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## Ebola-infected chimp loose on campus, again

Authorities unconcerned

Rich Richardson  
Fearmonger

The Dalhousie biology department has confirmed that its much loved chimpanzee, affectionately known as Chim-Chim, has escaped its holding cell and is loose around campus for the third time in the past two months.

To make matters worse, Chim-Chim, a male six-year-old chimp from the southern regions of the Congo was recently infected with the highly infectious, potentially deadly, Ebola virus.

"We're not too concerned," announced Dr. Ahab Mandelbaum at a press conference held Wednesday to address the issue. "Chim-Chim is highly aggressive, ultra-intelligent, genetically engineered for violence and startles easily, but poses no threat to the public."

In the previous escapes by Chim-Chim, there have been three break and enters, high treason and one incident of indecent exposure attributed to the primate. In this most recent escape attempt, Chim-Chim forestalled a near capture with his cunning use of a human face as a disguise. According to witnesses, he sarcastically declared "I surrender."

In response to these recent events,

Chim-Chim's handler, Dr. Ritz Goldman, remained proud.

"He's simply incorrigible," Goldman said. "You've got to love his spirit."

Chim-Chim's unique abilities are the result of a joint scientific effort among Dal's biology department, the Department of National Defence and the World Wild Life Fund. Scientist Sheldon Fitzgibbon is leading the project.

"In order to achieve his particular skill set, this loveable chimp has had to endure horrors that I wouldn't wish on the armies of Lucifer," said Fitzgibbon. "When I think of the screams, his horrible screams... but it's all for the good of science."

The department advises that students who encounter Chim-Chim call authorities and their friends, then approach him with caution.

"He is terrifyingly mobile, capable of complex problem-solving and has the fine motor skills to operate any number of small fire arms. One on one, your chances of survival are slim."

In related news, the department invites all Dal students, faculty, staff and guests to the Friends of Chim-Chim fundraising gala to raise money to acquire a mate for Chim-Chim with the hope of producing offspring.



SPIDERMAN PETER PARKER. FUCK.

Dal Security's top detective, Sebastien Von Pittelschpit, needs your help capturing the chimp. If you see it around campus, call him.

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Charlie



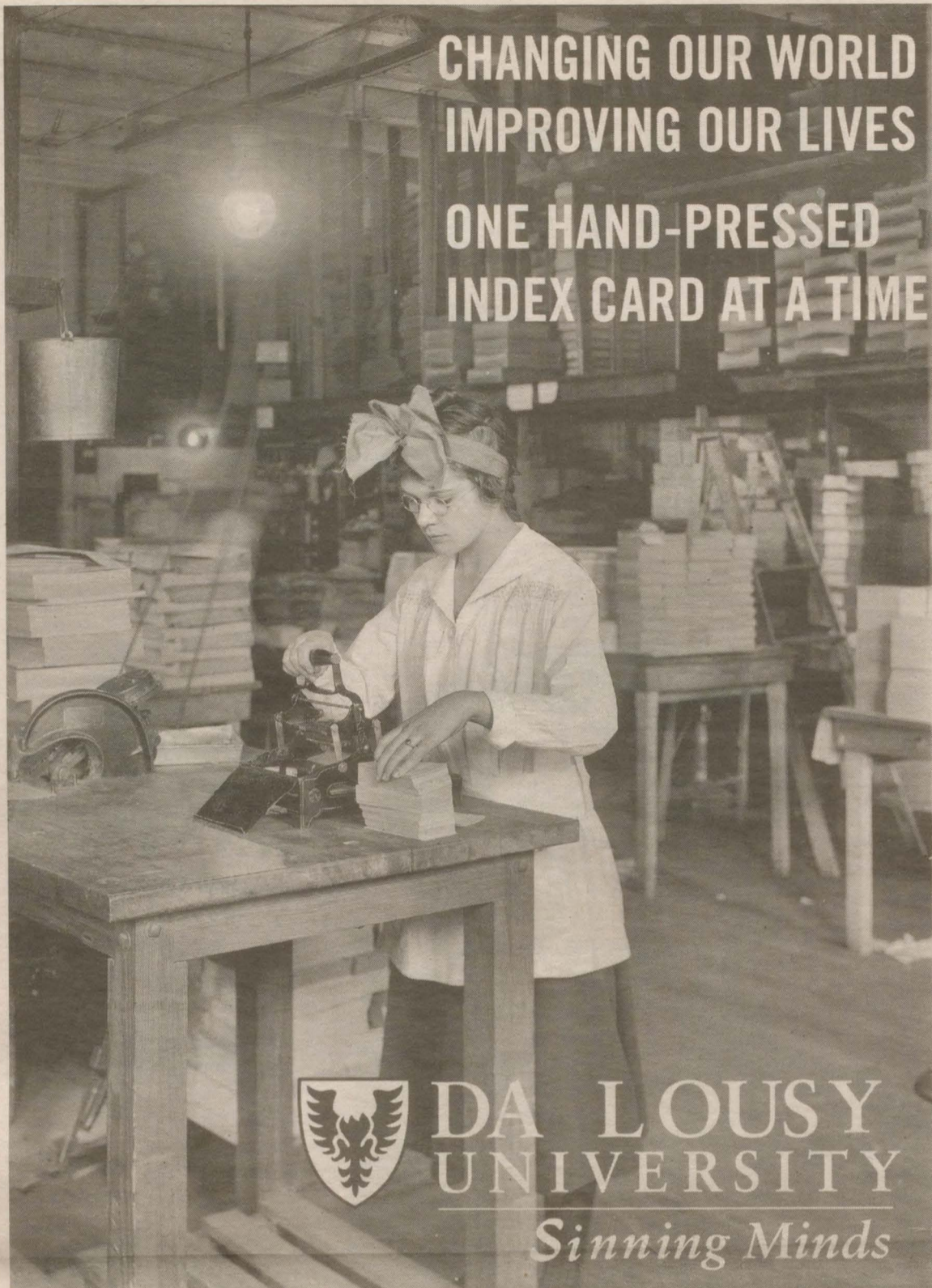
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Charles Payne - Monkey dentistry



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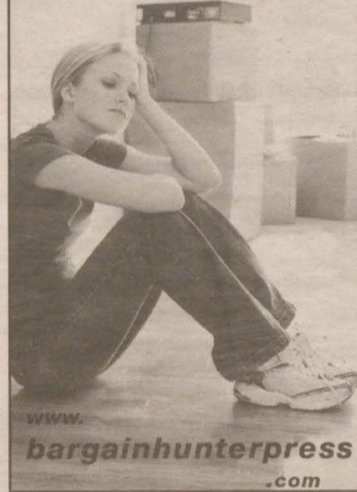
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## Dal fighting debt with alchemy

John Johnson  
Illiterate

In response to tuition freezes, a global economic crisis and a shrinking endowment, Dalhousie University has announced a new, comprehensive plan to increase university revenues.

"Alchemy is back, baby!" declared a disturbingly enthusiastic university President Tom Traves at a recent meeting of the Dal board of governors.

The new plan calls for an interdisciplinary alchemy programme to be divided between the chemistry department and the Master's of Business Administration (MBA) programme.

"By turning lead into gold, this university has the potential to make millions or at least get out of debt for a year," says program director Hans Gliktenstein. "Years of lead paint have made the walls of this dilapidated, hole in the wall cesspool a virtual goldmine."

The program centres on the centuries-old idea of extracting gold through a process of chemical transformations from baser metals. While the science behind alchemy was discredited hundreds of years ago, Dal remains committed to investigating all financial streams, Traves explains.

"You got a better idea, buddy?"

The program is committed to extracting gold from paint within its first five years of operation. Despite the total scientific impossibility of the project's mandate, it has had no problem attracting enthusiastic students.

"Well, it's easier than biology and less embarrassing than an English degree," says first-year student Cindi Mason.

While Dal's plan to increase revenues may seem outlandish, Traves points out that, while unorthodox, it is quite reason-



FLASH INCESSANTLY

Lead to gold: it's that easy. Just talk to Dalhousie's leading scientists.

able compared to some other Nova Scotia universities' financial refurbishing plans.

"Saint Mary's is harvesting organs for God's sake," he says.

As controversial as it may be, the alchemy program represents a new beginning for Dal. It allows the MBA programme to move away from the wildly unsuccessful "Straight to the Juicy" recruitment strategy, while simultaneously allowing the chemistry department to distance themselves

from their "Radium for All" campaign.

Whether or not the program proves to yield positive results, the announcement of its inclusion in the curriculum has already created a jump in revenue. In response, Dal has received increased donor support from the Flat Earth Society, the North American Warlock Council, The Royal Society for the Preservation of the Arcane Arts and a private donation from prominent Canadian author Margaret Atwood.

## MBA's plan bleak future for students

Dal pres describes move as 'excellent'

Frank Enbiens  
Truthsayer

As a final project this year, Dalhousie's Master's of Business Administration (MBA) students sold away all Dal students' futures. The stated goal of the project was to "sap the colour from students dreams, leaving them cold and grey," a paradigm in education that has been building for several years.

The project, a joint venture with the Faculty of Management, Dalhousie's administration and the Dalhousie Student Union, was developed so that the students could understand how to sell away people's futures when they begin working for banks, oil companies and the government. The project was designed as a think-tank scheme for breaking down the wills of students, and was documented in a group report entitled "Futures Without Borders: So We Can Go In and Usurp Them."

"We thought it was really the best way for them to get a handle on what it means to crush the lives and dreams of people slowly, which is really the best way to do it," said Donald Goldharp, the faculty member in charge of overseeing the project, told reporters.

"It's the sort of process where you plant seeds and watch the pain and misery grow slowly, like a winter orchid. We believe in sustainability, and crushed dreams are very sustainable."

As part of this project, MBA students worked with the university on decisions like the sale of Fenwick towers, so that students could no longer rely on stable and reasonably priced housing. This would force students out to the city and into ghetto housing projects, allowing rent prices in the city to rise to choking levels.

"We felt that this would really demoralize them – and also help to abuse the rents of other people who aren't even in school – this is the type of effective future-destroying synergy we were looking trying to create," the report indicated. The report did acknowledge that Fenwick was already being used to crush student's spirits with its lackluster accommodations that it said was "similar to a slum in 1950s Communist Ukraine."

The report also discussed how exclusivity contracts with Pepsi, Sodexo and Aramark would train students not to get used to change. "People are too rewarded by food options," said Dalhousie president Tom Traves. "Normally competition is good in a market, but at this stage in their lives – becoming adults – the students need to have their wills broken down," he cackled evilly. "This is preparatory work for their careers as subservient drones. This is an excellent move."

The university so far has been supporting many of the MBA students' recommendations.

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OVERWORKED PHOTOG

The challenge of counting hands at the AGM this year was overcome by using telepathy.

## DSU schedules third AGM due to alien infiltration

Latarian Milton  
Douche Bag

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) has scheduled a third Annual General Meeting (AGM) to follow the previous two because a group of aliens was discovered hiding behind the stage in the Student Union Building (SUB)'s McInnes room.

Six zemploids were dragged out of the room by 14 police officers after dreamy DSU chair Mat Swayze heard a sneeze from behind the curtain.

Alien leader Ximflop – one of those discovered – said aliens simply wished to

discover an earth form of government to replace their own after a violent coup on their home planet of Zemplia – they were attracted by the pungent aroma of pizza and pop emanating from the room.

"We find your system of interruptions, snarky-ness and strange demands intriguing," said Ximflop.

"The only reason we may avoid this system is because our planet has to make decisions on things."

The aliens were discovered around 8 p.m. A student in the audience proposed to add a motion to the agenda to allow the zemploids to remain in the room because

they were hungry.

Students then debated the issue for roughly two hours. After three re-counts of voting by hand, council decided to opt for a more accurate method to count votes and proceeded to allow Swayze to exercise his telepathy skills.

The SUB closed at 11 p.m., forcing students to leave, and the executive to schedule a third AGM.

Sike Grit, creator of funditry.ca, flew in from Alberta. He was hiding in a broom closet at the back of the room, live-blogging the AGM. He was never caught.

## Turtle elected VP Education

In a landslide victory last week, Dalhousie students elected Sheldon, a 20-year-old snapping turtle, as the vice-president (education) of Dalhousie Student Union (DSU).

While the turtle had far less experience in federal and provincial lobbying than other candidates, many students found Sheldon to be far more charismatic.

"The other candidates were decrying the state of tuition contributions and saying the DSU should get more involved in ANSSA, but Sheldon had the guts to just go up to the mic and eat a few minnows," says fourth-year history major Kathleen Hunter, who attended the all-candidates debate.

Many students were shocked after the student paper exposed Sheldon as a

womanizer and drunk driver, but he still managed to hold onto the lead late in the vice-presidential race.

"I've got to be frank; I don't like the guy," says second-year Brett Lousie. "But as a pond-dwelling quadruplegic, and you've got to respect that."

Sheldon celebrated the win by trying to get out of his inflatable swimming pool.

## Local environmentalists get behind seal hunt

S. Harper  
Prime Editor

Halifax environmental advocates representing the Western Hemisphere Institute for Neutral Environmental Resources (WHINER) have made a dramatic policy shift this week concerning the annual seal hunt.

Halifax WHINER representatives are now taking a distinctly pro-hunt stance, following a report published by the Centre for Useful Natural Technology (CUNT). The report, the final product of a six-year survey conducted by leading CUNT scientists, concluded that baby seals are responsible for 41 per cent of all Arctic green house gas emissions. The final recommendation of the report suggested that a baby seal cull could significantly reduce the rate at which the ice caps appear to be melting.

"Needless to say, I was shocked," says WHINER President Ray Finckle. "Not having a job, I've had a lot of time to consider the findings of the report, and they are sound as a pound."

Finckle's commentary reflects the reaction of the environmental community as a whole. "At first we were against the hunt, really for

no other reason than seals are cute," Halifax WHINER member Chep Felting says. "But now that we find out that those little fucks are shitting on our environment, I want to go out and nullify one of those seals right now."

The link between baby seals and the total destruction of the human metascapade revolves around the animal's waste. Lead CUNT scientist Dr. Jay-Jay Anderson explains.

"Simply put, baby seal shit contains 31 times more methane than any other animal on the planet," Anderson says. "Above areas where baby seal populations are dense, there are holes in the ozone layer the size of my wife's ass. Needless to say, that's huge."

These environmentalists have also been able to get behind the hunt due to the green practices it employs. "At the end of the day, the whole thing is very earth friendly," says Finckle. "It's all organic, just a club, no chemicals. It's local produce which helps local farmers."

With their support firmly behind the seal hunt, Halifax WHINERs say they will now focus their attention to more urgent environmental issues, such as extinguishing the harbour fire and cleaning Dartmouth.

## Earth Hour laser show, monster truck rally resounding success

Parallel Parker  
Unreliable contributor

On March 28 at 8:30 p.m., you couldn't miss Dalhousie's campus. As many Haligonians shut off their lights, computers and televisions for one hour, Dal exploded up with lasers and big trucks crushing smaller trucks.

"This is the most visible event we've had all year," says Piss Brosmond, student union vice-president (student life). "What's the point of having Earth Hour in the dark? It was way better with lasers and gasoline-fuelled excitement."

Dal's quad was badly damaged and many professors found it difficult to lecture amid the rumble of monster trucks and keg stand cheering.

"It still wasn't as bad as the time Hedley played, though," says chemistry professor Dale Quizlington.

Students chanted "Earth! Earth! Earth!" as a 10-foot-tall monster truck called Gravedigger destroyed car after car. Some excited students even threw their bikes into the carnage.

Brosmond says next year the union plans to hold a similar event, but may move it to Sunday-ay-ay.

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A tornado smashed buildings at Dal but luckily school officials sent out text messages to students before they were killed.

## Emergency text message system a success

### Tornado destroys buildings, maims students

Jan Packerstein  
Vile Villain

The administration of Dalhousie University is celebrating the first successful use of its emergency text messaging system.

After personnel discovered a tornado was heading straight for campus, the Dalhousie Central Dispatch Emergency Text Message Centre, run by custodian Steve Schmuck, sent out a message reading

"STORMS'A BREWIN" followed 10 minutes later by "GET OUTTA THE BUILDINS."

Katie McMonkey, 20, was outside the Life Sciences Centre (LSC) smoking a cigarette when the tornado hit. It picked her up and threw her into the Halifax harbour.

"Yeah, well, I mean, I was flying somewhere over downtown and I felt my BlackBerry buzz in my back pocket but I figured it was just a new Facebook message so I didn't bother to check it," says McMonkey. Dalhousie spokesman Chuck Norris

says though the Henry Hicks building, the LSC, the Chemistry building and the Killam library were all destroyed and most of the faculty is now on medical leave, he saw this event as a relative success.

"The text message system worked great. Dalhousie is concerned but not unhappy with the event," he says.

Past text messages have failed to warn students about storms, Yeti attacks and a party hosted by the university president — no one showed up.

## Picnicface to teach courses at Dal

Chester Skyfield  
Little enthusiast

The sketch-comedy group Picnicface will be adding "professor" to its resume. Dalhousie University President Tom Traves announced Monday three new courses are being offered by the octet, all of which are scheduled to start in September 2009.

"We are very excited to have Picnicface playing an even more active role in the Dalhousie community," Traves said at the official unveiling ceremony, which was held in the lobby of the McCain building.

"We hope that their new courses will bring us millions of students."

The courses will all focus on humour, each one taking a different view of the subject. Students will be able to select from "Introduction to Absurdism" (PCNF 1010), "The Philosophy of Randomness" (PCNF 2351) and the advanced "Making Fun of Horrible Things" (PCNF 4612). It is

yet unknown whether more courses will be available in future years.

"We're all thrilled about this," said Mark Little, one of Picnicface's members. "I look forward to teaching the students about — Oh my God! My dog is on fire! Burn, puppy, burn!"

Kyle Dooley, another member of the group, was just as excited.

"The first day of Intro to Absurd, I'm going to enter the classroom on a donkey, which will then turn into Bruce Springsteen, who will throw candy at the students and any students who eat the candy will immediately jump out the windows," he said.

Picnicface, famous for its PowerThirst video, already performs regularly at venues across campus.

Member Evany Rosen said she saw the opportunity to teach as inevitable.

"It's going to be great," she said hurriedly, as several arms grew out of her torso. "Where's my whale?"

## Dog saves third-year student from himself

Reid Wright  
Tire Burner

A five-year-old border collie rescued David Minas, a third-year accounting student at Dal, after years of alcohol and drug abuse made Minas consider changing his major to English.

Tilley, the border collie, was alarmed when she heard Minas at the campus bar saying he wanted to get something more than a job out of his degree. The dog grabbed Minas by his collar and dragged him across the street into an English class.

"They were just talking about whether you could classify the poems of Bob Dylan as more modern in the strict sense of the definition or as broadly post-modern," says Minas. "What a waste of time."

Friends of Minas say he's back to his old habits of diligently working and taunting arts students by knocking their books on the ground.

"He's the same old Dave again," says Brad Bradstreet, Minas' roommate. "And it's all thanks to Tilley."

Tilley refused to comment.

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\_\_\_\_\_ anti- \_\_\_\_\_ protests and pro \_\_\_\_\_  
rallies on campus.

Student response to this has been swift, "I'm totally \_\_\_\_\_," says \_\_\_\_\_  
year \_\_\_\_\_ major \_\_\_\_\_.

Reaction from the Dalhousie \_\_\_\_\_ Union has been \_\_\_\_\_.  
"We're taking this issue very \_\_\_\_\_. It's the Union's job to  
\_\_\_\_\_ the student body in all matters," says Union  
president \_\_\_\_\_.

The faculty and administration have maintained their \_\_\_\_\_ stance as they  
do with most \_\_\_\_\_ society issues. "I don't know what you're  
\_\_\_\_\_ about," said \_\_\_\_\_ professor, Dr.  
\_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ by The Gazette.

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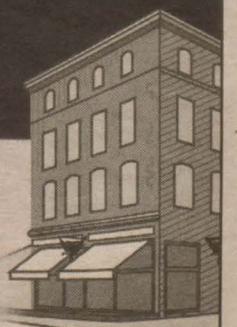
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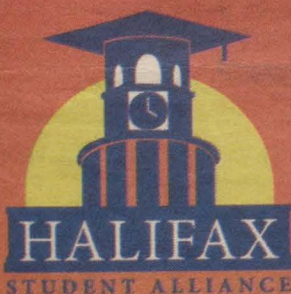
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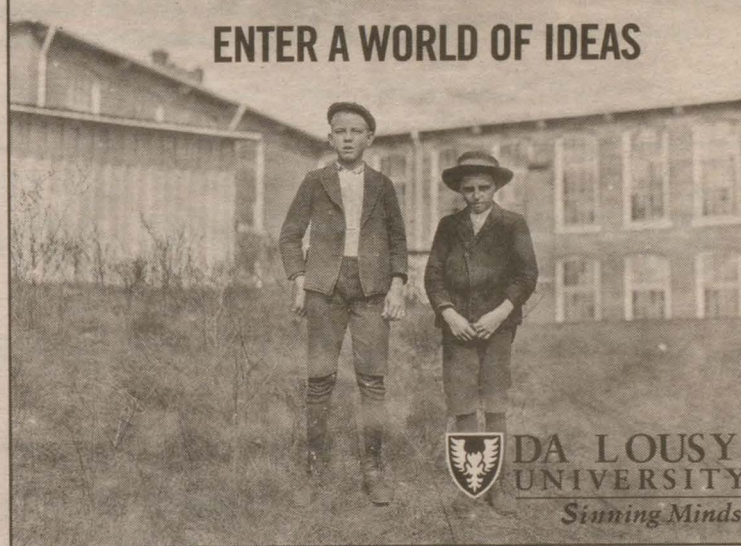
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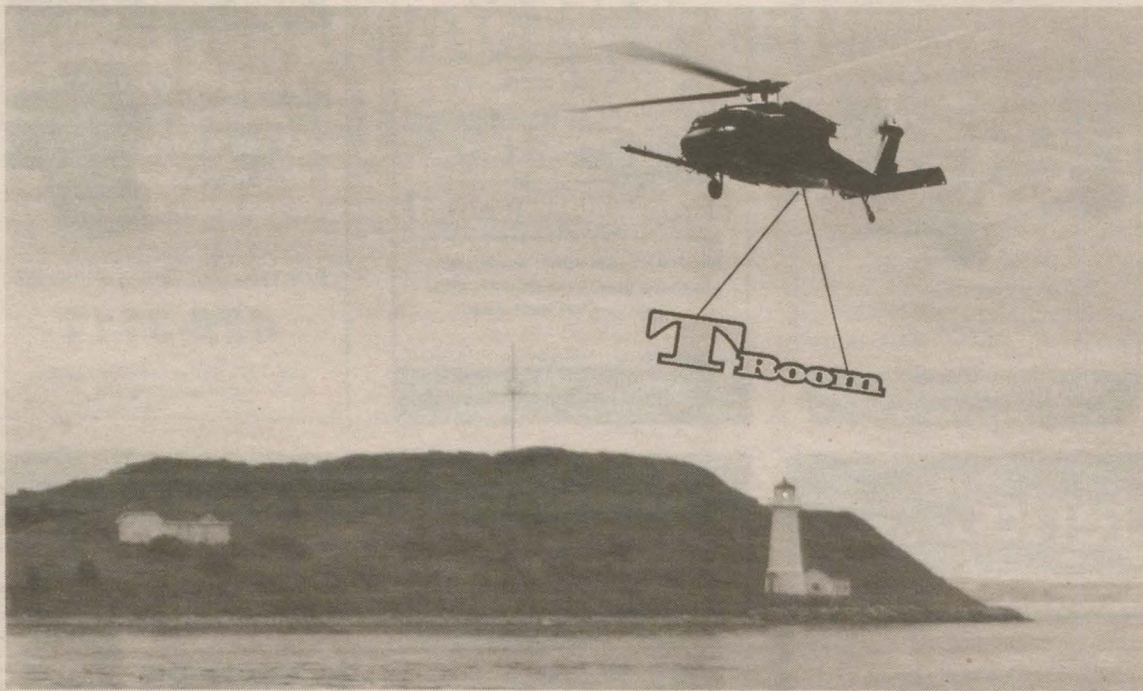
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GARY STEAKOUT

## Engineering campus to move

Students will be more isolated but unable to complain

April O'Steel  
10-foot baller

After years of complaints from engineering students that Sexton campus has been too far from the main campus, Dalhousie has decided to do something: move it into the harbour.

Dal administration, along with the student union, officially announced April 1 that they will be moving the engineering buildings on Sexton campus onto Georges Island in Halifax harbour.

"While we think the students will be just as unhappy, if not more so, at least we won't have to hear them bitching," says DSU president Mortey Barkin.

While the island will remain a historical

site, the engineering buildings are old enough to qualify as historical structures. This will also get the university off the hook to create new buildings or update aging buildings.

University President Timmy Travis is pleased.

"It's a win-win situation," Travis says.

But some engineering students oppose the idea.

"With the current co-op placements, being on the island for just one term at a time isn't feasible," says Puke Filson, Dal engineering rep. "First, we have to swim through the dirty harbour, then survive by eating the grass and voles on the island for only four months at a time. This is something arts students with two consecutive terms could do

but it's just not feasible for engineers."

The move will also displace architecture students, but Dal is planning to move those classes into Fenwick Tower, assuming the school is unable to sell it.

"Putting the architects in Fenwick is a great idea," says Travis. "People learn from mistakes, so how could architecture students not learn when they're literally surrounded by mistakes? It's a very exciting concept."

Helicopters will move the Sexton buildings onto Georges Island and crews will re-assemble it there. Dal is hoping to have the project done by December 2011, if the Canadian military has a helicopter surplus the school can take advantage of.

## Dal to launch unsustainable college

Reid Wright  
Tire Burner

Dumping used needles into a filtration pond, idling a car and dumping salt on your neighbours gardens could get you credit in Dalhousie's new program.

Dal's new Department of Unsustainability is the first inter-disciplinary course to give students the skills to fight issues such as pollution, overpopulation and climate change — all while remaining on the winning side.

"I'm sick of those stinkbag hippies telling me I need to use a muffler and I shouldn't burn leaves in my office," says tenured professor Jerry Smog.

Smog says students will learn everyday things they can do to ruin the planet.

"I mean, if you're going to eat a candy bar, why stop with throwing the wrapper on the

ground when you can put in a Styrofoam cup, set it on fire and throw it into the harbour," says Smog.

The department will have professors from various faculties such as Arts and Social Science, Architecture and the real sciences who will all teach the same classes.

They'll all lecture at the same time, shouting at each other until they're hoarse, at which time they'll start chewing tobacco and spitting on students in the first row.

"They were shouting for hours," says Ellen McFlimsy, a second-year IDS student who attended one of the first test lectures. "I tried to get up and leave but they started throwing baby pandas at me."

Students will be able to enroll in the department this summer. Requirements include \$1,000 for "garbage money" and maximum C-average.

## Beware of King's quadrophobia

Mr. Grubby  
Warts contributor

Many students living in residence at The University of King's College have become very comfortable living in and around the school's quad — perhaps even too comfortable.

While studying at King's, many students seldom or never bother to leave the quad. This phenomenon is known as "quadrophobia": a fear of leaving the quad which students attribute to a variety of factors.

"It's just different. When you stand outside the quad I think the air's thicker; it's a little harder to breathe," says Jonathan Bico. "The weather's a little bit more unpredictable — it's kind of unregulated. I kind of have a sense that the grass is always greener in the quad, if you will."

For some, such as Gordon Bryant, it just doesn't make much sense why one should want

to go beyond the confines of the quad.

"It's not so much fear as disinterest; I don't really care what's outside the quad. Everything I need is here. All my food, all my beer, all my women are within 500 metres of my bed."

For others, such as Andrew Martin, the world outside the small liberal arts college campus quad simply appears frightening.

"Everything outside is dangerous. I'm very afraid of getting hurt," says Martin, who only safe feels that knowing that "the head of King's looks after us."

D.J. Rossi, however, was the only one to articulate what the deep-seated fear that prevents King's student from leaving the quad truly is.

"Dal students. They're scary," says Rossi. "There's a lot of them and they multiply a lot. They know science and things that I'm afraid of. It's just not right."

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## Goyter fleeced again

Local journalist 'just wanted to help Nigerian prince'

Randy Snifter  
Loser investigator

Merely weeks after having nearly \$200 taken from him in a credit card scam, the Dalhousie Gazette's photo editor was once again swindled into giving private information to a total stranger.

The despondent third-year important diplomacy school (IDS) student, Bosh Goyter, says he received an e-mail telling him if he gave his bank information to a Nigerian prince he could help save some of the king's money before the government was overthrown.

"Well, I've always been interested in international diplomacy," says Goyter, "And this seemed like a great place to start."

"I just wanted to help the Nigerian prince. This poor man," he adds, tears welling in his

eyes.

After discovering it was a scam, Goyter cut up his bankcard and burned his computer down in order to stop further funds from being taken.

It didn't work.

Friends, roommates and co-workers say they were "unsurprised" by the news.

"I mean, this sort of stuff happens on a pretty regular basis," says roommate Weyland Wrecko. "The dude will buy lottery tickets in bulk whenever there's a big prize and get wrapped up in pyramid scheme. I just close my door when he comes home."

Goyter says he'll definitely be more reticent about divulging personal information but says "There's no shame in being by the best."

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## Dal to remove drinking fountains on campus

Karah Sehoe  
Staff Muckraker

Dalhousie University has decided to enforce the use of bottled water by starting its own bottled water company.

"Discover Dal" is the only bottled water brand allowed on campus because all other bottled water has been banned.

This initiative is recognized as the most brilliant marketing scheme in campus history.

In efforts to popularize the water, Dal maintenance staff will be removing all drinking fountains on campus and replacing them with vending machines that come fully stocked with the Discover Dal water.

It is not known yet how much the water will sell for, but sources say it will cost roughly \$5 for a 500-ml bottle.

Officials are advising students to recycle the empty bottles.

The empty bottles will be re-filled and placed back in the vending machines.

A water bottle enforcement squad has been set up to help make the transition. The group, Dalhousie All For Manmade Pollution (DAMP), has developed a strict enforcement plan for the removal of individuals' eco-friendly reusable water bottles. Anyone spotted with an eco-friendly reusable water bottle will have it confiscated and their water will be dumped.

In a poll of facility and students, Discover

Dal water has been rated as far more realistic and practical than eco-friendly reusable water bottles.

Dal is expected to make \$1 billion in the first five years of the plan.

The profits from the sales of Discover Dal water will go directly to Dal President Tom Traves.

The water will only be available through purchase on students' Dal cards. Students will not receive five per cent back on their cards on the purchase of Discover Dal water.

Discover Dal water will be available in the coming weeks.

## Ugg Boots walk out on strike

Piftooo Aaakplngten  
Protest Enthusiast

Citing an unrelenting seven years as the winter footwear of choice for trendy party girls and metro-sexual guys nationwide, Ugg Boots across the country walked off the job this week.

"We're sick of being popular," said a pair of tan-coloured boots reached for comment at a demonstration outside The Palace on Brunswick Street. "Trends as ugly as us are supposed to fizzle out in six months at most. I haven't had a winter off since 2003! I've been in the club since 'In Da Club' was in the club."

A representative for the National Trend Union (NTU), the group who represents Ugg Boots as well as fur-collared parkas and all clothing from American Apparel, said in a press release this morning that Ugg Boots are demanding at least a decade off before becoming trendy again.

"Let moccasins or rubber boots have a go at it for a while," said a pair of angry, mocha-coloured Uggs through a megaphone to the crowd demonstrating outside The Palace. This comment was met with resounding applause, not only from other Ugg Boots nearby, but also from the Keffiyeh scarves, skinny jeans, and Chuck Taylor sneakers that attended the protest in solidarity with their perpetually trendy

brothers and sisters.

Meanwhile, reports of traffic congestion have been rolling in from across Halifax Regional Municipality as hundreds of legging- and sweatpant-clad undergrads began wandering aimlessly and barefoot through traffic.

"I don't know what came over this girl," says Argus MacKinnon, 58, of Lower Sackville. "I was driving down Cobourg, when out she walks into the middle of the road. I nearly ran her over. She dropped her Starbucks cup, and then she turned and came toward me with this faraway look in her eyes, like she'd been crying all day. She looks at me and says, in a voice that was part like a whimper, part like singing: 'What you gonna do with all that junk? All that junk inside your trunk?' I think she was crazy, and I wasn't sure how she saw inside my trunk, but I said I was taking the junk up to the bottle depot on Charles Street."

In an attempt to lift spirits as students head into exams, Dalhousie Student Union President Karla Hairpin this morning ordered the staff of the Student Union Building (SUB) to play the Beyonce song, "Single Ladies," once every hour over the building's loudspeaker system until the Ugg Boot strike ends. Hairpin could not be reached for comment, but was reported to be barefoot and weeping in a bathroom on the second floor of the SUB.

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weiners.

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PAPA RATSI

It's time to fight back against the starving student stereotype by demanding increased tuition fees.

## Student group advocates for higher tuition

Flip Winchester  
Nuisance Contributor

The cost of tuition is a big issue at Dalhousie, where it is one of the highest in the country. But for some students, that's not good enough.

"I don't get why we're only paying upwards of \$6,000 a year," says Melanie Highmoor, a second-year economics student from Toronto.

"We should be paying twice that, at least."

Highmoor is the creator of student group Tigers Wanting Increased Tuition (TWIT), which has been petitioning for greater costs for classes, textbooks and facility usage at Dal.

So far, 21 students have joined the organization's Facebook group.

"The way I see it, Dal needs the money to fund buildings and Tom Traves' salary and such, so it's for a good cause," she explains. "Plus, it will show that Dal is the number one school in the country, at least in terms of expensiveness."

Melanie Highmoor, daughter of Julius Highmoor – owner of the multi-million dollar Highmoor Industries – is not worried about paying the fees.

"Daddy will take care of that for me," she laughs. "And all of my weekends at the Dome!"

Scott Marshall Jr. joined the TWIT group

after recognizing the need for students to pay more money for their education.

"I'm sick of people looking at students as poor and unable to afford university," he said while sipping Jost White Wine in his penthouse condominium on Dresden Row.

"We need to show them that we can pay exorbitant rates without having to resort to working."

Marshall plans to have a TWIT protest outside Province House to end tuition freezes.

"Screw the freezes!" he says. "Raise 'em up baby. Fifteen, \$20,000 – it's all good."

## Trendspotting: Mantights

Lauren Walnut  
Tight Correspondent

Men in North America will soon be fighting to get their hands on the latest clothing trend: mantights.

The move to wearing tight skinny jeans that has been spreading across North America in the past couple of years is the suspected cause of the mantights trend. Over the past years young men have become obsessed with the ability of skinny jeans to make legs seem even more scrawny. Tights will even more effectively enable this look.

"They're so comfy," says fourth-year student Andrew Bell. Bell claims he's been wearing the item since the 1990s.

The tights are expected to become a staple

item in every man's wardrobe because of the elasticized waistband, which offers both comfort and easy accessibility. The item is expected to replace oversized sweatpants as the most popular form of loungewear.

Celebrity stars such as John Mayer have already started designing their own lines of designer tights made just for men. Americane Apparel will also be selling the item at prices ranging from \$100 to \$200 per pair.

Mantights have already gained a solid amount of popularity in hip Canadian cities such as Montreal, Vancouver, and parts of Toronto. The trend is predicted to start spreading through Halifax by the fall, and is expected to first become popular with males who currently sport the plaid shirt-greasy hair combo. Some were seen at Gus' Pub as recently as last week.

## Stop Dal Gazette campaign gains momentum

JOYCE LOVELESS  
CHEAP SHOT

Students all over campus are mobilizing en masse in support of the Stop Dal Gazette campaign. *The Gazette*, which has been a cornerstone of the Dalhousie community for more than 140 years, has recently come under heavy criticism for internal policies, which, to many outsiders do not embody the values of the majority of Dal students.

"They're a bunch of self-loving, pinko commie bastards," says *Gazette* contributor Len Slice. "They've always over edited my articles and enough is enough."

Slice, a Stop Dal Gazette website administrator and member of the Young Campus Crewcuts (YCC) has taken his fight to the streets by selling "Stop Dal Gazette" sweater vests and chinos for \$4.50 each to call attention to the levy students pay to support what he calls "a worthless rag."

The Stop Dal Gazette website claims that *The Dalhousie Gazette* has been secretly aiding the fringe campus group Students Lobbying Against Warlords (SLAW).

"The Stop Dal Gazette campaign is all about freedom of speech and freedom of association,"

say Slice. "The Dalhousie Gazette enables others to voice views that are different from Harper... I mean, the majority of Dal students, and we want them silenced!"

While the Stop Dal Gazette website has had to change several of its claims against the *Gazette* due to libel, defamation, tomfoolery and rubbish charges filed by the paper they maintain to publicly vilify the *Gazette* for "openly supporting speakers who advocate puppy killing."

"It's true. I've seen it with my own eyes," says Slice. "I've been to story meetings where they openly talked about killing puppies. I mean, who doesn't like puppies? The staff of *The Gazette* is clearly monstrous heathens who should have their funding taken away."

When asked what puppy killing has to do with re-evaluating *The Gazette's* constitution and spending policies and whether such an inflammatory statement is really meant to mobilize students based on mis-informed outrage instead of education, Slice responded that he was late for class.

When asked if his zeal for the Stop Dal Gazette campaign had anything to do with his own political ladder climbing in the Young Campus Crewcuts he promptly left the interview.

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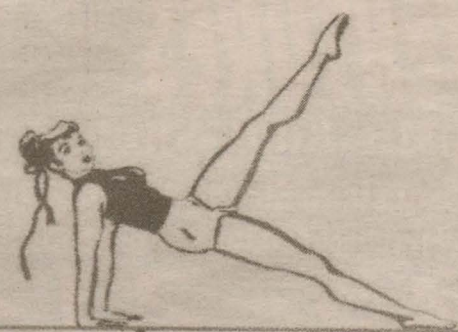
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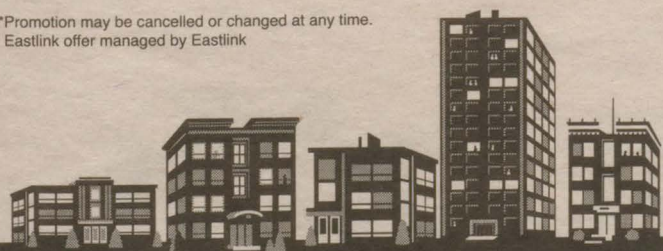
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## Losing the celluloid

Bryon O'Blivion  
Media FuFu

It's been a long, tedious year of movies. Right from January, through the rollercoaster ride of summer, straight to the bleak Academy Awards, this year's movie offerings were garbage. Wolverine hosted the Oscars? I thought he was the best there is at what he does! Well, what he did was not very nice. Watching the ceremony was like dragging yourself through the gutter after drinking three bottles of cough syrup. Which is, coincidentally, how I saw some of these movies.

### Slumdog Millionaire

I really hate going to see foreign movies. What was that weird language they were all speaking? I felt like I was watching the Ewoks in Return of the Jedi, and I kept hoping Storm Troopers would stop the train those kids were on and feed them to a Sarlacc. Whatever happened to directors making foreign movies where people speak English, like *Schindler's List*? That movie at least deserved an Oscar for being understandable.

I know people loved this movie but isn't it formulaic to have a guy know the answer to every question on a game show because of things that happened in the same chronological sequence in his life? It's like paint-by-numbers.

"OK, red goes on first, then green..." You know, I was eight the last time I did a paint-by-numbers. Does that make you eight-years-old, Canada?

### The Wrestler

Wow, if I wanted to see an ugly has-been make a comeback I'd be watching reality TV. Then again Rourke's character gets way less action than Flavor Flav or Bret Michaels. I've also seen more of Mickey Rourke's back than I need to. It felt like I was playing a first-person shooter videogame, only I couldn't blow the heads off washed-up wrestlers. Believe me, too, my urge-to-kill was rising while watching this boring piece of crap. If I wanted to see a man cry I'd hit my dad in the foot with a hammer again. Well, at least Marisa Tomei could work the pole.

### The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

OK, technically I haven't watched this movie, but I saw the Academy give this show to a handjob early in its show to wager it was one of those feel-good crap movies where nothing really life-changing happens. The Academy certainly has a talent for "shaking hands" with talentless crap. If I wanted to see Brad Pitt get younger I'd go watch *Seven* and *Fight Club* again. At least then I'd be enjoying myself. Oh yeah, and didn't David Fincher once make good movies? You know, the kind you don't want to leave halfway through?

### Milk

I don't know how Sean Penn goes from being an asshole at all times to being an emotionally effective character. Maybe he has multiple personality disorder? I

bet that's why he keeps winning Oscars – they're probably worried if they don't reward him one of his psycho personalities will come out and slaughter them all. He'd probably be doing us a favour, though. Now, I do love gay people – not enough to give a handjob to Benjamin Button, mind you – so I won't criticize any rainbow-riding that may or may not have happened in this movie, but, wait – was that all that actually happened in the movie?

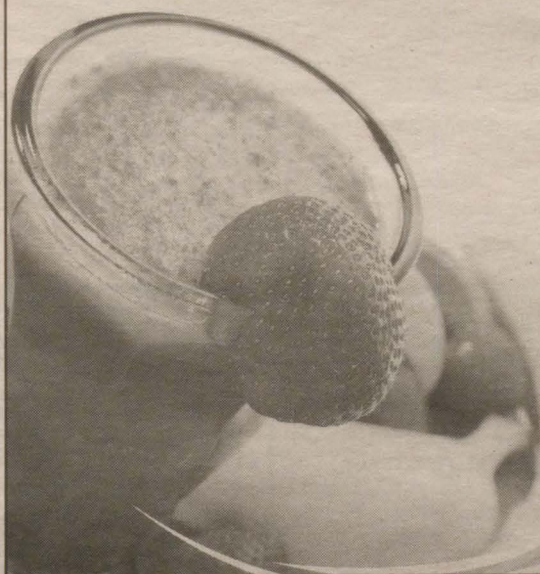
### Watchmen

Speaking of giant blue cocks, how about Dr. Manhattan's? Not that I even care about having a big blue dong walking around in front of me on the IMAX screen, but hearing every guy I come across complain about it – geez, fucking grow up! You've gotten away with boobs being put into every other movie you've ever seen, nipples and all, so I think you can suck it up. Haha, I just told you to suck a big blue cock.

The saddest joke of the year was that they let the director of *300* get his hands on this turd. The guy included "99 Red Balloons" in the soundtrack! By Nena! When Zack Snyder went out to find music for the movie, it sounds like all he did was look through old mix-tapes from high school. I was scared I was going to hear "I Wear My Sunglasses At Night" during the Mars scene. The only reason the movie works is because he copied the comic scene for scene – I think you could have gotten Grade 8 students to do a school play of the comic and it could have been as good.

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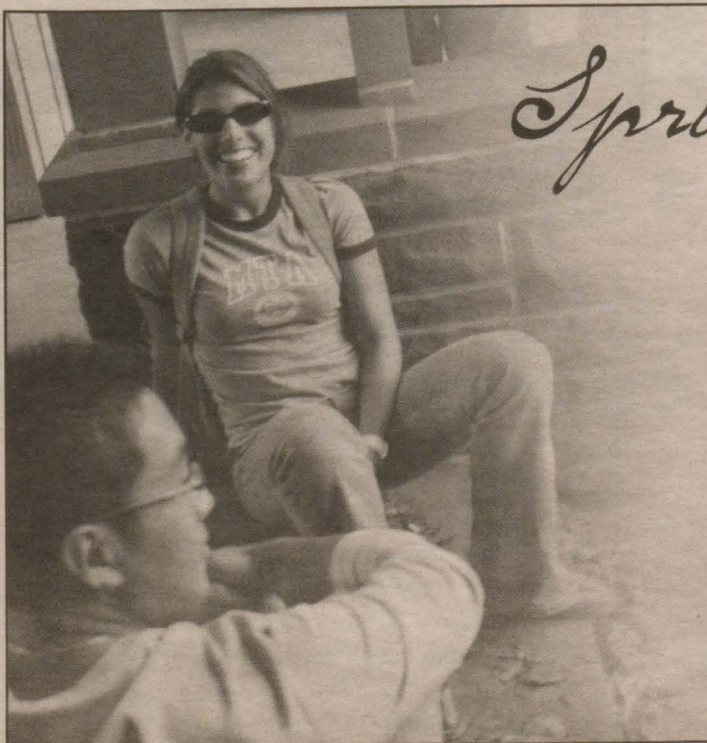
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## THE END IS NEAR

Anna West  
Editor

Well, we did it! We have survived yet another grueling semester of an engineering education. Many may be struggling with finding summer employment, finishing (or even just starting) term reports, assignments, etc. but remember, it's over in a few short weeks.

Let's do a recap of the highlights of this semester: We'll start at the beginning - January. January brought lots of snow and LOTS of ice. I have never had a day off university since I started, but there were two mornings and one afternoon where we were told that Dalhousie was closed due to the icy conditions. Also in January, Dalhousie Sexton was host to the Atlantic Engineering Competition. This is an annual event. It was organized and put together by our own students with undergraduates attending from all over Atlantic Canada.

February was blustery and cold, but brought with it some exciting opportunities for students. It started with a bitter disappointment, for me and the entire province. The fate of our happiness was put into the hands of a rodent and we were let down, once again, when it was announced that there were six more weeks of winter.

Munro Day was February 6<sup>th</sup>. Dalhousie had its annual ski trip to Wentworth. It was a great success and a nice relaxing day for many. Techball was the place to be on February 13<sup>th</sup> (Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>). There were lots of engineers who attended this and with them they brought friends and dates. The decorations were very nicely done, there was a bar and the music was great! I didn't hear about anyone not having a good time that night!

March followed directly on the heels of Reading Week - a well deserved break for those who actually had the opportunity to rest. March was very eventful and began with National Engineering Week. There was the Gear Head Marathon put on by Engineers Nova Scotia as well as all the events on our own campus. Thursday that week there was a free barbeque and Friday morning a free pancake breakfast for those who were awake on time. There were also two Engineering that week as well as a discipline challenge. All events were well attended and the free food was devoured. At the end of National Engineering Week, was the Calling of the Engineer - the annual iron ring ceremony. This is a milestone in every engineer's education. The time, effort and pride that the little ring represents are well worth the \$80+ grand that goes

into earning it.

St. Patrick's Day was March 17<sup>th</sup> (as always). The T-Room was open with live Celtic music and lots of green beer. The place was full of smiles as everyone celebrated in the Irish manner.

Finally, there was the Annual General Meeting of the DSU. In fact, there will be another meeting as the first not a whole lot was accomplished. A lot of really important issues are being discussed that directly affect all students of Dalhousie University. I'd like to tell you the outcomes of the meeting, but it is occurring after this article will be submitted, but before it will be printed.

That brings us almost up to date but that doesn't mean the excitement for the semester is over. Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> The Novaks played at the T-Room. The Novaks are from St. Johns and were the event of the year for the T-Room. However, this Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be another band coming to the T-Room - Picnicface. Also Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the closing Engineering for the semester is going to be an outdoor event. There will be live music, food and beer. The event is for the entire faculty - students and professors and will be from 1:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information,

ask your class representative and look out for the posters. With all the stress as the semester comes to an end, relax a little on Friday afternoon.

So, to conclude, I would like to extend a sincere thank you, on the behalf of the Sexton student body, to the DSEUS. The attendance at events was exceptional and that is due to their efforts. All of the events with free food, Techball, the discipline challenge, and Engineering is organized, decorated, run and worked by them and their volunteers. Combined with their studies, being on the DSEUS council is not an easy undertaking, but an accomplishment to say the least. I commend you on all that you have done for the students of Sexton campus this year.

On that note, I would also like to thank all those who wrote articles for me and helped in any way with the Sextant. Particular recognition goes to Zhindra Gillis and Janet Conrad. They were incredibly helpful and encouraging throughout the entire semester. Also, the paper cannot exist without articles, and I cannot write all the articles. I'm really not that interesting, nor do I have that much to say (believe it or not). So again, thank you, and no, I haven't forgotten that I owe you money.



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## CO-OP CORNER

### Things to Remember:

- The co-op website offers many tips and is very informative. The website is: <http://www.engandcompcoop.dal.ca>
- Remember that students are encouraged to do their own job search as well as to utilize the postings on *PlacePro*.
- Forms are online or at the co-op office for those students who get jobs outside of *PlacePro*. If you do not fill out this form, then your work term may not be eligible for co-op and may not count as time towards your E.I.T., or professional engineering designation.



Thursday April 2 • Picnic Face  
Friday April 3 • End of Year Party



Friday April 3 • End of Year Party in the Parking Lot: Live Music, Food and Drinks!  
Apparel • Belt Buckles (Bronze, Silver and Gold Toned), Key Chains and T-Shirts (New Design!)