

The Face Behind the Camera

by: Chris Weaver

Chances are, you've seen a photograph that Margaret-Ruth Jones has taken. In fact, you've probably even been in one. She operates in the foreground and background of almost everything kicking around the school, her camera never leaving her hand.

Margaret-Ruth first picked up a camera in the ninth grade, and very quickly rose through the ranks of Saint John High's photographers. She came into the game with an immense school spirit, and can be seen at most events, sporting red & grey, cheering on the school, with a camera in her hand, or around her neck.

But who is she, really? Being behind the camera, this truly magnificent individual often goes unnoticed by the general population. However, she possesses a myriad of interests and talents which should probably be put out in the open; it is a pity that they remain hidden from so many.

"Marggy" as she has been dubbed by SJHS graduate Chris Mabey is a fairly sporty individual, taking to the slopes on her skis and snowboard with the ski team during the winter, and to the waves on her wakeboard, her kayak, or even just diving in for a swim in the warmer summer months.

Though she spends quite a bit of her time away from the camera, she still finds time to nurture her love of photography, be it running around the school for Ms. Desmond, snapping photographs here, there and everywhere, or doing her own thing in her spare time. Margaret-Ruth loves having fun, and she does in just about everything she tries.

Though being behind the camera has its downsides, she probably wouldn't give it up for anything. As a photographer myself, I know the joy that comes from taking photographs, and to be as recognized, as Margaret-Ruth is for it, must be quite a feeling, and an honour.

When asked to describe herself, she said "I love to take it to the extreme and ... put my own wrap on things." And really, this is what Margaret-Ruth comes down to: unique, talented, and fun-loving. For certain, the school would not be the same place without her.

Mr. Ogden: The "Energizer Bunny"

by: Neil Rowe

A well respected teacher, who has spent most of his 24 years of teaching here at SJHS, he is known as Mr."O" but his formal name is Mr. Ogden. You could call him the multi-faceted "Energizer Bunny," with his well-known talent to contribute and participate in many community events, charities and sports.

Being the "Big Cheese" in the Marco Polo project, a food bank contributor, and key organizer for the Marigolds on Main Street program are only a few items on his long list of charitable and supportive efforts.

As a major supporter of and contributor to the water front development, Mr. Ogden has gained respect for the substantial amount of time and effort he put into the Marco Polo project, working on it for nearly 21 years. The success of the Marco Polo created films, coins, two musicals, several novels, a stamp, and a monument placed in Market Square. The monument symbolizes Saint John's history and will become a solid tourist attraction as completion nears.

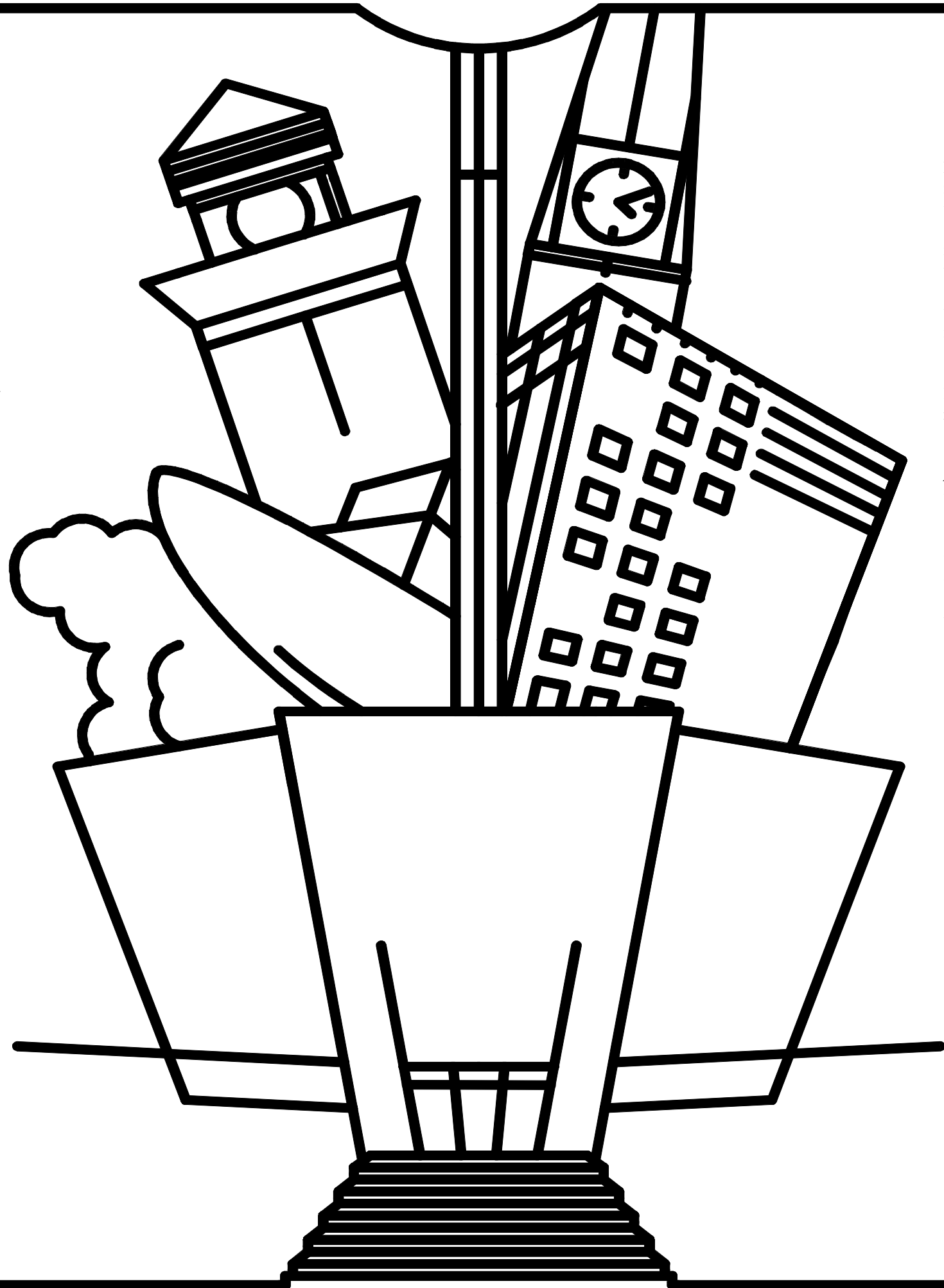
Determined to create expansion opportunities and reveal the potential for Saint John's beauty, Mr. Ogden has been a key organizer for the successful Marigolds on Main Street project for 9 years. It has given the aging street a colorful and new image, extending the idea of community work with 50 different gardens from St. Stephen to Sussex. The number of flowers planted each year is estimated at an impressive 150,000 and is growing rapidly.

To create beauty for the city, Mr. Ogden is one of many trying to turn around the increasing poverty rate. Combining entrepreneurial thinking and optimism for the city's future, he has been a strong contributor to the community food banks for over 20 years. With help from students in his entrepreneur class at SJHS and food bank donations from students at all high schools in Saint John, ideas for curing, decreasing, and ending poverty become more possible and realistic.

With a tight schedule, Mr. O's favorite hobbies fortunately include teaching. He has also been strong in the coaching department, being involved in and coaching sports for over 33 years.

As a graduate from this school and a successful teacher in political science, entrepreneurship, and history, one of his primary goals in teaching is to encourage and create opportunities for all students here at SJHS.

"I consider that I'm teaching children. I want to motivate them and make them think," he says. "I also consider recreation to be one of the most important things for kids' mental and physical health."



Chris Weaver

by: Lisa Cossey

Watch out walking down our halls. If you're not careful you could be mistaken for someone who wants a hug. If Chris Weaver is out in the halls and sees someone in need of love, you may be a victim of one of his memorable "lunge hugs". This is one of his personality traits very well known by his friends. Because Chris is very tall, one of these high power attacks could knock a person to the floor if they weren't prepared.

Chris is easy to recognize sporting his hippy hair cut that just screams: "Fight the system!" His very interning loafers, can be distinguished from almost all other shows in the hall, and although his glasses do appear to be emo, he is far from it. He has always been a very positive person with a smile on his face.

Ladies, if what you like is personality then has he got one for you. He has a good sense of humor and likes to take long walks on the beach while staring dreamily into the eyes of whoever he's with. More seriously, his interests include playing guitar and photography.

One story I can tell from experience about Chris took place in his basement where several others and I were sitting around watching movies; one of these others was his dog. As I watched the movie, I felt something licking my ankle. Assuming it was the dog I did not react right away so as not to scare it, but as I looked down I realized that it in fact it wasn't the dog licking me. It was Chris, so I kicked him in the face. We got over this quickly and went back to enjoying "Almost Famous".

Weaver is a big fan of music, he even has a good sized collection of vinyl records including all sorts of *Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass* and one that I think every one knows; *The Village People: Live and Sleazy*. Our very own SJHS president Jon O' Kane was very pleased and excited to see this wide selection of music.

This being Chris's last year at SJHS he is pleased to be able to be campaign manager for Andrew Pollock, and anyone who was present for the speeches last year is sure to remember the teeny tiny bicycle shorts he wore while in this position last year. Will there be a guest appearance of the shorts this year? We'll just have to cross our fingers and hope not.

Let me just leave all you readers with these words of wisdom: "Beware of men in bicycle shorts, they may try to hug you."

The Chronicle of Hachey

by: Joe Ellsworth

"Hey look its Harry Potter! No it's not its Waldo! No you're both wrong.... It's Mr. Hachey!" These words have been said ever since the infamous Hachey started teaching at SJHS last year. For those of you who don't know who Mr. Hachey is it's not that difficult for me to describe him. All you have to do is look for the skinny Harry Potter/Where's Waldo impersonator.

Although Mr. Hachey may look like these two wholesome family fun figures, he does not act like either. In fact Hachey is the complete opposite.

From birth Mr. Hachey was doomed to be a troublemaker. But when you look at it anyone born in Berryville, N.B. has no other choice but to be a hard person. While in the middle of the interview with Mr. Hachey could not contain his excitement as he recalled his earliest memory of hiding his younger sister under her crib where she was not discovered until an hour afterwards.

As our interview continued the question of magic arose in association with his appearance. When the question of "if he had ever felt magic powers" arose, Mr. Hachey took a turn to the serious and explained to me how he has magic black-mailing powers, and the power of forcing work upon children. But what can anyone truly expect, he was educated for six years in a fully French school. From this arises another question concerning Sainte-Anne... is it the real Hogwarts?

In an attempt to change the subject away from Mr. Hacheys "magic powers", I began asking about his hobbies outside of school so he told me of his rebellious pastime of drumming. What can you expect though listening to those hooligans, Dave Mathews and The Tragically Hip.

After learning of this, I confronted Mr. Hachey about his rebellious behavior and asked when his most misbehaving time was. He replied, "Going through six years of university, there was a lot of stuff that happened that they don't know I'm responsible for... A lot of stuff!"

Mr. Hachey also admits to being original with his hair; while in high school he sported a rat-tail. While in university he dyed his hair many different colors including blue, red, orange, yellow and purple.

Ladies for all of you out there looking for a bad boy, Mr. Hachey is in fact single. This, of course, clears up the rumors of him and his "sugar twin" Mrs. Parker.