

## Halo 2 Hits Stores

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Halo 2, the much-hyped video game for Xbox reports \$125 Million in sales in its first day of release on November 9<sup>th</sup>. This first person shooter drew in rave reviews and pre-orders of the game topped 1.5 million units.

In efforts to determine the game's impact in Charlottetown I reached UPEI student, Nathan Gill.

"Well, as far as the single player is concerned, you reprise your role as the bad ass Spartan super soldier Master Chief," said Gill.

In response to why Halo has achieved astronomical success, Gill explains, "Well, it's more accessible, to be honest. For PC games, to play the good ones, you need to shell out a bunch of cash on a top of the line PC and be really into games. Not everyone gets into games on a PC."

To which he raises several excellent points. Most computers are either outdated or ridden with spy-ware and viruses, thus making it difficult for the computer game industry to land a best-seller.

"With an Xbox, any console actually, it's all about games. And Halo is probably one of the most well designed games on any console."

An online advertisement of the game read, "Pushing the Xbox hardware to its very limits, Halo 2 will expand on everything that made the original game great, plus add a wealth of technological and gameplay advances. Significantly improved graphics, enhanced AI, destructible and interactive environments, and an advanced real-time lighting engine are just a small part of Halo 2's evolution of design and technology."

Also, last month, a pirated, French-language version of "Halo 2" appeared on file-sharing networks and news groups. Microsoft said is continuing to investigate that case and is working with authorities to track down those responsible.

"It's comparable to anything you've waited three years for."

No connections have been confirmed or denied between the release of Halo 2 and its affect on increased absences in class.



## Musical Improvalooza Hits The Wave

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Two of PEI's hottest young acts, *The Chucky Danger Band* and *4 Skit's Sake*, will be teaming up to put on a show in support of UPEI Specialization in International Education, a program that allows a select group of Bachelor of Education student teachers to do an international teaching placement anywhere in the world. Thirteen students will be split up travelling to Kenya, Germany, Spain, Australia, and New Zealand in March 2005 to teach for 6 weeks. All proceeds from the concert go towards covering their very expensive costs. The concert takes place Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at The Wave in the WA Murphy Student Union Building. The evening begins at 7:30PM with *4 Skit's Sake* hitting the stage with their hilarious brand of improv comedy followed by the rocking tunes of *The Chucky Danger Band*. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door (\$6 with the donation of a non-perishable food

item). Tell all your friends to come on out and show your support for this great event!!

*4 Skit's Sake*, called the greatest thing since Pog, will start out the benefit show with their hilarious brand of improv comedy. Think *Who's Line is it Anyway* without Drew Carey. The audience controls the outcome of the show with suggestions and participation in games. Expect a highly touted surprise guest from the PEI theatre/improv community to participate in games. The troupe had a very successful run this summer playing at the Art's Guild to rave reviews and enthusiastic crowds. The highlight of the summer was teaming up with *Sketch 22* to put on an "improvalooza smackdown" which ended the season for both. The troupe, made up of Colin MacDonald, Derek Bondt, Fraser MacCallum, and Adam Gauthier, is excited to be able to put on this show in support of international education.

Hailing from Eastern Prince Edward Island, *The Chucky Danger Band* create a fresh new sound that covers the Island like the morning dew. The members consist of brothers John and Rob MacPhee, Colin Buchanan, and Dave MacDonald. These whirlwind musical forces combine to generate a phenomenal assault on the auditory senses that is sure to blow you away.

*The Chucky Danger Band* wants to use the opportunities they've been given to raise awareness and financial support for the PEI Cancer Society. The band formulated a plan with the PEI Division, and decided to give ten percent of all the money they receive to support those who have been touched by the disease.

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