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Jersey Day 2016



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Jersey Day 2016 was a success as students and staff wore jerseys in support of KidSport. They were able to raise \$300. This charity offers financial assistance to children who simply just want to play sports, but may not have the financial means to do so. In a generation

where playing video games and binge watching television shows is extremely popular, it is great to see that KidSport is not only promoting staying active and being healthy, but is also offering assistance to children who would not be able to do this normally.

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The Home Openers

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Last weekend was exciting for the Cape Breton island. Everybody was excited for the home opener games of CBU against Acadia University. There were four matches in two days. First match was Capers(w) vs Acadia(w) and it was

The Memorial Weekend at Memorial University

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After winning the home openers women's orange army went to Memorial university of New Found land (MUN) last weekend, they carried the momentum and beat the hosts in both the games 76-71 and 82-71. Cape Breton returns home to face the St FX X-Women on Wednesday (23rd Nov) evening at 6:00pm AST. Caper women's team is shining brightly as the table toppers, while men's team still struggling to get their first win and lost the all five games they have played so far. The table toppers MUN men's beat the Black and orange army by 90-69 in the first game on Saturday, capers tried to bounce back in the next game but felt short by 8 pts (71-79) in a close encounter on Sunday. This week CBU will host St. Francis Xavier on Wednesday at 8pm at the Sullivan Field House.

a perfect start, kind of what Cape Breton Expected and they repeated the same thing the next day. CBU (W) won both the matches by 79-58 and 73-72. But the men's team disappointed everybody by losing both games to Acadia Men 67-85 and 76-95.

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Breastfeeding: Ending the Stigma

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As a society, we like to consider ourselves to be progressive. We love to harken back to the days of old and marvel at how far we've come. But for every new bridge we build and wall we break, there is always something we miss. Some issue we still struggle to overcome. The stigma surrounding breastfeeding is one of these issues that continues to haunt us.

In recent years, we have heralded success in encouraging new mothers to breastfeed if possible. In 2011-2012, it is estimated that nearly 89% of Canadian mothers breastfed their babies, according to Statistics Canada. An amazing number when compared with a shockingly low 38% in 1963. However, this is not a call for premature celebration. While it is incredible to see this kind of upsurge, it is also important to note that there is still much room for improvement. It is possible to be heartened to see such a statistic and still be able to admit that we fall short. In particular when it comes to the treatment and, sometimes, the criticism of these women. It would seem that we have come to the consensus as a society, that while it is all well and good to breastfeed, it should not be done in our presence. And any mother who should break this unwritten rule is the subject of dirty looks and stares.

But how can we advocate for breastfeeding during the first few months and judge women for doing it at the same time? For many new mothers, it is difficult to avoid breastfeeding in public. Babies

are unpredictable and do not always follow a strict feeding schedule. If these mothers hope to return to their normal everyday lives, they cannot be expected to hide in bathroom stalls to feed their child. We as a society have to learn to change our perception of breastfeeding. We must begin to view it as it truly is; a natural and amazing wonder that has sustained our species for millennia. Much of our dissatisfaction with public breastfeeding comes from our own misdirected ideology. Somewhere along the way, we began to view breasts as something to be sexualized. And this altered our impression of breastfeeding from something that is normal to something that is looked upon with distaste. This led to the drop in breastfeeding during the 20th century. And though we have tried to repair this breach, we still have not overcome our preconceptions.

Though CBU tries to be an inclusive and progressive community, there may still be times when mothers may feel the weight of this stigma. In those instances, it is good to note that the Women's Centre is always open to those who wish to breastfeed in comfort. There are comfortable chairs and couches available, as well as a safe room for anyone who would like privacy. Also, information is available and support systems are in place should anyone need help in anyway. The Women's Centre is located in the Student Union Building and everyone should feel welcome to drop by.

CRICKET - New Member of CBU

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As the south east Asian population is increasing in Cape Breton, a new game has been introduced in CBU. It's called CRICKET. Being the national game of England, it is popular in many parts of the world, due to the colonial rule of Britishers. Nowadays about 40+ counties play cricket.

Cricket's origin is obscure, it lies somewhere in the Dark Ages - probably after the Roman Empire, almost certainly before the Normans invaded England, and almost certainly somewhere in Northern Europe. All research concedes that the game derived from a very old, widespread and uncomplicated pastime by which one player served up an object, be it a small piece of wood or a ball, and another hit it with a suitably fashioned club. Evidence suggests it was played in England in the 12th–13th cent., and it was popular there by the end of the 17th cent. By the mid-18th cent. the aristocracy had adopted the game. In 1744 the London Cricket Club produced what are recognizably the rules of modern

cricket. The Marylebone Cricket Club, one of the oldest (1787) cricket organizations, is the game's international governing body. Cricket is played with a bat and ball and involves two competing sides (teams) of 11 players. The field is oval with a rectangular area in the middle, known as the pitch, that is 22 yards (20.12 meters) by 10 feet (3.04 meters) wide. Two sets of three sticks, called wickets, are set in the ground at each end of the pitch.

Across the top of each wicket lie horizontal pieces called bails. The sides take turns at batting and bowling (pitching); each turn is called an “innings” (always plural). Sides have one or two innings each, depending on the prearranged duration of the match, the object being to score the most runs. The bowlers, delivering the ball with a straight arm, try to break (hit) the wicket with the ball so that the bails fall. This is one of several ways that the batsman is dismissed, or put out. A bowler delivers six balls at one wicket (thus completing an “over”), then a different player from his side bowls six balls to the opposite wicket.

CRICKET- Continued...

The batting side defends its wicket.

Cricket is famous in many parts of the world. The Caribbean countries, south east Asia, Southern part of Africa, Australia, New Zealand and parts of UK love cricket a lot. Specially in India, cricket is most loved sport. There may be many religions in this secular country called India, but it is said that cricket unites Indians better than any religion can ever do. With millions of ardent followers, cricket is the 'religion' of India. 'Men in Blue' are absolutely adored by the crazy cricket fans and their fame outshines the popularity of any other celebrity. From a school going kid to retired old man, the charisma of cricket has enchanted almost every Indian. People plan their activities, leaves and travel plans after checking out the schedule of Indian Cricket team. Cricket is also the fastest way of befriending an Indian. No matter which part of India it is, one can find a bunch of kids playing cricket with lot of enthusiasm.

AUS winners Finished 4th in National Championships

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CBU finished Fourth in the national Championships after showing great run in AUS championships by winning 11 Out of 14 games. Capers started off well by beating uToronto in QF to enter the semifinal #1 of national championships where they were beaten by University of Alberta (2-1). They faced Guelph in the bronze medal match and lost it 0-3.



Feminist Theory in Light of Clinton's Defeat

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On Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the single most qualified presidential candidate in U.S. history lost to the single least qualified presidential candidate in U.S. history.

On Wednesday, November 9, 2016, in a turn of events I found rather striking, my fourth-year critical theory class at CBU began its discussion of feminism.

Perhaps this is an obvious statement, but if the results of this recent election teach us anything, it should be the enduring need for feminism in the western world.

Throughout the entirety of the presidential race, Clinton supporters were inundated with pleas to not make this “about gender,” to not use a political candidate to make some heavy-handed soapbox statement about feminism. But the circumstances surrounding this race, the lauding of Trump’s bombast, the uncertainty around Clinton’s “likeability,” forces the issue of gender to be considered in this case.

Anti-Hillary protestors have, from what I’ve seen, sought to emphasize her role as “Murderer!” and “Rape Defender!” Both of which are – independently of gender – legitimate reasons to criticize a potential world leader. However, if and when Trump defunds Planned Parenthood, people are going to die. If and when Trump redirects HIV and AIDS funding toward homosexual conversion camps, people are going to die. If and when Trump repeals Obamacare, people are going to die. If and when Trump loosens America’s already lax gun control laws, people are going to die.

Moreover, the fact that Donald Trump has been subject to numerous allegations of rape (including several from his ex-wife) and is currently in the midst of a lawsuit for raping a thirteen-year-old girl on multiple occasions, at multiple parties thrown by convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein in the mid-1990s, I physically cannot comprehend how he is a more fitting American president than a woman who was legally bound to defend a rape case at a judge’s request during her career as a lawyer in 1975.

Trump voters were overwhelmingly male, which ties in with French theorist Simone de Beauvoir’s conception of woman as “other.” Clinton was, not unlike a Hollywood “chick flick,” heavily marketed toward women. Within a society that views men as the default human, and men’s stories as the default human experience, a woman is still a niche product. The American people have proven that they would rather elect a potentially murderous rapist over a woman, which, in the year 2016, strikes me as a frighteningly archaic mindset.

In the past year, I have been told and told and told that “We don’t need feminism in the West,” “Women already have equal rights,” “There’s nothing left to fight for.” But the heartbreaking news footage of Clinton supporters waiting in the glass-ceilinged Jacob K. Javits Convention Centre for the first female president who would never emerge is a symbolic reminder that feminism is still very much needed – now more than ever, apparently.

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