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It's the second last issue of the Gazette for the year so time for our wrap-up. This year, we've worked incredibly hard to transform the structure and culture of the DSU into something that's open and accessible to you and all 17,000 of your fellow members. There's always more to do, but we're proud of what we've done and we hope you are too. Here is a list of the top 10 initiatives we have seen from the DSU and our members in 2012/13:

- **Empowered student input** through the creation of Soapbox, our 24/7 online platform (we directly implemented 25+ student submitted ideas)
- **Created a lively SUB** filled with great food, free foosball, lively music, and lots more
- **Opened the T-Room** during daytime hours and worked for better services on Sexton
- **Strengthened advocacy** through government lobbying and grassroots organizing, along with enhanced student presence at Board of Governors, within municipal elections, and provincially
- **Made life easier for student societies** by streamlining grants and society policy
- **Partnered directly with cultural and international societies** to encourage diversity on campus
- **Engaged hundreds of new volunteers** within the DSU through our "Hands On" campaign
- **Opened forums of student representation** by changing Faculty Society election structures
- **Increased social media reach by 250%**, and established a useable TigerSociety system and awesome new website
- **Built campus community through events** such as O-week, Dalfest, puppy rooms, TEDxNovaScotia, our 150th Anniversary, SWITCH Street Festival, Impact Awards, Free School and dozens of concerts and speaker events

Let's keep going! It's been a great year, but there is a lot more to do. We've got a Union that's ready to lead and now it's time to take it to the next level. *Are you ready?*

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Supermarkets compete for student dollars

Eleven per cent Tuesday discount introduced amid heated competition

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Mort Moopstein
Staff Contributor

"Every little bit counts," says fifth-year Dalhousie music student Danielle Myers, "If I'm saving 10 dollars on groceries, that's money towards tuition, books and mostly partying."

Myers is referring to the discount offered by national supermarket chains in their bid to woo student shoppers and secure their loyalty through ever-popular incentives like 10 per cent off when you show a valid student ID on Tuesdays. And beginning April 1, the deal is set to rise a whole one per cent.

The decrease began in 2010, when Atlantic Canada-based Obey's supermarket chain first offered the 10 per cent off student savings. They were quickly copied by fierce competitor Canadian Super-Duperstore who introduced their own 10 per cent off Tuesdays the next year. Now the stakes are rising even higher as the Super-Duperstore follows Obey's announcement of an increase to 11 per cent for the Tuesday student offer.

"Listen, let's remember, we did it first: twice!" exclaims Green Street Obey's manager Seth Hammond, "We were the first to offer the initial 10 per cent off for students and we're the ones taking it up to 11 per cent." Green says the discount definitely brings hungry student shoppers into

his store and is pleased the program is expanding.

Not so fast, says Quinpool Market Super-Duperstore manager Ben Fisher. "Listen, Obey's may have beat us to the 10 per cent and now 11 per cent discount, but we have everyday low prices so who can compete with that?"

Regardless of who the best retailer for students is, their target audience is happy with the increase. First-year Saint Mary's biology student Adam McAdams can't wait for the first Tuesday in April to roll around.

"What is it, Thursday now?" asks gaunt-looking McAdams. "Sorry, I'm not so sure what day it is. I'm so hungry."

"With tuition, housing and other expenses being so high, I can only afford to buy food on Tuesdays. The rest of the week I fend for myself off scraps and hand-outs, like from the food bank. I'm so, so hungry."

"Another one per cent off means I'm going to be eating all that much more," McAdams drools with a hazy glint in his eye.

Anti-poverty advocate Sheila Goldman says the 11 per cent savings aren't good enough. "You have students who can barely afford to eat. Ten per cent, 11 per cent, it makes no differences when the cost of books and meals keeps on rising."

"I'd like to see supermarkets



Obey or the Super-Duperstore. Which will you choose? Photo by Mort Moopstein

nationalized by the federal government and transformed into people's cooperatives," Goldman dreams. "Until then we have to resist accepting these discounts as progress and press for real change."

When asked if he thinks savings would rise further, the Super-Duperstore's Fisher says no way. "Hey listen, 10 per cent off, that cuts into our bottom-line and 11 per cent, forget about it, that's as high as it's going to

get."

On the point of a discount cap, Obey's Hammond agrees. "Listen, take what you can get at 11 per cent," he says. "Don't be getting greedy."

"Hey listen, we tried to get it up to 11.2 per cent, 11.3 per cent, but the shareholders wouldn't have it," says Hammond, "They said, 'We're a publicly traded company and we need to make a profit. If we cleared, let's say 11.5 per cent, then we'd pay less than

a billion dollars in dividends next year and that's simply unacceptable."

Myers says she's fine with the 11 per cent and is also looking forward to more savings in April. "Every cent I don't spend on fruits and vegetables goes directly to beer and cigarettes," she says. "Bring it on."

McAdams wasn't able to comment further as he passed out due to hunger pains. ☹️

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White man hopeful for another DSU exec of solely white men

Sandy Gross
News Contributor

Looking back on a year where he says his marginalized views were finally represented, a white man is hopeful that next year's Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) executive will once again consist solely of white men.

“I CAN ONLY DREAM OF THE SAME THING FOR NEXT YEAR.”

“It was comforting to know that in a school with over 17,000 students of an array of race and cultural backgrounds that my student union would be composed not only of men but that all five of them would be Caucasians!” says Jake Smith, which a source said was the whitest name she has ever heard of. “I can only dream of the same thing for next year,” Smith added excitedly.

Smith could not recall a single

event or campaign that the DSU actually put on this school year, but said the executive did a “phenomenal job.” He added unequivocally that he would have re-voted for all of them if given the chance.

Smith plans to choose who he is voting for this month by examining campaign posters for the familiar presence of a privileged suburban white male that looks like him.

The last all-male DSU executive was in 2006-2007.

The third-year student from an out-of-touch upper class family in Toronto expressed no concern whatsoever that only three of the 19 candidates running for a DSU position this year are female.

“Isn't that the way it should be?”

This awful comment follows a publicized campaign by StudentsNS to increase the representation of women in student politics that Smith was obviously not privy to. Despite women representing 58 per cent of the province's student population, only two of 11 university student union presidents and 42 per cent of all elected representatives are women this year, explains the student advocacy group in a media release.

Smith flatly rejected any suggestions that he is a racist. ☹

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These are not Nova Scotia doctors. Photo by Christine Child

Province totally spaced on hiring surgeons

Surgery wait list grows as health officials day-dream about clouds, margins

Dick Johnson
News Contributor

Government health officials have confirmed a leaked memo that suggests there are no actual surgeons left in the province and there haven't been in almost 20 years.

The memo reveals that the province's last remaining surgeon was an otolaryngologist who relocated to Ontario in 1994, following what turned out to be the region's last actual legitimate surgery, a routine tonsillectomy conducted without incident.

Sources say the vacant surgeon positions were never advertised due to a clerical error in the deputy minister's office.

Health officials at the time tried a variety of methods to tackle the shortage.

"We employed our natural talents, our top bureaucrats, and quickly began an invaluable, on-going assessment of the scope of the problem," said assistant to the assistant vice deputy Lee Rogers.

"We didn't bother telling anyone about the...curtailment, but we did have staff compile an early list of the names of residents requiring surgical procedures, added new names as identified by general practitioners, discussed margin size, and occasionally revised the list, depending on

outcomes of the margin-size committee meetings."

Beginning in 2003, a series of summer students began the work of migrating the list to an online database. None of the officials know how to use the database, but they have been assured it is sufficiently large and complicated to satisfy provincial guidelines.

Routine operations and same-day surgery procedures still occur regularly throughout the province. Rogers says Nova Scotia Public Health Services has found "a small team of family physicians, nursing students, and a group of repurposed migrant farmers to take over the work during this... curtailment."

Statistics show patients rarely make formal complaints or pursue malpractice claims as they don't know the difference. "Also," says Rogers, "they are generally quite pleased to get their hands on some real opiate prescriptions."

With so few surgeries being conducted, many hospitals and health clinics have been leasing their nicer operating rooms as oddly furnished bachelor apartments. Most are being used for storage. Investigators were led to one operating room containing a stack of old chairs, mounds of used clothing, four boxes of imported iPhones, a stray cat and two old men playing cribbage. 🐾

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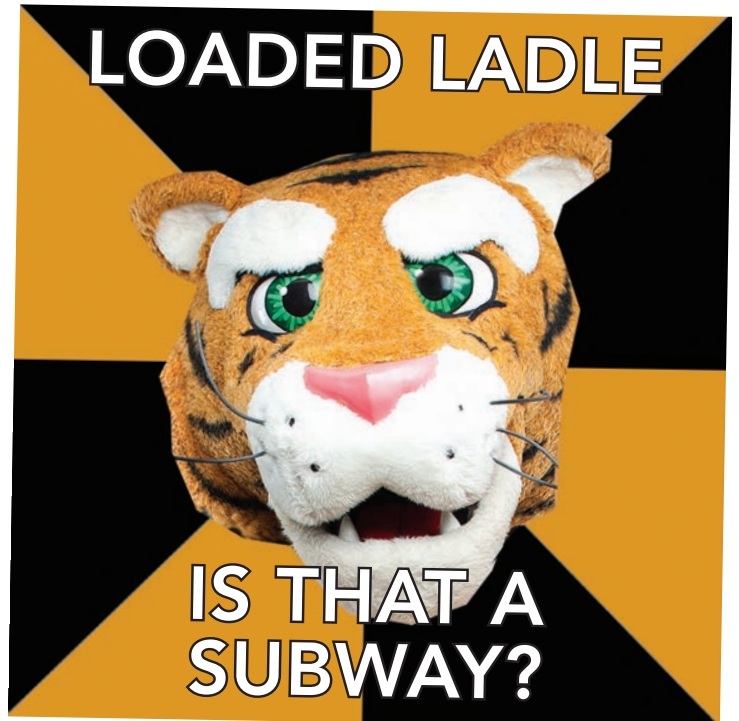
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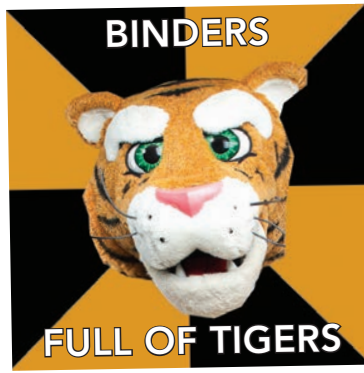
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Dalhousie bomb shelter mistaken for library

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Kathryn Kitchener
Staff Contributor

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The Killam, the largest all-purpose above-ground war shelter in the Maritimes, has become increasingly used as a library since the collapse of the USSR in 1991.

While some continue to stock food and iodine on the fifth floor, most have absolutely no idea they endanger Haligonian lives by loitering in the building.

“ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR FUCKING MIND?”

General Louis Habermark of the Canadian Forces says the facility was state-of-the-art in the 1960s. “We estimated that a battalion could hold the facility for well over a month.”

However, the use of the Killam as a study space has some experts worried.

“It’s not a matter of individuals using the facility *per se*,” said Halifax Fire and Emergency inspector Dale Carl. “It’s about secondary precautions that allow the facility to facilitate non-lethal outcomes in the event of near-complete annihilation.”

For example, the fallout slabs paneling the building mean almost nothing if dwellers are unable to find the iodine. The over one million books, one of the largest number for any blast shelter in the world, can mitigate personal shockwave damage only if individuals know how to correctly duck-and-cover.


The Killam was specially designed to let in as little light as possible. In the event of all-out nuclear war, it was thought, large windows would shatter.

“I don’t know what you want from me,” said Leslie McBlok, a second-year kinesiology student, when asked to demonstrate her duck-and-cover skills in the Killam atrium. “Are you out of your fucking mind?”

Incoming president Richard Florizone says he plans a series of classes and workshops to raise awareness of wartime counter-measures in the bomb shelter when he takes office next year. Among these are “Bottle-cap finance: how to think and grow rich in times of trouble” and “Survival ethics after the apocalypse.” It is unclear whether these will count as credits. ☹

The Killam Memorial War Shelter. INSET: Duck and cover. ••• Photo by Kathryn Kitchener

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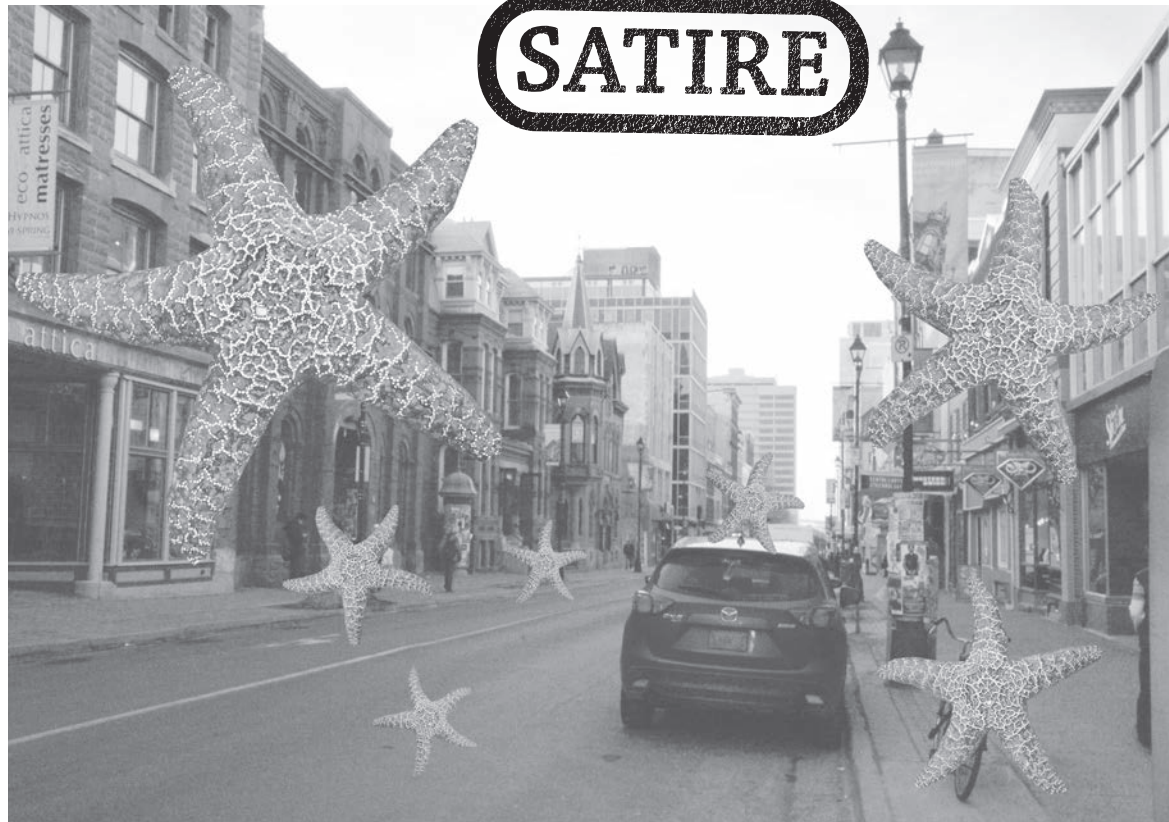
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Rising water levels leaving downtown Halifax awash in sea creatures

Core of Halifax revitalized

Samantha Clumsy
Opinions Editor

Halifax's downtown core has been dying by degrees. With the exception of a few new store openings, businesses are continuing to leak out through the doughnut hole. You can imagine my relief, then, when I realized the entire thing was getting a much-needed kick in the concrete pants by a horde of starfish taking over the buildings.

“YOU GET THE SENSE THAT LIFE IS NOT STATIC.”

Rising out of the Atlantic, one presumes at high tide, these crusty creatures are inching their way toward the downtown core with an eye to the prize(s). Their mission: to instill new life in Barrington and surrounding area's civilization, boldly going where

no property-clinging sea urchin has gone before. Once a critical mass has latched on to a site, they orchestrate themselves to re-create the look and feel of the property, revitalizing the space to suit their vision.

So far, their mission has met with great success. Many of the storefronts are now covered in their five-figured bodies.

Personally, I think they're doing a super job. While some people grumble that the crawl from ocean to property is taking far too long, I say nay! The long, long, looooooong interval between setting their sights on a building and actually getting there and making changes allows them to take stock of the situation. These creatures are methodical, deep, future-oriented. Rome wasn't built in a day, listless Barrington shoppers; we can't expect that Halifax will be rebuilt in one (or one million).

Plus, I think the sense of flux generated by the still-changing properties excites a feeling of endless possibility. Literally endless! When I'm feeling glum, for five or seven months at a time, I make a point of walking by the buildings on Barrington Street to lift

my spirits. There, you get the sense that life is not static, that somewhere in the world, a group of creatures are tirelessly, endlessly, working toward an as-yet-incomplete vision.

And they've been making some real headway. In October, they finally generated enough starpower to crawl up an historic properties building and cover the Morse's Tea sign. It was really the best place on which to direct their efforts, as the sign had been painted in the early 1900s and DESPERATELY needed a new look. Haligonians, I'm sure, were getting super tired of knowing that no matter what, the Morse's Tea sign would be on that building when they went downtown. Who needs reminders of their city's historic past?

Rumor has it, however, that the sign will be making a reappearance: the starfish are just covering it up temporarily as they suction towards greater goals. It's just one stage in their vision for redevelopment. Check back months from now and they may have made more progress. Until then, I'll be down by the waterfront, with a life's supply of food (just in case), cheering them on. ☺



Keep an eye on the sky around September 1 to catch the migratory species each year. ••• Photo by Cam Kerstun

Scientists track Ontarian migratory species to Atlantic provinces

FLOCK RETURNS HOME IN THE WARM MONTHS

Erin McSlave
Opinions Contributor

A mass exodus occurs every year by a species originating from the province of Ontario. This species travels to the rural, less populated, and often rainy Atlantic coast in Canada. Scientists have roughly pinpointed the start of the migration each year to Sept. 1 and have been trying to determine what causes the large migration.

The flock, they have observed, tends to congregate in the southeastern part of Nova Scotia. They join up and coexist with members of the native species, forming groups (called schools) ranging from about 150 to 15,000 members. They remain in the area until spring, when almost all gradually make their way back to Ontario for the summer months.

Scientists have been monitoring the largest cluster of this species found in Nova Scotia, which has around 15,000 members. They have named the school the "Dalhousie" cluster and have been noticing an interesting ratio between the native maritime student species and the incoming Ontarians.

Dr. Beeg Byrd, a scientist with the Institute for the Research of Species Migration in Halifax, says the number of Ontarian creatures in the Dalhousie school is "astounding" and the number appears to be increasing every year.

"There has been an influx in the past number of years. More and more of them are choosing to depart from the large urban centres of their home province and, for some reason we have yet to determine, they decide to come to Atlantic Canada. We see many of them are joining the Dalhousie school."

Dr. Byrd says the Institute has been focusing their latest research on determining why so many Ontarians are flocking to Nova Scotia and the other Maritime provinces.

"We have been noticing that there do appear to be recruitment efforts being made by the Atlantic schools. Natives go out to conscript new students in an effort to diversify the population of the school. My colleagues and I have noted 13 scouts have recently been sent out over the Maritime provinces—one has gone to the prairies and two have been tracked to British Columbia. What is remarkable though is that we have tracked four scouts to Ontario—they seem to be focusing their energies within that one province."

The Ontarians are responding to the efforts and seem to be drawn to the rainy weather of the East Coast.

Scientists at the Institute have studied the integration of the Ontarians with the native population and the behavioural and cultural differences between the two sects. They have perceived a strong tendency among Ontarians to stick together within the school.

Dr. Byrd says that although the Institute has confirmed that the Ontario species combines itself with the Atlantic species into a single school, sometimes it takes a while for the different groups to effectively blend together.

"Sometimes the dissimilitude of the two groups, coming from rural and urban backgrounds, doesn't allow for an easy integration process. It may take several years for the different species to integrate fully. It also appears that after four years, a member will almost always leave the Dalhousie school forever and may end up almost anywhere in the world." ☺

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Pope? Nope. Think Ancient Aliens

We need to change our focus and recognize who's really in charge

Karl Simmonds

Opinions Contributor

This week a number of ancient institutions were once again in the news. Of course, the top story around the world is the sudden retirement of Pope Benedict XVI. Representing one billion Catholics worldwide, from his seat in the Vatican the 2000-year-old papacy continues to be relevant today. Case in point: Benedict is the first cardinal of Rome to "leave office" in more than 600 years. Which is funny, because he's supposed to be God's representative on earth and usually they die in the position. I guess God screwed up somewhere.

Old popes aren't the only historic stink wafting through our 21st-century headlines. Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and British Commonwealth is constantly capturing public attention, such as her recent hospitalization. On the throne since 1952, Elizabeth is herself a relic (not to mention the fact that the British crown stretches back many centuries). Despite her old age and almost entirely ceremonial position, any time the Queen or her family so much as sneezes you know it's going to be front page news. From the almost-relevant drama of Charles and Di's wedding, affairs, divorce and Princess Diana's tragic death in a car accident, to what weightless regime Duchess Fergie is failing at, the royal family is under a constant media spotlight.

From global fascination with age-old feuds like the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Olympic Games or Brandy versus Monica, mainstream media's gaze keep us fixated on past battle lines that continue to divide and conquer into the present day. Even in an age of intense 24/7 cable news and ceaseless social media, it seems everything old is new again and again and again.

But why is this? Why do the powers-that-be continue to narrow our

sight lines to old rulers and their petty squabbles and fault-lines that never heal? The answer is of course itself ancient and involves a global conspiracy.

The pope, the Queen, the Olympic Games, not to mention the endless coverage of the Oscars, Superbowl or U.S. presidential elections are all a big scam, a huge lie to keep us distracted, confused and unable to appreciate or stop the real culprit, the man behind the curtain, the ancient evil: namely, the space aliens that actually run the world.

I don't know what this race of beings is called, where they come from or why they're here on Earth, but one thing is certain: they are all-powerful, all-knowing and in absolute control. Since prehistory, we have been their obedient vassals, hardly aware of their might or authority over all human affairs. They built the pyramids, overseeing the armies and banks and corporations of the world. They pull the strings on their puppet queens and popes and presidents leading us to believe are in charge, when we are all their slaves.

I discovered them one night when surfing the internet. Many websites spoke of them, but when I would go back to verify what I had read, all the information had vanished without a trace. This removal is no coincidence; the alien overlords are real!

Read this article while you can, because the truth is fleeting. Even now, they're watching every single one of us making sure we don't speak out or stand up against them. The aliens must be stopped! Humanity must be set free! Resist the Pope; forget about the Queen, Obama or Romney. It's the aliens who have and always will be our true masters.

Do you hear that? Oh no. They've been reading this, watching me, coming for me! Save yourselves, before it's too late... ☹



You can't see them. But they're everywhere. ••• Photo by Bonathan Jotstein

HRM pays municipal workers to spread snow, ice on sidewalks

New initiative bringing seniors into empty hospitals

Justin' Hardly

Staff Contributor

Now that the winter storm season is behind Atlantic Canada, the HRM can look back at their newest initiative with pride. The new plan increased employment in the HRM and helped fill our empty hospitals.

The new initiative worked in five simple steps:

- Call a winter parking ban immediately at the first sign of snow
- During the wee hours of the morning plow the streets and burying any remaining cars
- Have a new group of municipal workers travel behind the snowplows and, with a hose, flood the sidewalks of the HRM so they would freeze
- Then, using the excess snow from the street, have the newly employed worker create huge snowdrifts on the city sidewalks
- The elderly fall on the newly iced sidewalks and are taken to the emergency room

This new initiative, which is the best received since the previously mentioned parking ban, was a stroke of genius.

With so many Atlantic Canadians travelling out west to greener pastures (or, what used to be greener

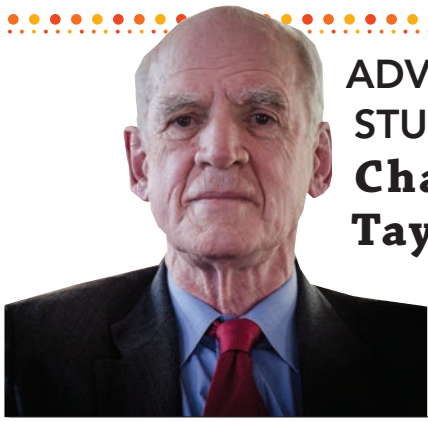
pastures and are now industrial drilling stations) the HRM knew employment needed to be increased. The new initiative has increased the number of employed municipal workers, as well as hospital staff, for the HRM. In addition to increased employment, the initiative also brought much-needed traffic to HRM emergency rooms. Throughout Nova Scotia underused hospitals have been closing on weekends and cutting costs wherever possible. The HRM government was concerned that the only major hospitals in Nova Scotia (the IWK, QEII or the Halifax Infirmary) were doomed to fail of under-use like the hospitals in the province backwoods.

The HRM knew they needed to increase the amount of patients and to would keep the hospitals in good health. This new initiative increased slipping hazards strategically aimed at the retired populous because they would not be leaving to go out west for work. Also, elderly citizens have increased hospital stays compared to the university/young adult populous.

Speaking from experience, this initiative worked without a hitch. One weekend I had to work early on both Saturday and Sunday. On both of these days I had to walk in the middle of the road because of the constructed slipperiness of the sidewalks. ☹



High fives all around for a successful employment initiative. ••• Photo by Dup Danders



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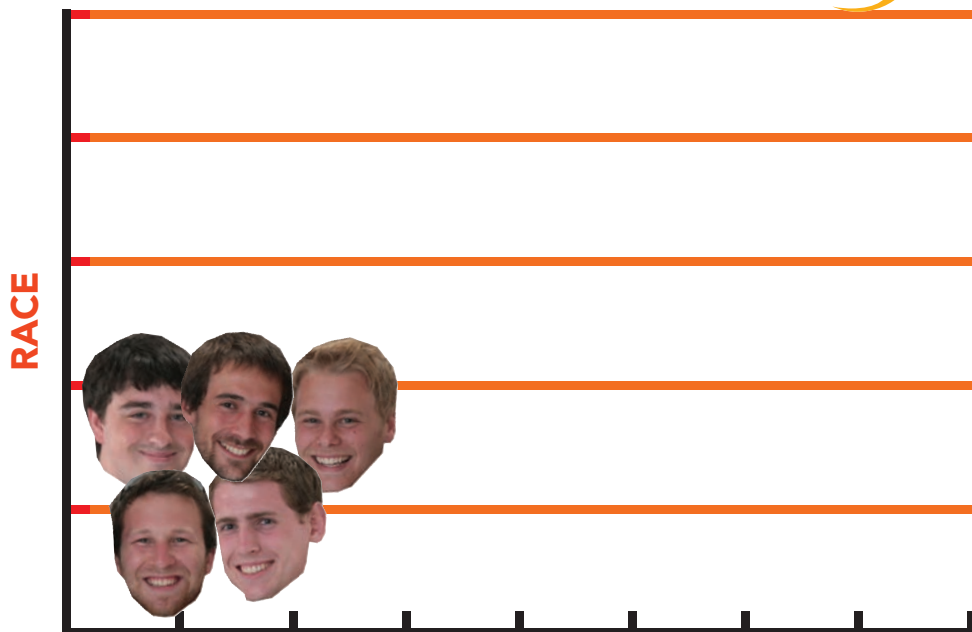


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Willie Stratton and the Boarding Party hope to afford a couch with successful music career



Joana Tussler
Arts Contributor

The name “Willie Stratton and the Boarding Party” is a clever adage to Willie possibly being the only original member—and besides, changing the name each time a new member joins would be exhausting. The current Boarding Party lineup includes front-man Willie, his younger sister Grace Stratton, a student at NSCAD, Dave “The Obnoxious Silver Fox” Fultz, and Daniel Crowther, the Truro connection. Both Fultz and Stratton left the student life to immerse themselves in the pursuit of a full-time music career, but in these economically dubious times has it paid off?

Both Strattons, like most other 20-somethings, still live with their parents and, unlike other siblings, get on very well. On the other hand, Fultz is the ultimate vagabond, who crashes at his mother’s apartment while she’s in Florida if he isn’t couch surfing.

Stratton says he “has someone who helps him *take care of stuff*,” and he’s “pretty sure its some kind of accountant.” He considers himself to be fortunate since other bands without an accountant or manager are forced to take on mountains of paperwork on their own, making the incremental profits of the music industry that much harder.

The band currently makes most of its money through SOCAN royalties, the Canadian copyright collective, as well as web campaigns for Roots Clothing Company and UNESCO. Unfortunately all the money goes into the band fund. This makes the band happy and allows them to travel and take care of “band things.” The members themselves find other ways to survive and be happy.

When asked about his success, Stratton answered that “some people might define success as being a billionaire and stuff,” but all he asks for is to “sustain respect in his community. It all depends on what your defi-

inition of “making it” is,” he says.

Fultz says, “Success comes from the pursuit of the things you love. It is important to be in control of all the possibilities in life and how each moment affects you. Hatred makes you lose momentum.” He plans to “make [his] entire life into an art project” and believes that he can enact the social change he wants through music.

In ten years Stratton sees himself producing music in a big studio on a farm. Fultz isn’t sure he’ll be making enough in the music industry to pay his rent in ten years, but hopes he’ll still have a couch. ☹

Check out Willie’s band at:
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Romantic vagabonds.
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Student growing beard like Ben Caplan’s, has no regrets

THE HIDDEN COSTS OF THE BEARD BRIGADE



Andrew Pills
Arts Editor

Inspired by a rousing Ben Caplan performance in October, third-year sociology student Jeremy Morris is attempting to grow a substantial beard.

“Ben Caplan is like the love offspring of a drunken sailor and an old testament prophet,” he said in one of many conversations after the performance while the incipient beardosity, which would soon take over his face and life, was still but a few harmless bristles on his lower jaw.

Morris, whose beard grows in irregular patches, says he’s never gone “full Caplan” before, but it’s a choice he defends against the well-intentioned interference of friends.

“At first we thought it was a Movember thing, you know, grow the beard out and carve a sweet handlebar mustache, but by mid-December we we’re like ‘dude, really?’” said fraternity brother Rob Troy.

Morris’s long-time girlfriend Ashley Cooper left him over Christmas break for someone who unnamed sources agree “looks a lot more like Rich Aucoin.”

“It’s not like she didn’t try to reach out to him,” said a source close to Cooper, “she bought the dude a beard trimmer and some new kicks, but he just had to spend all his time scribbling in a Moleskine at Java Blend in those smelly sandals with a business of ferrets growing on his face,” she said.

Morris, who sleeps with *In The Times of Great Remembering* blasting on a constant loop (believing the singer’s baritone vocals stimulate small follicle growth) has been seen rubbing raw farmer’s market honey into his beard, a practice he says balances the essential oils of the beard.

Increasing lifestyle concerns led to an intervention in March that “went all wrong” according to Troy.

“He just stood there with a can half full of molasses beans, while we told him straight: ‘man, Ben Caplan has a beard, but that doesn’t mean he won’t attend to personal hygiene.’”

“THAT WAS IT, THE LAST TIME I’VE SPOKEN WITH HIM.”

“We sat him down and sort of gave him this ultimatum—reminded him of everything he’d lost since he’d joined a beard cult where his patchy facial hair genetics essentially barred him from any meaningful participation; we asked him if it was worth it—if our friendship still meant anything to him,” Troy said.

“He just stood up, and sang the first eight lines of Caplan’s “Down To The River” recalls Troy. “That was it, the last time I’ve spoken with him, though I do walk past him feeding seagulls at the harbourfront sometimes,” he says.

Morris says he’ll grow the beard out for three years in a bid to join the Beard Brigade, Caplan’s street team.

“The beard is just a reminder to live life more fully,” he said before launching acapella into the existential chorus of River. ☹

*“Cause there is no such thing as a dying man
We’re alive ‘till the moment we’re dead
and a drowning man is just a living man
Who hasn’t run out of his last bit of breath.”*

Inspiration.
••• Photo by Syn Krotchetty

DISPATCHES FROM THE FUTURE DIGITAL FOSSILS



Rosie O'Mallard
Arts Contributor

Clancy Jenkins was riding his bike while listening to classical music—something he'd never done before. He got the idea after mixing raisins, his first favourite snack food, into marshmallows melting for Rice Krispie squares, his second-favourite snack food. "The result," says Jenkins, "shifted my snacking paradigms."

Jenkins decided to mix more of his favourite things. Two of his favourite past-times are casual cycling and classical music. Jenkins picked up digital fossils accidentally with his radical leisure activity combination.

The virtual notes left floating in the air since at least 2013 resonated with his fibre optic sensitive bike spokes and interfered with his speakers. He crashed his bike, smashing his portable-mini-record-playing device (commonly known as 'Goldens-on-the-Go', or just 'Goldies'), when he was immersed in a not quite real, not quite fake world.

Jenkins experienced the virtual world momentarily, as the means to its exposure were eliminated with its exposure, but the impact left a great impression on him.

"First codes flashed by, blinking numbers marching in infinite rows. The numbers hummed, a mind-numbing mundane noise. I could just barely make it out. I didn't want to listen to it, but couldn't stop," says

Jenkins during an interview in his home office.

Jenkins says it was like bathing in layers of information that were "there, but didn't exist". After the basic, numerical layer, he saw images and pages. Jenkins thinks the marching, humming numbers were codes for the images and pages.

"Facebook" was written on the most predominate pages. They seemed to be a compilation of facts and pictures, composed by individuals.

Jenkins thinks the 'Facebook' pages were some sort of digital replicate of the nature of individual humans in the years 2006-2013.

"I don't know why I get that feeling, though," says Jenkins. "These things I'm saying, I can't prove them. They're just intuitions I felt after I was immersed in the digital world, and before I ran my bike into the ditch."

'Facebook', according to Jenkins, was a replacement for day-to-day interactions. "I can see how that would be useful, from a superficial perspective, but then grow to be cold, lonely and isolating. People used constructed, hollow, not quite real versions to represent themselves to each other."

Since Jenkins crashed his bike, scientists and historians have been try-

ing to replicate the activity that led to the discovery of the virtual world. Jenkins has been drilled on his location, speed, piece of music and volume. He went even further, offering up his mood, fatigue levels and what he was daydreaming about. "One can't presume to know which parameter counts," he says.

Josie Burrard's voice gleamed during a phone interview. Burrard is a historian whose focus is the early 2000s. She says the internet was a compilation of coded numbers that translated into virtual worlds, similar to those described in Jenkins' layman terms. Humans at that time used the internet as a tool and for leisure. Burrard says, "that period, the early 2000s, is called 'the age of information'. The internet was basically a way to store vast amounts of information in a way that didn't take up any real space. It turned in to what was called a 'cyberspace'. Clancy seems to have discovered some sort of magical formula to unwrap the secrets of cyberspace."

Burrard says Jenkins' discovery will be as important for humankind as the Dead Sea Scrolls.

In the meantime, Jenkins says the experience left him shaken. "It's too bad," he says. "Cycling with Vivaldi was really quite divine." ☹️



The void is real! ••• Photo by Clancy Jenkins

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Overwhelming majority of university students in Halifax claim to suffer from attention deficit disorders

Sevan McOutyre
Staff Contributor

Have a hard time concentrating on the task at hand? Can't seem to get things finished on time? You may be among 83 per cent of those surveyed in a recent study about attention disorders in university students.

The study, done by the Faculty of Academic Research Thinktank, found that an overwhelming majority of students believe they may be suffering from Attention Deficit Disorder.

FART spoke to undiagnosed students and found that 52 per cent of respondents claimed they "probably had ADD" and 25 per cent "totally have it" and eight per cent were assumed to be compliant because they wandered off during interview

whilst checking Facebook on their smartphone.

"Oh, yeah I totally have it," said Joel Myles, a second-year management student. "I don't understand. I really prepare to study," he said.

He described his studying regime, "I set up in the Killam so I can be there for an entire day. I have my computer, cup of coffee, gum, smartphone, iPod, and snacks." Myles said. "I usually go with friends to the learning commons on the lower floor of the Killam, I find the silence in the stacks to be too distracting, you know?"

"I just don't understand how I'm not getting any work done." Myles said, "I honestly don't leave the Killam between 10 a.m. and 2 a.m. on most weekends."

"People criticize Facebook saying it's not an effective part of studying,"

said third-year engineering student, Patricia Rae, "I disagree because it's an effective communication medium between people working on similar projects. It's distracting, but it's essential." she said.

In efforts to overcome this issue, Dalhousie is spending \$1.2 million on an interactive learning centre. According to a press release, the room will contain a lot of sensory stimuli, will not have desks, and speakers will play Facebook notification and message sounds intermittently throughout the day.

Regardless, FART finds that 70 per cent of those who perceive themselves as having Attention Deficit Disorder can usually find Adderall from a friend or roommate with a prescription. ☹

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PUPPY PEERS: Dal goes to the dogs, literally

Mary Motherbater
Arts Contributor

Is Dalhousie becoming a dog-eat-dog world? It looks that way, after outgoing president Bom Braves revealed a new master plan to offer conditional admittance to very intelligent canines. Successful puppy applicants will enter BA and BSc neurobiology programs starting in September.

The overwhelming popular "puppy room" that was launched by the Dalhousie Student Onion (DSO) during the fall exam period was a testing ground for "new talent," says Braves. "I am pleased to welcome this new era of interdisciplinary—cross species innovation."

With the puppy room, "we saw that there was an unfulfilled demand," Braves continues. "Students were saying, 'we want dogs to be more integrated on campus,' and indeed made full peers."

DSO spokesperson Laura Upling says the student onion fully supports the move. "At one point in time, Dal was a male-only school, later still only white students could attend. Today we're saying that Dal is truly diverse and open to anyone."

"Why stop at dogs," Upling says, pointing to the limitless number of non-human species living on planet earth.

"They may be 'man's best friend' but we really can't limit ourselves. Cats, mice, owls, chickens, the list of potentially eligible and beneficial critters goes on and on."

But critics says the administration and students onion aren't considering the implications of integration and only the bottom-line. Scott Trevorson represents the newly formed group Dal Students for Humanity that has sprung up in reaction to the announcement.

"We've seen this coming for a long time," Trevorson says, "The higher-ups have been laying the ground work for several years now and it's an open secret that dogs at Dal is central to President Braves' legacy-building. What they're not considering is the consequences."

Trevorson and Dal Students for Humanity state that dogs are indeed not human equals. "It's just a cash-grab, plain and simple. The school is running out of money and eligible human students. That means they have to start looking elsewhere to keep the school running, but this thoughtless action is going to destroy the school instead," Trevorson says.

While it is true that the first dog scholars accepted into Dal will pay tuition rates close to that of foreign students, even if they come from Nova Scotia, Braves insists profit is not behind the decision.

"Absolutely not," says Braves from the new on-campus Doghouse, a state-of-the-art dog social space in the former Grad House site. "This is about saying, it's the 21st century and dogs deserves to be treated with the same respect as humans, deserve the same access to education and opportunity as any human."



Woof, woof. Bow wow. Arf arf. Growl. Photo by Mary Motherbater

Upling agrees. "This is way past overdue, and quite frankly I have to question the motivations of any person or groups who resist it. Are Students for Humanity really for the best

interests of all or are they merely trying to maintain their own status and privilege?"

Heated debate aside, it looks like Dal is going to the dogs and canine

classmates will be a reality on campus.

"Long walks, chasing the ball around, late-night cuddles—what's not to like?" says Braves.



Totally 90s Decade makes a splash at Dal

Photo by Mort Moopstein

Kevin Captcha
Arts Contributor

Like, the 1990s are, totally, back again. No you didn't jump into a time machine and travel way back to the past! From fashion to phrases to even an English class at Dal, the decade more students were born in, is in, in a big way, in 2013.

I was born into 1990 and so were all my friends. We totally had the Internet since forever and member MySpace? I love animated gifs, they're so funny, don't stop moving! I wear neon hat, shoe, sunglass alltime. Snoop Dog! Who let the dogs out? The 1990s were from 1990-1999, like over ten years ago.

Professor Steve Kim wasn't born in the 90s but he won't tell me what year he was born but he looks like he's 30. [Look at what year Prof Kim was born.] He teach English 2039: from Animorphs to Clifford at Dalousy University.

So, okay, first off all why Animorphs to Clifford? "Well, I tried to do Animorphs to Lord Zed from, like an A to Z thing the last couple of semesters but students couldn't handle the volume of material," Kim says.

"This winter, I brought the class

back. It's a primer on 1990s pop-children's literature, well, at least, it used to be," Kim says, "We go in-depth into some unrecognized classics like the Animorphs books series, the Berenstain Bears and Clifford the Big Friendly Dog book series."

"Well we're actually not really going to be going in-depth anymore, students couldn't really handle it. Basically we read a few of each series. But not all of them. There are over 50 Animorphs books. Students really couldn't handle that heavy a workload," Dr Kim says. [Is professor Kim a doctor, look into it. What makes a professor a doctor, look into it?]

The Animorphs series was about kids who turned into animals and suspenseful stuff happens. And everyone remembers Clifford he was so big and cute puppy. And it doesn't matter that we don't read all the Berenstain Bears because I had all those books when I was a kid and I already read every single one of those like a billion times so get over it.

While Mr. Kim says that the workload has been reduced this year, I'm in this class and it's really truly hard. We have to read like six Clifford books, who has time for any of it? My friend Shannon is in the class

too, actually we met in the class, and she think it's hard too. Shannon, isn't Clifford books hard?

"Totally," says Shannon.

Hey Shannon, what's your last name? Peteres? Oh, Peters. Cool.

So like, everyone's talking about the 90s! Professor Kim's class is a big success and now the English department is thinking of expanding its line of 1990s literary series.

"I'm developing a Goosebumps/Fear Street class as we speak. No not literally as we are talking now, but at this time. No, not right right now, I'm talking to you. I mean it's something I'm currently working on. Oh, never mind," says Kim.

Kim is honest about why the class isn't ready right now. I totally want to take it. "I haven't released it yet because I'm fine-tuning the workload making sure students can handle reading the difficult vocabulary and subject matter present in each of master R. L. Stein's masterpieces," says Kim.

OMG. It better not be hard because I better get an A or I'm going to call my mommy. And I'm your boss Professor Kim, I pay your salary so I better get an A++ in Animorphs class or you're going to hear from mother.

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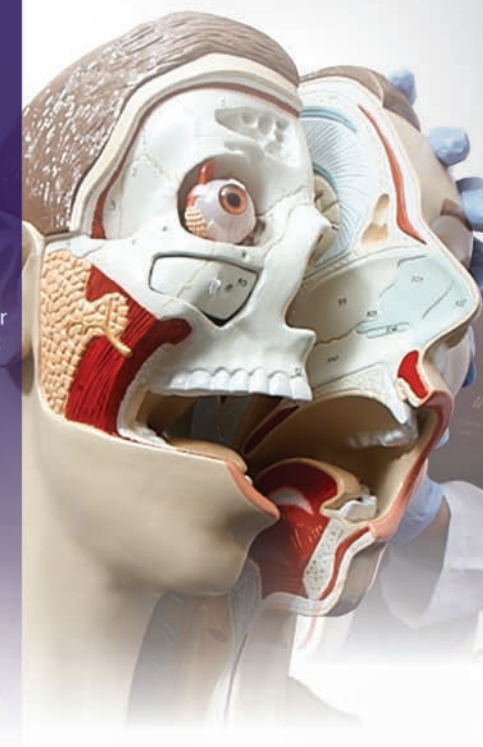
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"I don't even feel comfortable riding my Dal broom around campus anymore." Photo by Maid Marien

Dal Quidditch team grounded in hazing fallout

Rookies reportedly forced to catch snitch greased with Vaseline

Heathen Campbell
Staff Contributor

The Dalhousie athletic community is in shock after it was revealed on Monday the school's Quidditch team would forfeit the remainder of their season due to a hazing incident.

A six-week investigation which failed to produce any real evidence whatsoever proved to be all the university needed to end the Tigers' hopes of achieving 2013 AUS Quidditch gold.

The episode reportedly occurred at a mead-fuelled rookie party where five first-year players were forced to catch a golden snitch greased with Vaseline while wearing blazers. They also answered horrific questions posed by the team's 17 veterans such as "who is the prettiest wizard?"

Some muggle spokesperson for Dal stressed that playing dress-up and exchanging compliments is in strict violation of university policy.

"There was a hazing incident involving drinking, humiliation,

intimidation, personal disrespect—it was bullying," the muggle said. "The blazers they were forced to wear were so blasé; it was simply unacceptable."

As community support poured in—including a Facebook group titled "Wizards and Warlocks for the Dalhousie Varsity Quidditch Team"—one member of the team, who didn't want her name published to protect her from unwarranted consequences by the university, broke the team's silence.

"I don't even feel comfortable riding my Dal broom around campus anymore. It's tough when we were so proud to be called Tigers and show our Tiger pride, but now we're forced to hide ourselves," said the source, who is planning on riding another broom in protest.

One rookie on the team said that despite this ordeal, her time with the Tigers has been positive.

"My experience of playing on the team has been great," the rookie said. "I missed the snitch and fell on my ass a few times, but I actually enjoyed

wearing the blazers. I kept mine after the party; I even wore it to The Dome last night."

With 17 of its 22 players suspended, the Dal Quidditch team pleaded for reinstatement Thursday by writing an apologetic letter to the university signed by each player. The university's muggle spokesperson doesn't expect the team's request to change anything.

"I'm not going to say they're going to be unsuccessful in their appeal, but they're going to be unsuccessful in their appeal."

By forfeiting their final 12 games of the season, Dal will pay \$24,000 in league fines, which is the equivalent of throwing coffee change down the sewer for Atlantic Canada's largest university.

Due to the Tigers dropping out of league play, every other AUS Quidditch team has automatically qualified for the playoffs, which is sure to make for some dramatic games down the stretch. 🐾



Women's hockey's new home: Alabama

All rinks in the province unavailable

Boris Carlof
Online Editor

Dalhousie Athletics has announced in an email to donors that the women's hockey team will play their home games next season at the Pelham Civic Complex in Pelham, Alabama.

"After the issues securing an arena for the women's hockey team to play in last season, we are tremendously excited for this new opportunity," read the email sent from Dal Athletics.

The email said that the choice of the Pelham Civic Complex, which will be the only American rink to host CIS-level hockey, promises to bring dividends to both parties.

"We would be the chief tenants of the building, which is something we wouldn't get anywhere in this country," it read. "And they would get some high quality hockey to fill up time slots where the arena would otherwise be unused."

"We're all really pleased with the arrangement, and I'm sure the team will love spending their winters in sunny Alabama."

The Pelham Civic Complex seats 5,000 people. It was the former home of the now-defunct professional hockey team the Alabama Slammers, and currently plays host to the University of Alabama's club hockey team. It is a short 15-minute drive

from the scenic Oak Mountain State Park.

The arena was chosen after a lengthy search process. At first, Dal contained their search to arenas in the HRM. It quickly became clear, however, that all rinks in the city had tenants for the 2013-14 season.

Once plans to use a rink in New Glasgow fell through—the Pictou County Minor Hockey Association had all game times booked for pee-wee house league games—the Tigers had to broaden their horizons. The final decision was between the Pelham Civic Complex, The RRRink in Medford, Oregon and Ice Palace Astana in Pavlodar, Kazakhstan.

"What makes Pelham special is its location," said one Dal coach, who was involved in the decision-making process. "I think the girls will find it harder to make any poor decisions there."

In an anonymous letter, a member of the women's hockey team slammed the decision, saying it was "symbolic of our unfair treatment," and remarked that "Alabama's weather kinda sucks." A Facebook page, titled "Keep Dal Women's Hockey In Halifax," had 154 likes within a day of its creation.

At press time, Dal's men's hockey team was slated to begin the 2013-14 season at the Halifax Forum. 🐾

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON COMES TO AN END!

The Dalhousie Tigers brought home **SIX AUS championship banners** this year including women's soccer, men's and women's swimming, women's volleyball and men's and women's track and field.

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Dal Tiger implicated in fur doping scandal: report

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Benjamin Wilt
Staff Contributor

A new report suggests that the once-beloved Dal Tiger has been caught in a fur doping scandal.

According to the study, the Tiger has been using artificial fur since September 2010 to better enhance his performance on the sidelines at games.

He has been linked to the notorious Dr. Van Nostram, who has been implicated in providing psychedelics to Spartacat, the Ottawa Senators mascot, as well as Daniel Alfredsson.

The warning signs have become obvious in recent years. The Tiger's head has swollen to 10 times the normal size of a tiger head, a side effect of PED abuse.

The Tiger declined to comment, because mascots cannot talk. ☹

Not even free beer can boost dismal attendance

Athletics Department stumped, will seek advice for next promotion

Ivan Froebe
Sporta Editor

The beer taps were flowing at every home game this season, but not even the allure of free alcohol could convince Dal students to watch their university's varsity teams.

In front of five students minding their own business in the Second Cup line at the Killam Library, a representative of Dalhousie Athletics announced the suspension of their complimentary beer promotion. The practice, which ran all season, failed to remedy Dal's absolutely pathetic attendance woes.

The Trashed Tigers campaign only boosted average game attendance by three lonely students with nothing better to do. This season's average was 18 fans.

"We have simply run out of ideas," says a Dal Athletics representative. "What could possibly be more enticing than free alcohol? But hey, I guess we were wrong."

The rep continued, while shaking her head repeatedly in disappointment.

"It costs nothing for students to go to a game to begin with, and then they could start pre-gaming on us. We thought it was a win-win sce-



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nario, we really did." Desperate for any ideas whatsoever, Dal Athletics is now asking students to decide their next promotion. Those who complete the short survey will be entered in a draw for the opportunity to coach the men's soccer team for a week this September.

The lofty goal is to increase next year's average to 21 fans per game.

"We can dream, can't we?" wondered the representative.

Owen Wallace, a third-year Dal student, says societal pressure prevents him from attending Tigers games.

"I want to have friends," says Wallace. "I'm sure the teams are entertaining for a few minutes, but I don't want to risk becoming an outcast."

Wallace added he once discussed basketball with a tall person on the women's team for an entire 40 seconds. ☹

Unattractive Gazette writer to ask out athlete way out of his league

Ian Frankenstein
Sports Editor

In a scene that an insider predicts will be "incredibly depressing and also hilarious," a *Dalhousie Gazette* sports writer is planning to ask out a Dal swimmer on a date although he has "no chance in hell."

Ivan Froebe, who is said to be severely lacking in the looks department and has no personality whatsoever, has been covering women's swimming this past year for the sole reason of getting close to the star athlete.

Despite the many downsides in actually going on a date with this journalist, he somehow has a lot of confidence in himself. However, a close friend guaranteed the *Gazette* that Froebe will become "very embarrassed" when this fit, attractive athlete kindly rejects him.

"He's a good guy, really, but he has no chance," the friend says assertively. "I mean, she's a babe. No questions asked."

His friend added that the writer actually bothered to spend an entire Saturday afternoon watching a swimming meet earlier this year to catch a few glimpses of the athlete. Froebe's interview with the beautiful swimmer only lasted 45 seconds because he was so nervous.

"He'll laugh about this a year from now, I'm sure about it," the friend says. "But, personally, I can't wait to make fun of the hopeless romantic."

Out of respect to the embarrassment this article would cause the swimmer, her name will not be published. ☹



Wanna go on a date with him? Neither do we. Photo by Angela Giwowski

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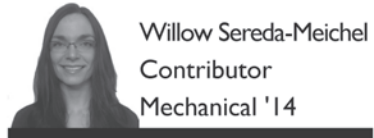


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Dal SUB to undergo student-driven renovations

Sexton students are driving the latest renovation discussions



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On Wednesday, March 20th University Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic from Robie Street to the Killam loop. Instead of cars, the streets will be filled with pedestrians, cyclists, music, road hockey, a bouncy castle, workshops, yoga, and many more fun community activities.

The day will connect pedestrians with several different student and community groups in a shared space, and encourage spontaneous socialization through activities such as: a solar panel build with If You Build It; a "Car Smash" fundraiser with EWB - Dalhousie Chapter; and, Seed Bombing with DSUSO.

But the day is about more than just fun, "It's about re-imagining what [University Avenue] can be," says Matthew Worona (B.Comm '14), co-organizer of the event, "The space isn't necessarily used in a way that's best for the students."

Luckily for students, the Dalhousie Campus Master Plan recognizes this inefficient use of space. The plan, which is set to be implemented over a 10 year period of development, envisions University Avenue as a 'reconfigured, multi-modal, elegantly landscaped civic thoroughfare.' The eventual plan is to combine the traffic on one side of the street leaving the other side open to create an active transportation route with a separated bikeway and safe pedestrian walkway. "[We] want to show [The University] what students would like to see in that area," says Worona.

Dalhousie Switch Open-Streets is about encouraging students to voice their opinions in this visioning process, which is why the planning process for the event has been through student-driven planning sessions. Gavin Jardine, DSU VP Student Life and co-organizer of the event, mentions one of the governing questions behind these planning sessions, "If we step back to reimagine the street, not acknowledging what it's used for now, where do our real priorities lie?" Inspiration for the Event

This event isn't the first of its kind. In 1976, the city of Bogotá, Columbia began closing city streets on Sundays and transforming them into Ciclovías - literally 'bike paths' - open to people on bicycle, skate, or foot. Today a



The Switch poster for Dalhousie.

circuit over 120 kilometers in length is converted to Ciclovías every Sunday in Bogotá, and cities around the world are following suit. Hundreds of cities around the world hold their own versions of Ciclovías under different names like Open Streets, Car-Free Sundays, and Green Streets.

One such event occurred in Halifax last September when Switch Halifax hosted its inaugural Open-Street Sundays event, in which a 2 km stretch of Halifax roadway was closed to vehicular traffic to promote 'healthy and active living, in a fun and festive community-based atmosphere.' Switch Halifax has played a large supporting role in the planning of Dalhousie Switch Open-Streets.

So where will you be on March 20th? Jardine says whether you're interested in walking, cycling, or just a day of fun, Dalhousie Switch Open-Streets is bound to have something for you.

As Jardine says, "There's so much room for diversity because there's so much physical space."

The tone of the day isn't defined by the organizers, rather it's about "whoever is interested asking, 'Hey, can I be a part of this?'" says Worona. Meaning, "It could morph into something totally different by next week." If you have ideas to share, would like to volunteer, or have any questions about the event, email vpstudentlife@dal.ca.

So run, walk, skip, bus, bike, board, dance, or mosey your way on down to University Avenue on March 20th between 9 am and 9:30 pm for Dalhousie Switch Open-Streets.

The bus loop in front of the SUB will remain open, and arrangements will be made to ensure the event does not interfere with the accessibility of the campus. ♿

320 Dalhousie students receive their Iron Ring



Approximately 320 Dalhousie students received their Iron Ring in a ceremony on Saturday, March 9. The Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer is conducted by the Camp 7 of the Corporation of Seven Wardens, an independent body which oversees the 25 ceremonies in Canada each year.

Photos from after the event were taken by (clockwise from top) Khaled Khaldi (Ind. '13), Lauren Kiri (Civil '13), and Alyssa Araya (Mechanical '13). The majority of the recipients will graduate in May, and the remainder complete their studies in December. ♿



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