DEAR EDITOR:
People sometimes say that my generation (I speak of the present youth) expects everything to be given to them. I would not disagree with that entirely. Lately I have seen a generation as well; a generation that is beginning to only care about themselves rather than the good of others. I am talking about the Jefferson schools ongoing levy crisis.
I am a recent graduate of St. John's and a proud Blue Jay but I also have many friends that have graduated from Jefferson; ones that I still see on a day-to-day basis. I have sat around multiple times and talked about Jefferson's levy problems with them.
Lately, I have read some interesting opinions in the paper regarding this topic. Opinions such as how Jefferson will spend their money, why they need the money and even asking why they need so many school buildings?
What is with the abundance of questioning? Why do people feel the need to make a simple issue suddenly complex?
I respect both sides' views on this issue but my point is this: Education is the most powerful thing on earth and so is the youth of a nation. Truly, what is more important than gaining knowledge? Also, the youth are the future. Do you really want them to grow up in a town that is divided on an issue simply because of money (increase in taxes)?
This entire levy debate has been taken way too far and should have been taken care of early on, in an adult fashion. So much has happened over this debate that it has put some people in very difficult situations as to which side to support. Jefferson and St. John's should have no reason what so ever to be divided.
To those that have provoked the outburst from this levy, I say this to you; "Get over yourselves." People need to start and look at the big picture. What is good for the town? What is good for the public school that supports over half the town? What is good for others?!
To put it simply, as the famous Beatles hit goes; "Come together, right now, over me!"
Support your neighbors — and support your schools!
Jay Clark