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There will be a Student Accessibility Fund general meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in room 224 of the SUB

### DSU Council Meeting

The next meeting of the DSU Council will be on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

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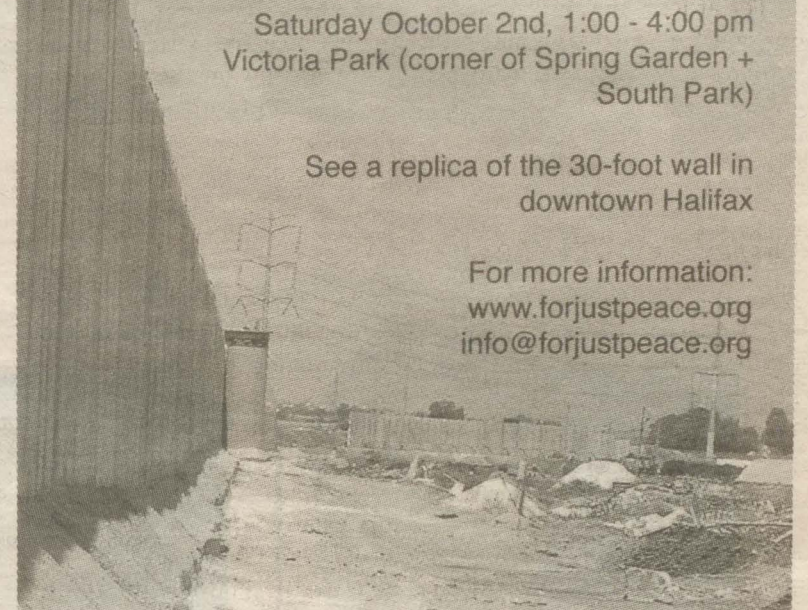
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# Editorial

Catherine Cooper  
Editor-in-Chief

For at least the third time in our staff's collective memory, a *Gazette* story was picked up by another paper last week. "Dal nips free suds in the bud" followed up *Gazette* reporter Neal Cody's "Beer Wars" articles about beer promotion on campus. The article, published in *The Chronicle Herald* on Sept. 24, covered the responses of Dal administration and the beer companies involved (Molson and Labatts) to Neal's report about beer companies offering frequent-buyer deals to university residences.

The thought of beer companies making such deals with residences is distasteful, but far more disturbing are the reports of underhandedness on the part of some of the people involved (see "The Battle for Beer Supremacy," page 10): the former Gerard Hall residence life manager who was said to be turning a blind eye to the practice to the point of leaving meetings early in order to let other council members talk about beer deals; the ex-residence president who allegedly sold beer from his dorm room; the residence presidents getting trips and tickets to award shows from beer companies... stories like these make the "beer deals" seem more like some seedy drug pushing scheme than a straightforward marketing strategy—that is, if they ever even happened at all.

Before this story became controversial, Eliza Ritchie president Mike Somberger was quoted as saying that there was an above-the-board deal pending between Eliza Ritchie and Oland's. Now Somberger has backtracked, saying that there is no deal in the works and refusing to comment further.

Dal Oland's rep Sean Adams says that there is no deal in place

between Oland's or Labatts and any Dal residences, there are no plans for anything in the future and there have not been any plans since he started working there. Meanwhile, Scott McLeod, who lives in residence, writes in "The Battle" that "the beer deal" was explained to him and his fellow residents in a house meeting, and that it "will continue, apparently, as it always has."

Dal Molson rep and former Howe Hall president Justin Ephram said that informal deals were made between his residence and Molson, but added that they were "nothing serious" and refused to give details. "You don't tell people what you do or what you're given," Ephram said.

"You never want to step on their feet. You don't want to give anyone a hard time about it because you don't know what they are giving other residences." Ephram went on to say that he was "almost forced" to find spon-

Eliza Ritchie and Oland's—which apparently never existed—couldn't have been too guarded a secret if the residence president told a reporter about it.

"This is a big campus," said Dal spokesperson Charles Crosby, "and something can easily slide under the radar if it is done in such a way as to go unnoticed." Crosby also said that he was surprised that Somberger was so forthcoming about the alleged deal with Oland's, since such a deal would have been a violation of Dal's policy regarding alcohol distribution on campus.

As for what the alcohol advisory committee and student services plan to do now that the situation has come to light, Crosby said: "It's not clear how much is actually happening. A lot of it is anecdotal. There are a lot of different stories from different quarters, and we want to get to the bottom of this before taking action."

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sors like Molson for events, because Dal didn't provide enough money. For one event in particular, he said, Molson provided the most funding and the Student Union the least. Ephram went on to say that Molson is very good to students.

"I can't imagine them making a profit off anything [at Dal]," he said. "They do it more to be involved in the community."

So who is telling the truth here? Furthermore, how did all of this escape the attention of the alcohol advisory board and the department of student services, whose job it is to implement and enforce alcohol policies on campus?

The plans for a deal between

Eric McKee, vice president of student services, said he felt that the story in the *Gazette* "was reason to be concerned that [Dal's] alcohol policy wasn't being followed." He contacted both Molson and Labatts to find out what was going on.

Crosby said that the committee is currently in an information gathering stage. "They have agreed [with Molson and Labatts] that they need to talk further and more openly," he said.

This process will start with a meeting on Thursday (which is closed to students) and continue over the next few weeks, after which further action will be taken depending on the committee's findings.

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## THIS WEEK'S JOB NEWS

### Career Fair Follow Up

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## HRM 2004: Talking to the Mayor

Reid Southwick  
Staff Contributor

Mayor Peter Kelly is a man who believes in the future. But while he wants to continue enhancing Halifax's booming economy for a second term, creating job opportunities for university graduates is not part of his campaign strategy.

“We encourage economic growth throughout all of HRM,” he said. “But we don't target any specific group.”

Kelly points to the opening of CGI Group's new information technology centre on Dutch Village Road as an example of his government's involvement with job creation. The centre now employs roughly 300 former Maritime Life employees and may fill 500 more positions over the next five years.

“There is potential for a long term work force for the students who are highly trained and these will let us grow,” he said.

Kelly said the municipally-funded Greater Halifax Partnership (GHP) was involved with the discussions leading to the deal

between CGI, Manulife Financial and the provincial government, which put the new facility on the map.

The GHP, however, has been responsible for “economic growth, marketing and development of Greater Halifax” since amalgamation in 1996, four years longer than Kelly's term as mayor.

Kelly said he has also worked with the provincial Department of Economic Development to design a student co-operative program—but that was in the early '90s. The mayor has not been directly involved with any job creation projects geared toward university graduates since he was elected in 2000.

“Through the Greater Halifax Partnership and the regional development agencies, and in concert with the province, we are trying to develop a long term strategy to provide opportunities for graduates to stay here,” said Kelly.

And as a practice, Kelly does not directly target student voters on his election campaigns. He said post-secondary education

is the responsibility of the province and municipal policy consequently has no direct impact on university institutions.

He did, however, accept an invitation from the Dalhousie Student Union to participate in a debate with his three competitors on Dal's campus.

A date and venue for the debate are pending, said DSU president Curtis McGrath.

“We appreciate the value [students] bring to our community and it adds to our strength in terms of knowing this is going to be their future and their place of residence—for most of them,” said Kelly.

“Though we don't affect [students] directly, we affect them indirectly through our initiatives with the environment [and] public works,” he added.

The mayor said his office has been pushing for new federal funding to deal with demands for roadway infrastructure, bike paths and rapid transit.

“Across this country there is a \$60 billion infrastructure deficiency or deficit, increasing by \$2 billion a year, so we need a

mechanism over and above the current programs,” he said.

A recent meeting of the ten Hub City Mayors concluded with a deal that will provide \$80 million in transportation funds for Nova Scotia and \$30 million specifically for HRM, with the money coming from shared gas tax revenue and allocated based on fuel consumption and transit ridership. The mayor's plans for rapid transit include upgraded bus and ferry services.

“The goal is to get people out of the cars and onto other modes—ultimate modes of transportation so we can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet the Kyoto standard,” he said.

Mandatory bus pass fees included in university tuition are an example of Kelly's efforts to reduce the level of emissions in HRM. St. Mary's was the first university to share in the municipality's environmental efforts, and students there now pay an additional \$110 each year for transportation.

Discussions with Mount St. Vincent and Dal about similar

programs are ongoing, he said.

Kelly also wants universities to share their resources with the wider community.

For example, the Rebecca Cohn auditorium is struggling financially and the Dalhousie administration approached the Mayor's office this year to discuss ways to meet the challenges imposed by operating costs, said Kelly.

Kelly would also like to see university libraries open their doors to the public.

“I think the libraries can open opportunities for youth and the student market,” he said, adding that high school graduates may be more likely to attend a university in HRM if fully aware of its facilities.

Kelly welcomes all students to share their views on his plans for the future.

“We do not have all the answers,” he said. “The more [input] we have involved, the better things will be. The door is always open.”

The municipal election will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16, polls opening at 8:00 a.m.

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# Killam Lecture Series Examines Mexico, Canada Relations

Laura Hynes  
News Contributor

Mexico is often forgotten as Canada's second-door-down neighbour, overwhelmed amidst our nation's constant exposure to American culture, politics and consumerism.

But, as last month's coverage of the missing Mexico-bound (Moosehead) beer can attest, the nation has sprung into Dalhousie's limelight in recent years.

With 23 Dal students currently studying at the Universidad Autonoma de Campeche in Campeche, Mexico, many more visiting Mexican beaches during spring break and local grocery and liquor stores brimming with Mexican imports, the education, leisure and diets of Dal students are becoming increasingly linked to Canadian-Mexican relations.

The growing role that Mexi-

co plays in the everyday lives of Canadians is the main topic for discussion in this year's Dorothy J. Killam Memorial lecture series. The Killam series is held annually in honour of the late Dorothy Killam, a generous supporter of the university and the wife of Nova Scotian Sir Isaac Walton Killam, one of the greatest entrepreneurs in Canadian history.

The series covers a wide range of topics relevant to Dal students and, in the past, has looked at advances in neuroscience and conflict resolution.

This year, Professor John Kirk of Dal's Spanish Department suggested Mexico be the topic of the lectures; he also recruited the speakers. The series, officially called *Mexico: Or Other North American Neighbour*, aims to look at political, economic and social issues facing Mexico today; in particular interest is the

repercussions these issues could have on Canada.

Cuahtémoc Cárdenas will give the first lecture on Thursday, Sept. 30. A leading Mexican politician, Cardenas is widely believed to have won the 1988 Mexican Presidential election, only to have it swiped from him in a questionable "computer glitch." Cardenas is the founder of the Democratic Revolutionary Party and was the respected mayor of Mexico City from 1997 to 2000. Cardenas's lecture, "Mexico and the Challenges of the 21st Century" will examine Mexico's political problems and give alternative options for reform.

The second lecture, on Tuesday, Oct. 5, will feature Andrés Rozental. A long-standing and widely-respected Mexican diplomat, Rozental has represented Mexican interests at the United Nations and in countries around

the world.

His lecture, "Canada, Mexico and the Future of North America," will focus on the effect of NAFTA in the last decade and its direction for the future.

Rozental will also look at the growing Canadian-Mexican alliance and its effect on each coun-

ture, "A Matter of Life and Death: Towards an Understanding of Mexican Culture" will explore the deeply rooted Mexican culture from Aztec and Mayan ceremonies to Baroque architecture and Mexican film.

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try's relationship with the United States.

Finally, the Killam lectures will conclude on Thursday, Oct. 21 with a lecture by Homero Aridjis.

A leading poet, novelist, and ecological activist, Aridjis has taught at both Columbia and Indiana Universities and acted as a Mexican Ambassador. His lec-

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*Lectures are open to all audiences and will be held in Ondaatje Hall, in the McCain Building, at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free.*

# Halifax Activist Group Wants to Rock U.S. Vote

Jenn Morrison  
News Editor

University students used to be idealistic, but the "change the world" mantra now suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome—in other words, we are cynical. But every so often, the idealism reawakens. In this American election autumn, Halifax Action wants to be the idealistic force that banishes our bitterness at the state of the world, and in particular, at the state of the U.S. presidency.

Halifax Action is a brand-new Dalhousie society, the brainchild of Mike Tipping, a Dal political science student from Maine. "It's a citizen action group," Tipping

said in an interview. "What we want to do is work on progressive action and activism, with a focus right now on the American election. The way that's working is a real focus on voter registration and voter persuasion."

Persuading voters to choose John Kerry, that is. I asked Mike if he was an "Anybody but Bush" voter, or if he actually thought Kerry would make an effective President. "I keep hearing the 'Anybody but Bush' message, and I feel almost embarrassed sometimes that I do have a real affinity for Kerry," he responded, praising Kerry's work for environmental, social, and economic justice, all issues that should interest young voters.

According to Melissa Ferguson, Dal's International Student Advisor, there are 227 American students registered for the fall term. If they are anything like their northern counterparts, a majority of them does not plan to vote in November. Yet too much is at stake for these students to be voluntarily disenfranchised.

Halifax Action is working to prevent such a situation. The group held its first meeting on Sept. 22, and half of the 30 attendees were American and/or held dual citizenship, many of them trying to figure out how they could register. "It's difficult, because every state has its own

regulations regarding voting," Tipping said. To make things easier, Halifax Action will have a booth in the SUB on Sept. 30, and hopefully other locations at later dates, to register eligible voters and order absentee ballots for them. Furthermore, the society

is planning weekly Wednesday evening meetings.

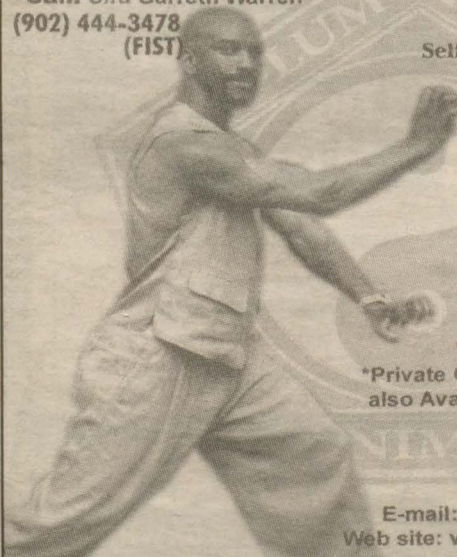
But Halifax Action is not just targeting American students, because, as Tipping pointed out, Canadians can also affect the

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outcome of the election.

"What this election is about is the most important job in the world, quite possibly, and Canadians should really have a say in that," said Tipping. He told me that it is illegal for Canadians to donate money to political parties, but they are still allowed to volunteer in certain capacities for campaigns.

"Campaigns I've talked to in the States are more than willing to have Canadians help out, to write letters, to go door-to-door," he said.

Halifax Action has taken this information to heart. The group has already started a letter-writing campaign targeting swing-state voters.

At the first meeting, they started with New Mexico. (The voters' addresses are available from accessible databases.) "It can be a bit of a turn-off, I imagine, to get a letter from someone from Canada - it seems like they're trying to intrude on American politics," Tipping said, but "as long as you do it on a real personal level, I think people really get the message."

Halifax Action member Alex Longmire provided me with a letter he wrote to a New Mexico

woman. "I do not receive a vote in the upcoming election, as I am not a citizen, yet this election has an incredible influence on my daily life. I feel it is necessary to contact you to make you

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- Mike Tipping, founder of Halifax Action

aware of how important it is to cast your vote in this election," he writes. On a personal note, Longmire compares the Annapolis Valley, his home, to New Mexico, and discusses the pollution that threatens each area's natural beauty.

"It is necessary to vote in order to protect both of our beautiful home lands," he writes. He concludes the letter on a chilling note: "I am scared of what will happen if George W. Bush returns to office."

Longmire is not alone. But in case letters like his are not persuasive enough, Halifax Action is planning a road trip to Maine, to go door-to-door and get out the anti-Bush vote.

For a city and campus that have seen their share of noisy protests with questionable re-

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## For Some Students, Cheating is a Fact of Life

Jess McDiarmid  
Staff Contributor

Phil O'Hara, a Dalhousie business professor, remembers an incident in which a student retrieved a paper from the Internet and handed it in as his or her own work, committing a blatant act of plagiarism.

This time, the student did not get away with it—he or she failed to notice that the author of the paper pulled from the Internet was the very same professor it was handed in to.

Cases of plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty at Dal have increased over the past five years. During the 1995/96 academic year, there were seven hearings on plagiarism in front of the Dalhousie Senate Discipline Committee; in 2003/2004, there were 125 such cases.

In May of 2004, the senate released a report revealing that approximately 30 per cent of undergraduate students at Dal had plagiarized sometime in the past three years, while 45 per cent had committed other forms of aca-

demical dishonesty, such as unauthorized collaboration on assignments and papers.

This information was collected through focus groups and discussions, feedback from students and faculty and an on-line survey created by Dr. Don McCabe, a researcher on issues of academic integrity.

Professor Lesley Barnes, chair of the senate, was not surprised with the survey results.

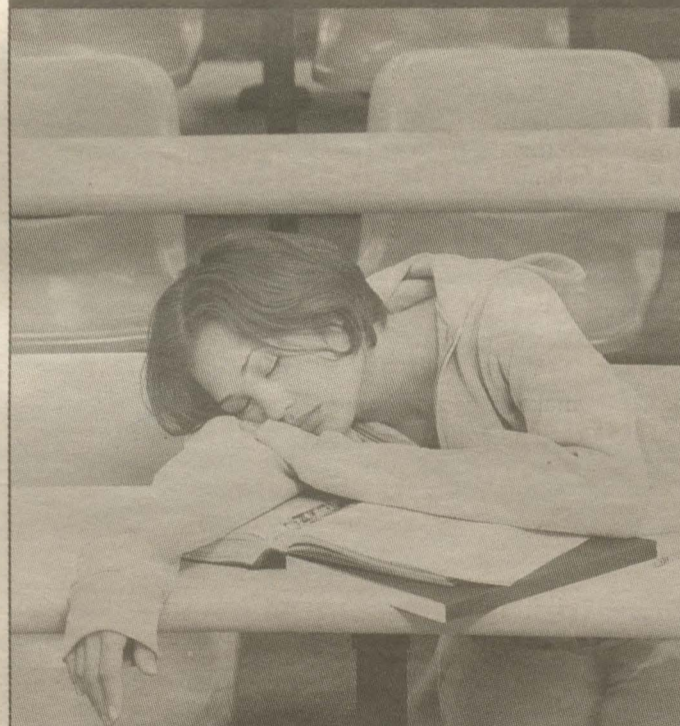
"The results are similar to results in other North American post-secondary institutions, particularly Canadian institutions. It is of concern, the whole issue of academic integrity," she says.

O'Hara was not shocked by the high numbers of students polled who admitted to academic offences, saying that the results verified what the faculty already knows.

Not only does plagiarism tarnish the worth of a degree, but it also damages the future prospects of students, says O'Hara. "They cheat their way through

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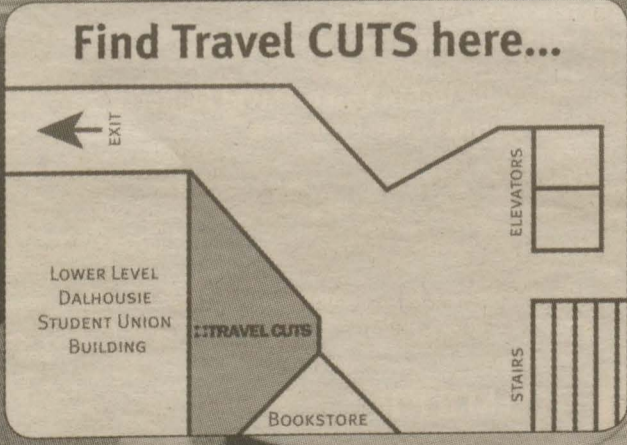
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## Cheating, con't

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university and walk away and six months into their first job they're canned because they can't do it," he says. He also says that the point of university is to encourage and facilitate learning. "We want people to stand on soapboxes and have original thought. Universities exist to expand boundaries of human existence."

The report includes numerous quotes from students, faculty and teaching assistants on cheating at Dalhousie, particularly among certain faculties. As one student wrote, "cheating on assignments in engineering is a fact of life. Entire classes sometimes collaborate on master copies of assignments that are handed out to students. Sometimes these answered assignments are posted to private websites. There are definitely those who get a free ride off of the work of others."

Another student wrote, "third-year electrical engineering is really bad for cheating during tests and final exams. People bring more cheat sheets than they should, they talk during the midterms and pass notes, and a few of the professors do nothing... I feel that our year will become a joke because of all the cheating being done."

"Engineering work by definition is teamwork, so students are encouraged to collaborate on solving their assignments," says Dr. Al-Hawari, dean of the Faculty of Engineering. He says that assignments are worth relatively little and focus on learning and problem solving. Whether or not students have used assignments to perfect their knowledge comes out in their midterms, term tests and final marks. With regard to cheating in third-year electrical engineering, Al-Hawari says that the faculty and department took measures to respond.

"That incidence happened af-

ter one term test where students were physically seated in close proximity, and appropriate steps were taken to correct it."

According to statistics gathered in the report, less than half of Dal faculty members report students who commit academic offences. The disciplinary system currently in place is described by faculty as strenuous for faculty and students alike.

Some faculty members "went to the Senate and were trying to do the right thing and ended up feeling like they were on trial,"

**"We want people to stand on soapboxes and have original thought. Universities exist to expand boundaries of human existence."**

**- Phil O'Hara, Dal Business Professor**

says O'Hara. "The process puts them as if they were the culprit. I've never heard anyone say it was a good system. Faculty say they'd never go back."

The report offers 55 recommendations for dealing with such problems, including the establishment of faculty discipline committees to deal with cases. "Many of our faculty are stretched pretty thin with committee responsibilities already. It's a great idea in theory, but in practise it's a stretch," says O'Hara. He suggests that there needs to be a "middle ground" of intervention for students who commit low-end offences and need help to change.

Lesley Barnes sees the report as a new beginning. "It's a good start," she says—one that provides a baseline for the future and a benchmark to measure future success. The recommendations are currently with the senate and discussion of how to implement them is underway.

# Claw Your Way to Bargains with Tigerbooks

Sarah Vanderwolf  
Staff Contributor

Everyone knows that feeling you get when you walk into the bookstore at the beginning of a school year—full of hope and high expectations—only to see that buying your required textbooks will cost more than two months' rent. Just looking at the price tags makes you cringe: *Introduction to Mineralogy*, \$154.45; *Animal Behaviour*, \$128.70; *Introductory Spanish*, \$147.24. Even arts students' "cheap" books cost a pretty penny when you're buying 15 novels at \$15 to \$20 a pop. This year, however, Dal students have a more efficient and cost-effective method of stocking up on reading material.

As part of her election platform, Dalhousie Student Union vice-president of education Jill Houlihan has overseen the development and implementation of *Tigerbooks.ca*, an online buy-and-sell method of obtaining second-hand books from other students. Tigerbooks is free, easy to use and accessible to all students—and it sure beats rummaging through layers of posters on a Dal bulletin board.

Much like the search engine on the Indigo bookstore website, Tigerbooks allows users to search by title, author, keyword or ISBN.

All you have to do is contact one of the students whose book appears in your search results and voila—textbook obtained at huge savings.

Posting a textbook is just as easy: once you log in, all you need to do is type a few enticing details about the book being sold. Potential buyers then contact the seller directly.

"In total, we've had 2,222



Photo: Quentin Casey

Jill Houlihan hopes Tigerbooks.ca will save Dal students big money.

postings [as of September 22]," said Houlihan. Not bad for Tigerbooks' founding year.

The launch of Tigerbooks means Dal has joined many other universities in providing an online textbook service. The University of Alberta, Carleton University and St. Mary's are just a few Canadian schools that allow students to buy books from each other online. Each of these schools provides this service simply to meet students' needs, not to make a profit.

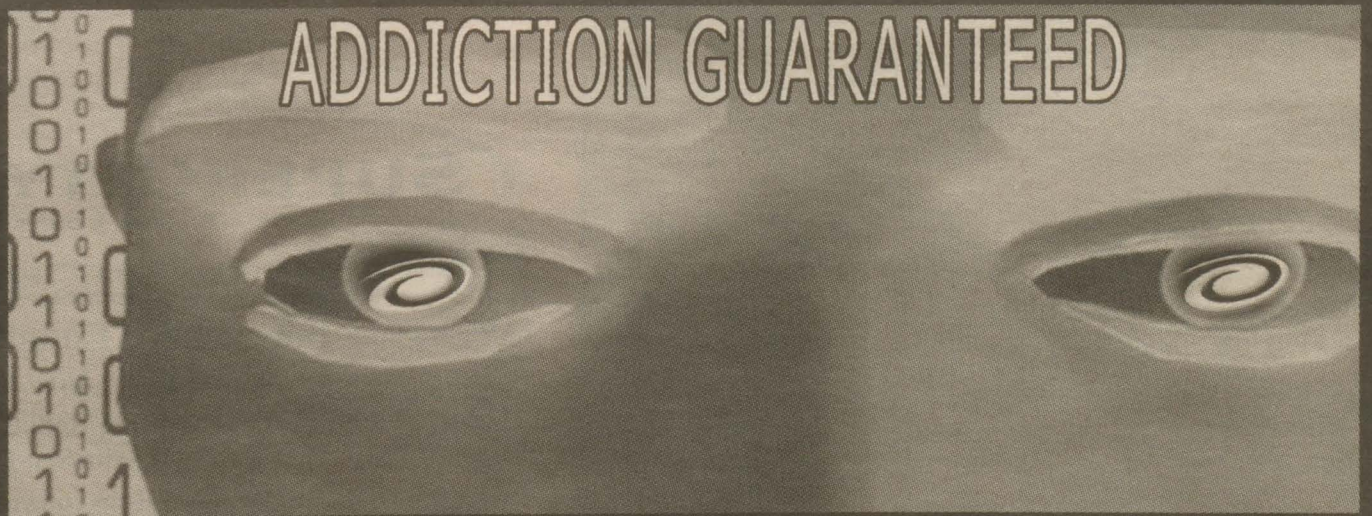
"We're not trying to compete with the bookstore," said Houlihan. Indeed, there is no way an online service could offer all that the bookstore does: "The role of Tigerbooks is to make it easier for students to exchange their

used books," said Houlihan.

The design team for Tigerbooks' website is none other than Dal's own Association of Computer Machinists (ACM). When Houlihan approached professional website designers and found their prices too expensive, she turned to ACM, a society of PhD and MA computer science students. The ACM also developed the DSU online course evaluation website and was happy to do another project for the union.

Developing a successful website "is like getting published" for computer programmers, said Houlihan, so the venture has proved beneficial for the users and developers of Tigerbooks alike.

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# Protect Yourself... Flu Season is on the Way

Michelle Cameirao  
Staff Contributor

There are approximately 15,000 students attending Dal this year, and let's face it: at least 15 trillion germs come along with them. One of the most common sicknesses that infects students each year, besides the weekly hangover, is the dreaded flu.

Formally known as influenza, this nasty virus weakens thousands of respiratory and immune systems each year, leaving sick students sluggish and unproductive for weeks.

But there is protection against this often-yearly infection: At the beginning of October, students can get a flu vaccine at the Dalhousie Health Services clinic located in Howe Hall. No appointment is needed; vaccines are given on a walk-in basis by a member of the clinic's nursing staff. "Everyone, get the flu shot this fall, whether you are at high risk or not," said a nurse at the clinic, who could not be named for legal reasons.

Those who are at high risk of catching the virus include children and adults with chronic heart and lung disease, AIDS/HIV, cancer, diabetes, anemia and kidney disease. It is recommended that family members of high-risk patients, health care students and workers also get

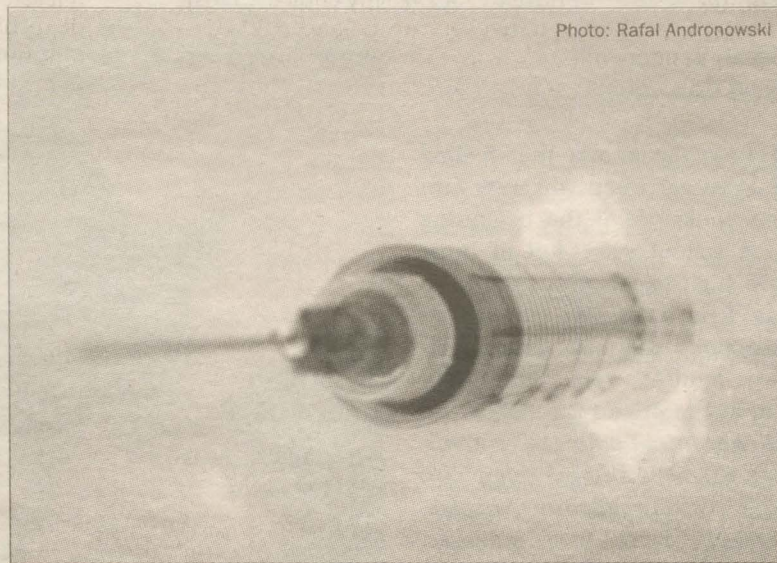


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Everyone should get the flu shot this fall.

vaccinated. Those who fall into these categories can receive the vaccine free of charge.

The exact price of this year's vaccine has not been released. According to the clinic, the government has not yet determined the cost of the shot for this year, but it cost \$15 per patient last year. It is expected that the cost of this year's vaccine will be around the same price.

"In the past the vaccine has not been alive," the nurse said. Therefore, those who receive the shot are not being injected with the live virus. "Each year the vaccine contains three strains," she explained—the strains that government health officials believe

will most likely circulate in Canada. The nursing staff pointed out that the vaccine may have side effects, such as a mild fever and a sore arm within 24 to 48 hours, but these symptoms should only last one to two days.

The clinic advises students who are studying in the health care professions to take extra precautions. "I've been getting the flu shot for the past two years and most definitely will be getting it again this year," said Nicole Kendall, a third-year nursing student. "It didn't protect me from the common cold, but I haven't caught the flu in the past two years." The personal health of students and their patients is protected when high-risk individuals receive the vaccine. "The shot prevents students from exposing their patients to the flu virus," said Kendall.

The vaccine does not guarantee a bug-free season. A healthy lifestyle is also necessary to prevent infection this winter, but health is often at the bottom of the list for multitasking students. Good hand-washing, enough rest, balanced nutrition and staying clear of those with symptoms are all suggested practices, in addition to the vaccine.

If students follow this advice, they can stay healthy this year—even without the comfort of mom's homemade chicken soup.

# Career Fair Aims to Employ Students

Kevin Wasko  
Staff Contributor  
Jenn Morrison  
News Editor

As September draws to a close, many graduating students are still adjusting to academic life and not quite ready to look for a job for next year. For most of the month, students catch up with friends, settle into the school year and brace themselves for the onslaught of work that will soon hit them.

But Lesley Cresswell is not representative of most students, which is why she attended the Halifax Career Fair at the World Trade and Convention Centre on Sept. 27. Cresswell, a fourth-year neuroscience and economics student, hopes to gain employment within the business world upon graduation. "I want to get a sense of what type of jobs are out there for someone with my background," she said. "I hope that the Career Fair will connect me to potential employers and allow me to compare the different opportunities between various companies."

What many students do not realize is that now it the time to apply for jobs if they wish to be employed following graduation this spring. The annual Halifax Career Fair, a joint venture between the universities of Dalhousie, St. Mary's and Mount St. Vincent, provides those who are thinking ahead with the opportunity to explore their career possibilities.

Since its inception in 1997, the Halifax Career Fair has evolved into a reputable showing of who is hiring across the country and in Atlantic Canada. This year's fair included 75 exhibitors setting out to make connections with students seeking employment for next year.

"[It] is more than just a job fair," said Laura Addicott, man-

ager of Dalhousie's Student Employment Centre. "It will expose students to the opportunities that exist for recent grads among Canada's major employers. It's more networking than anything else."

On the big day, Cresswell put her networking skills to the test. "I felt pretty nervous because first impressions are really important. However, it felt pretty exciting too knowing that my future career might be with one of these companies," she said. Still, she admitted that the fair was a bit overwhelming, with a multitude of booths and people to confront.

Cresswell said afterwards that most job applications these days are done online, but it was still beneficial to interact one-on-one with corporate representatives. "I don't think that I got too much new information because online descriptions are pretty good for many of these companies."

Cresswell also said that the company-specific information sessions held on campus may be more beneficial than the Career Fair; she planned to attend the Proctor and Gamble, Imperial Oil and CIBC forums.

"Unless you have really specific questions ahead of time, I think the info sessions are a better format since they tell you a little about the company and help you to understand it better. That way you can think of questions that arise during the presentation and ask them one on one at the end since they normally have time to schmooze after," she said. Networking, schmoozing and applying: only time can tell if they pay off and if graduation leads to a lucrative career.

Students looking for help with resumés, cover letters, job interviews or just trying to find a job or employer contact are encouraged to visit the Student Employment Centre in room 446 of the SUB.

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## Semantics

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## The Queen is Dead, Long Live the Queen

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# Iraq War on Trial

Should the Canadian government offer refuge to disenchanting American soldiers?

John Gibson  
Opinions Contributor

On June 30, 2004, former U.S. soldier Brandon Hughey stood in front of the American embassy in Toronto and told a crowd assembled to protest the occupation of Iraq, that the war in Iraq was illegal, that he could not take part in it without breaking international law and, most importantly, that the Nuremberg principals established that soldiers have a duty to refuse illegal and immoral orders.

Brandon, as well as two other U.S. soldiers who have refused to fight in Iraq—Jeremy Hinzman

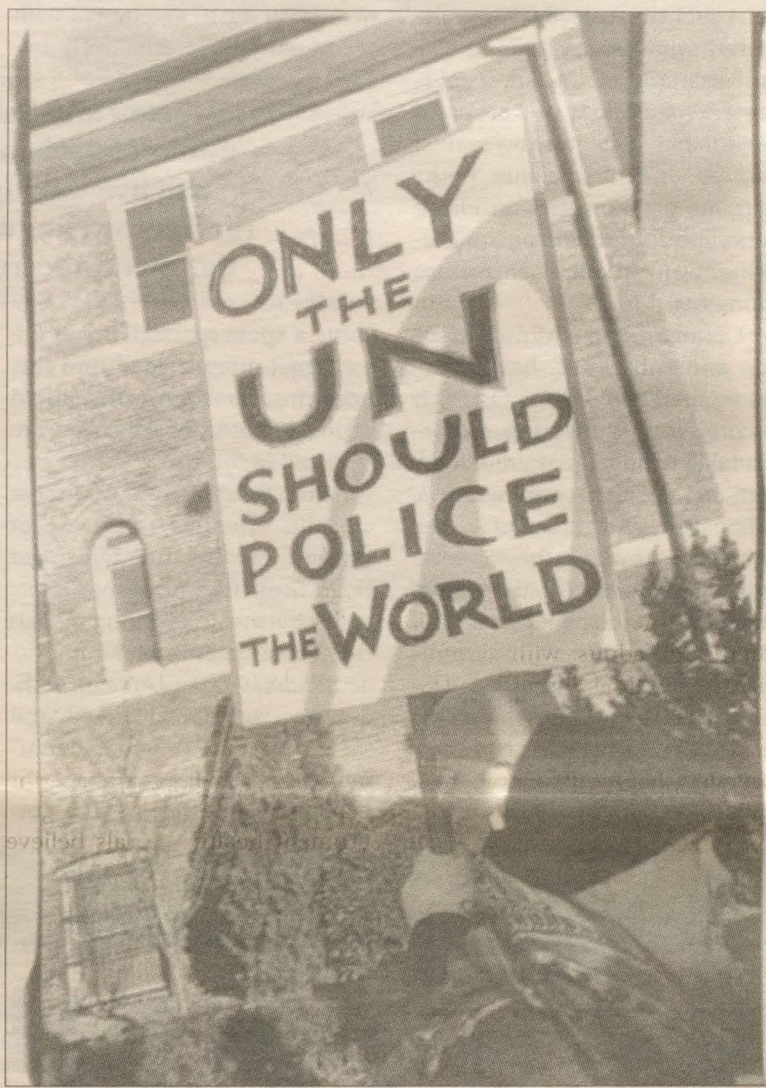
cent of Genghis Khan, shot cattle and dogs for fun, poisoned food stocks and generally ravaged the countryside of South Vietnam."

The conflict in Iraq is also quickly piling up its record of horror: the torture at Abu Graib, the siege of Fallujah which killed hundreds and the recent massacre on Haifa Street in Baghdad where an American helicopter fired on an unarmed crowd milling around a burning Bradley fighting vehicle, killing twelve people, including journalist Mazen al-Tumeizi. The 82nd Airborne division, which Jeremy Hinzman was attached to, has been involved in heavy fighting

secretary general Kofi Annan: the war in Iraq was, and is, illegal. If the Liberal party did admit that, it would acknowledge that the war resisters are on the right side of the law—and therefore cannot be deported to the States to face prosecution for doing their duty, under international law.

The bad news is that even though the law is on the side of these young war resisters, the Canadian government is unlikely to do the right thing and let them stay. Paul Martin knows that allowing these soldiers to stay would undermine his project of quietly cozying up the U.S. military by moving toward missile defence and appointing pro-war MP David Pratt as his first defence minister. If the Liberals are allowed to put their campaign of kissing-up to George Bush ahead of doing the right thing, war resisters will be extradited to the U.S. where they will serve prison sentences of up to 10 years—and the death penalty for wartime deserters is still on the books. As Hinzman put it, the "Bush administration is known to set precedents."

The good news for these ex-soldiers is that they have a great deal of support among the Canadian public, who in turn have the power to force the government to act on principle. There is already a nationwide campaign ([www.resisters.ca](http://www.resisters.ca)) supporting war resisters by providing material aid



War in Iraq: Not exactly popular.

**In the Vietnam era, then-Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau declared that "Canada should be a refuge from militarism," and the Canadian government gave access to draft-dodgers and war-resisters.**

who has his refugee hearing on Oct. 22nd and David Saunders—are appealing for sanctuary in Canada, hoping to follow in the footsteps of the 50,000 Americans who, between 1965 and 1973, made their way to Canada after refusing to participate in the Vietnam War. In that conflict, young Americans heard from returning soldiers how—in the words of John Kerry—"they had personally raped, cut off ears, cut off heads, taped wires from portable telephones to human genitals and turned up the power, cut off limbs, blown up bodies, randomly shot at civilians, razed villages in fashion reminis-

in Fallujah—including firing on a demonstration early in occupation.

In the Vietnam era, then-Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau declared that "Canada should be a refuge from militarism," and the Canadian government gave access to draft-dodgers and war-resisters. Today, however, the Liberals seem to hope that if they don't address the issue it will go away. Paul Martin & Co. can't bring themselves to say what has been admitted by everyone from Pentagon hawk Richard Perle and former house majority leader and Texas Republican Dick Armey, to United Nations

and lobbying the government to grant them refugee status. Given that Hughey, Hinzman and Saunders all joined the army because of its promise of free tuition, it is fitting that those of us lucky

enough to be in university find a way to help them out.

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## Battling for Beer Supremacy

Corporations sponsoring residences will have tragic results

Scott MacLeod  
Opinions Contributor

After reading Neal Cody's article on campus beer wars (*Gazette* 137:03), I thought I would share my thoughts on the whole situation. Incidentally, I read the article after a house meeting (I don't think it's necessary to mention which residence I live in) where the issue of the beer deal was explained.

I feel the beer deal is completely unnecessary and is a blatant example of the never-ending encroachment of corporate advertising into our lives. The endless drive for higher profit margins have created an entire generation saturated with advertising, even in our most private moments.

Companies like Molson Canada and Labatt Ltd. have enormous marketing budgets which account for sponsoring professional sporting events, concerts, national television commercials, billboards and host of other things, all of which they assume full responsibility for, yet no one involved in this beer deal will come forward and claim responsibility. That's because Molson and Labatt have something that a million television commercials can't buy—real live talking spokespersons who work for free

and live within beer marketing's key demographic: residence council members.

They have authority and social significance in small communities, especially in regards to new students who are eager to fit in. I would like to specify now that I have never seen or heard any type of active persuasion by any council member—other than letting us know about a beer deal. However, once a council comes to a "hush hush" agreement with a company, they effectively be-

that beer companies disguise the selling of their product under the guise of communities working together towards a common goal is intolerable. This is not a deal—it is a scam. Simply put, as a beer drinker myself, I do not want or need someone whispering in my ear about which beer I should drink.

Alas, I feel that I am very much alone in my opinion that the beer deal shall continue, apparently, as it always has. But I hope I don't have to be around when it

**Molson and Labatt have something that a million television commercials can't buy—real live talking spokespersons who work for free and live within beer marketing's key demographic: residence council members.**

come a spokesperson; if you are a council member and find this upsetting, perhaps you should seriously consider what you are involved in.

What infuriates me the most are the underlying aspects of secrecy and the infamous "get them while they're young" strategy—the most sickening slogan that these amoral marketing executives have ever come up with. I refuse to be considered and treated as a commodity, a funnel with a savings account for pouring booze down. The fact

all goes tragically wrong, when a bright young kid stumbles out of the Grawood with a Keith's T-shirt on and gets hit by a car. Or when a 17-year-old frosh gets alcohol poisoning in his dorm room off of free Molson beer. Yes, it will be a sad day, as well as lonely one: Molson and Labatt will be long gone.

They will retreat behind their giant walls of high-priced lawyers, and all we will have left will be hundreds of little receipts slowly falling from our hands. Nice T-shirt, kid.

## Gay Marriage Legalized

N.S. ain't as backwards as it seems



Michael Gorman  
Sports Editor

We Nova Scotians are pretty accustomed to hearing the term "hick." Chances are if you're from any part of the province other than HRM, someone has applied the term to you. And if you go anywhere outside the Maritimes, it doesn't matter what part of the province you're from.

Last Friday, Nova Scotia took a huge step towards squashing this view. The province became the sixth legislative body in Canada—after Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, B.C. and the Yukon—to legalize same-sex marriages. Welcome to a forward-thinking society. This isn't the first modern move the province has made. In 2001, Nova Scotia became the first place in the country to extend civil liberties to same sex couples. A gay couple had all the rights of a heterosexual couple, but they couldn't marry. Last Friday, Justice Heather Robertson changed that. Even better, the

province, a conservative government no less, has said they plan to uphold the court's decision.

It's unfortunate that it has taken this long for government to clue into the fact that everyone deserves an equal set of rights. Everyone deserves the chance to be happy, and as long as it doesn't come at the expense of someone else's health or wellbeing, there should be no debate.

While the other half of the county has yet to recognize same-sex unions, we are making progress.

Now that Nova Scotia has taken this step, perhaps the rest of Atlantic Canada will follow suit. We often focus on the things that aren't going well in society. It's nice to see something happen the way it should—even if it is long overdue.

Nova Scotia is known for a lot of things: the open ocean, friendly communities and hardworking people. Now we can add open-mindedness to that list. Not bad for a bunch of hicks.

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# Letters

To the Editor:

I enjoyed your recent editorial, and am largely in agreement with the sentiments expressed. The word "greedy," however, may have been used somewhat too liberally; that said, the perception is out there, and somehow needs to be addressed.

Certainly, I would not be inclined to view faculty on the whole as being greedy: many of us, myself included, have not once gone out for higher wages, feeling, I guess, that there might be something obscene about that.

Lest the current administration take comfort in any such stance, it would do well to recollect that it was only because of the bumbling incompetence of its predecessors that the DFA came into existence in the first place. Some irony there, for sure!

I see the problem in the following way: administrations, past and present, have largely viewed the university in terms of a business model, with themselves as CEOs, the faculty as employees, and the students as cash cows.

To protect themselves (as they see things), the majority of faculty members have banded together to form a union, which, regrettably, is content to behave as if it were a typical trades union (hence, the perception of greed).

At any rate, we are left with a horribly adversarial relationship, delivery from which will require effective (i.e. innovative) leadership, which I see very little evidence of, on either side.

The alternative, of course, would be for the government to step in and clean up the mess; now, there's a scary thought!

Meanwhile, as you so rightly

argue, students are caught in the middle, seemingly powerless to influence events. Well, you're not without influence. You have a newspaper. You might profitably make use of it to fill the vacuum that currently exists between, on the one hand, *Dalhousie News* (a public relations rag for the administration) and the *DFA Dialogue*, which focuses primarily on union issues (to its credit, it does solicit views contrary to its leadership but, for whatever reason, rarely receives any).

I believe that a fair number of faculty members may also see themselves as being caught in the middle, with no acceptable venue in which to express their take on this and a variety of other issues. Maybe the *Gazette* could make use of this resource.

Don Stoltz  
Professor, Microbiology and Immunology

# Photo of the Week



Peggy's Cove  
By: Evan McMaster

# Top 20

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25	3	<b>POKER IN RESIDENCES</b> Because apparently tuition just isn't high enough.	8
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35	5	<b>USING MSN TO TALK TO THE PERSON ACROSS THE ROOM</b> Only if you're making fun of someone else that's in the same room.	7
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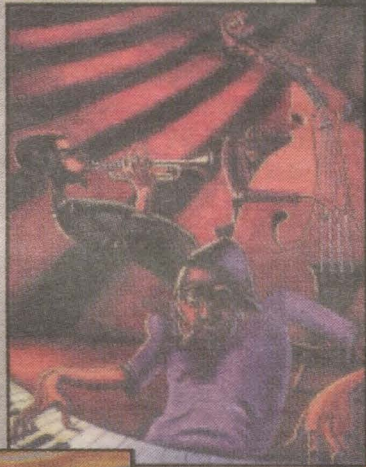
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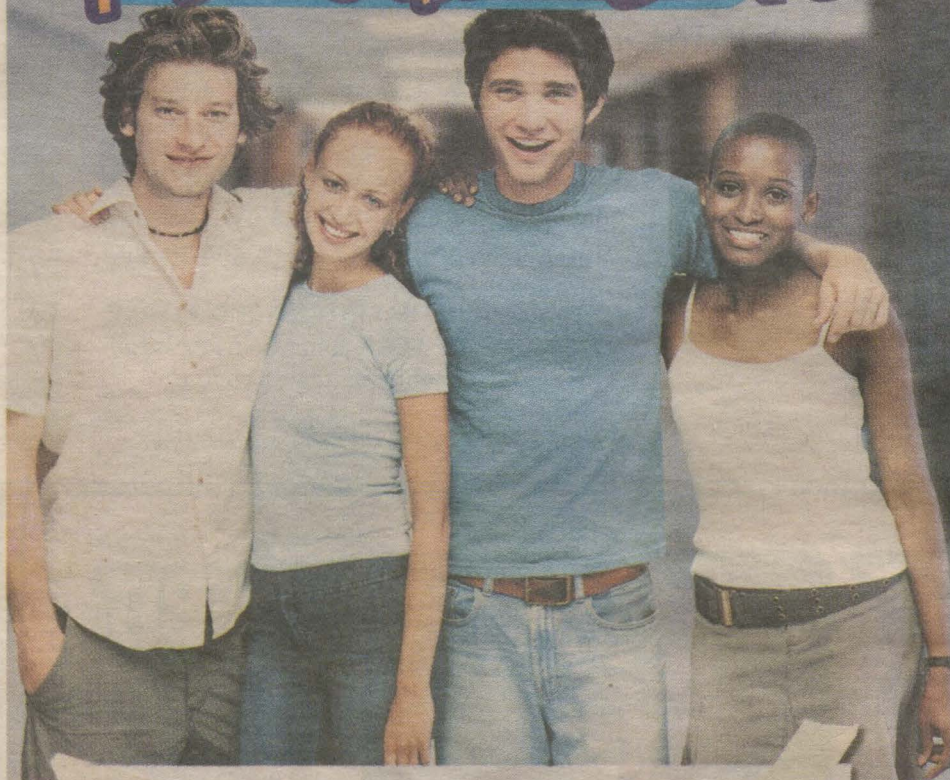
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Nadine LaRoche *Fashion Guru*  
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What's an item of clothing you wish you could remove from campus?



Jogging pants. They make your bum look big. Very dirty.  
Megan Crawford, second-year arts



Do cell phones count? 'Cause nobody's that important to need their phones on them at all times.  
Mathew Duggan, fourth-year biology



Those super super super fucking short short mini-skirts. Because when people sit down you can see all their goods.  
Alex Miller, third-year philosophy



Mesh hats worn to the side. It seems really contrived.  
Steacy O'Conner, fourth-year English



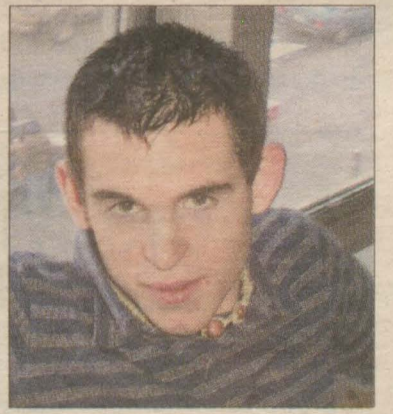
Skirts over pants. I'm just sick of the dirty hippies—most of my friends are dirty hippies.  
Steve Jones, first-year MBA



Uggs... it's just ridiculous.  
Joel Barkin, third-year contemporary studies



Pajama bottoms and slippers. People who get out of bed and go to class, they can wear what they want but I think it's a little disrespectful to the professors.  
Clare Christensen, fourth-year theatre



Shoes, because I believe we should return to the bare-footed historic inheritance of our nation's founding forefathers, and reunite our precious bodily soles with the very earth and soil that delivered our entire species from its Neanderthal, Hobbesian anarchic origins.  
Chris LaRoche, first-year pretension (FYP)

## Hot Contest I

Enter to win free tickets to the Tragedies show on Oct. 8. Please answer the following question: "Why are the Tragedies the worst band in Halifax?" Post your response on their message board at [www.justfriends.ca](http://www.justfriends.ca) or email them to [thetragedies@yemenmail.com](mailto:thetragedies@yemenmail.com).

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## Hot Spots

# Billy and the Lost Boys Break It Down

Bridgette Sullivan  
 Staff Contributor

Contrary to popular belief, there are those who not only have their cake—they eat it too. Billy and the Lost Boys appear to be one of the select few who are fortunate enough to have acquired the best of both worlds. The Vancouver based indie band has recently come across much success, but not at the cost of their independence or creative freedom. Through a blend of hard work, "DIY ethics" and an all around love for music, Billy and the Lost Boys have achieved the ultimate happy medium.

Three years ago, Billy Pettinger, more commonly referred to as Billy the Kid, found herself in a pickle. Her previous group, the Blue Collar Bullets, had disbanded with a number of shows still left on their agenda. With only 12 days until the next scheduled performance, Billy managed to pull together a completely new band—"rather than cancel the shows that we had," Billy says, "cause I'm just not that kind of kid."

Billy says she recruited some her friends for the gig—since then, Billy and the Lost Boys have undergone a few member changes. But Aaron Weiss (bass) and Casey Lewis (drums) have been permanent fixtures in the band for the past two years.

Billy and the Lost Boys' record label, Lost Records, is yet another product of an intense desire to do whatever it takes get the job done.

When the band was unable to find a label that met their expectations and allowed them to be in total control, Lost Records

was created "basically just out of necessity," says Billy. The band wanted to be as unrestrained as possible.

"To have that kind of freedom, that's part of our manifesto, that's a big part of who we are," the spunky vocalist says. "Starting our own label was inevitable".

Freedom in music was the inspiration for Billy and the Lost Boys' second CD, *Breaking Down The Barriers That Break Down Your Music*. The CD has recently been re-released across Canada through Boomba Records and Universal, after its initial introduction to the music scene by Lost Records. The album, which includes an eleven-minute track, is an "evolution" from their first CD, *Strong Like Prawn*. While the band's first CD was firmly rooted in the punk genre, their latest album explores other styles of music, Billy says.

"With this one we decided we were going to break down the barriers that we'd built around our song writing process."

In addition to the "freeing things" they've done as musicians on their latest album, the band is also a major supporter of all-age shows, striving to accommodate younger crowds at their gigs.

As a kid, music was extremely important to Billy, she says, and that had a profound affect on her life.

"I got the chance to see a lot of things that I wouldn't have been able to see if they'd been put on in a bar or something like that," she says. "I think it's a really important outlet to give kids a place to go, especially if you give them something that's positive to do, like music."



Billy and the Lost Boys wear black on the outside because black is how they feel on the inside. L-R: Bassist Aaron Weiss, vocalist Billy Pettinger, drummer Casey Lewis

The band is also motivated by how open minded, receptive and enthusiastic younger audiences seem to be. "They're there because they love the music and that's the same reason why we're there."

Whatever the motive behind their music, good things are happening for Billy and the Lost Boys. In addition to striking up with Universal, MTV Canada and MTV2 have recently picked up the band's music video for their latest single "You Get What Everyone Gets."

But according to Billy, big names in the music industry entering the picture have not undermined the independence and self-sufficiency of the band.

Their association with Uni-

versal is not a direct link, she says. "It's one of those very common chains of indie label, indie distributor and then everybody has to go through the big behemoth."

As for their recent MTV rotation: "That must have been an accident," says Billy. "Somebody was like 'Beyoncé video' and they grabbed Billy and the Lost Boys!"

Although the band acknowledges that "behemoths" like MTV and Universal have made things much easier, they still express die hard loyalty to their partner Boomba Records, as well as to their indie roots.

Although smaller labels such as Boomba Records and Lost Records do not often receive much credit or financial compensation

for their efforts, Billy is satisfied. "We do it for the right reasons and that's the most important thing."

For the time being, it appears as though Billy and The Lost Boys have discovered the secret to success while remaining steadfast to their DIY philosophy. Whatever lies on the road ahead, Billy says she is optimistic that even superstardom won't jeopardize the core values and independence of the band.

"We're still an indie band and I feel like we always will be."

*Billy and the Lost Boys play for all ages at the Pavillion on Friday, Oct. 8 at 6:00 p.m. They will play an evening show at the Attic, no minors, directly afterwards. Tickets are \$5.*

## Surfers Make Splash In Halifax

### Riders discuss keeping surfing afloat in Canada

Natalie Pendergast  
 Arts Editor

With Jack Frost nipping at our heels, most Halifaxians are looking forward to breaking out the skis and boards and hitting the slopes. There is one group of athletes, however, that has come here to celebrate Nova Scotia's excellent—albeit cold—surfing conditions. Quicksilver's top surfers, Tom Carroll, Peter Mell, Frankie Walsh and Raph Bruhwiler, arrived in Hal-

ifax this weekend to launch the premiers of two exclusive surfing videos—and to catch a couple of waves on the side.

"We came here last year and we just had such a great experience," says surfer Andy Ryan, Quicksilver's events manager. The surfers and their Quicksilver cavalry are based out of California, where the sun's rays and the ocean's waves never falter. Although in comparison Nova Scotia has a limited surfing season, Ryan says the waves here

are worth traveling for. "We just surfed at Cow Bay the other day and it was great. The people are great too: there's a small community, but it's a very core community, a very respectful community."

But the key word in Ryan's statement is "small." Surfing has been a booming sport, culture and industry in the States since the '60s, but in Canada it has only just begun to grow—and at a slow rate.

"Surfing in Canada is more

accessible now," says Stephanie Smith, Frozen Ocean owner and surfer. According to Smith, who has been surfing for four years, as the gear improves, the population of Canadian surfers grows. "The materials they have now are a lot lighter and keep you a lot warmer, so you can go out in the middle of the winter," adds Frankie Walsh, one of the Quicksilver surfers, "as long as you have the right gear you're not going to be that cold."

But it's not just the cold cli-

mate that has kept surfing from taking off in Canada. Surfing began in B.C. long ago when Californians migrated north along the west coast to escape the Vietnam War and then set up surf on the shore.

Although the desire and love for the waves has been present ever since, very few Canadians share it. Raph Bruhwiler, a Tofino, B.C. native and professional surfer of twenty years, thinks the

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## Surfing, con't...

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unpopularity of the sport is due to the lack of financial support.

"In the States surfing is much more commercial. In Canada I think most of the businesses that would potentially support surfing tend to lean more towards snowboarding and skateboarding," he says. "In the States, you get companies like Quiksilver who have a lot of money. They're the ones who'll buck up and sponsor riders in a big way. They are the ones who'll pay for trips; whereas you can ride for companies from Canada—which I've done before—but you're not going to get half as much funding."

Bruhweiler, who was featured in the Canadian surf documentary 49 Degrees, says that even as recent as two years ago the media here was presenting surfing to the public as a new sport. "I think the documentary woke up a lot of people," he says. "Now they know there are good surfers in Canada who are making a living at it."

As a pioneer in the Canadian surfing community, Bruhweiler remembers how dead the sport was two decades ago.

"Me and a couple of other guys who are older are the guys who started surfing so now it's going to be easier for the younger guys." He says that when he was young there were only a handful of surfers riding the waves on



Surfers L-R: New Yorker Frankie Walsh, Santa Cruz Native Peter Mell, Canadian Raph Bruhweiler, and two-time World Champ, Australian Tom Carroll make waves at their Stage Nine party Monday night.

the B.C. coast. "When we started, nobody would sponsor and nobody was making money of riding. We had to really push it and we had to really work hard for it," he says.

The Quiksilver team is looking to expand surfing on a global level as well as a continental one. To do this, they have launched a project called Reef Check that has the intention of exploring the world for potential surf, as well as saving areas of reef that are in danger. The Reef Check signature boat, "The Crossing," has already discovered surf in over sixteen countries. The perfect surfing conditions found in places like Indonesia, Fiji and Tahiti are all created by underwater coral reefs. The Reef Check crew is working on protecting these delicate reefs, which are now in danger because of widespread pollution.

Reef Check Spokesperson Dana Mesenbrink says that the project has been successful so far.

"We have scientists who do reef conservation," he says, "They observe everything from reef conditions to fish, to different species of animals so that they can save the reefs. And we use only bio-diesel fuel as well which is basically bio-degradable fuel made of oils and soy extract."

Mesenbrink says that as a bonus, the team has already discovered over one hundred surfable waves along their travels.

With the help of newly improved gear, a stronger public image and projects like Reef Check, surfing is set to attract more enthusiasts across the world—but will Canadian kids trade in their skateboards for surfboards anytime soon? Perhaps, as they say, only time will tell.

## Report Card Allison Crowe

**Date:** September 24, 2004

**Venue:** Ginger's Tavern

**Reporter:** Amy D. Nelson

**Photographer:** David Irish

**Stage Presence:** B+

**Audience Reaction:** A-

**Sound:** A+

**Effort:** A

**Get-It-On-Ability:** B+

The first thing that comes to mind upon hearing Allison Crowe's voice is the word powerful. In a rare club performance, Crowe performed with just a piano and a microphone at Ginger's Tavern. The simple setup was exactly what was needed to showcase her commanding vocal talent—Crowe's singing could put any one of those Canadian Idol wienies to shame. The most touching part of the evening was when Crowe performed "Lisa's Song," written about a friend who went missing in the summer of 2002. The song is being distributed in Nanaimo, B.C. by Lisa's family in an effort to raise money for the search effort; Crowe's delivery of the haunting melody affected everyone in the room.

Listen to Crowe's new album, *Secrets* (Rubenesque Records, 2004) at [www.allisoncrowe.com](http://www.allisoncrowe.com).

## In-Flight Safety: Halifax's Next Shining Light

Sackville, N.B.-bred, Halifax-based group on the rise

Chris McCluskey  
Staff Contributor

Where do you go? Where do you hide?

These are the questions In-Flight Safety's John Mullane asks in his lyrics to the ballad "Out of Sight." But Based in a town the size of Sackville, N.B.—population 5,000—it's easy to un-

derstand that answers to those weren't hard to find out. In-Flight Safety, who recently opened for the Trews at Dal's frosh week quad concert, formed at Mount Allison University before moving on to satiate the band's ambitions for success in the music industry.

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— John Mullane, In-Flight Safety

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It was a humble and fateful beginning for Safety, whose lead singer spent his first year

of school living in Dalhousie residence at Henderson House. Though Dal was a lot of fun, he says, Mullane's priorities originally led him to Mount Allison to play soccer.

"I had a great year there, all my feelings towards Dal are all warm and fuzzy," says Mullane. "I had a great year there playing music a lot and practicing, but I did get cut from the soccer team.

So that's one bitterness." Mullane went on to show our athletics department what they were missing out on by proving himself to be one of Mount A.'s key players, coming away with his team's sportsmanship award. The greater accomplishment of the move, however, was the formation of Safety, who have since gone on to receive acclaim from some of music's most respected

figures. Emm Gryner—who calls In-Flight Safety the best band in the country—is credited with discovering the band while at a bar in Moncton; she soon after referred them to her New York-based manager before going on the road with rock chameleon David Bowie.

"We were deep down very excited. We forwarded that email [with Gryner's praise] to everyone we knew," Mullane says. "It was very surreal, but you try not to get too excited because it doesn't help you."

The group also claimed distinction of being the best unsigned band at the 2003 North By Northeast Festival in Toronto, an honor that led to an automatic record deal with Universal.

"It did help a little bit with things like [the award]," says Mullane. "It gave us more exposure with people who are in the business."

Many believe the band has the potential to be the next big thing to come out of Halifax's celebrated indie music scene. For those who have not had the occasion to attend one of Safety's



In-Flight Safety prepare for take-off. L-R: Keyboardist Danny Ledwell, drummer Glen Nicholson, guitarist/vocalist John Mullane, bassist Brad Goodsell.

shows, they are often compared to a blend of the atmospheric guitars of Icelandic band Sigur Ros with the vocal stylings of Coldplay's Chris Martin.

"I hear the Sigur Ros influences a lot clearer," says Mullane, "[but Coldplay] is definitely not what we're going for. I think a lot of times fans pick a closest relative to everyone sometimes."

Haligonians have the benefit of seeing In-Flight Safety play regularly around city; their next gig will be in support of the Con-

stantines at the Marquee Club on Friday night. Wintersleep will also play upstairs, while Caledonia and Folds of Policy—fresh from their Keith's Fest appearance—will entertain in Hell's Kitchen downstairs.

vlf the past year has been any indication, John Mullane may soon become the subject of his own lyrics; though they've moved to a city with 400,000 citizens population-wise, In-Flight Safety might not be a well-kept secret for long.

## These Vagabond Streets: Going Ghana



Photo: Eden Alexander

Eden Alexander  
Arts Contributor

The phrase "it's a whole other world over there" pretty accurately describes many people's encounters with cultures other than their own. It is often used to explain where there is no explanation, and to describe the indescribable. The phrase does, however, come up short to give meaning to the most remarkable and life changing experiences of one's life.

As someone who has recently returned from a year in West Africa, I am very well versed in phrases that say nothing while attempting to explain. Attempts to share stories either leave me feeling like I have perpetuated someone's misled bias or I am completely talking bullshit. Though I secretly yearn to share this "whole other world" I dipped into with everyone here, I am plagued by what many travelers complain of upon return.

Everyone here is caught up in a world of their own, the one we are part of before leaving. And now, the two worlds don't see eye to eye.

Making my way to West Africa had been a long awaited goal. Two years of collecting savings, u-turns on the road of life, and endless "be wary" lectures had

paid off; I had earned seat 28F, the window, en route to Accra.

My heart was filled with excitement, and my lungs so flooded with anticipation I could hardly breathe. Maybe it was the altitude, but I believed the light-headedness I felt was fate and I finally going the same way.

I never knew where fate and I were off to, mind you. Exactly how the following year would change me or what I was soon to understand were complete mysteries I considered out of my hands. I had set out to make myself vulnerable to experiences I could not get anywhere else. I had ventured out of the Canadian bubble to come to terms with our ever-complicated world, and my ever-confused role in it.

Now having returned, I fear sharing my personal epiphanies and broader perspectives, despite the significance they have as a chapter of my life. Under the context of "how was your trip?" I can talk of women carrying water for hours; of old men with young wives, of malaria and malnutrition; I can conjure reflections of poverty and obscurity from literature and media, when really I hope to explain community and wealth. For myself these ideas pertain to the understanding of a reality that became my own. Traveling in rickety mini-

buses ("tro-tro's"), weighed down with screaming goats and worldly possessions, quickly changed from a tense adventure to "the way things are done."

Intricate greetings, once annoying or insulting, became an inherent part of every interaction, or at least a common joke. Sitting under a mango tree to wait, chat, or pass the heat transformed from a complete waste of time to ritual. I can't explain my experiences because people's ideas are attached to their own culture—whereas right now, mine are stuck between two.

Feeling misunderstood is a common complaint from those fresh from abroad. But honestly, you don't have to go far to suddenly feel like others don't understand you (staying at home can sometimes be bad enough). How to relate again can seem difficult, if not down right impossible sometimes, but the bottom line is that it must be done.

It is best to remember this the next time we feel like using the phrase "it's a whole other world over there" as a mechanism to shut someone up, or insult their ability to understand. Who knows, conversation could lead to new friends and future fantastic adventures. Basically, you never know if you see eye to eye, until you try.

## Sartorial Eloquence: Attack of the T-Dot Clones

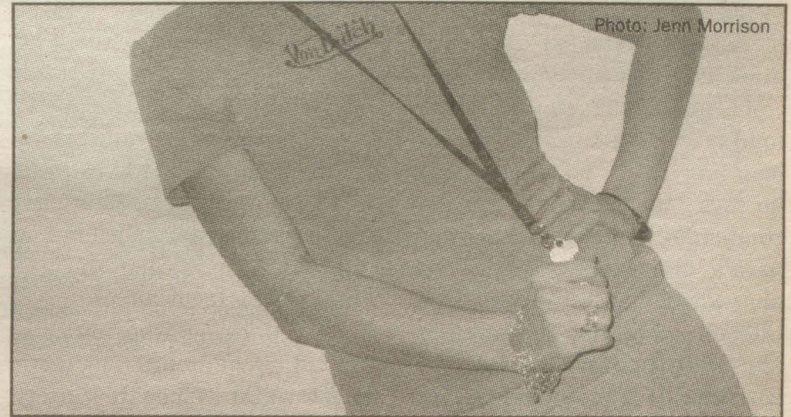


Photo: Jenn Morrison

Nadine LaRoche  
Fashion Guru

A girl with beautiful blonde hair and lulu yoga pants slides into the empty desk next to me. I give her a welcoming smile as she pushes her chair closer to mine. She flashes me a pearly grin and I plunk my reader on me knee between us. She's perfectly groomed. Her long platinum blonde locks are blow-dried straight and full. Pretty blues peer out from behind clean, rimless glasses. Her lightly glossed lips are locked into a cover girl smile. Tiffany's finest hangs from her wrist. I remember watching it bounce against her arm when she shook the professor's hand on the way in. She leans in to start usual classmate small talk, asking: "So you're from Toronto too?"

Looking down at my black pumps, dropped-waist olive-green dress and brushed cord vintage-inspired blazer, I wonder what exactly screams "Toronto."

My colleague and fellow fashionista Jenn Morrison had a similar experience. "There's a guy who works at the SUB that I know went to high school in Dartmouth," she says, "but he didn't know that I did too." One day, during the summer, they were talking together at Dal when all of a sudden he asked her where she lived. She told him Dartmouth and he couldn't believe it. "I thought for sure you were from Toronto," he said to her, adding, "You're so much cooler now!"

Well, my colleague and I are far from Torontonians. I was born in Halifax and raised in Bedford with two brothers who worked in a fish store. I hate fish myself—but that doesn't make me any less Nova Scotian, or any more Torontonian. My only real tie to the big city is a best friend from there, but she's less T-dot than

me. My colleague, on the other hand, grew up in Dartmouth and would rather take one trip to Montreal than a dozen to T.O.

So what makes us look like we're from Toronto? Moreover, why did it make my skin crawl when I was categorized as a Torontonian?

It was only over a table full of drinks—not all my own, of course—that I figured it all out when a friend asked me, "So, why clothes?" I let Morrison give her answer first while I slowly started to piece mine together in my head. I gave her a few reasons:

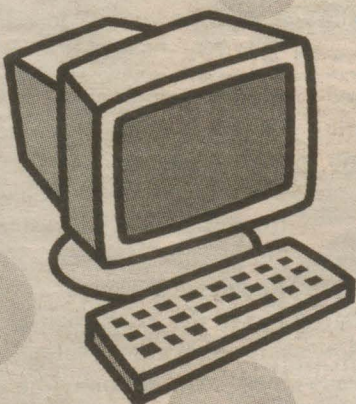


one day I'll work the suit-side of fashion, it gave me a name for myself in high school—why not be the girl with cool clothes, and now it's my way of being different. We've all heard that one before. It seems every trend is rooted in an "I want to be different" anthem, however, not so much for "Toronto" style. The cry for uniqueness seems far from the mind of the young T-dotters. The "Toronto" girl mold of Ugg boots, way-too-low rise jeans, three-tiered minis, university/Roots sweatpants, tight Tees and perfectly tussled hair that all comes together to make the I-took-five-hours-to-be-this-messylook may not be what every Toronto girl is wearing, but there's enough of these clones swimming around to create a stereotype.

So why did my skin crawl? For me, fashion is a means of ex-

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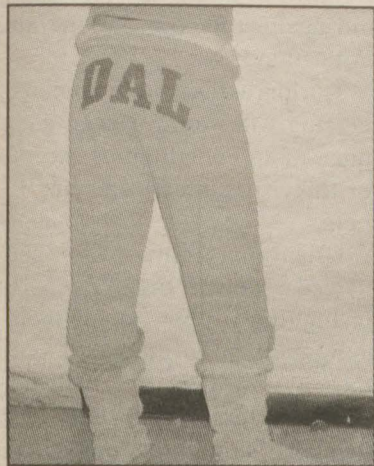
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pressing myself, so why would I want to be associated with a style that lacks expression? In saying all this I have inevitably pissed off a few of you—so I'll clarify. I am not condoning all you Toronto trendsters. T-dotters have added to Halifax's fashion by daring to wear the über-trends that rock the pages of high-fashion magazines. They've brought us the ability to wear yoga pants and still look sexy, they've de-ugged the Ugg boot and they've turned casual into glamour. Uggs are the perfect pair for our Halifax winters (not minis), and that cheerleader inspired barely-there skirts look rockin' at the bars (not class). When used in moderation—and in the right situation—these trends are adorable; it's the guilty overindulgence that has beaten them into the dust. Let this be a warning to you all: don't unstyle styles, 'cause you'll never get them back.

# Creative Featurette

Untitled  
By: Mark Black

It was my aunt's wedding and he was one of my cousin's boy-friends. In trying to prove that he was a 'friendly'; He told me he coached a Little League team in the town I grew up in. He promised to call me later that summer and let me know when the try-outs were. He really did promise.

I was thinking, who you fooling buddy? We both know these arms can't throw for shit.

He didn't call.

My grandfather started the first Little League in Canada. There's a field in our hometown named after him with a huge metal fence in right field called "the Monster." It's like some bizarre Little-League version of Fenway Park. I only played there once. The team I was on lost.

I thought being related to him was enough. But it wasn't. I wouldn't impress anyone, so I kept it to myself. When you're ten years old you really don't give a damn about bloodlines. The ability to hit a ball over a massive chain link fence? Yes. Genetics? Not so much.

My grandfather will always be viewed by those who knew him as a man who talked too much and



did too little. Too many dreams, too little to show for it. An object of pity and disdain.

I can't believe that that's the truth.

He wanted to bring Little League to his hometown—and thus became a footnote in baseball trivia.

He sold the land near his house to developers. He wanted to bring a shopping mall to a swamp. One of those is a dream; the other vaguely resembles a dream. He achieved mixed results.

He thought their disapproving scowls were because they resented his dreams.

I think that just because it's your hometown, doesn't mean you belong.

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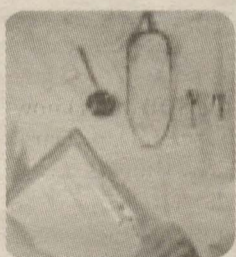
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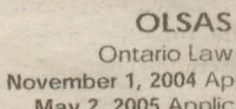
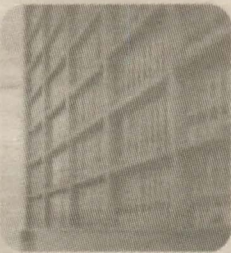
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# SuperSex in the SuperCity: Student Bodies

Dave Moriné-Wentworth  
Sexpert

With the new academic year now underway, it is high time for a lesson in some of the basics of human sexuality. Perhaps the most enjoyable way of dealing with this topic is to field questions that come from other Dalhousie students. It doesn't matter if you are a green virgin or sexy vixen; everybody has questions about sex and sexuality. So, without any further adieux, let's take a look in the mailbag.

*I hate performing oral sex on my boyfriend, but he says he "needs" it. How do we find a compromise? (B.M.)*

In this instance, I would suggest opening up with your partner and discussing the matter. The only way to find a happy medium is to see where both people are coming from and to try to meet somewhere in the middle.

There could be a number

of reasons why you may dislike performing oral sex on your boyfriend. One common concern is regarding forcefulness during oral activity, namely if a guy pushes your head down on his cock.

Many performers of oral don't like this as it can easily trigger the gag reflex and cause discomfort. Suggest to your partner that he uses his hands to touch your body, and that way you both will be stimulated.

Another common concern is that he will cum (ejaculate) in your mouth. If this is something you don't like, tell your partner before you start, and suggest climaxing through manual stimulation, such as a hand job or masturbation.

*Is it unhealthy to never masturbate? (C.R.)*

Masturbation is healthy and can be an important part of any person's sexuality. Moreover, masturbation can be a valuable

tool in discovering your sexual desires. When we masturbate we can flip into a fantasy and live out our wildest dreams. You can make it all about you, and let your mind roam from one erotic situation to another. In this regard, masturbation can be very healthy as it satisfies our sexual curiosity.

Many males think that if they don't get off, their cum will keep accumulating. This is true for a few days, perhaps up to a week, but then they've reached their natural limit.

If you don't get off for ages, cum will naturally recycle in the body. If your body needs to release ejaculate, and you haven't masturbated or had sex, you will probably encounter a nocturnal emission—in other words, a wet dream.

Don't listen to old school views about masturbation being a degenerating activity. There are lots of benefits to solo action, as it allows you to discover what turns you on and how your sexual or-

gans operate. Couples may find that masturbating together is delightful, as it allows you to show your partner exactly how you like it, and what buttons to push. Masturbation is a part of being a sexually healthy adult; and don't forget that healthy doesn't mean liking it a lot or a little. We all have different libidos.

*Does genital piercing enhance oral pleasure? (C.F)*

There are two common types of genital piercing out there. For women, it is piercing of the labia, however the clitoris can also be pierced, depending on your formation. In males, regardless of being circumcised or not, the most common piercing is the Prince Albert (P.A.) done through the foreskin or along the coronal ridge.

There is an urban legend out there that women who are erotically pierced will gain stimulation when walking to class, or riding an exercise bike. This isn't

always true, however, women may find an occasional thrill now and again, thereby sparking an erotic mood.

During activity, the woman's piercing will rarely, if ever, give much of an added bonus except for the visual effect of having it there.

Oftentimes guys who get pierced "down there" report having to learn how to use their equipment all over again, but once it settles in, they will be able to resume lovemaking. Remember that an erect penis has a bit of give to it, and a metal piercing does not. Both partners will notice it, but as for pleasure, that truly is a matter of personal preference.

*Please email questions about sex, sexuality, or romance to dalhousie\_sex@hotmail.com or drop off questions in a sealed envelope to the Gazette office in room 312 of the SUB. Confidentiality is assured and your questions will be taken seriously without prejudice*

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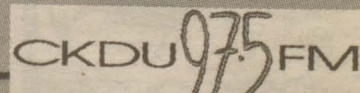
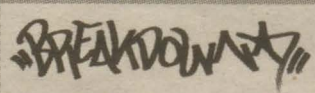
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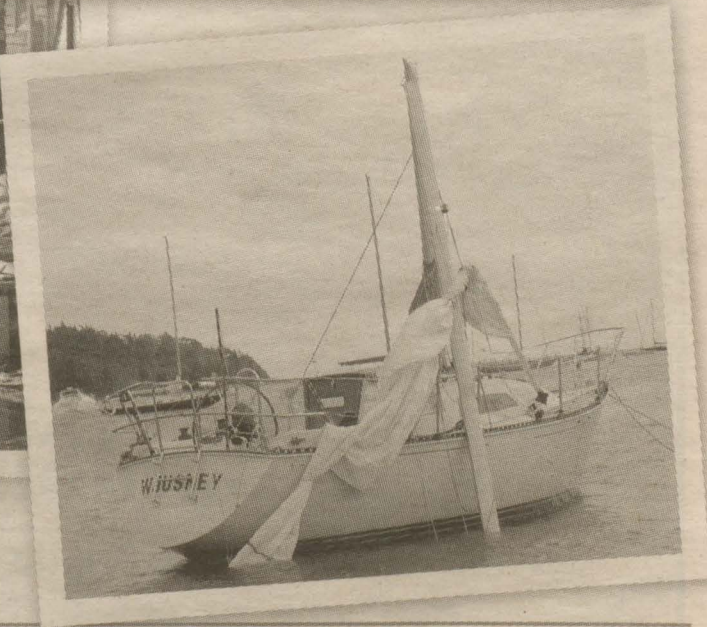
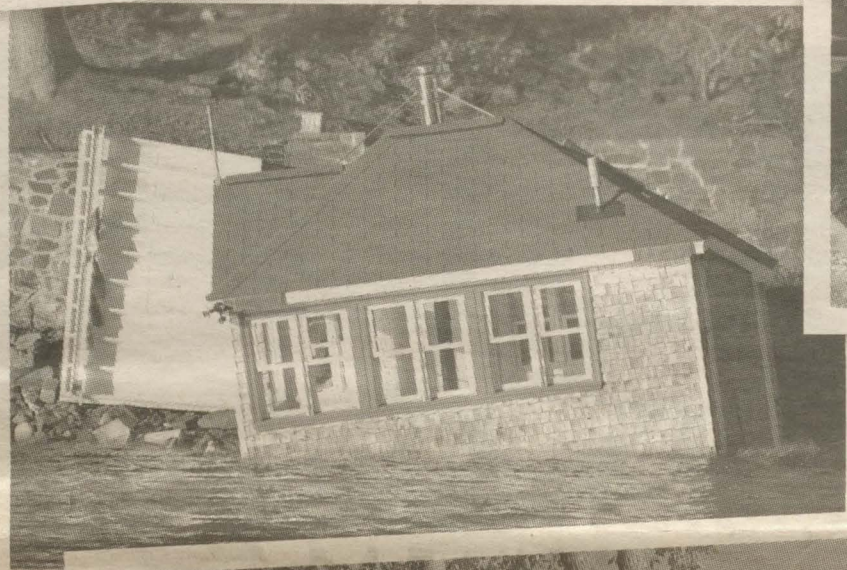
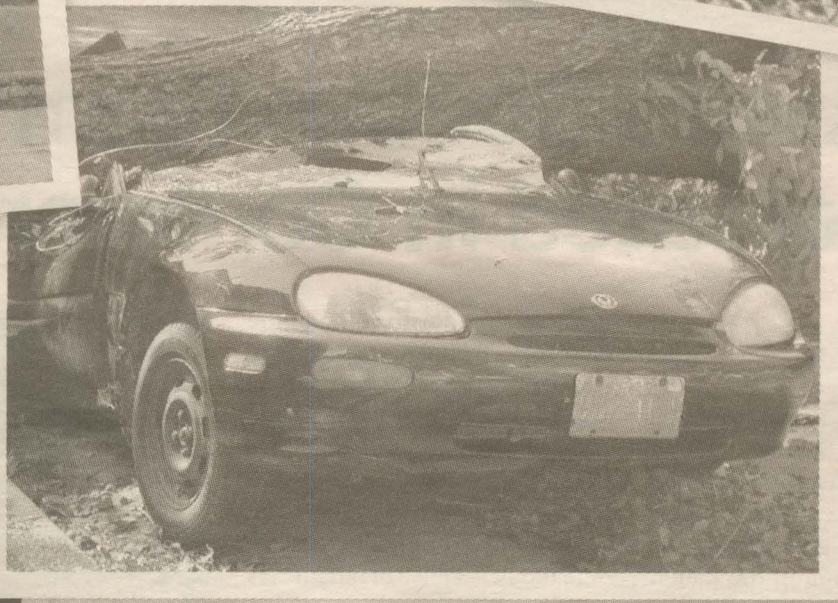
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Aside from all the destruction and damage caused by Hurricane Juan, the truly amazing element of the whole experience was that it occurred with very little expectation. In a world where the news media hypes every minor event that involves the least bit of death or destruction, little was said in the days and hours before Juan hit Nova Scotia the evening of Sept. 28. Maritimers are no strangers to storms, but Juan took us by surprise and packed a wallop. As a category two hurricane, Juan carried winds of 158 km/h and left immense destruction in its wake. Trees fell to the ground, power was knocked out for days, boats washed up on shore and wharves were washed away completely. In the days after Juan hit, citizens all over HRM spent their time marveling at the devastation, cutting trees, cleaning their yards and talking quietly by candlelight in the evening.

Of all the ruins caused by the storm, none were as mesmerizing as the damage done to Point Pleasant Park. It took eight months to clean up and re-open the park after 70 per cent of the trees were felled after taking Juan's powerful winds head-on. At Dalhousie, classes were cancelled for an entire week; some students living in Fenwick Tower went months before being able to return to their ravaged high-story rooms. Hurricane Juan will surely be remembered, even decades from now, as one of the worst storms this province has ever experienced.

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### Men's national cross country Rankings Top 10

1. Windsor
- 2 (tie) Guelph
- 2 Dalhousie**
- 4 Manitoba
- 5 Alberta
- 6 Queen's
- 7 Victoria
- 8 Western
- 9 Waterloo
- 10 Toronto

### Women's national cross country Rankings, Top 10

- 1 Guelph
- 2 Calgary
- 3 Western
- 4 Manitoba
- 5 Dalhousie**
- 6 Toronto
- 7 Victoria
- 8 Windsor
- 9 McGill
- 10 Queen's

### Tigers action at home this weekend

- Men's soccer**  
Friday vs. St. FX. @ 3 p.m.
- Women's hockey**  
Friday vs. John Abbott @ 2 p.m.  
Saturday vs. Windsor @ 6:30 p.m.
- Women's soccer**  
Saturday and Sunday vs. Mun at 2 p.m.

The Women's soccer team is currently ranked eight in the country.

Men's hockey recruit Marty St. Pierre will not be playing for the Tigers this season after. He has signed a contract to play pro for the Edmonton Oilers farm team.

### Sports Briefs

### Cross Country Rankings

## Women's Soccer Team Remains Undefeated in Conference

Mike Tweedale  
Sports Contributor

The women's soccer team was on the road last Sunday to play a lone game against the X-women of St. FX. Sparked by early momentum, the Tigers dominated time of possession in the match and cruised to a lopsided 3-0 victory. The win means the Tigers are now the only undefeated team in AUS (4-0-1).

Entering the game, both teams were part of a three-way tie with the St. Mary's Huskies atop the AUS Eastern conference standings. The Tigers, however, have two games-in-hand over both adversaries, and in Antigonish were quick to seize the upper hand. Sophomore winger Darcie Jaremey opened the scoring at the six-minute mark, then Leah Kutcher scored at 25 minutes on a great play that involved five players, including Leanne Huck, and Laura Scharf scored at 49 minutes to make the tally 3-0. It was the first defeat in seven games for the X-women.

In his first year as St. FX's head coach, Trevor Reddick is becoming

acquainted with some of the challenges facing his team; at the end of the game, he wasn't pulling any punches about his thoughts regarding the AUS schedule. "It's ridiculous that we're expected to play seven games in 16 days," he said. "We were not able to compete today because of fatigue. It's outrageous."

Dal goalkeeper Amanda Verhaeghe voiced the Tigers' recognition of the X-women's weary condition, saying: "We could see that they were tired, it was obvious enough." Asked whether or not the Tiger's offensive performance in front of a sparse and subdued Xavier crowd was better than that of previous games, Verhaeghe directly replied that "[St. FX.] always plays well, today wasn't any different than other games this year... we had a few bounces and Xavier didn't bring their best game, but those were about the only differences."

With three shutouts in their first five games, the 2004 Dal team is strengthening its defensive complexion—and Verhaeghe is obviously enjoying backstopping her teammates. "It's great

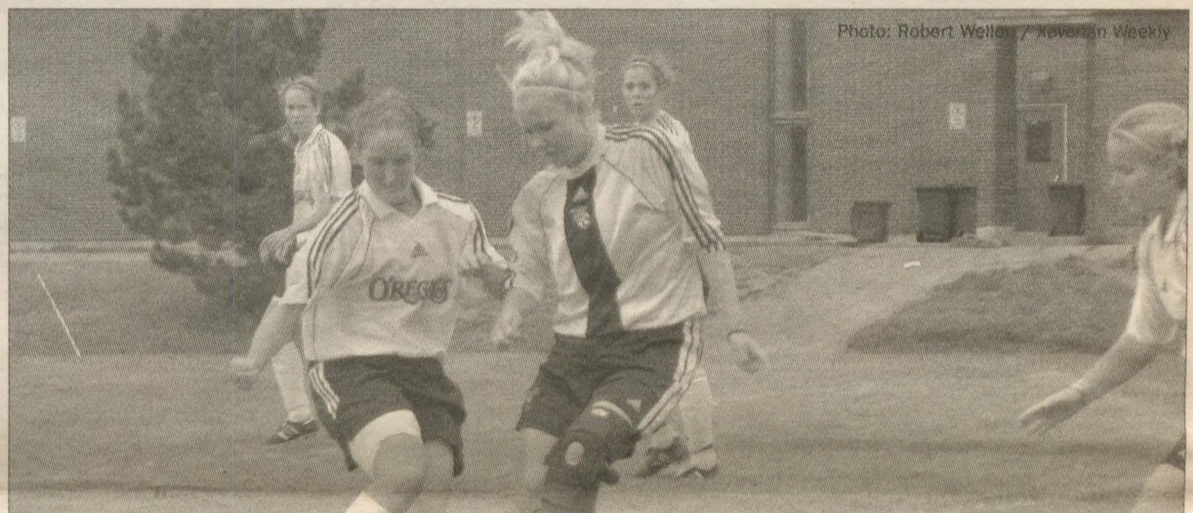


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Dal has their way with the X-women last weekend's soccer match.

playing behind them," she said. "I can always count on them." Dal has not yielded more than a single goal in any one game this season.

In the defensive end of the field, the Tigers are quick to thwart opposition attacks; the increasing efficiency of their transition game seems to be generating offensive opportunities of their own. "I was pleased with the quality of goals scored," said team coach Chandler, whose team is developing efficiency in

redirecting the flow of play and concentrating it in front of the opposing goal. Verhaeghe attributes a lot of the success to the team coming together and playing as a unit. "Another year together is making a difference," she said. "We have more composure and we're controlling the play better."

The Tigers were so dominating that the Xavier bench boss conceded that despite his team's fatigue, "The Tigers are a good team. They have good play-

ers and they're really quick on the wings and we didn't defend against it."

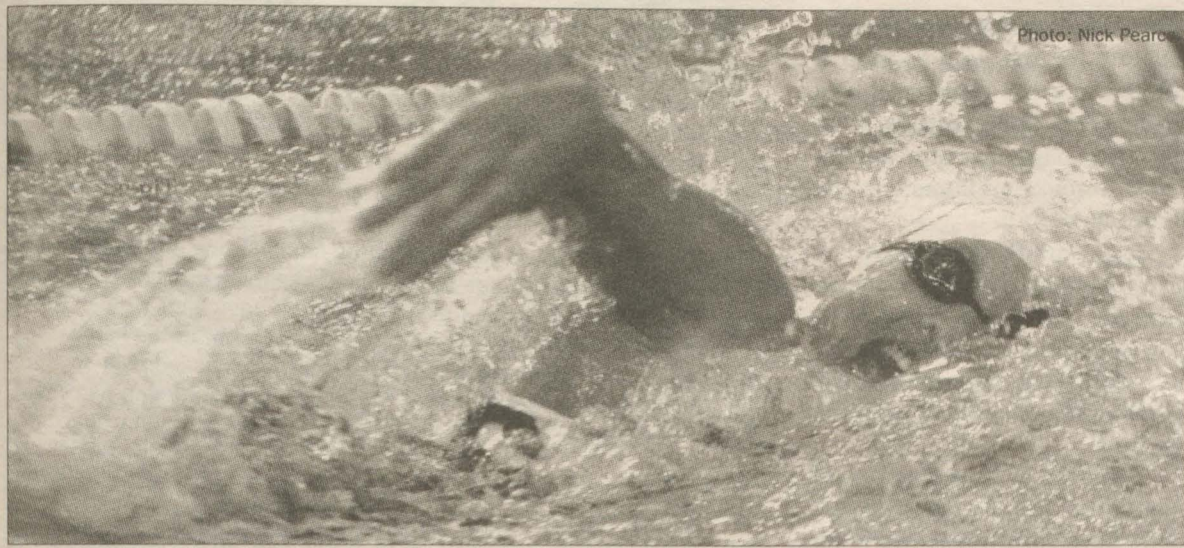
Reddick also commended Tiger striker Leanne Huck, who repeatedly broke down the X-women's defense with superior speed, and menaced the opposing goalie with an array of threatening crosses.

The Tigers welcome Memorial University to Wickwire field for back-to-back games this Saturday and Sunday, both kicking off at 2 p.m.

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Atlantic Team/Équipe	GP/PJ	W/V	L/D	T/N	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
<b>East</b>								
Dalhousie	5	4	0	1	8	2	6	13
Saint Mary's	7	4	2	1	13	7	6	13
StFX	7	2	1	4	5	5	0	10
Memorial	7	2	3	2	11	13	-2	8
Acadia	7	0	3	4	6	9	-3	4
<b>West</b>								
UPEI	7	4	1	2	10	6	4	14
UCCB	7	4	2	1	14	5	9	13
UNB	6	3	3	0	6	9	-3	9
Mount Allison	6	2	3	1	9	12	-3	7
Moncton	7	0	7	0	5	19	-14	0
AUS SOCCER STANDINGS [MEN]								
<b>East</b>								
Saint Mary's	6	5	0	1	14	1	13	16
Memorial	6	3	3	0	13	9	4	9
Dalhousie	5	2	3	0	10	5	5	6
StFX	5	2	3	0	6	8	-2	6
<b>West</b>								
UPEI	6	4	0	2	22	4	18	14
Mount Allison	6	4	1	1	15	8	7	13
UNB	5	1	1	3	8	6	2	6
UCCB	6	0	3	3	6	15	-9	3
Moncton	7	0	7	0	4	42	-38	0

# Kiera Aitken: Swimming for Gold



Kiera Aitken leads the charge.

Brian Adeba  
Sports Contributor

Kiera Aitken says her entrance into competitive swimming has been a gradual and smooth pro-

cess. "It was easy," says the 20-year-old Dal computer science major.

"I tried harder and that got me where I am now."

Where Aitken "is now" is pre-

paring for the start of her fourth varsity swimming season as the team's best swimmer, and status as an Olympic veteran.

In the 2004 summer Olympic Games in Athens, Aitken repre-

sented her Caribbean island nation of Bermuda in the women's 100-metre backstroke. As the only swimmer in Bermuda's national Olympic team, she also set a new record of 1:04:37 for her country.

"It was a great honour to represent my country even though I didn't win a medal," she says.

Aitken says she first learned to swim at summer camp in her native Bermuda when she was seven years old. It wasn't long before she had success.

"By thirteen or fourteen, I made it into the national team," she says.

Aitken's first break in the international swimming scene came when she represented Bermuda in the 2002 Commonwealth Games in the U.K. In the first heat of the women's 100-metre backstroke, Aitken finished sixth out of a total of seven positions. Her record time was 1:11.78.

"I was overwhelmed and way off my best time," she says, "but eventually, I got my focus back."

In the women's 50m backstroke (heat 3), Aitken set a record time of 31.12 seconds. Although she was in seventh out of a total of eight positions, she had set a new record for Bermuda.

Aitken says the fact that she didn't win a medal in either the Olympics or the Commonwealth games doesn't bother her much. "I am happy to have competed," she says. "I set out to better my own times and I definitely achieved all my goals."

As a member of the Dalhousie Tigers, Aitken has received a lot of team support after first joining the swim team, she says—giving her more confidence in her sport. "It's definitely better than at home, where you are competing with the same people every day—it's boring."

Aitken also says the facilities at Dalhousie are better than at home, where there are no Olympic-size pools (50 metres in length).

Since coming to Dal, Aitken has experienced a lot of success. She is the reigning conference female swimmer of 2004. In each of her three seasons at Dal, she has been a national finalist and last year she was named the swim team MVP. Back home, Aitken—who says she puts in between 16 to 18 hours of training every week—won three gold medals, one bronze and one silver in the 2003 Island Games, a sports tournament that hosts competition from all the island nations of the Caribbean.

Aitken says her long-term plans include competing in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

"If I win a medal, I will never take it off," she says.

For now, Aitken says she will focus on helping her team defend its conference title and improve on its ninth place finish at last year's CIS championships.

The Tigers dive into their season with a relay meet at Dalplex on Oct. 15, against swimmers from around the province.

## The Water Cooler

Jenn Casey  
Sports Contributor

It's been a couple weeks since Canada won the gold medal in the World Cup of Hockey, and I must admit, the novelty has worn off. Especially since the same cream of the crop millionaire players are now entwined in the soap opera that is the NHL lockout.

As a life-long hockey fan, I was not quite too sure whose side to take at the beginning. The owners are... well, the owners: greedy businessmen who know nothing of hockey and would sacrifice Lord Stanley himself to make a team profitable. But then there are the players who refuse to take a salary cap for the good of the game. Seriously guys, is cutting a couple million off your paycheck going to bankrupt you?

Whatever way you look at it,

this is not good for hockey. Remember the baseball lockout back in 1994? It took a good 5 years just to recover the fan support, and Americans actually like baseball.

What's going to happen to the NHL, in which 80 per cent of the league's teams are based in the U.S. cities, and a good majority of those cities will not even care or notice that the team isn't playing?

Canadian NHL fans will come back. In fact, right now most of us are suffering with something commonly known as Hockey Withdrawal Syndrome (HWS).

Unfortunately for us, there are only six Canadian teams in the league. One can only dream that this will mean teams will flock back to Canada.

But not only are the players eliminating my right to sit on my coach on Saturday nights and

watch Don Cherry rant about his pet peeve of the day, they are ripping off other people a little more seriously.

About 150 NHL players have moved across the pond to take jobs in the professional European leagues. As a result, they are taking jobs away from 150 not-so-millionaire guys who need those jobs to support their families.

Don't forget all the icemakers, ushers and food vendors that work in the NHL arenas. Retailers, hockey broadcasters, cameramen and other technical works will also feel the pinch. The hits to the little guys in the economy are so numerous I almost feel ill.

So, in the end I guess I'm a business-driven, Lord Stanley sacrificing, heartless beast... No wait, sorry, I'm a hockey fan. And I think that the big babies should suck it up and play.

## Atheletes of the Week



Paul Chafe  
Cross-Country

Paul Chafe once again has demonstrated he is a big race runner. Chafe finished fourth at the University of Western Ontario meet, taking 45 seconds off the time he posted in the race last year. Chafe's time of 32:15 led the Tigers to a fifth-place finish at the prestigious event. The level of competition was high with Chafe finishing ahead of three members of Canada's University National cross country team. Chafe is a native of Railton, ON and is running his fourth season with the Tigers.



Janice Ashworth  
Cross Country

At Canada's biggest and most competitive pre-championship cross-country meet, Janice Ashworth led wire-to-wire at the University of Western Ontario International. Ashworth, a sophomore runner from Dunrobin, ON, seemed to have no difficulty fending off challenges from any of the athletes. Running comfortably, Ashworth recorded a time of 17:47, the eighth-fastest in the meet's 30-year history—and one of the seven performances in front of her was her own from last year. Last year's CIS cross country and track and field Rookie of the Year, Ashworth led the Tigers to a third-place finish as a team and individually, led Leanna MacLean and Hilary Burn to 1-2-3 Dalhousie sweep of the top individual positions.

# GO TIGERS, GO!

**Friday, October 1**  
Women's hockey: John Abbott College @ DAL 2pm (ex.)  
Men's soccer: StFX @ DAL 3pm

**Saturday, October 2**  
Women's soccer: MUN @ DAL 2pm  
Women's hockey: U of Windsor @ DAL 630pm (ex.)

**Sunday, October 3**  
Women's soccer: MUN @ DAL 2pm

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# The Boys Are Back in Town

Joey Ryba  
Staff Contributor

Led by number 29, J.F. Perras, the Dalhousie men's hockey team is charged up and ready to hit the ice for another season in the fast-paced, hard-hitting Atlantic University Hockey Conference (AUHC).

The AUHC is without question the best hockey in the Maritimes—the league is balanced and features high-adrenalin, competitive hockey on a nightly basis. No team can take any other team for granted. There's no NHL this year, so come out and support the Dalhousie Tigers.

The off-season brought changes to the Tiger's line up. Gone are Chris Stanley, Mark Lynk, Freddy Belanger, Dave Walker and Pat Vincent. To fill the void, head coach, Fabian Joseph had a busy off-season bringing in high profile recruits, all with junior hockey experience. Joining the Tigers are forwards Marty St. Pierre (Guelph, OHL), Jimmy Cuddihy (Shawinigan, QMJHL) and Maxim Lessard (Cape Breton, QMJHL). Joining the defensive core are Corey LeClair (Sault St. Marie, OHL), Dan Patten (Belleville, OHL) and Dan Burton (Cramrose, Jr. A).

Joseph is happy with his team's

progress through training camp. "We lost some key players, but I really like what I see from the returnees," he says. "They trained hard over the summer and came back in excellent condition. Together with the recruits, they will fill any holes." Players to watch this year are Dominic Noel, J.F. Perras, Darrell Jerrett, Marty St. Pierre and Marty Gascon.

"Noel will have a huge leadership role this year," says Joseph. "He's really developed into a better athlete and is in great condition. He will be one of the top three forwards in the league." Joseph says he likes Jerrett's attitude: "He's one of the premier power-forwards in the league. He's taking on a leadership role. He leads by example."

As for Gascon—he's going to have his best season so far, says Joseph. "He's maturing. He's played two years in this league and his skills will be important throughout the season."

Joseph also says he expects Brad Pierce to be a big part of the team. "Pierce will give us a lot of leadership," he says. "He developed well at both ends of the ice. He's going to have an enhanced role."

Showing signs of this leadership, Pierce says he believes the team will be well balanced. "This is a hard working team... A team

that's hard working provides incentive for the guys to step it up. Every game is going to be a team effort and everyone is on the same page. Everyone has the tools to make an impact on the score sheet."

Even with the addition of the scoring stars, there is no question that the anchor of the team is goaltending sensation J.F. Perras. Perras is the best goalie in the AUHC and is looking to continue his pace.

"Things are looking good right now," says Perras. "The new guys have some big shoes to fill but that's why they're here. The team is moulding well right now and I'm pretty excited to start."

The Tigers open the season at Dal Arena on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. they will play St. FX.—and the rivalry between the two teams is the most intense in the AUHC.

The last time the Tigers took to the ice at the Dal Arena was in game three of the AUHC final—also against the X-men. The game was played in front of a sell-out crowd of charged up fans who created an electric atmosphere in the building. The enthusiasm of the fans was equal to the product on the ice. So, let's have another sell-out crowd and raise the roof at the home opener.



## Inside the locker room with ...

Adam Hotchkiss ~ Men's Volleyball  
Theresa-Anne Salah  
Staff Contributor

**What would you consider to be an embarrassing situation?**  
I'd have to say that losing two hockey fights in one game would be pretty embarrassing. Or maybe being under the impression you're by yourself in the quiet room at the library and let out a biologically normal yet socially unacceptable sound only to hear someone start giggling uncontrollably behind an adjacent bookshelf....

Not that either of those things ever happened to me. Actually, striking out in soccer baseball would be pretty bad too. "I'll never live that one down" is what this guy I went to school with said when it happened to him in gym class.

**What are the five best places in Halifax?**  
1) Sheriff Hall Cafeteria. They make the sandwiches for you and they have the best dill pickle, not to mention that buffet format I dream about nightly.

2) Rassy's. Largest slices of pizza of all time and the price is right

3) Bearley's. Although I've only been there once I hold it in the highest esteem.

4) Dalhousie men's volleyball team room. The camaraderie and the team unity in there is incredible, although it should be enjoyed for periods of time no longer than those suggested for being in a sauna. Mainly due to its nauseating aroma.

5) The Palace, for obvious reasons.

**What advice would you pass along to someone?**  
If ever you're a little bit short at the cashier, offer to pay in acorns or tales of adventure. They'll usually find you funny and charming and let you get away with it. But also, you run the risk of being humiliated and escorted out of the store. That happened to this friend of mine once. Actually, it was the same guy that struck out in soccer baseball...what a loser

**What Disney character do you have a crush on?**  
I hope no one totally takes this the wrong way, but I kind of have a man-crush on the guy in *Beauty and the Beast*. I think it's just because I feel so sorry for him when all his gadgets fail and that devilish Gaston humiliates him and then his horse runs away from him on the way to the fair. He's really got nothing going for him and I just want to grab his big face and start pinching it like a dog and start scratching him behind the ears. Don't get me wrong though, he passed on those genes in a seriously nice way cause Belle is totally fine. she's got it all the looks, the smarts... although I'm not sure what my chances are since she seems to enjoy the companionship of giant beasts that fraternize with tea cups and candle holders - more so than tall, charming strapping young lads like myself and Gaston. The Princess in *Shrek* has it going on too! Though, I always find myself asking how she got in them jeans, or dress or whatever it is she wears, she's a total babe.... during the day.

**What bores you to death?**  
Probably cabbage stacking, or throwing sticks at other sticks, both things I experimented with when I was put on time outs or sent to my room. Neither of them is really quite as fun as they sound.



Dalhousie finished third as a team in last weekend's cross-country meet hosted by the University of Western, but Janice Ashworth, Leanne MacLean and Hilary Burn—all from Dal—finished 1-2-3 respectively in the race.

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In the men's race, Dal's Paul Chafe was the top finisher with a fourth-place showing. The men finished fifth in the team standings.

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Industrials hosted a house party last week only to find an old lady from the nursing home next door had come over to complain. Obviously taken up in all the fun, she ended up sticking around and drinking—in her nightgown.



She took her beer in a cup, because she's a lady...



...But she stayed away from the video dance competition—probably due to her plastic hip.

## How to Seduce a Girl in your Class

### A six-rule how-to guide for guys



Figure 1: Student A and B converse about an upcoming test.

Karen Smith  
*Sextant Contributor*

**Rule 1:** The girls in your class usually want it just as much as you want to give it to them. That said, treat them like any girl at the bar. Unlike a bar, it's usually not appropriate to walk behind them pushing your crotch toward their ass. (For some reason, this is acceptable for good-looking guys at bars.)

**Rule 2:** Don't risk messing up the relationship with the girl who shows you how to do assignments. I know you don't care about your friendship with fe-

males, but if you're going to burn a bridge that shows you how to do on your assignments, you're not smart enough to be in university.

**Rule 3:** Alcohol helps. I've yet to hear one of those stories that contains the phrase "one thing led to another" where alcohol hasn't reared its useful head. This is why campus bars survive.

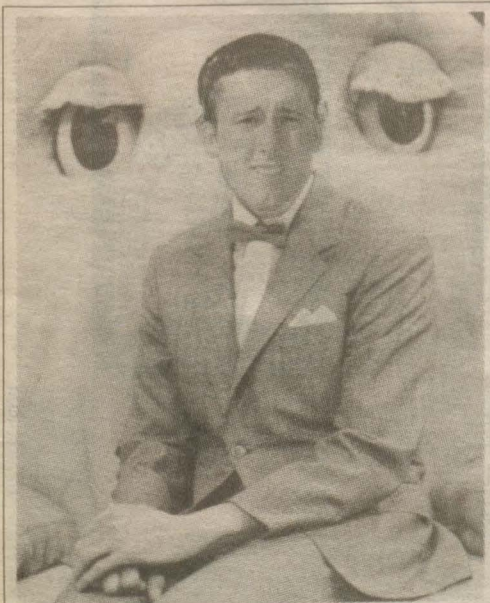
**Rule 4:** Do a good job. Every time you bang a girl, she tells people (at least one other person). Her report may help other girls in your class decide if they want a piece of you. A great report can line you up for several

girls.

**Rule 5:** Why the hell would you start a relationship? The last thing I want to see all day in class, when I'm doing an assignment, doing a lab... is a boyfriend. A boyfriend is for going out and getting drunk with, not for giving assignments to. Stick to banging.

**Rule 6:** If there are no good-looking girls in your class, there's no need to get all dolled up for school. If all the guys in the class show up in sweatpants, the girls will be forced to search elsewhere for booty calls, or they'll have to go to the gym (another great place to meet girls).

## Do You Think You Are Better Than Me?



Billy Clyburn  
*Sextant Editor*

As I ride back to Halifax on the bus, many things come to mind. I look around and see many interesting characters. There is a girl crying because she has to go back to Halifax after a weekend of sex with her long-distance boyfriend—who, by the way, cheats on her all the time. A few seats

up from her sits a guy who keeps to himself. He has his headphones on and has gone to the bathroom at least five times. I didn't know people even used the bathroom at the back of the bus. The only thing I can deduce is that he is masturbating in there. I then think to myself, do they realize that I am planning on writing about them? I mean, besides the fact that I am staring at them excessively. I don't think they realize that what they are doing, well, someone is not only noticing it, but also writing about it in

a school paper with a circulation of 10,000.

Then again, they could be observing someone else on the bus and posting about that on a website or discussion board. And thus I segue into the point of this article...

...As the editor of the *Sextant*, I aim to not only provide poorly written articles with a few punch lines—I hope to inspire (i.e. piss off) people to a point where they, too, would like to contribute poorly written articles with pictures or punch lines. If

you've got something to say, or you think you are better than me (i.e. you think you can do a better job), let's see what you got.

I ask only two things of you: Please have your poorly-written piece in by Sunday if you wish it to be in the upcoming *Sextant*. Try to keep your article to 400 words or less. Make sure it has at least a few punch lines.

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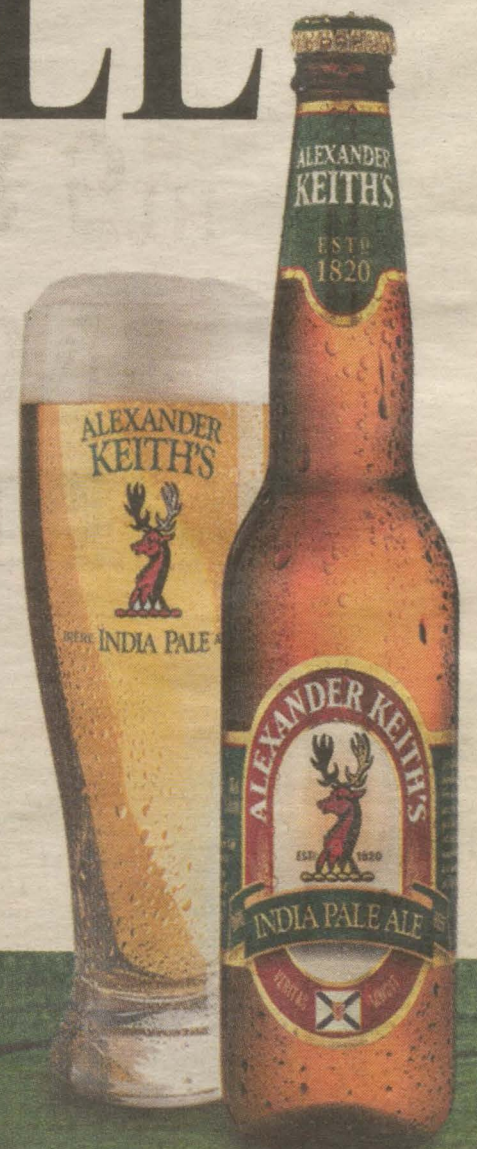
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