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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Forgive me if I'm not as focused as usual, but I'm trying to put a paper out when I'd rather nap

Dear Reader,

Once a year (and only once a year), the editors at the Dalhousie Gazette encourage their writers to make stuff up. Why? It's the satire issue. These stories are exclusively in print, so you won't find them on our website.

Of course, the date of this issue was planned months ago, but the timing now seems odd. Tragedy is weighing heavily on many of our minds. As I write this, I'm staring out a plane window during a Montreal layover, waiting to go home to Halifax. *Please, god, don't let this snow pick up beyond a flurry. Damn, someone's sat beside me. Won't be able to nap now.* Then I must remind myself how small my problems are in the grand scheme of things. It's a privilege to be able to shut out the news, as I did for most of my MFA residency in Toronto last week.

For 20 pages, I invite you to do just that. Take a step out of reality. I want these stories to make you laugh, think, and even roll your eyes. If you can, grant yourself some levity. You probably deserve it.

Before we dive into the humour, however, I also want to extend my thanks to the *Ubyssy*, the University of British Columbia's student newspaper. Every year, the Canadian University Press' national conference (known as NASH) is hosted by a

different campus paper in a different city. This time around, student journalists from across the country gathered in Vancouver. Unfortunately, I've never had the pleasure of attending NASH myself, but the *Gazette* sent News editor Karla Renic and Opinions editor Isabel Buckmaster to take in the weekend's events from Jan. 9-12. This year's theme was "Empower," and attendees had the chance to listen to lectures about reporting on hate groups, business reporting, satire (what a coincidence!) and more. Alex Nguyen, Thea Udwadia and Charlotte Alden helmed the organization of the event, which is no small feat in and of itself—but I'm guessing it was extra tough on top of school and running a paper. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

NASH is a truly special and valuable event. I hope it continues for many years. This industry often feels bleak, but it's hard to be pessimistic when I see young journalists gather for the sake of learning. Y'all fill me with uncharacteristic optimism. And so do you, my wonderful reader. So, please, read on and have fun.



- Rebecca Dingwell, Editor-in-Chief

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# Sarah from the Conservative Party speaks out

An exclusive interview with Canada’s most talked-about woman

BY REBECCA DINGWELL, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Hi, it's Sarah from the Conservative Party.

Can the Conservative Party count on your support in the next federal election?

Reply:

Yes

No

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION, “SARAH FROM THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY” WAS TASKED WITH TEXTING EVERY SINGLE CANADIAN WHO HAD A CELL PHONE NUMBER.

“Sarah from the Conservative Party” made headlines last year when she texted up a storm ahead of the federal election. Now, she wants to debunk rumours that she’s a bot. *The Dalhousie Gazette* caught up with Sarah, who didn’t want to give her last name, over the phone. She took the call in her home in a nondescript suburb outside of Toronto.

**The Dalhousie Gazette:** How did you get started in this line of work?

**Sarah:** Ever since I was a little girl, I’ve been great at annoying people. I pissed my parents and siblings off to no end. I often wondered how I could harness this talent into a career. After my undergrad, I worked at a mall selling bath bombs, really getting in people’s faces and upselling. But after a while, that was no longer fulfilling. I was about 30 years old when a friend told me I’d be the perfect canvasser.

**DG:** Did she mean that as a compliment?

**Sarah:** [laughs] No, I don’t think so. But I certainly took it as a compliment. So that’s how I became involved with the Conservative Party of Canada.

**DG:** Were you always aligned with that party, politically speaking?

**Sarah:** I went to a liberal arts school, so no, not so much.

**DG:** Then how did you end up working for them?

**Sarah:** Frankly, it is the party that annoyed my friends the most. It had been that way since the [Stephen] Harper years. So, if I was going to commit to being a nuisance my whole life, it was a sacrifice I was willing to make.

**DG:** Sacrificing your political beliefs, you mean?

**Sarah:** Yes.

**DG:** Would you, today, consider yourself a Conservative?

**Sarah:** I’d rather not answer that. I don’t think it’s relevant. I will say that the Conservative community has been welcoming and I was very grateful when the party approached me about their idea for a texting campaign last spring.

**DG:** OK, then let’s switch gears. You mentioned Harper — have you had the chance to meet [outgoing Conservative leader] Andrew Scheer?

**Sarah:** Yes, on a couple occasions. On a personal level, I must admit I like him quite a lot. I didn’t think I would ever meet anyone more annoying than myself. We’re kindred spirits, I believe. Actually, can we make that last part off-the-record?

**DG:** No.

**Sarah:** Oh.

**DG:** How do you respond to allegations that you are, in fact, a bot?

**Sarah:** I should’ve known you were going to ask that. Well, I try to take it in stride, but to be honest those allegations are very hurtful. I’m a human being.

**DG:** But can you understand why people think that? You have a generic name. You won’t tell anyone your last name. You sent the same messages to everyone last summer.

**Sarah:** That’s true.

**DG:** Is it fair to say most people, when they received your message, assumed you were a bot?

**Sarah:** Yes, that’s correct.

**DG:** Are you willing to share some of the responses you got?

**Sarah:** You might be surprised to hear many of them just responded “Yes” or “No.” On the other hand, some people were quite rude, telling me to “fuck off” or “shove it.” Other responses were even more colourful, so much so that I’m not comfortable repeating them now. I also got dozens of dick pics.

**DG:** Dick pics? Really?

**Sarah:** Yeah. I’m not a feminist or anything, but I wish men wouldn’t do that. That stuff’s not flattering.

**DG:** You’re not a ...? OK, never mind. What have you been watching on Netflix lately?

**Sarah:** The Crown.

**DG:** Great. Thanks for chatting with us.

**Sarah:** You’re welcome. Can the Conservative Party count on your support in the next federal election?

**DG:** GOODBYE.



# Gates opened as professor says “fuck” for the first time

Audible shock fills classroom, precedent set for future f-bombs by students

BY JULIAN ABRAHAM



INTRO TO PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR JOHN SMITH REPORTEDLY SAID “FUCK” DURING CLASS.

On the first day of Intro to Philosophy, Dr. John Smith said “fuck” in casual conversation to the class.

“I had a hunch he was a cool prof, but this just confirms it,” said Brenna Legere, a second-year student in the course. “If he’s saying fuck, you better believe I’m saying it in that class from now on.”

Legere says she is planning to raise her hand in that class to speak, but it will actually be a thinly-veiled excuse to use profanity. “Next time he’s asking if someone has an example of an ad-hominem argument, I’m gonna mention the time my fucking loser high school teacher called me imma-

ture,” said Legere.

Other students in the class say they’re thrilled about the new precedent as well.

Brian Locke, 20, says he’s excited to try out the f-word in front of his peers. “This could be my moment,” he says. “That 200-person class, just cheering and laughing for me saying ‘fuck.’” He hopes to go down in history.

Locke says if it goes well, he’ll consider purchasing a t-shirt that bears the word in large letters. “Maybe I’ll get famous or something”, he said.

“Me? The ‘fuck’ guy? This is totally going to be my year.”

# First-year student buys horizontally-striped black and gold shirt

“I have no identity,” says the bookstore patron

BY JULIAN ABRAHAM



WITH A PRICE TAG OF \$80 PLUS TAX, JONATHAN GREENE IS EXCITED TO “LITERALLY HAVE NO IDENTITY” BY WEARING HIS NEW COLLARED SHIRT FROM THE DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE. PHOTO BY CHRIS STOODLEY

First-year student Jonathan Greene left his personality in his hometown, Oakville, Ontario, upon arrival to Dalhousie University. In his second semester, he stands by his decision to embody the SUB bookstore and nothing else.

On Friday, Sept. 3, Greene purchased a new collared shirt from Dalhousie’s bookstore, using the newfound bounty of his seemingly endless student loan.

“They were \$80 plus tax, which is a little steep, but I knew I’d look identical to my classmates so it’s a small price to pay,” said Greene in a recent interview. “I literally have no identity.”

He also said he remembers being busy that day. He asked his older cousin to purchase alcohol for him in advance of the homecoming festivities.

His Howe Hall roommate Stephen Gal-

lagher said Greene was excited to wear his new shirt for a day of house parties, donning a pair of American Eagle shorts and Sperry Top-sider shoes to complete the ensemble.

Greene said he remembers thinking: *Who knows, maybe I’ll go all out and paint my face like a tiger, wouldn’t that be quirky?*

“At the end of the day, it comes down to what others are doing,” he said.

“I can’t think for myself, and I’m not even planning on having fun — just imitating my peers.”

Greene said for homecoming to be a success, everyone needs to look identical. “Basically, we want it to look like we’re wearing uniforms.” Ironically, Greene went to a Catholic private school in the Greater Toronto Area, and said he didn’t enjoy the uniforms he was mandated to

wear while there.

“You’d think university would be a time of self-exploration and growth,” he said. “I don’t see it that way. For me, it’s a time to remove all critical thinking and self-awareness and just become a cog in the machine.”

While he counted down the days to the homecoming festivities, Greene said he had big plans for when the day came.

“I thought I’d pound a few beers, yell ‘woo,’ you know, whatever popular culture depicts partying as,” he said. Greene also said he strengthened shallow friendships during homecoming, which will follow him into early adulthood, ultimately leading to a midlife crisis.

“I’m actually a pretty interesting guy, but I didn’t express my true self that Saturday. And I won’t until after I graduate.”



# A financial cat-astrophe

## Budget cuts cause campus cats to unionize

BY ELIZABETH FOSTER



CARLTON THE CAT SITS IN THE SUNSHINE AT HIS FORMER WORKPLACE, SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY. CARLTON RECENTLY TEAMED UP WITH ARAARI, AISHA ABAWAJY'S CAT, TO FORM A UNION FOR CAMPUS CATS EVERYWHERE. PHOTO FROM @CARLTON\_THE\_CAT ON INSTAGRAM

Another round of budget cuts have hit the Dalhousie Student Union.

The cuts mainly targeted funding towards various student societies, but also saw the removal of some positions from the DSU itself. Araari, the DSU mascot and self-appointed "SUB cat," was one of the unfortunate ones left without a job.

When the *Dal Gazette* caught up with Araari, he was sitting at the bar at the Grawood.

"I suppose they thought that one feline was enough," Araari said, eyeing the Dal tiger. "Do you even know the PR stunts I've pulled this year? Do you know how hard it is to be the adorable whiskered face of scandal after scandal?"

Araari turned to the bartender, referred to himself in third person, and said "Araari can have little salami, as a treat."

The DSU was unable to comment when contacted by the *Dal Gazette*.

Araari is not the only campus cat out of a job. Earlier this month, budget cuts over at the Saint Mary's Student Association brought the early retirement of Carlton, the Saint Mary's University campus cat. At the time of his firing, Carlton had

over 2,000 followers on Instagram.

"Would they do this to Ellen Page?" Carlton asked, as he joined Araari at the bar. "Would they do this to Frankie McDonald or that tugboat down at the harbour? I don't think so."

I gave that campus a personality. Good luck getting through finals without seeing my adorable face every day."

In the wake of these cuts, Araari and Carlton claim to be unionizing.

"We want to be a voice for campus cats all over Canada," Araari said.

"Quadruped representation on college campuses is horrible," said Carlton. "Heck, I heard they're making Sprinkles over at the University of Toronto double as a therapy cat in his spare time...that's just messed up."

Aside from better representation, the newly-formed Campus Cat Union (CCU) plans on fighting for shorter work days, competitive wages and at least two weeks of vacation time per year.

"We're also working towards abolishing all vacuum cleaners on campus," Carlton added. "That's a big one."

# Drunk pizza lover finds comfort at 1 a.m.

## First-year student actually believes the Triple A employee cares about how his day is going

BY ELIZABETH FOSTER



TRIPLE A, WHICH HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR OVER 40 YEARS, IS A LATE-NIGHT STAPLE FOR DALHOUSIE AND KING'S STUDENTS. PHOTO BY ELIZABETH FOSTER

On the first Friday night after the winter holidays, first-year commerce student Cooper Holland and his friends drunkenly stumbled into Triple A Pizza.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," Holland said when the *Gazette* interviewed him the following Saturday morning. "It was just a typical night with the boys. You know how it is. First week of classes had ended, we'd knocked back a couple Jagers, a few Keiths, and then one of my buddies said 'hey, we should go to Triple A.'"

Triple A, a south-end pizzeria and late-night convenience store, is a favourite haunt for many of Dalhousie and King's partygoers. Located on the corner of Jubilee Road and Preston Street, it is open until 2 a.m. and is known for its pizza slices, large selection of ice cream sandwiches and friendly staff.

"The lady working there was so nice," Holland said as a tear welled up in his eye. "I bought a piece of pepperoni pizza,

and while she was ringing it up she asked me how my night was going...she...actually cared about how my night was going."

It is estimated that Triple A sees 150 to 200 customers between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. on a busy weekend night. For many students like Holland, visits to Triple A are seen as a cornerstone of the Dalhousie University first-year experience.

"University can be so tough," Holland said. "It's almost impossible to get featured on Canadian Party Life and sometimes the NSLC closes before you remember to go on a beer run."

Oh, and when you punch a hole in the bathroom wall over at Howe, the damage cost gets added to the tuition your parents pay, and that's really stressful."

He also said classes can be difficult too, but he said "seeing those friendly people at Triple A, people who actually care about your day ... that makes it all worth it."



# Global warming isn't all bad

## What's bad for the environment could be good for mental health

BY ISABEL BUCKMASTER, OPINIONS EDITOR

It's the most depressing time of the year. Holidays are over, taxes are flooding in, it's winter and parts of the world are being assaulted by catastrophic events of climate change. It is largely because of this over 300 million people are affected by Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) every year. But could there already be a readily available solution to the big SAD?

Seasonal affective disorder is a kind of depression that only occurs at specific times throughout the year. For most people, it occurs towards the end of fall or beginning of winter and ends when spring begins. Symptoms are very similar to traditional depression and can include oversleeping, appetite changes, weight gain, and tiredness or low energy.

However, the climate crisis is in a unique position where it is exactly what is needed.

### Endless summer

Who hasn't dreamed of an endless summer? The climate crisis could deliver by raising the temperature of the world by two degrees and putting an end to winter once and for all. Almost 100 per cent of the world can agree that winter is the worst season of them all. It's constantly so cold your bones turn to icicles and right when it appears to be over, the blustering winds swoop in and tear through every layer of clothing, ruining your will to live.

No longer will Nova Scotia Power struggle to keep up with the terribly difficult task of doing their job and citizens across the HRM can focus on things other than whether their power will stay on through the weakest winds and the lightest snow. With climate change in effect, Nova Scotia will become a beach town, with the new warm temperatures and sea levels rising so high that properties in central Halifax will become beachfront. The potential for property investment will be endless!



AS THE CLIMATE CRISIS DRASTICALLY CHANGES OUR WORLD'S CLIMATE, MAYBE SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A THING.

### Beach days

For those who would miss the one redeeming quality of winters, snow days, I propose a solution. Catastrophic climate days are the new snow days. With more hurricanes, fires, and floods on the horizon, full weeks of school will be nothing but a socialist dream while the province scrambles to keep fallen trees from blocking students into their homes and cranes from falling across city buildings. Who knows? Maybe school will eventually be out forever in favour of one permanent catastrophic climate day. Beach days, we'll call them.

With the climate crisis on the horizon,

SAD will be cured forever. Much like how global warming is interfering with the hibernation patterns of various animals, it will have the same effect on this mental affliction. The steady glow of forest fires will mimic sunshine like the SAD lamps that are commonly used as treatment. When the government begins to fall apart from the strain of maintaining the lies about what they are doing for the environment, taxes and debt will soon be irrelevant.

### Eco-anxiety

Of course, global warming is not the cure to all mental illness. Eco-anxiety will take

its place. Eco-anxiety is anxiety that is caused by worrying about the future state of the environment and how little is being done about it. However, this will become the new normal, much like school stress or crippling depression caused from school stress.

Ignoring the effects of global warming like melting ice caps, trash islands, rising sea levels, new diseases, extreme poverty, and the general mass amount of destruction and death across the world, global warming is vital to curing SAD. Without seasons, there are thousands of other reasons to be depressed, but that isn't the focus of this cure.



# The journey to environmental enlightenment

Environmental tips from a local expert to help you on your path to individual carbon neutrality

BY KRISTEN TYMOSHUK

Under the threat of imminent planetary destruction from anthropogenic climate change, local environmental enthusiast Apple Greenleaf is moving beyond common environmental lifestyle changes. She has spent three years taking drastic steps to reduce her own carbon footprint to zero.

Greenleaf believes “it is extremely important for everyone to do their part for the environment. Sure, 85 per cent of 2019 carbon dioxide emissions came from industrial activities, but I think individual changes will make a huge impact in 2020.”

Greenleaf was excited to share some of the lifestyle changes she’s made to inspire readers to start their own carbon-free journey. Her tips start small and work up to the biggest change an individual can make.

## Tip 1: Bags

One of the first steps Greenleaf made was switching from plastic bags to reusable bags. But she soon realized she needed to go further.

“Many people switch over [to reusable bags] and stop there. Reusable bags actually have more production emissions than plastic bags; it takes 327 uses of one reusable bag to make it equivalent to the carbon emissions of a plastic bag.”

Her solution was simple. Boycott bags altogether. Greenleaf limits herself to purchases that she can easily carry in her arms and tasks her butler with carrying heavier items.

## Tip 2: Houses

Houses require large amounts of energy to run properly. There is a myriad of ways to make your house greener, but the ultimate goal for Greenleaf was a completely carbon neutral home. She achieved this by setting up an independent solar system on the roof of her Halifax house.

“This is a simple change anyone can make,” said Greenleaf, “All you need is \$23,000 in materials and electrical engineering knowledge. Luckily for me, I went to school for engineering and my parents are incredibly rich, so I was able to smoothly make this transition.”



AS CLIMATE CHANGE BECOMES MORE OF AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AMONG CANADIANS, LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENTHUSIAST APPLE GREENLEAF OFFERS UP SOME TIPS TO REDUCE YOUR OWN CARBON FOOTPRINT. PHOTO BY KRISTEN TYMOSHUK

## Tip 3: Transportation

Reducing reliance on motorized transportation is another way Greenleaf has strived to reduce her carbon dioxide emissions.

Even though “taking the bus and the train are great ways to reduce your transportation footprint” she still thinks “we can do better.”

Last year Greenleaf boycotted all mechanized transportation methods, including bicycles. Greenleaf was undaunted by the 1,589 kilometres she would have to travel to visit her family in Toronto over Christmas. She stated “I’m self-employed, so I gave myself two weeks off

work and walked for 13 days straight from Halifax to Toronto.”

## Tip 4: Food production

Greenleaf also stopped supporting unsustainable agriculture practices.

“For years I’ve tried to make my diet as local, organic, and vegan as possible,” said Greenleaf. “But I realized these changes aren’t enough, so now I’ve moved past food altogether.”

Using CRISPR gene editing technology and her engineering degree, Greenleaf injected her genes with chloroplast DNA, giving her the ability to perform photosynthesis herself.

“By giving myself the ability to turn carbon

dioxide and sunlight into glucose and oxygen, I no longer need to worry about which foods produce the least amount of emissions,” Greenleaf said. “In fact, my diet is carbon negative now!”

## Tip 5: Human existence

Hopeful that her story will inspire people to follow her lead, Greenleaf stated “these steps may not seem like a lot on their own, but if everyone comes together and does their part, we can make a tremendous difference.”

Greenleaf is proud of the changes she’s already made, but she’s not stopping there. Her next step is to project her consciousness into the astral plane.

“Recently I’ve realized that humans cannot coexist with the Earth without causing extensive damage. The only way to become truly carbon neutral is to transcend this earthly realm,” said Greenleaf, as her body faded into nothing.

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# Drop out

## If it doesn't bring joy, give it up

BY MAYOWA OLUWASANMI



STOP STRESSING ABOUT SCHOOL AND DO YOURSELF A FAVOUR: DROP OUT. PHOTO BY SIORA PHOTOGRAPHY

As the New Year's streamers clear and the Christmas gifts get pushed aside, so the second academic term begins. Whether you're a disillusioned first year or a jaded older student, there's no denying that this sucks. The weather is cold, fees are due, and no one wants to be back. There will be a billion and one resources available off campus and on campus telling you the best ways to navigate the remaining year. Here's the honest truth: it's all bullshit. The best way to navigate the year is to not navigate it at all. The best way to cope is simply to drop out.

### Be your own boss

What if I told you that you don't need to join the post-grad job hunt in a diminished job sector? There are so many legitimate businessmen roaming the streets and the internet is constantly bombarding you with exciting opportunities to join. You could work from home, set your own hours and be your own boss! For less money that

the university drains out of all its students, you too could live the good life. Why pay thousands for school when you could pay one thousand to change your life? All you need is two to four people to jump on then the rest is a piece of cake!

### Sleep

Sleep: what a concept. The truth is I haven't had a good night's sleep since I was 10. This is the reality for students everywhere, not just me. All-nighters and Netflix binges are seen as the biggest obstacles to sleep for university students. Other people say we should space out assignments so that all-nighters are no longer necessary. That is ridiculous and frankly offensive considering how much good, quality work can be produced at three in the morning. Realistically, if you had a choice between sleeping early to get up for classes or watching a new season of *Queer Eye*, what are we expected to choose?

These institutions force us to make unreasonable sacrifices daily when we all know that school is the biggest threat to sleep. When you don't have school, you would have a lot more free time to take naps whenever you'd like or stay up until your heart is content. Don't let school be an obstacle to vital shut-eye. Drop out. You could sleep if you didn't have any classes. Without the stress of school, you and sleep would become best friends.

### No more deadlines, no more stress

Do you ever wish that you could learn without deadlines? That the sheer pressure of continuous assessment is the one thing that stops you from truly learning, engaging with and thus growing academically? Or do you just not want to do that final exam? Has that one group member not handed in their work? Is your audit haunting your dreams? Irrespective of the de-

tails, students are often united by their hatred of homework. Assignments are not the only thing. Shuffling towards a class at eight in the morning with a large Tim Hortons coffee and little will to live is yet another consequence of higher education. Some may say that picking a major that interests you will make student life much more bearable. Please note that it is the same people saying that you should major in fields that have employment prospects, so clearly no one knows what they are talking about. Don't want to go to classes or do homework? The answer is simple: drop out.

School stress is so 2019. Aren't you sick of dreading classes, dreading papers and dreading life? Aren't you tired of oversharing trauma with your academic advisor or crying over grades? Forget yoga or candles or face masks. True self care is letting go of the toxic. The solution to stress is obvious: drop out. Instead of worrying about classes, worry about how you're going to pay to move your shit back home! Drop out.



# The quick fix

## Want to quit vaping? Try cigarettes

BY ISABEL BUCKMASTER, OPINIONS EDITOR



WITH THE RECENT BAN ON E-CIGARETTES IN NOVA SCOTIA, PEOPLE ARE TURNING BACK TO SMOKING CIGARETTES. PHOTO BY LUKAS BIERI ON PIXABAY

There is an epidemic crossing the nation, its sickly-sweet grasp seeping through doorways, cracked windows and into the minds of vulnerable teenagers. Vaping. With the recent ban on e-cigarettes in Nova Scotia and the crack down on teen vaping, nicotine addicts are looking to the original.

### The ambience

Smoking a cigarette is like an automatic trip into the edge and mystique of a black and white film. The orange and white butt draped over black-stained fingers, wrist held out delicately as the smoke spirals up into the evening air or is blown into the face of a neighbour; every step of smoking screams class and artistic ambition. It even makes voices more attractive, charring the backs of throats and deepening the tone with each harsh release of smoker's cough.

Vaping is another story. Tucking it into a sleeve, crouching in a bathroom stall shrouded in shame curates the ambience of an edgy middle schooler. There is nothing attractive

about an adult sucking on the end of a metal cylinder like their lives depend on it and then blowing fruit-flavoured smoke rings, mouth wide and eyes glossy.

Ryan Williams, an ex-vaper, switched to cigarettes after he was rejected by a girl who didn't think he was mysterious enough to be interesting in the long run. "Sure, I miss doing vapour art and hot-boxing my shower, but the addiction was too bad man, I couldn't stop."

### Health issues

Despite their nasty reputation, cigarettes are not the only vice associated with severe health repercussions. Sure, cigarettes may increase chances of getting almost every type of cancer, bronchitis, stroke, asthma, and potentially many other terrible things. However, vaping can cause various heart issues, interfere with lung function and causes general doucheyness. In addition to this, it is still a relatively new invention and there is still a long way to go with research. Who

knows? Maybe if smoked long enough, users can blow cotton candy fire like a dragon.

And what's in a vape anyways? The flavoured juice is made up of chemicals like propylene glycol, glycerin and other flavorings and additives that are not organic or natural, and have no place being in the body. Cigarettes have ingredients that sound scary, but are relatively well known to the public. Things like tar, carbon monoxide, DDT, and acetone are all familiar household ingredients. If you use it to clean off your nail polish or to get rid of unwanted bugs, why not inhale it into your body?

### Addiction

Vapes are also much more effective in getting nicotine in the body. Although vapes and e-cigarettes started out as a method to

beating nicotine addiction, they have since furthered the issue and openly contribute to it. In summary: they're too convenient. One single puff contains a full cigarette's worth of nicotine, meaning they are highly addictive.

Jim White, an avid smoker, believes that cigarettes are superior to vaping.

"Back in the olden days, addiction wasn't convenient — people had to earn their lung cancer," he said, hacking up a lung before lighting up yet another cigarette. "Vaping is like the heroin of the smoking world. You shouldn't be able to get that much nicotine that fast."

Cigarettes are a classic treat that shouldn't be messed with. Vapes are untrustworthy scraps of metal designed to send teenage heads into the clouds and step away from tradition. Nicotine is a thing of the past and the method by which it is ingested should follow suit. Teenagers should just stick to the devil's lettuce.

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**"Back in the olden days, addiction wasn't convenient. People had to earn their lung cancer."**

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# The Canadian identity

Political parties that Canada desperately needs

BY VEER GANDHI



THE TIM HORTONS PARTY OF CANADA WAS FOUNDED IN 1964. IT HAS ONE GOAL: TO NATIONALIZE TIM HORTONS. PHOTO BY CHRIS STOODLEY

Justin Trudeau is a diversely talented Prime Minister. But a diversity of skills does not always lead to the best outcomes. Here are a few official Canadian political parties with ideas that he could learn from.

## The Tim Hortons Party of Canada

The Tim Hortons Party of Canada was founded in 1964. Ever since then, it has had one purpose: to nationalize Tim Hortons. If given power, the party promises to open a location on every street corner in the country. The reasoning behind nationalizing the company may seem weird to ordinary minds, but to true political wizards, nationalization is the only way forward. Trudeau is the type of guy who doesn't often recall his past words and actions. He has changed his

face so many times that he can't even remember how many times it has changed. As such, his reckless, teenage-like habits have created a sparkling confusion about Canada's true national identity.

## The Rising Wolves Party of Canada

The Rising Wolves of Canada is a revolutionary party. Despite his erratic and irresponsible behaviour, deep down Trudeau is the "nice guy." Being kind is a virtue, but when it comes to fighting Twitter wars, a true part of modern politics, niceness leaves you behind in this day and age.

Jon Shapiro, a history professor who has taught at Dalhousie University for over 30 years, says

"the world has modernized, and the way we

are fighting with one another has changed as well.

"In the First World War it was trench warfare, in the Second World War it was Blitzkrieg, in the Cold War it was nukes and nowadays it's Twitter. We need a leader who can adapt to these changes and assert Canada's prominence on the international stage," said Shapiro. "Twitter Wars are the modern way to fight for our dignity, honour and respect. And Trudeau is too nice for all that."

## The Humankind Party of Life

The Humankind Party of Life is a political party that is run by and for Canadians that love balanced budgets. Their leader, Judy Bibi, believes in balanced budgets and serving humankind. "We like to think not just about the present but also the future of humankind. Heavy debt today means higher taxes tomorrow," said Bibi. "We care for the future and this is what the Humankind Party of Life is all about."

Trudeau has spoken very highly and in favor of incurring massive loads of debt. He says, "life

is all about experiences, learning from them and sharing those experiences with our community, our world. As a drama teacher from my early days, if there is one thing I learned, it is the importance of unnecessary challenges in pursuit of happiness. In life, when you have something to fight against, it makes life so much more colorful and meaningful. The importance of this cannot be emphasized for Canadians, especially the youth. By running tiny deficits worth measly tens of billions of dollars, we are essentially guaranteeing future challenges for households to overcome. And as I taught all my students in drama class, only facing and overcoming unnecessary challenges will create a more confident and happier population."

Trudeau's personal character flaws, his inability to live within our means and his inability to forsake a polite nature in threatening Twitter times speaks for the need of someone else to step up in his stead. All three parties discussed in this article have demonstrated considerable strength where Trudeau is weak, and it is high time that Canada consider focusing on some platforms that actually matter.

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# Green Day disbands after fans unanimously reject new album

Inside the 21st century breakup BY MATT MURGATROYD



GREEN DAY VOCALIST BILLIE JOE ARMSTRONG PERFORMS IN MONTREAL ON JULY 18, 2009. BACK THEN, FANS PASSIONATELY SANG ALONG TO "AMERICAN IDIOT." PHOTO BY ANIRUDH KOUL ON FLICKR

Heartbreak and tragedy have recently struck the music industry. News broke this week that legendary punk rock band Green Day has decided to break up.

The decision comes after fans universally stated their disdain for the band's latest album: *Father of*

*All Motherfuckers*. With the first song being released back in September 2019, fans worldwide agreed that "Father of All" is the worst thing to ever grace radio. In fact, it makes Green Day's 2012 song, "Nightlife" (which was widely regarded as the worst song they have ever made) look

like "Bohemian Rhapsody" in comparison.

In a recent interview on *Good Morning America*, Green Day frontman Billie Joe Armstrong confirmed the shocking news:

"Our record sucks, y'know. I guess it's kind of a shame. I mean, we put so much heart and effort into that record the best that we could, as we do with every project. This record was supposed to be the best one since *American Idiot*, but the fans shit all over it, and now, it's really just a bummer, y'know. I mean, I guess the fans do have a point. *21st Century Breakdown* was just us trying to recreate what we had with *American Idiot*. The trilogy, as I've previously stated, had absolutely no direction to it, and as for *Revolution Radio*, well, that would've never even happened if it wasn't for what happened at iHeart a few years back."

Armstrong is of course referring to his meltdown at the 2012 iHeartRadio Music Festival. The musician went ballistic after learning Green Day's set time had been cut from 40 minutes to 20.

"But the fans are always right, I guess," Armstrong conceded. "If they think that we

can't come back from this, then we might as well call it quits."

Bassist Mike Dirnt and drummer Tré Cool could not be reached for comment, but we caught up with the man behind the madness, Butch Walker, who helped produce this monstrosity of an album. Here's what he had to say:

"Oof."

Oof indeed. Poor guy. You can literally hear the heartbreak in his sad, fragile, little voice. Imagine being labeled as the guy who helped destroy Green Day. Being known for that, for probably the rest of your life, must be pretty...well, pretty shitty.

So, there you have it, folks. With all this talk about nostalgic emo/pop-punk bands getting back together and making new music, Green Day throws us all a curveball and decides to end things for good. Good riddance — we hope you had the time of your life.

In regards to the upcoming "Hella Mega Tour" with Weezer and Fall Out Boy, Green Day is set to be replaced by Blink-182. But don't get your hopes up, because Tom DeLonge isn't coming back. He is never coming back.

# Oh god, please buy our *Gazette* branded perfume

Student journalism needs your support, right now

BY REBECCA DINGWELL, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



REVEALING THE DALHOUSIE GAZETTE: THE SMELL. THERE ARE JUST 1,868 BOTTLES AVAILABLE -- GET YOURS WHILE YOU CAN. PHOTO BY CHRIS STOODLEY

As many of you know, print media is in crisis. After TC Transcontinental stopped printing newspapers in December, the *Dalhousie Gazette* found itself in a pickle. Print costs are rising and the combination of our

levy and advertising revenue is no longer enough to keep us afloat while still paying our staff and contributors. As a result, we've launched a totally unique, new fundraising initiative: a perfume.

*Dalhousie Gazette: The Smell*. An actual thing we have made. This is a limited run with just 1,868 bottles available. This simple, subtle fragrance is the perfect gift to yourself or someone special in your life.

Specifically created for *Gazette* readers by scent artist Butterfly Flowerchild, the aroma resembles a combination of wet newsprint (a nod to paper delivery in Nova Scotia weather) and Subway sandwiches (a tribute to Dalhousie University's Killam Memorial Library). Each bottle also contains a few drops of saltwater.

"The saltwater has a double meaning," Flowerchild said in an interview. "In part, it represents the ocean, since it's such a big part of Atlantic Canadian identity. It also represents the tears of *Gazette* reporters, struggling to meet deadlines while lamenting the future of their careers."

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news bailout money. Our only path forward is with you, the readers. We can't count on wealthy funders. The people who value journalism need to fund the work that they feel deserves it, even if they are broke students and it isn't reasonable for us to ask them for money.

"Obviously, some people have scent sensitivities so we're not encouraging students to wear the perfume to class or anything," says Jessica Briand, the chair of the *Gazette's* Publishing Board. "However, students do get to read our paper for free, so we thought, 'maybe they should actually buy something from us for once.' A scent is an odd choice, but it seems to be the sort of thing the cool publications are doing, so why not?"

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# Jessica Chastain turns down Rosa Parks role

## The acclaimed white actress says the part is not hers to play

BY TARINI FERNANDO,  
ARTS & LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Acclaimed Hollywood actress Jessica Chastain made headlines this week when she revealed in an interview with *E! Hollywood* that she turned down an offer to play Rosa Parks in an upcoming biopic.

In the interview, Chastain said she was “shocked” when she was offered the role by well-known film producer Guy Smith.

“Obviously I said no right away,” Chastain said. “How could I play a Black woman? I just can’t. I’m white. I don’t know why I have to explain this. The part is not mine to play.”

### All around confusion

According to Chastain, it was in the summer of 2018 when she received the “strange offer” from Smith to play Rosa Parks.

“How could I play a Black woman? I just can’t. I’m white. I don’t know why I have to explain this.”

“He just called me up and offered me the role as if he didn’t see any problem with a white person playing Rosa Parks. I was appalled. I mean, I’m all for pushing boundaries in acting, but Rosa Parks was specifically fighting for the rights of African-Americans as an African-American. So, of course I couldn’t play her,” said Chastain.

While Chastain was confused over why she was even offered the role, Smith was just as puzzled as to why she wouldn’t take it. In an interview with the *Dalhousie Gazette*, Smith said he still doesn’t “see the big deal” with a white actor playing the civil rights activist.

“I don’t get it. Jessica’s a brilliant actress. Why shouldn’t she play the role? Just because she’s white? Now that’s crazy. The Rosa Parks story is about fighting for



IN A RECENT INTERVIEW, JESSICA CHASTAIN (INTERSTELLAR, MOLLY’S GAME) REVEALED SHE WAS OFFERED THE ROLE OF ROSA PARKS IN THE UPCOMING BIOPICT OF THE WELL-KNOWN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST. PHOTO (LEFT) BY GAGE SKIDMORE; PHOTO (RIGHT) PUBLIC DOMAIN

what’s right and standing up to power. Everyone’s gone through that, probably, no matter what race,” Smith said. “Also, Kerry Washington was busy, and I don’t know any other Black actresses.”

### A history of whitewashing

Lynne Jenkins of the University of South-Western-Upper California has studied Hollywood’s history of whitewashing for 15 years as the head of the university’s

film department. The term “whitewashing” refers to the practice in the film industry of white actors being cast for roles meant for people of colour.

As an example of Hollywood whitewashing, Jenkins mentioned the 1961 film *Breakfast at Tiffany’s* where white actor Mickey Rooney played an angry Japanese landlord named Mr. Yunioshi. Jenkins also gave more contemporary examples like Scarlett Johansson playing

the lead role in *Ghost in the Shell*, and Jake Gyllenhaal in *Prince of Persia*.

Jenkins said she “wasn’t really surprised” when she heard about Chastain being offered the Rosa Parks role, but it certainly was a particularly bizarre case.

“I mean, c’mon, it’s Rosa Parks,” Jenkins said. “What would the movie even be about with a white actress? The plot would just be a white woman getting on a bus and going home in peace. The end.”



# Cry in a cube at the Killam

## Dal's new solution for stressed students

BY KATIE KEIZER



THE KILLAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY NOW OFFERS CUBICLES IN THE STACKS WHERE STUDENTS CAN CRY. THIS ONE IS LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE LIBRARY'S FOURTH FLOOR WITH MAXIMUM PRIVACY. PHOTO BY CHRIS STOODLEY

Dalhousie University has announced a new mental health initiative to help students manage their stress: crying rooms.

No longer will students need to dash to the nearest washroom or make a panicked phone call to their roommate when they feel a breakdown coming on. Soon, students will be able to pop into one of the many cubicles in the stacks of the Killam Memorial Library that are being converted into sound-proof sob sanctuaries for a quick weep. No booking necessary.

### A cop out or true solution?

"It seems like a bit of a cop out, if I'm being honest," Tom Monsense says about Dal's new crying room plan. Monsense is a management student in his third year.

"Sound-proofing all those cubicles can't be cheap," he says. "If the money is available, why isn't the university putting it towards actual mental health services? Like hiring more counsellors or something?"

Like Monsense, some students have argued that these crying rooms are just another way for the university to avoid confronting actual mental health issues that students face every semester.

University administrator Reggie Strar disagrees with this idea.

"I honestly do not know what you're talking about," he says. "We have no mental illness or stress on this campus because we let students pet a dog every so often."

According to Strar, if students need ex-

tra stress relief, they can bring a therapy dog into a crying room with them.

### Real student stress

Donna Faill, a fourth-year psychology student, says she'll never use the crying rooms because she never has any time to cry. She says this while openly weeping over a textbook, sitting in the stacks on the fourth floor of the Killam.

"I have a psych midterm, but I missed a bunch of classes because it's an 8:30 a.m. lecture and I just can't wake up that early. I thought my friend would take notes for me, or I could've at least copied my boyfriend's notes, but then that idiot dumped me and now he's into my friend," says Faill.

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**"It seems like a bit of a cop out, if I'm being honest."**

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"Apparently they had got to talking about how brutal the 8:30 a.m. lectures were and realized they actually had a lot in common, like waking up to go to class and going to the Dome on the weekend. Oh, and no, to answer your question, I'm allergic to dogs so if I brought a dog into a tiny room I'd probably never stop sneezing."

The university declined to comment on Faill's allergy to dogs or her recent breakup, stating in an email to the *Dalhousie Gazette*, "Who is that? What's their B00 number? Oh, you didn't ask. Well then, we really don't know who that is. We, on principle, only know students by their B00 number."

Time will soon tell if students actually use and enjoy the crying rooms, which are expected to be completed by September 2020. For now, whether you prefer weeping long and low in a Chewbaccaesque way or sobbing in short, quick bursts that scare the people around you, the bathrooms will just have to do.



# The struggles of zero-waste travelling

## How to get around plastics on planes

BY CHIARA FERRERO-WONG

Hello jet setters — Chiara here. I'm a zero-waste ambassador with the non-profit organization PLASTIC POLLUTES. I'm dedicated to the one cause that will single-handedly reverse the climate crisis: eliminating single-use plastics.

One of the worst cases of single-use plastics that I've ever seen is something no one seems to be talking about: plastic that comes with airplane food.

### The hidden evil of planes

Now, airplanes are a great way to get around. When you're in a place like Asia, as I was a few months ago, plane rides are fairly cheap and very efficient. If I could, I would fly everywhere!

But the hidden evil that lies with planes is not the roughly one-quarter of a tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted with every flight hour. (A quarter of a tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> is roughly equivalent to 620 miles driven by an average American vehicle.) No — obviously the true evil lies in the obsessive use of single-use plastics by airlines.

**Airlines should start recognizing people who are trying to have a positive impact on the planet while flying in planes.**



THE REAL THREAT TO THE ENVIRONMENT IN AIR TRAVEL IS THE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PACKAGING OF AIRPLANE FOOD. PHOTO BY FREE TO USE SOUNDS ON UNSPLASH

When I received my first airplane meal on my Toronto to Hong Kong flight, I was appalled. Not only did the flight attendants not listen to me when I said I wanted to use my bamboo cutlery set, but they also refused to fill my Hydro Flask with water.

The meals came in these disposable tin containers that were simply thrown out afterwards. They also gave me a plastic fork and knife. Do airplanes even have recycling? I didn't see a single trash sorting station on board, so I'm highly doubtful.

On a side note, airplane food is so gross. I never even touch mine. Better to throw out food than waste time pretending to enjoy it. Life's too short not to have standards.

Even though some researchers have ranked reducing food waste as the third most effective solution to climate change, plastics come first. As we say at PLASTIC POLLUTES, "Plastics are public enemy number one!"

### Avoiding plane plastics

It isn't all negative though. There are ways to get around plastics on planes.

On my later flight from Hong Kong to Singapore, I made sure to buy my own food at the airport food court. I scraped it into one of my trusty mason jars that I always have on me. That way, I was able to enjoy a waste free meal while

30,000 feet in the air!

I hope that if you're travelling in the near future, you don't let the airline industry affect your way of living. We shouldn't have to suffer because airlines don't recognize that being waste free is a dietary restriction like veganism, and it's better for the environment.

Although going vegan has been shown to be among the top four most effective ways of solving the climate crisis, it does nothing about garbage island. So, if my seatmate can get a vegan meal on the plane, then lord so help me if they don't come up with a waste free alternative.

Having paper products would be so

much better. Even though paper products such as paper bags have been shown to produce about 3.1 times more greenhouse gas emissions and four times more water than plastic bags, they won't break down in a landfill.

Ultimately, airlines should start recognizing people who are trying to have a positive impact on the planet while flying in planes.

From one frequent flyer to another, I hope my words have opened your eyes as to how travelling can test your dedication to the noble cause of living zero-waste. But I'm here to tell you not to worry! There *are* ways to avoid plane plastics. I believe in you. Happy travels, jet setters.



# World Cup of Hockey 2.0

## Kessel versus the team that cut him? Bettman taking the ice?

BY LUKE DYMENT



WITH THE CREATION OF TEAM NORTH AMERICA AND TEAM EUROPE FOR THE 2016 WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY, NEW TEAMS ARE NOW VYING FOR A SPOT IN THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT. PHOTO BY SARAH MOORE

With no World Cup of Hockey happening in early 2021, the National Hockey League has bought time to find more entertaining ideas for a potential 2022 or 2024 tournament.

The hottest product in the 2016 edition was the creation of Team North America and Team Europe. The former consisted of the best NHL players aged 23 and younger, while the latter was mostly self-explanatory: the European All-Stars, from countries not named Sweden, Finland, Russia or the Czech Republic, whose teams were already in the tournament.

The event has shown that best-on-best all-star teams don't have to be restricted by age or international borders. And indeed, they shouldn't.

Behold! Your newcomer teams looking to

qualify for the next World Cup of Hockey:

### 35-and-over team

The polar opposite of Team North America, a.k.a the speed demons, in 2016. Team 35-and-up's advantage? Experience. This goes hand-in-hand with the short schedule; less action means less wear and tear on the older athletes. As well, the entire tournament is essentially a playoff scenario. If the team is loaded with 15-plus-year NHL vets, must-win experience is sure to be a factor.

**Picture this: captain of the all-snob team Phil Kessel and his dog taking on the Americans for a spot in the semi-finals.**

Some early candidates already on the map: Jonathan Toews, who scored in two Olympic gold medal games. Let's face it: he will be ousted by younger Canadian talent come the next World Cup. Toews is 31 but

is eligible if we are forced to wait at least four years for a World Cup. Sidney Crosby would also be eligible, but would still almost certainly be too good to not be on Team Canada. Keep an eye on Duncan Keith,

Blake Wheeler and Brent Burns for this team too.

### Team World, or the All-Snob team

This team is made of all ages and includes everyone who's left after Team 35-plus is picked. Think about it. Canada fielding a team of their best who didn't make Team Canada would still be strong, at worst. Realistically, Team World, the absolute "best of the rest" from all countries, wouldn't only qualify for the next World Cup, but would be favourites to win. To avoid absolute domination, the Team of Misfit World Cup Players could be split into North American and European groups.

Most likely captain of the All-Snubs: Phil Kessel, who made sure everyone knew of his absence from Team USA by tweeting about his dog after the Americans lost their final game. Picture this: Kessel and his dog taking on the Americans for a spot in the semi-finals. Only one can make it. Are you not entertained?

### NHL Executive/General Managers team

The big fish in NHL offices, led by Commissioner Gary Bettman, put up enough of a fuss when players represent their countries. I can only imagine Bettman's reaction if Connor McDavid is hurt in non-NHL hockey: (in Eugene Krabs' voice) "Me profits! Me money! Ruined!"

So if they must win all the time, then they might as well play for the Cup too. Guys like Bettman and Deputy Commish Bill Daly could potentially be imposing physical presences right off the bat. If they can add former NHLers Chris Pronger (now Florida's hockey operations advisor) or Marc Bergevin (now Montreal's GM), this team of suits is sure to give the smaller teams nightmares.

### Hockey Twitter team

Take a look at some hockey fans and their claims on the Twitterverse.

"I could have made that save." (Against a 2-on-0.)  
"Even I would have slid to block that Shea Weber slap shot."  
"My grandma can skate faster than Connor McDavid."

Clearly these all-stars deserve a chance at the next World Cup to prove they are no slouches among the big boys of the hockey world.

Let's see it then, you guys.



# What were they rinking?

## Tigers hockey teams to move across town

BY JAMES INNES

After coming off of one of their worst seasons on record, the Dalhousie University Tigers men's and women's hockey teams announced that they would be moving training facilities from the Halifax Forum to the brand new Dauphinee Centre, home to the Saint Mary's University Huskies. While there is much speculation about the reasons for this move, some have suggested that it may be to get some tips off of the far more successful Huskies hockey teams.

When asked about the unprecedented measure, Dalhousie men's hockey head coach Cliff Fishman had this to say: "It absolutely is not so we can spy on the SMU training regimen. Why would anyone ever suggest that? It is clearly not the case." He then proceeded to peer through the facility's windows with a giant pair of binoculars.

SMU staff at the Dauphinee Centre, which opened in the fall of 2019, seem themselves surprised by the announcement. Arena operator Gus Fishman (no relation) stated he was confused. "It was a bit of a shock, honestly, I open the paper one day to find that two new hockey teams are moving into our facility. We had no idea that this was happening."

When asked to comment on the apparent lack of warning, Cliff Fishman maintained that there was prior communication to Saint Mary's about the planned move.

"We absolutely did tell them we were coming there," he said. "How dare you ever suggest that we didn't? It is clearly not the case."

Miscommunication aside, Dalhousie's teams remain optimistic about the move. Men's hockey captain Donald Grundlefleet insists that despite the team's ranking at the bottom of the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) league, the future looks bright.

"I understand there has been some confusion as to how or why my team will be sharing the Huskies'



THE DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY TIGER'S MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAMS WILL NO LONGER PRACTICE AT THE HALIFAX FORUM. INSTEAD, BOTH TEAMS WILL PRACTICE AT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY'S NEW DAUPHINEE CENTRE. PHOTO BY SARAH MOORE

rink. All I have to say on that is just hold your criticism until next season," said Grundlefleet. Following this interview, the news also broke that the Tigers hockey team are considering making "Hold Your Criticism" their team's slogan. Plans to have it displayed in mural form in their change room are in the works, replacing the team's previous, and arguably more intimidat-

ing, motto "Fear the Roar."

As for their old home arena, the historic Halifax Forum, it has been announced that following the two team departure, the facility is looking for a new organization to call the ice home. Rink manager Bob Fossil made an open to invitation to any interested team, but as of yet has reportedly found no replacement.

"It's a real shame," said Fossil when asked to comment on the hunt for a new home team. "The Tigers booked up a lot of ice time and with them gone we are one cancelled game away from becoming a full-time bingo hall."

When asked if any offers at all had come in, Fossil stated, "We had one from the Nova Scotia Curling Association but I'm not sure we are willing to sink that low just yet."

As the Tigers prepare to begin their first off-season training session there is much speculation as to how the new arena arrangement will work out in terms of scheduling, but the team remains confident that this move will result in a marked improvement. Catch next season's games on the AUS official stream, brought to you by Bell Aliant, and don't forget to hold your criticism.

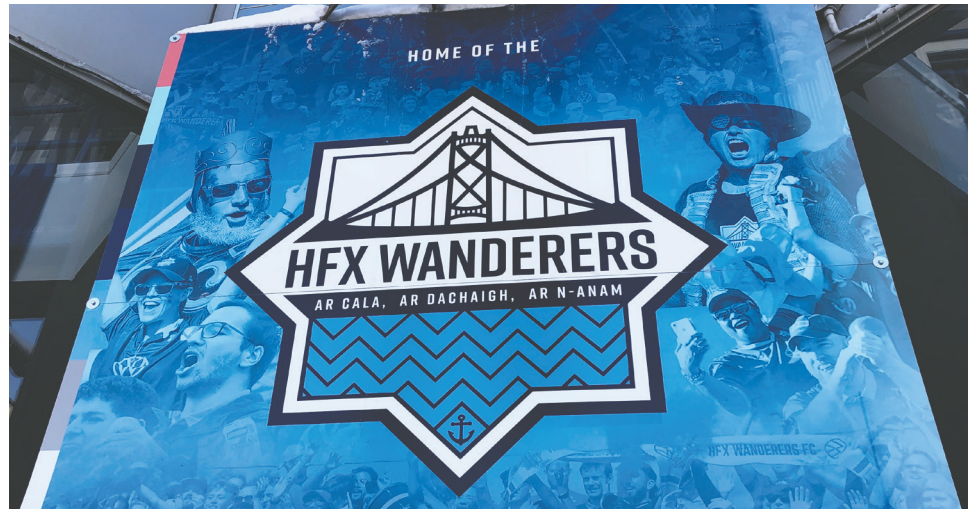
**"It absolutely is not so we can spy on the SMU training regimen," says head coach.**



# Luck of the draw

## Wanderers announce new signing system

BY JAMES INNES



THE HALIFAX WANDERERS WILL CHOOSE ITS NEW PLAYERS BY LOTTERY. PHOTO BY SARAH MOORE

Halifax's own Canadian Premier League team, the Halifax Wanderers, has announced a unique new plan for signing new players for the upcoming season: by lottery. Having completed their first year in the league with mixed results, Wanderers management surprised many by not resigning a majority of their roster. The reason?

To make space for new lottery picks.

"We have always been a team for the fans, and we like to think that we have the best fans in the league. We just wanted to get them more involved in the team," said Jeff Bezos, the Wanderers general manager. "We also felt that, given the season we just had, it really won't make

much of a difference who actually is out on the pitch."

The lottery will operate much like Powerball and Mega Millions. Wanderers fans can pick up the new HFX Wanderers FC© cards from any gas station or corner store in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Then over the next six weeks, lucky numbers will be picked and the winners will be directly added to the roster without any try out process.

This announcement has been extremely well received the Privateers 1882, the supporters group for the Wanderers.

"This is excellent news," said local fan Garry Sunderson. "Me and the boys have already picked up our numbers, absolutely cannot wait, in a couple weeks' time you could see old Garry Sunderson marching out onto the field."

The move, while very popular within Halifax, has drawn criticism from other teams in the CPL who question whether this will lead to a deterioration in the level of play. When asked about this risk, Bezos commented, "Well, yes, there will absolutely be a lower net skill level from our team, but so what? This is the Canadian Premier League, who really cares? We are

more interested in promoting fan involvement."

While Wanderers management seems largely unconcerned with the criticism, other teams are not taking it so lightly. Hamilton's Forge FC and Calgary's Cavalry FC, who share the league with the Wanderers and sat atop the standings last season, have already suggested they may boycott future games against the Wanderers if the plan goes ahead.

"You need to understand that this is my job. I play soccer for a living and I take it very seriously," said Flash Jenkins, starting striker for the Cavalry. "Imagine you spend your whole life achieving the highest level you can, only to go up against some 40-year-old drunken Maritimer."

The Privateers reportedly have been made furious by this statement and clarified that any fans that make the team will "do their best" not to appear intoxicated during games.

All eyes are on the Wanderers as the spring season is just around the corner. Will roster-by-lottery spell the end for the team or will it be the breath of fresh air the franchise needs? It all depends on whose number gets called next Tuesday.

# A grave mistake

## What really happened at the Grey Cup

BY JAMES INNES



AT THE END OF NOVEMBER, DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY'S FOOTBALL TEAM WAS SENT TO COMPETE IN THE CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE. PHOTO BY SARAH MOORE

In a shocking scheduling mix up, the Dalhousie University Tigers football team was sent compete in the Canadian Football League (CFL) Grey Cup at the end of November. This marks the first time a university team has ever competed against a professional team in an official capacity. To the

surprise of very few, the opposing Winnipeg Blue Bombers took the Cup in one of the most overwhelming wins in franchise history, snapping their 29-year championship drought.

The Grey Cup is supposed to take place between the winners of the West Division (the Blue Bombers) and the East Division (the Hamilton Tiger-Cats). Unfortunately for the Tiger-Cats, their hopes of victory were dashed when a bunch of undergraduate students showed up in their place.

"We were elated," said Blue Bombers head coach Bill Dozer. "No better way to cap off the season than with bringing the Cup home!"

When questioned as to whether he thought the match mix-up cheapened the victory Dozer stated, "I feel that this is the sort of thing you shouldn't worry about too much. What may be a needless soul crushing defeat for a university student is just good clean fun for a professional athlete.

"We honestly didn't even notice a difference,

that's just the level of play we were expecting from Hamilton."

This last statement has caused many to question who in fact is at fault for this grave mistake. A current investigation into what went wrong points to the Dal Tigers assistant coach Dave Atlas, who had been in charge of booking and trip organization and who should have sent the Tigers to New Brunswick for a university league game, instead of Calgary, where the Grey Cup was held.

"In the grand scheme of things, this is a minor error and certainly shouldn't lead to anyone getting fired," said Atlas in response to the mistake. His statement was followed thirty minutes later by the announcement that he would be stepping down from his position.

Despite much of the blame being levelled at Dal Tigers faculty, there are also questions as to how the CFL failed to notice that they were putting a university team against the winners of the West Division. The prevailing theory

put out by the league is simply that the names are too similar.

"Tigers, Tiger-Cats, aren't they literally the same thing?" said CFL chairman Jeff Doris in a post-game interview. "Tigers are cats, aren't they? Like aren't the two interchangeable? Tigers and tiger-cats are basically the same thing. I really can't see how this mix up is on us."

Dozer's statement was followed half an hour later by the announcement he would be stepping down from his position.

As of yet, no statement has been released by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. However, sources from their camp claim that they are unconcerned that a university team took their place as the score, 33-12, would have been largely the same either way.

Despite the disappointment of some fans, the Blue Bombers are in high spirits.

"Well, regardless, it was a lovely day for a game of football," said Dozer. "Hopefully we'll see the Tigers out again next year."

# Seeing clearly

## All mirrors to be stripped from Dalplex

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DALPLEX OFFICIALS HAVE ANNOUNCED THE REMOVAL OF ALL MIRRORS IN PUBLIC AREAS AT THE FACILITY. CHAD FLEXIN, A FITNESS AESTHETICS SPECIALIST, SAYS THERE WERE "FAR TOO MANY MIRRORS." PHOTO BY SARAH MOORE

In a controversial move, Dalplex officials have announced the removal of all mirrors from all public areas in the facility. The hope is to encourage patrons of the state-of-the-art facility to actually work out instead of staring at their own reflection.

In a statement released in late December, Dalplex management claimed that patron engagement in the facility had gone down 26 per cent since renovations were completed in May of 2018. This discovery lead to the hiring of Chad Flexin, a fitness aesthetics specialist, to figure out the problem with the facility. While some critics have since questioned if this new full-salary position was a necessary measure, Dalplex hopes the addition of Flexin will result in an uptick in gym usage.

"The problem was apparent as soon as I entered the building: far too many mirrors," said Flexin in a statement issued earlier today. When asked to clarify what he meant by this, Flexin simply replied: "Vanity."

Flexin's controversial findings state that a complete removal of all mirrors is expected to raise gym productivity by at least 23 per cent.

Flexin's stance is corroborated by a recent study published by Psychology Yesterday which found that individuals in the 17-28 year old demographic become up to 40 per cent less productive when given the option of simply looking at their own reflection. Dr. Robert Flection, who headed the study, commented, "With the addition of any reflective surface to the test subject's work environment, my team consistently found the test subject to become distracted, uncooperative and generally far less likely to

comply with the simple task they were given."

The mirror removal plan has seen push back from some unexpected sectors. There have been some small-scale student protests, but the majority of objections have in fact come from one of Nova Scotia's major cellphone and Wi-Fi providers: Northlink. Northlink provides Wi-Fi for the entirety of Dalhousie including the Dalplex and they claim the removal of mirrors will be harmful to business.

"Since the renovations to the (Dalplex) facility in two years ago, we have observed unprecedented Wi-Fi usage on applications such as Snapchat and Instagram," said Northlink spokesperson Richard Guy in regard to the company's objections. "Social media usage in the Dalplex makes up for 18 per cent of our total campus-wide revenue."

The wireless company proposed a \$15,000 donation to the campus in order to install more mirrors in the Dalplex and even elsewhere on university grounds.

Despite heavy pushback from Northlink and others, the removal is still planned to go ahead later this month.

"You just gotta rip the Band-Aid off, so to speak," said Flexin.

Regardless of the high hopes from Dalplex staff, it will only be once the mirrors are removed that the university will be able to reflect on whether this change was positive.

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