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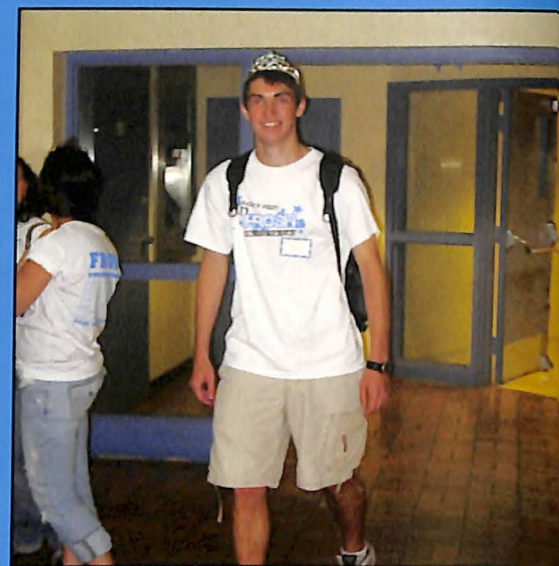
HITTING NEW HEIGHTS



At MSVU, we strive on being the best we can be. Over the past year, we have reached new heights; no the hill is not any bigger, but rather our campus and its students have raised the bar in Student Life. With new upgrades, a mascot and three Provincial Championship titles for our soccer and basketball teams this year, we are proving to be heading no where but up! The theme “Hitting New Heights” reflects the ongoing development of MSVU, and the growth within the Mount community.

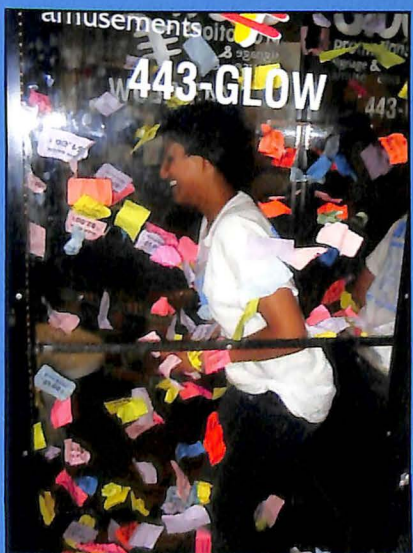


FROSH



WEEK

Frosh Week 2006 proved to be a big success! From September 3-9 there were many events taking place over our campus. We hosted our first outdoor concert which included 6 bands in 9 hours, and headlining the concert was Classified & Slowcoaster. Also included during frosh week was Damien the Hypnotist, the Price is Right, Frosh Warz, Dirty Bingo, a Fantasia party, Karaoke, a BBQ, Wacky Olympics, 1st year pub, and Sex with Sue.



SHINERAMA

Shinerama is MSVU's annual frosh week fundraiser to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Research. Shinerama is Canada's largest fundraiser at the post-secondary level as it involves many universities and colleges across Canada. MSVU has participated in this event for 8 years, and although it began as a shoe-shining campaign, it has now grown to be so much more. This year MSVU raised over \$14,000, and we will continue to contribute. This year's campaign included numerous summer events, as well as events taking place during U-Stock. We raffled off autographed merchandise donated by the featured bands and MusicStop. MSVU also hosted a celebration concert after Shine Day, headlining "God Made Me Funky!" The MSVU Students' Union would like to thank all volunteers, sponsors and the mount community for their continued support.

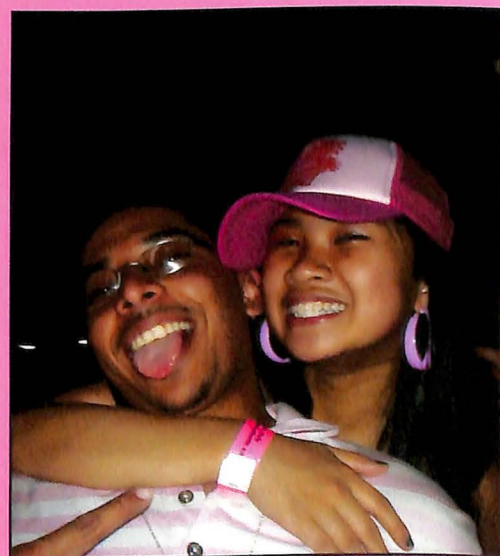
Keep Shining MSVU



Think Pink

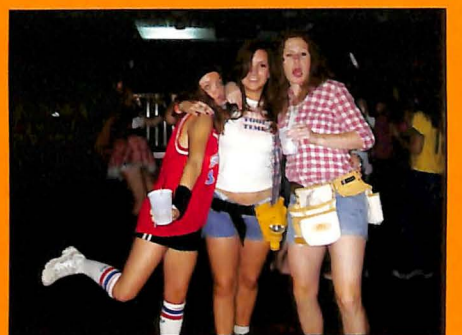
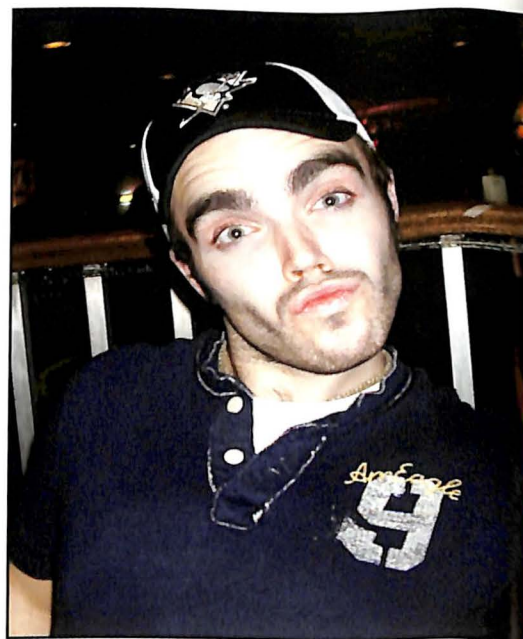
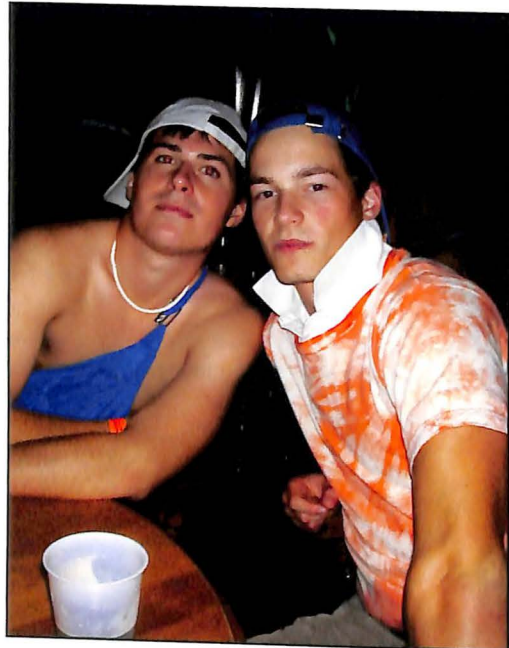
Breast Cancer Awareness Week

This year's Breast Cancer Awareness Week did not disappoint!! Organized by the VP Academic Affairs, Krissy Arbuckle, this was the second year for the initiative. All metro universities took part in their own ways and on their own campuses from September 25 to October 1, 2006. The week consisted of events as well as awareness activities with the CIBC Run for the Cure as the finale. As a means of promoting awareness, the Students' Union held a contest where anyone spotted wearing pink had the chance to win a prize. The second annual Think Pink Night at Vinnie's was a huge success. Thank you to all who came out in support of such a worthy cause. In total, the SU's fundraising efforts raised over \$600.00 for the CIBC Run for the Cure.





HALLOWEEN



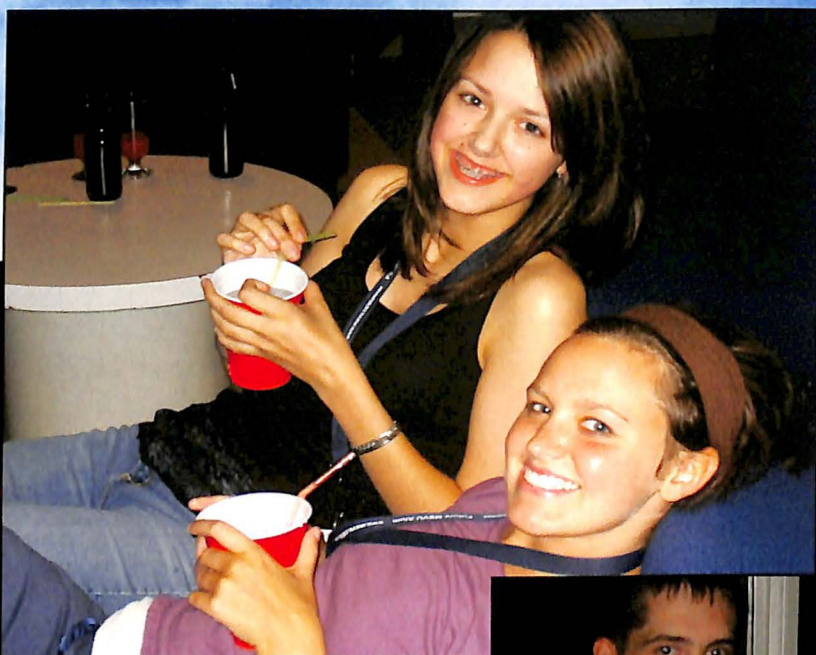
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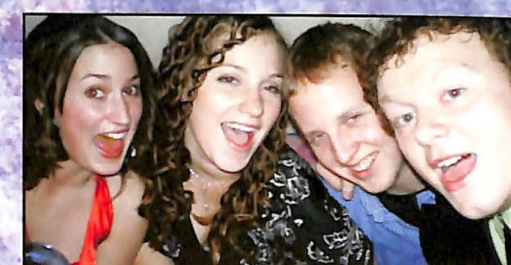
Mount Cup

As of March 1st, 2007 the top five teams are: Birch 2, Assisi 7 & 8, Birch 4, Assisi 11 & 12, and Assisi 5 & 6. With challenges yet to come the Mount Cup is still up for grabs – it's anybody's game!

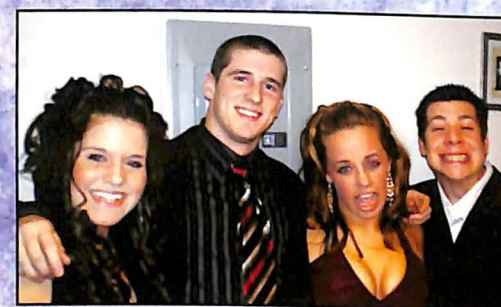
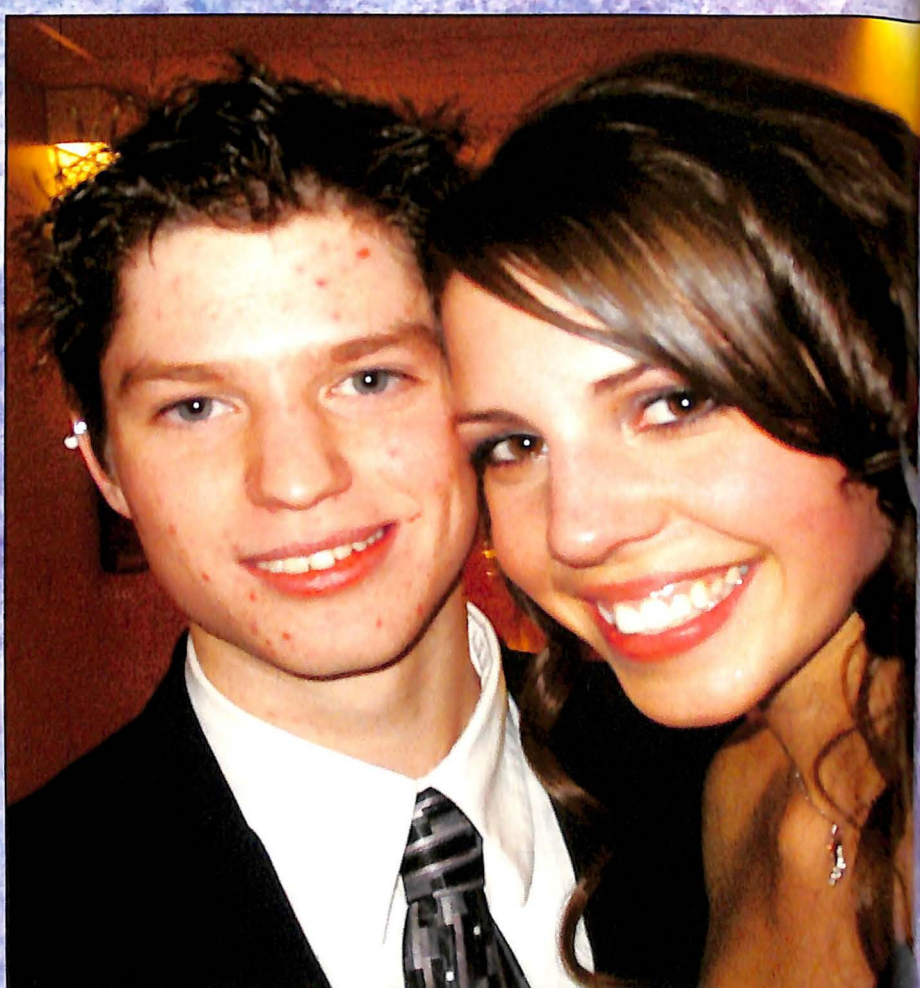


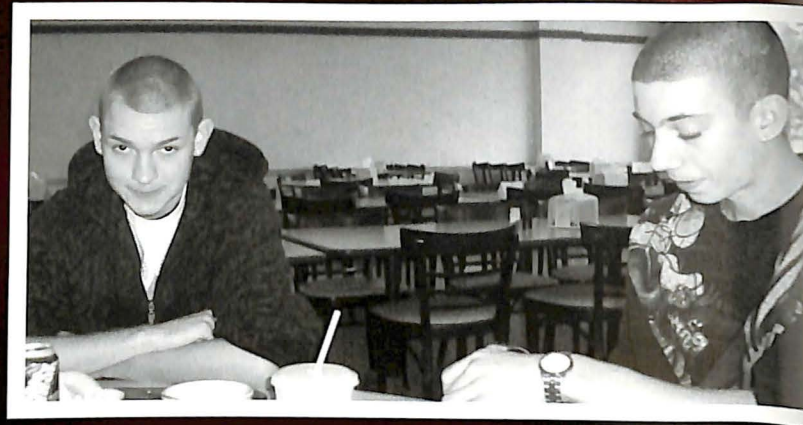
The Mount Cup Challenge is a point based contest between the residences of MSVU. Teams compete for point by attending various events on campus and competing in a variety of challenges. At the end of the competition, the top three scoring teams will partake in a head-to-head, all day competition. At the end of the day, the team who has the most point overall will be awarded the cup for the year. The winning team receives custom T-shirts and a private party at Vinnie's.

Charity Ball



The 10th Annual Charity Ball was an amazing success! This event is held every year to help raise money for the Phoenix Youth Project, which is a local non-profit group that strives to help homeless youth get off the streets of Halifax. The theme for this year's ball was Viva Las Vegas and was organized by the Residence Society. The event quickly sold out, and we raised \$5000. Charity Ball is always a great success, and is a well anticipated event by the MSVU community.





Around MSVU



ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

APPLIED HUMAN NUTRITION



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

BUSINESS & TOURISM



Back L-R: Ann MacGillivray, Rod Tilley, Ned Kelleher, Jeff Young, Randall Fisher, Peter Mombourquette, Don Shiner, Bob Bagg, Malcolm Stebbins. Front L-R: Miriam Gallant, Wanda George, Elizabeth Hicks, Karen Blotnick, Mausi Reinbold, Sandi Findlay, Wendy Doyle, Paulette Cormier MacBurnie, Helen Mallette, Kathryn Britten. Missing: Candace Blayney, Nancy Chesworth, Mallika Das, Jim MacAulay

CANADIAN STUDIES



Della Stanley - Coordinator, Canadian Studies Program

CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS



Back L-R: Dr. Tina Harriott, Dr. Katherine Darvesh, Dr. Cherif Matta, Dr. Susan Boyd, Dr. Aibing Xia
Front L-R: Dr. Ian Pottie, Ms Nancy Cook, Ms Brenda Hoare

CULTURAL STUDIES



L-R: Meg Raven (Library), Ingrid Jenkner (Curator, Art Gallery), Dr. Allan Nielsen (Education), Dr. Randi Warne (Coordinator, Cultural Studies), Dr. Larry Steele (Modern Languages), Dr. DeNel Rehberg Sedo (Public Relations)

ECONOMICS



L-R: Dr. James Sawler, Ms. Sharon Baker (Department Secretary), Dr. Nargess Kayhani (Chair).
Missing: Dr. R.P. Seth, Dr. Tom Tucker.

EDUCATION



Back L-R: Elizabeth Church, Jane Baskwill, Pauline Sutow, Marlene Ruck-Simmonds, Eva Knoll, Robert Berard (Director of Teacher Education), Jim Sharpe (Dean), Susan Brigham, Alan Dawe. Middle L-R: Sue McGregor, Jamie Metsala, Ruth Ann Brown, Wendy Stubbett, Colleen Blacker, Lynne Foley, Anne MacCleave, Michelle Forrest, Heidi Wilkins, Robert Sargent. Front L-R: Carol Way, Jocelyne Lavoie, Derek Berg, Mary Jane Harkins, Hong Wang, Trina Gardner. Missing: Genevieve Boulet, Mike Bowen, Mike Foley, Fred French, Patricia Gouthro, Bill Hare, Valda Leighteizer, Andy Manning, Paula Mayich, Allan Neilsen, Lorri Neilsen, Robin Neustaeter, Donovan Plumb (Director of Graduate Education), Evan Robinson, Nancy Taber, Susan Walsh, Bev Williams.

ENGLISH



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

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: 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

PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES



Dr. Felicia Eghan (Peace and Conflict Studies Coordinator)

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES



L-R: Dr. Arthur McCalla, Dr. Randi Warne (Chair), Dr. John Schellenberg.

POLITICAL STUDIES



L-R: Michael MacMillan (Chair), Meredith Ralston, Jeff MacLeod. Missing: Reg Stuart.

PSYCHOLOGY



L-R: Dr. Michelle Eskritt-Keck, Dr. Stephen Perrott (Chair), Dr. David Furrow, Dr. Fred Harrington, Ms. Donna Thompson (Laboratory Technician), Dr. Dan Lagacé-Séguin. Missing: Dr. Nancy Bartlett, Dr. Elizabeth Bowering, and Dr. Mary Delaney

PUBLIC RELATIONS



L-R: Dr. Amy Thurlow, Prof. Barbara Emodi, Prof. Brent King, Dr. DeNel Rehberg Sedo, Dr. Marie Riley (Acting Chair) and Kathryn Britten (department secretary). Missing: Dr. Wade Kenny, Prof. Patricia Parsons, Prof. Trudie Richards, Prof. Judith Scrimger.

SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY



Back L-R: Dr. Hazel MacRae, Dr. Leslie Brown (Chair), Dr. Robert Lanning.
Front L-R: Dr. Patricia Baker, Dr. Norman Okihiro, Dr. Dianne Looker (Canada Research Chair in Equity & Technology). Missing: Dr. Nanciellen Davis, Dr. Jane Gordon, Dr. Sheva Medjuck, Dr. Joe Tharamangalam

WOMEN'S STUDIES



L-R: Dr. Meredith Ralston, Dr. Christine Overall (Nancy's Chair) and Dr. Mary Delaney.
Missing: Frances Early, Jane Gordon and Katherine Side

Photos were not available for the following Academic Departments:

Biology
Child & Youth Study
Family Studies & Gerontology
History
Information Technology

Address to Graduates

Dear Graduates,

It is with great pride that I extend heartfelt congratulations to you, the Graduating class of 2007. The completion of your post secondary studies is indeed a memorable accomplishment and a significant juncture in your lives!

I would venture to say that you have learned much-both theoretical and practical, during your time at the Mount. I am confident your years here have been a journey of self discovery from which you have learned a great deal: understanding that hard work can lead to outstanding results; developing personal pride in accomplishments; experiencing the power of teamwork and collaboration; a sense of social responsibility and the knowledge that you can have a positive impact on your community; and learning how to overcome obstacles and challenges, to name but a few.

These meaningful experiences will support you as you move into the next phase of your life-long journey; they will become part of the outstanding qualities that distinguish you to future employers. Use what you have learned to make intelligent choices and take intelligent risks. Seize opportunities and never underestimate your power to influence and change.

You are the Mount's greatest ambassadors and our greatest legacy. Keep us in your heart and continue to support us in our endeavors to provide an outstanding university experience to our students. We will proudly watch and rejoice in your achievements as you become a member of a world wide family of 23,000 alumnae.

I wish you every possible success as you write the next chapter of your journey. May it be magnificently rich and rewarding as you endeavor to attain your goals and positively enhance the lives of those around you. I am reminded of the words of the 19th century American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, "*Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*"

Congratulations and keep in touch!

Kathryn Laurin
President and Vice-Chancellor



STUDENTS' UNION

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Lloyd Nash
President



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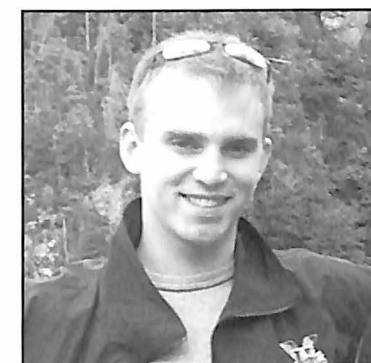


2006 - 2007

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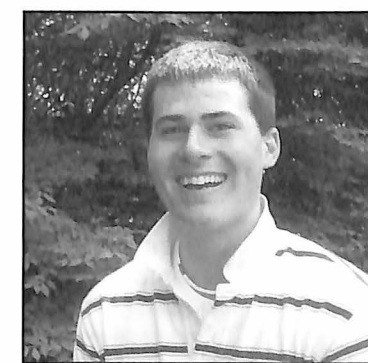
Cindy Ryan
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Lisa Templin
Off Campus Rep



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Residence Rep



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STUDENTS' UNION

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Patti Hutchison
Health Plan Manager /
Administrative Assistant



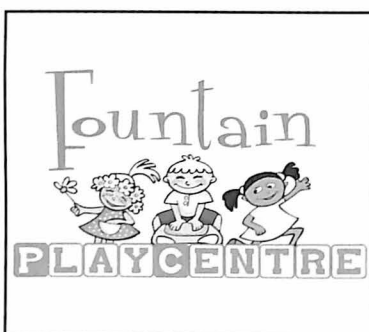
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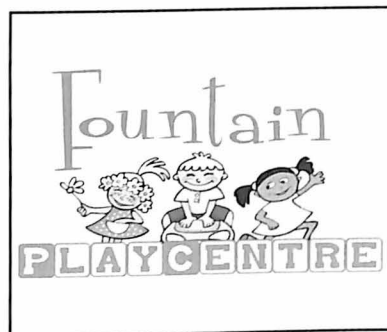
Alison Moore
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Amy Eaton
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Manager



Mtisunge Matenda
Vinnie's Pub Manager



Jane McCormack
Student Resource Centre
Manager



Ashley Dawe
Newspaper
Editor In Chief



Justin Haley
Advertising Editor



Eric Atkinson
Communications Coordinator

SU President's Message to Graduates

Dear Graduates,

The time has finally come! As often as the cliché has been said, you are all at a pivotal stage of your lives and finally entering "the real world!"

As your student union president, I want to congratulate all of you on your successful and bittersweet graduation.

The long and winding road of school finally comes to an end for the most of you, as you prepare to enter the workforce and begin wonderful and successful lives. I hope that each of you remember your time at the Mount with pride, passion, and love for our wonderful community. It is with great pride that I again congratulate you all on a success that you should all be very proud of, you are MSVU Alumnae now, and it should feel good!

Again, Congratulations, and I hope you all blow with the winds of destiny!



Lloyd Nash
Student Union President 2006-2007

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE



Amber Daley



Lisa Templin

VOLUNTEERS

Ashley Pelley
Jeremy Martell

Spencer Jarvis-Collier
Alex Dimas

Bruno Perron
Kerri Manning

A VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU" GOES OUT TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS YEARBOOK POSSIBLE.

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE MESSAGE

This year has been an amazing experience at MSVU. So many events have taken place, services have expanded and many memories have been made. This yearbook is only the second edition that Mount Saint Vincent has seen in over ten years. The Mount is growing and changing around us, and we should all be proud to have been a part of it.

It was an extremely challenging but rewarding experience trying to capture everyone's memories at MSVU this year especially without the benefit of a full-time Yearbook Editor. That didn't stop us though, and with the help of a few key people, our yearbook committee was formed. I would sincerely like to thank everyone who was involved in submitting pictures, creating write-ups, holding events and taking photos. Without the help of these volunteers, there would be no yearbook. Also, a very special thank you goes out to: Ashley Pelley for sticking around after she had already graduated to help put this yearbook together, Amber Daley and Lloyd Nash for not giving up on the yearbook after all the frustration it caused, and Kenney Fitzpatrick for all the help (and pictures). We could not have done it without all of you.

All of us on the yearbook committee have worked extremely hard so that perhaps the memories of MSVU will come alive again when you pull this yearbook off the shelf, dust it off and look at it again years from now. We have tried to capture as many people, groups and events as possible and we'd like to apologize to those who are missing from this yearbook for whatever reason. Hopefully our hard work has paid off and this yearbook will help you to remember your friends at the Mount for many, many years to come.

Sincerely,
Lisa Templin, Yearbook Committee Co-Chair

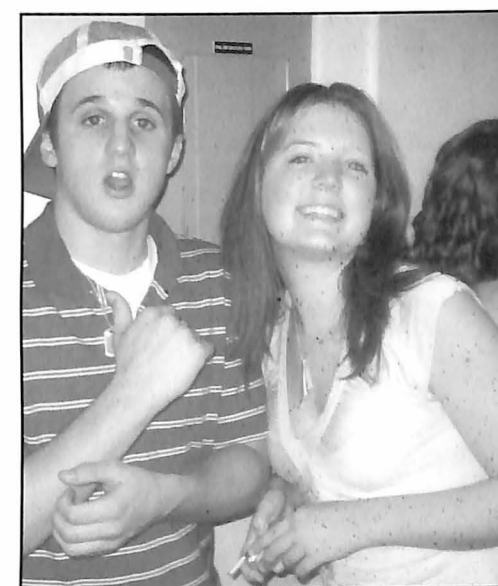
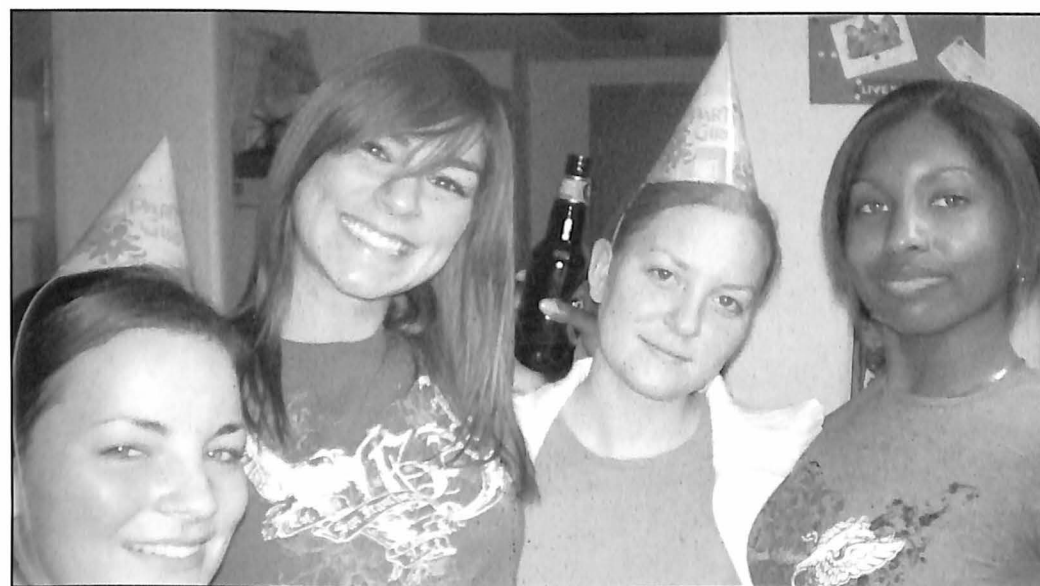
Residence



Life



Welcome to Rez



Welcome International Students!

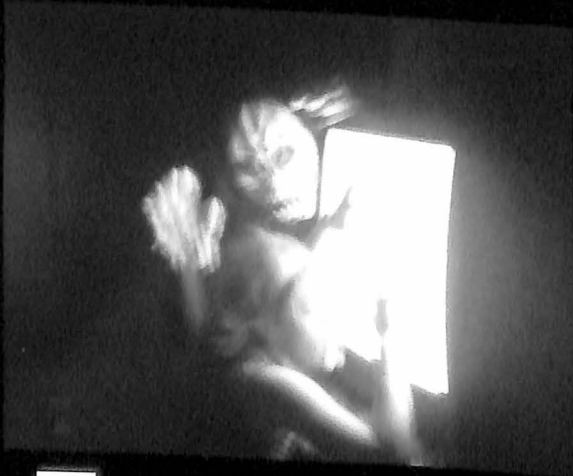


Student



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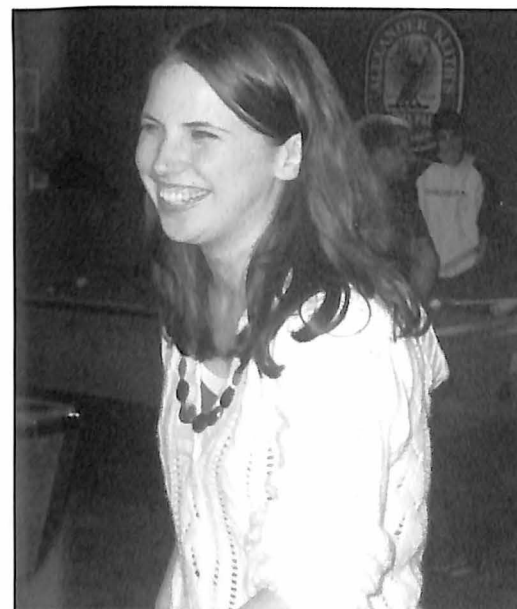
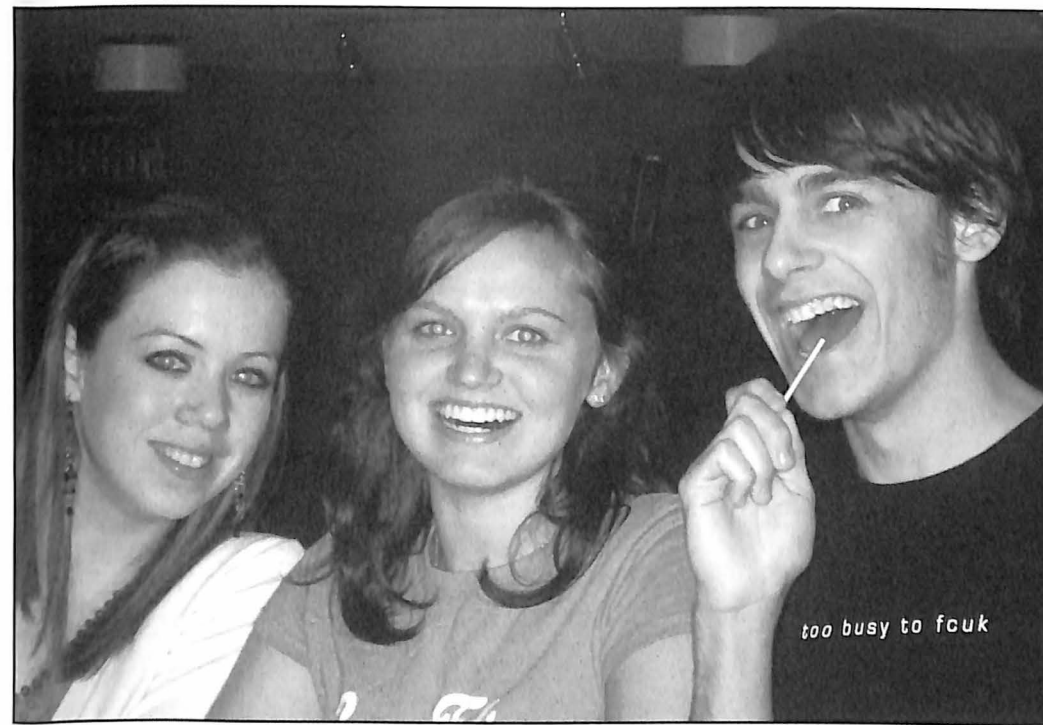
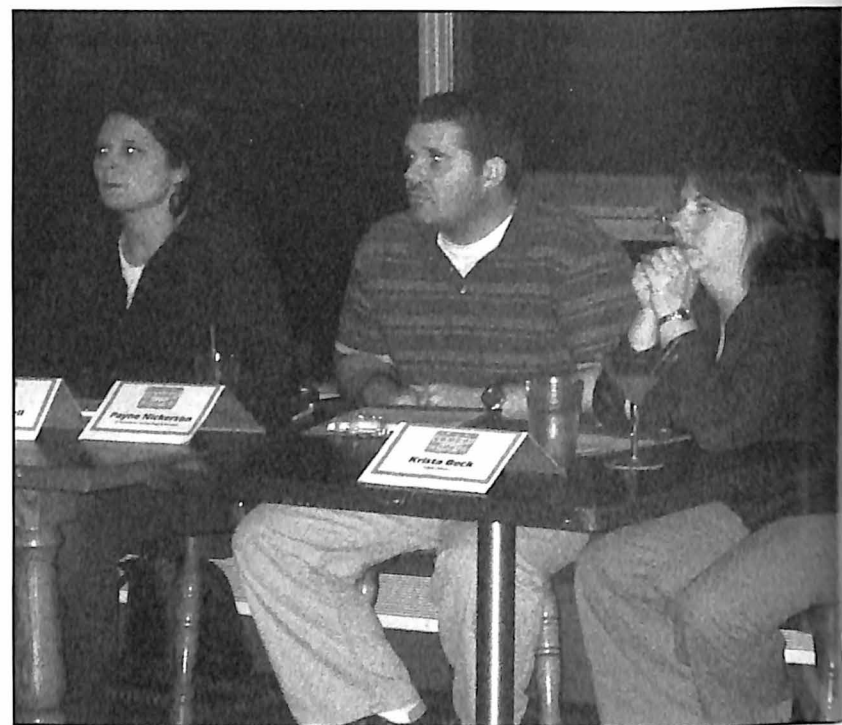
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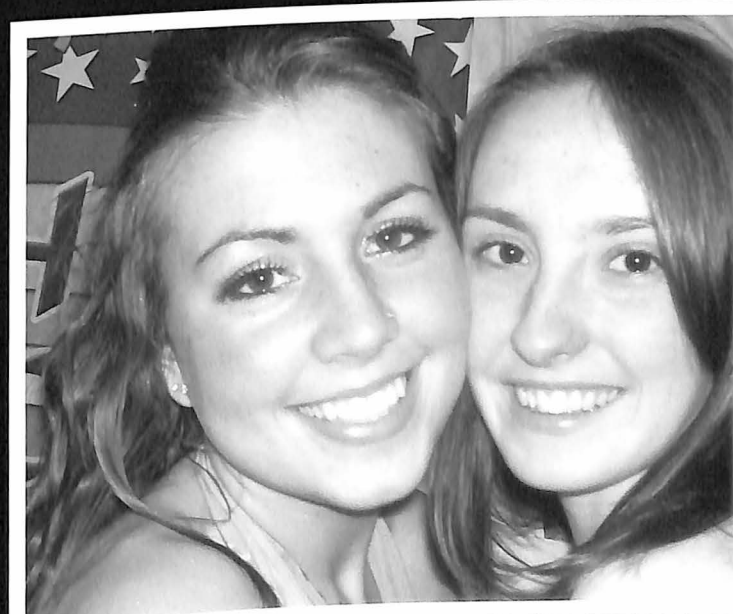


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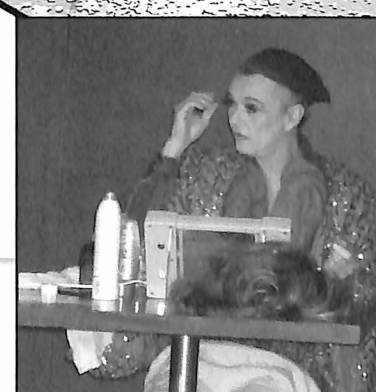


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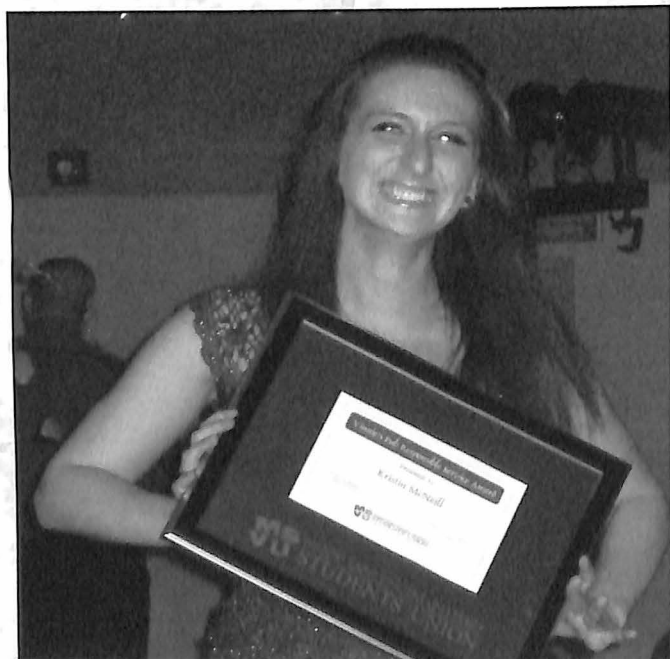
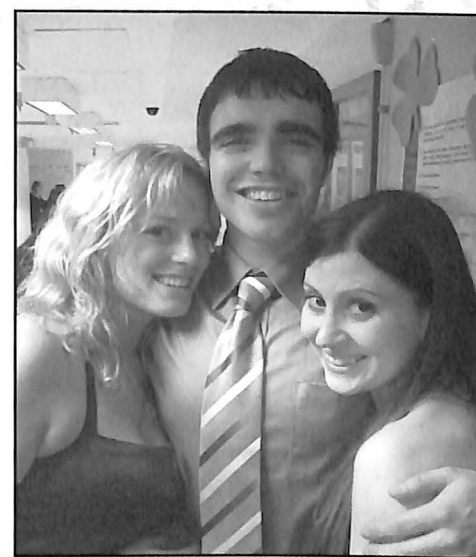
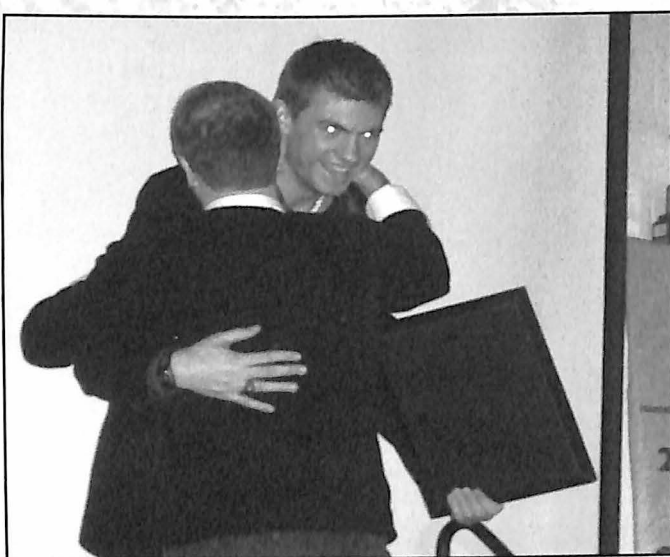
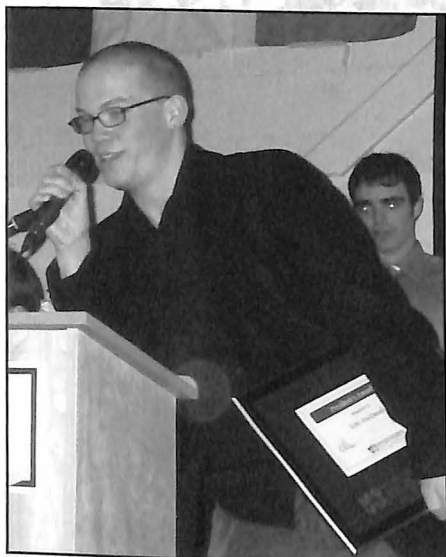


Mr. Mount



AWARDS NIGHT

~A NIGHT IN PARIS~





Last Class Bash

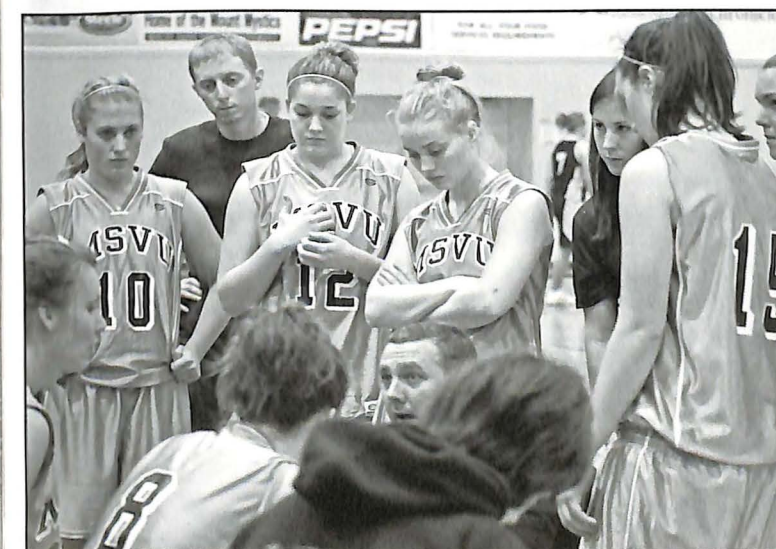
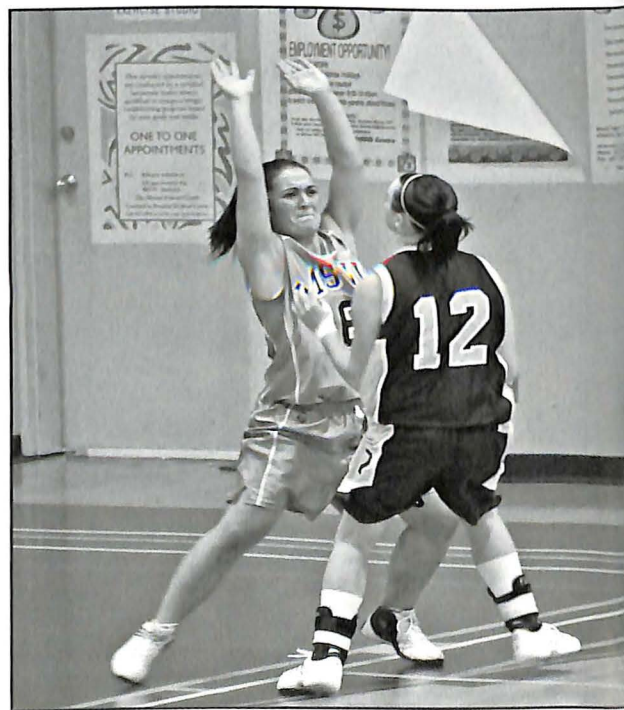


ATHLETICS

THE MYSTIC ~WOMEN~



Back L-R: Steiner (Assistant Coach), Jenna Kendrick, Shauna Aucoin, Sarah Conn, Sarah Rudderham, Erin Zinck, Elaine Horne (Assistant Coach), Dyrick McDermott (Head Coach) Front L-R: Katherine Brien, Melissa Berry, Lyndsay MacKinnon, Shelagh Abriel, Jenna Dunn, Dianne Keddy, Shannon Labre

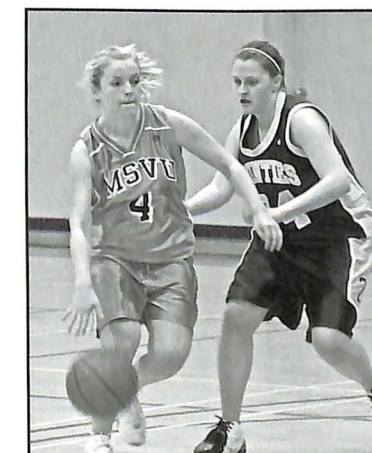


**Basketball doesn't build
character it reveals it
- Author Unknown**

The Women's Basketball team finished the regular season with a 23-0 record and achieved their goal of winning the conference and won the 2006-07 ACAA women's basketball title. This was the 3rd title for the team in the past 5 seasons and certainly the most special. This season was the first time in MSVU history a women's basketball team went undefeated.

At 23-0, the team headed to Edmonton to represent the conference at the CCAA National Championship. The team lost their first game to eventual Gold medalists Vanier and their second game to Okanagan (the British Columbia Champions) 84-83 in double overtime, before defeating the 6th ranked hosts, Grant McEwan 60-56.

Congratulations to Jenn Kendrick (CCAA Second Team All Tournament), Jenna Dunn (first team all conference, ACAA MVP and CCAA All Canadian) Katherine Brien (first team all conference) and Shannon Labre (second team all conference) and Dyrick McDermott (ACAA and CCAA Coach of the Year).



THE MYSTIC -MEN-



Back L-R: Dave Brien (Assistant Coach), Jason Carlson, Ian Baker, Brett Fulmore, Ibrahaim Toulany, Anthony Zinn, John Caulfield, Steve Morris, Brendon Arnold, Mark Forward (Assistant Coach), Rick Plato (Head Coach). Front L-R: Anton Berry, Adam Jewkes, Carl Wickstrom, Damian Gay, Corey McLellan, Mark Brien, Gary Grey. Missing: Andrea Plato (Manager).



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

The men's basketball team also made MSVU history by becoming the first men's basketball team to go 23-0 in ACAA action. This was the Mystics 9th conference title and certainly their most impressive. The team capped off a dominant regular season with impressive wins over UNBSJ in the semi finals and then a convincing 79-53 win over rival King's College in the championships game.

At the National Championships, the team continued with their winning ways by defeating the Alberta Champions Mount Royal College before falling to the top ranked Douglas College of B.C. in the National semi final.

Congratulations to Jason Carlson (CCAA second team all tournament), Damian Gay (first team all conference, ACAA MVP and All Canadian) Steve Morris (second team all conference) and Brendon Arnold (second team all conference and CCAA Academic All Canadian) and Rick Plato (ACAA Coach of the Year).

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

Although the women's soccer did not repeat as conference champions, they did make it to the league finals with 12 first and second year players. Head Coach Jacques Boudreau is building a team that will be very competitive when MSVU hosts the 2007-08 CCAA National Championships.

This years team finished with 5 wins, 3 losses and 4 ties (4th position in the ACAA) and a renewed focus to recapture the ACAA championship.

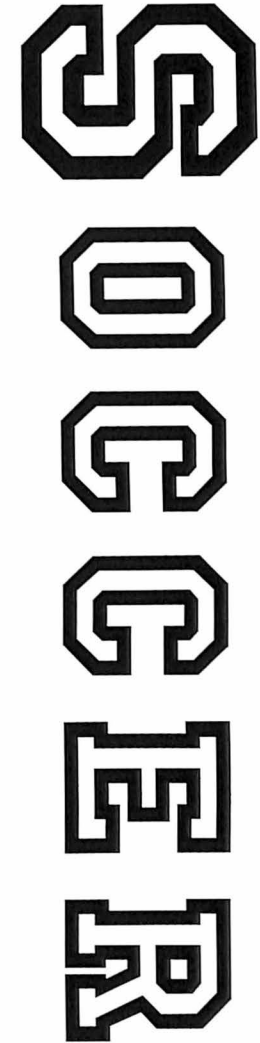
Congratulations to ACAA 1st Team All Conference winners Deirdre Gormley and Amy Fischer and ACAA 2nd Team All Conference winners Nicole Baxter and Kristina Van Eden.



THE MYSTIC ~WOMEN~



Back L-R: Jacques Boudreau (Head Coach), Lisa Evong, Nikki Baxter, Keri MacNeil, Deirdre Gormley, Kristina Van Eden, Mary Maddalena, Amber Trimm, Lindsay Britten, Amanda Revels, Robyn Homans (Assistant Coach). Front L-R: Anna Suutarla, Sarah Reid, Amy Fischer, Natasha Sanford, Sarah Edsall, Danielle DeCoff, Kim White. Missing: Jessica Dooley



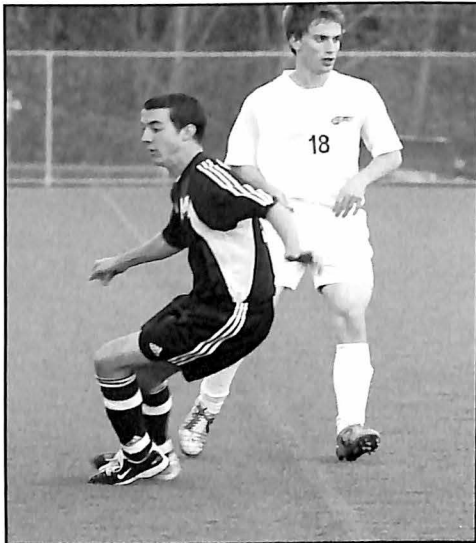
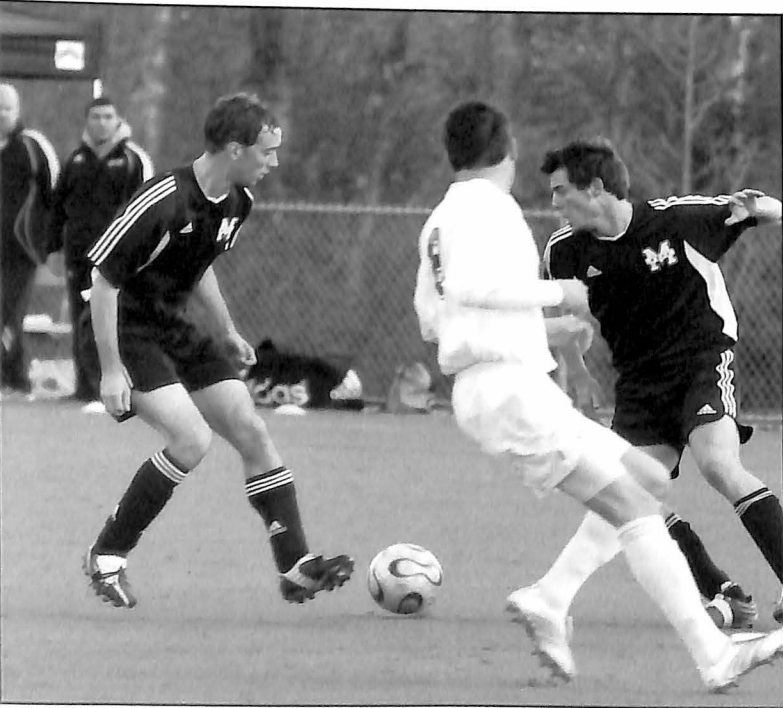
The rules of soccer are very simple, basically it is this: if it moves, kick it. If it doesn't move, kick it until it does.

-Phil Woosnam

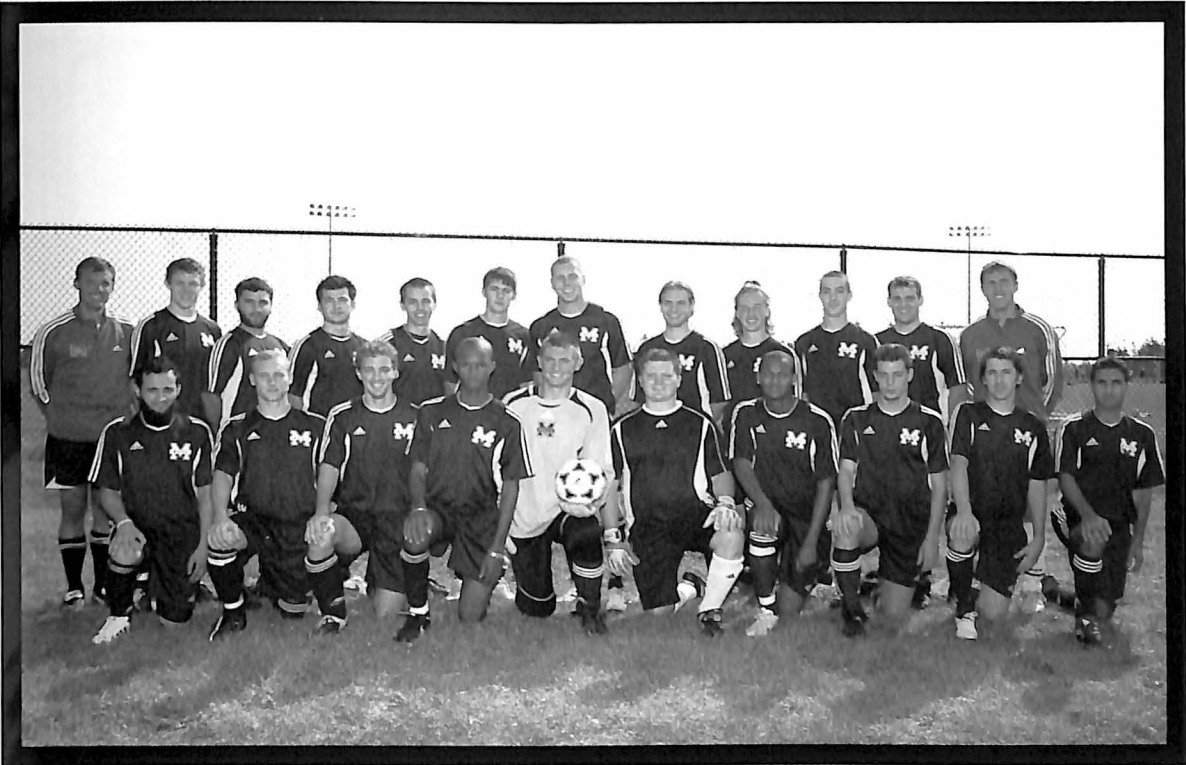
In only their third season, the men's soccer team was able to capture their first ACAA Championship. The team finished in first place in the ACAA regular season and defeated a talented STU team 3-1 to represent at National Championships in Burnaby British Columbia.

At CCAA Championships the team proved they belong with the best in the country and will be a force when MSVU hosts the 2007-08 CCAA Nationals season.

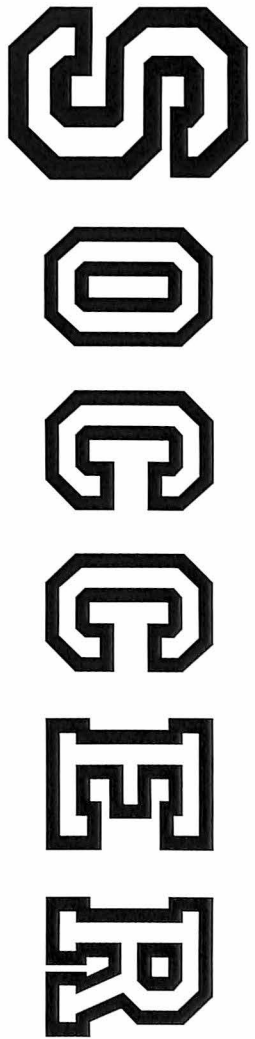
Congratulations to ACAA 1st Team All Conference winners Mark Harnish, Billy Connolly and Alex Lorente Viardell, ACAA 2nd Team All Conference winners Joe Frangie, Patrick Johnston, Stephan Sears, ACAA Rookie of the Year Billy Connolly and ACAA Coach of the Year James Sawler.



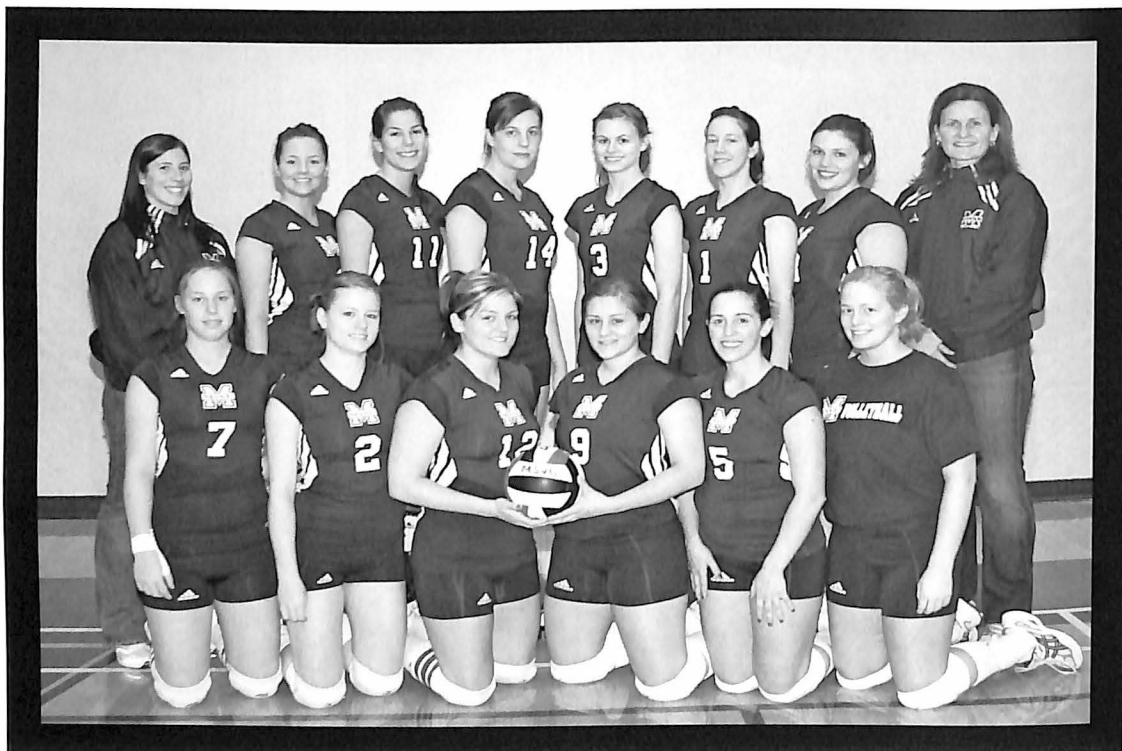
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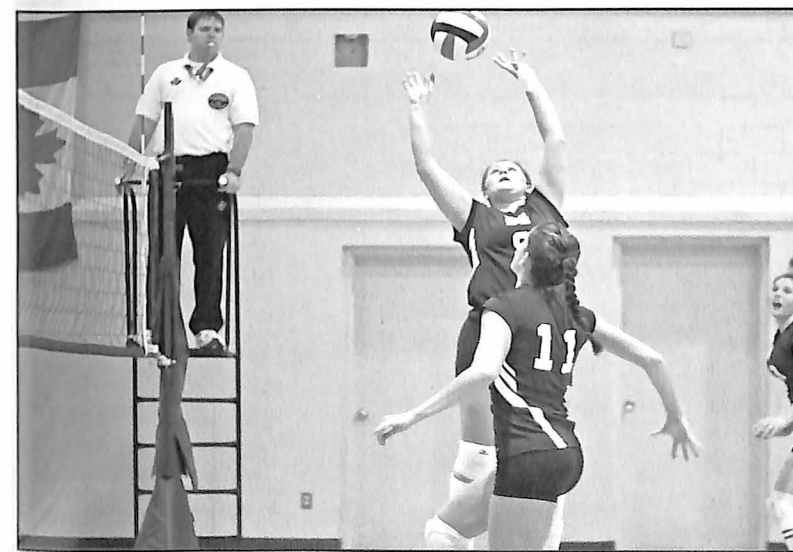
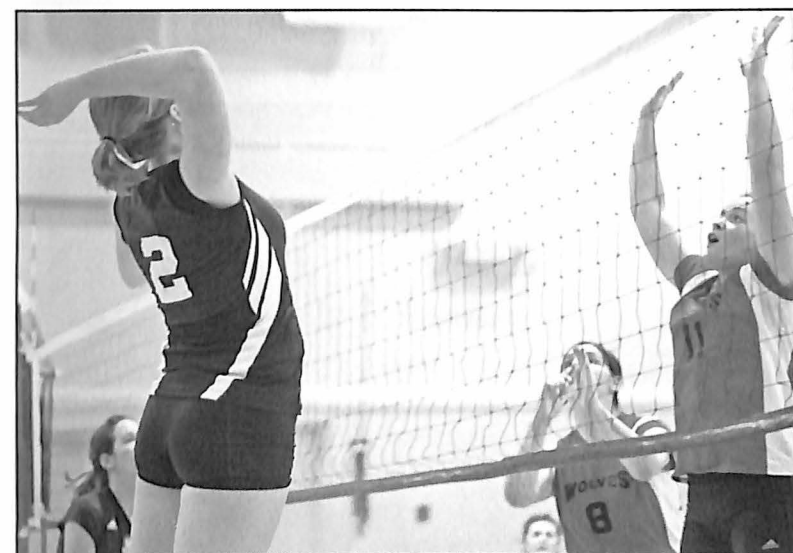
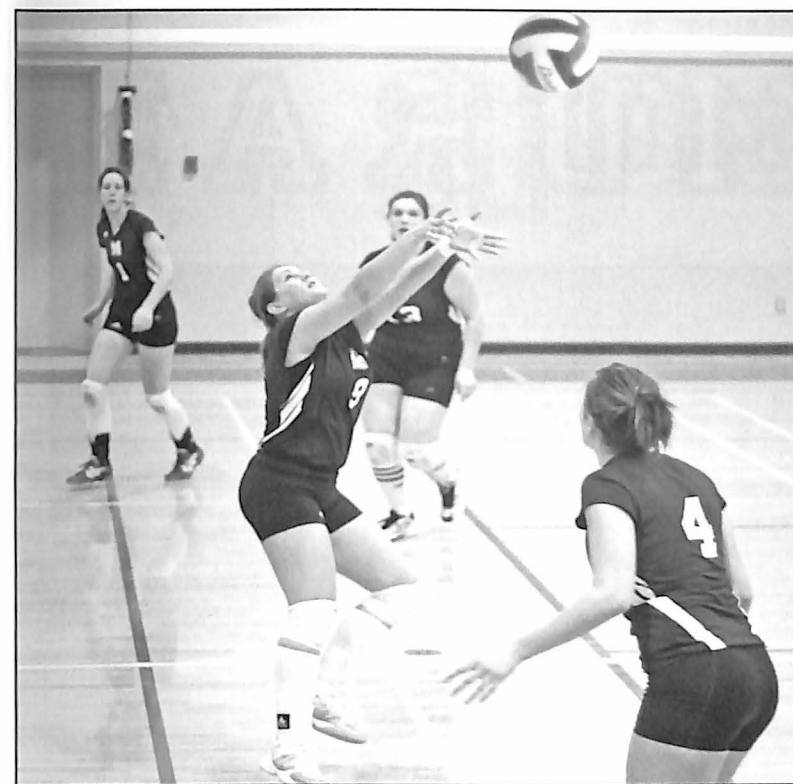
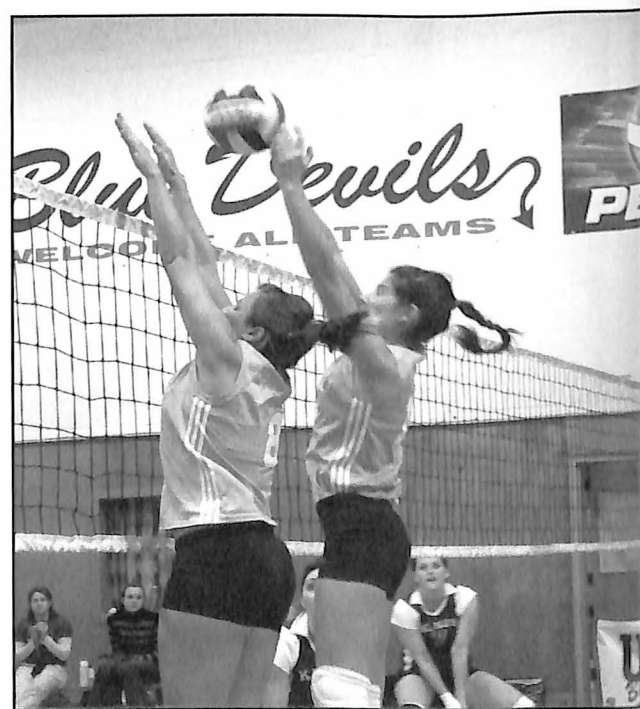
Back L-R: James Sawler (Head Coach), Stefan Sears, Mazen Hafez, Matt Szeto, Kenzie Urquhart, Billy Connolly, Jimmy Corey, Marlow Reeves, Mark Theriault, Ryan Hearn, Matt Belliveau and Luke Corey (Assistant Coach). Front L-R: Ahmad Ghazoul, Shane Lynch, Patrick Johnston, Bantu Campbell, Ben Hunter, Murray O'Quinn, Giovanni Saltus, Alex Villardell, Mark Harnish, Ibrahim Yuksel.



THE MYSTIC ~WOMEN~



Back L-R: Chelsea Whitehead (Assistant Coach), Kaylee Hake, Allison Saunders, Kelsey Myles, Carla Smith, Amanda Haggerty, Kelly Smith, Suzanne Dittmer (Head Coach). Front L-R: Amanda Forrest, Megan Corkum, Vanessa McEvoy, Jasna Toprek, Candace Garland, Maggie Daley.

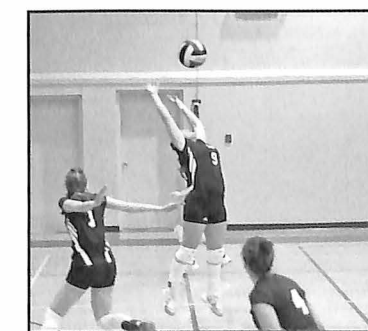
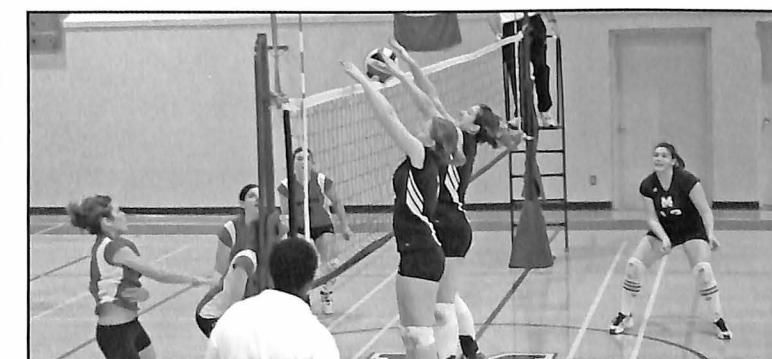


**Good girls are a dime a dozen,
but an aggressive leader
is priceless
- Red Blaik**

This years' edition of the MSVU women's volleyball team enjoyed a solid season. Although the team carried seven first year players, they were still extremely competitive and gained valuable experience that will help them for years to come.

The Mystics finished in third place in the ACAA with a 16-8 record and lost a hard fought match in the ACAA semi finals to eventual league champions Mount Allison. Head Coach Susanne Dittmer was proud of her team for their efforts and looks forward to next season.

Congratulations to the entire team on a great season and to Senior Allison Saunders (ACAA 1st Team All Conference and CCAA Academic All Canadian) and first year player Jasna Toprek (ACAA Rookie of the Year and 2nd Team All Conference).



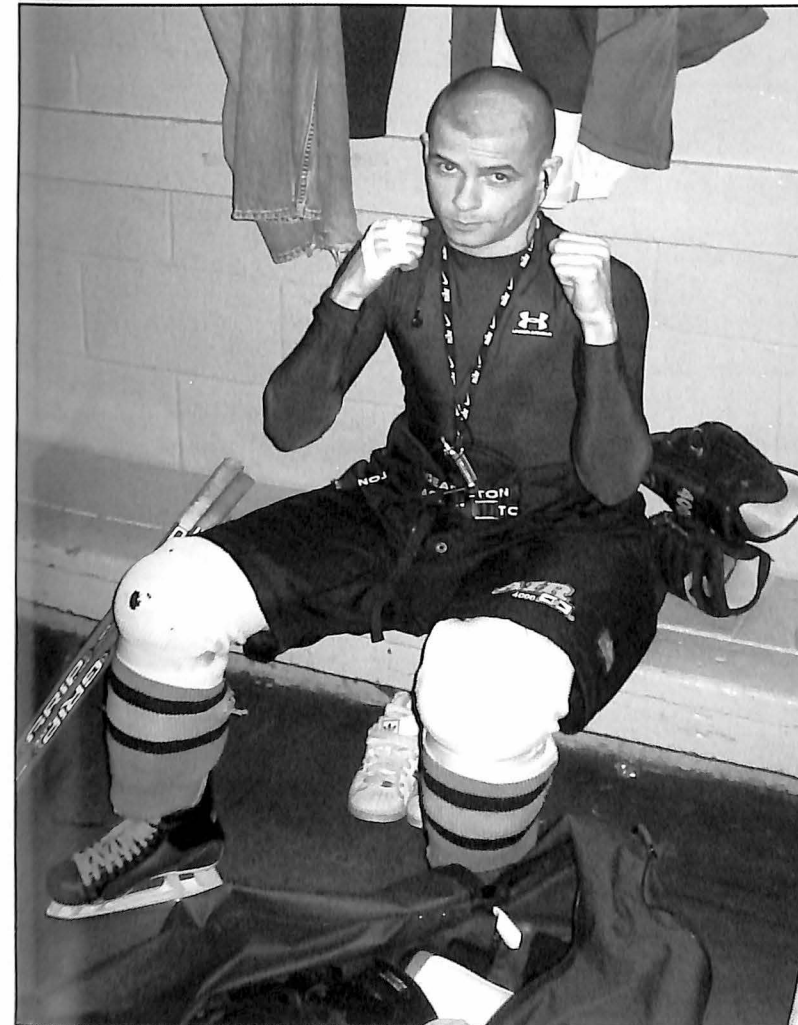
INTRAMURAL



HOCKEY



The Mount hockey team completed its fourth season in the Saint Mary's Intramural league making the playoffs for the fourth consecutive year. The team finished eighth place in a 12-team league, just barely skimming into the playoffs. A first round match-up against the league's number one team proved to be the squad's last game in a disappointing loss. Everyone on the team contributed to its success and made the games enjoyable for all. The team was led by the solid offensive dexterity of Ryan Johnson and team captain Matt Haley, with both finishing top 10 scoring in the league. Plenty of memories accompany this season for the boys, particularly an "under-the-weather" 9-1 loss and a few buzzer-beater wins. The team hopes to continue its winning ways next season with a lot of returning faces. The boys are planning to hit the gym hard and often over the summer, in an attempt to get in shape for the next season. Best of luck next season guys, bring home the bragging rights!



W I S H



4th Annual MSVU Wish Day A Success!

Students, staff and faculty joined forces with the MSVU Housing Team on March 16, 2007 from 8am to 12midnight to make this year's Wish Day a huge success!

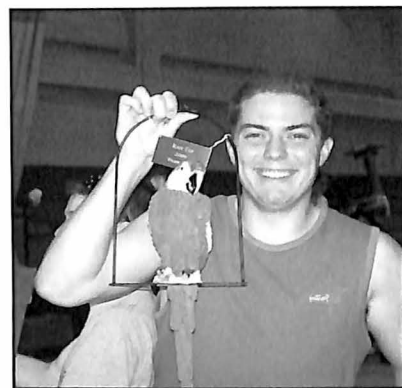
Dedicated hockey players, volunteers, entertainers, head shavers and members of the Mount community embraced the chilly weather to help raise a grand total of over \$5,000 in support of the Children's Wish Foundation – Nova Scotia Chapter.

Wish Day is an annual event organized by the MSVU Housing Team. This year, the event marked its fourth anniversary. Wish Day includes 16 hours of road hockey, a silent auction, hot and cold beverages, BBQ and spectacular live entertainment. This year, for the first time ever, Wish Day was rounded off by an exciting Casino Night!



D A Y

Riot Cup



Introducing...



Monty!

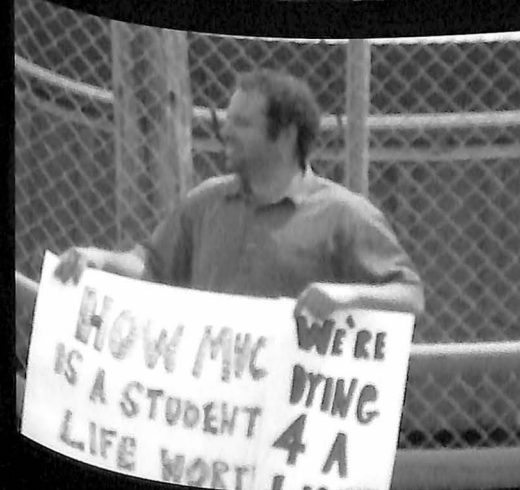


The sudden and exciting appearance of a large mountain lion on the MSVU campus this year stunned and mystified the MSVU community. The very friendly Monty the Mountain Lion, MSVU's newest resident can be found roaming around campus, reading books in the library and visiting various professors for guidance in higher learning. Amidst all the excitement of campus life, Monty loves to get involved with the Students' Union. Keep your eyes peeled MSVU, this cool cat is here to stay!

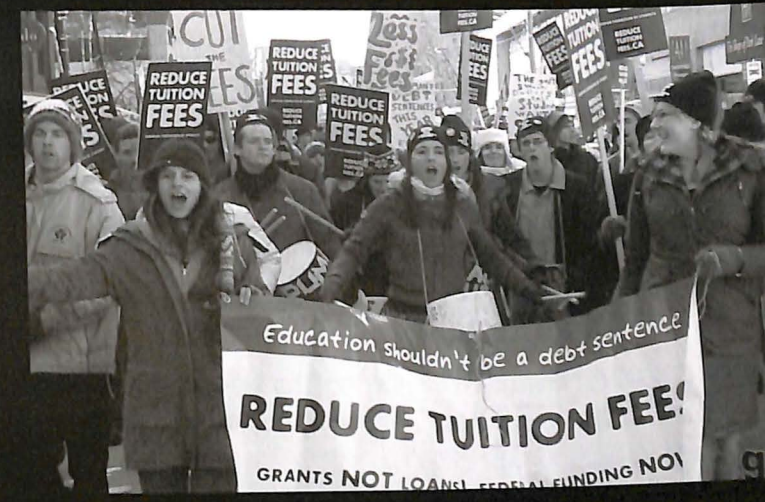


Crosswalk

Safety



Funk Tuition



Day Of Action



MSVU in the News

The Bus Stops Here: MSVU Students Get U-Pass Program

March 5, 2007, Halifax, NS - Taking the bus to Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) just got cheaper and easier, thanks to an agreement between MSVU Students' Union and Metro Transit to bring the U-Pass program to the university in September 2007.

"The U-Pass agreement is a huge accomplishment for students at the Mount. Most of us live off-campus and do not have vehicles and Metro Transit is our only possible mode of transportation," says Lisa Templin, MSVU Off-Campus Representative. "Walking or cycling on the Bedford Highway is sometimes difficult. With the U-Pass, our transportation costs are covered when we pay our tuition. Getting to campus is faster and transportation is one less thing to worry about when we're studying for exams and writing papers."

The U-Pass allows all full-time undergraduate students, unlimited use of the Metro Transit services throughout the academic year, for as little as \$120.

In a referendum question, MSVU Students' Union asked students whether or not they wanted to adopt the U-Pass program for the 2006/2007 academic year. The results were clear; 87% voted in favour and only 12% voted against. A total of 32% of the student population voted in this referendum.

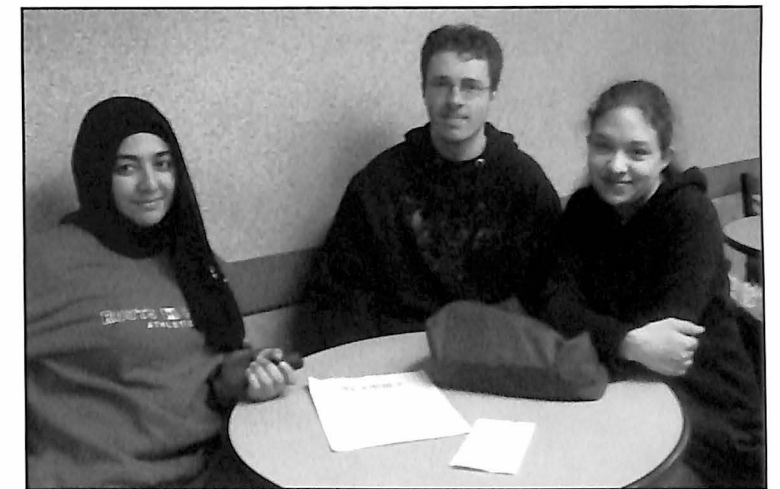
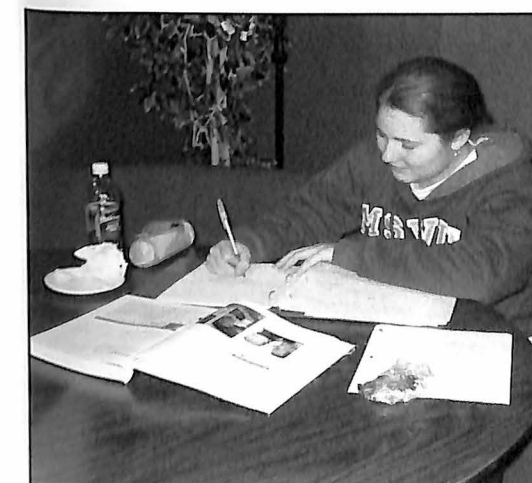
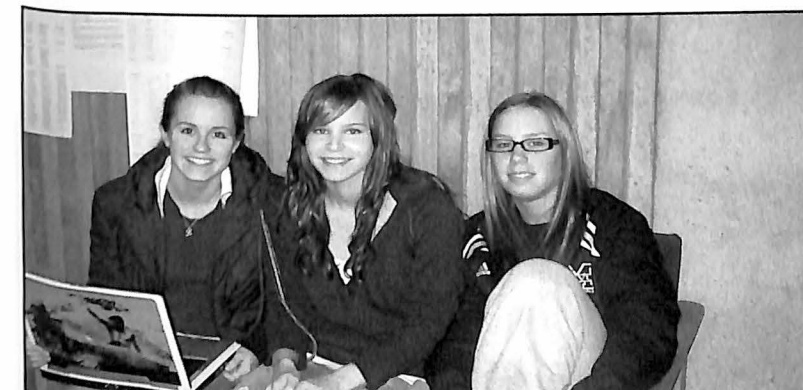
The U-Pass program that has been in effect at Dalhousie University and the University of King's College since 2006 and has been offered at Saint Mary's University since September 2003.

"We are so pleased for our students," says Helle Haven-Petersen, Executive Vice President, MSVU Students' Union. "This is something that we have been working on for such a long time, and it's just great to see it become a reality. This will mean great savings for students," Haven adds.



Jeremy Neilson, MSVU Canadian Studies student, loves the bus and loves the U-Pass.

Time

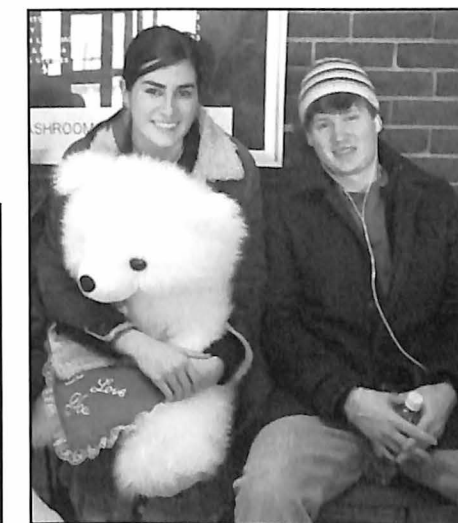
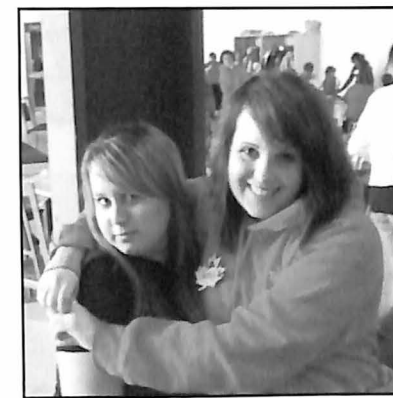
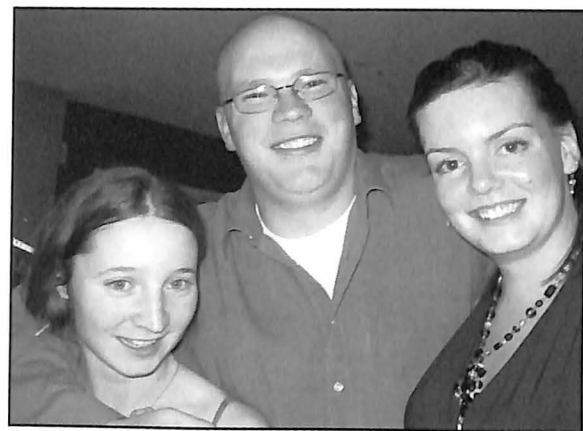


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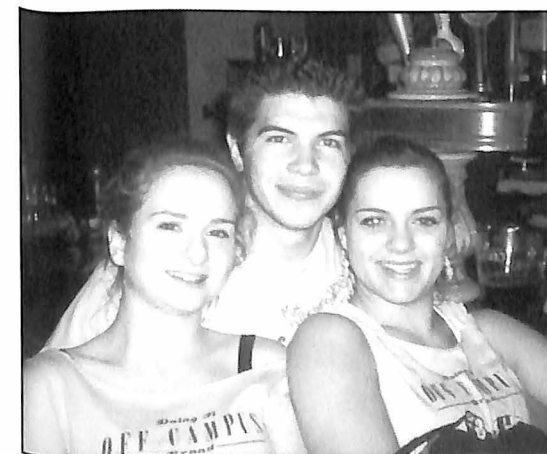
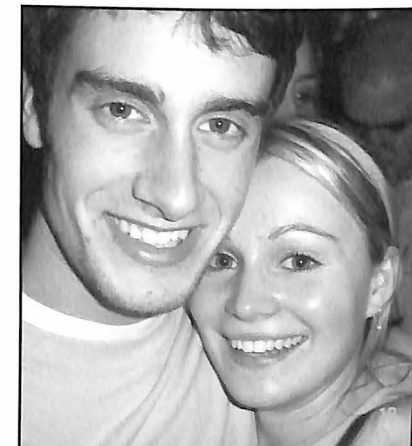
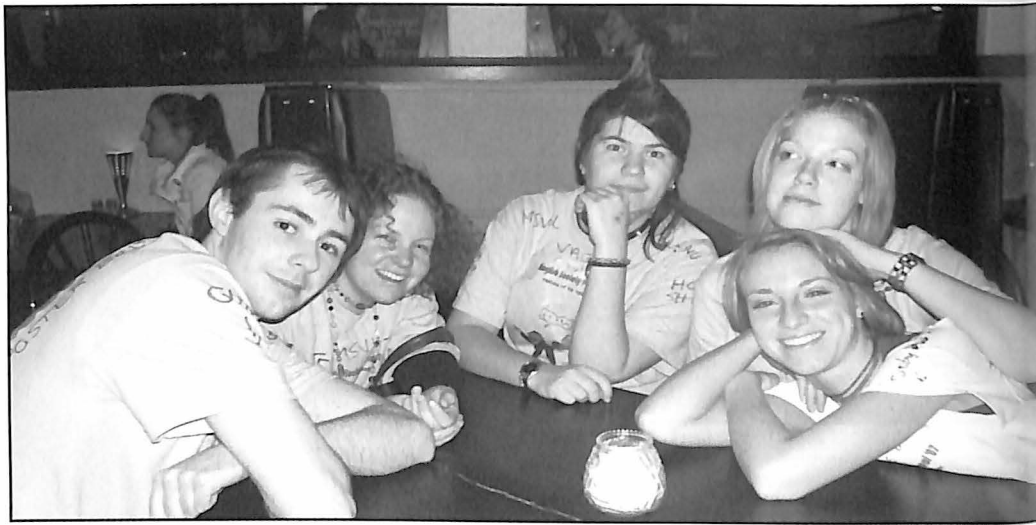
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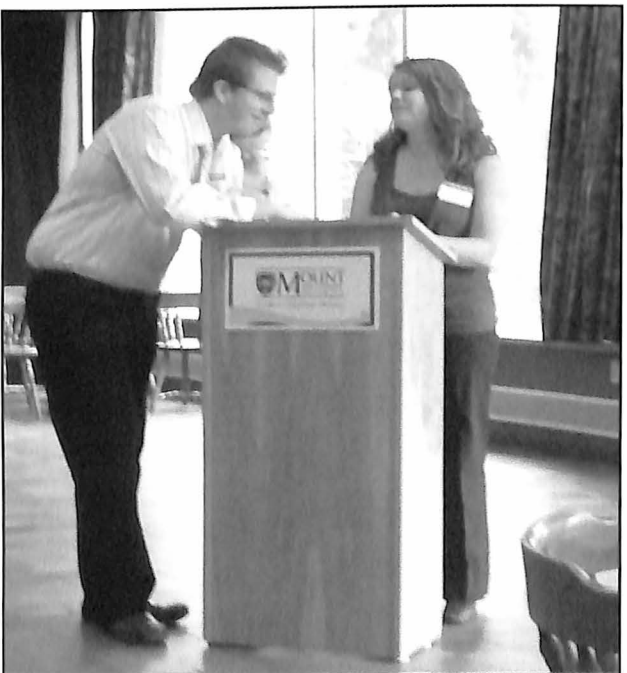
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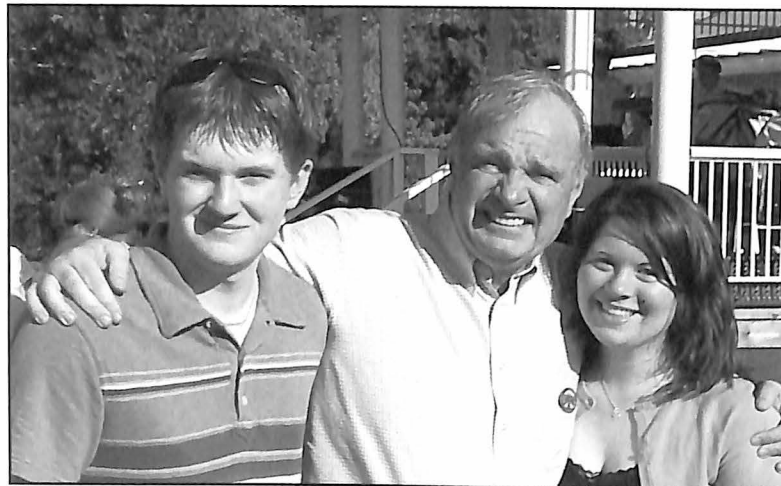


Political Studies Society



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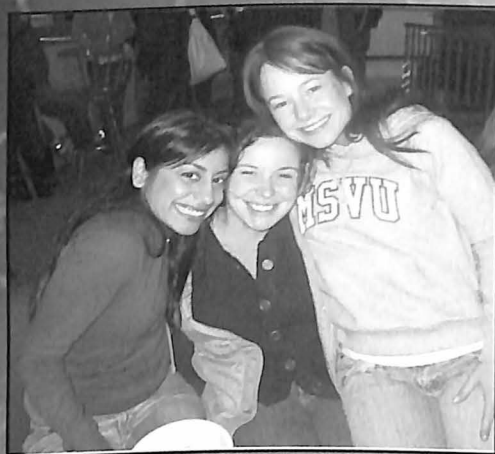
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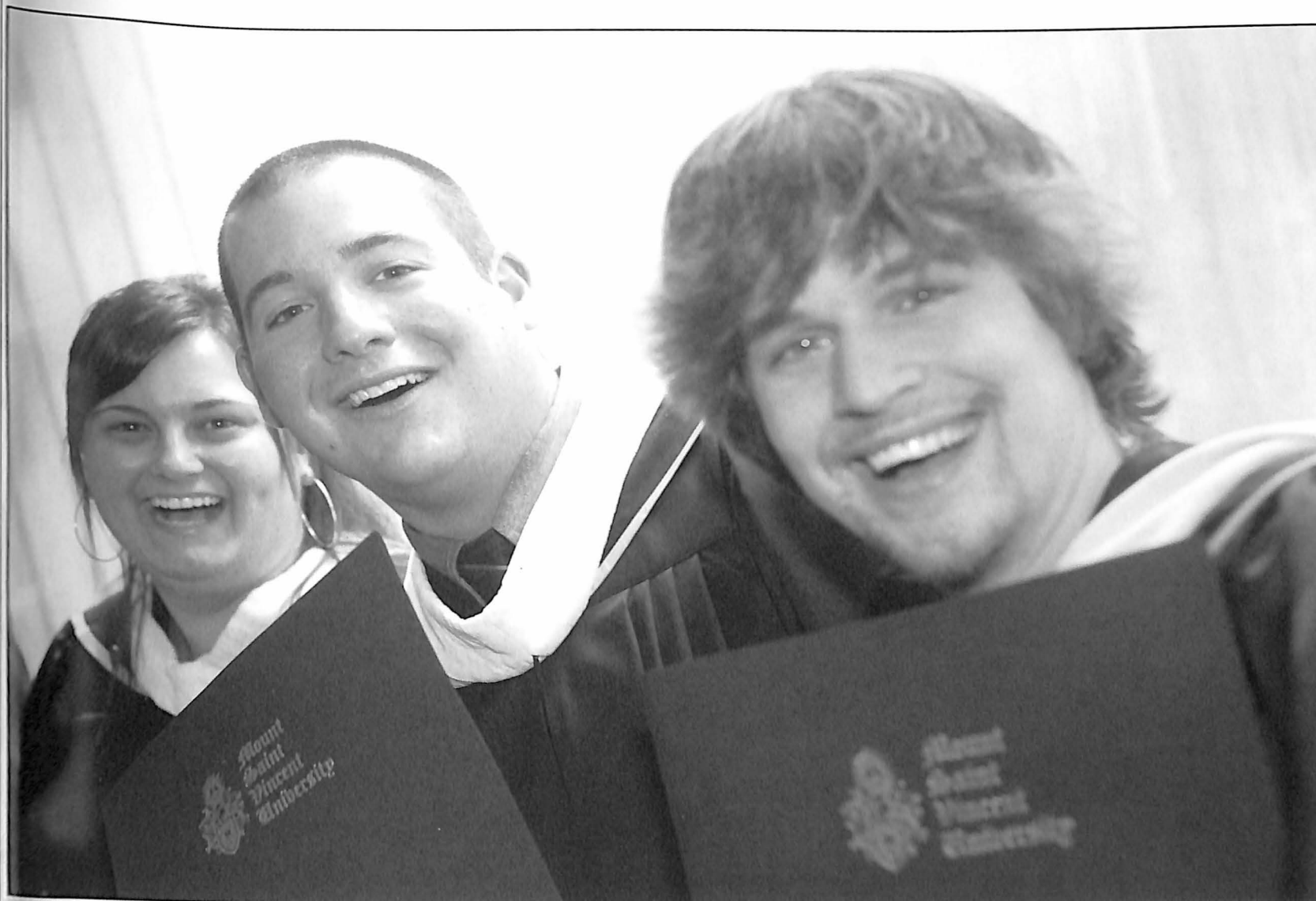
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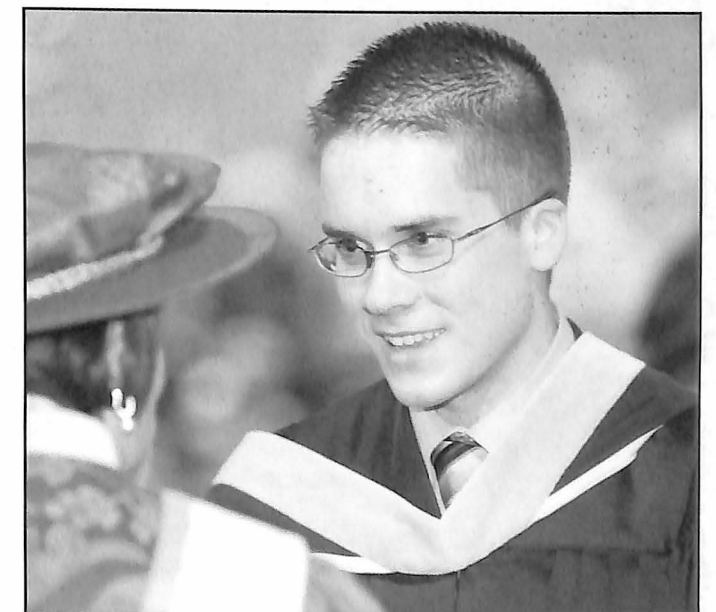
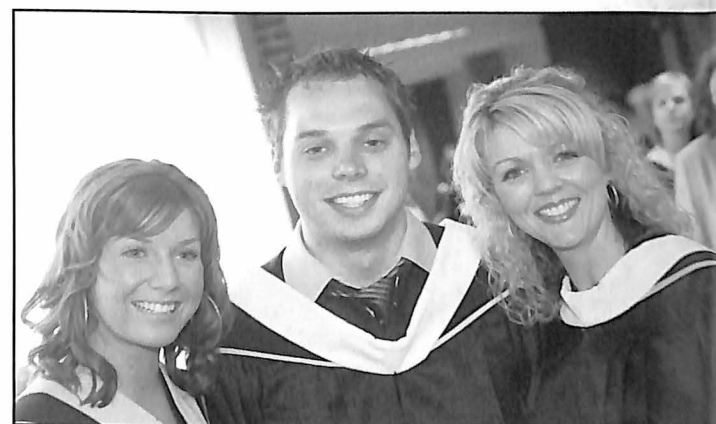


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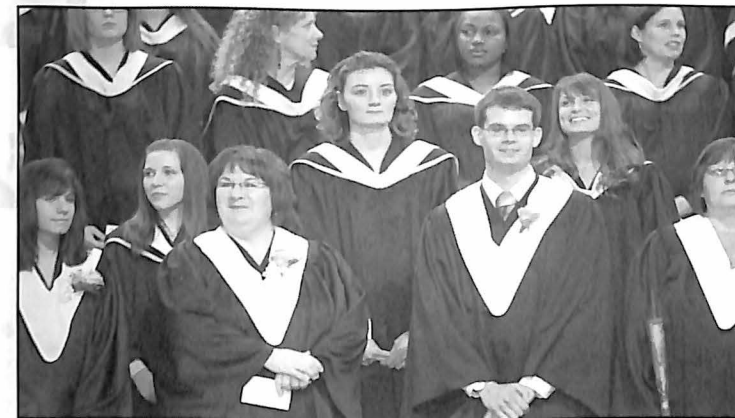
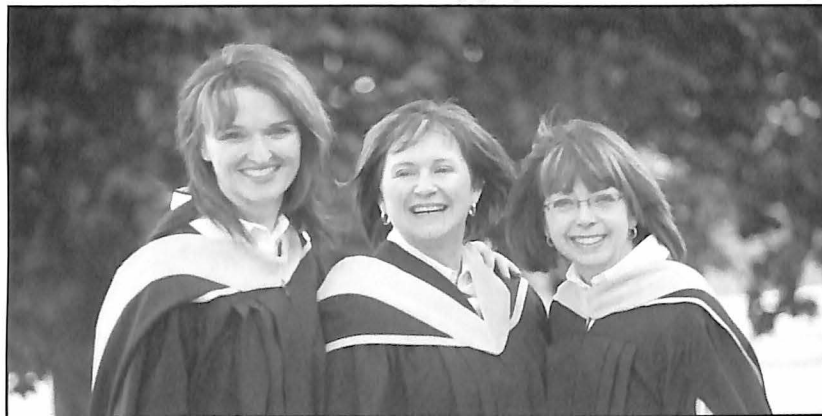
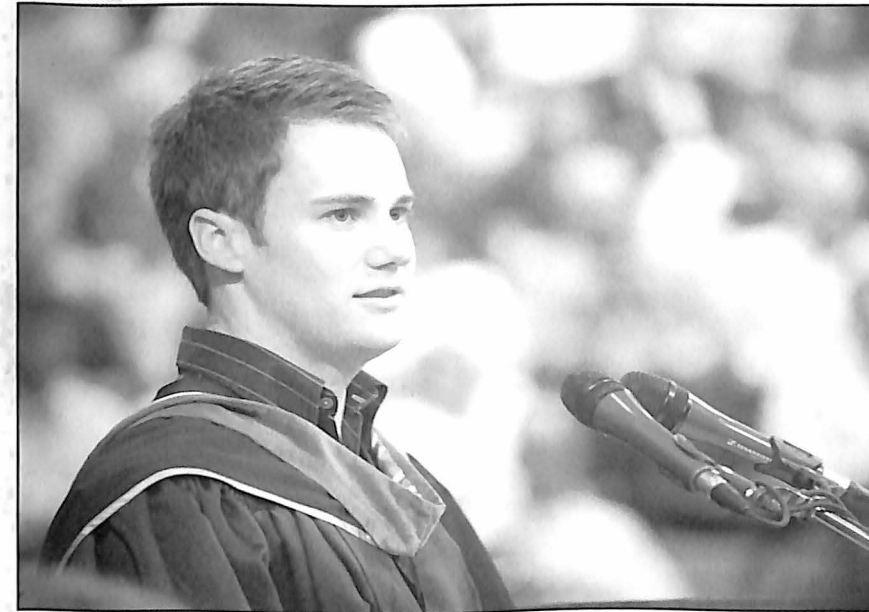
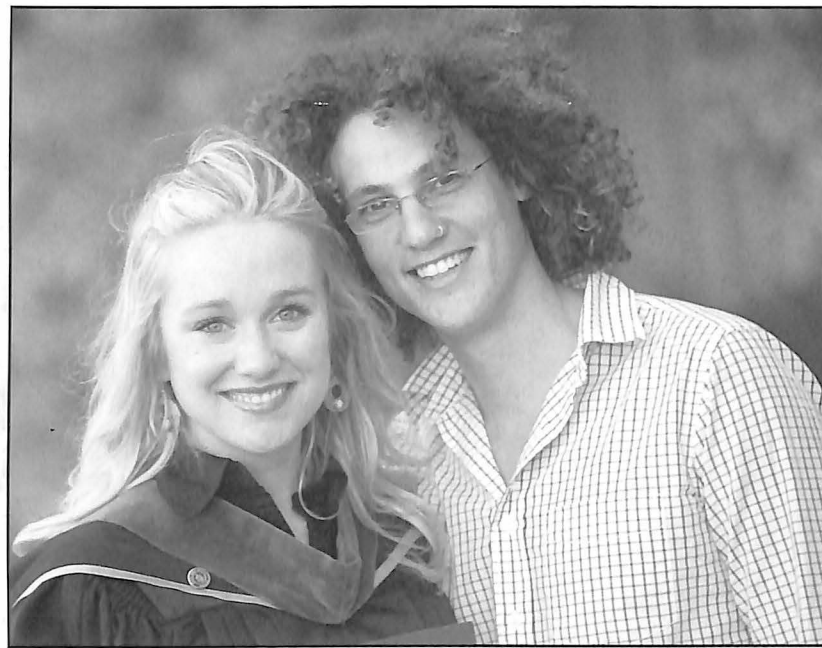
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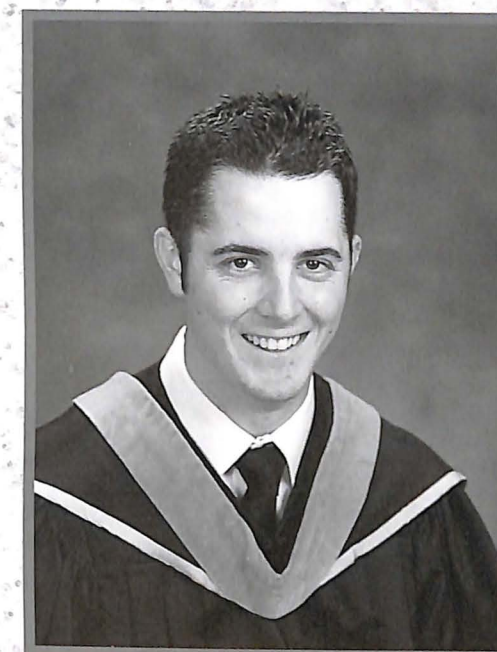


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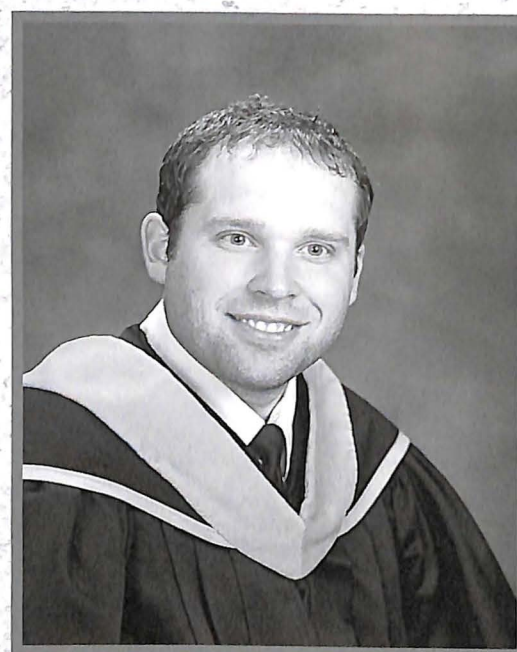
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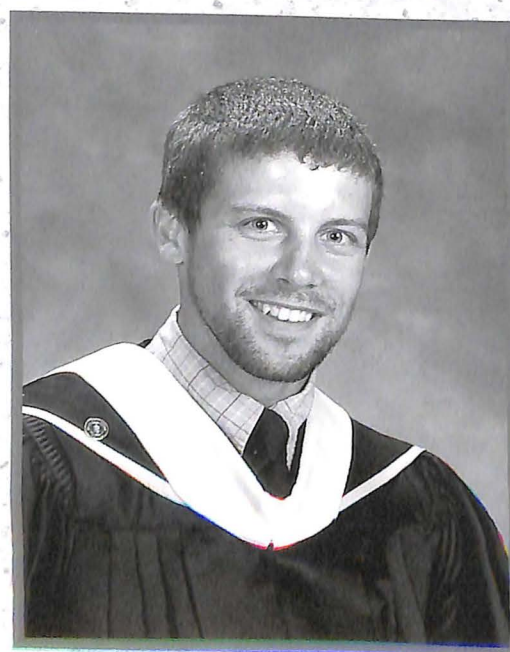
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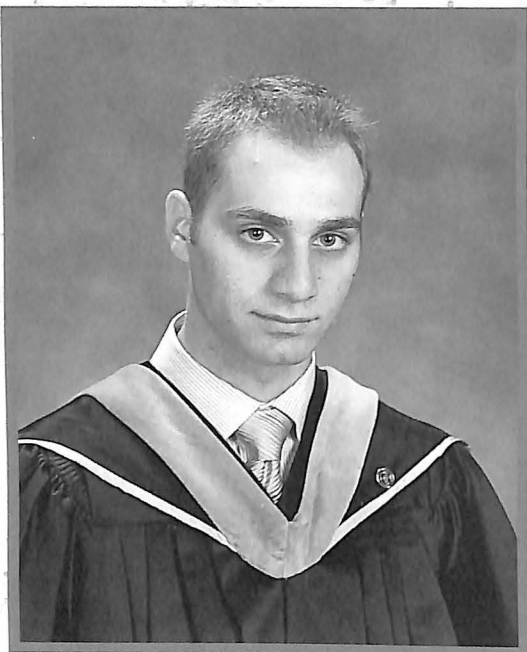
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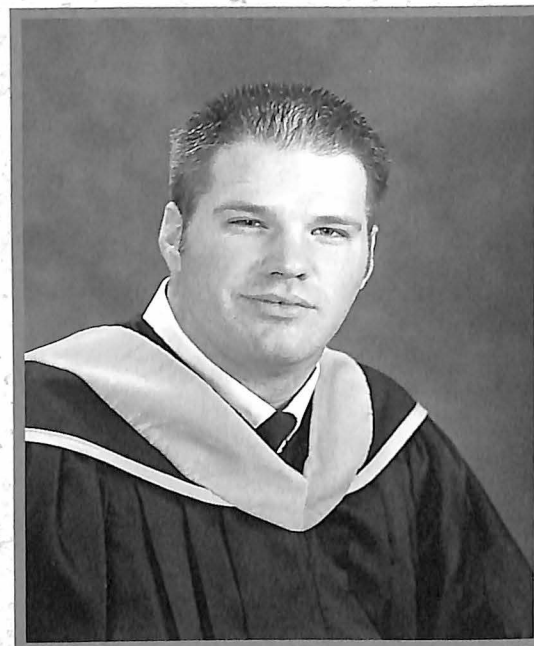
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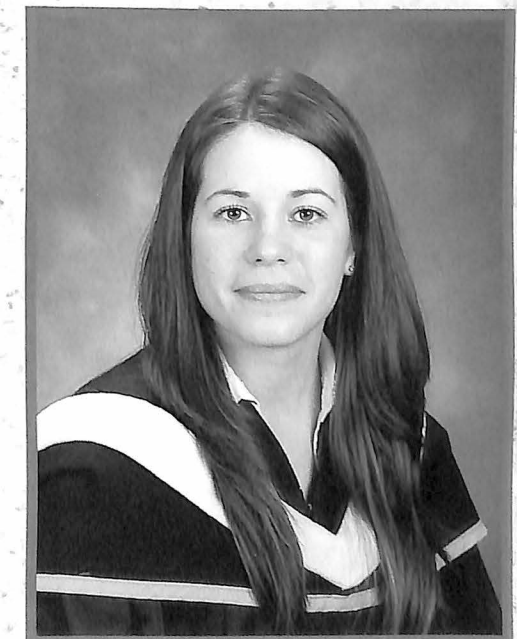
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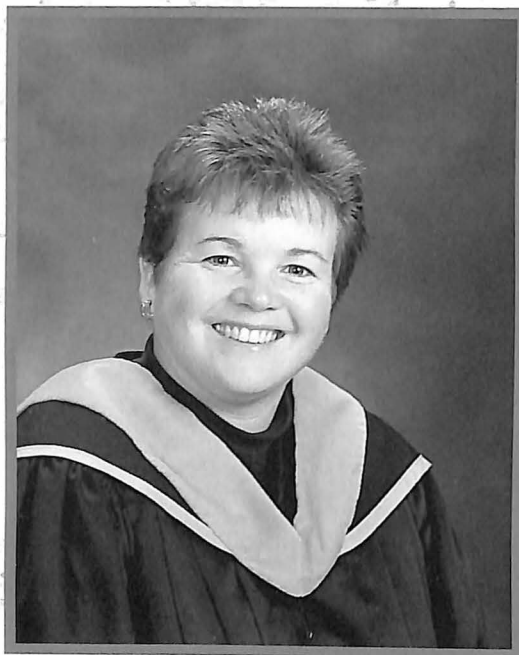


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Trudy Campbell

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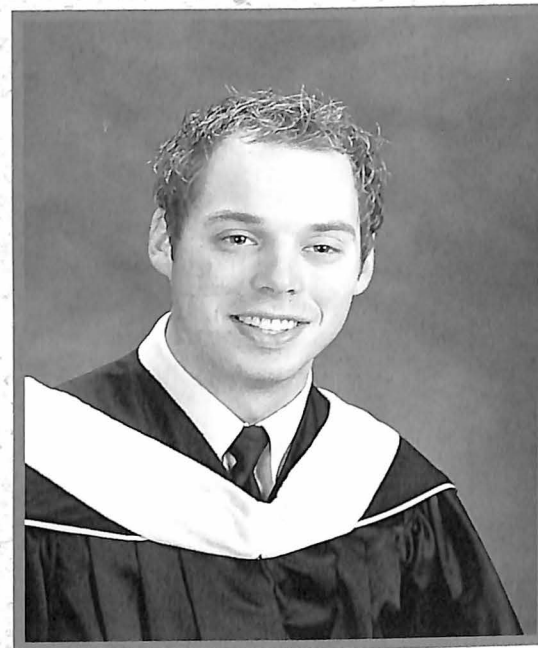
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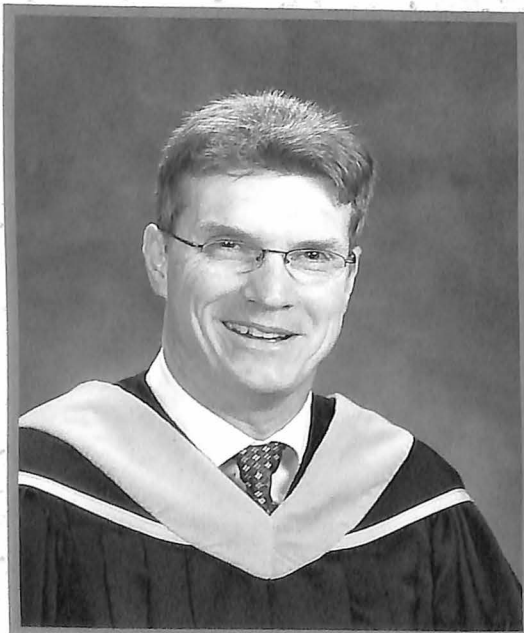
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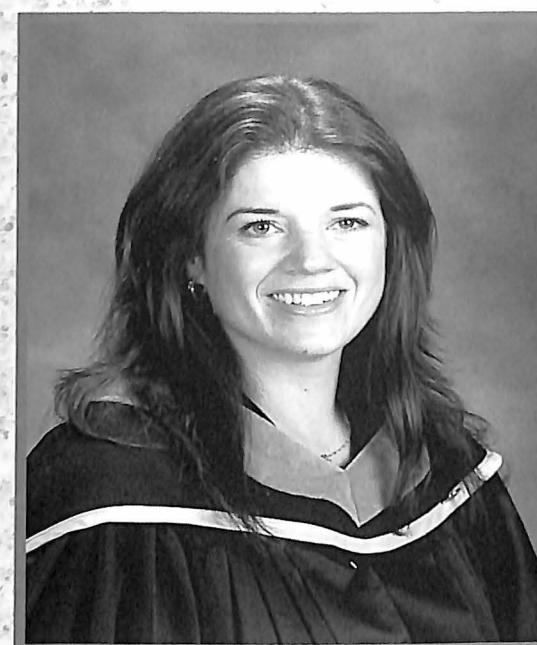
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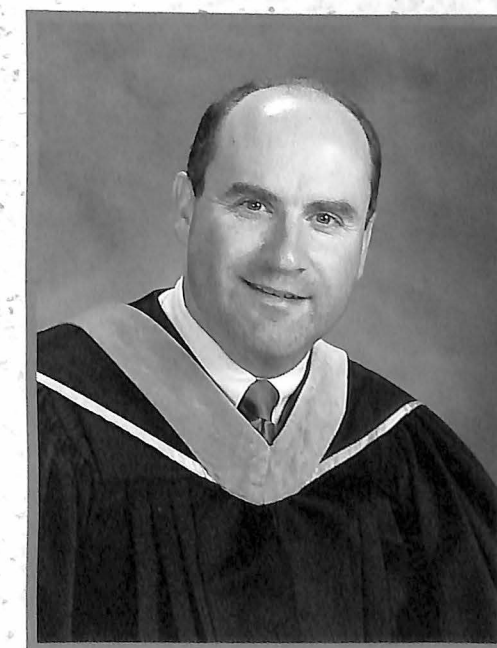
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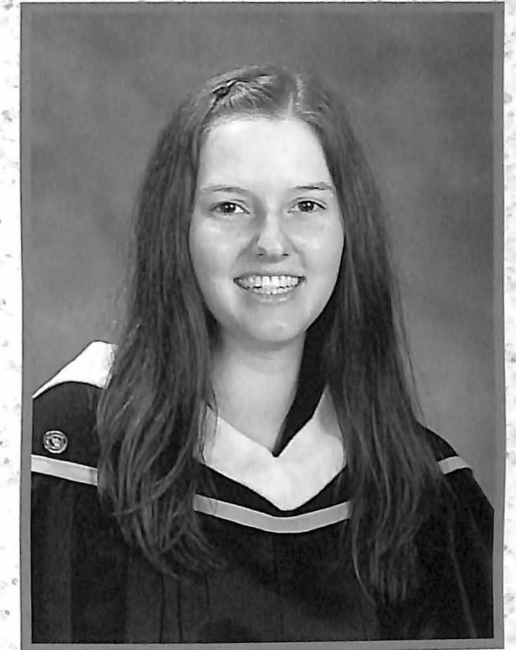




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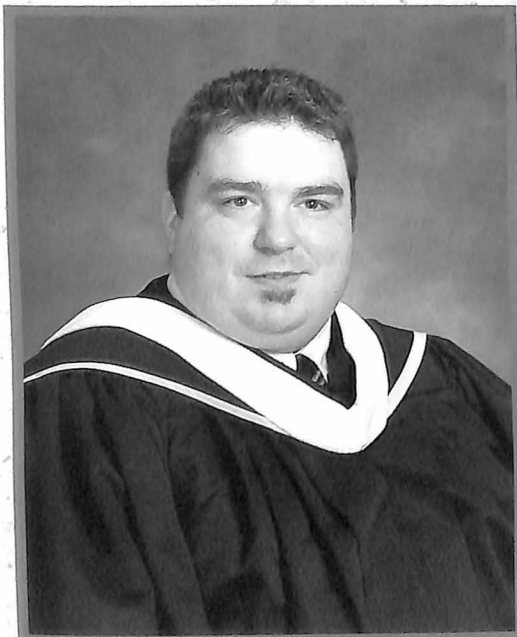
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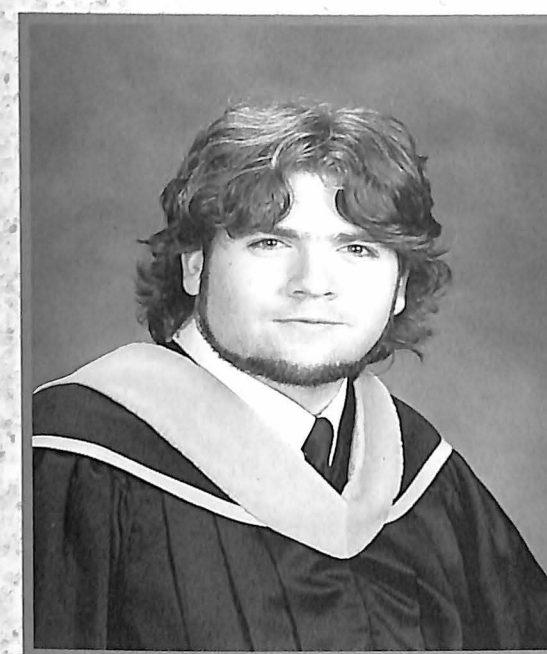
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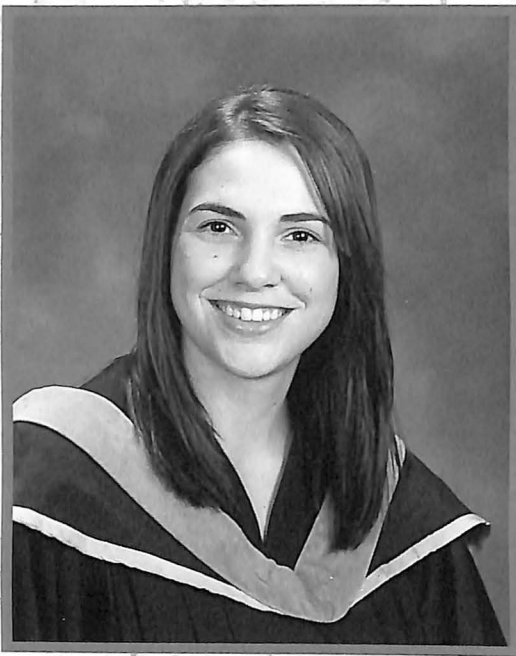
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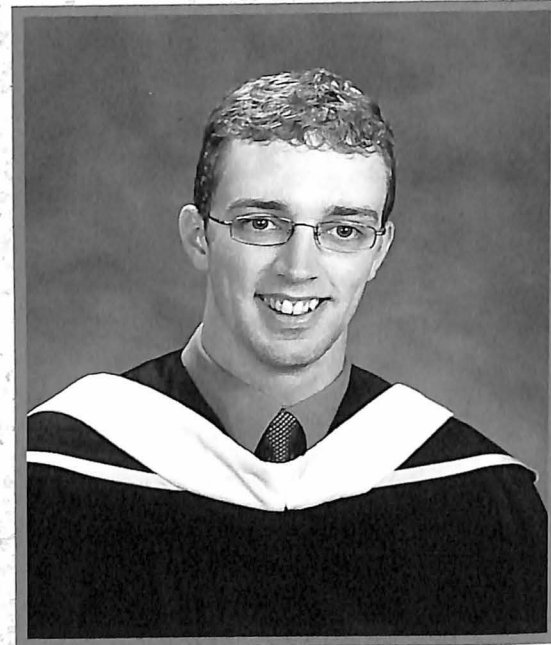
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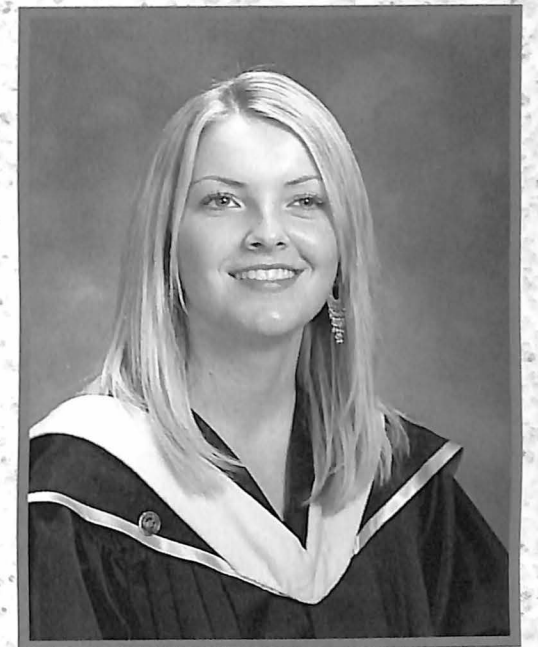


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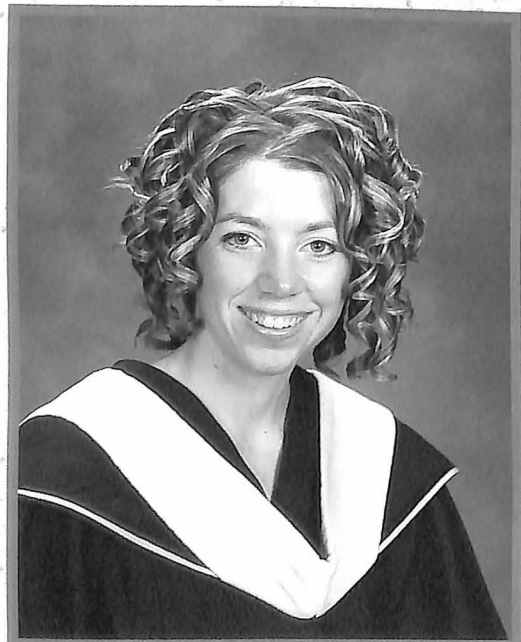
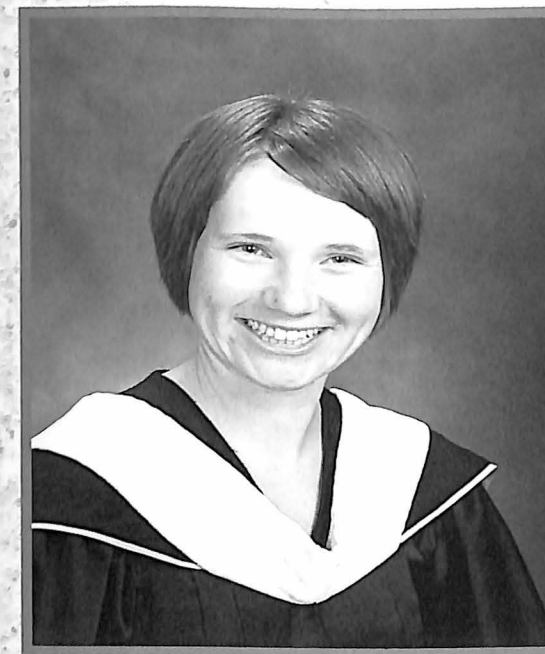
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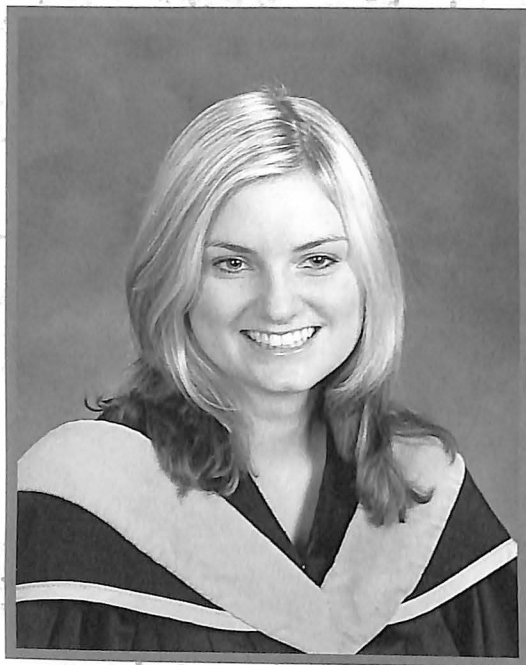
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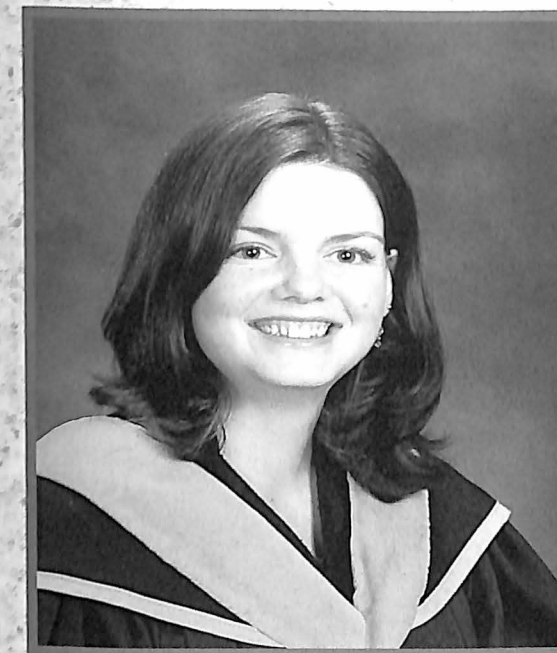
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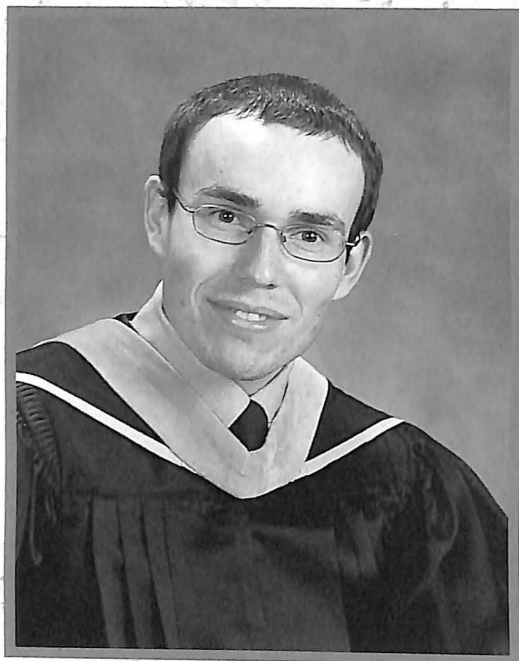
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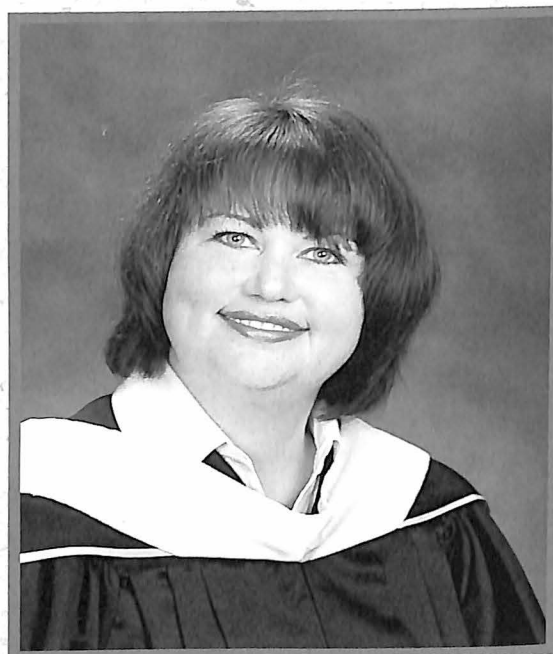
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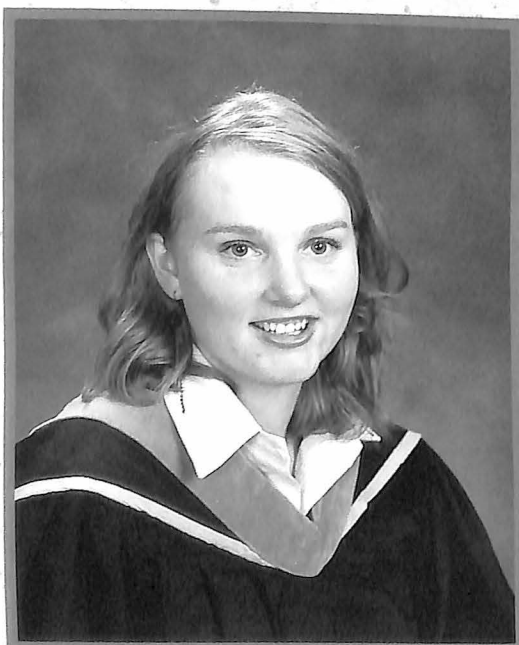
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Judy Millington

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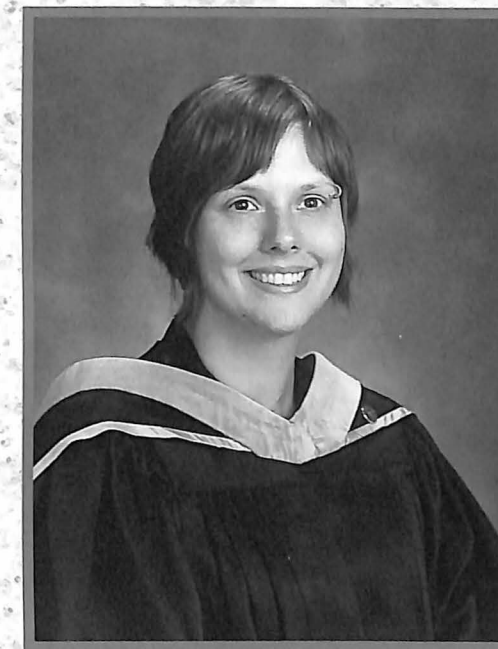


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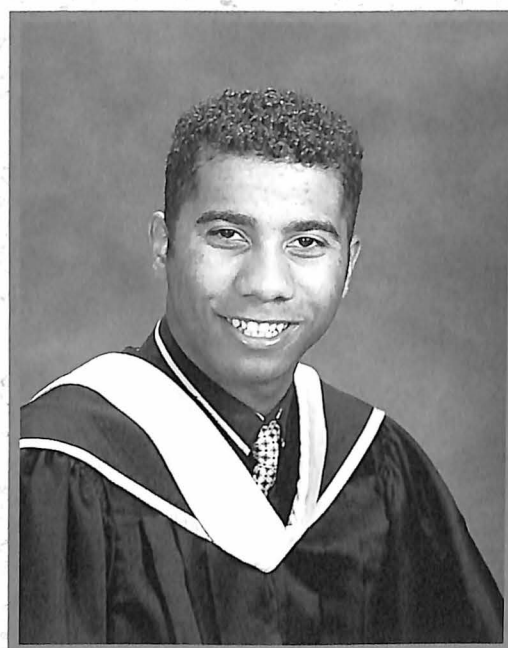
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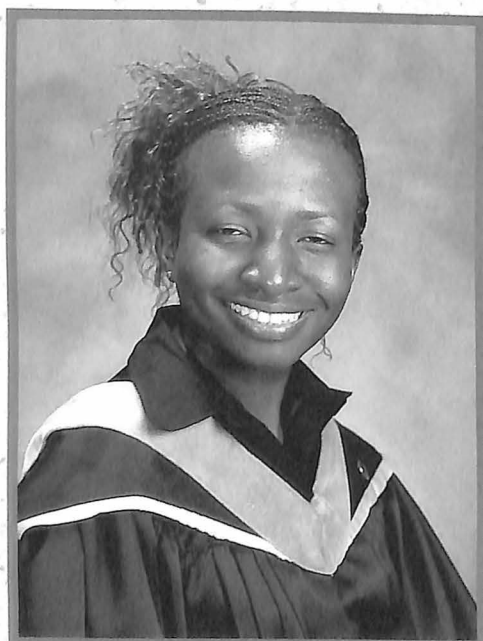
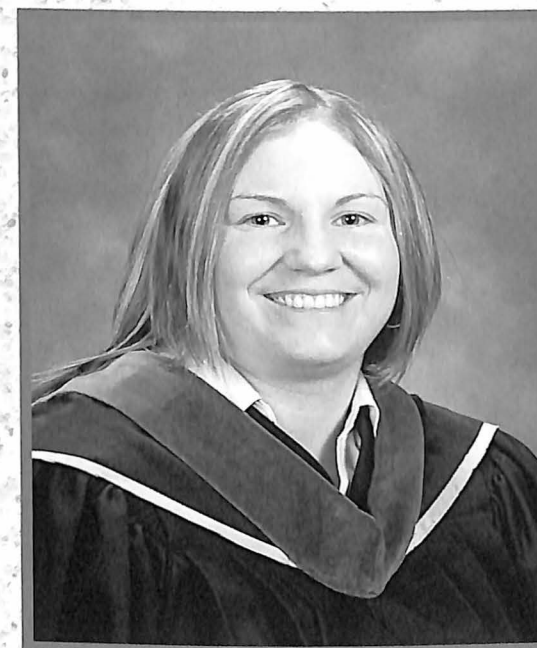
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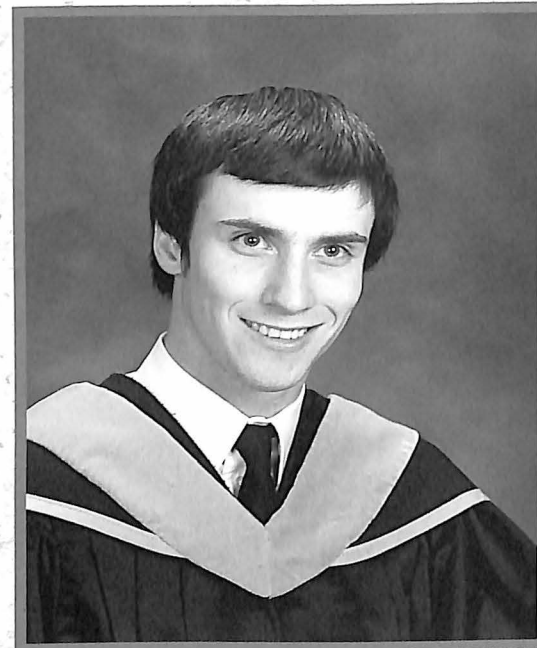
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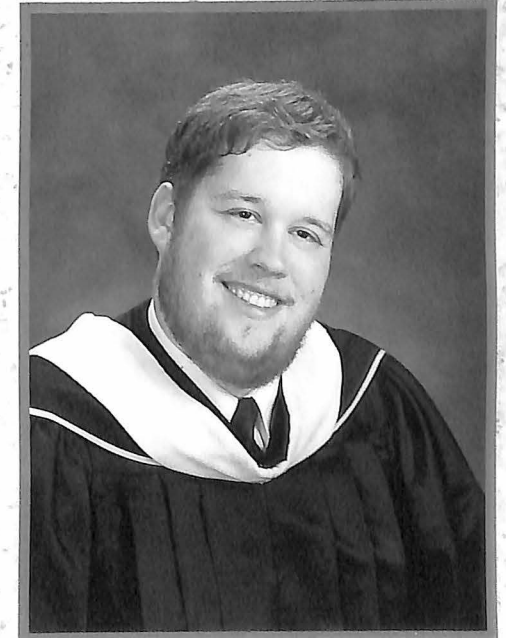


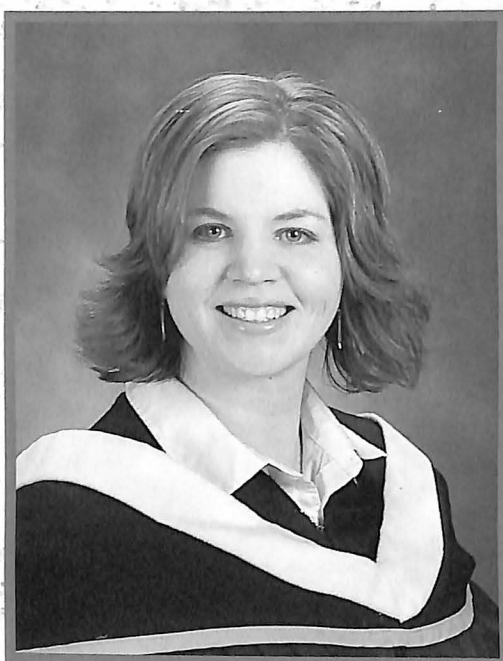
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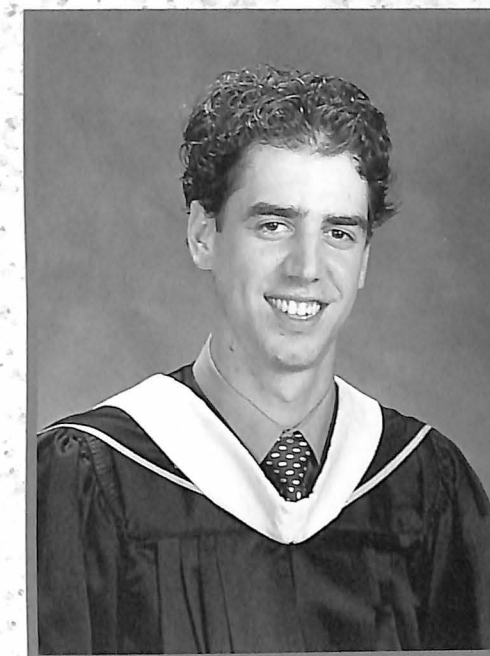


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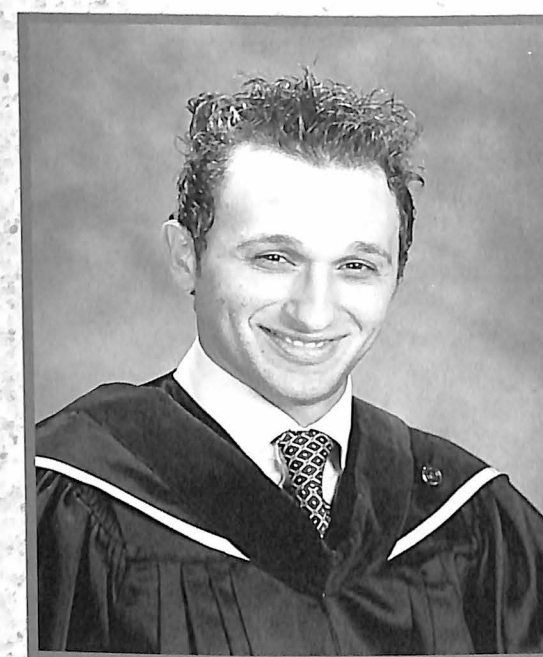
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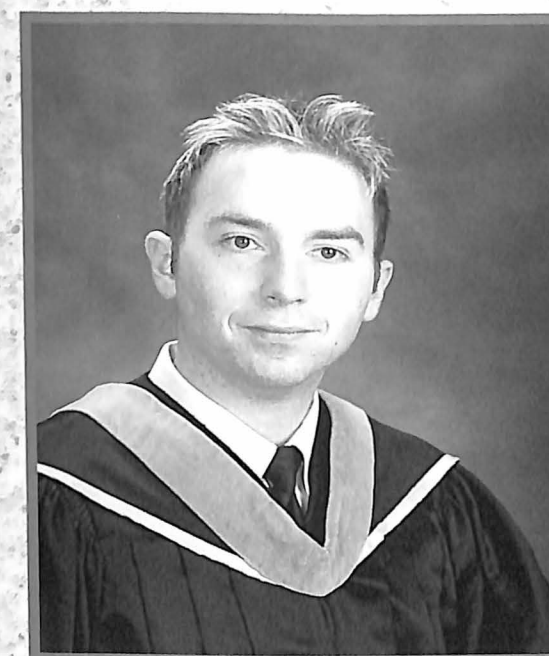
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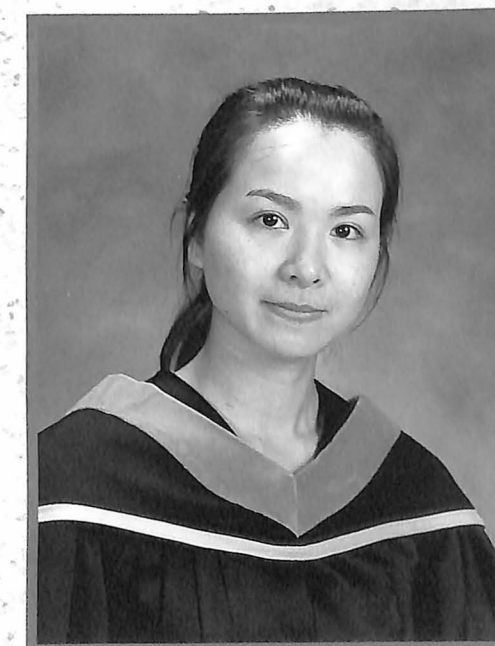


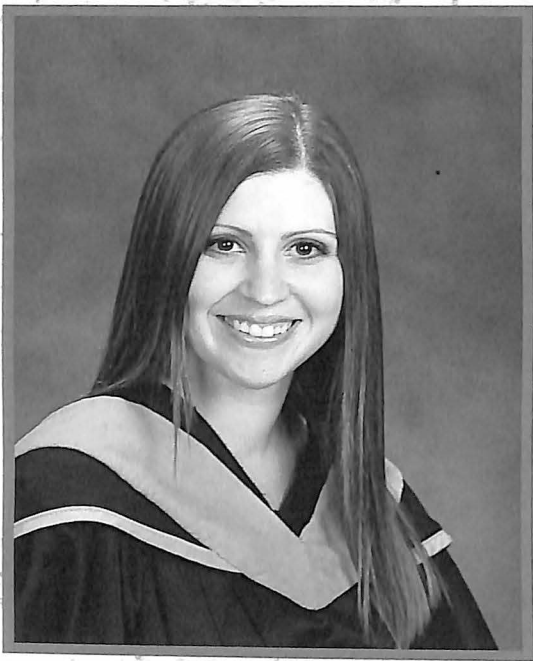
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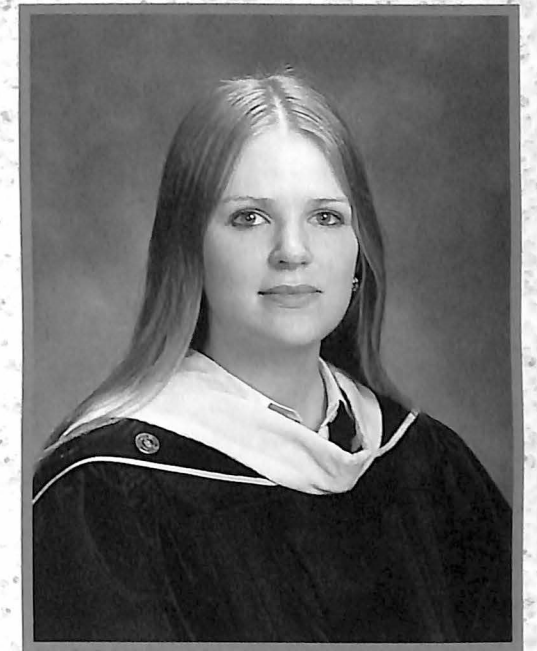


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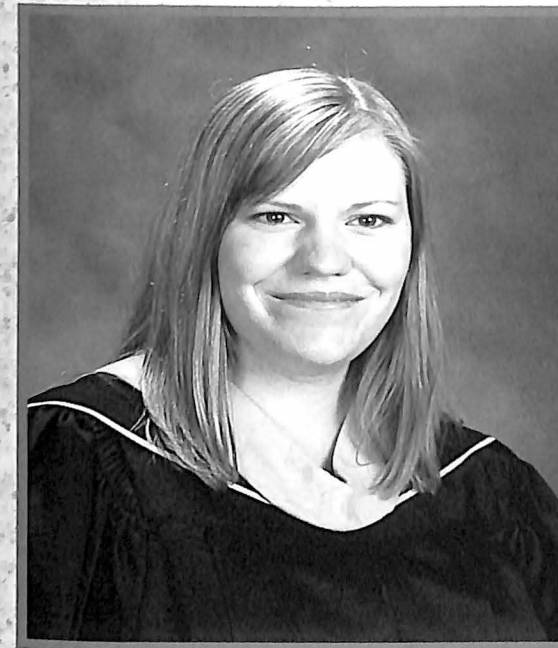
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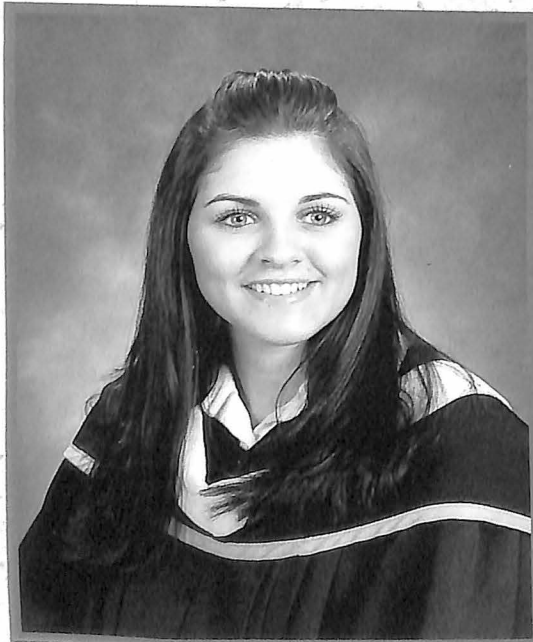
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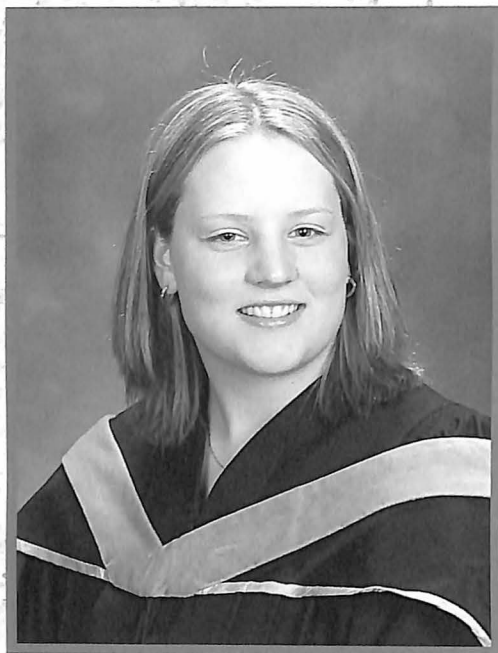


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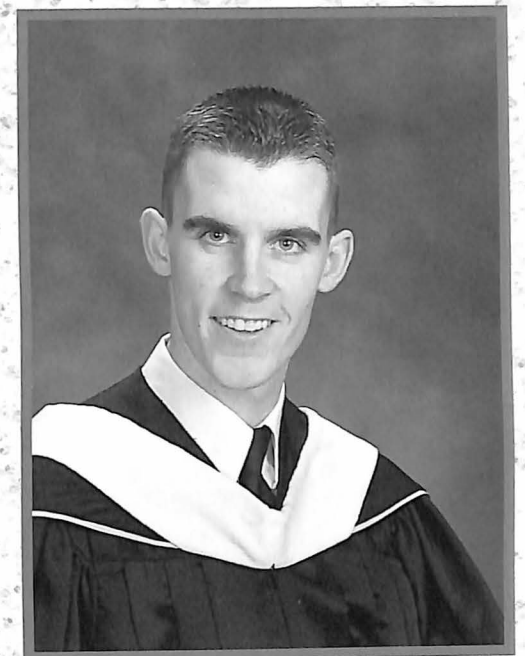
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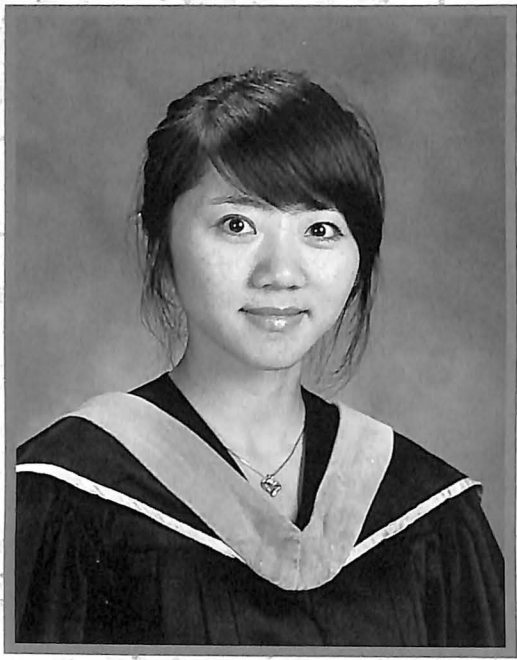
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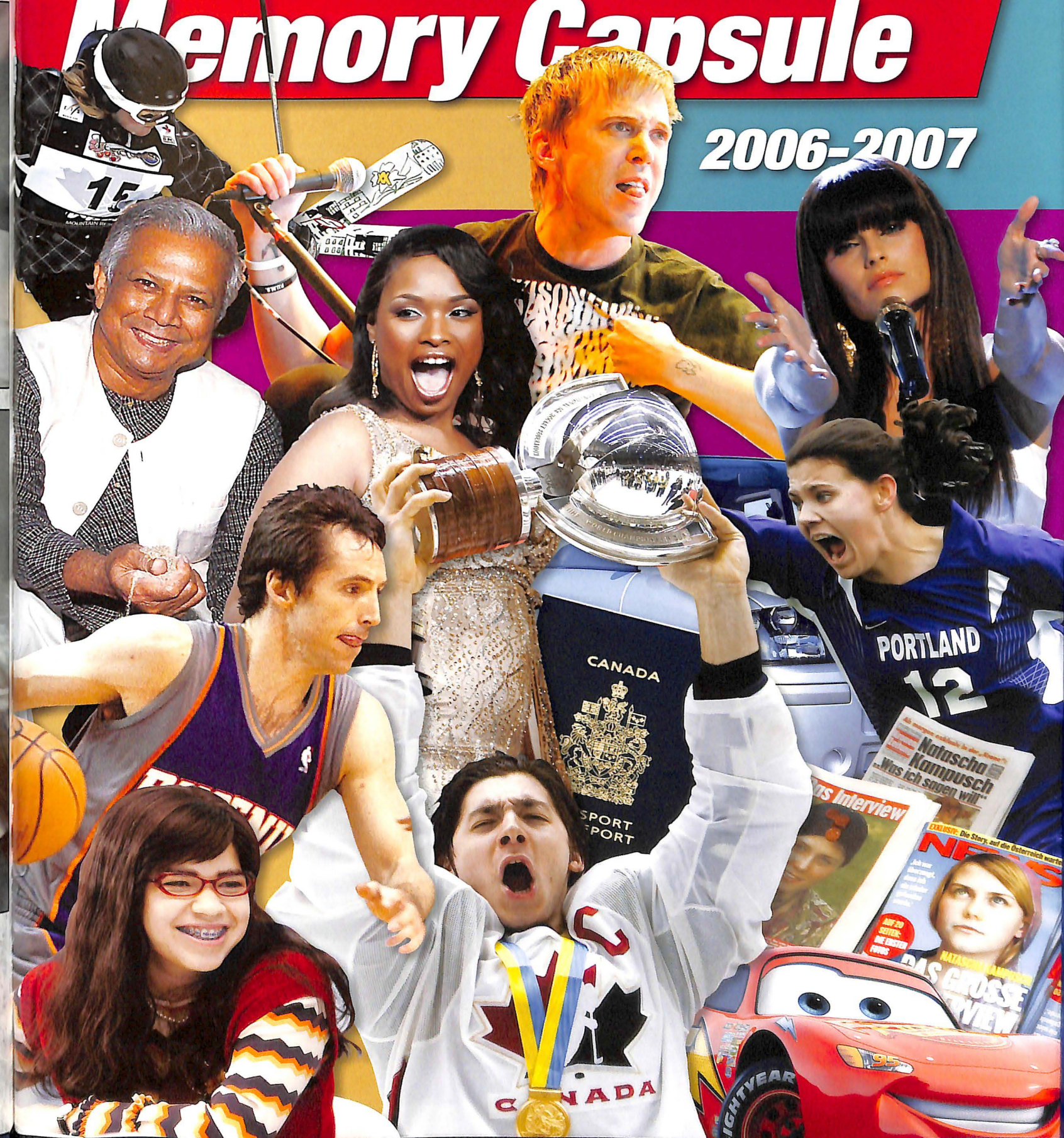
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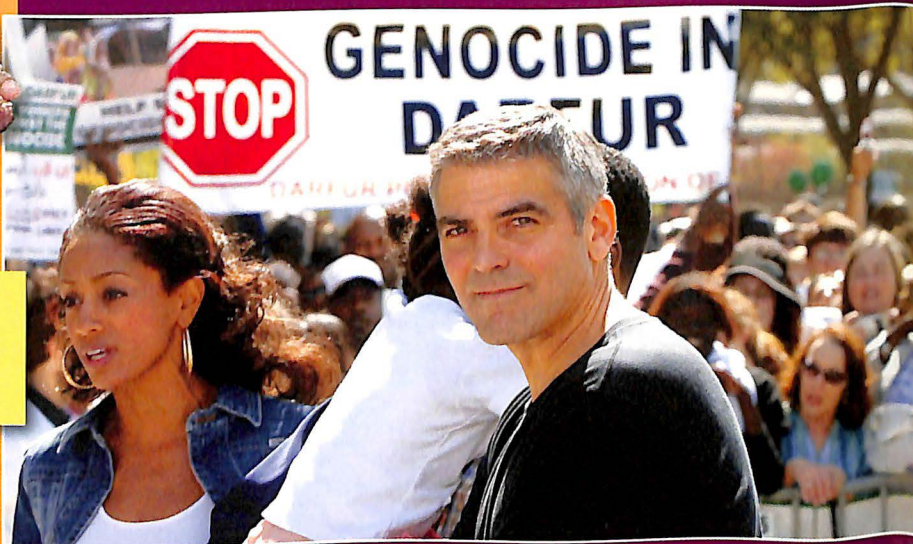




▲ **SMALL BILLS PRODUCE BIG CHANGE.** Bangladeshi economist Muhammad Yunus was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for his pioneering strategy of bankrolling poor people to enable them to start small businesses. Microcredit financing helps the poor to access loans without a down payment. The Grameen Bank was founded by Yunus in 1976 with \$27. It now boasts 6.6 million borrowers in 70,000 Bangladeshi villages. The average loan is \$227, and 97 per cent of the borrowers are women. (Kent Gilbert/AP)



▲ **IRAQ TEETERS.** While the trial and execution of former dictator Saddam Hussein should have been a sign of progress in Iraq, the steady flow of bad news continued. More than 60,000 Iraqi civilians are estimated to have died since the U.S. invaded in March 2003. And there was growing evidence that the country is spiraling into utter chaos, with car bombings, brutal death squads and mounting casualties a daily occurrence. The unrest has forced millions to flee their homes. The UN estimates there are 1.8 million internally displaced people and 2 million more who have left Iraq. Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has pledged to disband Shia and Sunni militias that have been fueling the violence and to restore basic government services. (Bruno Klein-Abaca Press/MCT)



▲ **SPOTLIGHT ON DARFUR.** The United Nations renewed efforts to revive the stalled peace process in the war-torn Darfur region of Sudan. More than 200,000 people have been killed and at least two million others displaced since 2003 largely because of fighting between government forces, militias and rebel groups. Almost 4 million people are dependent on humanitarian aid, but unstable conditions have led to the withdrawal of many relief workers. Meanwhile actor George Clooney uses star power to keep the world's attention focused on the crisis. He has traveled to the war-ravaged region, where he describes the situation as "ethnic cleansing," and produced a documentary of the horrors he saw. He has also lobbied China, Egypt and the UN for action to halt the violence. (Timothy Smith-U.S. Navy/KRT)

◀ **THE SUMMER WAR.** On July 12 the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah kidnapped two Israeli soldiers. Israel responded with a military assault to defeat the Shia organization. While Hezbollah launched hundreds of deadly missiles into Israel, that country flattened swathes of southern Lebanon and Beirut. Trapped international civilians, including 15,000 Canadians, fled Lebanon by ship. After 34 days, a shaky ceasefire was imposed but more than 1,000 civilians were dead, Hezbollah had survived and the two Israeli soldiers were still missing. (Paul Assaker/MCT)



▲ **PANDA PERFECTION.** Eighteen panda cubs left their mothers and moved into a kindergarten at China's Wolong Nature Reserve in February. Aged between five and seven months, the endangered animals will be raised together until their first birthday when some could leave their outdoor school to join the estimated 1,600 pandas still found in the wild. (AP)



▲ **KING OF CROCS.** The khaki-clad Crocodile Hunter from Down Under had a life-long love affair with animals and the natural world. And his enthusiasm was contagious. Fans of Steve Irwin's TV shows never tired of his buzzword "Crikey!" or his tendency to ham it up for the camera. Irwin, 44 and the father of two, was killed when a stingray's barb pierced his heart while he was filming off Australia's Great Barrier Reef. (Bob Pepping)



▲ **YOUNG, ROYAL AND HUNKY.** With a murmured "I love the uniform...it's so sexy," Kate Middleton admired boyfriend Prince William as he graduated from Britain's Sandhurst military academy in December. The future king of England will spend time in all three services before starting royal duties. However, younger brother Prince Harry (right, with William and father Prince Charles) is making the army his career, with Iraq his first foreign tour. (NPA Roto-Express Syndication/KRT)

▲ **SEE-THROUGH LUGGAGE.** After the British government announced last August they'd foiled a plot to use liquid explosives to bomb a transatlantic flight, passengers around the world learned to cram "anything liquid or cream" into transparent ziplock bags. Immediately after the warning, authorities wouldn't even permit paper and pencils in airplane cabins, though they did make one exception—J.K. Rowling was allowed onboard clutching her unfinished manuscript for *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. (Jonathan Buckmaster-Express Syndication/MCT)

▼ **FREE AT LAST.** During the eight years of her confinement, largely in a windowless room under a house in Strasshof, Austria, Natascha Kampusch waited for an opportunity to run. On Aug. 23 the moment arrived when kidnapper Wolfgang Priklopil left her alone to get the phone. After reuniting with her joyful family, the 18 year old reassured both her relatives and Austria that "they don't have to worry about where I am anymore." (Ronald Zak/AP)





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◀ **STANDING IN LINE.** Passport applications skyrocketed after the U.S. started demanding the documents from everyone flying into their country. Delays of up to five weeks were reported for the blue document. One unexpected consequence was that thousands of residents discovered that they weren't Canadian citizens due to technicalities in old citizenship laws, thus creating yet another passport problem for Ottawa. (Tom Hanson/CP)



▲ **A CHILDREN'S CHAMPION.** For his decade-long fight to free children from poverty and forced labour, Craig Kielburger was awarded the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child by Queen Silvia of Sweden in 2006. Back in 1995, Kielburger, then 12, founded Free the Children with a group of classmates. Since then the organization has built more than 450 schools in 21 countries as well as giving farm animals and sewing machines to 20,000 mothers, allowing their kids to be educated rather than being forced to work. (Gary Hylander-Kelowna Courier/CP)

Canada



◀ ▲ **THE BIGGEST BATTLES SINCE THE KOREA WAR.** When more than 2,000 Canadian troops poured into the Afghan province of Kandahar, a hotbed of terrorist activity, generals warned the public to prepare for both war and casualties. The soldiers fought ferocious battles with the Taliban while also building schools and clinics. By the end of 2006, 44 Canadian troops had died. Still soldiers' morale remained high, supplemented, no doubt, by the opening of a Tim Hortons on base. (Photo left: Capt Dave Murrill) (Photo above: Sgt Dennis Scioinik-Dutch Army)

► **TERROR COMES TO CANADA.** The charges last summer against 18 Canadians, all Muslim, are chilling. Police believe the Toronto-area men, including five teens, planned to behead the prime minister and attack Parliament. Their alleged goal was to get Canadian troops out of Afghanistan. Their arrests were triggered after the accused accepted delivery of a fertilizer, which can be used to make a bomb. Police reportedly learned of the plot in its early stages and had two informants telling of the group's every move. Family and friends stood by the accused, professing their innocence. (Frank Gunn/CP)



◀ **THE POWER OF GREEN.** No one can accuse Elizabeth May of being a late convert to the environmental cause. For 17 years she was executive director of the Sierra Club of Canada and helped create a grassroots network devoted to protecting the Earth's ecosystems. Last August she was overwhelmingly elected leader of the Green Party of Canada and set about capitalizing on the electorate's new-found environmental zeal. By the spring, the Greens were within striking distance of the New Democratic Party in opinion polls—which is impressive considering the party doesn't have an MP in Parliament. (Dave Chidley/CP)

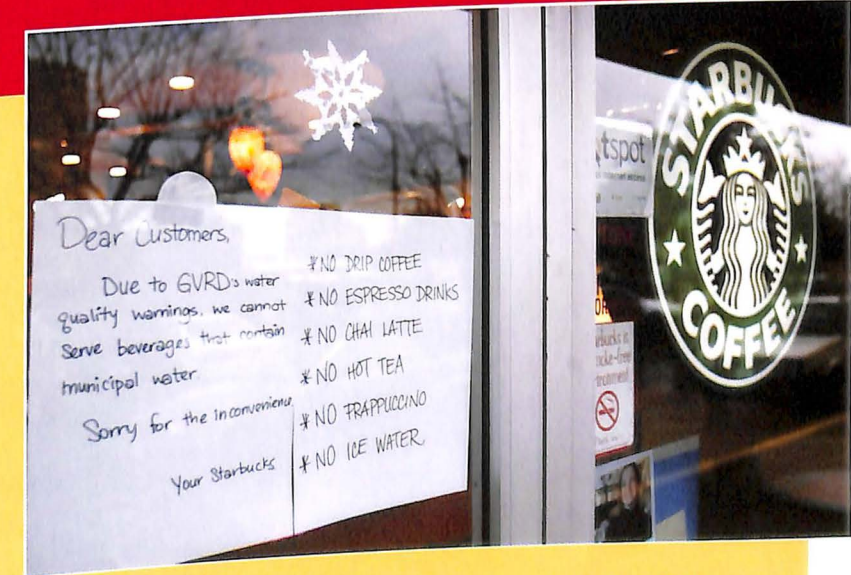


▲ **WHAT IF HE'D STARTED WITH A COFFEE MUG?** Back in 2005, Kyle MacDonald of Belcarra, B.C., looked at a red paperclip and wondered if he could trade it for a house. He offered to exchange it online and within two days was the owner of a fish-shaped pen. More barter followed—including a generator and even a film role—until he got a two-storey house in Kipling, Sask., on July 12, 2006. (Troy Fleeca/CP)

▼ **WHEN "SORRY" WASN'T ENOUGH.** A federal inquiry determined that, partially because of faulty information given by the RCMP linking Maher Arar to al-Qaeda, the Americans sent the dual-Syrian-Canadian citizen to Syria in 2002. He was imprisoned and tortured for 10 months before being released. RCMP commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli resigned over the scandal. Then, in January, Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologized on behalf of the government and gave Arar more than \$10.5 million. Even so, Arar lamented, "I wish there was a way I could buy my life back." (Tom Hanson/CP)



▲ **RIISING TO THE TOP.** Former environment and intergovernmental affairs minister Stéphane Dion is the new leader of the federal Liberal party, defeating frontrunner Michael Ignatieff in December. The geeky 51-year-old's quiet determination impressed party members at the Montreal convention and turned what looked like an Ignatieff coronation into a cliff-hanger. To heal party divides, Dion quickly appointed his defeated opponent as deputy Liberal leader and focused his, and the party's, attention on winning the next federal election. (Dimitri Papadopoulos/CP)



▲ **STOP IT!** A climatologist described the winter storms that slammed into British Columbia's Lower Mainland as "jumbo jets on the airport tarmac. You had one coming in right after another." In November, a huge wind-and-rain storm left more than 200,000 houses without power and around two million Vancouver-area residents under a "boil water" advisory. A month later, a mammoth windstorm uprooted at least 3,000 trees in Vancouver's historic Stanley Park, clear cutting swathes of the urban forest. The only upside to the storms: a great ski season in B.C.'s interior. (Ryan Remiorz/CP)

▼ **BIG STAGE FOR BIG TALENT.** Since releasing its 2003 self-titled album, Billy Talent's popularity has skyrocketed worldwide. The Mississauga, Ont. band's follow-up, 2006's *Billy Talent II*, earned five Juno nominations and spawned several hit singles including *Devil in a Midnight Mass*, *Red Flag* and *Fallen Leaves*. Although BT still enjoys playing smaller venues, like its longtime favourite the Horseshoe Tavern in Toronto, singer Ben Kowalewicz concedes that playing sold-out shows at the Air Canada Centre, home of the Toronto Maple Leafs, also feels pretty amazing. (Craig Robertson-Toronto Sun/CP)



▲ **ROCK ON, ROSSI.** Toronto singer Lukas Rossi (right) beat long odds last fall to win the CBS TV show contest *Rock Star: Supernova*. Having missed the auditions in his hometown, the spiky-haired rocker borrowed money for a plane ticket to the Vancouver call, and continued on to beat out contestants from Iceland, Australia and Texas in the final round. (Richard Lam/CP)



▲ **RED HOT ROCK.** Within days of winning four Grammys for *Stadium Arcadium*, their first album to debut at No. 1, the Red Hot Chili Peppers announced they will take part in the July 7 Live Earth concerts that will include shows in China, South Africa, Australia, Britain, Japan, Brazil and the U.S. Event organizers hope to reach a two-billion-strong audience to address the global climate crisis. The Peppers, including singer Anthony Kiedis (above), have perfected a super-charged rock sound and crazed performing style that's guaranteed to wow the crowd at any venue. (Fabian Bimmer/AP)



◀ **BLUNT INSTRUMENT.** His intimate, confessional single *You're Beautiful*, which features a sweet, sparse falsetto, was inescapable listening on pop radio stations nationwide, riding the Billboard Hot 100 for 38 weeks. The track eclipsed the other nine songs on James Blunt's debut album *Back to Bedlam* and portrayed a vulnerable side that is at odds with the macho image of this former British army officer who served in Kosovo in the late 1990s. But a music career was always Blunt's goal, and he has happily swapped guns for guitars.



▲ **A DREAM DUET.** Imagine performing live, on stage with Justin Timberlake. That dream became a reality for Robyn Troup, 19, of Houston, Tex. After she won the "My Grammy Moment" contest, Troup sang Timberlake's recent No. 1 hit *My Love* with the man himself at the February awards show. Timberlake, meanwhile, took home two Grammy awards to add to his collection. (Mark J. Terrill/AP)

► **MOM'S THE WORD.** As the mother of two pre-schoolers, Winnipeg-born Chantal Kreviazuk realizes that at some point, her kids are going to have a good, hard listen to her music. So these days, she sees her songs as her gift to them. For instance her single *All I Can Do* (sample line: "All I can do is love you to pieces") is really about her children. Who knew? (Nathan Donnette/CP)



◀ **VEGAS VIBES.** Like their hometown city of Las Vegas, where everything is about excess and flash, the Killers want to be noticed. The foursome's second album, *Sam's Town*, and its hard-rocking hit *When You Were Young* won raves in Britain and in *Rolling Stone* magazine. While their first CD had a strong British pop feel, this time out lead singer Brandon Flowers added a touch of Bruce Springsteen for a more all-American sound. (Michael Ansell/ABC/Everett Collection)



▲ **MARY J. BLIGE.** *Be Without You*, the lead-off track from the R&B diva's seventh album, entitled *The Breakthrough*, topped the R&B singles chart for a record-setting 15 consecutive weeks. CD sales were brisk, making *Breakthrough* one of the top five selling albums of 2006. With all that momentum, it was no surprise when Blige carried off three Grammy awards. (Amanda M. Parks-Abaca Press/MCT)



▲ **INSANE SUCCESS.** Their run-away hit single *Crazy* was arguably the most adventurous, irresistible song of 2006, blending soul and rock in a tune that appealed to just about everyone. Gnarls Barkley, the quirky duo that is DJ/producer Danger Mouse (Brian Burton) and rapper/singer Cee-Lo Green (Thomas Callaway), love to dress up in an ever-rotating roster of costumes — everything from airline flight crew uniforms to *Star Wars* characters. Nominated for four Grammys, the pair's *St. Elsewhere* won for best alternative album, and their wild antics earned the best urban/alternative performance Grammy for *Crazy*. (Jeff Christensen/AP)



◀ **NELLY GETS LOOSE.** With help from hip-hop super producer Timbaland, the little girl from Victoria, B.C. created a slick, R&B-hip hop sound. Nelly Furtado's third album, *Loose*, with hit singles *Promiscuous*, *Maneater*, *Say It Right* and *All Good Things (Come to an End)*, reached No. 1 in North America. In April, the singer took time out from her five-continent world tour to host the Juno Awards in Saskatoon. (Kevork Djanszian/AP)



▼ **TOUGH TEXAS TRIO.** Back in March 2003, Natalie Maines (centre) told a British audience her band was "ashamed the President of the United States is from Texas." The backlash from U.S. country music fans was fierce, and the Dixie Chicks' career went flat. But their 2006 CD *Taking the Long Way* struck a chord with more than just country fans, and earned them five Grammy awards including album and song of the year. Contrary to the title of their hit single, seems they just might be ready to make nice. (Amanda M. Parks-Abaca Press/MCT)

Top 10 Albums • 06

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| 1. | SOUNDTRACK | HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL |
| 2. | ME AND MY GANG | RASCAL FLATTS |
| 3. | SOME HEARTS | CARRIE UNDERWOOD |
| 4. | ALL THE RIGHT REASONS | NICKELBACK |
| 5. | BACK TO BEDLAM | JAMES BLUNT |
| 6. | FUTURE SEX/LOVE SOUNDS | JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE |
| 7. | TAKING THE LONG WAY | DIXIE CHICKS |
| 8. | BREAKTHROUGH | MARY J. BLIGE |
| 9. | NOW 21 | VARIOUS ARTISTS |
| 10. | B'DAY | BEYONCÉ |

Music

Lifestyle



◀ **BIG IS BEAUTIFUL.** First it was oversized sunglasses. Now the fashion industry has super-sized women's handbags. No more demure evening clutches. Today's stylemakers lug purses that resemble midsize duffel bags. At first glance it seems like a match made in heaven: fashion AND function in one accessory. The upside: these bags hold everything but the kitchen sink. The downside: they're causing a sharp increase in reported neck, shoulder and back problems. (Patrick Rideaux)



▲ **MADE YOU LOOK.** YouTube, the site that allows everyday folks to post video clips to the Internet, which the rest of us can't stop watching, was sold to Google for US\$1.65 billion. With 72 million visitors each month, YouTube's success shows how the Internet continues to evolve, as more and more people go online not just to work, but to amuse themselves. Google hopes this huge Web audience will attract new advertisers. Stay tuned for innovative ads and video clips.



▶ **FLASHDANCE REDUX.** Hey, we liked the 1983 movie too, but not enough to parade in public wearing spandex leggings and baggy pullovers. Yet many continue to mine the '80s for these fashion faux pas. Skinny jeans and wide belts also fly off the racks. What's next? Shoulder pads? (Fernando Salazar-Wichita Eagle/MCT)

▲ **WALKING SKELETONS AREN'T ROLE MODELS.** Wanting to project an image of beauty and health, organizers at top international fashion shows barred super skinny models from the runway. The Madrid show hired medics to check the catwalk queens, and those with a body mass index below 18 were turned away. BMI is a height-to-weight ratio. The normal range is between 18.5 and 25. Many designers insist on size 0 models, who typically have a BMI of 16 and often look gaunt, frail and sickly. But the World Health Organization says such a figure borders on starvation. Tah-tah to the toothpick trend. (Steve Wood-Express Syndication/MCT)



▲ **BATTLE OF THE BULGE.** Fried food, sugary sweets and salty treats may soon be on the endangered species list. Across North America, local governments are banning unhealthy foods. New Brunswick banned junk food from elementary school cafeterias and is phasing it out of high schools, while Winnipeg is attempting to meet Manitoba's guidelines for school food that call for severe restrictions on the sale of fries and pizza pops, and the outright banning of chocolate bars and soda pop. Vending machines are also experiencing an extreme makeover, with the candy and chips giving way to trail mix and yogurt drinks. While young people pack on the pounds and obesity rates soar, city councils, school boards and legislatures opt for lean and green. Say goodbye to that side of fries and hello to a fruit cup. (San Jose Mercury News)



▲ **ITUNES: TWO BILLION SERVED.** Music lovers in 22 countries around the globe have purchased more than 2 billion songs from the iTunes Music Store. Launched in April 2003, iTunes sold its first million tracks in just five days and since then it hasn't looked back. iTunes accounts for more than 80 per cent of legal music downloads in the United States. While digital music sales account for only 10 per cent of overall music sales, they total almost US\$2 Billion a year. And that's music to Apple CEO Steve Jobs's ears. (Romain Blanquart-Detroit Free Press/KRT)

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1. BEBO
2. MYSPACE
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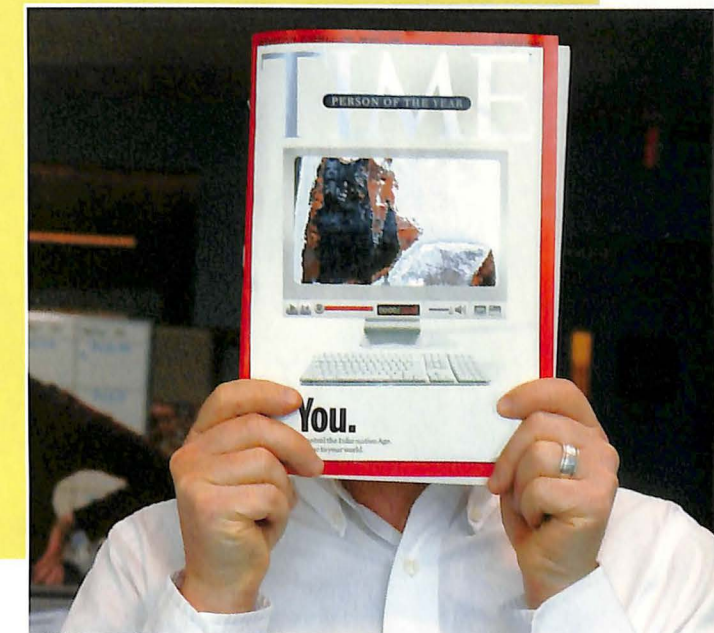
▼ **TOO HOT TO HANDLE.** In the largest safety recall in the history of the consumer electronics industry, Dell Inc. agreed to replace 4.2 million notebook computer batteries made by Sony Corp. because they can burst into flames. After a number of laptops overheated and caught fire, other companies joined in with recalls of their own, swelling the number of batteries to be replaced to 9.6 million worldwide. Sony is feeling the heat. The burning issue now is whether the Japanese giant can recoup its reputation. (Matt Slocum/AP)



▼ **GAMING: THE NEXT GENERATION.** The much-anticipated launch of Sony's PlayStation 3 saw eager gamers jostling for the few consoles that were initially available. PS3 features awesome, high-rez graphics: a treat for all video fans. Meanwhile, Nintendo's Wii lures players off the couch with its motion-sensitive control panel. Some gamers got so caught up in the action that they lost their grip on the wands and sent them crashing into TVs or other players. Ouch! (PRNewsFoto/Nintendo)



▲ **IT'S ALL ABOUT US.** Web traffic statistics show social network site MySpace is wildly popular in North America, and Facebook is a hit particularly with 17- to 25-year-olds. While studying might slide, we all work hard at other forms of homework: upgrading our profiles, surveying news feeds from friends, and tagging our photos. Chances are that one or the other site is your first visit of the day and your last visit before bed. The trend toward user-generated content caught the eye of Time magazine editors who name "You" their Person of the Year. (Peter Bregg)

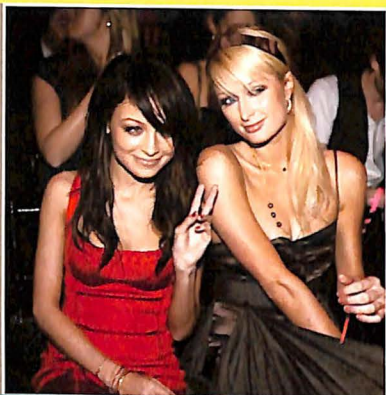




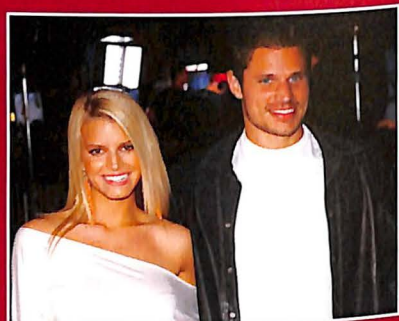
▲ **TAKING JET-SETTING TO A NEW LEVEL.** Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt have been racking up frequent-flier points. After a stint in Paris, they decamped to Namibia for the May birth of Shiloh. They'd barely returned to Los Angeles when the household hit the road again, this time to India to shoot *A Mighty Heart*. By January they'd moved into a New Orleans mansion, no doubt with movers on standby. (Tim Ockenden)



◀ **REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO PINOCCHIO!** After the pop singer's nose changed shape, Ashlee Simpson, 22, wouldn't confirm speculation she'd had a nose job, telling *People* magazine, "everybody's already saying it, so I just don't talk about it. I'm like, okay, whatever. It doesn't bother me." Better publicity came months later, ironically, when she played publicity-mad Roxie Hart in the musical *Chicago*. (Al Diaz-Miami Herald/MCT)



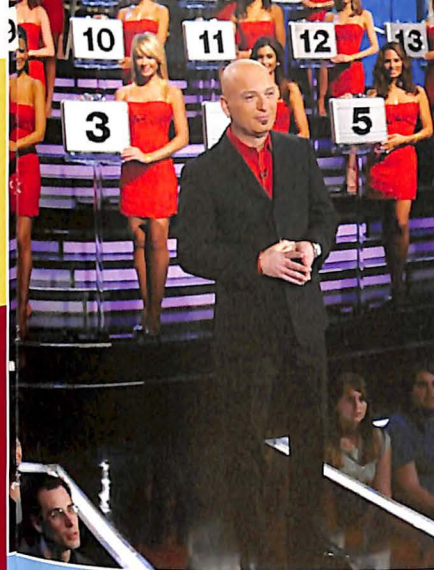
◀ **BFF.** Paris Hilton's debut album failed but the party life of America's favourite heiress/celebrity continued unabated. In August, Las Vegas's mayor declared a Paris Hilton Day and two months later she ended her feud with *Simple Life* co-star Nicole Ritchie by being seen with the alarmingly thin author/celebrity. The show's fifth season will have the pair playing Malibu, Calif., camp counsellors. (Chris Carlson/AP)



▲ **WHAT WAS THAT LINE AGAIN?** After her divorce from Nick Lachey (above) was finalized last year, Jessica Simpson was rarely out of the headlines. In August, her appropriately titled album, *A Public Affair*, was released and then, years after Rosie O'Donnell inspired her by prophesizing "you're gonna be a star," she was O'Donnell's debut guest on *The View*. Her botched lyrics to Dolly Parton's "9 to 5" in a tribute to the singer are forgotten now that she's starring in a movie with Luke Wilson. The title says it all—*Blonde Ambition*. (Lionel Hahn/Abaca Press/MCT)



▲ **"SHAVED THAT MAN RIGHT OUT OF MY HAIR."** In November, after giving birth to second son Jaden, Britney Spears filed for divorce from dancer-turned-wannabe rapper Kevin Federline. The pop princess celebrated her decision with months of all-night partying. Her increasingly bizarre public appearances culminated with an impromptu hair shaving in February. Days later, a bald Britney entered rehab. (Danny Moloshok/AP)



◀ **DEAL...OR NO DEAL?** With no mentally challenging history questions, *Deal or No Deal* is the anti-*Jeopardy*. Contestants open cash-stuffed briefcases while gambling that they can "beat the bank" by cashing out just before opening one case too many. The show's immediate popularity was due not only to the game's simplicity but also Canadian-born host Howie Mandel, a game show master of suspense and drama. (Tina Patten/NBC)

▼ **GOING GREY.** The Fray was just another band when *Grey's Anatomy* adopted their melancholy song, *How to Save a Life*. Downloads by the show's devoted fans catapulted the tune into the seventh most popular digital song of the year. Meanwhile, sites like *SeenOn.com* were overwhelmed as people purchased fashions seen draped over the show's actors. (Bob D'Amico/ABC)



▶ **HOLA, BETTY!** The season's hottest comedy, *Ugly Betty*, is about how a sweet Latina girl—and her signature braces, thick eyebrows and ghastly clothes—conquers the snake pit of a fashion magazine with intelligence and bravado. This family-friendly show proved that good writing and acting can lure viewers away from reality TV. (ABC/CRAIG SJODIN)



▲ **DRAWING THE LINE TO SUCCESS.** Fox's *American Idol* might get all the attention but the network's domination of the TV animation schedule is equally impressive. *Family Guy* achieved the rare status of being brought back to life after cancellation by the strength of its fan base. Then there's *American Dad!*, the twisted tale of a CIA agent coping with his troubled home life and a German-speaking goldfish. But, duh!, nothing can match the subversive wit of *The Simpsons*, now closing in on two decades on air. (FOX)

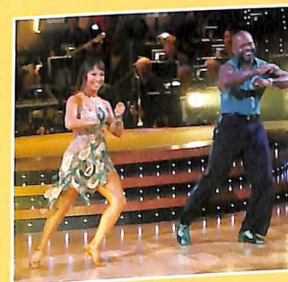
Television



◀ **THE LITTLE SHOW THAT COULD.** *Heroes*' quirky premise of ordinary people with extraordinary skills worried NBC execs. But fans were instantly drawn to characters including a geeky Japanese office worker who can stop time and an un-killable cheerleader with the creepy "Horned-Rim Guy" as her father. When its slogan "Save the cheerleader, save the world" was uttered, *Heroes* rescued NBC's Monday ratings. (Chris Haston/NBC)



◀ **THE BACKGROUND WAS WHITE, OF COURSE.** Capitalizing on Apple's coolness quotient, its Spartan Mac commercials simply featured two men personifying computers. The dry wit of John Hodgman (PC guy) played off the hip Justin Long (Mac guy) and viewers' sympathy towards the geeky PC guy, desperately trying to finesse his product's finicky reputation, added to the ads' success—Apple was crowned "Marketer of the Year" and Mac sales shot through the roof.



▲ **WALTZING HIS WAY TO THE TOP.** Emmitt Smith led the NFL in career rushing yards, rushing touchdowns and rushing attempts. The retired athlete can add another honour to the list—*Dancing with the Stars* champion. With bespangled shoes carefully coordinated to his outfit, über-popular Smith won by getting the fan vote. (ABC/ADAM LARKEY)



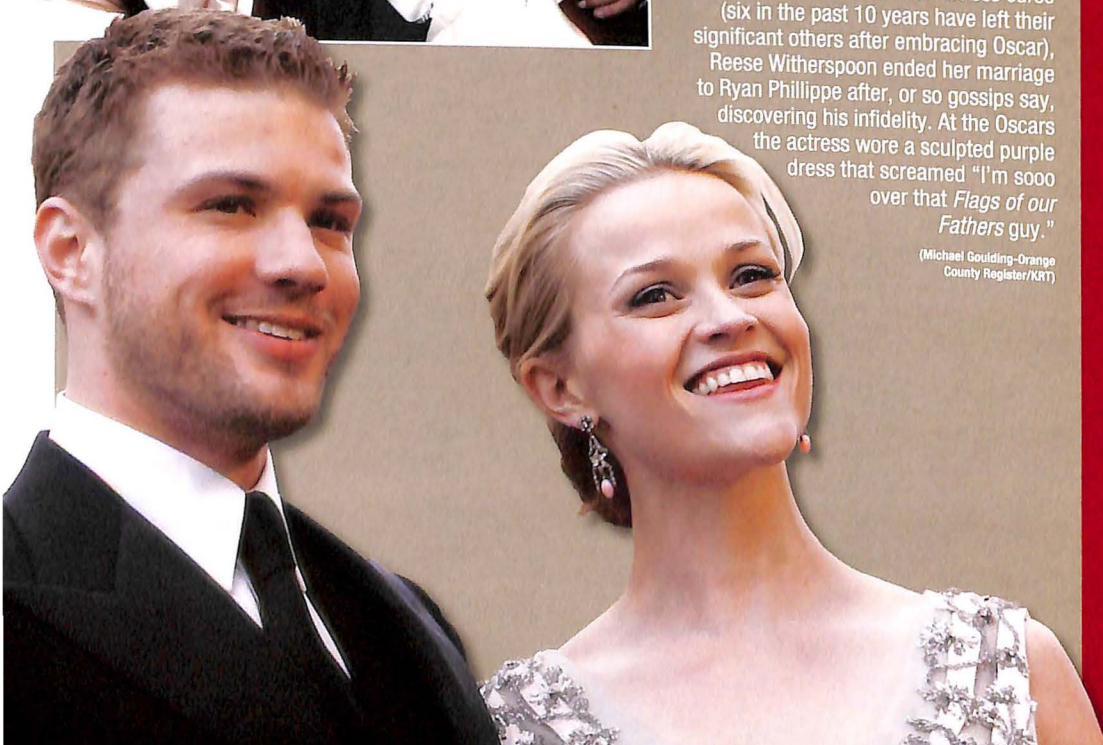
▲ **FRIDAY NIGHT TOUCHDOWN.** The pressure on Roman gladiators couldn't have been as intense as that on high school athletes in football-obsessed Texas. *Friday Night Lights* graphically combined the triumphs and tragedies of players, including quarterback Jason Street (Scott Porter, centre), with the soap opera that is high school. Recognizing its cult status, NBC threw the show a Hall Mary and picked it up for the season. (Paul Drinkwater/NBC)

Entertainment



◀ **MISSION: POSSIBLE.** Everyone wrote off Tom Cruise when his lucrative producer's contract was cancelled after his couch-jumping antics. But Cruise pulled his career out of the fire by signing a deal to resurrect the historic United Artists. Then in *Vanity Fair*, he and fiancé Katie Holmes introduced their baby daughter Suri to the world. "TomKat" finally tied the knot in a romantic Italian castle filled, naturally, with A-list celebrities. (Gregorio Borgia/AP)

▼ **BACK ON THE SINGLES SCENE.** Another victim of the Best Actress curse (six in the past 10 years have left their significant others after embracing Oscar), Reese Witherspoon ended her marriage to Ryan Phillippe after, or so gossips say, discovering his infidelity. At the Oscars the actress wore a sculptured purple dress that screamed "I'm soooo over that *Flags of our Fathers* guy." (Michael Goulding-Orange County Register/KRT)





◀ **DIVA-LICIOUS.** Shrugging off her *American Idol* rejection, Jennifer Hudson displayed her impressive pipes as well as her acting skills in *Dreamgirls* by playing Effie, the Dreamettes' lead singer who is dumped so svelte Deanna (Beyoncé Knowles) can break the group into superstardom. Hudson's heartbreaking rendition of *And I Am Telling You (I'm Not Going)* was so powerful that one preview audience gave it a standing ovation. At the Academy Awards, *The Departed* picked up the Best Picture prize, but the night belonged to Hudson as she walked off with the Best Supporting Actress honour.

(Daniel A. Anderson-Orange County Register/MCT)



▲ **ROMEO AND JULIET, GREASE, FOOTLOOSE** and now... Disney's *High School Musical* was about a jock (Zac Efron) and an academic (Vanessa Hudgen) who, drawn together by their love of singing, try out for the school musical. An instant hit, the made-for-TV movie spawned the year's No. 1 CD, a bestselling DVD and a blockbuster concert tour by the movie's stars. More than 2,000 amateur groups will stage their own versions of the show this year and a sequel will be out in the summer. It's truly the *Grease* of the iPod generation.

(Disney Channel / Everett Collection)



▲ **COMEBACK OF THE CAPED CRUSADER.** A lot can change in five years. When Superman (Brandon Routh) returned to Earth after searching for the destroyed Krypton, he discovered Lois Lane not only had a boyfriend but also a son. Oh, and Lex Luthor was cooking up another diabolical plot. *Superman Returns* returned to its comic book origins and rebuilt the legend, one magnificent rescue at a time. (© 2006 Warner Bros. Pictures)

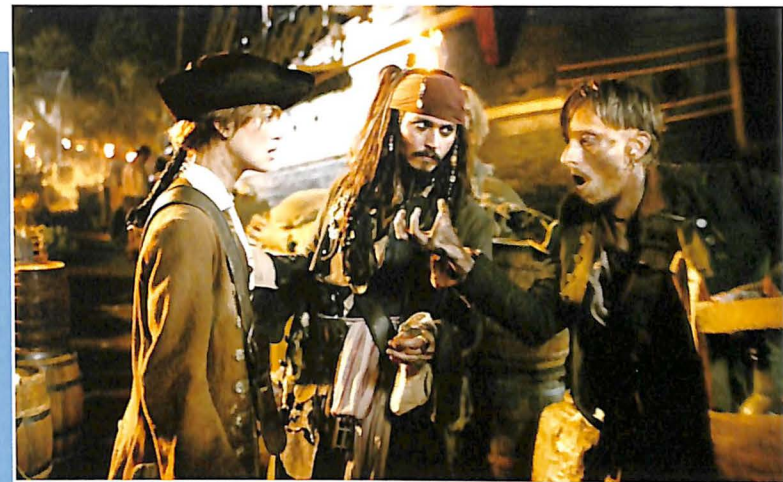


▲ **THE JOKE'S ON US.** Kazakhstan's government spent millions trying to pitch their central Asian country as a tourist destination, but no marketing campaign could change the fact that their most famous citizen is the fictional Borat Sagdiyev. British comic Sacha Baron Cohen's explicit, demented comedy, *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America For Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan*, was packed with ethnic, religious and sexual stereotypes as it showed off unscripted encounters between Borat and unsuspecting Americans. Talk of a sequel started the minute after it killed the competition at the box office. (Paul Drinkwater/NBC/Everett Collection)



▲ **FASHION WORLD FOLLIES.** In *The Devil Wears Prada*, Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway) was an average young woman wearing chain store clothes. Yet Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep), the superciliously arrogant editor of "Runway" hired her as a new assistant, loading her down with impossible tasks such as getting the unpublished Harry Potter book. Along the way Sachs got a killer wardrobe and realized what she wants out of life while viewers got a hilarious look inside the fashion world, set to a great soundtrack.

(Barry Wetcher/Fox)



▲ **JACK IS BACK.** The second *Pirates of the Caribbean* film, *Dead Man's Chest* saved the summer movie season when fans plunked down more than US\$400 million to see the swashbuckling adventures of glam-rock Capt. Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp, centre), and ever-separated sweethearts Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley). Whether the cute couple will ever get hitched will be revealed in the series' final installment, due this summer. Just in time to rescue another summer movie season.

(Walt Disney/Everett Collection)



▲ **VROOMING UP THE BOX OFFICE LIST.** Pixar has made hits such as *Toy Story*, *Monsters, Inc.*, *The Incredibles* and *Finding Nemo*, but an animated film about cars that have eyes made from windshields? In *Cars*, Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) detoured off the highway, parked in Radiator Springs and learned that his "I don't need help from no one" attitude needed a tune-up. The movie motored into last year's No. 2 spot, with a US\$244 million box office. (©Walt Disney/Everett Collection)



◀ **A BUFF BOND.** Daniel Craig claimed the James Bond character as his own in the opening of *Casino Royale* when he made his first kill by bashing a man into a bloody pulp. Displaying an impressively-muscled body, the British actor turned the suave tuxedoed super-spy into a chillingly brutal assassin who, thank heavens, works for the good guys.

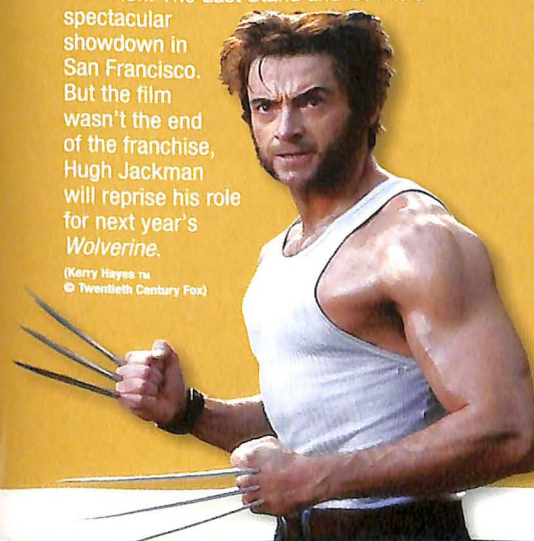
(©2006 Columbia Pictures, MGM)



▲ **LOOK WHO'S COMING TO DINNER.** As Dupree in *You, Me and Dupree*, Owen Wilson perfected his slacker/Valley-boy act. Why newlyweds Carl (Matt Dillon, left) and Molly (Kate Hudson) allowed Dupree to crash at their house when he lost his job and apartment is the question that echoes through this comedy. They had to know trouble was moving in when Dupree brought not only a ukulele but also a moose head. (Universal/Everett Collection)



▲ **MISSION: SAVE TOM'S CAREER.** After the disappointing box office of *War of the Worlds*, Tom Cruise needed *Mission: Impossible III* to be a hit, a huge hit. This time the action-laden plot revolves around secret agent Ethan Hunt defeating a maniacal billionaire (Philip Seymour Hoffman) who wants to destroy the world with something called "rabbit's foot." Cruise swings, literally, around Shanghai's skyscrapers to save the day and his career. (© 2006 Paramount Pictures)



▼ **THE MUTANTS TAKE SIDES.** If you had to choose whether to turn off alienating superpowers, such as Rogue's inability to touch anyone without hurting them, would you? That decision split the mutant community apart in *X-Men: The Last Stand* and lead to a spectacular showdown in San Francisco. But the film wasn't the end of the franchise, Hugh Jackman will reprise his role for next year's *Wolverine*.

(Kerry Hayes/© Twentieth Century Fox)



▲ **"I'M JUST A BIG HAIRY AMERICAN WINNING MACHINE, YOU KNOW?"** Will Ferrell's sports satire, *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*, was the comedic hit of the summer. His good-natured ode to the power of car racing included every cliché about the South, NASCAR and America; it also hit every funny bone in the theatre. (Sony Pictures/Everett Collection)

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| 1. | PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST | \$423 MILLION |
| 2. | CARS | \$244 MILLION |
| 3. | X-MEN: THE LAST STAND | \$234 MILLION |
| 4. | THE DA VINCI CODE | \$218 MILLION |
| 5. | SUPERMAN RETURNS | \$200 MILLION |
| 6. | ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN | \$195 MILLION |
| 7. | OVER THE HEDGE | \$155 MILLION |
| 8. | HAPPY FEET | \$149 MILLION |
| 9. | TALLADEGA NIGHTS | \$148 MILLION |
| 10. | CASINO ROYALE | \$138 MILLION |

Sports



▲ A DIZZYING DISPLAY OF TALENT.

In practice for the skiing superpipe women's competition at the 2007 Winter X Games, Sarah Burke, 24, of Midland, Ont. (here at an earlier event in Penticton), crashed into the ice while attempting a "900"—rotating in the air two-and-a-half times. Undeterred by a broken nose and two black eyes, Burke unleashed a silky smooth 900 in the finals to beat Grete Eliassen for the gold. The victory is especially sweet for Burke, since she'd had to settle for silver in the past two games, behind her Norwegian rival. (Jacques Boissinot/CP)

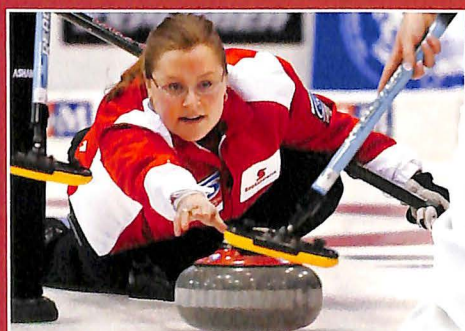


▲ **SPEEDING HER WAY TO THE TOP.** Cindy Klassen beat out Steve Nash and Justin Morneau to win the 2006 Lou Marsh Award for Canada's top athlete. On top of winning five Olympic medals at the Turin Winter Games, the speed skater also set nine world records, won 11 world cup medals and earned the year's world all-round championship title. With her eye firmly on Vancouver's 2010 Games, the Winnipeg native trains at Calgary's Olympic Oval, home to the fastest ice in the world. (Larry MacDougall/CP)

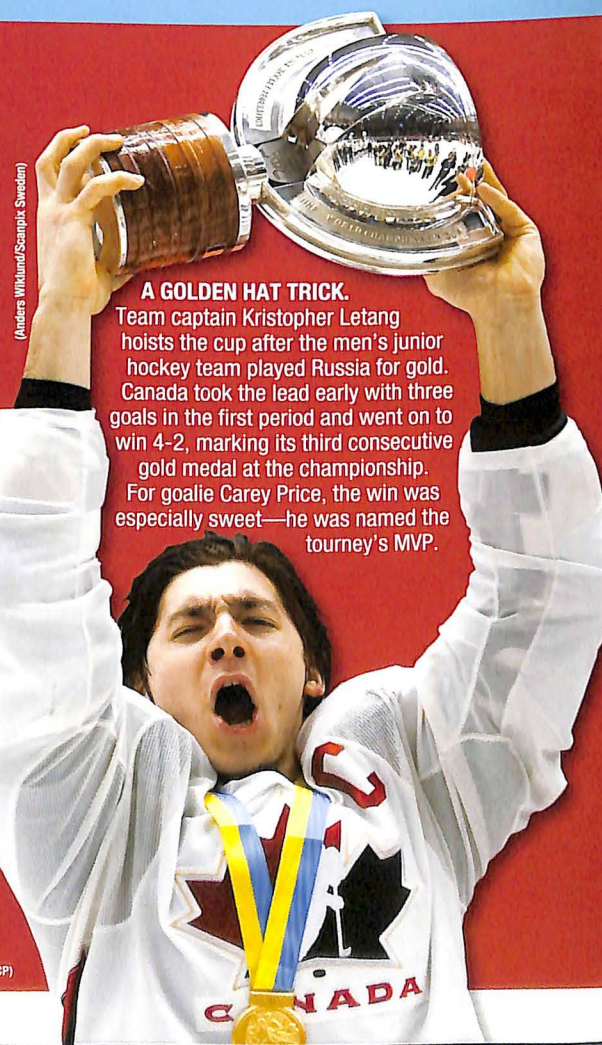
► **FULFILLING THE PROMISE.** Living up to his pressure-filled moniker of "the next Wayne Gretzky," Sidney Crosby (left) became the youngest player in NHL history to record 100 points in a season and the first this year to reach 100 points. Together with fiery Russian Evgeni Malkin, the Nova Scotian has set the Pittsburgh Penguins on fire and filled arenas to capacity. (Gene J. Puskar/AP)



▲ **SWINGING STAR.** Justin Morneau was batting just .236 when his manager benched him. "It woke me up," recalled the Minnesota Twins' first baseman. "He lit a fire under me." After that, the New Westminster, B.C., native batted .362 with 23 homers and 92 RBIs. Not only did he become the first Canadian to be the American League's MVP but Morneau upped his salary as well—in February he inked a one-year deal worth US\$4.5 million. (John Sleezer-Kansas City Star/MCT)

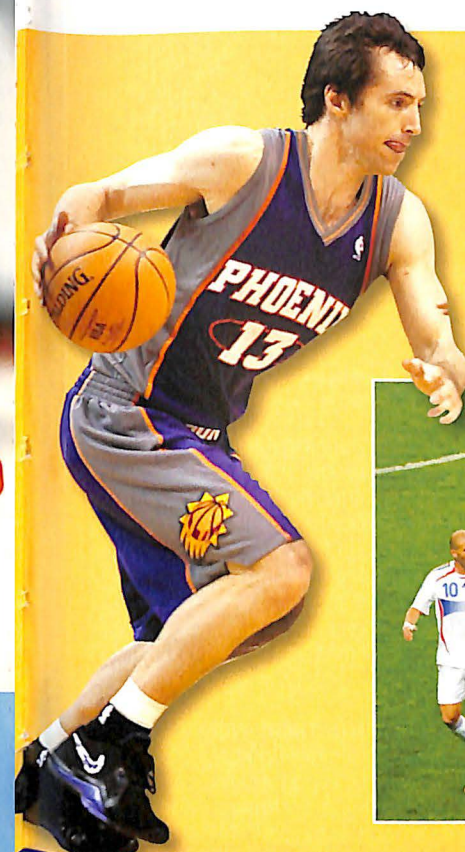


▲ **TOO HOT SCOTT.** Going into the finals with a 10-1 round-robin record, Kelly Scott's Team Canada rink walloped Saskatchewan to capture their second consecutive Scotties Tournament of Hearts curling championship. Eligible for \$144,000 in Sport Canada funding over the next two years, the B.C. team's ambition of winning gold at Vancouver's 2010 Winter Olympics just got a whole lot easier. (Andrew Vaughan/CP)

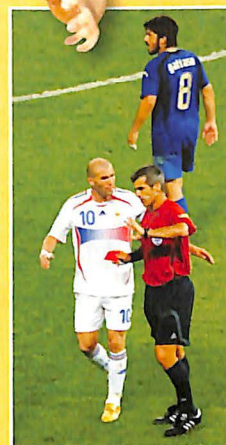


▲ A GOLDEN HAT TRICK.

Team captain Kristopher Letang hoists the cup after the men's junior hockey team played Russia for gold. Canada took the lead early with three goals in the first period and went on to win 4-2, marking its third consecutive gold medal at the championship. For goalie Carey Price, the win was especially sweet—he was named the tourney's MVP. (Anders Wiklund/Scamper Sweden)



▲ **STANDING GUARD.** Though short by NBA standards at six foot three, Victoria's Steve Nash makes up for it by being, arguably, the best point guard in the league. The Phoenix Sun set up play after play on his way to posting career highs in points and rebounds last season. No wonder Nash was named league MVP for the second year in a row. His on-court hustle is matched only by his volunteer work in promoting health for children. What can he teach kids? Former rebounding star Charles Barkley nailed it: "It pays to be selfless." (Harry E. Walker/MCT)



▲ **THE INSULT SEEN AROUND THE WORLD.** Italy should have dominated the headlines after defeating France to win the 2006 World Cup in a dramatic penalty-kick finale, but, instead, all the talk was about French captain Zinedine Zidane's head-butt of Italian defender Marco Materazzi. After the great French player (in the No. 10 jersey) was expelled by the ref, his team's chances drained away. Zidane, named the tournament's best player, later apologized for his action, saying that Materazzi had insulted his sister. (Gouhler-Hahn-Urban-Abaca Press/MCT)



▲ **WHO'S GOT CRAZY GLUE?** The B.C. Lions were the best team in the CFL last season, so it was only fitting that they'd dominate the Grey Cup with a decisive 25-14 win over the Montreal Alouettes. What no one expected was that they'd break the trophy. "It just snapped in half," explained embarrassed 293-pound offensive lineman Kelly Bates. "What can you do?" (Ryan Remiorz/CP)



▲ **A COMMANDING PRESENCE.** When Swiss tennis ace Roger Federer decimated Andy Roddick at the Australian Open, the American player said the match "sucked. It was terrible. Besides that, it was fine." That's the attitude opponents need as they meet and usually lose to 25-year-old Federer. In 2006, his record was 92-5, he's already passed Jimmy Connors' record for consecutive weeks at No. 1 and, with 10 grand slam wins, should pass that record of 14 by early 2008. No wonder tennis greats say he could be the best player that tennis has ever produced. (Corinne Dubreuil-Abaca Press/MCT)



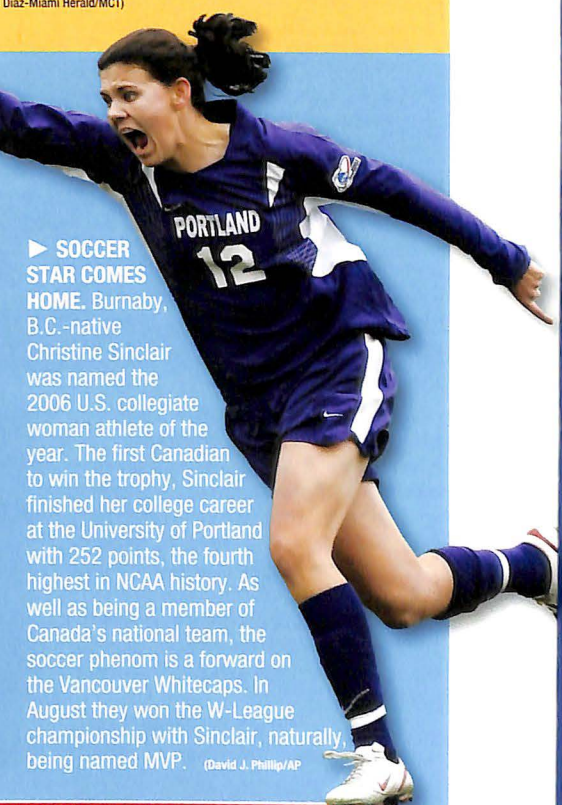
▲ **SO THERE!** Peyton Manning had a reputation as a choker—his impressive field performances always buckled under the pressure of fans' expectations. But the Indianapolis Colts quarterback consigned all choke talk to history when his team defeated the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl. Manning, who passed for 247 yards and a touchdown, fittingly added the game's MVP award to his collection. (Al Diaz-Miami Herald/MCT)



▲ **KING OF THE LINKS.** After Tiger Woods won July's British Open—his first victory following the death of his beloved father, Earl—he sobbed uncontrollably on the shoulder of caddy Steve Williams. That win, his 11th major, set off an unbelievable string of wins, including his 50th PGA win in August, which he celebrated by sneaking a taste of his victory cake. His impressive streak of seven consecutive PGA tour wins ended at February's Accenture match play tourney. (Julian H. Gonzalez-Detroit Free Press/MCT)

► SOCCER STAR COMES HOME.

Burnaby, B.C.-native Christine Sinclair was named the 2006 U.S. collegiate woman athlete of the year. The first Canadian to win the trophy, Sinclair finished her college career at the University of Portland with 252 points, the fourth highest in NCAA history. As well as being a member of Canada's national team, the soccer phenom is a forward on the Vancouver Whitecaps. In August they won the W-League championship with Sinclair, naturally, being named MVP. (David J. Phillip/AP)



2006 Champions

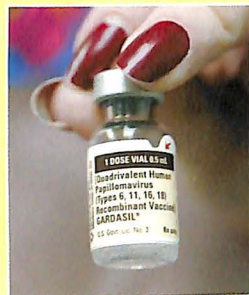
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| GREY CUP | B.C. LIONS OVER MONTREAL ALOUETTES | 25-14 |
| SUPER BOWL XLI | INDIANAPOLIS COLTS OVER CHICAGO BEARS | 29-17 |
| PGA | TIGER WOODS | US\$9.9 MILLION |
| LPGA | LORENA OCHOA | US\$2.6 MILLION |
| NBA | MIAMI HEAT OVER DALLAS MAVERICKS | 4-2 SERIES |
| WORLD SERIES | ST. LOUIS CARDINALS OVER DETROIT TIGERS | 4-1 SERIES |
| WOMEN'S CURLING | KELLY SCOTT, B.C. OVER JAN BETKER, SASK. | 8-5 |
| MEN'S CURLING | GLENN HOWARD, ONT. OVER BRAD GUSHUE, NFLD. | 10-6 |
| STANLEY CUP | CAROLINA HURRICANES OVER EDMONTON OILERS | 4-3 SERIES |

Science



▲ **BLAME IT ON EL NIÑO.** According to officials at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, last year was the warmest in the U.S. since record keeping began 112 years ago, due in large part to an unusually warm December. While the eastern half of North America basked in record-breaking warm temperatures well into January, leaving the ski industry there struggling, Denver dug out from multiple blizzards that dumped dozens of feet of snow. Meanwhile California's citrus crop was flash-frozen on the tree when the thermometer plummeted, and the Pacific coast suffered through wind storms, heavy snowfalls and torrential rain. The major cause of the wacky weather? El Niño, a condition that involves a periodic warming of Pacific Ocean waters near the equator. (Tom Fox-Dallas Morning News/MCT)

► **A CANCER VACCINE IS BORN.** Gardasil, a new vaccine from drug manufacturer Merck, prevents four of the most common strains of human papillomavirus (HPV), the virus that causes most cases of cervical cancer. The vaccine is approved for females aged 9 to 26, and is given in three injections over six months. Cervical cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer in women, therefore the arrival of this vaccine is a major medical breakthrough. (Sharon Gekoski-Kimmel/Philadelphia Inquirer/MCT)



FEEL GOOD CARS



▲ **THE HOTTEST STORY.** From wildfires across the U.S. Southwest, to floods in India, to melting ice caps in Greenland and Antarctica, to drought in Africa, to Cyclone Larry, a category 5 storm that hammered Australia, the global warming crisis is upon us. Our CO₂ emissions, mostly from burning fuel — gasoline for cars and coal for electricity — trap heat from the sun and raise global temperatures. These greenhouse gases were the focus of former U.S. presidential candidate Al Gore's Oscar-winning movie *An Inconvenient Truth*. The film demonstrated that when temperatures rise, climatic disasters strike hard and will keep coming as planet Earth attempts to fight the fever. (Steve Ringman-Seattle Times/KRT)



to downgrade the tiny sphere to "dwarf planet" status, which for many earthlings, was the biggest news from space since the cow jumped over the moon. As for Xena, although her discovery in 2005 turned heads, she was tagged as a dwarf too, and her name was changed to Eris.

(Nick U/AP)

◀ **AND THEN THERE WERE EIGHT.** When the world's professional stargazers, the International Astronomical Union, met to consider the fate of wannabe planet Xena, they hammered out a new definition of what constitutes a planet, and poor little Pluto didn't make the cut. The judging panel voted



diagonally corner to corner. With the introduction of high-definition digital broadcasting, sales of flat-screen TVs are booming, and three-quarters of those sales are LCD units. The rest are plasma. Monster screens come with monster price tags: Sharp's model isn't available yet, but Panasonic's 103-inch plasma TV retails for US\$70,000. (Joe C. Hong/AP)

◀ **URBAN WHEELS.** As gasoline prices soared to new highs at the pumps, Toronto-based Feel Good Cars rolled out the ZENN (Zero Emissions No Noise). The two-seater electric runabout is designed for short trips on city streets. It's designated as a low-speed vehicle (LSV) and has a top-rated speed of about 25 mph (40 km/h), perfect for congested downtown routes, quiet suburban communities or sprawling university campuses.



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