood flick. Fortunately for film fans, the New Zealand director stayed true to the heart of the 1933 original while giving it a 21st-century spin. This time, Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts) returns the giant gorilla's affection.

(Universal Pictures)

▼ **SWEET GENIUS.** There is a lot to like about Tim Burton's colour-saturated adaptation of Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. And Johnny Depp, who seems to revel in surreal characters, is brilliant as the reclusive candy baron who decides to open his factory gates to five young visitors.

(Warner Bros.)



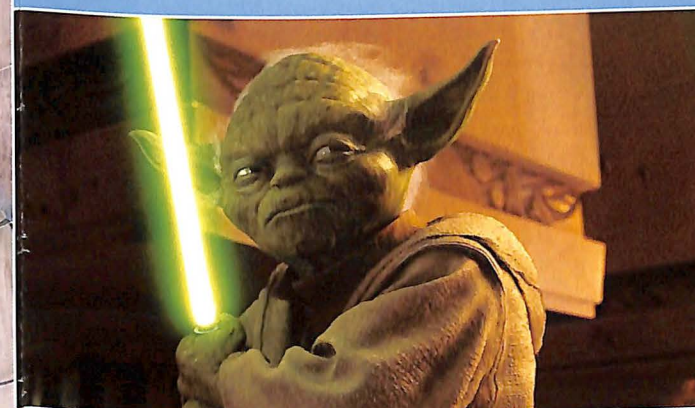
◀ **MAGIC CAN'T HELP.** Harry Potter has to learn fast as the challenges he faces in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, the fourth film adaptation from British novelist J. K. Rowling's insanely successful series, become ever more dangerous. But perhaps the scariest thing that the young wizard (Daniel Radcliffe, centre) and his friends Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) must contend with is becoming teenagers.

(Warner Bros.)



▶ **A METAPHOR FOR THE POWER OF EVIL.** In his adaptation of H. G. Wells's then-groundbreaking 1898 science-fiction novel about Martians attempting a hostile takeover, Steven Spielberg makes the idea of an alien invasion of Earth seem not only startling again, but somehow believable. The most unlikely part of *War of the Worlds*: Tom Cruise as an ordinary blue-collar kind of guy.

(Andrew Cooper-Paramount Pictures/KRT)



▲ **TO THE DARK SIDE.** Anyone familiar with the original 1977 *Star Wars* movie knows how *Star Wars: Episode III—Revenge of the Sith* has to end: with the Galactic Empire rising and Anakin Skywalker (Vancouver-born actor Hayden Christensen) transformed into the evil Darth Vader. George Lucas filmed the second half of his *Star Wars* sextet first, before looping back to film the three earlier episodes. *Revenge of the Sith*, the top money earner of 2005, is the best of those prequels and brings us back to where it all started "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away."

(LucasFilm/KRT)

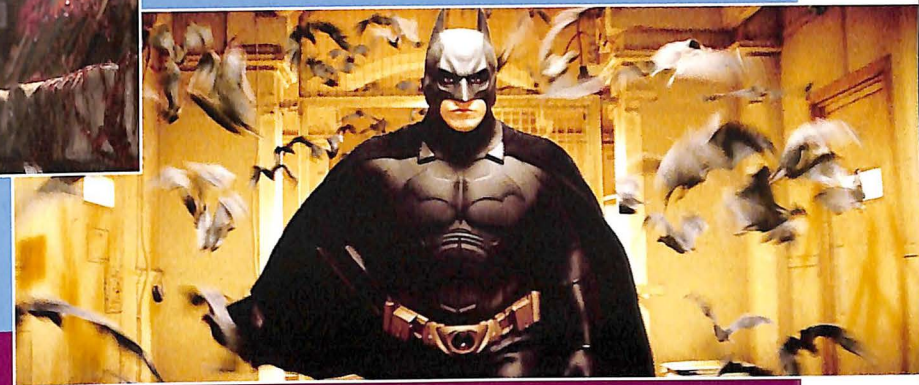
▼ **LAW OF THE JUNGLE.** With a landscape inspired by Henri Rousseau and actors like Ben Stiller, David Schwimmer and Jada Pinkett Smith contributing their voices, *Madagascar* is a charming tale about what happens when four pampered New York City zoo animals are stranded in the wild. Blame the penguins, who hijack the ship they were on—and steal the movie.

(DreamWorks Animation)



▲ **NOT A CHICK FLICK.** One of the few hit movies of 2005 that was not a sequel or an adaptation, *Wedding Crashers* went its own hilarious way with a randy brand of humour. John Beckwith (Owen Wilson, right) and Jeremy Grey (Vince Vaughn) crash strangers' nuptials for less than altruistic reasons. And while each guy eventually finds love, don't be fooled—it's really a buddy movie in disguise.

(New Line Cinema/KRT)

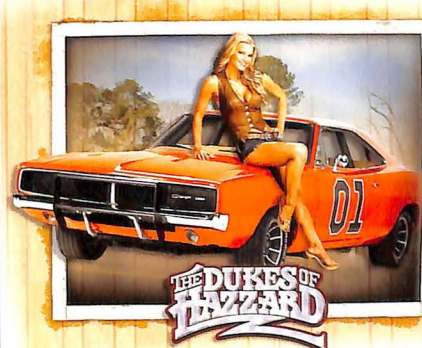


▲ **THE DARK KNIGHT TAKES FLIGHT.** The world might not have needed another *Batman* movie—there were four varyingly successful ones between 1989 and 1997. But British art-house director Christopher Nolan, best known for his 2000 mind-twister, *Memento*, has rethought the concept in this prequel that shows how a young Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale) got his cape and semi-mystical crime-fighting abilities, giving *Batman Begins* a fresh take on the franchise.

(Warner Bros.)

▶ **HAVING A GOOD OL' TIME.** *The Dukes of Hazzard*, starring Jessica Simpson as cousin Daisy Duke and a souped-up Dodge Charger as the General Lee, is proof that a movie doesn't have to be a critical, or even a box-office success to make money if you have the right spinoff merchandise.

(Warner Bros.)



Top Movies • 05 us\$

1.	STAR WARS: EPISODE III – REVENGE OF THE SITH	\$380 MILLION
2.	HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE	\$289 MILLION
3.	THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE	\$288 MILLION
4.	WAR OF THE WORLDS	\$234 MILLION
5.	KING KONG	\$217 MILLION
6.	WEDDING CRASHERS	\$209 MILLION
7.	CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY	\$206 MILLION
8.	BATMAN BEGINS	\$205 MILLION
9.	MADAGASCAR	\$193 MILLION
10.	MR. AND MRS. SMITH	\$186 MILLION



(Peter Bregg/MACLEANS)

▲ ▲ ▼ **BUILDING UP TO VANCOUVER IN 2010.** In its best-ever Olympics, Canada won 24 medals at the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy. Of that tally—just one shy of the 25 the Canadian Olympic Committee had projected—a whopping 16 were won by women. Leading the way was speed skater Cindy Klassen (left) of Winnipeg, who became the first Canadian to win five medals at one Olympics. The women's national hockey team continued its winning ways, capturing its second consecutive Olympic gold medal by beating Sweden 4-1. During the course of the Games, the Canadians outscored their opponents 48-2 thanks to the firepower of veterans and newcomers alike. In stark contrast, the highly touted men's hockey team (in white jerseys, bottom), made up of big-name NHL stars, failed not only to make it to the medal round but even to score in three games. Men's curling was a happier story, with the team led by skip Brad Gushue (throwing, below centre), winning Canada's first Olympic gold in the event by beating Finland 10-4. Newfoundland and Labrador announced it would honour the province's heroes by naming a road Team Gushue Highway, while St. John's promised to dedicate a street to each team member—and link them via Gold Medal Drive.



(Peter Bregg/MACLEANS)



▲ **FAREWELL TOUR.** Lance Armstrong, who has one of the most remarkable careers in modern sport, announced his retirement from cycling after winning an unprecedented seventh Tour de France. The 34-year-old was said to be contemplating entering politics—as if conquering testicular cancer as well as the Pyrenees weren't enough challenges for one lifetime.

(Bruno Klein-Abaca Press/KRT)



(Peter Bregg/MACLEANS)

Sports

Olympic Medals

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
GERMANY	11	12	6	29
UNITED STATES	9	9	7	25
CANADA	7	10	7	24
AUSTRIA	9	7	7	23
RUSSIA	8	6	8	22
NORWAY	2	8	9	19
SWEDEN	7	2	5	14
SWITZERLAND	5	4	5	14
SOUTH KOREA	6	3	2	11
ITALY	5	0	6	11

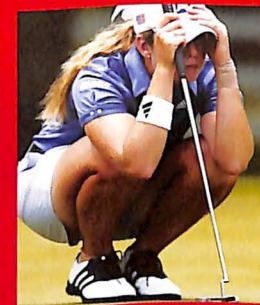
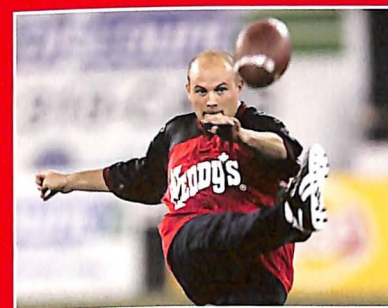


▼ **ONE GOOD KICK.** That's all it took for Brian Diesbourg, a 25-year-old mechanical engineer from Belle River, Ont., to win \$1 million. Diesbourg, who plays soccer but not football, placed a 50-yard field goal between the uprights during halftime at a Toronto Argonauts home game to win the prize, which will be doled out in \$25,000 chunks over the next 40 years.

(Adrian Wyld/CP)

▲ **PIGSKIN THRILLER.** The Edmonton Eskimos defeated the Montreal Alouettes with a dramatic overtime field goal to win the Grey Cup in what some sportswriters called one of the most thrilling contests in the 93-year history of the CFL championship game. Edmonton quarterback Ricky Ray, who tossed a great game before running the ball himself for a one-yard touchdown with just one minute and three seconds to go, was named the game's MVP.

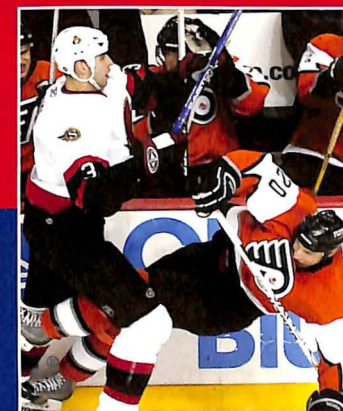
(Chuck Stoddy/CP)



and quickest player in LPGA history to cross the \$1-million mark in career earnings and went on to become the LPGA's rookie of the year.

(Bryan Otter-Colorado Springs Gazette/KRT)

▲ **FORE!** A bevy of young talent is changing the face of women's golf. Michelle Wie, the six-foot phenom from Hawaii who has a fairway-chewing drive of 300 yards, turned pro the week before she turned 16 with nearly US\$10 million in endorsements. Media darling Natalie Gulbis (pictured left), 23, appeared everywhere from her own bathing-suit calendar to a four-part reality show about her life on the LPGA tour, despite never having won a major event. Paula Creamer, 19, got noticed the old-fashioned way—she earned the attention. Fresh from high school, Creamer became the youngest



► **WINTERING THE STORM.** Nobody in the NHL could afford a repeat of the 2004-2005 season in which the lockout and subsequent cancellation meant all 1,230 regular-season and Stanley Cup playoff games—not to mention some US\$460 million in revenues—were wiped out. Worse, polls indicated fans didn't miss professional hockey all that much. Virtually forced to ink a deal, the owners and players made sure that the 2005-2006 season started on schedule. And the fans? The diehard sort returned in record numbers. Casual TV viewership in the U.S., however, was down dramatically, putting the NHL's dream of a major breakthrough with American fans on thinner ice than ever.

(Michael Perez-Philadelphia Inquirer/KRT)



◀ **VA-VA-VA-VROOM.** Noting that a fourth-place finish at the Indianapolis 500 was as good as it got for Danica Patrick in 2005, some competitors on the Indy Racing League wondered just what she'd done to capture rookie-of-the-year honours and all the media attention. But with the IRL lagging far behind NASCAR in terms of fan and sponsor support, maybe her detractors should have instead thanked the petite 23-year-old Wisconsin native for all the buzz.

(Susan Tripp Pollard-Contra Costa Times/KRT)

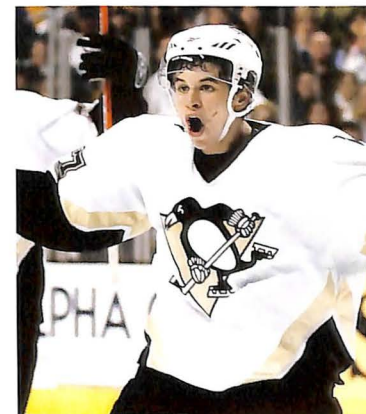


▲ **NEVER STOP TRYING.** Steve Nash, the Phoenix Suns guard from Victoria, showed that nice guys can finish first when he was named the NBA's most valuable player for 2005, in large part for his unselfish play. Nash was the first Canadian to get the nod, but never content to rest on his laurels, he set himself the goal of finishing the season as the NBA's free-throw champion, one title that has always just eluded him.

(George Bridges/KRT)

► **TALENT TO SPARE.** Sidney Crosby had the sort of rookie year the struggling Pittsburgh Penguins must have hoped for when they selected the five-foot-eleven centre first overall in the 2005 NHL entry draft. Crosby, born in Cole Harbour, N.S., led his team in points and was on track to tally the most points by an 18-year-old in NHL history—plus he was generous enough and skilled enough to put his teammates on the scoreboard, too.

(Winslow Townson/AP)



2005 Champions

GREY CUP	EDMONTON ESKIMOS OVER MONTREAL ALOUETTES	38-35 (OT)
SUPER BOWL XL	PITTSBURGH STEELERS OVER SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	21-10
PGA	TIGER WOODS	\$10.6 MILLION (U.S.)
LPGA	ANNIKA SORENSTAM	\$2.6 MILLION (U.S.)
NBA	SAN ANTONIO SPURS OVER DETROIT PISTONS	4-3 SERIES
WORLD SERIES	CHICAGO WHITE SOX OVER HOUSTON ASTROS	4-0 SERIES
WOMEN'S CURLING	KELLY SCOTT, BC OVER JENNIFER JONES, MB	SCOTT TOURN. OF HEARTS
MEN'S CURLING	JEAN-MICHEL MENARD, QC OVER GLENN HOWARD, ON	THE BRIER
STANLEY CUP	SEASON CANCELLED	

Science

▼ **A BLAST FROM THE PAST.** The space shuttle Discovery landed safely after astronauts conducted in-flight repairs to the shuttle's external heat shield. Still, the end may be in sight for the problem-plagued space shuttle program. NASA plans to finish building the International Space Station and then retire Discovery and the two remaining shuttles by 2010. Soon after, astronauts will be launched into space aboard NASA's new Crew Exploration Vehicle—essentially a souped-up version of the rockets used in the original Apollo moon-landing missions of the 1960s.

(Red Huber-Orlando Sentinel/KRT)



◀ **THE GREENER WAY.** Hybrid vehicles that use both gas and electric motors to double their fuel efficiency and halve their emissions have gone almost mainstream as they capture a growing share of the North American new-car market. So early adopters have moved on to the next big thing: biodiesel. Made from renewable energy sources like corn, soy or animal fats, the fuel can be used in any standard diesel engine and doesn't create greenhouse gases. Meanwhile, automakers are working on prototypes of hydrogen-powered vehicles. Still, problems associated with hydrogen fuel cells mean it could be some time yet before they make today's cars as obsolete as the horse and buggy.

(Carl Wagner-Chicago Tribune/KRT)



AND THEN THERE WERE TEN. Astronomers announced that they had discovered a new planet in the outer reaches of our solar system. Nicknamed Xena—at least until the international body that vets names comes up with something official—it looks a lot like its nearest planetary neighbour, Pluto. But it is almost three times farther from the sun—nearly 10 billion miles—and its 560-year orbit takes twice the time of Pluto's. But Xena is not alone out there; the astronomers also found a moon orbiting the planet and nicknamed it Gabrielle.

(NASA/JPL-Caltech)



◀ **WINDS OF CHANGE.** Does global warming cause hurricanes? That seems a reasonable question following a tropical storm season that was the longest on record and wreaked unprecedented damage. Some data indicates that global climate change does not increase the number of hurricanes, but it does cause those that do occur to be much more ferocious. Not all scientists agree, and the research—and the debate—continue.

(Tim Chapman-Miami Herald/KRT)

► **INCREASING THE ODDS.** Medical researchers discovered how cancer spreads, a finding that could potentially lead to new ways of preventing and treating the disease. The original tumour sends out a chemical envoy that prepares a so-called landing pad elsewhere in the body that attracts cancerous cells and makes it easy for them to colonize the secondary site. Cancer's ability to spread is what makes it so deadly, and blocking the envoys might halt that process.

(Vernon Bryant-Dallas Morning/KRT)



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