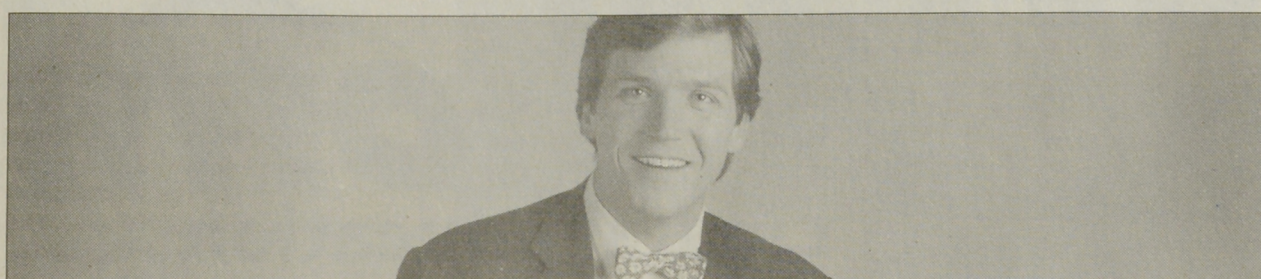


What ever happened to... that dick in the bowtie



Internet

by Hunter Gavin

He is a self-proclaimed "dead head," has had false rape allegations brought against him, and is in line to inherit a fortune in the TV dinner business. That's right, it's Tucker Carlson. Also recognizable as the bowtied conservative pundit from the long-running CNN debate show "Crossfire," and the subject of Jon Stewart's ire, he is one of the best known right wing television personalities in America.

Carlson was born in San Francisco in 1969. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Trinity College in Hartford, before beginning a promising journalism career. Prior to becoming a television personality, he wrote for Policy Magazine, a leading conservative journal.

Carlson began his work on "Crossfire" in 2001, joining a successful CNN program that had been on the air since 1982. Carlson's stint as a member of the "Crossfire" cast saw the show undergo some drastic changes. In 2002, in an attempt to boost ratings, the show was increased to one hour. There was more argument between the presenters, and the show became broadcast live from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Carlson retained his position as a right side host, and new hosts on the left were introduced: Democratic Party political strategists Paul Begala and James Carville. The new style was not popular, and in April 2003, "Crossfire" was reduced back to just half an hour and moved from its prime time slot to an afternoon slot.

The end of both Carlson's run on CNN and of the "Crossfire" franchise began just prior to the 2004 Presidential Election, when "The Daily Show's" Jon Stewart was the guest on "Crossfire." Stewart criticized Carlson and co-host Begala, calling them "partisan hacks," and asking them to stop "hurting America." Carlson responded by saying Stewart was not asking "tough questions." He told Stewart that he was "more funny on [The Daily Show]." Stewart quickly responded, "well, you're as big a dick on your show as you are on any show."

Shortly after Stewart's appearance on "Crossfire," CNN announced that they were ending their relationship with Carlson, and would also be canceling the long-running "Crossfire" franchise. That was in January of 2005. So what has become of the bowtied boy wonder? Has he, like so many others, faded away into political purgatory?

Absolutely not. Tucker Carlson has survived his falling out with CNN, and in June of 2005, began his own show on MSNBC, "The Situation, with Tucker Carlson." In July, 2006, the show was moved to a 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. timeslot, and the name was shortened to "Tucker." But Carlson has become much more than just a journalist since his departure from CNN. In fact, he has become somewhat of a cult icon.

On April 11, 2006, Carlson announced that he would no longer wear the colorful bowties that had made him so popular. He said, "I just decided I wanted to give my neck a break. A little change is good once in a while, and I feel better already." He had long been recognized, mocked,

and admired for his neckwear, a matter that was regularly brought up in interviews.

Carlson was also recognized by author Jack Huberman, who produced a book entitled "101 People Who are Really Screwing America." Carlson ranked 93rd in the book, ahead of figures such as J.K. Rowling, Toby Keith, and the Girls Gone Wild. Other notables on the list include God, who came in at number 77, and Dick Cheney, who finished first. And the video of his exchange with Jon Stewart on "Crossfire" has become one of the most popular videos on Youtube.com. But bowties, ruining America, and being owned by Jon Stewart aside, Tucker Carlson is making his mark. By shaking his bon bon.

Tucker Carlson is one of the participants in the hit ABC reality show, "Dancing with the Stars." Carlson took ballroom dance classes for four hours a day in preparation for the show, and complained of missing classes while on assignment for MSNBC in Lebanon. Before the show began, Carlson's odds of winning were ranked on the internet at 15:1. Carlson was voted off on September 13, after his performance on the previous night was ranked the lowest by the judges. The low score resulted from Carlson spending much of the performance sitting down in a chair. After being voted off the show, Carlson said, "teaching me [to dance] is like Einstein teaching a slow child math." In case anyone is wondering, Mario Lopez is the favorite to win the competition. That's right, A.C. Slater can dance.

Privacy Act may be violated by RCMP, University deal

Deal between
university, RCMP may
violate Privacy Act

by William Wolfe-Wylie
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SACKVILLE, N.B. (CUP) - Just like every weekend, RCMP made their rounds during homecoming weekend in Sackville, N.B., visiting off-campus parties attended by students from nearby Mount Allison University.

A day later, some of the students received an email message from David Rowland, the university's dean of students, asking for a quick meeting to discuss the town's by-laws and how to be a good neighbour.

The image of the RCMP giving information to a university official has made some students uncomfortable, and has others questioning whether the practice is even legal.

According to a New Brunswick privacy lawyer, who asked not to be identified since she had not had the opportunity to review all aspects of this case, the practice may violate the Canada Privacy Act.

The Canada Privacy Act is a federal document that protects the right to privacy of all Canadians. Section 3 of the Act defines "personal information" in part as "the name of the individual where it appears with other personal information relating to the individual or where the disclosure of the name itself would reveal information about the individual."

"Personal information" includes opinions held by the individual, race, ethnicity, address, fingerprints, blood type, or any other identifying information.

The Act is also clear under what situations personal information that is collected by a government institution,

such as the RCMP, can be distributed to third parties.

In order for information to be shared, consent from the individual, an act of parliament, a court order, or a request from the Attorney General is required.

There exist several exemptions under which personal information may be shared without meeting these conditions, including law enforcement investigations.

"Forwarding [information] on to the dean would fall outside that exemption," said the lawyer. "It just seems a bit far-reaching."

The RCMP's Access to Information and Privacy Branch (ATIP) in Ottawa said that they would need to know all details of this case before offering an opinion on the situation, but said that it might be okay under New Brunswick law.

"That could be fine under provincial law," said Pierre Lavoie, a spokesman for ATIP. "As for federal law, usually we try to keep that tighter."

But according to the New Brunswick lawyer, "federal legislation would apply" in this case.

Mt. A's student council is waiting for more information to surface before they take a stance, but discussed the issue at a September 18th meeting. President Erica Hendry has written a letter to the editor in the campus newspaper, the Argosy, asking students to share information and their experiences.

It is not clear how long the RCMP has been forwarding information to the university. According to Rowland, the RCMP gave him verbal warning that these emails would be arriving but said he was not aware whether this was a new initiative or a continuation of an old one.

Rev. John Perkin, former dean of students and current university chaplain, refused to comment on what occurred between him and the RCMP while he was dean.

When Rowland first began receiving the e-mails, he said he was under the impression that all the information being provided to him was legitimate.

"I was assuming that by receiving this information that it was okay, that this is the RCMP," he said.

He said that while RCMP are out on the weekend they collect the names of students who are tenants in the houses that they are called to visit. He said he did not know how RCMP knew if the tenants were Mt. A students, but he received a list of names in an e-mail a day or two later. He declined to offer the name of the officer who sends him the e-mails.

But some students have reported that the office of the dean of students has been used to intimidate students.

Eileen Mens was stopped last weekend when RCMP saw her dump a plastic cup into a street-side garbage can.

"He said, 'I'm going to report you to the dean,'" said Mens. "The thing that really upset me was the threatening method, which is totally inappropriate," she added later.

Rowland said he was not aware that was happening.

"My intention was never to be perceived as having this process punitive," he said.

However, student Jason Forsey says he was threatened with possible discipline by the University Judicial Committee if his name continued to be in the e-mails from the police.

Rowland says the process is more about teaching students about noise bylaws and about being a good neighbour. "My stand is that maybe this whole thing was misinterpreted and miscommunicated."

He also noted that it is not only the RCMP that provides him with student information. Residents of Sackville have also called him with complaints about student parties, he said.

Women in transition...driving forward

Twelve cars for local
women

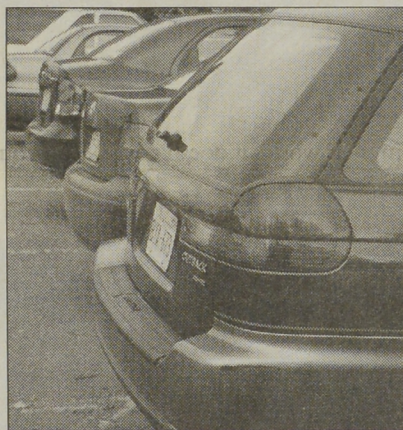
by Michele Legendre

In a generous collaboration, Women in Transition House have partnered with the Auto Value Group to aid local women in Fredericton who are or have been victims of domestic violence. The Women in Transition House has been dedicating its time and efforts in order to help women and children who are in need of getting their lives back on track

from the devastating effects of violence in the household.

With the generosity of Fredericton and surrounding area residents, 12 vehicles have been refurbished by the Auto Value Service Centers in order to provide reliable transportation for these families that are stepping forward into their new lives.

"Women in Transition... Driving Forward" will be taking place on September 27 at the Capital Exhibition Centre, where recipients will receive their vehicles, and drive on to better beginnings.



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News shorts, hotter than news pants

by Jennifer McKenzie
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The RCMP are defending themselves and their decision to use a taser gun on a teenager in Hampton. Police say the teenager was belligerent and uncooperative, after they arrived to break up a house party. Witnesses say the stun gun was applied 13 or 14 times, while the police maintain it was used three times. Sergeant Grant, the spokesperson for the Hampton RCMP, explained: "It is only used in certain situations where the suspect has to be brought under control quickly to ensure safety of everybody involved, including the person we use it on." No charges have been laid on the teen, but police say he, as well as others, could be charged with mischief and obstructing the police.

Researches at the University of PEI have found that blueberries, more specifically, drinking blueberry juice, has lowered bad cholesterol levels in mice. They are now hoping their research shows the same thing applies to men. Blueberries have been praised for their health benefits for years, largely due to

what has been described as antioxidant properties. The team is looking for 25 volunteers to participate in the study, which will start in October.

A leaked intelligence document in France contains information that Osama bin Laden died last month of typhoid. President Jacques Chirac said the documents, which came from the French Secret Service and contained information from Saudi Arabia's government, were "in no way whatsoever confirmed." The report said Saudi security services had their first information on bin Laden's alleged death on Sept. 4; the last time the French InterCenter can confirm for sure that bin Laden was alive was the June 29, when he eulogized a fellow al-Qaeda member's death.

Playskool is voluntarily recalling about 255,000 tool bench toys after the deaths of two young children. The boys, both under two, suffocated when plastic screws became lodged in their throats. Though the "Team Talkin' Tool Bench" is not intended for children under three, the company is voluntarily recalling the \$35 toys to prevent further accidents.

A soldier with the American Army, who fled to Canada two years ago, will return to the U.S. to face military charges. Darrell Anderson, 24, served in Iraq for seven months and received a Purple Heart after being injured by a roadside bomb. His Canadian attorney missed a deadline for Anderson to apply for refugee status, which would have allowed him to apply for a government work permit, as well as continue to legally live in Canada. Anderson made the choice on his own to return to the States and face whichever punishment he's given. After reviewing Anderson's record, the commander could order a less-than-honorable discharge or refer the case to a court-martial, which could impose a prison term and a dishonorable discharge, said Fort Knox spokeswoman Gini Sinclair.

CTV inadvertently played the second episode of this season's Grey's Anatomy, rather than the first, on Thursday night. While the network blamed the mistake on a "satellite feed error," fans took to the internet to bash CTV and the mistake. CTV plans on airing both the premier and the second episode this Thursday, in hopes of correcting the blunder.



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Noise policy changes receives quiet reception

by Megan Bate

Residence Life has brought about a few new changes this year that affect all those living in residence.

One of these changes is the revival of the quiet and loud hours. Residence life began their re-evaluation of their policy from last year in October of 2005. They wanted to make sure that the policy was allowing the appropriate amount of time for sleeping and for socializing. James Brown, the Director of Residence Life, commented: "the idea was to come up with the best compromise between people's need for sleep on one hand, and our developmental interest in students and the way in which partying and noise contribute to that interest."

A PhD candidate in psychology and counseling, Sarah MacAulay, was hired in January of 2006 to conduct research on the sleep requirements of university students. This study concluded that students need about 8.5 to 9.5 hours of uninterrupted sleep a night. It also concluded that the best time for sleep, decided by our natural Circadian rhythms in the body, is between midnight and 5 a.m. Finally, it was found that if we shift our sleep schedule by more than two hours' difference from a normal night, this causes lack of attention, concentration and reasoning.

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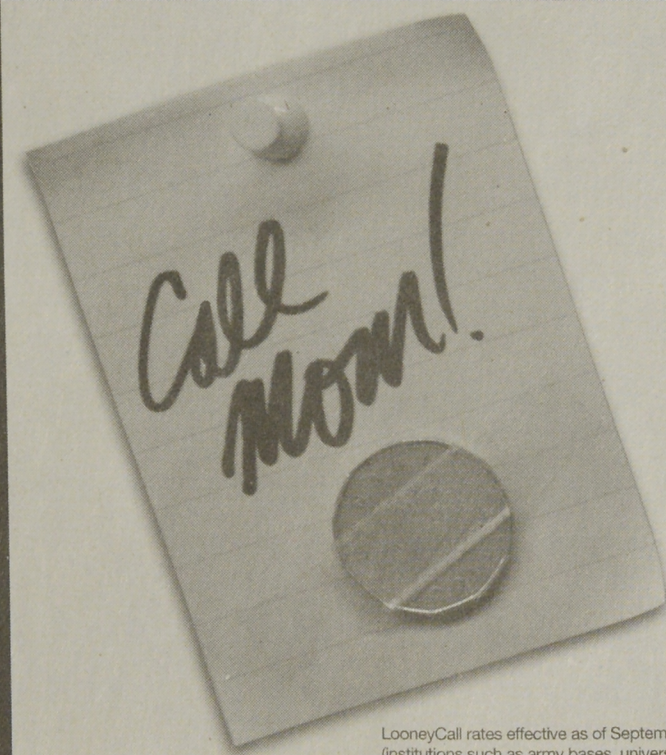
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