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Rather than bogging you down with anymore text telling you how amazing we are, which we could do, how about we just tell you all of the ways that you can find out what we are up to throughout the year, which happens to be our 150th anniversary, and how you can get involved in the awesomeness that is the DSU!



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The ones who have your back (HINT: it's us!)

Or: Your alternative to using the *Dal Gazette* as a makeshift rain hat

Katrina Pyne
News Editor

Allow me to introduce myself. By that, I mean myself when I was a Frosh entering my first year of university three years ago.

I had no idea where to find anything (which is sad, considering I was a King's student in a school smaller than my high school), no idea if my roommate and I would get along, no idea if I was in the right program (the coin toss that decided my future could just as easily have sent me to cooking school), no idea where to find ink for my printer and, most importantly, no idea where to find a good cup of coffee— which, what with all of this non-thinking, I desperately needed.

Sound familiar?

The good news is that before long you'll know where all of your classes are (not that you'll necessarily ever go to them). You will have turned whatever commonalities you have with your roommate into fully-fledged drinking games (thank you, Gilmore Girls).

You will have discovered that people switch their major to match their weekly horoscope, and you will have mapped out a network of coffee shops within your regular walking parameters that will allow you to maintain a constant shake and irregular heart-beat.

The printer ink, I still have not figured out. Some things were just not meant to be.

So don't be disheartened. From first-year me to you, here's a little piece of advice.

Embrace every beautiful sweet awkward moment of your first year. And if you ever need some direction or perspective, you've got Us.

“Embrace every beautiful sweet awkward moment of your first year.”

By Us, of course I mean the *Dal Gazette*, your one-stop shop for news, advice, stories, photos, contests, games, comics and more. Your ink-stained fingers will be proof that we have something to offer in every issue; we always have something to float your boat and remind you why you belong.

And if you want to keep your fingers ink-free and manicure-ready, we've still got something for you. You can check us out in our entirety on our link to the Interwebs: www.dalgazette.com, where you'll find breaking news, weekly news-

casts, beautiful photos, and all of your favourite stories. Not to mention you can always find us on Twitter and Facebook as well.

But if none of that appeals to you, we can at least offer you our precious pages to be used in whatever fashion suits your needs—rain deflector, fuel for a fire (to warm your crappy cold student house) or as cookie sheets for the dozens of justifiable comfort-filled treats you'll make for yourself before turning in your overdue essay.

Or, if Martha Stewart is more your style, you can even cut out some nice hipster doilies or scrunch up our pages and stuff them into a pillowcase. Seriously, it's not below us. We've got your back.

So whether you have been excitedly counting down the days of your summer job to get ready for your first day of university or you are returning for another year of learnin'— remember us, because we sure as hell will remember you.

So see you next week then. We'll be here, (in newsstands, not Frosh packs) every Friday for our next date.

Till then, cheers. ☺

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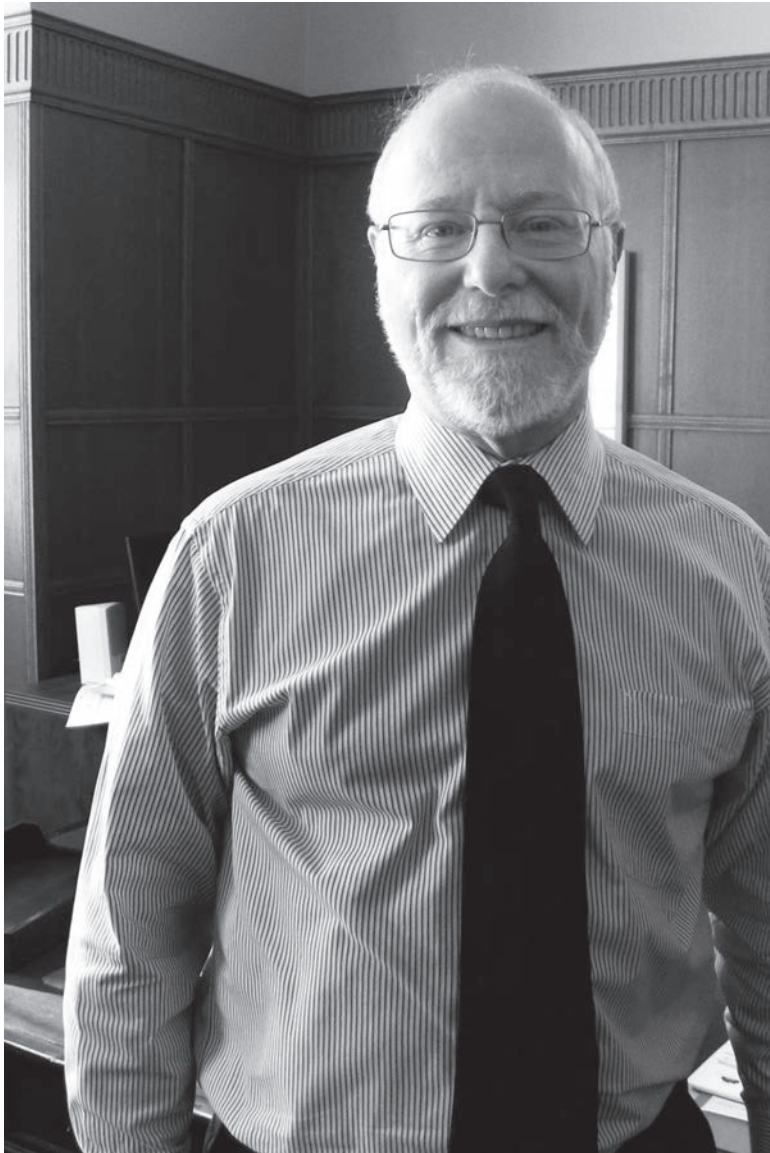
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Final year for Dal president Tom Traves to retire in 2013



Kristie Smith
Staff Contributor

This summer's announcement from Dalhousie administration that president Tom Traves is planning to retire in June 2013 came as a surprise to some—after 17 years, Traves is one of the longest-serving presidents in Canada.

"The typical tenure of a university president in Canada is about ten years, so I've had a long run in office," says Traves.

"I will turn 65 next year and it just seemed sensible for me to step aside for the next generation of leadership at Dalhousie. I've enjoyed my job tremendously and I think it is a good idea to leave before you get stale and bored."

The search for Traves' successor began months ago with the formation of a presidential search committee, comprising of six members appointed by the Board of Governors, six members appointed by the Senate, one graduate student and one undergraduate student. The committee has hired Laverne Smith & Associates Inc., a headhunting firm, to find potential candidates.

Chris Saulnier, recent Dal graduate and former Dal Student Union (DSU) president, is a part of the committee as the undergraduate student representative.

"He's such an institution there now because he's been there for so long, that now it's hard to imagine someone else being in that position because he's had such an impact," says Saulnier.

"He was always willing to work really closely with the student union

and with myself, as the DSU president. We were able to have really frank, honest discussions about issues that were going on around Dalhousie; what student perspectives were, what university's perspective was. He was always very willing to have those conversations," Saulnier says—even if those conversations didn't always end in agreement.

"Even if we didn't end up agreeing at the end of the day, he was always very willing to hear to what we had to say and then explain his perspective and he could often agree to disagree with you."

Saulnier has participated in two meetings to date and will be in Halifax for the third early this fall, where the committee will create a short list of potential candidates. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Governors early in 2013.

Though the committee-based approach is not unusual, Aaron Beale, a prominent member of campus organizations such as the Loaded Ladle, says he believes Dal needs a more democratic method.

"I would like to see the new president be someone who is seen on campus, who has a relationship to the students, faculty and staff," Beale says.

"Everyone should be able to participate in deliberating over the type of president and university they want," he continues. "Our voice, in an institution that is such a big part of our lives, should not be mediated by a headhunting corporation or the Board of Governors."

Beale is also the incoming DSU VP (academic and external), but says he can't speak for the point of view of the DSU.

Saulnier and Traves both agree that the next president will need to have an open mind and a dynamic approach.

"The qualities required for strong academic leadership are not particularly different from other kinds of leadership challenges," says Traves.

"Strong leaders typically have lots of energy and stamina, open personalities, a track record of achievement in relevant activities, and they require strengths such as the ability to see different possibilities," he says. He also says Dal's future leader will need to see the big picture and make opportunity out of risk.

Saulnier, who served two terms as DSU president, represents undergraduate students' interests on the search committee.

"What I'm looking for on behalf of students, and what students are looking for, is a dynamic, collaborative leader to come in and continue Dalhousie's success and really take us to that next level," says Saulnier.

"Students are really looking for someone who's willing to work collaboratively with all of the stakeholders around the university."

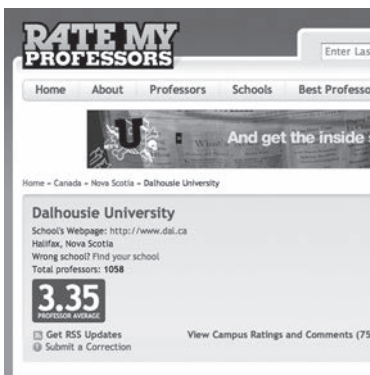
Traves cites enrolment growth, new buildings and fundraising campaigns as his legacy.

"None of these achievements could have occurred without huge contributions from all of our faculty and staff," he continues. "I'm proud of the legacy already achieved and the capacity we've built for further success." ☺

Traves has been in his position for 17 years—one of the longest tenures in Canada. ••• Photo by Katrina Pyne

Reconsidering RateMyProf?

PROFS TALK OUT ABOUT ONLINE EVALUATIONS



Ryan Gallant News Contributor
Daniel Boltinsky News Editor

Peter Schotch has a ratemyprofessor.com rating of 2.4, one of the lowest in the Dalhousie philosophy department. 58 students have logged on to evaluate him, and comments range from "obviously one of the awful professors who make it to tenure and then simply stop caring," to "a cool guy; I just think that other people need to be able to stomach hard liquor."

The website has a "professor rebuttals" section too, where faculty can respond to criticism. Schotch hasn't used it. He says he does not pay much attention to the site.

"I've been told by others that most of the comments about me are negative. Has that knowledge affected my

approach to teaching? Not really," Schotch wrote in an email to the *Gazette*.

"What I mostly look at are the (anonymous) student comments on my department evaluations. I get some negative comments there too, but I'm pretty sure that they haven't been written at three in morning by somebody drunk out of all sense."

This year Dal elected to make end-of-term student evaluations public online—a controversial decision, but one that might give students more thorough feedback to rely on.

There are 1058 faculty members listed on ratemyprofessor.com's Dal page, covering all the school's departments. They are rated out of a possible five points on easiness, clarity and helpfulness.

Unlike Schotch, history professor Todd McCallum has an almost perfect rating of 4.7. Nevertheless, he likewise believes there are much better ways to check one's own teaching.

"After every class, I get lots of feedback, both in statistical form and in proper sentences," he says.

"Beyond that, as my students can no doubt attest, I spend a lot of lecture time begging for feedback, and in one class, they write an essay that critically evaluates the university, including my own behaviour. Finally, many of my students have responded to my requests for advice, and talked at length about how I can improve."

Additionally, McCallum is not a fan of the site's teacher-hotness meter.

"The sexiness rating is stupid—a banal attempt to stir up buzz, no doubt, and one that suggests that the site isn't a particularly good source of actionable intelligence."

One criticism of the website is that, because of the simplicity of the rating system, it merely becomes a ranking of the easiest graders.

Other evaluation sites have appeared following the popularity of ratemyprofessor.com, some with more in-depth assessment systems.

Myedu.com, for example, is a course planning website which also has professor ratings. It includes personal teaching styles, lecture and attendance policies, and average course GPAs. The site currently lists only universities and faculty in the United States.

"More than professor ratings," the site quips not-so-subtly at its competition on the sign-up page, "If you think a professor 'hotness' rating will help your GPA, you're in the wrong place." ☹

Online ratings systems are good for a laugh, but they won't give you the best information. ••• via ratemyprofessor.com

news briefs

2011/12 recaps

Whether you're new to Dalhousie or just need a refresher, these are the big stories from last year that might affect the news you read this year.

Dal faculty strike averted

It was a tense spring semester on all three campuses as the Dal Faculty Association (DFA) and Dal administration came perilously close to not reaching an agreement. With the strike date just hours away, the two sides came to an agreement on March 11 after months of negotiations.

This agreement lasts three years, but the main issue—the structure and governance of the pension plan—is still unstable. Negotiations between administration and other university unions faced the same issues. All of the unions and administration will be working throughout the next few years to improve its sustainability before the next set of negotiations roll around.

Memorial Arena set for demolition

By now the place where Memorial Arena once stood is about halfway through the demolition process. Dal administration announced last November that the arena would be demolished to make way for a

new residence and multi-purpose building.

Check out Sports in this issue for more information on the arena, and to find out where the Tigers will be playing instead.

Student union election results

Two members of the incoming Dal Student Union (DSU) executive had to fight for their positions last March after being disqualified for incurring too many fines. Jamie Arron, DSU president, and Aaron Beale, VP (academic and external) both went through a series of appeals to have those fines overturned.

The fines were in place for allegedly campaigning outside of DSU election rules. The Judicial Board eliminated most of those fees, ruling that Arron and Beale should be reinstated in their respective positions. Since then, the DSU has created a council to review the union's election policy.

Plus Dal's own food co-op society The Loaded Ladle has been ratified. Full-time Dal students pay a \$2 levy with their tuition fees at the beginning of each year in exchange for free, local, homemade food every week in the SUB.

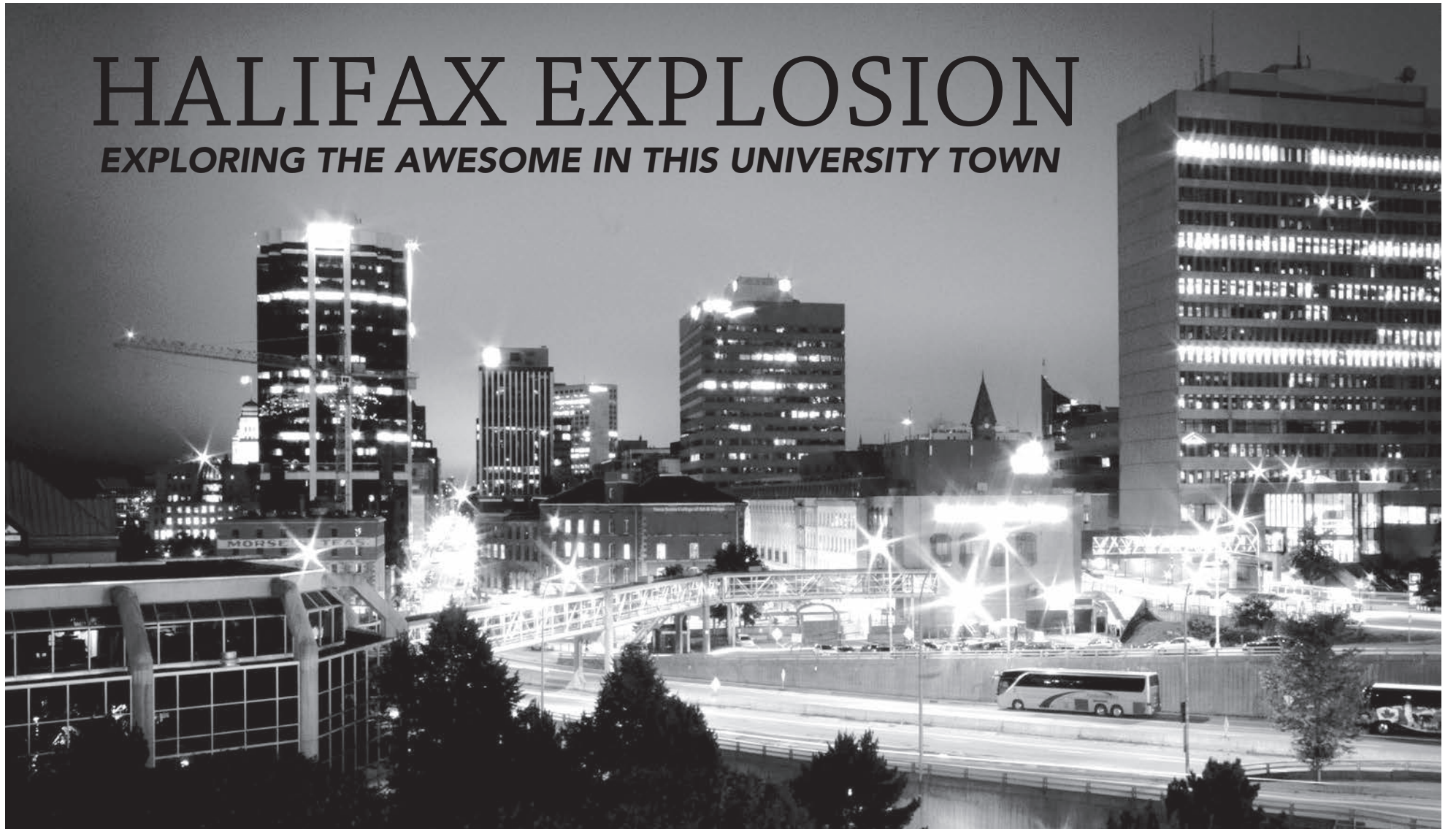
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HALIFAX EXPLOSION

EXPLORING THE AWESOME IN THIS UNIVERSITY TOWN

Samantha Elmsley
Opinions Editor

Before enrolling at Dalhousie and the University of King's College, my vision of Halifax was Lower Water Street. This was where I had eaten dinner with my family the one and only time I had previously visited the city. After first year my perception had expanded dramatically to include a) King's campus, b) the McCain Building and c) the new Farmer's Market. That last one got a little fuzzy after December, though; the one-kilometer walk from my bed to the waterfront was brutal in the winter.

If you are only here (from Ontario? Me too) to buckle down and study, then this article is relatively useless. For those interested in establishing a true connection with a new part of Canada or in electrifying an old relationship with it, get ready to add layers of fun on to your university experience.

Halifax is a striking city with a lot to offer to its students. Given that our lifestyle for four years is built around school—study hard for four months, go home for Christmas, study hard for four months, leave for summer—one could easily leave upon graduation having never really experienced

the place at all. And that would truly be a shame. Though relatively small, there is a surprising amount of cultural diversity in the area, which leaves one always pushing for further exploration.

In the South End, Point Pleasant offers a chill retreat into nature—as well as the ocean, if you don't mind freezing while you swim. If you do mind, hop across the Arm to Chocolate Lake beach, a tiny little lake the colour of tropical resort water. The level of turquoise it achieves is sort of eerie.

The East End, of course, is home to the waterfront, a given hotspot. In the

winter, the train station offers a sweet place to people-watch for free. In the West, giant hills and (relatively) quiet residential streets, tapering into leafy suburbs and trails, offer a great area to explore via bicycle.

Finally, the North End—my personal favourite—exemplifies perfectly the dynamism and energy typical of a creative community. If you want parks, restaurants, or locally-made anything, the North End is a fantastic place to start. Take all reports of its violence with a grain of salt: like any part of this city, it has its rough edges and its safe streets. I personally lived across from a fairly well established

crack dealer in the South End in my second year. Conversely, I left my key in the door the first night in my North End home. I lived and nothing was stolen. Don't tell my housemates.

First year is, naturally, a good time to get one's feet on firm ground in the immediate environment, which is school. If you are not as successful, city-wise, as I was in first year, don't feel bad. Just feel a little guilty. That way, it will top your to-do list when you return in the fall. ☺

This author enjoys long walks in the North End and sunlit dinners in the Hydrostone Market. ••• Photo by Chris Parent

We are an island A consideration of the Halifax music scene

Daniel Bergman
Staff Contributor

A question for all you Nova Scotia trivia nerds out there: when was the last time Coldplay came to Halifax?

If you guessed "never," you win—although it's possible one of their flights landed in our little Maritime hub to refuel during a stop-over between London and Montreal. It's an open question at this point whether Coldplay could even locate Nova Scotia on a map without using their iPhones. And why should they have to? After all, by now they are an entire industry unto themselves, raking in millions (or is it billions?) of dollars per year, enough to buy a million iPhones if they so desired. In that context, it's not surprising that a small Canadian city way the heck to the east is not at the forefront of their minds. But should it be?

The fact is that Coldplay is not the only band that has chosen to ignore our beautiful seaside town. Two years ago Josh Ritter bypassed it com-

pletely on his prolonged and surprisingly thorough Canadian tour, deciding instead to play the bustling metropolis of Nelson, B.C. and the musical mecca that is Peterborough, Ont. But the spotlight of shame cannot be placed on Josh alone. Within the past couple of years we've been shunned by everyone from Death Cab for Cutie to The Beach Boys. Has Jay-Z been touring lately? I wouldn't know—I live in Halifax.

Thankfully, for both old and new Haligonians, it's not all bad news and cold shoulders. These past two years, music-lovers have been treated to wonderful performances by several established and up-and-coming acts from across this great country: Said the Whale, Arcade Fire, Hawksley Workman, Basia Bulat, Two Hours Traffic and Ron Sexsmith, among others. The list is long, which bodes well for Halifax's potential to attract more and more talented performers as the years roll on. And any article about music in Halifax would be incomplete without a nod to the thriving

music scene that already exists within the city. Leading the charge on this front is local music icon Joel Plaskett. His recording studio, New Scotland Records, is housed just across the harbour in Dartmouth.

Halifax also offers an abundance of music festivals, October's Pop Explosion chief among them, as well as performance venues ranging from the Carleton on Argyle to the Company House in the North End. Aspiring musicians, and those interested in watching aspiring musicians, should feel at home here. The only catch is that many of these venues happen to be bars, and the legal drinking age in Nova Scotia happens to be 19!

The bottom line is that Halifax is a great place to be a fan of all kinds of music, from indie rock to hip-hop to Celtic ballads. Especially the Celtic ballads. And if Coldplay can't see that, well then - what's that? ... Coldplay is coming to Moncton? Springs-teen too? Seriously? But... that's like playing Red Deer instead of Calgary (look it up). Wait, wait, not to fear.



I thought something like this might happen. That's why I have my ace in the hole: Paul McCartney.

In July 2009, for a few beautiful hours that will go down in history, Paul McCartney played a show

in Halifax. That's right, Moncton: we got a Beatle.

So there. ☺

Halifax succeeds in supporting impressive local talent. ••• Photo by Angela Gzowski

You go to King's? Huh?

Exploring the Dal/King's relationship



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Opinions Contributor

Being a University of King's College student finishing an arts degree at Dalhousie sometimes feels like an exercise in foreign relations. "So, what school do you go to?" interested parties ask innocently, leading me to fire back the stock answer: King's is a separate school affiliated with Dal—a small liberal arts college with separate scholarships, student government and athletic programs but which shares a combined course list and facilities, blah blah blah... The typical reaction is less than enthusiastic: eyes glaze over and annoyance sets in.

The special King's/Dal relationship is one that has perplexed Halifax's finest minds for decades, a shared experience (or schism) that conjoins two great institutions. Officially, the King's website describes the relationship as "subtle, stable and immensely productive." Anyone who has ever

tried to cross-list classes or degrees knows this is a diplomatic statement taken too far.

The Dal faculties of Arts and Social Sciences and of Science claim a *laissez-faire* attitude, allowing King's students to select seamlessly from a myriad of class options as well as to access student services and the library systems at both Dal and King's. Scholars from both universities theoretically migrate seamlessly between classrooms. Dal students can take any of the courses offered at King's in the upper year programs, as well as many courses in the School of Journalism, and King's students are welcomed into any class at Dal providing they have the necessary papers. (Did I say papers? I meant prerequisites.)

Despite this vision of peaceful coexistence, a closer examination betrays a less than harmonious union. Hannah Horne-Robinson, a fourth-year student of European studies at Dal, calls the vision behind the King's independence confusing.

"Most Dal students don't really get it. Is it a separate college? Why is it on the same campus, what's the point of having different names, libraries, gym, etc.? ... How do they fit into our community? I am not even sure if the total count of Dal students includes King's or not," she says.

Here is my personal checklist for achieving mutual harmony.

For King's students attending Dal:

1. Dress hospitably. Do not wear Birkenstocks in the middle of winter, and do not go shoeless in class.

2. Do not operate only in Kingsian jargon: for example, do not make constant and unnecessary connections between books you read (skimmed) in your Foundation Year Programme. You are now functioning in a bilateral environment.

3. Celebrate diversity. Horne-Robinson maintains that variety of classes

ought to be celebrated and shared so that everyone can benefit from them. Get out of your comfort zone.

"Try a class like good ol' chemistry, where you may get no special treatment and you'll have to start from scratch," Horne-Robinson says. "The idea of having required classes in other fields is to make you a well-rounded person, and King's students are rounder than a sphere in literature. But how many know the Krebs' cycle, how to draw an axiomatic drawing of a building or write Python code?"

For Dal students attending King's:

1. No one has immunity from insults. Do not call the campus bar the "wardrobe" or ask if tonight's event is a costume night. The bar is called the "Wardroom" and those capes and ponchos you see are just everyday apparel.

2. Do not be intimidated by the fact

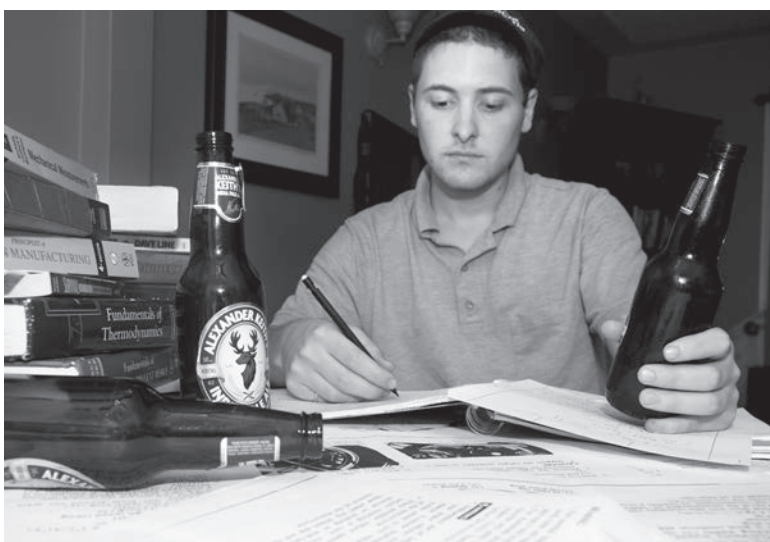
that first-years at King's read almost a book a day. Few to none of the students in Foundation Year Programme succeeded in reading every book. If they did, they should be exiled from the academic community for making the rest of us look bad.

3. You are not a *persona non grata* at King's because you didn't complete FYP.

"I took a cross-listed King's class called Magic, Hersey and Hermeticism," Horne-Robinson recalls. "There were no formal prerequisites but I quickly discovered that FYP was a hidden requirement. This was frustrating because a base common knowledge was assumed." In truth, though, it's more helpful to have a wider range of perspectives in the classroom. ☹

"You are now functioning in a bilateral environment." ••• Photo by Chris Parent

The dos and don'ts of being a freshman



Matthew Ritchie
Staff Contributor

This fall I will be attending the University of King's College to complete my second degree, a bachelor of journalism. That being said, I was barely accepted due to a miserable first year of university that brought my overall GPA down below a 3.0, which hurt when I began applying for post-grad studies. Now, I'm not trying to scare

you or anything, but to be successful in university you have to get off on the right foot. So here are some dos and don'ts to consider as you begin your freshman year.

1. Don't drink...too much

Okay, this is kind of hypocritical, but it's important you don't get wrapped up in the party culture that surrounds university dorms during your freshman year. You're here to study and

have fun, but try to keep everything in moderation. Drinking frequently will upset your sleep and make you unable to focus on lectures or assignments the next day. Also, don't drink Great White. No one likes being bitten by the shark.

2. Do make some friends

Your parents and cheesy sitcoms have said it time and time again: university is the place where you make the friends who last the rest of your life. As cliché as it sounds, it's kind of true. When I was in my freshman year I was in a long distance relationship and spent more time on the phone than socializing in my buddies' dorm rooms. Don't make the same mistake.

3. Join some societies and extra-curricular activities

My first degree was a bachelor of English and to tell you the truth I really don't remember learning that much. What I do remember is a friend introducing me to **The Dalhousie Gazette** which sparked an interest in writing, made my essays more cohesive, introduced me to the friends I have to this day and got me the gig I love working as a journalist. Societies will help you make new friends and turn you on to new activities you may

not have had the confidence to try in high school.

4. Don't study too much

This probably seems counterintuitive, but in my first year of study I got a D in my intro to psychology course even though I studied the textbook for upward of three hours a day. With a full course load I was studying too much and not giving my brain enough time to relax and retain the information. Try to take study breaks that take your mind off your subject of study. That being said...

5. Don't waste your time watching TV

This is going to really date myself, but when I was first living in residence the only show everybody seemed to be watching was *Prison Break*. And you know what? I don't know anybody who remembers much of anything about that show, probably because it was pointless. (How do you guys keep getting put back into prisons!?) Don't waste your time watching mindless television while taking a break from studying. Don't even think of subscribing to Netflix, because before you know it you've watched the complete run of the British and American versions of *Life on Mars* and have nothing to take away from it. If you

do decide to watch television, make it something thought provoking like a documentary special or something with a complex storyline like *The Wire*. (Just don't start calling your cell phone a 'burner'—that's just stupid.)

6. Get some exercise

Probably for the first time in your life you have full-time access to a gym. Time to transform yourself. If you don't know what you're doing, grab a buddy who does. Maybe even join a running group and start looping the Dalplex track or going for a scenic run in the south end. Exercise decreases anxiety (which is needed when you're writing more than an essay or exam a week) and helps you get a better sleep for class the following day.

Overall, try to limit any excessive or bad habits that prevent you from giving this degree your all. And don't forget to try to have some fun. You're here to study, but some of the best memories you'll make are outside the classroom. ☹

What to expect when you're expecting university to be a breeze.

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STREETEER

How did you survive Frosh Week?

By Katrina Pyne and Rachael Shrum



"Didn't go to mine—wish I had"

Amanda Lindsay
Athletics Dept., Frosh of '98



"Grrrrr"

Dal Tiger
Frosh of 1818



"Try not to over-party—know when to draw the line"

Charlene Lucas
Facilities, Frosh of '91



"I haven't yet!"

Lila Sukkar
Bachelor of Science, To-be Frosh



"Don't remember if i went to it..."

Ben Smith
Biology, PhD



"I Stayed with a good crowd"

Rev Anno
Commerce, Frosh of '10



"I took time to think and relax too"

Yang Yang
Economics, Frosh of '09



"Go to Orientation!"

Yatong Cui
Internetworking, Frosh of '11



"I just tried to keep up with everything"

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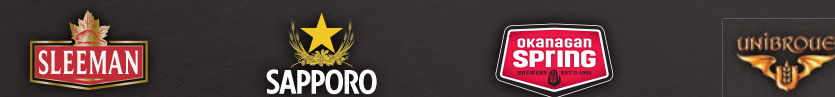
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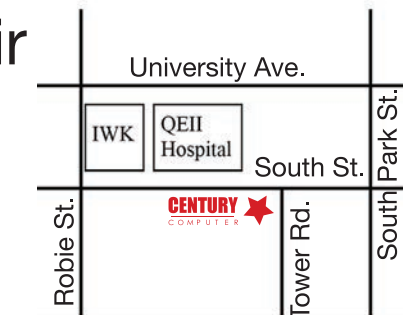
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Andrew Mills Arts Editor

Ice cream orientation

STRETCHING SUMMER INTO SEPTEMBER

Meagan Deuling
 Assistant Arts Editor

The dearth of summer in Halifax is amplified by the halt the beginning of fall semester brings.

But September is particularly kind to Halifax, so don't let your looming semester kill the footloose dance of July and August until your feet are manacled in wool socks and Sorrels. You're not procrastinating yet—save that for October. Now, you're still wiggling your body into the sand of the beach that is the city in which you live.

It's easy, in Halifax, to create universes made up of the four blocks it takes to walk to school, the grocery and liquor stores, your friends' apartments and whatever bar you and your crew choose to call home. But the universe is big! Expand your horizons and become a part of this city by getting acquainted with all of it. Hold onto summer for as long as you can stand to wear your legs bare by introducing your taste buds to the wares of ice cream shops from the four corners of Halifax.

Down on the waterfront, follow the waft of freshly pressed waffle cones to **Cow's** (Historic Properties, Upper Water St.). The queue diminishes

after Labour Day and the servers' biceps are hardened. They're hankering to scoop a cone for a friendly student after a summer of catering to tourists. Enjoy your cone of Cowie Wowie as you contemplate the beauty in the hulking beast of the oil refinery, or use your tuition-paid transit pass to ride the ferry to Dartmouth as though the day will never end.

A lot of students live between Quinpool Road and Dalhousie, but it's not all houses. On the corner of Jubilee Road and Preston Street is a diamond in the rough pretending to be a convenience store called **Jubilee Junction** (6273 Jubilee Rd.). Brave the sickly wind of the freezer fans, sidle up to the counter and order an ice cream sandwich. They come pre-made, but you're not in a hurry. Smile at the friendly guys who assemble sandwiches from any kind of cookie and any flavour of ice cream. They're open late, which is perfect—midnight meanders love cold, sweet company.

The Public Gardens have a mandate against fun. No running! Stay off the grass! No bikes! Juxtaposing this is the hand paddled ice cream at **Uncommon Grounds** (Public Gardens, Spring Garden Road entrance). Here you choose your ingredients like a Blizzard from Dairy Queen—

except that it's made from ice cream that actually started as cream. Order a cone of candied ice cream and a coffee with cream and sugar and alternate a bite with a sip as you jitter your way through memories of Halifax's British legacy.

Cornwallis was one of Halifax's more unsavoury characters, but there is still a short north end street named after him, and on that street is **DeeDee's** (5668 Cornwallis St.). DeeDee's ice cream is handmade with local ingredients, and it's a family run business. Make an afternoon meal out of this one: order the spicy burrito with coffee and ice cream for dessert. It's excessive, but September is slipping away and your homework is piling up!

Take the long route home from DeeDee's, for digestion's sake. See if you discover more ice cream spots along the way (this list is only sample-sized). As the Halifax winter settles into reality, use the memory of an ice cream-filled September to face off against the shadowy universe that is your piles of homework. ☹

Going local at DeeDee's

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The newbie's guide to drinks and dancing

Rachel Bloom
Arts Contributor

Welcome to Halifax! If hitting the bars is your style, this is the perfect place to be—Halifax is reputed to have the most bars per capita in Canada. And with our abundant selection of brews, this handy guide is a must-have for newcomers to navigate the downtown maze, and will serve as a refresher for equally reasonably priced pitchers.

Campus Bars

The Grawood (6136 University Ave.) hosts trivia every Thursday night and has great live music. **The Grad House** (1252 LeMarchant St.) has killer power hours and serves yummy munchies. Those who came to university hoping to find their other half may want to hang their hats at **The T-Room** on Sexton Campus (1360 Barrington St.) to meet a future engineer. In the basement of the A&A building at the University of King's College is the **HMCS King's Wardroom** (6350 Coburg Rd.). Get a King's student to sign you in and down cheap beers while talking philosophy with Foundation Year students.

Clubs

Looking to dance? **The Dome** (1726 Argyle St.) is the perfect place to look for love in the club—strap on your stilettos and get set to dance those poles. Oh yes, there are poles. There is a reason it's nicknamed 'the Dirty Dome,' but for some, the Dome is home. **The New Palace Cabaret** (1721 Brunswick St.) is another place to go for shimmying on the dance floor. For a classier place to dance, check out **The Argyle Bar & Grill's** (1575 Argyle St.) infamous rooftop patio.

Sports Fans

Bubba Ray's (5650 Spring Garden Rd.), with sports memorabilia decorating the walls, is the perfect place to watch the game and eat some wings. If it's busy, hop across the street to **Oasis** (5675 Spring Garden Rd.) for equally reasonably priced pitchers and karaoke on Thursdays. The key is to share pitchers until an off-key rendition of "Ignition" gets everyone rocking their upper bodies.

Pubs

Down by the waterfront is **The Lower Deck** (1869 Upper Water St.), a favourite with students despite the steeper prices and long line-ups. It could be because Signal Hill, the greatest cover band of all time, plays every Sunday. Other gems include the **Halifax Alehouse** (1717 Brunswick St.) where the waitresses dress as wenches and the historic atmosphere is pretty awesome. Irish pub **Pogue Fado** (1581 Barrington St.) is known for live music on Thursday nights and jumbo wings. Other beer meccas include **The Old Triangle Alehouse** (5136 Prince St.), **The Maxwell's Plum** (1600 Grafton St.), with the biggest selection of beer of any bar in Halifax and **Split Crow** (1855 Granville St.), the oldest tavern in Halifax, known for its power hours on Saturdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

That's the lowdown. Try out the whole list or just choose a few. Remember to always drink responsibly, have a safe way home and have fun! ☺

Don't overdo it.

••• Photo by Angela Gzowski



YOU CAN JAM IF YOU WANT TO

Halifax's open mics offer students a space to share emerging talent



Andrew Mills
Arts Editor

There are rock stars hiding in the monolith of the Killam Library and George Woodhouse is going to find them. Woodhouse, the host of Dalhousie's open mic nights at the Grawood, says he feels joy when scared students shed their chrysalis of silence.

"They step up to the mic, nervous as hell, and tell the room that what they are about to do is complete their new year's resolution of actually performing a song on the guitar they just got last Christmas," he says via email. "That's when my heart explodes and I love my job."

It's scary stuff, to transform from audience member to performer.

"Some people come to me asking to sign up, with a look so petrified, they look like they're going off to war, and they sit nervously with their friends nursing their beers until finally their slot comes around." But, he says students shouldn't be afraid to step onstage.

"Nobody cares if they screw up, 'cause the crowd goes absolutely nuts when they finish to acknowledge the brave act that just took place."

University doesn't have to be a desert for creative expression. Though students consume an endless manna of lectures and readings, they shouldn't be limited by the passive requirements of their field.

"Some performers are music students who are just looking to vent their 'non-classical' talents that build up during the semester," Woodhouse says.

"People play their favourite tunes, sing their own songs, and collaborate on the spot. Students need to have access to a space like that, so that's what we love providing at open mic night."

There are aspects of both the city and campus that should be explored. That slight British boy, scented by a sinister veneer of Febreze, could be a ghostly troubadour in disguise. There's only one way to find out.

"Open mic isn't just about the music, or the beer, or the music and beer, it's about people jazzing and jamming, and hanging out with sweet passionate melodies in the air," Woodhouse says.

Here's a quick primer on some of the city's legendary musical hide-aways:

• On Monday nights **Ben Caplan's open mic** (2539 Agricola St.) is a dose

of unfiltered glory. Show up before 9 p.m. to sign up to play. BYOB and linger with talented north-enders.

• **Coburg Coffee** (6085 Coburg Rd.), the resident cacao bean provider nestled across the street from Howe Hall, hosts a caffeinated jamboree open to all every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m.

• If you're up for a more traditional east coast gig, **Bearly's** (1269 Barrington St.) boasts a Sunday night blues jam at 8:30 p.m.

• Ask around for **The Burrow** in the North End, lest I ruin its mystique by betraying the precise address. Tunes pierce the smoke filled haze of a basement, interpenetrated with laughter and conversations in this elusive Halifax treat.

- For those still working up the courage to release some melody or recite an epic verse, inquire at the Rebecca Cohn (6101 University Ave.) about the soundproofed practice rooms. ☺

Grawood open mics for the fall semester will be held Sept. 13, Oct. 4, Oct. 25 and Nov. 15.

Rosanna Burrill is a Dal music student who has been known to turn the Grawood dance floor into a kitchen party at open mic night. ••• Photo by Andrew Mills

Stars find true North

Nick Laugher
Staff Contributor

It's been two years since the last full-length album from Canadian electropop powerhouse Stars, but it feels like it's been a sprawling, star-scrawled eternity.

After 2010's melodramatic *The Five Ghosts*, Stars' latest LP *The North* is a refreshing step back into sincerity and soliloquy. Domineering the album is well-washed nostalgia and cynicism, something that was sorrowfully absent from the overwrought musings of *The Five Ghosts*. Instantly, there is an unforeseen jarring richness—a low-flying glassy vessel of harmonies and stark pounding bass.

Where *Ghosts* was more infantile in its over-the-top gothic melancholia—sort of aimlessly precocious—*True North* is an exercise in laser-focused facetiousness and frustration in the most manic way possible.

The rapid fire raggedness of opener "Theory of Relativity" indicates something's dislodged; all that mock virtue and vagrancy is eschewed for more palatable anger and ennui. "Total fuckin' alcoholic," spits co-vocalist Amy Milan in a harsh singsong. It's wiry, pointy and dirty—a rebellion of sense and sensibility, but it's glossy and rich with metallic synth shimmer.

Canadian pop crooner and co-captain Torquil Campbell delivers some of the most articulate and immediate prose of his career. The rest of the band harnesses a visceral mish-mash of viral, pulsing beats and bass. A bellowing low-end of belligerent

basslines by Even Cranley amid ferocious drums lays a dark and dense foundation for slippery glitch beats, cynically happy hooks and emotional exposition.

However polished and pock-marked the band may have become, after their less than stellar previous offering *The North* is a return to form and fortitude. The band have grown, harnessing lyrical cynicism and cyclonic rhythm for a whirlwind of pop appeal.

"It's so cold in this country," claim Campbell and Milan on the floating, exhumatory title track. "You can never get warm," as if they've been trying for years. But it seems they've found a hearthstone, because *The North* is a creeping, indelible warmth. Milan sings "Don't be scared, there will be things we never dared," and they mean it.

The tracks are tightly wound between hesitation and reproach. The band digs towards truth—almost begrudgingly back in the thick of it. "Crawling from the bottle to the other side. This living isn't hardwired," cries Milan on "Backlines," a buzz-laden push from infamy to honesty.

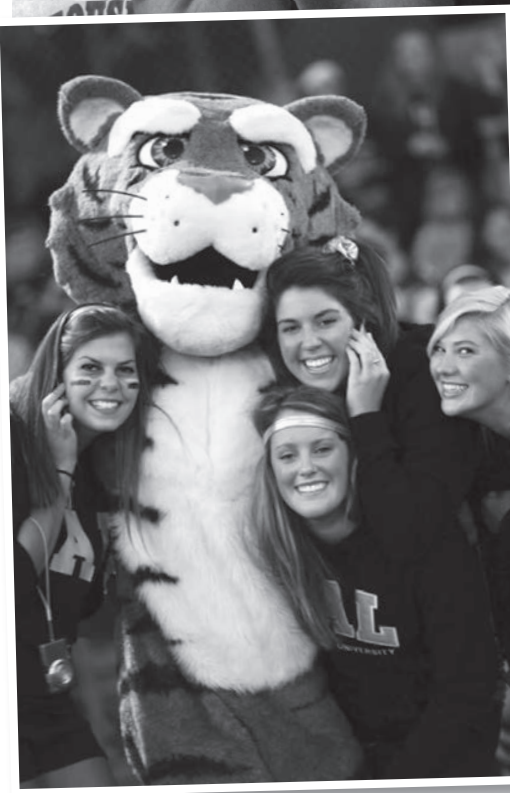
Bridging the troublesome gap between popularity and relevance, Stars have propelled themselves back into intense idiosyncrasy after the somber, sonic stumble of *The Five Ghosts*.

Armed with a skeptic's eye and an electronic wall of ethereal elegies, they've proven that the Canadian music scene is a force to be reckoned with. ☺



10 THINGS TO KNOW TO BE A TIGERS FAN

A survival guide to cheering on the black and gold



what's up. For the price of absolutely nothing, you'll see some of the best athletics in the city just a stone's throw from class.

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1. Where to take your seat

Centrally located in the heart of campus are 200 yards of artificial grass known as Wickwire Field. You can stop by throughout the fall to catch a soccer, football, rugby, lacrosse or field hockey game

free of charge. The cross-country runners meet at Point Pleasant Park on the southern end of the peninsula.

Indoors, the Dalplex hosts basketball, volleyball, swimming, and track and field. As for hockey, there are new venues this year—more on that later. The men's team is at the Halifax Forum, while the women will play primarily at the Halifax Metro Centre. They'll play a few matches in other locations, including the Forum.

2. The acronyms

We at *The Dalhousie Gazette* use a couple acronyms in our articles that we want you to familiarize yourself with. Love them, cherish them, do

whatever you need to do. Atlantic University Sport, or the AUS, is the league Dal's varsity teams compete in along with the other major schools in Atlantic Canada. Dal's league and the three other regional conferences in Canada are enveloped by Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS), the national federation. Competing in the CIS championships at the end of the year is an athlete's main goal.

Dal's club teams, which aren't formally run by the Athletics Department, play in separate leagues. Those teams include football, lacrosse, rugby and field hockey.

University of King's College, the little school in the corner of Studley campus, does not play in the same conference as Dal. They are a step below in the ACAA.

3. No arena anymore

Did you come to Dal thinking you could strap on the skates and play a game of shinny on campus? Well, the arena we used to have no longer exists. Sorry.

The luxury of having a rink is no more after concerns arose the arena's 30-year-old roof could not handle the increased snow load caused from the new residence being constructed nearby.

While the demolition continues this month to what used to be Memorial Arena, Dal's hockey teams and intramural players will play elsewhere for at least four seasons before a new arena is expected to open.

In the long-term, having a new facility will be great. In the short-term, living without one sucks.

4. Good at the beautiful game

We've become a bit of a powerhouse

at soccer, a declaration we'll gladly take. After a number of close seasons, the women's soccer team finally won the AUS banner last fall, their first in 10 years, in a season that was supposed to be a rebuilding one. The men weren't as lucky as the women, falling in the semifinal, but this is, again, another young squad with upside. Keep an eye out for them both.

5. Where we shine

Soccer isn't the only sport where Dal makes a bid for league supremacy. In fact, we win banners in a few sports with reckless abandon. In swimming and track and field, it's been over a decade since the last time Dal didn't receive the conference nod for both their men's and women's teams, while in men's volleyball, the Tigers have won 24 of the past 25 crowns.

6. Playoff fight on the ice

We hate to be the bearer of bad news, but Tigers hockey has been lacklustre at times. Stay with us, though. If the women can play like they did at the end of last season, they will be a contender. The men, on the other hand, were a little farther away from a playoff spot. We want to think of them as the Los Angeles Kings of the AUS. If they make the playoffs, you never know—a spark may be lit under their skates.

7. Can football bounce back?

Our club football team had a sophomore slump last season, falling to a disappointing 1-5 record after coming just short in the league championship in their first year. Football is still somewhat new to Dal as the team embarks on the school's third year of football since 1976, but

there's little doubt the honeymoon period is wearing off.

8. We're a basketball town

If you like basketball, you're in good company in Halifax. The Rainmen, the city's professional team, is continuing to gain fans by the year and we've regularly held CIS and AUS championships to a strong gate.

The same can be said on campus. For Dal sports, the basketball teams—particularly the men—draw big crowds. I guess winning the league title in 2009 and 2011 helps with that. The women's team has done well, too. An upset led them to the AUS semifinals this past season.

9. It's free!

What makes university sports at Dal so unique is that they are absolutely free for you, the penny-pinching student. Yep, not a cent. All you have to do at the gate is flash your Dal card, get your hand stamped and you're good to go. Save the student loan money for Tim Hortons or a gift for mom and dad.

10. Get involved

Don't think of yourself as an athletic individual? Don't worry, neither do we. But there's hope for us all at Dal. There are plenty of ways to get involved in sports, whether it's by signing up for an intramural league, joining a club or cheering from the stands.

Oh yeah, and we're always looking for new friends at the *Gazette*. Stop by and say hi. We'd love to meet you. ☺

Let's GO TIGERS!

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You chose Dalhousie. Good for you. We've got a nice thing going here.

As for athletics, we'll be frank with you: a lot of us are indifferent. Sure, we've got the teams and the fit athletes, but the average student doesn't care too much. If you don't believe us, ask the person next to you in Psychology 1011—you're probably in the class—if they saw yesterday's soccer game. Chances are, they didn't.

Those of us who do care about campus sports, however: we know

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WHERE TO PLAY?

Kristie Smith
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As the great Snoop Dogg, or rather Snoop Lion, once said: "It's so easy for a kid to join a gang, to do drugs. We should make it that easy to be involved in football and academics."

In Halifax, and specifically at Dalhousie, being active is just as easy as opening a book. While some people seem to forget the brain is a muscle, others forget to stay active when they're busy studying.

If you're interested in staying fit (and you should be), here is the low-down on where to go, from campus to downtown and beyond.

DALHOUSIE

The Dalplex is undeniably a main hub for activity, but its many options are not the only ones on campus:

Dalplex (6260 South St.)

The primary fitness facility at Dal has a swimming pool, weight rooms, exercise machines, an indoor track for year-round usage and more. They also offer classes, from yoga to self-defense to CPR. Every student pays for an eight-month membership with their student fees, so if you're a full-time student, you can just go down with your student ID to discover what awaits.

Studley campus

You can find a host of options outside

the Dalplex, several of which are open to the elements. These include but are not limited to the school's main outdoor facility, **Wickwire Field** (6303 South Street), open lawns for whatever you want (frisbee, yoga, tight rope walking, etc.), tennis courts and miscellaneous basketball nets.

Sexton campus

We can't forget our engineering friends to the east. **The Sexton Memorial Gym** (1360 Barrington Street) may not get the same love as the Dalplex, but, in the end, aren't we all just going to a gym to get all sweaty?

DOWNTOWN

Downtown Halifax is made up largely of shops, restaurants and government buildings. However, if you look closely, you'll find a host of options for keeping active without going far past your bus route;

Yoga

From inside a gym or a sauna to outside on a lawn, Halifax has you covered if yoga is your game. There are lots of options, three of my favourites being **Moksha Yoga** (1512 Dresden Row), **Ashtanga Yoga** (1489 Birminghams St.), and **Bikram Yoga** (1567, Grafton St.), all offering hot yoga. Other much-loved downtown studios include **Therapeutic Approach Yoga** (6156 Quinpool Rd.) and **108 Yoga** (1496 Lower Water St.). As well, **Lululemon** (5486 Spring Garden

Rd.), a popular yoga outfitting store, holds classes, too. For a more local option, you could also check out **Bhavana Yoga Boutique** (6252 Quinpool Rd.) for yoga merch and whatnot.

Gyms

Have a membership from the summer? Maybe one from work or with your family? No reason to quit going because you changed cities. A lot of gyms, from **GoodLife** (multiple locations) to **YMCA** (1565 South Park St.), accept memberships across the country. All you have to do is go in, have your information transferred and you should be good to go. Both gyms, as well as many others, are all a quick bus ride from campus in downtown.

If you want more direction in your workouts, a free boot camp may be exactly what you're looking for. Located at **Saint Andrew's United Church**, just across the street from Subway and Starbucks on Coburg Road, the Maritime Heart Centre (6036 Coburg Rd.) promises that 100 per cent of proceeds from its boot camp go to charity. So not only are you doing something good for your body, but for your soul, too. Visit maritimeheartcenter.ca for more details.

Something a bit more wild

Want to burn calories in an unorthodox way? Here are some out-there suggestions.

Belly dancing is becoming popular so get on that train before every-

one else catches up. Try **Serpentine Studios** (1668 Barrington St.). Or, if you want something you could make more money off of, there's pole dancing. **Essence Studios** (1717 Barrington St.), has great reviews and good rates.

WILLING TO EXPLORE?

If you're a local looking for some original ideas or you're new and want to get out of your comfort zone, get some friends together and gives these options a try.

Surfing

Never surfed before? Maybe look into some lessons at www.ECSurfSchool.com before hitting the beach. Camps are held at the Lawrence or Martinique beaches, located 30-40 minutes from Halifax.

Paintball

The PaintballRepublic.com website has a lot of information for novices to experts on where to play, where to buy and how to get involved. Don't be intimidated to try the sport on your own, though; half the fun of trying something new is meeting new people.

Curling

The Halifax Curling Club (948 South Bland St.) is the oldest active curling club, not just in Canada but also in North America. If you have been curling for a while, they have leagues you may want to join. Brand new to

the sport? Where better to learn?

Rock climbing

You would think climbing options would be few on an island like Nova Scotia but you would be surprised. The **Climb Nova Scotia** group has everything, from "bouldering, trad, sport, ice, indoor climbing and much more." Learn more at www.climb-novascotia.ca.

Laser tag

AlphaStrike (202 Brownlow Ave.) over in Dartmouth is one of the largest laser tag venues with an arcade in the area. For their individual rates, visit www.alphastrike.ca/rates/individuals

Last, but not least, you can always get a bike, some rollerblades, a skateboard, or just a good pair of sneakers and get out there. I can suggest a hundred venues for you to check out but the best way to learn the city is to run into it, head first. If I may though, Citadel Hill, the Public Gardens, the Commons and Point Pleasant Park are solid bets. Good luck and play safe! ☺

WHERE TO WATCH?

Henry Whitfield
Staff Contributor

Halifax, eh? Sports fan, you say? Don't worry. We have you covered.

As we say goodbye to the summer sports season, waving farewell to such favourites as Nova Scotia Senior Baseball, the Maritime Football League and the Halifax Roller Derby Association (yeah, it exists), here's where to catch your local sports fix:

Dalplex (6260 South St.): Aesthetically the Dalplex is right out of the '80s, but it's home to the majority of varsity teams at Dalhousie: basketball, volleyball, track and field and swimming. The facilities include a cardio room (for an extra charge), a rock climbing wall, badminton,

squash and racquetball courts, saunas, and 35 weekly fitness classes.

Wickwire Field (6209 South St.): Wickwire Field is the jewel of Dal Athletics, home to soccer, rugby, lacrosse, field hockey and the football club. This gem of a field is also home to the majority of intramural sports, hosting ultimate frisbee, soccer, flag football—not to mention the occasional Quidditch tournament.

Halifax Metro Centre (1800 Argyle St.): Maybe it's the bright orange seats or maybe it's the great downtown location, but the Metro Centre is my favourite sport venue in the city. It's home to the Halifax Mooseheads, Nathan MacKinnon (*cough* the next Sydney Crosby *cough*), the

Halifax Rainmen and the AUS men's basketball championships. It will also be the primary venue for Dal's women's hockey team this year.

When the NBA team's training camp opens in October Halifax will also play host to the Toronto Raptors for the first time since 1997. Practices at the Canada Games Centre in Clayton Park are closed to the public, but there will be an intra-squad game open to everyone at the Metro Centre on Oct. 6.

Halifax Forum (2901 Windsor St.): The new home of the Tigers men's hockey team, the Forum, has been home to Saint Mary's University (SMU) men's hockey for much longer, making it a great setting for the cross-city rivalry. While the Tigers

move into Huskies territory, the players in black and gold will be trying to get back into the playoff picture this season.

SMUfit (920 Tower Rd.): A newly-built half-court gym is the highlight of SMUfit, formerly known as the Tower. It is the home of many of Saint Mary's programs and some of the most exciting sport in the city. Joey Haywood of the Halifax Rainmen lit up the hardwood here, while hoops star Justine Colley continues to produce highlight reel performances on a nightly basis for the Huskies.

Huskies Stadium (920 Tower Rd.): While the lone stadium in Halifax may not have aged gracefully, it makes up for its looks by hosting

some of the best football and soccer in the city. The Huskies football team, which has won nine of the last 12 AUS football titles, and their back-to-back champion men's soccer team are two of the main tenants.

(110 Wyse Rd.): A new addition to the list, requiring a brief bus ride across the bridge and into unknown territory, the Dartmouth Sportsplex is home to the Junior A Metro Shipbuilders. If you're a sports nut, they are the only ticket in town on Tuesday nights, making the trip to Dartmouth worth it. ☺



ADVICE FOR STUDENTS

Megan Leslie

MP Halifax

Get off campus. Lake swimming; gallery hopping; community lectures; festivals (Nocturne! Fringe! Pop Explosion! Atlantic Film Fest!); rallies; local food; activism; park picnics; the market; politics; the ferry; coffee shop performances; street parties; community gardens. There is so much to this town: experience it!



REACTIONS

Rain by inconvenience

LATE FOR CLASS ☂☂☂☂☂☂☂☂

BIG PARTY NIGHT ☂☂☂☂☂☂☂☂

GAME ON THE FIELD ☂☂☂☂☂☂

HOT DATE ☂☂

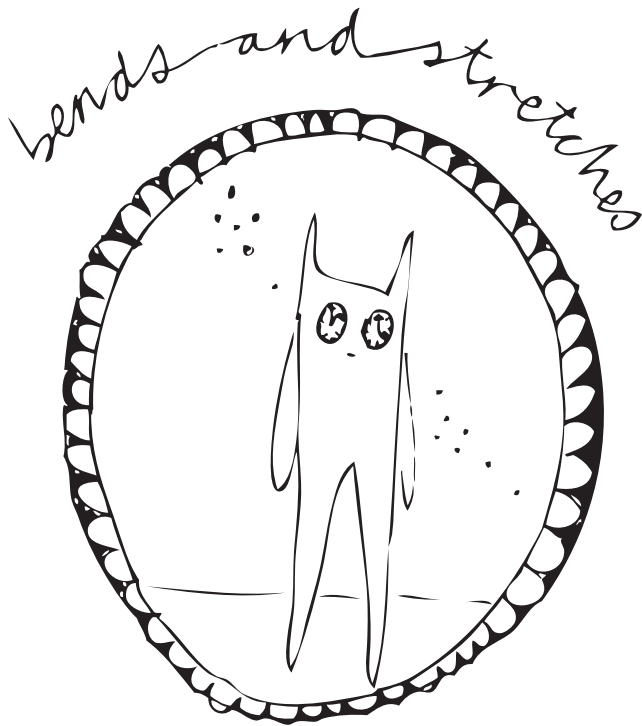
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POETRY

Impromptu On A Boring Day At Work

What ought a person with fuck-all to do? Maybe Rock-Paper-Scissors? or just take a nap? You could organize, sweep up, or go to the loo— Just remember that when you return, you've more crap.

—Andy Post



EAST COAST

Sugary drinks

While Canada's east coast may be known for its beers and spirits, it also has a drink tradition of another sort. Though far between, here are a few unique regional non-alcoholic thirst-quenchers:

SUSSEX GOLDEN GINGER ALE Produced and sold in the Maritimes and Maine alone. The original golden variety used to be more popular until prohibition made dry ginger ale the choice for mixing with bad-tasting bootleg booze. Canada Dry has been more popular ever since, but east coasters remain golden loyal.

PINEAPPLE & BIRCH BEER CRUSH These oddball flavours of the otherwise North America-wide soft drink brand are sold exclusively in Newfoundland and Labrador and Fort McMurray, Alberta, the only two places in the world you'll find concentrations of true-blue Newfoundlanders.

BEEP Corn syrup, apricot, orange and prune juices? It's Beep of course, the classic Farmer's children's breakfast beverage. It was retired and brought back again. One to taste, while you still can.



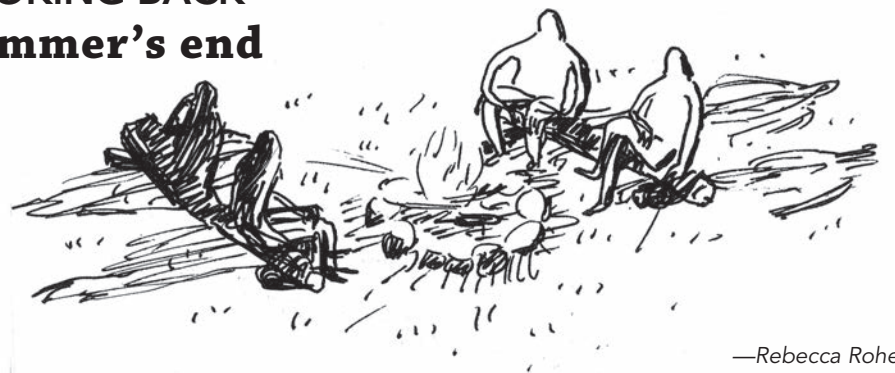
—Kathryn Johnson

Holy moly where does the time go?

—Bethany-Riordan Butterworth

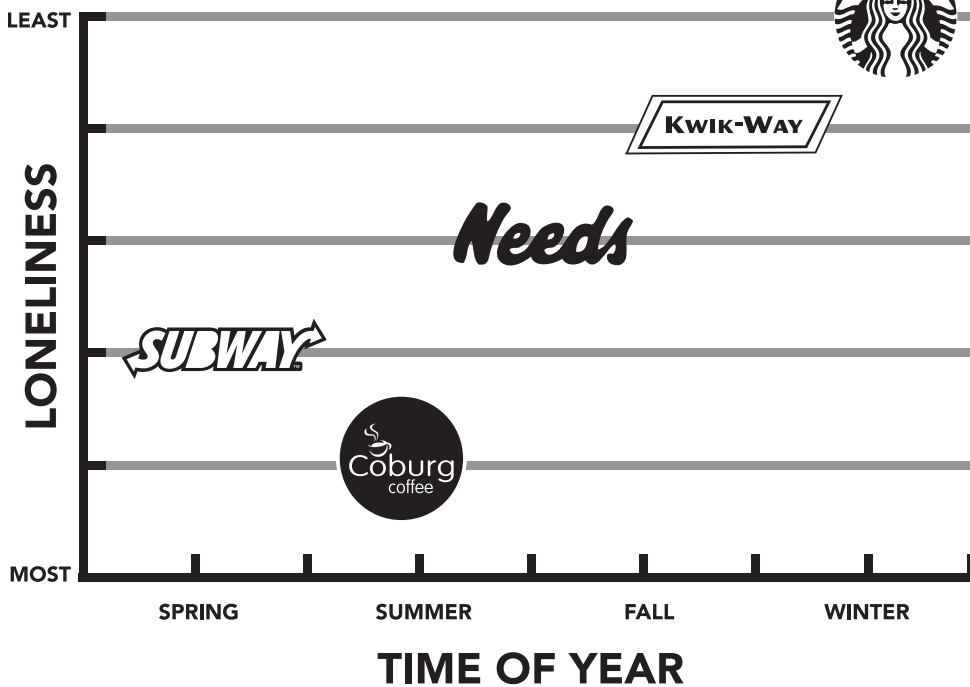


LOOKING BACK Summer's end



—Rebecca Roher

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POETRY

Layovers

I remember that time,
we were lying on the floor

and Anthony Bourdain was
drinking Japanese whisky
on the television.

You looked so peaceful,
wide-eyed at his debauchery,
soft, upturned lips smiling
at his barbs about hipsters.

Now,
I am lying on the floor

and Anthony Bourdain is
drinking Japanese whisky
on the television

and he looks gaunt—
tired of being replayed,
and used
as a replacement.

—Nick
Laugher



PUZZLE

Sudoku

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Welcoming the new students

What is the Sextant? Where am I? What did I get myself into?



Ben Wedge
Editor in Chief
Industrial '13

It was four long years ago that I was in your shoes - a first year student, new to Halifax, new to Dalhousie. Some of you may be reading this as you arrive in third year from an Associated University. In my four years at Dal I've sat on countless committees and participated in many events, consultations, and leisure activities. Oh, and the odd class or lab. The things I've seen this summer have given me the confidence to say that you're going to have an incredible amount of fun with us. This fall we will be starting out with *Fall Fest* - a growing tradition on Sexton Campus, headlined this year by local act *Party Boots* and featuring a 360 m² beer garden for those who are at least 19 years old. Following the activities on the quad, the T-Room will be fired up by legendary Halifax trivia host Stan Selig (BEng '10; MAsc '12). Stan will be joined on stage by a yet unnamed guest to kick off Halifax's Best Trivia, as determined

by *The Coast*. The T-Room is the place to start your Thursday and Friday evenings, with pool, shuffleboard, and the cheapest drinks in town. Through the year we will have live music every Thursday and trivia every Friday, with Discipline Nights held between acts on Thursdays. They are events you don't want to miss. Occasionally, we recommend you attend your classes. Keeping on top of academics is a constant struggle in Engineering and Architecture. The attrition rate, especially in Engineering, is incredibly high, and we all have stories of barely squeaking through in one class or another. The struggles we go through to reach the end of our degrees are well documented, and student leaders have been working hard to increase the availability of professional counselling services on this campus. When their request is realized, you will certainly read about it here. In the meantime, get your homework done as soon as it's assigned, which will leave you with a little bit of spare time for leisure pursuits. A question which many students have concerns this paper. What is the Sextant? The Sextant is an editorially



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
1 pm - Fall fest on the quad. Free food, beer garden/tent, and live music from Party Boots at 7 pm.
9:30 pm - Trivia with Stan Selig

Share your Sexton Campus event
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Top 10 things to do in Halifax



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For all the new students coming to Sexton, especially the ones new to Halifax, here's a list of cool things to do this semester (in no particular order):

- 10 Brewery Tours** - One thing that Halifax takes pride in is its beer (you'll notice a theme in this list). Alexander Keith's is known for its Nova Scotian heritage and has a pretty unique brewery tour. The Garrison and Propeller micro breweries also conduct their own tours for groups. And yes, all tours include samples.
- 9 Halifax Mooseheads** - Not just for the avid hockey fans, the Mooseheads are looking forward to having a great season. Following an impressive playoff run last year, the

- Moose are hoping to make it even deeper in the playoffs this year with local stud Nathan MacKinnon. When tickets go on "sale" (usually free) in the Design Commons, get them quick; we're known to be the rowdiest group around.
- 8 Lower Deck Sundays** - Popular Halifax cover band *Signal Hill* headlines every Sunday and it's a time. Mostly a student crowd, be sure to try it once this Fall and go fairly early to avoid lineups.
- 7 Wings and Beer** - Almost any night of the week a pub or restaurant has a deal on wings. Ale-house is known for their wings and pitcher deal on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Your Father's Moustache, Pizza Delight, Bubba Ray's and Oasis all have wing specials right on Spring Garden.
- 6 Split Crow Saturdays** - Known for their power hour from 4:30-5:30 on Saturdays, students flock there as early as 11 am to get a

- seat for the event. Live music starts in the afternoon and the place is rocking for the entire day.
- 5 Yuk Yuks Comedy Club** - Thursdays are student night and some recognizable names come in on a regular basis. Only \$5 per show, it is guaranteed to be a good time with lots of laughs. *Bearly's House of Blues and Ribs* also has an amateur stand-up night Thursdays; it is within pissing distance of the T-Room.
- 4 The Waterfront** - Although the water may be toxic, the boardwalk and shops around are great. A big destination for cruise ships in the Fall, there's plenty going on.
- 3 T-Room Nights** - The Sexton Campus bar offers one of the best atmospheres in all of Halifax. With award-winning trivia every Friday night and live bands every Thursday, it's a can't miss for any engineering student. Rum and Coke

- pitchers anyone?
- 2 Intramurals** - Sexton Campus offers their own intramurals on top of what the main Dal campus does. Wipe the floor against other disciplines in indoor soccer, floor hockey, basketball and other sports.
- 1 Engineering** - Friday afternoons from 1-5, it's the cheapest social/homework/pre-lab/post-lecture brew you can buy in Halifax. Mixed drinks often available as well.

NEWS BRIEFS

Discipline shirts are now available for purchase in the Design Commons for \$10. They feature the DalEng logo and a cog on the side.

The T-Room will be open as a study space during the day this semester, and the old DSU Office (A-102) will soon be open as bookable space. Check here for more details soon.

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