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Stewart celebrates cancellation of Crossfire

On last Thursday's 'The Daily Show' host Jon Stewart celebrated a personal victory over the television news show he mocked the most, CNN's Crossfire, as the show appears to be cancelled in the wake of co-host Tucker Carlson leaving CNN. Stewart has ridiculed Crossfire frequently on the Daily Show for doing a poor job of accurately informing the audience. Even CNN US President Jonathon Klein admitted on CNN.com, "people screaming at each other adds a lot of heat but not that much light."

First NB Acadian Premier Dies

Louis Robichaud, premier of New Brunswick from 1960-1970, and a pioneer of bilingualism in Canada, died last Wednesday of cancer. Robichaud established New Brunswick as the only officially bilingual province in Canada and has been credited with modernizing New Brunswick. His quest to create equality between English and French was a dangerous one; riots broke out at the provincial legislature, his family received death threats and he required a police guard at his home. He instituted the same standards in French and English education and created a French university, Universite de Moncton.

Looking back... Way Back, at 2004 The Year on Campus, In Canada, and around the World

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2004 started off with bang at UPEI, with threats of a Faculty Strike hanging over students heads. However, the University and Faculty Association were able to get a deal signed without a strike or a disruption in classes, but looking ahead to the future, the contract expires later this year and the turmoil could possibly return in September. Early in the year, the CARI complex opened, and the hockey Panthers played on Campus at the new MacLauchlan Arena after spending over a decade in the Civic Center. The CARI complex, although badly needed, has had problems, as construction ran late and over budget, gobbling up funds that could have been spent by the city on other much needed programs, like the promised public transit system that has not been delivered by Mayor Clifford Lee.

On the topic of Construction, 2004 was the year of the start of a rebirth of UPEI facilities, as construction of research centers, new dorms, and long needed improvements to the Duffy Building began and will continue over the next several years. The fall was not just about construction on campus. The autumn was one to remember for the UPEI women's soccer team, which put memories of tough seasons behind them, coming out of nowhere to have a tremendous season and they finished it off by winning the AUS title, upsetting Dalhousie in the final match.

In local war history, 2004 was the year of the Battle against Bootleggers, led by Charlottetown City



Council. After increasing police raids and creating a stir in the media, the battle looked lost for city council as the bootleggers proved resourceful, as their supporters overwhelmed public meetings wearing shirts boasting their support of bootlegging. However, by the end of the year, city councillors appeared to be victorious after forging an alliance with the provincial government which passed tough new anti-bootlegging legislation. Many bootleggers have gone public in announcing their surrender, while at the same time casting government as the bad guys by claiming the casualties of this war will be the elderly and the poor.

In Canada, every spring, except maybe the coming spring thanks to the NHL lockout, can be counted upon for the excitement of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. There was something distinctly special about the 2004 Playoffs for hockey fans across the country. For many Islanders, the playoffs were special because of the

outstanding performance of playoff MVP Brad Richards, who with his talented Tampa Bay Lightning teammates, captured the Stanley Cup as Murray Harbor reveled in Stanley Cup glory. According to the Island media, that was the only story of the playoffs, but they have ignored the

reason the playoffs were special for many Islanders and for the rest of the country. For the first time in 10 years, there was finally a team representing Canada in the big show, and the most



unlikely team to boot, composed of perhaps the most gritty, hardworking players in hockey who played their hearts out and won the hearts of the country as the Calgary Flames marched over heavily favored opponents to the Stanley Cup Final. However, there was one thing the power of Red Mile could not stand up to... some argue it was the Lightning while others believe it was the flaming red hair of referee Kerry Fraser.

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