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## WEEKLY DISPATCH

# Budget blues, Society Love, Ski Days, and TEDxNovaScotia

The Winter slush and snow is upon us, but hopefully you're finding some solace in the fresh food, masses of balloons, and soulful tunes filling the SUB these days.

But there's more than the weather contributing to the January blues this year. The university's budget advisory committee has just released the 1st draft of its report and it seems that with a \$17.5 million shortfall, there may be proposals coming for significant operational cuts or even tuition increases. We will keep you abreast of all student consultation sessions, DSU positions and much more via email, our website, Facebook page and twitter!

In the meantime, the DSU has created a learning forum where you won't get graded and there's no tuition; its called **Free School** and its happening this Sunday (11am-4pm). And also don't forget to save the date for **TEDxNovaScotia** coming to Dal on March 10th and send in your speaker nominations to [DSU.Sandbox@gmail.com](mailto:DSU.Sandbox@gmail.com).

### A FEW UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDE:

**DSU Society Fair** - this Thursday, 11am-3pm

**Winter Gala** - (proceeds going to the Laing House) > Saturday, 7pm

**Munro Day Ski Trip** - February 2nd (all day)

Check out our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/DalStudentUnion/Events](https://www.facebook.com/DalStudentUnion/Events) for more info!

If that won't cure the winter blues, then we got one more surprise that definitely will. Post an idea through our Soapbox platform at [DSU.ca](http://DSU.ca) before January 31, and be eligible to win one of four cash prize giveaways of \$250.00. All part of our way of saying "we want your feedback!"

Want to take it one step beyond "input"? Stay tuned for info coming soon about running for elected positions within your faculty societies and DSU or contact [Society.Coordinator@Dal.ca](mailto:Society.Coordinator@Dal.ca) for more info.

That's it for now. Stay classy Dalhousie!

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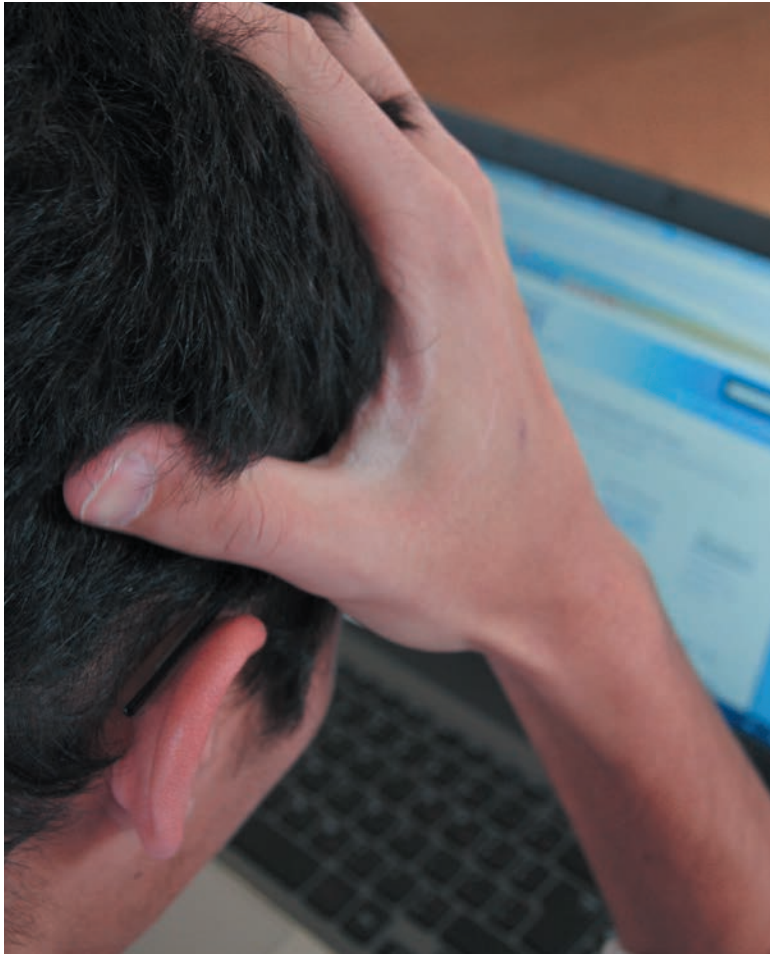
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## Government loses student loan information

### FORMER DAL STUDENTS AFFECTED



Kate McKenna  
Staff Contributor

Half a million Canadians got one hell of a shock last week when Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) announced it lost the personal information of over 500,000 former students.

The federal government misplaced an external hard drive with the social insurance numbers, personal finance information and other personal information of 538,000 Canadians who went to school from 2000 to 2006.

This includes a number of former Dalhousie students.

Bronwyn Rodd completed her master's degree and most of her PhD in English at Dal a couple of years ago. She says she's horrified and angry, but not surprised.

"In my experience, the student loans office hasn't been a model of administrative competency," says Rodd.

"For example, I go by my middle name, which I indicate on all of my forms. Lots of other Canadians do as well. But they seem utterly unable to comprehend or deal with that. At one point I had to send them copies of two or three different photo IDs because they thought I was two different people."

Rodd heard about the breach from a co-worker and called the toll-free number posted by HRSDC. She, along with the rest of the affected for-

mer students, was told a letter would follow outlining the things they can do to protect themselves from identity fraud.

Rodd isn't alone. Abby Crosby works at Mount Saint Vincent University. She was horrified to learn that her information was lost as well. But for Crosby, the sting is more piercing: this is the second time Crosby's student loan information has been lost.

**"I'M JUST GOING TO MONITOR MY ACCOUNTS MYSELF."**

"The same information was stolen at Centennial College while I was a student there," says Crosby. "I kind of shrugged that one off, but I'm really irritated about this huge privacy breach and the whole 'sorry for the inconvenience' attitude."

This time, she might get some compensation.

Newfoundland lawyer Bob Buckingham has begun the process of launching a class-action lawsuit on

behalf of the students. Smaller lawsuits are also popping up across the country: lawyers in Calgary and Edmonton are trying to launch suits on behalf of Alberta students. But first, the suit has to be approved by the judiciary.

Rodd says she supports the class-action suit and has been in touch with Buckingham. Beyond that, she says all she can do is watch her accounts and hope for the best.

"I'm just going to monitor my accounts myself. They recommend getting agencies to do that, but they charge a fee and as of now Student Loans isn't offering to take that fee off my monthly payment."

The local student loan office declined comment, pointing to the federal government's statement for information.

Students in Quebec, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories aren't affected by the security breach. ☹

#### FOLLOW-UP

Are you worried you're one of the half-million affected? The government has set up a hotline. Call 1-866-885-1866 with your SIN on-hand

The personal information of over 538,000 Canadians is missing. ••• Photo Byryn Karcha

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# Bikes thieves prowl the Dalhousie night

## 211 thefts reported last year

Jonny Bolduc  
News Contributor

Bicycles in Halifax have an unpleasant tendency to vanish. In a town where there's a constant demand for cheap bicycles for university students, those who ride bikes have to keep them safe from thieves—even on Dalhousie campus.

According to Const. Pierre Bourdages of the Halifax Regional Police, there have been 211 reported bike thefts in 2012, up from 165 in 2011.

Evan Webster, a 19-year-old University of King's College student, experienced bike theft first-hand, in October of last year, Webster locked his bike to a tree in front of the computer science building before a night class.

"The bike rack near the building was full of bikes," said Webster. "There was a tree just past the bike rack, so I locked it to that with a coil lock through the wheel and the frame. There were other bikes attached to trees in the area, so I didn't think anything of it."

His bike was gone when he emerged from the building.

"It was secure," said Webster. "The only way someone could have taken it was if they had the equipment."

Webster can point to certain mistakes on his part that led to the theft.

"There were parking meters and parked cars in the way," said Webster. "There was no view from the other side of the street."

But for Alex Schwass, a Dal student, visibility didn't matter. Although he let a friend borrow his bike, he insists it was locked to a bike rack.

"It was mid-afternoon, outside the Rowe Building. It was in broad daylight," said Schwass.

"It should be safe to lock your bike outside of the building you go to class," he said.

Both bikes were unregistered. The



There's an art to correctly securing your bike. ••• Photo Byryn Karcha

chances of recovering a stolen bike is already dismal, but a serial number presents at least a sliver of hope in the event that the police or Dal Security retrieve it, said Bourdages.

Andrew Dacanay, an employee at Cyclesmith, has advice for those who are looking to keep their bikes safe.

"When it comes to locking a bike," said Dacanay, "three things matter. How you lock your bike, where it's locked, and what it's locked with."

"When you lock your bike, lock

it to something that's bolted to the ground, or something that can't be moved. I had a friend who locked his bike to a sapling, and a thief just lifted it up from the sapling."

Dacanay also knows about locks. Some types, such as cable locks, can be cut with bolt cutters easily. A U-type lock, while more expensive, is much harder to break or cut through.

"You can get through a U-lock with an angle grinder, but most thieves don't carry those around with them,"

said Dacanay.

Dacanay also said bikes are often sold for parts, so ensuring that a bike is properly locked is even more important than the type of lock you use.

"You could have the world's most secure lock, but if you don't lock your bike correctly, it doesn't matter," said Dacanay.

"We see a lot of people who lock their bikes through the front wheel and lose the back halves of their bikes.

You have to lock the bike through the frame. It's ideal to have a U-lock and a cable lock, so you can lock the frame and the rear wheel to the bike rack."

And for Dacanay, ensuring the safety of his bike is a constant process.

"I've ridden bikes for more than 25 years, and I used to be a bike messenger in London," said Dacanay. "I still look at my bike after I park it to make sure that it's locked properly." ☺

## Changes at the SUB Pete's ToGoGo is just one of many



Pete Luckett (L), owner, and Jeff Supple (R), operations manager of Pete's ToGoGo in the SUB Jan. 16. ••• Photo by Calum Agnew

Kristie Smith  
Staff Contributor

The Student Union Building's newest tenant, Pete's ToGoGo, celebrated its opening on Jan. 16 with a special guest: owner and namesake Pete Luckett.

The businessman spent the day on campus, handing out coffee coupons to students as they walked by and talking to anyone who had a minute.

"It's very exciting," says Luckett. "This is a great demographic for us and our line of food. It's fast, it's fresh, and it's local. It's been great to hear the feedback from the students."

Pete's ToGoGo rounds out the food services at the SUB, which changed this year following a two-year consultation process by the student union. The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) ended its contract with Sodexo last year and took control of food services in the SUB, hiring Chartwells to work for them rather than beside them.

"We asked ourselves, 'If we started from a blank slate, what is it that students would want to see in their food services?'" says Edgar Burns, VP (finance and operations) for the DSU.

"After two years of consultation, we've identified the priorities: local, healthy, and diverse food options are what students were looking for."

Pete's, along with the Loaded Ladle, Chickenburger, and Global Village, addresses the various needs of the student body as far as food services go, says Burns.

The change in food services has come at a cost. The DSU now takes all profits that vendors in the SUB make, but they also are responsible for losses. The union's budget anticipates only around \$1,200 in revenue from food services, compared with \$141,000 last year. Burns says this is only because of startup costs.

With food services now under the DSU's management, the union is now looking ahead. A new consultation process has already begun for area renovations around the SUB, which has Burns excited.

"There are plans for more seating over the next few years, as a part of the DSU renovation process that's coming up and that's also going to be student driven," he says. "Increased seating, creating a new atmosphere for the new food services—it's all part of the renovations coming up."

Moved by suggestions from students through Soapbox, an online forum where students voice suggestions and concerns, the DSU has been tweaking the SUB all year, including the installment of the 'wellness room' on the third floor in what used to be an unused room. It's now a space for students to relax, with couches and space to pray.

DSU president Jamie Arron says that the union is working with architecture students on more extensive renovations.

"Good is the enemy of great, so of course we're already working on new things," says Arron. ☺

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Dave Wolpin is fighting for his cab licence. ••• Photo by Chris Parent

# Driver Dave hits speed bump

Hearing to determine licensing issue for shuttle service

Clark Jang  
Staff Contributor

A shuttle service run by a University of King's College grad is in danger of being shut down.

Dave Wolpin's airport shuttle service—Driver Dave's— went before the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on Tuesday. The hearing decision will determine whether his application for a Motor Carrier Licence will be granted. Wolpin expects to get the results in several weeks.

If successful, the licence would allow Wolpin to legally operate a 14-passenger van within the Halifax Regional Municipality. Currently, Wolpin's two cars are only licenced to transport people between cities.

But taxi and limousine companies are opposing Wolpin's application. Wolpin believes it's because he poses too much competition.

"How are these laws so monopolistic that I'm not allowed to enjoy the free market that we live in? It's not so free," he says.

Any business that already holds a Motor Carrier Licence can object to the granting of a licence to a competitor. Since limousines can seat more than nine people, they can object to Wolpin's application.

An independent group of taxi owners/operators, and two companies – Coach Atlantic Group, V.I.P. Limousine and Taxi Services, and Prestige Limousine and Taxi—are opposing Wolpin's licence.

In letters addressed to the Utility and Review Board, the oppo-

nents argued that there is insufficient demand for the service and that Wolpin is attempting to circumvent the regulations.

"With the downturn in the economy, the market will not support another vehicle of this type," reads a letter from Steve Pace of V.I.P. Limousine and Taxi Services.

A letter from a group of taxi owners/operators reads, "we feel the public is adequately serviced."

## "HE'S DOING TAXI BUSINESS AND HE'S NOT A TAXI."

There are approximately 1,000 taxis within the HRM and 204 of those are licensed to pickup and drop-off at the airport.

But Wolpin says the demand for his service is there.

Since he started Driver Dave's in early 2010, Wolpin's team has driven more than 7,000 customers and logged more than 40,000 rides. He's even compiled a petition of more than 1,000 signatures in support of his service.

"None of them [the other taxis] are operating 14-passenger vans. No one takes a stretch limo from Howe Hall to the airport. These limo drivers are opposing me because they also own taxis."

Tim Auld, a taxi owner-operator, says the opponents hope to prove in the hearing that Wolpin's business is illegal.

"He's trying to sneak in the back door as an unlicensed individual. He's doing taxi business and he's not a taxi," says Auld.

Wolpin was issued a Commercial Van Licence, which allowed him to pick up and exit the municipality, or pick up and enter the municipality. He found out a year later he couldn't pick up and drop off within the municipality.

"I built a business under a false pretense," says Wolpin. "I am young and inexperienced, and I did not know the laws."

For example, he can drive a student from Howe Hall to Acadia, but can't drive from Howe Hall to the airport, because the airport is still part of the HRM.

Auld says Wolpin's business raises issues of passenger safety and doesn't follow established rules in the transportation industry. Taxi drivers undergo criminal record checks every year. Wolpin's drivers don't.

But Wolpin points to a different form of passenger safety: more than 1,000,000 kilometres driven and not a single accident.

### Competitive Industry

Auld says students have misconceptions about cab pricing to and from the airport.

"We want to get the word out that we can do it every bit as cheap as he can."

For example, for a group of five people Driver Dave's charges \$20 per head. Auld says for a group of five people in his minivan, it's \$63 and another \$7 for the minivan charge. It's a saving of approximately \$6 per person.

But for individuals looking for a lift, Driver Dave's is the cheaper option at \$30 a seat, compared to around \$63 for a cab.

Carly Barrington, a third-year Dal student, thinks \$63 is too much to pay for a ride to the airport.

"I think \$40 is more reasonable. It's unfortunate the airport is so far away though."

Cody Lockett, a fourth-year Dal student, thinks cab fares are reasonable.

"They're all right. \$55 is a lot better than they could be," he says.

Auld says Driver Dave's threatens the competitiveness of taxi drivers who also rely on students, especially during rush periods when school is back in session.

"It's a huge bump for three or four days, and it shows on our bottom line."

"I don't think he's a long-term player because of the prices. When you take someone out to the airport in a Surburban, it's going to cost \$12 to \$15 in gas, \$4.30 for the airport fee, if you hire a driver, how much you're paying him."

"The Airporter and all of its predecessors, none of them have ever made a go at it," he says.

The Airporter, a shuttle service popular with students, shut down in

October 2012. In May, Metro Transit introduced a bus route between Halifax and the airport—another option for students who don't want to pay cab fares.

But Kyle Stewart, one of Driver Dave's employees, says Wolpin isn't in the business for the money.

"The thing about Dave is, he doesn't make any money from Driver Dave's," says Stewart. "Any money that goes towards him goes back into the company."

"For him to fight for this company so much when his bread and butter is back in New Brunswick just says something about his character," says Stewart. "He's not willing to just lie down."

Wolpin employs 12 people, many of whom are current or former university students. Stewart says Wolpin has been supportive of his staff through the licensing process.

"That helps with the frustration of not knowing what's going to happen. I know Dave's there to help me if I need to look into something else."

Wolpin's two vehicles are off the road as he waits for the results of the hearing.

He is not optimistic about the outcome.

"I was set up," he says. "I was issued the wrong licence. I failed to inform myself—I trusted those in a place of authority to know what their jobs are, and to do their jobs properly."

Wolpin says he's looking for drivers—but they'll have to get themselves properly licenced. ☹



Got wheels? No money? No worries—will travel. ••• Photo by Adele Van Wyk

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It's day 37 of lunches made from Walmart bread, smeared with packets of mayonnaise and mustard pinched from gas stations across the American Southwest. It's been nearly three weeks since we've taken an actual shower and our backs ache from being crammed into the trunk of a hatchback night after night.

My travelling partner and I had decided to put grad school, and real life, on hold and hit the road instead.

On the horizon: a month and a half of dusty pavement, desert sunsets and red rock vistas. We planned to spend days driving through the Four Corners and tramping across the world of Butch Cassidy and John Wayne.

The only requirement? To live as cheaply as possible.

Our first decision was transportation. We had the option of a Honda

Odyssey or a Honda Fit, both borrowed from mom, of course. It was roughly the difference between a mansion and a cardboard box.

While the minivan tempted us with the promise of spacious sleeping room, we decided the gas would murder our wallets. So we settled on the Fit, which allowed us to sleep crunched up in the back of it if we lay diagonally. Luckily, neither of us is over 5'9".

Our wheels became our glorified kitchen/bedroom/living room over the trip. We chose to guerilla camp in our bright red car rather than pay for a camping spot each night. We took advantage of pull-outs on the highway, side roads and abandoned lots. Cities were tougher, but we roamed the streets until we found a quiet road without street lamps.

We spent most of our time in the wild. Our saving grace was the National Forest System, which con-

tains huge swaths of the Southwest. It's beautiful, remote, and unmarred by human development. The best part? You could camp anywhere for free.

Meals were simple and unchanging. Each morning we'd scoop breakfast out of a giant tub of WalMart oats, sneaking into a gas station to "borrow" hot water. We travelled with a camp stove and bags of Sidekicks pasta, bought for a buck at our favourite big-box store. We cooked dinner on the side of the highway, with cars whizzing by.

One such night, a black mustang pulled a U-turn, and the driver offered us a place to crash for the night. He said he'd always depended on the kindness of strangers when he was backpacking as a young man, and wanted to return the favour.

We put aside our Texas Chainsaw Massacre fears and took a real shower that night. We didn't bathe again for

the next seven days.

But we kept (mostly) clean by swimming in lakes, artificial reservoirs and mountain streams. Occasionally we'd sneak into a hotel pool and disinfect our dirty hair with chlorine. It sounds gross, but it really wasn't. I'd hang my freshly washed undies out the car window as we drove down the highway, taking advantage of nature's laundromat. Truckers would honk hello as we flew by. The lonely road is an open place and fantasies are few and far between.

We filled our days with hikes in national parks (\$80 for a pass) where we wandered through hoodoos, painted deserts, and petrified forests. We spent our nights stargazing under the darkest skies in the States.

Two years later, in the dead of Halifax winter, I can still feel the desert heat pouring through the open car window. ☺



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In a capitalist system "our money becomes our vote". ••• Photo by Helen Pike

## Secondhand shopping

### Lighter on the earth and your wallet

**Helen Pike**  
Opinions Contributor

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A tour through my closet would reveal some questionable taste in clothing, an addiction to muted tones and—best of all—a large collection of thrifted items. Some may call me cheap, but I am proud to say that most of my wardrobe is second-hand.

Being thrifty is not only good for the wallet. It also calls the actual value of clothing into question, revealing the effect our spending habits have on the fashion industry and the environment.

Retail therapy can offer a break from the books and time to oneself, but is also the nemesis of a pauper student budget. Since embarking on my experience as a thrift shopper I have met the mall with disappointment. The clothing in those stores is either too expensive for my budget or grossly overpriced for the quality of the garment.

Most clothing that is manufactured today is so poorly made that it is best described as "throwaway fashion." After a few wears the clothing unravels, falls apart and is ready for the trash. The expression "they just don't make 'em like they used to" is a reality in our stores. Demand for goods has gone up and the quality down. Companies struggle to give us the goods we want for the price we cannot refuse, and what do we get? Fast food fashion, disposable fabric and a whole lot of waste.

Although it is tempting to splurge on new items, I have recently started asking myself: "If you bought this,

what would Macklemore (of "Thrift Shop") say?"

Students often adopt methods to save money. Some, like me, stalk the local thrift stores for fashion items, dishes and even furniture. Second-hand stores not only help out various causes, but they also reinforce the need to recycle and reuse what we already have. If the dumpsters in this city could talk they would shout that they are full, and that we need to start using what is already in circulation. In a capitalist world our money becomes our vote. The more we support the fashion industry with our money, the more clothes will be made to keep up with the demand. The less we support these big box stores the more they will be forced to change and adapt to the market, giving us as consumers the power to change what kind of products are made available to us. I choose to vote for recycling and paying less money for higher quality clothes.

"Quality over quantity" and "patience is key" have become the phrases of my thrift fashion creed. When I want something, instead of running out to the mall and buying it right away, I shop around and take my time. If it is worth spending money on I will find it eventually and it will be in my closet for years to come.

Think of Macklemore the next time you pull your credit card out at the Mic Mac Mall to pay for Silver brand (\$100!) jeans. Ask yourself his question: "Am I being tricked by a business?" ☹



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This \$10 night just got a little wild. ••• Photo by Adele Van Wyk

## MEMORY ON A BUDGET

Authors share the Most Fun They've Ever Had on the cheap

**Samantha Alexander**  
Opinions Contributor

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Late last August, I arrived in Halifax for the first time with no furniture to my name and an unfurnished apartment to move into. I'm no more well-to-do than the next student paying his or her own tuition, so I knew acquiring an entire bedroom set on the cheap would not be easy.

Enter Aug. 31, the start of the busiest period of the year in the Coburg-Quinpool-Robie-Oxford quadrilateral. I watched as students hauled stuff out of their houses and onto the sidewalk. The amount of furniture left lying on the sidewalk was incredible.

Garbage picking, dumpster diving, whatever you want to call it—it

was sheer utilitarianism that drove me to strap furniture onto my friend's car and lug it home. It was a simple means to an end: I needed furniture, and the virtual gold mine left on the sidewalk met this need for free.

Admittedly, I didn't take to this activity easily. There was the inevitable shame and discomfort: what if someone actually \*saw\* me picking up their old furniture? But once I got into it, I actually started to relish the feeling of turning onto a new street, seeing what kind of hand the used furniture gods would deal me, and the thrill that accompanied finding something good.

That's not to say I survived those two days with nary a humiliating moment. On Oxford Street I spotted a pristine-looking TV stand that

looked too good to be free. Yelling to the people moving stuff into the house behind it, I asked if they were giving it away. "No," said one of the guys, whose disgust I could see from 20 feet away. "Sorry!" I said, speeding away before he could get a good look at me.

In the end, I ended up with two floor lamps, a desk, a fully functioning TV and a chest of drawers—in impeccable state, might I add. And except for a few light bulbs and a fresh coat of paint for the desk, I didn't spend a penny. Acquiring half my bedroom furniture for free and the experience of actually getting it was priceless, and I could not recommend it more should you find yourself in my shoes next September. ☹




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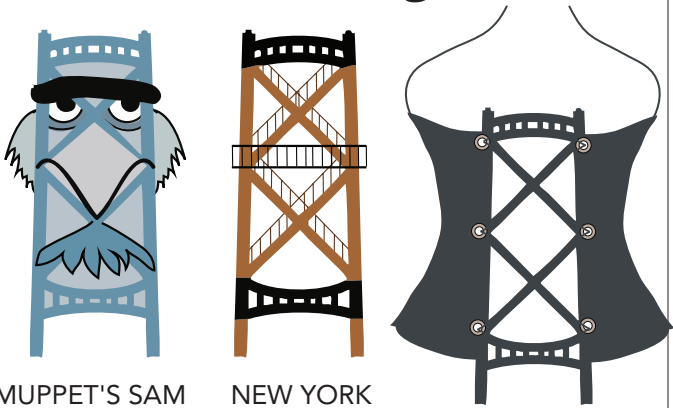
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## ADVICE FOR STUDENTS Cheryl Hann Comedian, Picnicface

If someone asks you to write an advice column, don't try to do it at 3 in the morning. You'll only be able to think about pizza. So, I guess my advice to all of you is this: BE A PIZZA. k thx ;)

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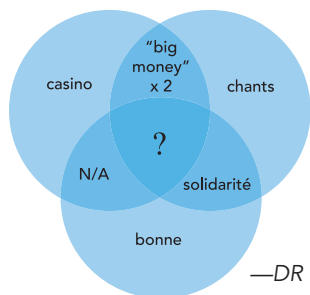
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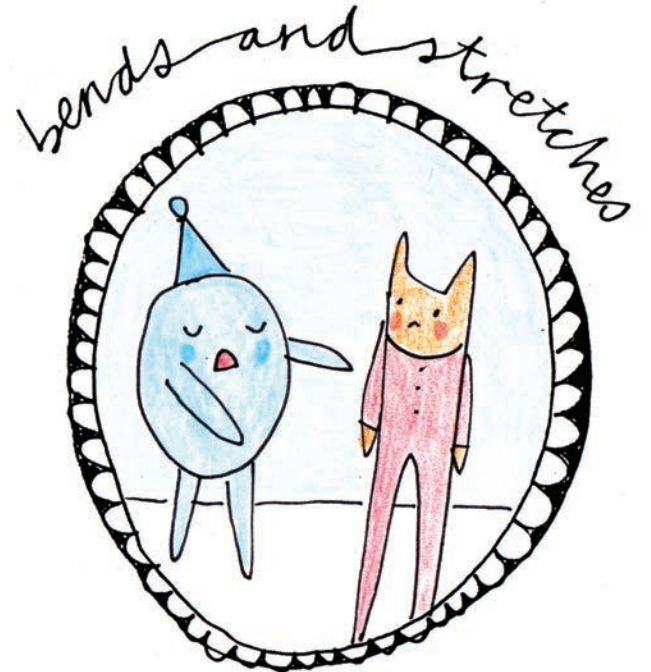
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—Kathryn Johnson



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## EAST COAST

### P.E.I. can ban goes "pop"

In the early 1970s, Prince Edward Island had a littering problem. A government survey found 485 beverage cans strewn on one mile of the TransCanada highway between Charlottetown and Cornwall.

First, laws were passed banning the sale of canned beer on Canada Day in 1973 and then soft drinks in 1984. Public opinion was against the plastic bottle option because consumers were weary of the health effects of petroleum by-products. P.E.I. bottlers were instructed to 'go glass' and a deposit-refund system was enacted. PEI ensured its supply of beach glass.

The can-ban dramatically changed habits. The island saw a 98 per cent return rate, the highest in North America. P.E.I. saved money on their recycling system and industry absorbed the cost of cleaning and refilling bottles.

Tides turned and P.E.I. lifted the ban in 2008. Cans were being imported anyway and vocal Islanders—and, of course, the bottlers—wanted to join the North American norm.

Perhaps it's too bad. They say a glass bottle is the best way to enjoy an ice cold Coca-Cola. A toast to the can-ban, while it lasted.

—Jonathan Rotsztain

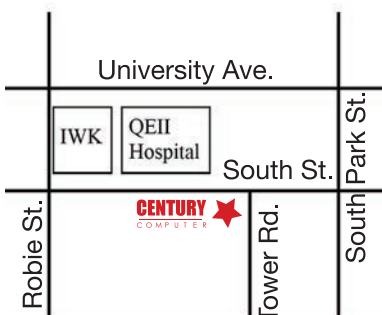


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—Ken Green





# STREETEER

## What's the biggest rip-off at Dal?



"The caf food"  
Emma Toyne  
1st-year arts



"Books"  
Brennan Murphy  
1st-year commerce



"Textbooks"  
Yuchuan Chen  
1st-year Science



"Tuition—it's a bit high"  
Alissa MacDougall  
2nd-year journalism



"Tuition fees"  
Aria Rastgou  
2nd-year management



"Meal plans"  
Kelsey Lane  
1st-year political science



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Andrew Mills Arts Editor

## Catriona Sturton and her harmonica: *An unfaltering love affair*

Charlotte Bondy  
Arts Contributor

The product of teen angst can often be summed up in a few Hilroys filled with adjective-heavy journal entries and a faded Nirvana t-shirt. For Catriona Sturton it was a different story. She describes her long-term love affair with the harmonica beginning as a result of a bad day at school, in grade 11.

An Ottawa native, 16-year-old Sturton left class early and wandered over to a music store where she bought a harmonica on a whim.

"This sounds really silly," Sturton says, "but I went down to the Ottawa River to play my new harmonica, and it made me feel a lot better."

Sturton's teenage bad day burgeoned into a long-term career in music. After spending hours practicing in the depths of her parents' laundry room, she took lessons at the Ottawa folklore centre. She cites her teacher, Larry "The Bird" Mootham, as her greatest mentor.

Sturton and her mouth organ moved to Halifax upon her high school graduation in 1995. She

describes the city as "the most formative place I've ever lived."

In a Foundation Year Programme tutorial at University of King's College she met Amanda Braden, picked up a bass and joined the quirky female punk band Plumtree. The band's song "Scott Pilgrim" sparked a graphic novel series and film of the same name.

Though Plumtree officially dissolved in 2000, Sturton's career continued to evolve. After graduating from Dalhousie with a history degree in 1999, she headed to Japan, where she played in a punk band and studied the shamisen, a traditional Japanese instrument that she says "kind of looks like the thing you scrape the ice off your car with in the winter."

All the while, Sturton's harmonica retained a place in her heart. In Halifax she fondly recalls taking harmonica lessons in the back alley behind Your Father's Moustache. She also played harmonica and bass with Prince Edward Island native Al Tuck for four years after returning from Japan.

Sturton plays solo now, but she says she misses playing in a band.

"Playing with good musicians makes you a better musician," she says. She does admit her solo career allows for more flexibility, though, and describes her newer songs as "sparser" than before. Her folk songs are bluesy and compelling, and always laden with rich harmonic layers.

Aside from her many musical incarnations, Sturton has devoted much of her time to the literary arts. For past five years she has worked for the Imagination Library, a non-profit started by Dolly Parton that provides children with a book each month from their birth until their fifth birthday in order to foster literacy. For Sturton, cultivating and celebrating the imagination is of unparalleled importance.

Sturton says she is excited to be playing In the Dead of Winter Festival in Halifax at the end of January. In the Dead of Winter was founded by a small group of female acoustic musicians, and its aim is to showcase North American acoustic musicians who are both emerging and established. "It's such an amazing festival" Sturton says.



Diatonic. ••• Photo supplied

She is also holding a harmonica workshop at the public library on Spring Garden while she's in town. This will be her third workshop in Halifax, and is open to anyone with a diatonic harmonica (10 holes) in the key of C. She'll be teaching some harmonica fundamentals, such as how to properly hold the instrument. She will teach single notes as well as effects with hands and breath.

Sturton also gives harmonica lessons over Skype to those who may be interested, and hopes to integrate more workshops into her near future.

Sturton loves to teach.

"[The harmonica] is a little thing that I can share with people. There's a lot going on in the world and we all feel it in different ways. Being connected to your breath is so important." ☺

Catch her mouth organ prowess for yourself on Jan. 25 at the Company House, 9 p.m., & on Jan. 26 at Cem-pool, 9 p.m. Sturton's free workshop is open to the public & will take place on Jan. 26, 3 p.m. at the Spring Garden Rd. Memorial Public Library.



Coquin the cat observes a freshly brewed pint. ••• Photo by Katlin Moore

## FIGURING FERMENTATION

### Budget beer 101: How bacteria became my favourite pet

Katlin Moore  
Arts Contributor

Winter brings pinched pockets, resolutions, spring plans, and fermentation. Many students are broke these days, booze is expensive, and food prices are always rising. Buying bulk pasta and oats saves money, but fermented foods and drinks can save dollars while providing an incentive to learn about nature's bacteria and yeast.

Walking to class I dashed between groups of students carrying 12- and 24-packs down Vernon Street. Mentally doing the math of how much money they had spent on the post-holiday reunion brews was tiring. I felt grateful for the gurgling, fermenting friends at home.

The last time I bought a 24 I spent just over \$40, but the other week while at a homebrew shop I picked up a beer kit for under \$20, which will produce five gallons of lager. Another flavourful and inexpensive alcoholic beverage is mead. Mead is fermented honey, yeast, water and whatever other spices, herbs and fruit you want

to try. The drink is 20,000-40,000 years old and it is thought to have been discovered by African bushman after ideal conditions and the right ingredients synched up to produce the sweet alcoholic nectar.

Investing in materials such as primary fermenters, carboys, siphons, and hydrometers may seem far-fetched for the average student. But if you drink, it may be useful to budget your monthly sum of money spent at the liquor store: revise, and consider home brewing. You could also be thrifty in finding materials. Often there are bits of brewing material and sometimes entire kits on sites like Kijiji. Take a gander on garbage day (just ensure the plastic is food grade and therefore safe to brew), or share with friends.

If you're not a fan of alcohol there are plenty of other rotting pets for experimentation. If you like baking bread you can try a sourdough starter to create your own yeast, which will stay alive for as long as you want (some bakeries claim to have kept sourdough starters for decades!). You'll need to feed the creatures twice

a day with water and flour of your choice. It should take at least a week, and don't be discouraged if it fails. All you need is a jar, cheesecloth or gauze, water, flour, time and love.

If you're a tea enthusiast you might want to make kombucha, a favourite of health nuts and fermentation freaks alike. For kombucha you'll need a gelatinous life form called a Symbiotic Colony of Bacteria and Yeast (SCOBY). There are online databases where you can order the wondrous by-product of natural processes, or you could just ask around the city and perhaps a scoby stork will fly your way. To ferment the tea you'll need a large jar, cheesecloth, a scoby culture, tea, and sugar.

The fermentation world is a vast land and there is something for everyone, whether it is beer or tea. It's surprising how many foods and beverages can be fermented. If you're seeking projects that will feed your hunger and thirst throughout the winter, you can access a number of recipes online or through resources like Sandor Ellix Katz's guide to wild fermentation. Happy rotting! ☺



## CHEAP TRICKS

### TIPS FOR A THRIFTY LIFE

Amos Abati  
Arts Contributor

Very few students have the financial backing to live the high life in university. Some are fortunate enough to have a good job and plenty of parental support, but most of us generally have to stretch our budgets. Living cheaply, especially in Halifax's South End, isn't easy. Following this advice might help.

Avoid Spring Garden Road. Clothing stores, cafes, bars—everything there is designed to take your money. Even standing on the sidewalk can cost you money. There are people with guitars, accordions, and sometimes just a cup. Maybe you think you're the type that can avoid tossing a loonie as you pass by, but can you really say no? Some of them are creative. One man came up to me and said, "Spare change for belly-dancing lessons?"

Sales are your friend. Stock up on the items you know you're going to use. If you drink a lot of pop, stock up on it when it goes on sale for 99 cents. Every penny counts. You can find big savings on costly toiletries such as deodorant and shampoo. Don't stock up on things you won't use, even if they are a bargain.

Some things are just cheap and make a good alternative to more expensive goods. A bag of assorted rolls, for example, is under four bucks at most grocery stores. Though it might cost more than a bag of bread, it's a cheap way to spice things up. Canned juice is another bargain,

although admittedly this may not be very dorm-friendly.

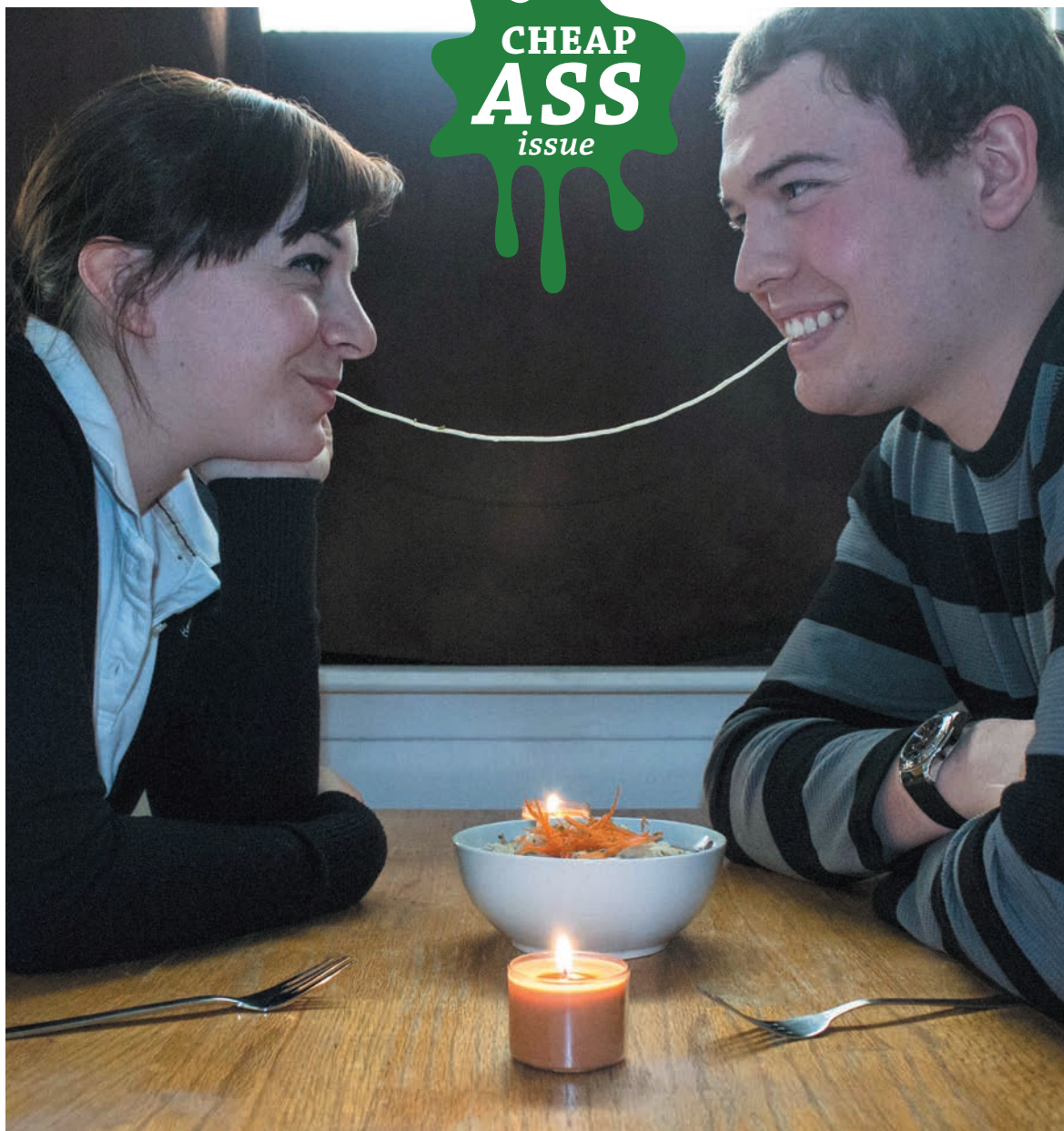
Generic stores brands aren't as good as name brands. We all know that; why kid ourselves? People buy them because they're cheaper, and you should too.

## "DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN BUY UNDERWEAR AT THE DOLLAR STORE?"

Did you know you can buy underwear at the dollar store? Think of the savings! No—that's probably bad advice. If you're willing to travel around Halifax though, go to the Salvation Army. (There's one on Strawberry Hill Road in the North End.) Sure, somebody else wore them, but you can get a full wardrobe for the price of American Eagle striped crew sweater.

One more point: Drinking is expensive. I'm not telling you to change anything. I'm just reminding you.

Living as a student is easy if you have the resources. For most of Dal's students, however, living cheaply is the only way to go. ☺



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This noodle costs less than a penny. ••• Photo by Amanda Rolfe

# Among Elsethings

*Festival has no bounds*

Rachel Bloom  
Staff Contributor

Elsethings Arts Festival started a day early for Halifax this weekend at the Seahorse Tavern. Nick Everett & Everybody, whose new album *Elsethings* inspired the festival, were one of three bands to take the stage in a “pre-festival release.”

Nick Everett & Everybody, along with The Belle Comedians and Special Costello, took to the stage on Jan. 18 to please a plaid-shirted, glasses-wearing, beanie-loving crowd.

Though Halifax got an early sneak peek, for the rest of the country the Elsethings Arts Festival officially took place on Saturday. The festival included over 70 artists and 48 bands who played in 15 cities all over Canada simultaneously.

In addition to inspiring it, Nick Everett, 22, helped to organize the festival. He co-ordinated events in all participating cities east of Saskatoon. According to Everett, the idea for the nation-wide festival came from Tyler Butler of Cabin Songs, who organized the western portion of the festival.

The festival was spread out from Victoria to St. John’s. Everett says it reflects how the album was recorded. “We toured and recorded all over Canada this summer. It took a lot of research and there were months of cold-calling and cold-emailing. We probably sent out around 57,000 emails,” says Everett.

He says the festival was a nice alternative to touring for Nick Everett & Everybody, and it was meant to pro-

mote local bands on a national scale. “We did this mostly as an experiment,” Everett admits. His main job was to find curators in every city. Everett says for him the hardest part was hand-making the posters.

Nick Everett & Everybody, who have been playing together for one year, is comprised of Everett, Scott Boudreau and Adam White. Everett says that their playing together “just made sense”—and it does.

The band is like a hybrid of Radiohead and City & Colour, although out of the hybrid comes original sound. Their album is original, and the Seahorse was packed. People suffered the technical difficulties to hear them play following the two opening bands.

Canadian talent featured in the festival in other cities included Moving Arms, Mo Kenney, Jack Crocker, Ingrid Gatin, Ivy Mairi, and many more.

“I chose to work with people I loved who are really competent,” says Everett, in reference to the festival. Indeed, there was a sense of unity and community at the show as people came together knowing that tomorrow in cities all over the country, strangers would be doing the same to support the same band.

Each show sold copies of *Elsethings* and accepted \$5 donations to go to local artists.

After the preview on Friday, Nick Everett & Everybody performed in Sydney, N.S. at Governors Pub & Eatery for the actual music festival. ☺

# CHEAP DATES

Joelline Girouard  
Assistant Online Editor

Sometimes being a student is all about making the best of a nearly empty bank account. If your date knows you’re not sitting on piles of cash, but you still want to try and impress, don’t worry—a cheap date doesn’t have to be a bad one. Here are some wallet-friendly ideas that still have the potential to knock someone’s socks off.

## Cheap

If you have a little more change in your pockets, *Gazette* copy editor Torey Ellis suggests the fun-filled “Super Canadian Night.” After donning your best plaid and watching the Halifax Mooseheads take the ice, warm up with a few cheap Canadian beers anywhere you don’t have to pay cover. Finish off the night Quebecois style—by sharing a large (and delicious) poutine near Pizza Corner.

## Cheaper

No one really wants to admit it, but we all love instant noodles every once in a while. Believe it or not, adding a personal touch to your noodles can also be a fun and creative date. Search the web for ideas and get in the kitchen, or if you’re craving something delicious but don’t feel like putting in the effort, go out (or order in) and split a bowl of ramen. If you’re a little shy, letting your inner child shine can be a great way to break the ice. Go to an arcade and play air hockey, racing games, whack-a-mole and anything that will win

your date a prize. Score!

Haligonians are lucky to have a great farmer’s market open year-round. Your date will think it’s awesome (or weird) that you want to take them out on a Saturday morning, and you get to support local businesses as you enjoy their amazing food and coffee.

## Cheapest (Free!)

Ice skating at the Oval is the perfect opportunity for hand-holding—or just making sure neither of you finds their bottom on the ice. Don’t worry if you don’t own skates: the Oval rents them out for free! Check [halifax.ca/skatehrm](http://halifax.ca/skatehrm) before you head out to make sure the weather won’t spoil your fun. If the Oval isn’t cold enough for you, try making a snow couple after rolling down Citadel Hill. (Okay, so rolling down the hill is optional.) Bonus points if the snow people almost look like you and your date.

Once the weather gets milder, you outdoorsy types who don’t already own bicycles can borrow them from the Campus Bike Centre or many of Dalhousie’s residences. Make sure to read up on the rules of the road before you set out—successful dates don’t usually involve injuries. If you’re too nervous to bike in the city, a walk along the harbour or through the Public Gardens is a nice alternative.

Finally, if you really want to show your date a cheap time, take him or her to the farmer’s market and don’t spend a dime. Sample all the beers, wines and spirits you can find. You might not get a buzz, but you’ll definitely have fun. ☺



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Two years after a devastating injury, Stedman has revived his basketball career at Dalhousie. ••• Photo by Bryn Karcha

## Why Stedman is not playing for the best team in the country

Dalhousie the right fit for coveted rookie baller

**Stephen Campbell**  
Sports Contributor

••••• Sometimes things fall apart so other things can fall into place. Devon Stedman, a 20-year-old native of Ottawa, Ont. and a rookie on the Dalhousie men's basketball team, knows that better than most people.

In 2009, Stedman's future in basketball looked bright. One of the country's most highly sought-after high school players at the time, Stedman decided to commit to his hometown Carleton University for the 2010-2011 season.

But a devastating injury stood in his way. While training with Ontario's team for the 2009 Canada Summer Games, Stedman tore his ACL, MCL and his meniscus.

"I rehabbed for a year with the hope of playing for Carleton in time for my first year of university but my knee wasn't getting healthy enough, so I de-committed from Carleton and switched to Dal," he says.

The decision to leave Carleton was not an easy one for Stedman.

Missing his opportunity to play for the powerhouse Carleton Ravens—winners of eight of the last 10 national championships—was crushing, but the fear that his playing days were behind him was even more defeating.

"There was a point where I thought my basketball days were over," Stedman says. "I felt like I wanted to move on and get out of Ottawa for university and Dal seemed to be the best fit for me."

Enrolled in Dal's bachelor of management program, Stedman's first

two years of university life provided him with more free time than training with a high-level basketball program ever would have allowed him.

But as Stedman's knee slowly healed, he kept himself active by playing intramural basketball. This past spring, he began to think that his elusive goal of playing varsity basketball was not out of reach after all.

### "WEARING A DIFFERENT JERSEY WAS A COOL FEELING"

••••• "After March of last year I sent [coach John Campbell] an email asking if I could try out for the Tigers," Stedman says.

This season that goal became a reality, as Stedman was given a new lease on his basketball life.

"It was truly an awesome feeling when I made the team. All of my hard work had finally paid off."

Dal's first exhibition games this season were played at a tournament hosted, ironically, by Carleton. After years of frustration and adversity, Stedman had come full circle.

"Walking onto the court where I spent thousands of hours practicing while wearing a different jersey was a cool feeling," he says.

"It felt like fate."

Stedman's play this season has not gone unnoticed. The rookie is second on the team in total rebounds, and sits 24th in the league in points per game. His coach knows how valuable Stedman's services have been.

"Devon's added a lot to our team," Campbell says. "Offensively, he can score and create his own shots, but he also does a great job setting up opportunities for his teammates. Defensively, he has a good understanding of the team game which really helps our guys communicate better with one another."

Though Stedman has made significant strides in his recovery, he admits that his knee still bothers him from time to time. The pain has been evidenced by a cut in his minutes in recent games.

Stedman's ability to play through the pain sets an example for every one of his teammates, says fellow rookie Matt Morrison.

"Seeing what Devon has overcome and what he's battling through provides extra motivation for everyone else to play that much harder," he says.

When Stedman realized he was healthy enough to play again, he knew that going back to Ottawa and playing for Carleton was an option. In the end, his newfound life in Halifax was too much to sacrifice.

"Carleton could be great, but it's not worth giving up everything I have going for me right now at Dal," he says.

"I have no regrets." ☺



Wendell Vye stopped 31 shots against Acadia. ••• Photo by Martina Marien

## Playoff picture foggy

### Men will need miracle for last berth

**Ian Froese**  
Sports Editor

••••• If this losing streak keeps up, a playoff berth for Dalhousie's men's hockey team will be gone before the calendar turns to February.

The Tigers surrendered their third consecutive defeat this past weekend and their sixth loss in seven games, virtually ending the team's hopes to be the sixth and final playoff seed in the AUS.

A playoff dance for the Tigers looks unlikely. Eight points behind Moncton for the last berth, the Tigers can only earn a maximum 10 points if

they win their remaining five games.

But with five matches left at Moncton's disposal as well, the Tigers will be in tough. A date between the two opponents this weekend may officially tame the Tigers' playoff chances.

Dal's setbacks this past week were all on home ice, a 3-0 trouncing by Saint Mary's, 5-2 at the hands of St. Francis Xavier and 3-1 opposite Acadia. ☹

*The Tigers meet the league-worst St. Thomas on Jan. 25 and face Moncton the next night. Faceoff for both games is 7 p.m. at the Halifax Forum.*

#### OBITUARY

### 2012-13 Dalhousie women's hockey

Oct. 13, 2012 - Jan. 3, 2013

It is with great sadness that after weeks of arguing with university administration, we can now lay to rest our dear friend, the Dalhousie women's hockey 2012-13 season.

The season passed away unexpectedly January 3, 2013, joined at its side by the 22 players that made up the squad.

This year was a remarkable journey. Left to fend for itself without a home rink, Dal's women's hockey 2012-13 season overcame adversity. The team played inspired hockey and was proud to wear the black and gold.

Despite the unfortunate suspension of its season, the team has always and will always be an outstanding representative of its university.

Left to cherish its memory are the team members and coaching staff who stayed devoted until the very end, and the school's 13 other varsity teams.

A memorial service will be held Jan. 26 at Dal Memorial Arena at 2 p.m. Oh, my apologies. I forgot the university stole that from the team too. Instead, we'll have the service in Truro. No!? You're saying that new rink isn't ready yet? Jeepers. Fine, how about like two hours away in New Glasgow? That works, you say? Okay. I guess we don't have another choice anyways.

In lieu of flowers, please attend a Tigers sporting event this season. ☹

*It's not CP style, but you know, this is an obit and I don't think the rules should apply.*



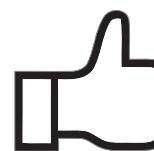
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Have less than 20 bucks in your pocket but want to watch sports or get fit? Don't worry, there are tons of places in Halifax—including Dalhousie—where \$20 is all you need. From watching hockey to university sports, community events to working out, Halifax has an affordable option for you.

—Shelby Rutledge, Sports Contributor



The Metro Centre. ••• Photo by Alice Hebb

### HOCKEY AND UNIVERSITY SPORTS

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ing women's hockey, soccer, volleyball and rugby, which will only cost \$3.

Have you ever considered going to Dartmouth to watch the Metro Shipbuilders? Well, you should. For the price of \$9 you can watch high-quality Junior A hockey at the Sportsplex. Don't forget to bring your student ID.

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The Emera Oval. ••• Photo by Angela Gzowski

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Oval can get crowded, it's a free activity, so take advantage of it. Don't let the long lineups get you down: they go by fast and there are beaver tails to lift your spirits.

You may also want to try taking a yoga class at Lululemon. Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Lululemon holds free yoga at their Spring Garden Road location. There are also healthy snacks to enjoy and mats for you to use.

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Also, if you don't want to go to the gym, maybe take a hike to Point Pleasant Park with your friends. You get the best of both worlds: a great exercise and a phenomenal view. The only obstacle might be the weather.

These are only a few of the options you can take if you want a cheap way to watch sports or get fit. It is also a great chance to get involved in the community, experience new things and cheer on your favourite athletes. Have fun out there. ☺

# Opinion: Roster cap will harm AUS hockey

## Perceived anti-UNB rule would hurt entire league

Jon Pickett  
Sports Contributor

Whether you are a loyal fan of AUS men's hockey or have never seen a game, you should attend as many matches as possible in the second half of the season. Starting in the fall, AUS hockey will change, and not for the better: each team's roster will be limited to 21 players excluding goalies.

The incoming 21-player limit will restrict all AUS teams in competing for a national title. It will water down what I think is the greatest university hockey conference in the country.

It is hard watching the AUS shoot themselves in the foot on this issue. I'm not saying an AUS team is guaranteed to win this year's University Cup, but down the road, limiting teams to 21 players will catch up to them. No other conference in the CIS has a roster limit for hockey. This could be a huge problem for an AUS team that has to deal with injuries en route to a national title.

If you don't think injuries happen in the AUS, just ask the Dalhousie Tigers, who have used a CIS high of 27 players so far this season. If the Tigers have half the amount of injuries next season not only will they find themselves struggling to stay in the playoff race, but their on-ice product will suffer greatly as well. Who's willing to pay to see two injury-riddled teams compete in mid-season? I

would figure the AUS would want to put their best possible product on the ice.

The only university to speak out against this rule is the powerhouse UNB Varsity Reds, and while I agree this rule has been rushed in and is short-sighted, the V-Reds do not get much sympathy points from me. UNB is partly to blame for this rule. You need look no further than this summer's recruiting class and the curious cases that landed fourth-year veterans Bryce Swan and Colby Pridham in Fredericton. The transfers were able to avoid losing a year of eligibility by enrolling in a graduate program at UNB.

Supporters of the 21-player rule say UNB, who has won two of the last four national titles, recruits players just so other teams can't have them, leaving too many quality players in the stands. Part of this reputation may just be sour grapes on the part of the universities who lose out on a player and want an excuse for UNB's seemingly endless stream of top-level recruits.

Mike Eagles, the athletic director at St. Thomas, has said publicly this rule will be good for the league because it would bring more parity. Well, it may level the playing field in terms of recruits, but is the parity in the league really that bad now? You have three teams within four points of first place. The best way I heard this rule summed up is that the whole


league has blinders on to screw over the UNB V-Reds, when what they should be worried about is what is best for the game.

I believe more needs to be done to encourage growth and expansion in this league. Marketing, scheduling and growing attendance all need work. It would be a lot better for the AUS to have the strongest teams in the country playing in our backyards for sold out crowds than imposing a cap that limits teams.

There needs to be more structure and more of a paper trail during the recruiting process. The AUS should step in and impose similar recruiting policies as the NCAA. If a player agrees to play at a university and changes his mind, fine, but he should have to sit out a year similar to pro players who make the jump to the AUS. What about allowing teams to have an unlimited number of Junior A players? Just put a cap on the amount of major junior recruits a team can bring in one year. There are so many ways to create a different recruiting landscape without a hard and fixed cap on total players.

Every summer there's a lot of complaining about how one team, often UNB, is stacked. But once January rolls around and three teams are in a dog-fight for first place, does the complaining really have merit? ☹

Jon Pickett is an AUS hockey broadcaster in Halifax.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Feb. 21  
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Kristen O'Brien tries to break the Montreal block in the Tigers' five-set victory over the Carabins. ••• Photo by Chris Parent

## Locked in: men's vball holds strong Dal wins two of three in Quebec interlock

**Benjamin Blum**  
Sports Contributor

Volleyball was the big draw at the Dalplex this past weekend as teams from the AUS and Quebec's RSEQ met for their third interlock of the season. In a tightly contested series against Sherbrooke, Montreal and Laval, the Dalhousie men's volleyball team held their own in winning two of three games.

"I think that our guys showed some resilience," said Tigers coach Dan Ota following a gruelling five-set win over the Vert et Or last Friday night. "There were a few times where we were struggling and Sherbrooke put the pressure on us, and I think we could have easily folded in those situations, but I think it's a real testament to what these guys are made of."

The first match was a battle of attrition, with both teams trading set victories en route to a deciding fifth set, where the Tigers outlasted Sherbrooke 15-9. Middle blocker Connor Maessen was instrumental in the win, coming up with key blocks and

kills throughout the match.

"We came in really focused on just getting the job done, doing what needs to be done to win," said Maessen, who was awarded player of the game.

The Tigers faced a quick turnaround, with two games scheduled the next day, but coach Ota felt confident in his team's ability to remain competitive.

"I think no matter who we end up using, they'll be ready to go, and hopefully it will be enough to beat a very tough Montreal team tomorrow and hopefully a very good Laval team in the evening."

The AUS-leading Tigers were forced to go the distance again Saturday afternoon, this time against Montreal. After the Carabins took a 2-1 lead, Dal faced an important fourth set.

"After the third set we knew exactly what we weren't doing right," said team captain Bryan Duquette. "We looked a little lost, and even though we knew what we needed to do, our energy wasn't there, but we brought

it for the fourth set."

The Tigers would emerge with a win, forcing a fifth set for the second time in less than 24 hours.

"I'm always impressed with how our guys can respond when we're put in a difficult situation," added the perpetually even-keel Ota after the 15-11 win. "We're not the most consistent team out there, but I'd like to think that we're a team that responds well to adversity."

The Tigers would go on to lose in straight sets to CIS No. 4 Laval on Jan. 19. Despite the defeat to the Rouge et Or—still undefeated this season—the weekend saw Dal come away with two important wins. This improves their overall record to 8-5.

"It's a young group but I've really been impressed with how they've responded to everything we've been talking about throughout the year," said Ota. ☺

*The Tigers travel to Fredericton to play second-place UNB on Jan. 25 and 26.*



Rookie Jeremy Ryant and the Tigers swimming team was a force in the pool. ••• Photo by David Munro

## TIGERS DROWN OUT THE COMPETITION Win 32 of 38

**Paula Sanderson**  
Staff Contributor

Dalhousie's domination in the pool continued this past weekend at the AUS invitational meet at the Dalplex.

Dal was on top of the podium for 17 of the 19 women's events. In the two events that the women did not place first, they were still on the podium for a top three finish. The manly Tigers also knocked the competition out of the water, placing first in 15 of 19

aces.

This was another highlight meet for third-year Keisha Mills, who broke an AUS and Dal record in the 200 breaststroke.

Molly Wedge, Ceilidh Macpherson, Meagan Bernier, Michelle Campbell, Emmalina Corriveau, Rachel Shin, Audrey Prayal-Brown, Katherine Webster and the relay groups also came in first place for the women. The men's side is represented by Nigel Champion, Kyle Watson, Cam-

eron Shin, Chris Reith, Brad Piggott, Kit Moran, Nicholas Taylor and the three relay teams.

This was the last time the team will compete at the Dalplex this season. The AUS championships will take place at UPEI from Feb. 8 to 10.

The Tigers are looking to take home their 15th straight championship for the men and 12th consecutive women's banner. ☺

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## The NHL is back!

### Make them work for your hard-earned money



Robert Newcombe  
Staff Contributor  
Industrial '13

When I was approaching this article I didn't know what stance to take. Yes, I am super psyched the NHL is back and believe me, on Saturday, a case of beer on my lazy boy is going to last me from 3ET until I pass out; but what about the lockout the NHL and PA put us through? Bettman lead the NHL through its third lockout! This is an embarrassment to the greatest game on earth and fans do not deserve to be treated this way. So what can we do about it? Here's a list of three ways to not give back to the NHL and "The Bettman".

• Don't buy NHL gear – The stuff is expensive anyway and could be better spent on beer, wings and nachos. They'll laugh at how easy they can boot us to the curb and still take our money shortly thereafter.

• Support the Mooseheads – Now this isn't really getting back at the NHL per se but at least our money and attention are going towards the kids that just really want to play the game. The Mooseheads have been ranked number one in the CHL for the past three weeks and show no signs of slowing down.

• Don't buy NHL tickets – This should be an easy one for us. There's no NHL games taking place within a 10 hour drive of Halifax so don't plan any road trips with your friends. I'll take a Rainmen game before I travel to Beantown and give the vilest owner, Jeremy Jacobs a penny.

The NHL is like an ex-girlfriend in a lot of ways. I despise it to its core and hate what it has put me through, but give me a case of beer over a very dry six months and I am going to be hornier than an engineer at a Maxim's swimsuit photo-shoot. ☘



Adrian Aucoin takes some personal time in the penalty box during an exhibition game between the Phoenix Coyotes and Tampa Bay Lightning in 2009. Photo Chase N. via flickr (Creative Commons)

## Sunset over the Citadel



Photo: Vahid F

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